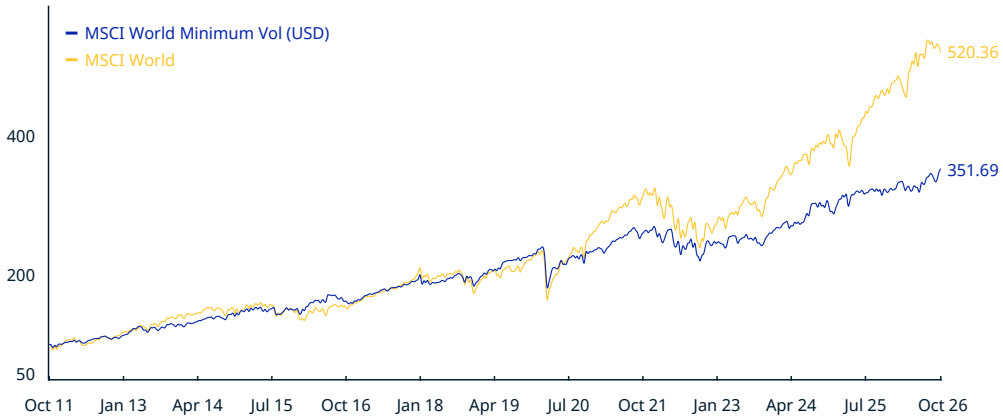
MSCI World Minimum Volatility (USD) Index (USD)

The MSCI World Minimum Volatility (USD) Index aims to reflect the performance characteristics of a minimum variance strategy applied to the MSCI large and mid cap equity universe across 23 Developed Markets countries*. The index is calculated by optimizing the MSCI World Index, its parent index, for the lowest absolute risk (within a given set of constraints). Historically, the index has shown lower beta and volatility characteristics relative to the MSCI World Index.

For a complete description of the index methodology, please see Index methodology - MSCI.

CUMULATIVE INDEX PERFORMANCE — NET RETURNS (USD) (OCT 2011 – OCT 2026)



ANNUAL PERFORMANCE (%)

Year	MSCI World Minimum Vol (USD)	MSCI World
2025	10.54	21.09
2024	10.87	18.67
2023	7.42	23.79
2022	-9.79	-18.14
2021	14.26	21.82
2020	2.61	15.90
2019	23.17	27.67
2018	-2.03	-8.71
2017	17.32	22.40
2016	7.47	7.51
2015	5.16	-0.87
2014	11.37	4.94
2013	18.61	26.68
2012	8.06	15.83

INDEX PERFORMANCE — NET RETURNS (%) (OCT 30, 2026)

					ANNUALIZED			
	1 Mo	3 Mo	1 Yr	YTD	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since May 31, 1988
MSCI World Minimum Vol (USD)	6.05	4.76	11.37	9.31	13.18	6.12	8.05	7.84
MSCI World	-0.77	0.58	12.11	10.89	22.28	10.49	12.95	8.25

FUNDAMENTALS (OCT 30, 2026)

	Div Yld (%)	P/E	P/E Fwd	P/BV
MSCI World Minimum Vol (USD)	1.98	20.94	17.84	3.41
MSCI World	1.54	22.29	17.38	4.06

INDEX RISK AND RETURN CHARACTERISTICS (MAY 31, 1988 – OCT 30, 2026)

				ANNUALIZED STD DEV (%) [2]			SHARPE RATIO [2,3]				MAXIMUM DRAWDOWN	
	Beta	Tracking Error (%)	Turnover (%) [1]	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since May 31, 1988	(%)	Period YYYY-MM-DD
MSCI World Minimum Vol (USD)	0.66	7.24	20.49	9.84	11.61	11.17	0.86	0.25	0.53	0.44	48.17	2007-10-31—2009-03-09
MSCI World	1.00	0.00	3.18	11.63	14.93	14.86	1.42	0.50	0.73	0.39	57.82	2007-10-31—2009-03-09

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

* Developed Markets countries include: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the UK and the US.

