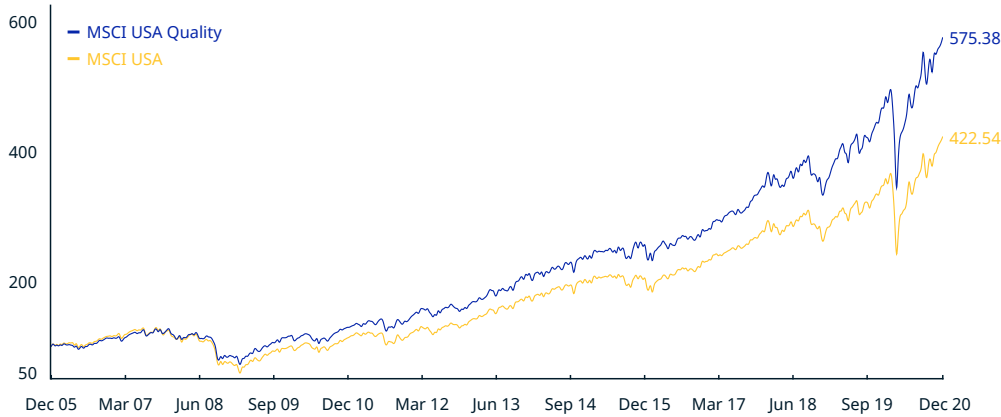


MSCI USA Quality Index (USD)

The MSCI USA Quality Index is based on the MSCI USA Index, its parent index, which includes large and mid cap stocks in the US equity market. The index aims to capture the performance of quality growth stocks by identifying stocks with high quality scores based on three main fundamental variables: high return on equity (ROE), stable year-over-year earnings growth and low financial leverage. The MSCI Quality Indexes complement existing MSCI Factor Indexes and can provide an effective diversification role in a portfolio of factor strategies.

CUMULATIVE INDEX PERFORMANCE – GROSS RETURNS (USD) (DEC 2005 – DEC 2020)



ANNUAL PERFORMANCE (%)

Year	MSCI USA Quality	MSCI USA
2020	22.92	21.37
2019	39.11	31.64
2018	-2.65	-4.50
2017	26.00	21.90
2016	7.97	11.61
2015	7.04	1.32
2014	11.81	13.36
2013	33.51	32.61
2012	13.97	16.13
2011	8.40	1.99
2010	12.65	15.45
2009	32.04	27.14
2008	-30.19	-37.14
2007	10.64	6.03

INDEX PERFORMANCE – GROSS RETURNS (%) (DEC 31, 2020)

	1 Mo	3 Mo	1 Yr	YTD	ANNUALIZED				Since Jun 30, 1994
					3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr		
MSCI USA Quality	3.34	10.03	22.92	22.92	18.52	17.76	16.16	12.82	
MSCI USA	4.12	13.15	21.37	21.37	15.12	15.73	14.12	10.68	

FUNDAMENTALS (DEC 31, 2020)

Div Yld (%)	P/E	P/E Fwd	P/BV
1.45	28.11	23.57	8.68
1.45	32.14	23.46	4.39

INDEX RISK AND RETURN CHARACTERISTICS (JUN 01, 1994 – DEC 31, 2020)

	Beta	Tracking Error (%) ¹	Turnover (%) ¹	ANNUALIZED STD DEV (%) ²			SHARPE RATIO ^{2,3}			Since Jun 01, 1994	MAXIMUM DRAWDOWN (%)	Period YYYY-MM-DD
				3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr			
MSCI USA Quality	0.91	3.86	30.47	17.89	14.72	12.92	0.95	1.10	1.17	0.73	30.74	2020-02-19–2020-03-23
MSCI USA	1.00	0.00	3.13	19.17	15.56	13.74	0.75	0.94	0.98	0.57	34.12	2020-02-19–2020-03-23

¹ Last 12 months

² Based on monthly gross returns data

³ Based on ICE LIBOR 1M

The MSCI USA Quality Index was launched on Dec 18, 2012. Data prior to the launch date is back-tested data (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

