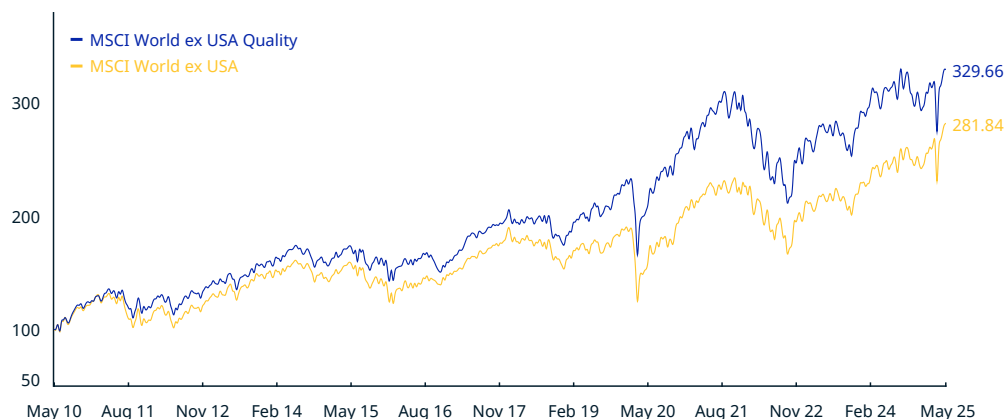


# MSCI World ex USA Quality Index (USD)

The **MSCI World ex USA Quality Index** is based on MSCI World ex USA, its parent index, which includes large and mid cap stocks across 22 Developed Market (DM) countries\* excluding the US. 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.

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

## CUMULATIVE INDEX PERFORMANCE – NET RETURNS (USD) (MAY 2010 – MAY 2025)



## ANNUAL PERFORMANCE (%)

| Year | MSCI World ex USA Quality | MSCI World ex USA |
|------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 2024 | -0.44                     | 4.70              |
| 2023 | 19.08                     | 17.94             |
| 2022 | -19.23                    | -14.29            |
| 2021 | 14.09                     | 12.62             |
| 2020 | 17.66                     | 7.59              |
| 2019 | 30.05                     | 22.49             |
| 2018 | -10.76                    | -14.09            |
| 2017 | 25.47                     | 24.21             |
| 2016 | -1.47                     | 2.75              |
| 2015 | 0.68                      | -3.04             |
| 2014 | -2.39                     | -4.32             |
| 2013 | 18.41                     | 21.02             |
| 2012 | 14.25                     | 16.41             |
| 2011 | -4.31                     | -12.21            |

## INDEX PERFORMANCE – NET RETURNS (%) (MAY 30, 2025)

|                           | 1 Mo | 3 Mo | 1 Yr  | YTD   | ANNUALIZED |       |       |      | Since Nov 30, 2001 |
|---------------------------|------|------|-------|-------|------------|-------|-------|------|--------------------|
|                           |      |      |       |       | 3 Yr       | 5 Yr  | 10 Yr |      |                    |
| MSCI World ex USA Quality | 3.44 | 5.91 | 6.15  | 12.26 | 8.68       | 8.97  | 6.85  | 8.00 |                    |
| MSCI World ex USA         | 4.71 | 8.85 | 14.06 | 16.27 | 11.12      | 11.74 | 6.10  | 6.45 |                    |

## FUNDAMENTALS (MAY 30, 2025)

| Div Yld (%) | P/E   | P/E Fwd | P/BV |
|-------------|-------|---------|------|
| 2.37        | 19.97 | 18.20   | 3.94 |
| 2.95        | 16.61 | 14.75   | 1.98 |

## INDEX RISK AND RETURN CHARACTERISTICS (NOV 30, 2001 – MAY 30, 2025)

|                           | Beta | Tracking Error (%) | Turnover (%) <sup>1</sup> | ANNUALIZED STD DEV (%) <sup>2</sup> |       |       | SHARPE RATIO <sup>2,3</sup> |      |       | Since Nov 30, 2001 | MAXIMUM DRAWDOWN |                       |
|---------------------------|------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|-----------------------------|------|-------|--------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
|                           |      |                    |                           | 3 Yr                                | 5 Yr  | 10 Yr | 3 Yr                        | 5 Yr | 10 Yr |                    | (%)              | Period YYYY-MM-DD     |
| MSCI World ex USA Quality | 0.91 | 4.50               | 16.00                     | 17.44                               | 16.77 | 14.98 | 0.31                        | 0.43 | 0.38  | 0.46               | 54.17            | 2007-10-31–2009-03-03 |
| MSCI World ex USA         | 1.00 | 0.00               | 3.57                      | 16.51                               | 16.03 | 15.29 | 0.45                        | 0.61 | 0.33  | 0.35               | 60.37            | 2007-10-31–2009-03-09 |

<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

\* Developed Market 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 and the UK.

