



# Compass Staking Yield Reference Index Aptos

Methodology

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Readers can access versions of the methodology for the Compass Staking Yield Reference Index Aptos online when they become available on Compass Financial Technologies website (<https://www.compass-ft.com>).

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# 1 Introduction

The Compass Staking Yield Reference Index Aptos (the *Indices* or the *Index*) measures the annualized staking yield obtained by staking on the Aptos blockchain.

## **Staking on the Aptos blockchain**

Aptos operates on a consensus mechanism called Proof of Stake (PoS), which ensures the network remains efficient and secure without relying on a trusted third party. Staking APT, the native token of the Aptos network, involves delegating your APT to a validator, contributing to the performance, security, and decentralization of the network. By staking, participants earn rewards for supporting the network, which encourages them to act in its best interests.

Validators on Aptos are responsible for processing transactions into new blocks and adding them to the blockchain. In return for their service, validators earn staking rewards. At the time of writing, Aptos unlike some other blockchain, does not implement penalties or automatic “slashing” on validators who fail to perform their duties correctly. Instead, validators who do not participate effectively in the network simply miss out on earning rewards.

## **Providing a reliable and trusted staking yield**

In order to avoid potential conflict of interest or the risk of using incomplete information, Compass has decided to extract information directly from the Aptos blockchain by connecting to a node without the use of an external data provider.

Aptos’s staking system is designed to provide validators and delegators with fair returns. The staking rewards are directly tied to the network’s performance and security. This ensures that rewards are calculated transparently and accurately based on the validator’s contribution to the network.

Compass Staking Yield Reference Index Aptos indices are part of the Compass Staking Yield Reference Index family.

Compass Staking Yield Reference Index Aptos can be accessed online on the Compass Financial Technologies website (<https://www.compass-ft.com>) or on Bloomberg or Refinitiv.

Compass Staking Yield Reference Index Aptos are owned by Compass Financial Technologies SA. The Index Administrator and Calculation Agent is Compass Financial Technologies (France).

Compass Staking Yield Reference Index Aptos available as of October 28<sup>th</sup> 2024 are listed in tables of section 10.

## 2 Index Calculation

### 2.1 Rewards definition

The rewards received from staking on the Aptos blockchain come currently from the Inflationary Rewards.

On Aptos, staking rewards are automatically added to your staking amount at the end of each epoch to benefit from compounding.

The inflation rate on Aptos (used to defined the Inflation Reward) is adjustable by governance and may vary over time.

Inflationary Rewards are based on the following characteristics:

- Aptos employs an inflationary model where new APT tokens are minted and distributed as staking rewards. These rewards incentivize participation in network security through staking.
- The inflation rate determines how many new tokens are created over a certain period (usually annually), which is distributed across all validators
- Initially, the annual inflation rate for APT is set at 7%, with this rate gradually decreasing over time until it reaches a minimum of 3.25% after 50 years
- The total reward pool is split among validators based on the amount of APT staked with them, and delegators earn a share of this based on the amount they have delegated

It should be noted that transaction fees (i.e. fees charged to users when they perform transactions, such as token transfers or smart contract interactions) that are currently burned may contribute to the staking rewards in the future, as the decision to burn these fees may be revisited in the on-chain governance voting.

## 2.2 Calculation formula

### 2.2.1 Compass Epoch Staking Yield Reference Index Aptos

For each epoch  $i$  the *Compass Epoch Staking Yield Aptos* represents the annualized staking yield over epoch  $i$ .

It is calculated based on the formula below:

$$STYEAPT_i = \left(1 + \frac{reward_i}{active\_stake_i}\right)^{\frac{nbSec}{nbSec_i}} - 1 \quad (1)$$

Where,

- $epoch_i$ : a fixed timeframe to provide all staking pools a common frame of reference for scheduled events on the blockchain
- $active\_stake_i$ : in respect of epoch  $i$ , the sum of all active staking pool reference balances which are used by the network to calculate the size of rewards
- $reward_i$ : in respect of epoch  $i$ , the total rewards attributed to epoch  $i$
- $nbSec$ : the number of seconds in 1 year
- $nbSec_i$ : the number of second in epoch  $i$

### 2.2.2 Compass Staking Yield Reference Index Aptos

For each calendar day  $t$ , the *Compass Staking Yield Reference Index Aptos*,  $STY_t$ , corresponds to the annualised staking yield based on the staking rewards generated by the blockchain during calendar day  $t$ .

