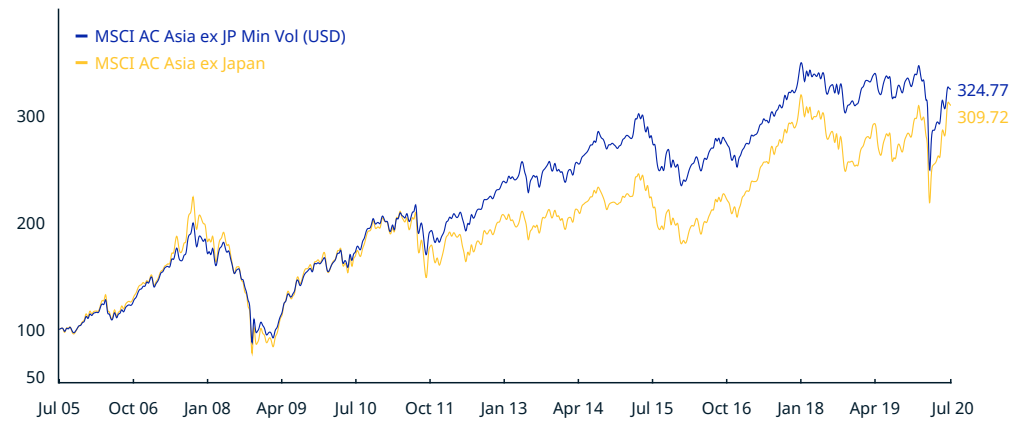


MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Minimum Volatility (USD) Index (USD)

The MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Minimum Volatility (USD) Index aims to reflect the performance characteristics of a minimum variance strategy applied to the large and mid cap representation across 2 of 3 Developed Markets countries* (excluding Japan) and 9 Emerging Markets countries* in Asia. The index is calculated by optimizing the MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Index, its parent index, in USD 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 AC Asia ex Japan Index.

CUMULATIVE INDEX PERFORMANCE – NET RETURNS (USD) (JUL 2005 – JUL 2020)



ANNUAL PERFORMANCE (%)

Year	MSCI AC Asia ex JP Min Vol (USD)	MSCI AC Asia ex Japan
2019	9.67	18.17
2018	-5.82	-14.37
2017	28.54	41.72
2016	0.92	5.44
2015	-6.33	-9.17
2014	7.49	4.80
2013	8.77	3.07
2012	24.71	22.36
2011	-8.36	-17.31
2010	23.35	19.62
2009	58.03	72.08
2008	-44.01	-52.38
2007	30.98	40.13
2006	32.17	33.32

INDEX PERFORMANCE – NET RETURNS (%) (JUL 31, 2020)

	1 Mo	3 Mo	1 Yr	YTD	ANNUALIZED				Since Dec 29, 2000
					3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr		
MSCI AC Asia ex JP Min Vol (USD)	4.99	8.04	-2.02	-4.68	2.32	3.37	6.42	9.81	
MSCI AC Asia ex Japan	8.50	16.21	12.31	3.35	4.63	7.52	6.18	8.84	

FUNDAMENTALS (JUL 31, 2020)

Div Yld (%)	P/E	P/E Fwd	P/BV
3.24	15.70	14.56	1.54
2.24	17.70	15.43	1.72

INDEX RISK AND RETURN CHARACTERISTICS (MAY 31, 2001 – JUL 31, 2020)

	Beta	Tracking Error (%)	Turnover (%) ¹	ANNUALIZED STD DEV (%) ²			SHARPE RATIO ^{2,3}			Since May 31, 2001	MAXIMUM DRAWDOWN	
				3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr		(%)	Period YYYY-MM-DD
MSCI AC Asia ex JP Min Vol (USD)	0.77	5.91	20.01	13.91	13.58	12.95	0.11	0.22	0.49	0.59	56.15	2007-10-29–2008-10-27
MSCI AC Asia ex Japan	1.00	0.00	9.50	18.11	17.30	17.00	0.24	0.43	0.39	0.46	65.51	2007-10-29–2008-10-27

¹ Last 12 months ² Based on monthly net returns data ³ Based on ICE LIBOR 1M

* Developed Markets countries in the index include: Hong Kong and Singapore. Emerging Markets countries include: China, India, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippines, Taiwan and Thailand.

The MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Minimum Volatility (USD) Index was launched on Jan 16, 2012. Data prior to the launch date is back-tested data (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

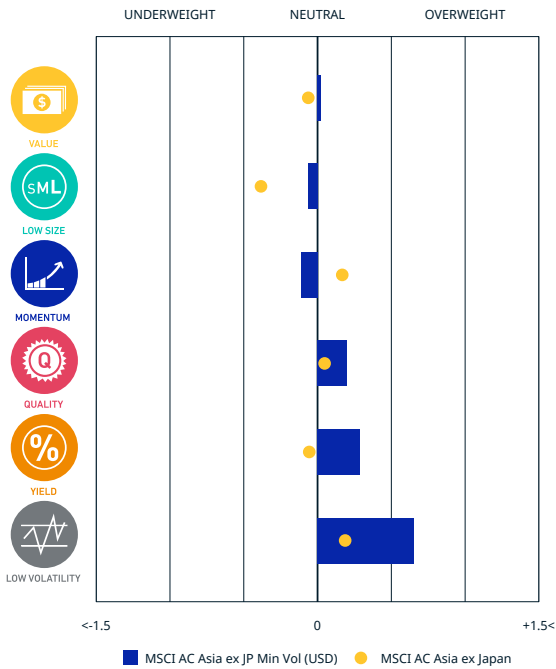
	MSCI AC Asia ex JP Min Vol (USD)	MSCI AC Asia ex Japan
Number of Constituents	281	1,182
	Weight (%)	
Largest	2.08	8.43
Smallest	0.04	0.00
Average	0.36	0.08
Median	0.23	0.02

TOP 10 CONSTITUENTS

	Country	Index Wt. (%)	Parent Index Wt. (%)	Sector
TAIWAN SEMICONDUCTOR MFG	TW	2.08	6.39	Info Tech
ALIBABA GROUP HLDG ADR	CN	1.61	8.43	Cons Discr
FIRST FINANCIAL HLDG CO	TW	1.52	0.14	Financials
TAIWAN COPR FINL HLDG	TW	1.52	0.12	Financials
HUA NAN FINANCIAL HLDGS	TW	1.48	0.10	Financials
CHUNGHWA TELECOM CO	TW	1.41	0.25	Comm Srvc
TAIWAN MOBILE	TW	1.39	0.11	Comm Srvc
FAR EASTONE TELECOM. CO	TW	1.32	0.06	Comm Srvc
HKT TRUST AND HKT	HK	1.31	0.10	Comm Srvc
CHINA MOBILE	CN	1.30	0.75	Comm Srvc
Total		14.93	16.45	

FACTORS - KEY EXPOSURES THAT DRIVE RISK AND RETURN

MSCI FACTOR BOX



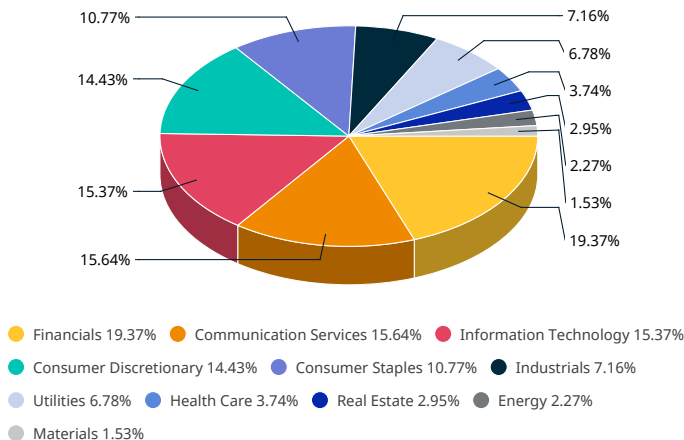
MSCI FaCS

- 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



INDEX METHODOLOGY

The MSCI Minimum Volatility Indexes are designed to provide the lowest return variance for a given covariance matrix of stock returns. Each MSCI Minimum Volatility Index is calculated using Barra Optimizer to optimize a given MSCI parent index for the lowest absolute volatility with a certain set of constraints. These constraints help maintain index replicability and investability and include index turnover limits, for example, along with minimum and maximum constituent, sector and/or country weights relative to the parent index. Each Minimum Volatility Index is rebalanced (or is re-optimized) semi-annually in May and November. Indexes may also be optimized for various currencies.

FACTOR BOX AND FaCS METHODOLOGY

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