The MSCI Emerging Markets ESG Enhanced Focus CTB Index is based on the MSCI Emerging Markets Index, its parent index, and includes large and mid-cap securities across 25 Emerging Markets (EM)* countries. The index is designed to maximize exposure to positive environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors while reducing the carbon equivalent exposure to carbon dioxide (CO2) and other greenhouse gases (GHG) as well as their exposure to potential emissions risk of fossil fuel reserves by thirty percent (30%). The Index also aims to maintain risk and return characteristics similar to its underlying market capitalization weighted index (the MSCI Emerging Markets Index). Additionally, the index aims to exceed the minimum technical requirements laid out for EU Climate Transition Benchmarks in the EU Delegated Acts.

* EM countries include: Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, Czech Republic, Egypt, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Korea, Kuwait, Malaysia, Mexico, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey and United Arab Emirates.

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INDEX METHODOLOGY

The MSCI ESG Enhanced Focus CTB Indexes are constructed by selecting constituents of a market capitalization weighted index (the 'Parent Index') through an optimization process that aims to maximize exposure to ESG factors for a target tracking error budget and reduce the carbon-equivalent exposure to CO2 and other GHG as well as the exposure to potential emissions risk of fossil fuel reserves by thirty percent (30%) with respect to their respective underlying market capitalization weighted indexes (the 'Parent Index') under certain constraints. The index aims to have at least equivalent ratio of weighted average “Green Revenues” to weighted average “Fossil Fuels-based Revenues” as that of the underlying investment universe increase the weight of companies with credible carbon reduction targets through the weighting scheme and exceed the minimum technical requirements laid out for EU Climate Transition Benchmarks in the EU Delegated Acts. The Indexes aim to be sector-diversified and target companies with high ESG ratings in each sector.

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