The MSCI World ex USA Quality Index was launched on Jun 27, 2014. 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**

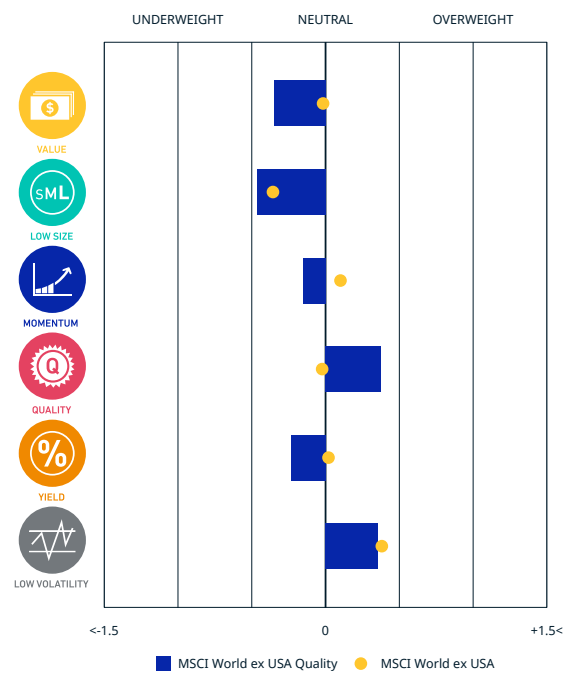
|                               | MSCI World ex USA Quality | MSCI World ex USA |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Number of Constituents</b> | 291                       | 777               |
| <b>Mkt Cap (USD Millions)</b> |                           |                   |
| <b>Index</b>                  | 9,064,807.68              | 20,700,258.65     |
| <b>Largest</b>                | 409,449.17                | 315,213.95        |
| <b>Smallest</b>               | 1,662.50                  | 1,587.10          |
| <b>Average</b>                | 31,150.54                 | 26,641.26         |
| <b>Median</b>                 | 13,390.94                 | 12,345.42         |

**TOP 10 CONSTITUENTS**

|                      | Country | World ex USA Quality Wt. (%) | World ex USA Wt. (%) | Sector       |
|----------------------|---------|------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| ASML HLDG            | NL      | 4.52                         | 1.41                 | Info Tech    |
| NESTLE               | CH      | 3.47                         | 1.35                 | Cons Staples |
| ROCHE HOLDING GENUSS | CH      | 3.17                         | 1.10                 | Health Care  |
| NOVO NORDISK B       | DK      | 2.96                         | 1.07                 | Health Care  |
| NOVARTIS             | CH      | 2.88                         | 1.09                 | Health Care  |
| ASTRAZENECA          | GB      | 2.87                         | 1.08                 | Health Care  |
| SAP                  | DE      | 2.83                         | 1.52                 | Info Tech    |
| UNILEVER PLC (GB)    | GB      | 2.03                         | 0.76                 | Cons Staples |
| BHP GROUP (AU)       | AU      | 1.59                         | 0.60                 | Materials    |
| ALLIANZ              | DE      | 1.55                         | 0.74                 | Financials   |
| <b>Total</b>         |         | <b>27.87</b>                 | <b>10.73</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 (%)**

|                        | MSCI World ex USA Quality | MSCI World ex USA |
|------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Industrials            | 20.12                     | 17.79             |
| Health Care            | 19.38                     | 10.23             |
| Information Technology | 15.70                     | 8.62              |
| Consumer Staples       | 12.00                     | 7.84              |
| Consumer Discretionary | 11.61                     | 9.42              |
| Financials             | 10.84                     | 25.26             |
| Materials              | 6.61                      | 6.34              |
| Communication Services | 3.08                      | 4.76              |
| Utilities              | 0.40                      | 3.37              |
| Energy                 | 0.17                      | 4.64              |
| Real Estate            | 0.07                      | 1.73              |

**COUNTRY WEIGHTS (%)**

|                | MSCI World ex USA Quality | MSCI World ex USA |
|----------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Japan          | 18.31                     | 19.48             |
| Switzerland    | 17.50                     | 8.61              |
| United Kingdom | 14.12                     | 13.21             |
| France         | 10.04                     | 9.93              |
| Germany        | 9.08                      | 9.20              |
| Other          | 30.95                     | 39.57             |

**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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