MSCI EAFE Small Cap Minimum Volatility (USD) Index (USD)

The MSCI EAFE Small Cap Minimum Volatility (USD) Index aims to reflect the performance characteristics of a minimum variance strategy applied to the small cap equity universe across 21 Developed Markets (DM) countries* around the world, excluding the US and Canada. The index is calculated by optimizing the MSCI EAFE Small Cap 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 EAFE Small Cap Index.

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

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



ANNUAL PERFORMANCE (%)

Year	MSCI EAFE Small Cap Min Vol (USD)	MSCI EAFE Small Cap
2023	9.86	13.16
2022	-14.22	-21.39
2021	5.07	10.10
2020	2.96	12.34
2019	20.20	24.96
2018	-9.51	-17.89
2017	29.06	33.01
2016	2.22	2.18
2015	13.32	9.59
2014	3.01	-4.95
2013	19.10	29.30
2012	17.46	20.00
2011	-1.29	-15.94
2010	21.48	22.04

INDEX PERFORMANCE – NET RETURNS (%) (MAR 29, 2024)

FUNDAMENTALS (MAR 29, 2024)

					ANNUALIZED							
	1 Mo	3 Мо	1 Yr	YTD	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr _M	Since lay 31, 2001	Div Yld (%)	P/E	P/E Fwd	P/BV
MSCI EAFE Small Cap Min Vol (USD)	2.66	1.23	9.22	1.23	-0.07	2.86	5.30	9.29	3.43	15.53	14.78	1.43
MSCI EAFE Small Cap	3.72	2.40	10.45	2.40	-1.36	4.94	4.70	7.50	2.90	16.74	13.61	1.37

INDEX RISK AND RETURN CHARACTERISTICS (MAY 31, 2001 – MAR 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 May 31, 2001	(%)	Period YYYY-MM-DD	
MSCI EAFE Small Cap Min Vol (USD)	0.67	7.32	22.63	12.74	13.64	11.53	-0.15	0.13	0.38	0.63	51.14	2007-07-20—2009-03-09	
MSCI EAFE Small Cap	1.00	0.00	10.93	18.35	20.00	16.52	-0.13	0.24	0.27	0.40	62.98	2007-07-20-2009-03-09	
	¹ Last	12 months	² Based on monthly net returns data ³ I				Based on NY FED Overnight SOFR from Sep			FR from Sep	1 2021 &	on ICE LIBOR 1M prior that date	

The MSCI EAFE Small Cap Minimum Volatility (USD) Index was launched on Jun 15, 2015. 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.



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

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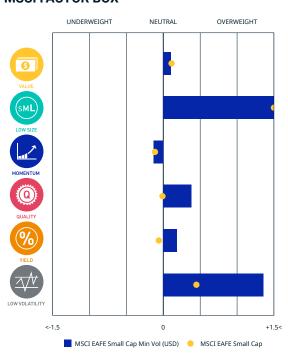
INDEX CHARACTERISTICS

	MSCI EAFE Small Cap Min Vol (USD)	MSCI EAFE Small Cap					
Number of	354	2,159					
Constituents							
	Weight (%)						
Lorgoot	1.50	0.32					
Largest	1.30	0.52					
Smallest	0.03	0.00					
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TOP 10 CONSTITUENTS

	Country	Index Wt. (%)	Parent Index Wt. (%)	Sector
GALENICA SANTE	CH	1.50	0.16	Health Care
NETLINK NBN TRUST	SG	1.44	0.07	Comm Srvcs
PCCW	HK	1.40	0.08	Comm Srvcs
SKYLARK HOLDINGS CO	JP	1.24	0.14	Cons Discr
FLUGHAFEN ZUERICH	CH	1.22	0.17	Industrials
PSP SWISS PROPERTY	CH	1.13	0.22	Real Estate
FREENET	DE	1.07	0.13	Comm Srvcs
HISCOX	GB	0.99	0.20	Financials
QINETIQ	GB	0.98	0.09	Industrials
CIA DE DIST INTEG LOGIST	ES	0.98	0.06	Industrials
Total		11.95	1.32	

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

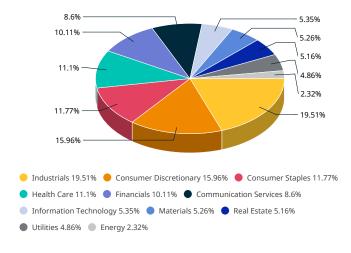


LOW VOLATILITY Lower Risk Stocks

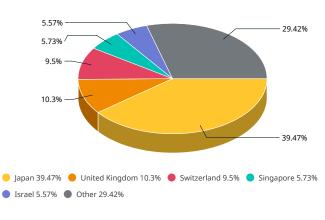
MSCI FaCS provides absolute factor exposures relative to a broad global index - MSCI ACWI IMI.

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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