

# MSCI Europe ESG Universal Index (USD)

The MSCI Europe ESG Universal Index is based on the MSCI Europe Index, its parent index, and includes large and mid-cap securities across 15 Developed Markets (DM) in Europe. The index is designed to reflect the performance of an investment strategy that, by tilting away from free-float market cap weights, seeks to gain exposure to those companies demonstrating both a robust ESG profile as well as a positive trend in improving that profile, using minimal exclusions from the MSCI Europe index.

## CUMULATIVE INDEX PERFORMANCE – NET RETURNS (USD) (NOV 2009 – DEC 2022)



## ANNUAL PERFORMANCE (%)

Year	MSCI Europe ESG Universal	MSCI Europe
2022	-16.29	-15.06
2021	16.84	16.30
2020	8.64	5.38
2019	25.53	23.77
2018	-14.84	-14.86
2017	25.84	25.51
2016	-1.70	-0.40
2015	-0.88	-2.84
2014	-5.37	-6.18
2013	26.11	25.23
2012	19.42	19.12
2011	-9.90	-11.06
2010	4.50	3.88

## INDEX PERFORMANCE – NET RETURNS (%) (DEC 30, 2022)

	1 Mo	3 Mo	1 Yr	YTD	ANNUALIZED				Since Nov 30, 2009	FUNDAMENTALS (DEC 30, 2022)			
					3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Div Yld (%)		P/E	P/E Fwd	P/BV	
MSCI Europe ESG Universal	0.06	19.44	-16.29	-16.29	2.04	2.58	5.21	5.03	3.22	13.88	12.27	1.84	
MSCI Europe	0.01	19.35	-15.06	-15.06	1.35	1.87	4.58	4.36	3.28	13.35	11.79	1.76	

## INDEX RISK AND RETURN CHARACTERISTICS (NOV 30, 2009 – DEC 30, 2022)

	Beta	Tracking Error (%)	Turnover (%) <sup>1</sup>	ANNUALIZED STD DEV (%) <sup>2</sup>			SHARPE RATIO <sup>2,3</sup>			Since Nov 30, 2009	MAXIMUM DRAWDOWN	
				3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr		(%)	Period YYYY-MM-DD
MSCI Europe ESG Universal	0.99	0.99	11.83	22.00	19.00	16.12	0.17	0.16	0.34	0.33	34.60	2020-01-17–2020-03-23
MSCI Europe	1.00	0.00	2.12	22.01	19.04	16.16	0.14	0.12	0.31	0.29	35.82	2018-01-25–2020-03-23

<sup>1</sup> Last 12 months <sup>2</sup> Based on monthly net returns data <sup>3</sup> Based on NY FED Overnight SOFR from Sep 1 2021 & on ICE LIBOR 1M prior that date

\* DM countries include: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the UK.

The MSCI Europe ESG Universal Index was launched on Feb 08, 2017. 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**

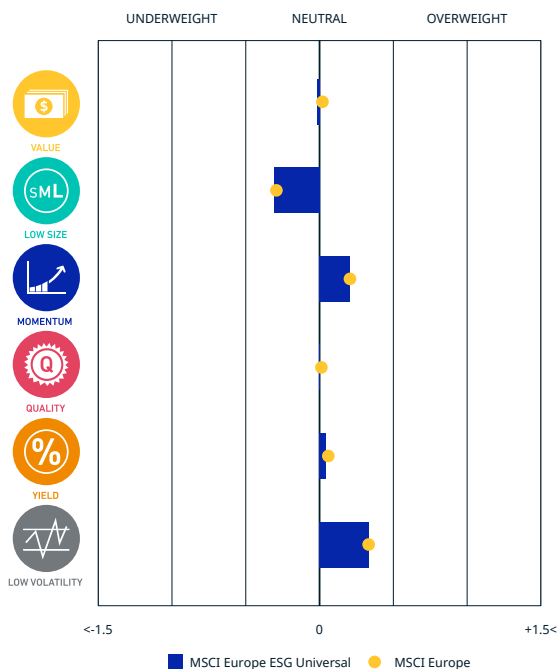
	MSCI Europe ESG Universal	MSCI Europe
<b>Number of Constituents</b>	421	426
	Weight (%)	
<b>Largest</b>	4.08	3.46
<b>Smallest</b>	0.01	0.02
<b>Average</b>	0.24	0.23
<b>Median</b>	0.10	0.11