It is calculated based on the formula below:

$$STYAPT_t = \left( \prod_{i \in E_t} \left(1 + \frac{reward_i}{active\_stake_i} \times \frac{nbSec_t^i}{nbSec_i}\right) \right)^{365} - 1$$

- $t$  is any calendar day
- $E_t$  is the set of epochs any part of which falls between 4pm London Time on  $t - 1$  and 4pm London Time on  $t$
- $nbSec_t^i$ : is the number of seconds of epoch  $i$  that falls between 4pm London Time on  $t - 1$  and 4pm London Time on  $t$
- $nbSec_i$ : the number of second in epoch  $i$
- $active\_stake_i$ : in respect of epoch  $i$ , the sum of all active staking pool reference balances which are used by the network to calculate the size of rewards
- $reward_i$ : in respect of epoch  $i$ , the total rewards attributed to epoch  $i$

## 2.3 Rounding of Data

Indices values are computed with all decimals available and are published with 6 decimals.

## 2.4 Calculation Frequency and Dissemination

For epoch  $i$ , the Epoch Aptos Staking Yield is computed at the beginning of epoch  $i + 1$ .

The Compass Staking Yield Reference Index Aptos is calculated and published for each calendar day as soon as the data necessary to calculate the Epoch Aptos Staking Yield for the epochs falling on that day is available.

Indices levels are usually computed and published at 4:30pm London time.

Indices levels are published on the Compass Financial Technologies website (<https://www.compass-ft.com>) and are distributed to Bloomberg and Refinitiv under the ticker symbols listed in tables of section 10.

## 3 Index Governance

### 3.1 Index Administrator

Compass Financial Technologies (France) is the Administrator of the Index ("the Index Administrator"). The Index Administrator is responsible for the day-to-day management of the Index as well as for decisions regarding the interpretation of these rules.

### 3.2 Index Calculation Agent

Compass Financial Technologies (France) is the Calculation Agent of the Index. It is responsible for the day-to-day management of Indices computation according to this methodology.

### 3.3 Index Committees – Supervisor

Compass Financial Technologies has established governance functions to review and provide challenges on all aspects of the Indices determination process. Governance functions are managed by the Compass Oversight Committee and by the Compass Staking Yield Reference Index Steering Committee.

#### **Compass Oversight Committee:**

The Compass Oversight Committee oversees all areas of the benchmark determination processes. It is responsible for supervising and controlling the Index operations team on all Compass Indices. It is also responsible for:

1. Periodic review of incidents
2. Making final decisions in case the Index operations team is not capable of or not allowed to make decisions
3. Defining and implementing organization procedures for the Index operations team
4. Defining and overseeing measures that allow for mitigation of operational risks
5. Supervising internal or external audit results
6. The implementation and supervision of the potential codes of conduct that must be implemented

The Committee is comprised of senior representatives at Compass Financial Technologies and external industry experts.

#### **Compass Staking Yield Reference Index Steering Committee:**

The Compass Staking Yield Reference Index Steering Committee is responsible for:

1. Determining the calculation methodology and the rules governing the publication of the Compass Staking Yield Reference Index
2. Making periodic reviews of the Compass Staking Yield Reference Index to validate the robustness of the methodology and to analyse the impact of methodology changes
3. Organizing consultation with Compass Staking Yield Reference Index stakeholders if necessary
4. Ensuring that Compass Staking Yield Reference Index offers a reliable and representative view of the market

The Compass Staking Yield Reference Index Steering Committee is composed of members from Compass and may include individuals or representatives from companies, academics, external counsels, or market participants.

The Compass Staking Yield Reference Index Steering Committee assembles once a year in April. However, at the request of a committee member, the Committee may meet on any other day of the year to discuss

potential “market emergency” and “force majeure” events or any other situation, that makes an extraordinary meeting necessary.

All Committee decisions will be published without delay following the Committee decision.

The Compass Staking Yield Reference Index Steering Committee members as of October 2024 are:

- Edouard Mouton, Compass Financial Technologies
- Guillaume Le Fur, Compass Financial Technologies
- Wenceslas Sanchez, Compass Financial Technologies
- Michael Petch, Independent

As of October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Edouard Mouton chairs the Compass Staking Yield Reference Index Steering Committee.



## 4 Methodology Changes - Maintenance

This methodology may be supplemented, amended in part or in whole, or revised or withdrawn at any time. Supplements, amendments, revisions and withdrawals may also lead to changes in the way the Index is compiled or calculated or affect the Index in another way.

In the absence of exceptional circumstances affecting the Index calculation or methodology, this Methodology is reviewed annually. The review will include, inter alia, the following points:

1. Verify if the methodology and computation are still in line with the original purpose of the Indices
2. Make sure the quality and quantity of the input data remain sufficient

Changes made to this methodology are published after the review date and implemented within a reasonable time horizon.

