# **GUIDE TO INAV® CALCULATION**







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## 1 INTRODUCTION

The iNAV® calculation service of Deutsche Börse provides real-time fair values for investment funds and exchange traded funds (ETF) as a calculation service for the fund sponsor. iNAV® values are calculated and disseminated on a per fund share basis in real time during the relevant trading hours of the respective funds. The values are intended to provide investors and market participants with a continuous indication of the fund value. The iNAV® values are usually calculated based on a valuation of the actual fund portfolio using real-time prices from all relevant exchanges and trading venues. A list of available sources can be provided upon request. The portfolio composition is updated daily and is provided directly by the fund administrator.

In some cases, the valuation of the portfolio based on the individual components is not possible. In these cases, a valuation is performed using the values of the respective benchmark index or futures contracts that best approximate the performance of the fund portfolio. The individual treatment of each fund is determined by the fund sponsor.

## 1.1 Prices Used and Calculation Frequency

In general, iNAV® calculation can be performed on every calculation day in the period from 01.00 am to 10.15 pm CET. The prices for calculation are taken from several pricing sources that include all major stock exchanges.

The calculation frequency depends on the individual fund sponsor's requirement. The typical calculation intervals range from every 15 seconds to every 60 seconds.

#### 1.2 Dissemination

iNAV® values are disseminated via Deutsche Börse's CEF data feed and can be displayed on all major market data vendor terminals as well as on wide range of websites that display stock market data. An overview of market data vendors can be obtained here:

<u>Deutsche Börse Market Data + Services - Vendor list (deutsche-boerse.com)</u>

#### 2 CALCULATION METHOD

### 2.1 Portfolio-based iNAV® Formula

The iNAV® based on actual portfolio composition is calculated according to the formula set out below:





$$iNAV_{t} = \frac{1}{N_{t}} \cdot \left[ Cash + \sum p_{it} \cdot fx_{it} \cdot q_{it} \cdot c_{it} \right]$$

where:

 $iNAV_t$  = Value of  $iNAV^{\circ}$  at time t

N<sub>t</sub> = Number of shares of the fund at time t

Cash = Cash position of the fund

p<sub>it</sub> = Price of underlying i in local currency at time t

fx<sub>t</sub> = iNAV<sup>®</sup> currency conversion factor at time t

q<sub>it</sub> = Amount of underlying i at time t

c<sub>it</sub> = Adjustment factor of underlying i at time t

t = Calculation time of iNAV®

## 2.2 Special Calculation Methods

#### 2.2.1 iNAV® Calculation based on Futures

For real-time calculation of iNAV® based on futures positions approximating the fund performance, the following calculation formula is used:

$$iNAV_{t} = \frac{Cash + \sum Fp_{it} \cdot cc_{it} \cdot q_{it} \cdot c_{it}}{N_{t}} \cdot FX_{t}$$

where:

 $iNAV_t$  = Value of  $iNAV^{\circ}$  at time t

Cash = Cash position of the fund

Fp<sub>it</sub> = Price of future i in local currency at time t

ccit = Currency conversion factor of underlying price i at time t

q<sub>it</sub> = Number of futures contracts i at time t

c<sub>it</sub> = Contract value of future i at time t

FX<sub>t</sub> = iNAV<sup>®</sup> currency conversion factor at time t

N<sub>t</sub> = Number of shares of the fund at time t

t = Calculation time of iNAV®





#### 2.2.2 iNAV® based on Underlying Index

For iNAV® values that are based solely on the performance of an index underlying the corresponding fund the following calculation formula is used:

$$iNAV_{t} = \frac{NAV_{t-1}}{Index_{t-1}} \cdot cc_{it} \cdot Index_{t} \cdot FX_{t}$$

where:

 $iNAV_t$  = Value of  $iNAV^{\circ}$  at time t

 $NAV_{t-1}$  = Official iNAV $^{\circ}$  of the fund on the previous day

Index<sub>t-1</sub> = Closing value of the underlying index on the previous day

cc<sub>it</sub> = Currency conversion factor of underlying price i at time t

Index<sub>t</sub> = Current value of the underlying index on day of calculation

FX<sub>t</sub> = iNAV currency conversion factor at time t

t = Calculation time of iNAV®

t-1 = Calculation time of iNAV® on the previous day

#### 2.2.3 iNAV® Calculation across Time Zones

For iNAV® that cover more than one time zone different methods may apply at different times. A portfolio containing US constituents could be evaluated based on a US market index future from 09.00 am CET to 03.30 pm CET and uses the actual market prices from US stock exchanges from 03.30 pm CET to 10.15 pm CET. Daylight saving times are adjusted automatically, if required.

This procedure assures maximum transparency throughout the trading day. However, it is important to mention that at the time of transition between two different valuation methods (in the above example at 03.30 pm) iNAV® levels may jump slightly due to market inefficiencies or differences between valuation methods and the necessity of currency conversion.

Such special arrangements differ for each individual iNAV® and are implemented on request from the fund sponsor. The following figure gives an overview of the global price coverage.







Figure 1: Global underlying pricing coverage

## 2.2.4 iNAV® Calculation using Proxy Instruments

For the same iNAV® that cover more than one time zone an even more sophisticated approach can be pursued. For example, a portfolio containing US constituents could be evaluated based on the returns of a sufficiently correlated market index future between 09.00 am CET and 03.30 pm CET and uses the actual market prices from US stock exchanges between 03.30 pm CET and 10.15 pm CET. Daylight saving times are adjusted automatically.

The difference between this approach and the one using e.g., an index or future between 09.00 am CET and 03.30 pm CET is that the intraday returns are considered and "appended" to e.g., the iNAV from the previous business day or to the NAV value. It is also worth mentioning that multiple suitable proxies can be used in sequence for different time periods.

#### 2.3 Calculation Accuracy

The iNAV® values are rounded to four decimal places and published accordingly.

# 2.4 Multi-Currency iNAV®

All iNAV® calculations are primarily carried out in Euro prices. In addition, STOXX can calculate iNAV® in various additional currencies:





#### **Currency name**

Jordan Dinar

Argentinian Peso Malaysia Ringgits
Australian Dollar Mexican Peso
Bahraini Dinar Morocco Dirham
Brazilian Real New Zealand Dollar

Bulgarian Lev Nigerian Naira
Canadian Dollar Norwegian Krone

Chilean Peso Oman Rial

Chinese Renminbi Pakistan Rupee
Colombian Peso Peruvian Sol
Czech Koruna Philippines Peso
Denmark Kroner Polish Zloty

**Egypt Pound Quatar Riyal** European Euro Romanian Leu **Great Britain Pound** Russian Ruble Hong Kong Dollar Saudi Arabia Riyal **Hungary Forint** Serbian Dinar Iceland Kronur Singapore Dollar Indian Rupee South Africa Rand Indonesia Rupiahs Swedish Krona Israeli Shekel **Swiss Franc Thailand Baht** Japanese Yen

Kenyan Shilling Turkey Lira

Korea (South) Won United Arab Emirates Dirham
Kuwait Dinar United States of America Dollar

Taiwanese Dollar

Macedonian Denar Vietnam Dong

Figure 2: Overview of permissible iNAV® currencies

For each of the above-mentioned currencies, the iNAV® value in Euro is multiplied with the Refinitiv real-time f/x mid-rate to derive the corresponding iNAV® level in foreign currency. The f/x mid rates are determined as average between BID and ASK. Alternatively, WM fixing rates can be used as well.





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