

# MSCI WORLD ESG LEADERS INDEX (USD)

The MSCI World ESG Leaders Index is a capitalization weighted index that provides exposure to companies with high Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) performance relative to their sector peers. MSCI World ESG Leaders Index is constructed by aggregating the following regional Index MSCI Pacific ESG Leaders Index, MSCI Europe & Middle East ESG Leaders Index, MSCI Canada ESG Leaders Index and MSCI USA ESG Leaders Index. The parent index is MSCI World Index, which consists of large and mid-cap companies in 23 Developed Markets Countries\*. The Index is designed for investors seeking a broad, diversified sustainability benchmark with relatively low tracking error to the underlying equity market. The index is a member of the MSCI ESG Leaders Index series. Constituent selection is based on data from MSCI ESG Research.

## CUMULATIVE INDEX PERFORMANCE - GROSS RETURNS (USD) (SEP 2007 – APR 2019)



## ANNUAL PERFORMANCE (%)

Year	MSCI World ESG Leaders	MSCI World
2018	-7.22	-8.20
2017	21.69	23.07
2016	7.93	8.15
2015	-0.55	-0.32
2014	5.42	5.50
2013	28.22	27.37
2012	15.18	16.54
2011	-4.90	-5.02
2010	11.22	12.34
2009	33.20	30.79
2008	-40.22	-40.33

## INDEX PERFORMANCE — GROSS RETURNS (%) (APR 30, 2019)

	1 Mo	3 Mo	1 Yr	YTD	ANNUALIZED			
					3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Sep 28, 2007
MSCI World ESG Leaders	3.48	8.28	7.58	16.12	11.47	7.65	12.09	5.20
MSCI World	3.60	8.25	7.08	16.70	12.02	7.91	12.20	5.25

## FUNDAMENTALS (APR 30, 2019)

Div Yld (%)	P/E	P/E Fwd	P/BV
2.43	18.89	16.39	2.82
2.44	18.35	15.74	2.46

## INDEX RISK AND RETURN CHARACTERISTICS (SEP 28, 2007 – APR 30, 2019)

	Beta	Tracking Error (%)	Turnover (%) <sup>1</sup>	ANNUALIZED STD DEV (%) <sup>2</sup>			SHARPE RATIO <sup>2,3</sup>			Since Sep 28, 2007	MAXIMUM DRAWDOWN (%)	Period YYYY-MM-DD
				3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr			
MSCI World ESG Leaders	1.00	1.13	11.58	10.05	10.86	13.21	0.99	0.65	0.89	0.34	57.81	2007-10-31—2009-03-09
MSCI World	1.00	0.00	2.18	10.17	11.06	13.25	1.03	0.66	0.89	0.35	57.46	2007-10-31—2009-03-09

<sup>1</sup> Last 12 months    <sup>2</sup> Based on monthly gross returns data    <sup>3</sup> Based on ICE LIBOR 1M

The MSCI ESG Indexes use ratings and other data supplied by MSCI ESG Research Inc, a subsidiary of MSCI Inc.

\* Developed Markets 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, the UK and the US.

The MSCI World ESG Leaders Index was launched on Oct 01, 2007. 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

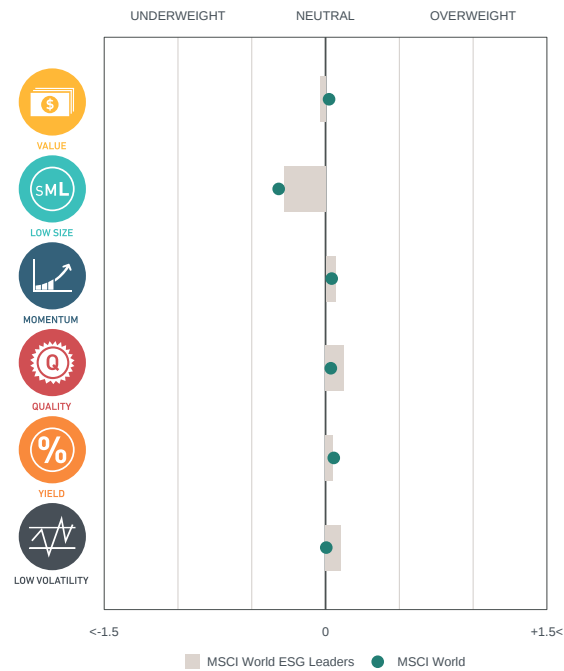
	MSCI World ESG Leaders	MSCI World
Number of Constituents	829	1,636
	Weight (%)	
Largest	4.46	2.31
Smallest	0.01	0.00
Average	0.12	0.06
Median	0.06	0.02

