

MSCI GCC COUNTRIES INDEX (USD)

The MSCI GCC Countries Index captures large and mid cap representation across 6 GCC countries*. The index includes 70 constituents, covering about 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each country.

CUMULATIVE INDEX PERFORMANCE - GROSS RETURNS (USD) (MAY 2005 – SEP 2019)



ANNUAL PERFORMANCE (%)

Year	MSCI GCC Countries	MSCI Frontier Markets
2018	16.71	-16.20
2017	4.64	32.32
2016	9.46	3.16
2015	-13.89	-14.07
2014	1.16	7.21
2013	30.86	26.32
2012	8.16	9.25
2011	-6.10	-18.38
2010	21.11	24.24
2009	22.92	11.72
2008	-55.84	-54.10
2007	51.71	42.06
2006	-43.59	-8.86

INDEX PERFORMANCE — GROSS RETURNS (%) (SEP 30, 2019)

	1 Mo	3 Mo	1 Yr	YTD	ANNUALIZED			Since May 31, 2005
					3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	
MSCI GCC Countries	-0.83	-5.85	6.07	6.01	14.33	-0.86	6.27	1.77
MSCI Frontier Markets	-1.93	-1.04	6.18	10.97	7.35	-0.92	3.99	2.36

FUNDAMENTALS (SEP 30, 2019)

Div Yld (%)	P/E	P/E Fwd	P/BV
4.10	14.64	na	1.77
4.33	12.16	na	1.78

INDEX RISK AND RETURN CHARACTERISTICS (SEP 30, 2019)

	Turnover (%) ¹	ANNUALIZED STD DEV (%) ²			SHARPE RATIO ^{2,3}			Since May 31, 2005	MAXIMUM DRAWDOWN (%)	Period YYYY-MM-DD
		3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr			
MSCI GCC Countries	6.08	11.75	16.55	15.41	1.06	-0.04	0.43	0.12	71.85	2006-02-23—2009-03-03
MSCI Frontier Markets	23.92	11.13	11.64	12.36	0.54	-0.12	0.32	0.14	67.44	2008-01-15—2009-03-03

¹ Last 12 months ² Based on monthly gross returns data ³ Based on ICE LIBOR 1M

* GCC Countries include: Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates.

The MSCI GCC Countries Index was launched on Jan 23, 2006. 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

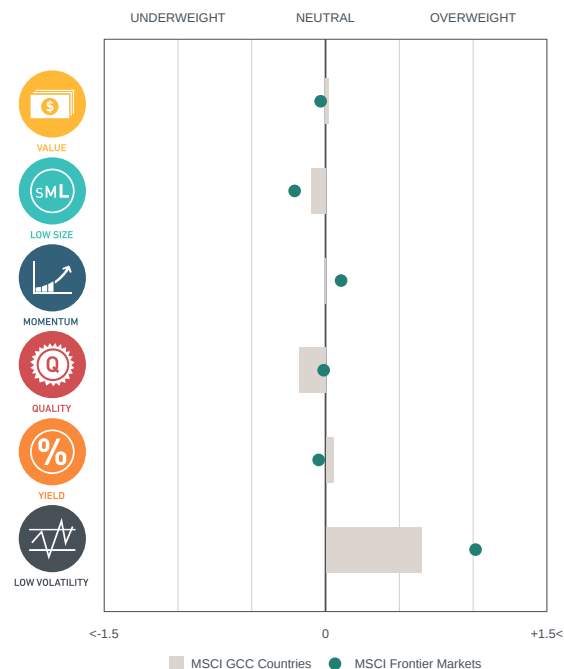
MSCI GCC Countries	
Number of Constituents	70
Mkt Cap (USD Millions)	
Index	302,398.12
Largest	35,858.53
Smallest	105.83
Average	4,319.97
Median	2,551.66

TOP 10 CONSTITUENTS

	Country	Float Adj Mkt Cap (USD Billions)	Index Wt. (%)	Sector
AL RAJHI BANKING & INV	SA	35.86	11.86	Financials
QATAR NATIONAL BANK	QA	23.98	7.93	Financials
SAUDI BASIC IND CORP	SA	18.39	6.08	Materials
NATIONAL COMM BANK	SA	14.73	4.87	Financials
SAUDI TELECOM CO	SA	11.60	3.84	Comm Srvc
FIRST ABU DHABI BANK	AE	11.16	3.69	Financials
NATIONAL BANK OF KUWAIT	KW	10.14	3.35	Financials
KUWAIT FINANCE HOUSE	KW	8.51	2.81	Financials
SAMBA FINANCIAL GROUP	SA	8.39	2.77	Financials
EMIRATES TELECOM CORP	AE	7.81	2.58	Comm Srvc
Total		150.57	49.79	

FACTORS - KEY EXPOSURES THAT DRIVE RISK AND RETURN

MSCI FACTOR BOX



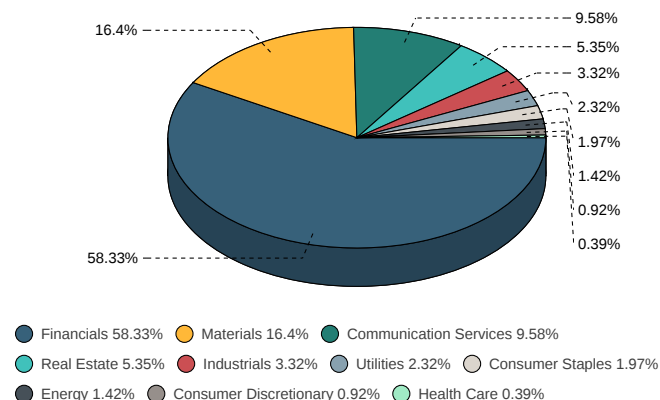
MSCI FaCS

- 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

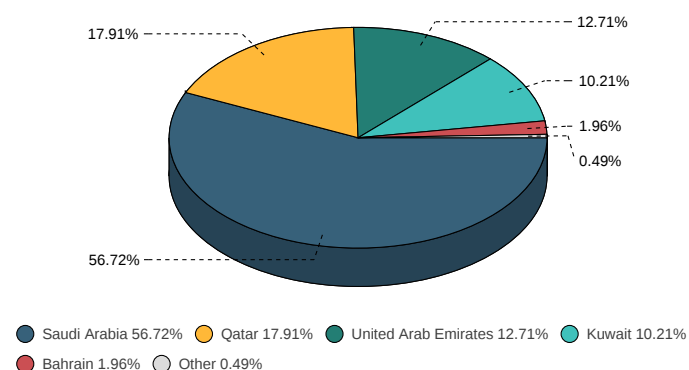
MSCI FaCS provides absolute factor exposures relative to a broad global index - MSCI ACWI IMI.

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

SECTOR WEIGHTS



COUNTRY WEIGHTS



INDEX METHODOLOGY

The index is based on the [MSCI Global Investable Market Indexes \(GIMI\) Methodology](#) —a comprehensive and consistent approach to index construction that allows for meaningful global views and cross regional comparisons across all market capitalization size, sector and style segments and combinations. This methodology aims to provide exhaustive coverage of the relevant investment opportunity set with a strong emphasis on index liquidity, investability and replicability. The index is reviewed quarterly—in February, May, August and November—with the objective of reflecting change in the underlying equity markets in a timely manner, while limiting undue index turnover. During the May and November semi-annual index reviews, the index is rebalanced and the large and mid capitalization cutoff points are recalculated.

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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