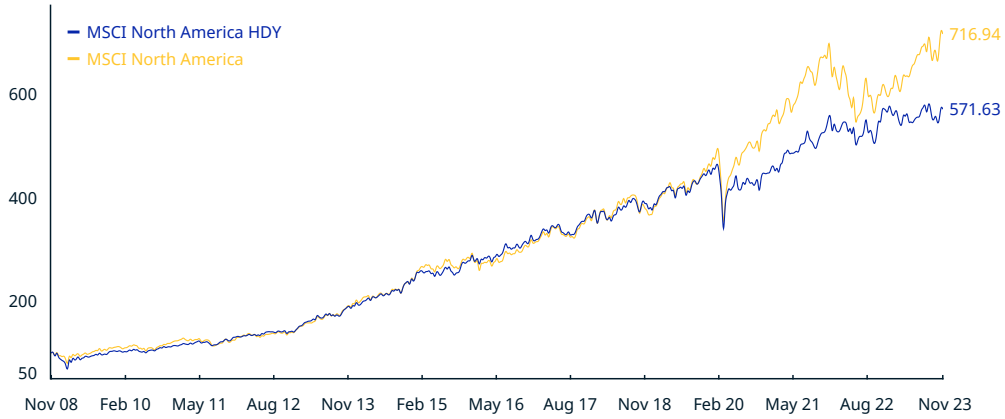
MSCI North America High Dividend Yield Index (CAD)

The MSCI North America High Dividend Yield Index is based on MSCI North America, its parent index, and includes large and mid cap stocks across US and Canada. The index is designed to reflect the performance of equities in the parent index (excluding REITs) with higher dividend income and quality characteristics than average dividend yields that are both sustainable and persistent. The index also applies quality screens and reviews 12-month past performance to omit stocks with potentially deteriorating fundamentals that could force them to cut or reduce dividends.

CUMULATIVE INDEX PERFORMANCE — GROSS RETURNS (CAD) (NOV 2008 – NOV 2023)



ANNUAL PERFORMANCE (%)

Year	MSCI North America HDY	MSCI North America
2022	2.92	-13.25
2021	21.90	25.89
2020	0.52	18.48
2019	17.42	24.83
2018	5.48	3.35
2017	12.01	13.63
2016	13.15	8.41
2015	19.08	19.60
2014	24.00	22.72
2013	35.82	39.13
2012	9.01	13.01
2011	15.35	3.04
2010	9.73	9.93
2009	3.63	9.84

INDEX PERFORMANCE — GROSS RETURNS (%) (NOV 30, 2023)

	1 Mo	3 Mo	1 Yr	YTD	ANNUALIZED 3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Jun 30, 1994
MSCI North America HDY	3.95	-0.61	-1.64	1.50	8.58	7.26	11.71	9.98
MSCI North America	6.92	2.09	13.76	20.87	10.54	12.80	14.15	10.21

FUNDAMENTALS (NOV 30, 2023)

	Div Yld (%)	P/E	P/E Fwd	P/BV
MSCI North America HDY	3.22	16.10	14.12	3.16
MSCI North America	1.57	23.35	18.93	4.08

INDEX RISK AND RETURN CHARACTERISTICS (JUN 01, 1994 – NOV 30, 2023)

	Beta	Tracking Error (%)	Turnover (%) [1]	ANNUALIZED STD DEV (%) [2] 3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	MAXIMUM DRAWDOWN (%)	Period YYYY-MM-DD
MSCI North America HDY	0.73	7.90	18.89	10.98	11.93	10.30	49.12	2007-02-07—2009-03-05
MSCI North America	1.00	0.00	2.13	13.95	14.74	12.36	53.05	2000-08-31—2009-03-05

[1] Last 12 months [2] Based on monthly gross returns data

The MSCI North America High Dividend Yield Index was launched on Jan 16, 2012. Data prior to the launch date is back-tested test (i.e. calculations of how the index might have performed over that time period had the index existed). There are frequently material differences between back-tested performance and actual results. Past performance -- whether actual or back-tested -- is no indication or guarantee of future performance.

INDEX CHARACTERISTICS

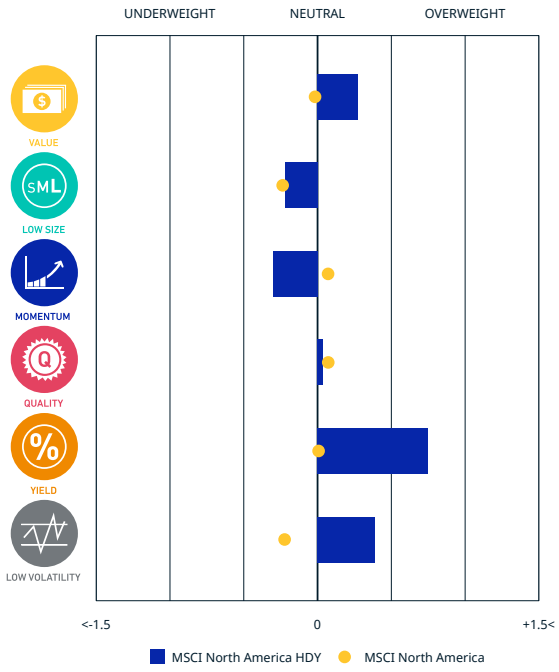
	MSCI North America HDY	MSCI North America
Number of Constituents	179	713
	Weight (%)	
Largest	4.13	7.08
Smallest	0.02	0.00
Average	0.56	0.14
Median	0.25	0.05