## TOP 10 CONSTITUENTS

	Index Wt. (%)	Parent Index Wt. (%)	Sector
MICROSOFT CORP	4.46	2.31	Info Tech
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	1.77	0.92	Health Care
ALPHABET C	1.75	0.91	Comm Srvcs
ALPHABET A	1.68	0.87	Comm Srvcs
VISA A	1.36	0.70	Info Tech
PROCTER & GAMBLE CO	1.24	0.64	Cons Staples
CISCO SYSTEMS	1.18	0.61	Info Tech
DISNEY (WALT)	1.15	0.60	Comm Srvcs
VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS	1.11	0.57	Comm Srvcs
MASTERCARD A	1.09	0.57	Info Tech
Total	16.80	8.70	

## FACTORS - KEY EXPOSURES THAT DRIVE RISK AND RETURN

### MSCI FACTOR BOX



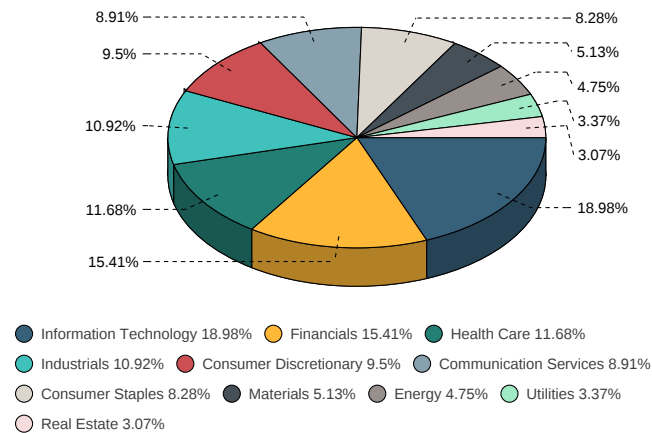
### MSCI FaCS

- 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

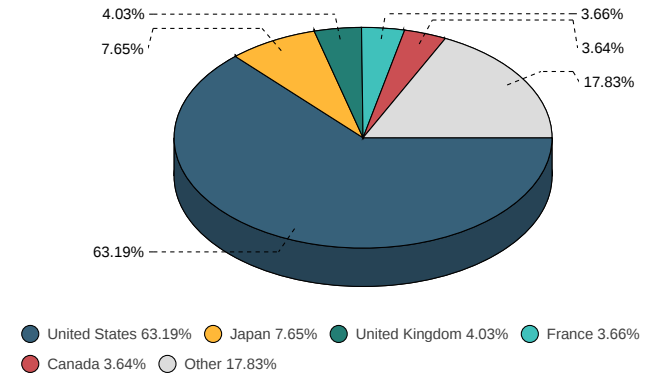
MSCI FaCS provides absolute factor exposures relative to a broad global index - MSCI ACWI IMI.

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

## SECTOR WEIGHTS



## COUNTRY WEIGHTS



## INDEX METHODOLOGY

The MSCI ESG Leaders Indexes are constructed by applying a Best-in-Class selection process to companies in the regional indexes that make up MSCI ACWI, a global equity index consisting of developed and emerging market countries.

The ESG Leaders Indexes target sector and region weights consistent with those of the underlying indexes to limit the systematic risk introduced by the ESG selection process. The methodology aims to include securities of companies with the highest ESG ratings representing 50% of the market capitalization in each sector and region of the parent Index. Companies that are not existing constituents of the ESG Leaders Indexes must have an MSCI ESG Rating of 'BB' or above and the MSCI ESG Controversies Score of 3 or above to be eligible. In addition, companies showing involvement in alcohol, gambling, tobacco, nuclear power and weapons are excluded from the Indexes. The selection universe for The ESG Leaders Indexes is the constituents of the MSCI Global Investable Market Indexes.

The Index is float-adjusted market capitalization weighted. The Annual Review of the MSCI ESG Leaders Indexes takes place in May, and they are rebalanced in August, November and February.

## FACTOR BOX AND FaCS METHODOLOGY

MSCI FaCS is a standard method ([MSCI FaCS Methodology](#)) 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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