

Index Fundamentals (Sept 30, 2010)

# MSCI USA IMI ESG Index

**MSCI USA IMI ESG Index** is a broadly diversified global index that includes large, mid and small capitalization companies with high ESG ratings relative to their sector peers. The MSCI USA IMI ESG Index targets sector weights that are similar to its parent index, the MSCI USA IMI Index, in order to reduce tracking error.

## Cumulative Index Performance—Total Returns (Dec 2000 - Sept 2010)<sup>1</sup>



#### Index Performance—Total Returns (%) (Sept 30, 2010)

						Annualized			
Index Returns	1 Mo	3 Mo	QTD	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Base Date (Dec 2000)
MSCI USA IMI ESG	9.38	10.55	10.55	4.56	12.13	-5.49	1.15	n/a	0.73
MSCI USA IMI	9.47	11.64	11.64	4.92	11.12	-6.28	1.27	0.22	1.33

#### Index Risk and Return Characteristics<sup>a</sup> (Dec 2000 - Sept 2010)

					_	Annualized		Dividend Yield (%)	1.71
	Beta	R <sup>2</sup>	Tracking	Sharpe	3 Yr	5 Yr	Since Base Date	P/E	24.35
			Error	Ratio			(Dec 2000)	P/B	3.67
MSCI USA IMI ESG	1.05	98.58	2.31	-0.10	22.91	18.56	17.86		
MSCI USA	1.00	100.00	0.00	-0.07	22.23	18.03	16.83		

<sup>a</sup> Based on monthly return data

ESG ratings evaluate a company's track record in addressing relevant environmental, social and governance (ESG) issues. MSCI ESG Indices bring together the widely-accepted <u>MSCI Global Investable Market Indices Methodology</u> with in-depth analysis and ratings from MSCI ESG Research<sup>2</sup>. Today, MSCI is the only major index provider with an in-house ESG research business unit.

<sup>1</sup> On September 1, 2010 the FTSE KLD indices transitioned to the MSCI ESG Indices. The former KLD indices had multiple third party index calculators over time. Consequently the MSCI ESG index histories have been aggregated and compiled to create a continuous time seriesfrom a variety of sources—sources which may have followed different index calculation methodologies in some instances.

<sup>2</sup> MSCI ESG Research is the successor to ESG pioneers KLD, Innovest and IRRC, which were acquired through MSCI's recent acquisition of RiskMetrics. The MSCI ESG Indices use ratings and other data, analysis and information supplied by MSCI ESG Research. MSCO ESG Research is produced by RiskMetrics's wholly-owned subsidiary, Institutional Shareholder Services Inc. ("ISS"), or its subsidiaries.

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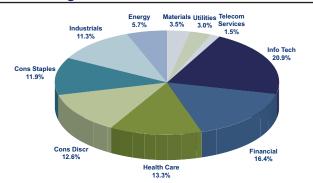
#### Index Constituent Characteristics

	MSCI USA IMI ESG
Number of Companies	1282
	Adj Mkt Cap
	(USD Billions)
Index	5,919.83
Тор 10	1,330.94
Average	4.62
Median	0.98
Largest	172.71
Smallest	0.03
Top 10 Companies % Weight	22.48%

### Top 10 Constituents

Top 10 Holdings	Adj Mkt Cap (USD Millions)	Index Weight %	GICS <sup>®</sup> Sector			
Procter & Gamble	172,708	2.92	Cons Staples			
IBM Corp	172,014	2.91	Info Tech			
Johnson & Johnson	170,890	2.89	Health Care			
Google A	129,134	2.18	Info Tech			
Cisco Systems	125,074	2.11	Info Tech			
Wells Fargo & Co	124,385	2.10	Financials			
Merck & Co	114,783	1.94	Health Care			
Oracle Corp	107,810	1.82	Info Tech			
Pepsico	107,149	1.81	Cons Staples			
Intel Corp	106,996	1.81	Info Tech			

#### Sector Weights



#### Index Methodology

The MSCI USA IMI ESG Index includes only companies with an ESG rating of "B" or above, targeting 50% of each sector's adjusted market capitalization in the parent MSCI USA Index. The index is reconstituted in May of each year and is also reviewed in August, November and February. At each review, constituents with ratings that have fallen to "CCC" or lower are deleted from the index. Additions are considered only in sectors where the adjusted market capitalization coverage does not meet the 50% target (with a 5% buffer to minimize turnover). To minimize turnover, constituents are added only in sectors where the current market capitalization coverage is less than 45%, until the 50% target is reached.

#### MSCI ESG Research Scoring Methodology

MSCI ESG Research examines extensive data and key ESG performance indicators (general and industry-specific) to derive a composite ESG score for each company. ESG scores are mapped to a 9-point letter scale, with ratings from AAA (highest) to C (lowest). Companies are ranked by ESG scores against their sector peers to determine their eligibility for the indices. MSCI ESG indices include the highest-rated eligible constituents in each sector, applying the adjusted market capitalization targets for that sector.

#### Index Real Time Tickers

	Bloomberg	Reuters
Index – Price Return	USSI	.MIUS000I2PUS
Index – Total Return (w. Divs)	TUSSI	.MIUS000I2GUS
Index – Net Return (w. Divs less withholding		.MIUS000I2NUS

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