TOP 10 CONSTITUENTS

	Index Wt. (%)	Parent Index Wt. (%)	Sector
EXXON MOBIL CORP	4.13	0.98	Energy
BROADCOM	4.12	0.97	Info Tech
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	3.74	0.88	Health Care
PROCTER & GAMBLE CO	3.63	0.86	Cons Staples
HOME DEPOT	3.16	0.75	Cons Discr
CHEVRON CORP	2.61	0.62	Energy
MERCK & CO	2.61	0.62	Health Care
ABBVIE	2.52	0.60	Health Care
COCA COLA (THE)	2.41	0.57	Cons Staples
PEPSICO	2.32	0.55	Cons Staples
Total	31.25	7.38	

FACTORS - KEY EXPOSURES THAT DRIVE RISK AND RETURN

MSCI FACTOR BOX



MSCI FaCS

VALUE
Relatively Inexpensive Stocks

LOW SIZE
Smaller Companies

MOMENTUM
Rising Stocks

QUALITY
Sound Balance Sheet Stocks

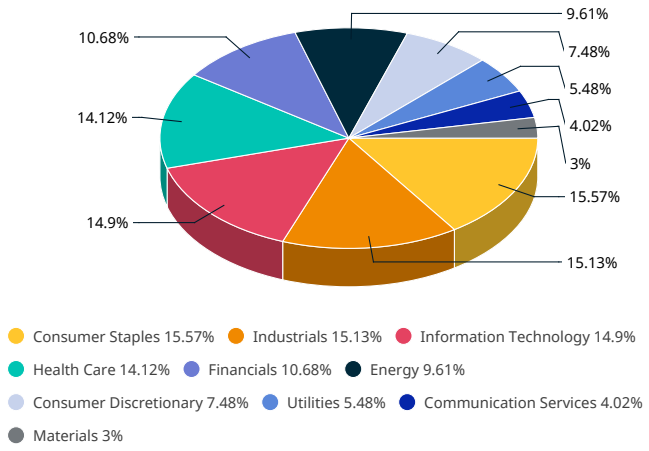
YIELD
Cash Flow Paid Out

LOW VOLATILITY
Lower Risk Stocks

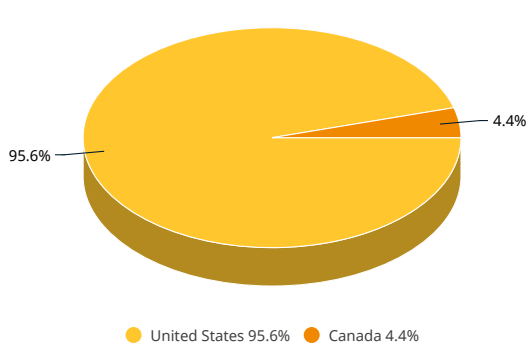
MSCI FaCS provides absolute factor exposures relative to a broad global index - MSCI ACWI IMI.

Neutral factor exposure (FaCS = 0) represents MSCI ACWI IMI.

SECTOR WEIGHTS



COUNTRY WEIGHTS



INDEX FRAMEWORK

Each MSCI High Dividend Yield Index targets companies with high dividend income and quality characteristics and includes companies that have higher than average dividend yields that are both sustainable and persistent. Index construction starts with a dividend screening process: only securities with a track record of consistent dividend payments and with the capacity to sustain dividend payouts into the future are eligible index constituents. Securities are also screened based on certain "quality" factors such as return on equity (ROE), earnings variability, debt to equity (D/E), and on recent 12-month price performance. The goal is to exclude stocks with potentially deteriorating fundamentals that could be forced to cut or reduce dividends. From the list of eligible companies, only those with higher than average dividend yields are selected for inclusion in the index. Issuer weights are capped at 5%. The index is market cap weighted and rebalanced semi-annually in May and November.

This summary is provided for illustrative purposes only and does not include all material elements of the index or its methodology. For a complete description of the index methodology, please see Index methodology - MSCI.

MSCI FACTOR BOX AND FaCS FRAMEWORK (Please refer to complete description of the MSCI FaCS methodology here)

MSCI FaCS is a standard method for evaluating and reporting the Factor characteristics of equity portfolios. MSCI FaCS consists of Factor Groups (e.g. Value, Size, Momentum, Quality, Yield, and Volatility) that have been extensively documented in academic literature and validated by MSCI Research as key drivers of risk and return in equity portfolios. These Factor Groups are constructed by aggregating 16 factors (e.g. Book-to-Price, Earnings/Dividend Yields, LT Reversal, Leverage, Earnings Variability/Quality, Beta) from the latest Barra global equity factor risk model, GEMLT, designed to make fund comparisons transparent and intuitive for use. The MSCI Factor Box, which is powered by MSCI FaCS, provides a visualization designed to easily compare absolute exposures of funds/indexes and their benchmarks along 6 Factor Groups that have historically demonstrated excess market returns over the long run.

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