## **MSCI ACWI ex USA Dividend Masters Index (USD)**

The MSCI ACWI ex USA Dividend Masters Index captures large and mid cap stocks across 22 of 23 Developed Markets (DM) (excluding the US) and 24 Emerging Markets (EM) countries\*. The index is designed to capture the performance of companies in MSCI ACWI ex USA Index that have consistently increased dividends every year for at least 10 years. The index is constructed by targeting a minimum of 90 securities and the index constituents are equally weighted. The sector weights are capped at 30% and country weights are capped at 50% to mitigate potential concentration risks.

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

## CUMULATIVE INDEX PERFORMANCE — NET RETURNS (USD) (FEB 2009 – FEB 2024)



### **ANNUAL PERFORMANCE (%)**

Year	MSCI ACWI ex USA Dividend Masters	MSCI ACWI ex USA
2023	10.13	15.62
2022	-16.21	-16.00
2021	11.79	7.82
2020	5.85	10.65
2019	22.28	21.51
2018	-10.85	-14.20
2017	23.09	27.19
2016	0.62	4.50
2015	-5.47	-5.66
2014	6.46	-3.87
2013	12.87	15.29
2012	16.05	16.83
2011	-3.25	-13.71
2010	17.18	11.15

## INDEX PERFORMANCE - NET RETURNS (%) (FEB 29, 2024)

## **FUNDAMENTALS (FEB 29, 2024)**

					ANNUALIZED							
	1 Mo	3 Мо	1 Yr	YTD	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr <sub>N</sub>	Since lov 29, 2002	Div Yld (%)	P/E	P/E Fwd	P/BV
MSCI ACWI ex USA Dividend Masters	0.55	6.13	6.96	-0.32	1.31	4.17	3.72	9.45	2.94	19.92	16.45	2.29
MSCI ACWI ex USA	2.53	6.61	12.51	1.51	1.32	5.44	3.96	6.95	2.98	15.34	13.27	1.80

## INDEX RISK AND RETURN CHARACTERISTICS (NOV 29, 2002 - FEB 29, 2024)

				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 Nov 29, 2002	(%)	Period YYYY-MM-DD	
MSCI ACWI ex USA Dividend Masters	0.90	4.62	33.30	15.02	16.47	13.87	-0.00	0.21	0.23	0.55	61.16	2007-10-31-2009-03-09	
MSCI ACWI ex USA	1.00	0.00	3.19	16.34	17.55	14.98	0.01	0.28	0.24	0.39	60.83	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												

\*DM 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. EM countries include: Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, Czech Republic, Egypt, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Korea, Kuwait, Malaysia, Mexico, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey and United Arab Emirates.

The MSCI ACWI ex USA Dividend Masters Index was launched on Dec 16, 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.



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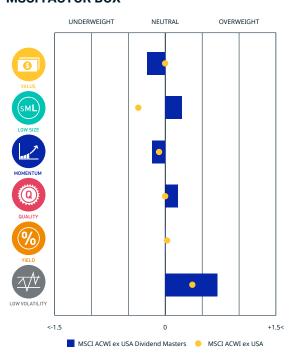
#### **INDEX CHARACTERISTICS**

	MSCI ACWI ex USA Dividend Masters	MSCI ACWI ex USA					
Number of	121	2,310					
Constituents							
	Weight (%)						
Largest	1.20	2.11					
Smallest	0.63	0.00					
Average	0.83	0.04					
Median	0.82	0.02					

#### **TOP 10 CONSTITUENTS**

	Country	Index Wt. (%)	Parent Index Wt. (%)	Sector
UCB (GROUPE)	BE	1.20	0.06	Health Care
NITORI HOLDINGS CO	JP	1.08	0.05	Cons Discr
ASML HLDG	NL	1.06	1.49	Info Tech
PERSISTENT SYSTEMS	IN	1.04	0.02	Info Tech
CAR GROUP	AU	1.01	0.03	Comm Srvcs
LASERTEC CORP	JP	0.99	0.08	Info Tech
SAGE GROUP (THE)	GB	0.99	0.06	Info Tech
MANULIFE FINANCIAL CORP	CA	0.95	0.17	Financials
ASHTEAD GROUP	GB	0.95	0.12	Industrials
SAP	DE	0.95	0.77	Info Tech
Total		10.21	2.85	

# 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



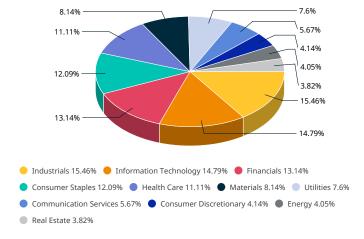
LOW VOLATILITY
Lower Risk Stocks

MSCI FaCS provides absolute factor exposures relative to a

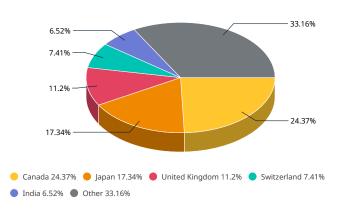
broad global index - MSCI ACWI IMI.

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

## **SECTOR WEIGHTS**



### **COUNTRY WEIGHTS**





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## 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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