

# MSCI Kokusai (World ex Japan) Universal Index (USD)

The MSCI Kokusai Universal Index is based on the MSCI Kokusai Index, its parent index, and includes large and mid-cap securities across 22 Developed Markets (DM)\* countries excluding Japan. 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 Kokusai Index.

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

## CUMULATIVE INDEX PERFORMANCE – NET RETURNS (USD) (MAY 2011 – JUL 2025)



## ANNUAL PERFORMANCE (%)

Year	MSCI Kokusai Universal	MSCI Kokusai
2024	18.26	19.33
2023	24.19	24.02
2022	-18.70	-18.24
2021	24.28	23.49
2020	16.98	16.02
2019	29.49	28.43
2018	-8.39	-8.31
2017	22.80	22.25
2016	6.91	8.02
2015	-1.43	-1.78
2014	5.45	5.79
2013	27.41	26.63
2012	16.74	16.59

## INDEX PERFORMANCE – NET RETURNS (%) (JUL 31, 2025)

	1 Mo	3 Mo	1 Yr	YTD	ANNUALIZED			
					3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since May 31, 2011
MSCI Kokusai Universal	0.96	11.36	14.82	10.90	15.80	13.75	11.06	10.40
MSCI Kokusai	1.44	12.37	16.31	10.92	16.03	14.11	10.98	10.34

## FUNDAMENTALS (JUL 31, 2025)

Div Yld (%)	P/E	P/E Fwd	P/BV
1.81	23.33	19.45	3.72
1.66	24.25	20.26	3.99

## INDEX RISK AND RETURN CHARACTERISTICS (MAY 31, 2011 – JUL 31, 2025)

	Beta	Tracking Error (%)	Turnover (%) <sup>1</sup>	ANNUALIZED STD DEV (%) <sup>2</sup>			SHARPE RATIO <sup>2, 3</sup>			Since May 31, 2011	MAXIMUM DRAWDOWN	
				3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr		(%)	Period YYYY-MM-DD
MSCI Kokusai Universal	0.99	0.80	10.99	14.88	16.05	15.30	0.76	0.71	0.63	0.65	34.14	2020-02-19–2020-03-23
MSCI Kokusai	1.00	0.00	2.29	14.82	16.07	15.42	0.77	0.73	0.62	0.64	34.82	2020-02-19–2020-03-23

<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: 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 ESG Universal Indexes were renamed the MSCI Universal Indexes as of Feb 3, 2025.

The MSCI Kokusai (World ex Japan) Universal Index was launched on Oct 12, 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

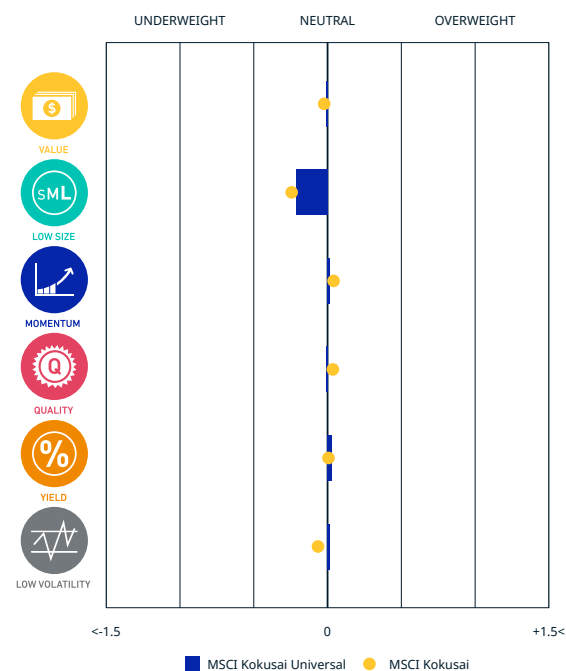
	MSCI Kokusai Universal	MSCI Kokusai
<b>Number of Constituents</b>	1,133	1,139
	<b>Weight (%)</b>	
<b>Largest</b>	6.34	6.01
<b>Smallest</b>	0.00	0.00
<b>Average</b>	0.09	0.09
<b>Median</b>	0.03	0.03

## TOP 10 CONSTITUENTS

	Index Wt. (%)	Parent Index Wt. (%)	Sector
NVIDIA	6.34	6.01	Info Tech
APPLE	3.27	4.32	Info Tech
MICROSOFT CORP	2.96	5.22	Info Tech
AMAZON.COM	2.35	3.10	Cons Discr
BROADCOM	1.38	1.82	Info Tech
VISA A	1.25	0.82	Financials
ALPHABET A	1.17	1.55	Comm Svcs
ALPHABET C	1.00	1.32	Comm Svcs
MASTERCARD A	0.97	0.64	Financials
META PLATFORMS A	0.89	2.35	Comm Svcs
Total	21.57	27.14	

## FACTORS - KEY EXPOSURES THAT DRIVE RISK AND RETURN

## MSCI FACTOR BOX



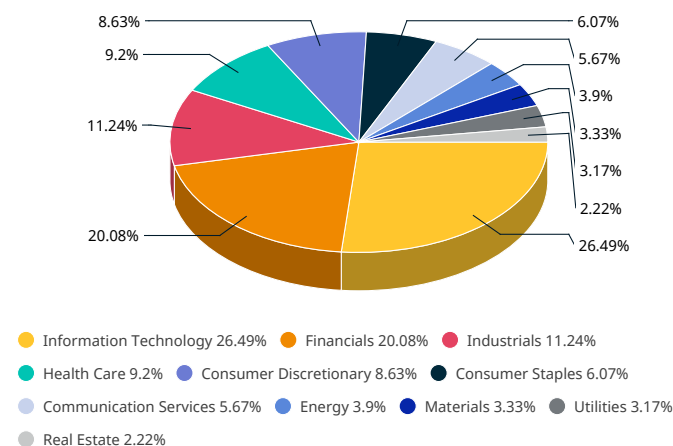
## MSCI FaCS

- 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

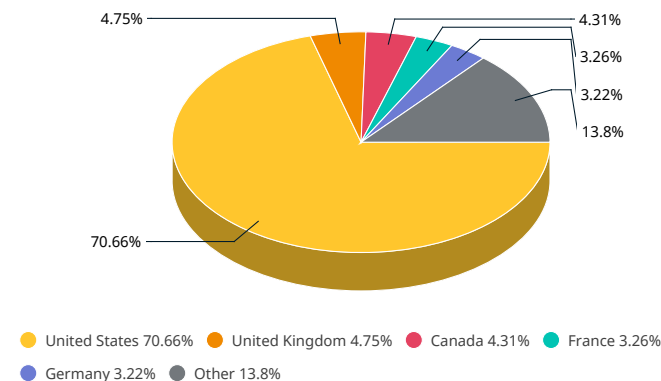
MSCI FaCS provides absolute factor exposures relative to a broad global index - MSCI ACWI IMI.

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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