**TOP 10 CONSTITUENTS**

	Country	Index Wt. (%)	Parent Index Wt. (%)	Sector
NESTLE	CH	4.08	3.46	Cons Staples
NOVO NORDISK B	DK	2.86	2.42	Health Care
ASML HLDG	NL	2.80	2.37	Info Tech
ASTRAZENECA	GB	2.68	2.27	Health Care
SHELL	GB	2.61	2.21	Energy
LVMH MOET HENNESSY	FR	2.58	2.18	Cons Discr
NOVARTIS	CH	2.51	2.12	Health Care
UNILEVER PLC (GB)	GB	1.64	1.39	Cons Staples
HSBC HOLDINGS (GB)	GB	1.59	1.35	Financials
ROCHE HOLDING GENUSS	CH	1.41	2.40	Health Care
<b>Total</b>		<b>24.76</b>	<b>22.16</b>	

**FACTORS - KEY EXPOSURES THAT DRIVE RISK AND RETURN**

**MSCI FACTOR BOX**



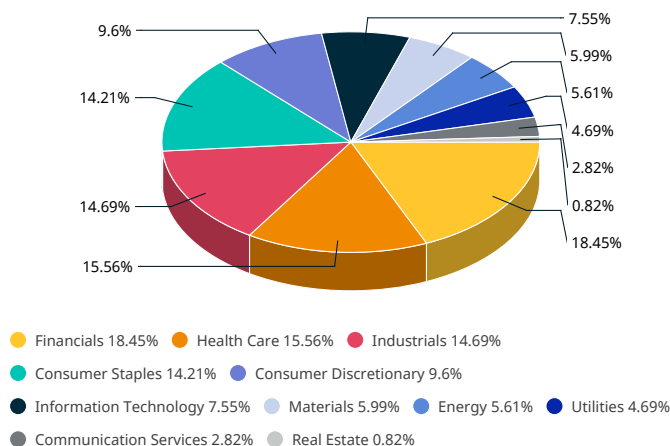
**MSCI FaCS**

- 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

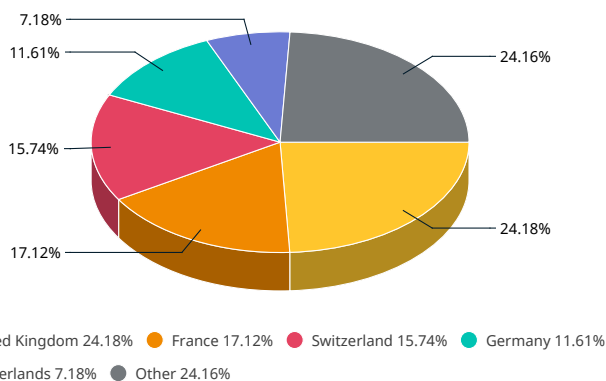
MSCI FaCS provides absolute factor exposures relative to a broad global index - MSCI ACWI IMI.

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

**SECTOR WEIGHTS**



**COUNTRY WEIGHTS**



## INDEX FRAMEWORK

The MSCI ESG Universal Indexes aim to represent the performance of an investment strategy that by re-weighting free-float market cap weights based upon certain ESG metrics seeks to increase exposure to those companies demonstrating both a robust ESG profile as well as a positive trend in improving that profile, while seeking to minimize exclusions from the parent index.

The MSCI ESG Universal Indexes are constructed in following steps. First, the stocks with the weakest ESG profile from an MSCI Index (the 'Parent Index') are excluded. Second, ESG re-weighting factor is defined that reflects an assessment of both the current ESG profile (based on the current MSCI ESG Rating) as well as the trend in that profile (based on the MSCI ESG Rating Trend). Finally, the securities are re-weighted from the free-float market cap weights of the Parent Index using the combined ESG score to construct the MSCI ESG Universal Index.

The index is reviewed in February, May, August and November, coinciding with the quarterly and semiannually index reviews of MSCI Global Investable Market Indexes.

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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