The MSCI World Minimum Volatility (USD) Index was launched on Apr 14, 2008. 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

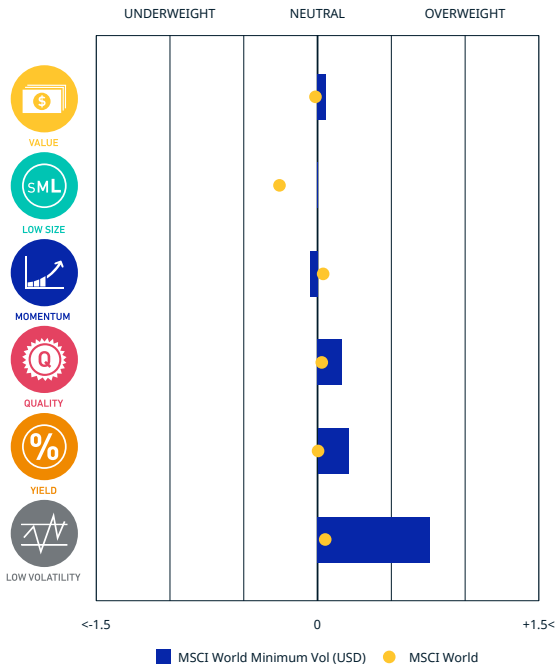
	MSCI World Minimum Vol (USD)	MSCI World
Number of Constituents	295	1,248
	Weight (%)	
Largest	1.62	5.65
Smallest	0.01	0.00
Average	0.34	0.08
Median	0.22	0.03

TOP 10 CONSTITUENTS

	Country	Index Wt. (%)	Parent Index Wt. (%)	Sector
EXXONMOBIL HOLDINGS	US	1.62	0.87	Energy
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	US	1.47	0.73	Health Care
DUKE ENERGY CORP	US	1.39	0.11	Utilities
MICROSOFT CORP	US	1.38	4.11	Info Tech
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS	US	1.35	0.09	Info Tech
SOUTHERN COMPANY (THE)	US	1.31	0.12	Utilities
BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY B	US	1.27	0.85	Financials
CISCO SYSTEMS	US	1.26	0.46	Info Tech
NOVARTIS	CH	1.21	0.33	Health Care
TAKEDA PHARMACEUTICAL	JP	1.17	0.08	Health Care
Total		13.44	7.75	

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

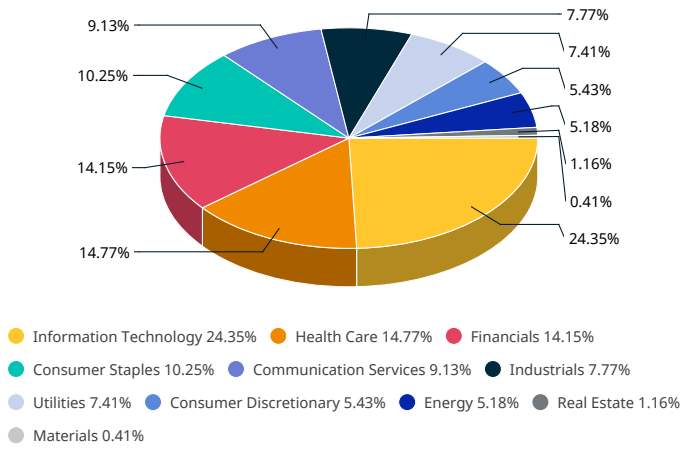
YIELD
Cash Flow Paid Out

LOW VOLATILITY
Lower Risk Stocks

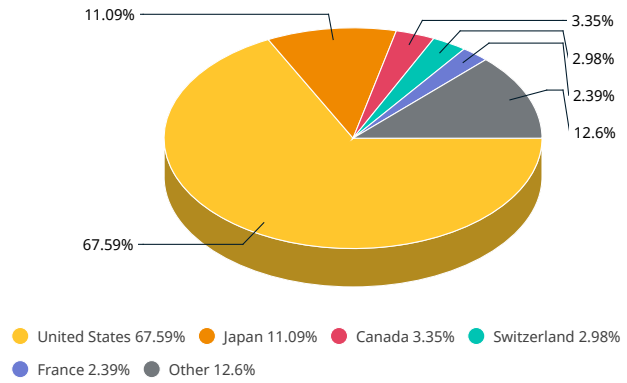
MSCI FaCS provides absolute factor exposures relative to a broad global index - MSCI ACWI IMI.

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

SECTOR WEIGHTS



COUNTRY WEIGHTS



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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