

The S&P/ASX Bank Bill Index measures the performance of the Australian short-term money market. It is designed for use by institutional investment managers, managed and superannuation funds, and professional advisors.

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### Index Family

The S&P/ASX Australian Fixed Interest Index is the flagship bond index. The index measures the performance of the Australian fixed rate bond market. It is a broad, market value weighted benchmark split across investable investment grade, Australian dollar denominated bonds issued in the local market with maturities greater than one year. Indices are also offered across defined maturity buckets and sector level indices.

### S&P/ASX Bank Bill Index

The S&P/ASX Bank Bill Index is designed to measure the performance of the Australian short-term money market. The index consists of 13 weekly maturities out to 91 days; interest rates applied to these maturities are interpolated from cash and Bank Bill Swap (BBSW) rates using a cubic spline methodology. BBSW rates are administered by the Australian Financial Markets Association (AFMA), detailed information on BBSW procedures can be found at [www.afma.com.au](http://www.afma.com.au). Cash and BBSW interest rates used for valuation are:

- 11am Cash Rate / Overnight Cash Rate
- 30 Day BBSW rate
- 60 Day BBSW rate
- 90 Day BBSW rate

As the index progresses to the next weekly maturity (usually Tuesday) the term to maturity of each bank bill, and the index as a whole, reduces by one day until the shortest bill matures. The face value of this bill is then reinvested into a new discount bill with a term to maturity of 91 days resulting in the index weighted average maturity increasing by approximately 7 days at market close (the index weighted average maturity profile typically ranges between 43 – 49 days). The Index base date is December 31, 2004.

### Index Governance

The S&P/ASX Index Committee maintains the Index. All members of the Committee are full-time professionals at S&P Indices and the ASX. Meetings are held whenever deemed appropriate. The Committee oversees the day-to-day management of the Index. The Index Committee reserves the right to make adjustments to the Index at any time that it believes appropriate.

### Index Methodology

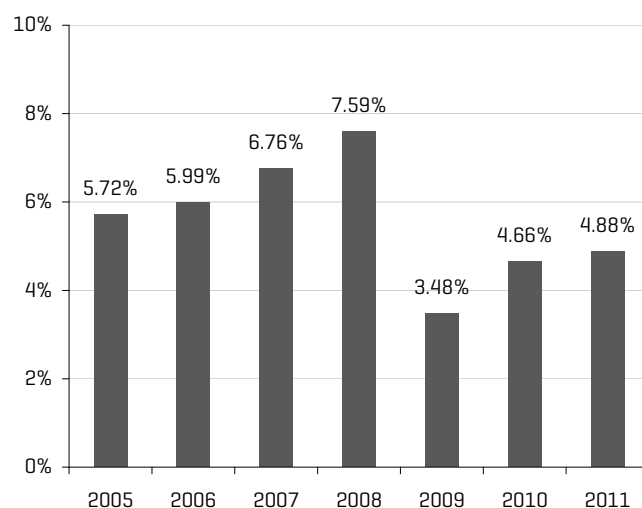
Detailed methodology for the index can be found on, [www.indices.standardandpoors.com](http://www.indices.standardandpoors.com).

# S&P/ASX BANK BILL INDEX December 30, 2011

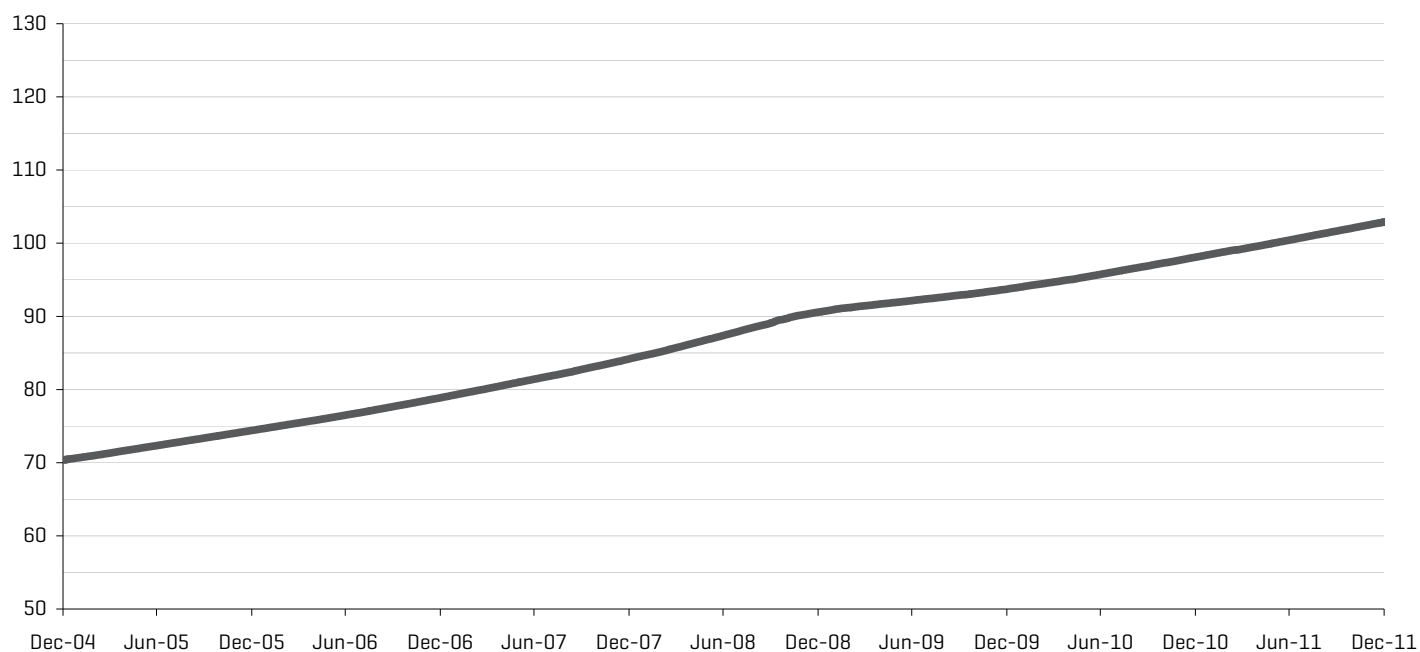
## Index Performance

Returns	1 Month	0.39%
	3 Month	1.20%
	YTD	4.88%
Annualised Returns	1 Year	4.88%
	3 Years	4.34%
	5 Years	5.46%
Annualised Risk	1 Year Std Dev	0.10%
	3 Years Std Dev	0.21%
	5 Years Std Dev	0.44%

## Annual Returns



## Historical Performance



## Tickers

S&P/ASX Bank Bill Index	BLOOMBERG <sup>SM</sup>
Total Return	SPBDABBT
Average Maturity	SPBDABBL
Average Modified Duration	SPBDABBD
Average Yield	SPBDABBY

## Index Portfolio Characteristics

Weighted Averages	
Maturity [days]	46
Modified Duration [years]	0.12
Yield [Annualised]	4.46%

Source: S&P Indices. Data as of December 30, 2011. Charts and graphs are provided for illustrative purposes. These charts and graphs may reflect hypothetical historical performance. Please see the Performance Disclosure for more information regarding the inherent limitations associated with back-tested performance.

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