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Financial instrument identifiers are necessary for a wide array of essential functions for financial market players and institutions, both in the front and back-office. In the industry today, a number of different financial instrument symbologies exist, each with its own coverage, advantages and disadvantages.

Bloomberg is making its symbols available through the Open Symbology website (bsym.bloomberg.com) at no charge, with no material impediments on redistribution.

This includes our global security identifier, the Bloomberg Global ID (BBGID).

The goal of Open Symbology and BBGID is to create transparency in financial markets, reduce data management costs and promote efficient integration. Users will be able to leverage the identifier for a variety of functions including mapping, facilitating settlement, trading and aggregating risk.

### **BBGID**

The Bloomberg Global ID. A global 12 digit alpha-numeric, randomly generated ID covering 36M active and non-active securities. In total, there will be more than 852 billion potential numbers available.

В	В	G	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	1
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

- 1st -3rd Characters: The ID will begin with 'BBG' so it will be easily recognized as a Bloomberg number
- 4th-11th Characters: Alphanumeric (no vowels), and will be randomly assigned
- 12th Character: Numeric, and will serve as a check digit
- This construction matches the vast majority of client feedback supporting a random sequence that creates a unique, non-changing or repeating number
- The BBGID will be invaluable for asset classes lacking a global identifier such as loans and futures and options
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