

MSCI Kokusai Sector Neutral Quality Index (USD)

The **MSCI Kokusai Sector Neutral Quality Index** captures large and mid-cap representation across 22 Developed Markets (DM) countries* excluding Japan. The index aims to capture the performance of securities that exhibit stronger quality characteristics relative to their peers within the same GICS® sector by identifying stocks with high quality scores based on three main fundamental variables: high Return-on-Equity (ROE), low leverage and low earnings variability.

For a complete description of the index methodology, please see [Index methodology - MSCI](#).

CUMULATIVE INDEX PERFORMANCE – NET RETURNS (USD) (APR 2010 – APR 2025)



ANNUAL PERFORMANCE (%)

Year	MSCI Kokusai Sector Neutral Quality	MSCI Kokusai
2024	17.15	19.33
2023	25.63	24.02
2022	-18.95	-18.24
2021	23.87	23.49
2020	14.25	16.02
2019	31.56	28.43
2018	-7.37	-8.31
2017	22.84	22.25
2016	4.62	8.02
2015	2.77	-1.78
2014	7.52	5.79
2013	25.31	26.63
2012	15.77	16.59
2011	0.36	-4.55

INDEX PERFORMANCE – NET RETURNS (%) (APR 30, 2025)

	1 Mo	3 Mo	1 Yr	YTD	ANNUALIZED				Since Nov 30, 1998
					3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr		
MSCI Kokusai Sector Neutral Quality	0.11	-4.72	8.84	-1.66	10.93	13.27	9.80	7.52	
MSCI Kokusai	0.64	-4.75	12.41	-1.28	11.10	14.34	9.66	6.75	

FUNDAMENTALS (APR 30, 2025)

Div Yld (%)	P/E	P/E Fwd	P/BV
1.65	22.36	20.33	5.89
1.83	21.92	18.46	3.61

INDEX RISK AND RETURN CHARACTERISTICS (NOV 30, 1998 – APR 30, 2025)

	Beta	Tracking Error (%)	Turnover (%) ¹	ANNUALIZED STD DEV (%) ²			SHARPE RATIO ^{2, 3}			Since Nov 30, 1998	MAXIMUM DRAWDOWN	
				3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr		(%)	Period YYYY-MM-DD
MSCI Kokusai Sector Neutral Quality	0.94	2.73	25.53	15.91	16.07	14.94	0.46	0.69	0.57	0.41	53.88	2007-10-31–2009-03-09
MSCI Kokusai	1.00	0.00	2.28	16.07	16.05	15.33	0.47	0.75	0.55	0.35	58.69	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

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

The MSCI Kokusai Sector Neutral Quality Index was launched on Jun 30, 2016. 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

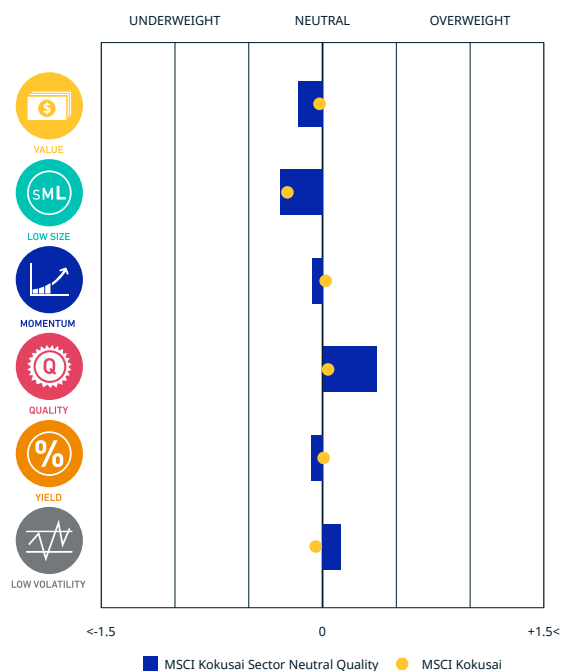
	MSCI Kokusai Sector Neutral Quality	MSCI Kokusai
Number of Constituents	271	1,169
	Weight (%)	
Largest	5.07	4.94
Smallest	0.01	0.00
Average	0.37	0.09
Median	0.14	0.03

TOP 10 CONSTITUENTS

	Country	Index Wt. (%)	Parent Index Wt. (%)	Sector
APPLE	US	5.07	4.94	Info Tech
MICROSOFT CORP	US	5.00	4.31	Info Tech
VISA A	US	4.19	0.92	Financials
NVIDIA	US	4.00	4.12	Info Tech
META PLATFORMS A	US	3.19	1.85	Comm Svcs
MASTERCARD A	US	2.70	0.69	Financials
LILLY (ELI) & COMPANY	US	2.37	1.12	Health Care
ALPHABET A	US	1.60	1.43	Comm Svcs
ASML HLDG	NL	1.55	0.40	Info Tech
COSTCO WHOLESALE CORP	US	1.54	0.68	Cons Staples
Total		31.20	20.48	

FACTORS - KEY EXPOSURES THAT DRIVE RISK AND RETURN

MSCI FACTOR BOX



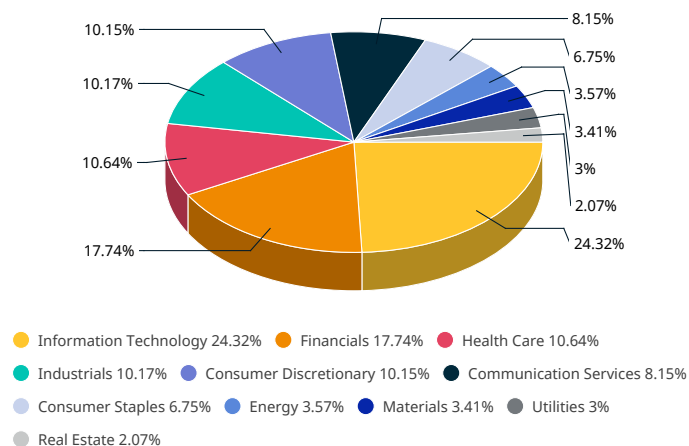
MSCI FaCS

- 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

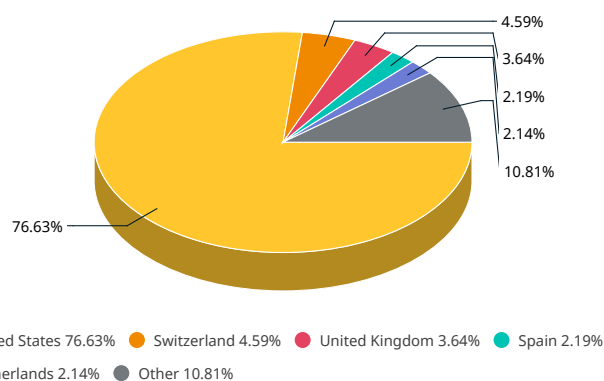
MSCI FaCS provides absolute factor exposures relative to a broad global index - MSCI ACWI IMI.

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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