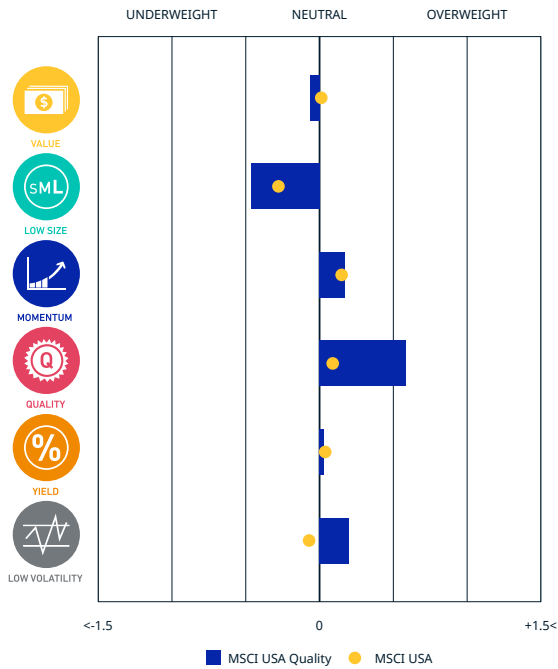
	MSCI USA Quality	MSCI USA
Number of Constituents	125	621
	Weight (%)	
Largest	5.35	6.69
Smallest	0.05	0.01
Average	0.80	0.16
Median	0.33	0.06

TOP 10 CONSTITUENTS

	Index Wt. (%)	Parent Index Wt. (%)	Sector
APPLE	5.35	6.69	Info Tech
MICROSOFT CORP	5.01	4.71	Info Tech
MASTERCARD A	3.96	0.94	Info Tech
VISA A	3.95	1.09	Info Tech
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	3.95	1.22	Health Care
PROCTER & GAMBLE CO	3.19	1.02	Cons Staples
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP	3.08	0.98	Health Care
ABBVIE	2.89	0.56	Health Care
NVIDIA	2.86	0.95	Info Tech
ADOBE	2.44	0.71	Info Tech
Total	36.69	18.86	

FACTORS - KEY EXPOSURES THAT DRIVE RISK AND RETURN

MSCI FACTOR BOX



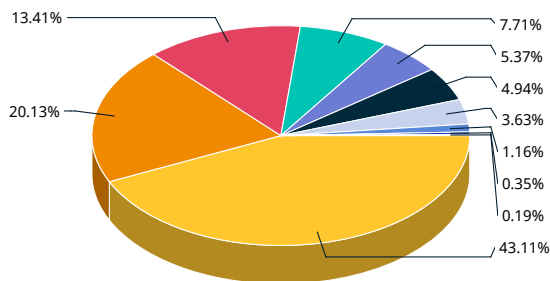
MSCI FaCS

- 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



- Information Technology 43.11%
- Health Care 20.13%
- Consumer Staples 13.41%
- Industrials 7.71%
- Communication Services 5.37%
- Consumer Discretionary 4.94%
- Financials 3.63%
- Materials 1.16%
- Real Estate 0.35%
- Energy 0.19%

INDEX METHODOLOGY

The MSCI Quality Indexes aim to capture the quality factor with a simple and transparent methodology that ensures reasonably high trading liquidity and investment capacity of constituent companies, as well as moderate index turnover. A quality score for each security is calculated by combining Z scores of three winsorized fundamental variables—Return on Equity, Debt to Equity and Earnings Variability. MSCI then averages the Z scores of each of the three fundamental variables to calculate a composite quality Z score for each security, and then ranks all constituents of the parent index based on their quality scores.

The MSCI Quality Indexes are constructed with a fixed number of securities approach. A fixed number of securities with the highest positive quality scores is determined for each MSCI Quality Index with the goal of achieving high exposure to the quality factor while maintaining sufficient index market capitalization and number of securities coverage. All securities eligible for inclusion in the MSCI Quality Indexes are weighted by the product of their market cap weight in the parent index and their quality score. Issuer weights are capped at 5%.

The Quality indexes are rebalanced semi-annually, as of the close of the last business day of November and May.

FACTOR BOX AND FaCS METHODOLOGY

MSCI FaCS is a standard method ([MSCI FaCS Methodology](#)) 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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