Compass Financial Technologies may terminate a Compass Staking Yield Reference Index due to certain extraordinary market circumstances. These circumstances include, but are not limited to:

1. The liquidity of the underlying cryptocurrency of a Compass Staking Yield Reference Index declines and becomes not sufficient enough to provide an efficient market
2. The underlying cryptocurrency of a Compass Staking Yield Reference Index experiences a contentious hard fork in which both forks survive

Changes or termination will be subject to the review and approval of the Compass Staking Yield Reference Index Steering Committee which will receive all the information related to the change or termination. In case of material changes, a notice will be provided at least two weeks in advance.

The results of the Compass Staking Yield Reference Index Steering Committee will be published in a press release on Compass Financial Technologies website and distributed to data vendors and major news sources in a timely manner.

## 5 Expert Judgment

The Compass Staking Yield Reference Indices are based on written and transparent rules and procedures with the purpose of minimizing the exercise of discretion and expert judgment as much as possible.

The Compass Staking Yield Reference Indices are built from input data that is not interpolated, extrapolated or adjusted.

Nevertheless, the exercise of expert judgment may become necessary in the case of errors and Index restatements, delayed and missing data, hard forks, airdrops, or unexpected situations arising from market stress. In the event that expert judgment is exercised, this will be done by resorting to the written procedures reported in the methodology and by communicating the decisions taken to the Compass Staking Yield Reference Indices Steering Committee and the Internal Compliance Function in order to prevent conflicts of interest and protect the integrity and independence of the Index determinations. The interest of the Index users and market integrity will also be taken into account.

## 6 Errors and Recalculations

Even though the process of Index calculation is completely automated and pre-defined, an error can be discovered after the publication of the Index.

In case of a material error the Index will be redetermined, and the Index clients will be notified about the error and the date of the publication of the redetermined Index. An error is considered material on the basis of its size, the dates of its discovery and occurrence, and the impact of the Index redetermination on the users. The discovery of any error is reported to the Compass Staking Yield Reference Indices Steering Committee.

In the case that a material error is discovered and the Administrator recognizes a manipulation or an attempted manipulation of the Index level or the input data it will be reported to the regulator.

## 7 Potential Limitations

The issues presented in the following non-exhaustive list may obstruct the computation of the Indices or may limit the ability of some of the Indices to represent the market they are intended to measure, the ease of replication by investors, and the general usefulness of the Indices to users.

- Input data used to compute the Index may become unavailable due to disruption or outage of the related blockchain
- The market the Index is meant to measure may be volatile. In particular, staking yield may be subject to abnormal market movements much more than traditional asset classes like stocks and bonds as a consequence of illiquidity, market trends and market structure changes
- Lastly, the publication of the Indices may cease. Should this occur, the regulation regarding user transitions will be followed, but the existence of a suitable substitute is not assured

## 8 Cases not covered in rules

In cases that are not expressly covered in these rules, operational adjustments will take place along the lines of the aim of the index. Operational adjustments may also take place if, in the opinion of the Index Administrator, it is desirable to do so in order to maintain a fair and orderly market in derivatives on this index and/or it is in the best interests of the investors of products based on the Index and/or the proper functioning of the markets. The Index Administrator will report to the Supervisor if it makes a decision about a case which is not specifically covered in the rules for comments and review.

## 9 Liability

The Index Administrator and the Supervisor are not liable for any losses resulting from supplementing, amending, revising or withdrawing the rules for the index. The Administrator will do everything in its power to ensure the accuracy of the composition, calculation, publication and adjustment of the Index in accordance with relevant rules. However, neither the Index Administrator, nor the Supervisor are liable for any inaccuracies regarding index composition, calculation and publication of the Index, information used to make adjustments to the Index and actual adjustments. Furthermore, the Index Administrator and the Supervisor do not guarantee the continuity of the composition of the Index, the continuity of the method of calculation of the Index, the continuity of the dissemination of the index levels, and the continuity of the calculation of the Index.

## 10 Compass Staking Yield Reference Index Aptos - Codes - Rounding

Compass Staking Yield Reference Index Aptos			
Index	Compass API Code	Bloomberg Code	Refinitiv Code
Compass Staking Yield Reference Index Aptos	STYAPT	STYAPT	.STYAPT

Table 1: Compass Staking Yield Reference Index Aptos - Publication Codes and Rounding

Compass Epoch Staking Yield Reference Index Aptos			
Index	Compass API Code	Bloomberg Code	Refinitiv Code
Compass Epoch Staking Yield Reference Index Aptos	STYEAPT	Coming soon	Coming soon

Table 2: Compass Epoch Staking Yield Reference Index Aptos - Publication Codes and Rounding

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