# **MSCI USA Small Cap Quality Index (USD)**

The MSCI USA Small Cap Quality Index is based on MSCI USA Small Cap, its parent index, which includes Small Cap stocks across the US market. The index aims to capture the performance of quality growth stocks by identifying stocks with high quality scores based on three main fundamental variables: high return on equity (ROE), stable year-over-year earnings growth and low financial leverage. The MSCI Quality Indexes complement existing MSCI Factor Indexes and can provide an effective diversification role in a portfolio of factor strategies.

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

### CUMULATIVE INDEX PERFORMANCE - NET RETURNS (USD)



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

Year	MSCI USA Small Cap Quality	MSCI USA Small Cap
2024	11.23	11.57
2023	22.85	17.86
2022	-13.60	-17.55
2021	24.40	19.11
2020	16.08	18.32
2019	28.67	26.74
2018	-8.96	-10.40
2017	19.09	16.75
2016	21.98	19.15
2015	-0.60	-4.11
2014	8.12	7.07
2013	39.57	37.63
2012	13.74	17.52
2011	1.53	-3.43

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

#### FUNDAMENTALS (JUL 31, 2025)

					ANNUALIZED							
	1 Mo	3 Mo	1 Yr	YTD	3 Yr	5 Yr	<sup>10 Yr</sup> D	Since Jec 29, 2000	Div Yld (%)	P/E	P/E Fwd	P/BV
MSCI USA Small Cap Quality	1.86	11.29	0.84	3.06	11.32	13.96	10.90	10.88	1.33	17.70	15.71	2.44
MSCI USA Small Cap	2.01	13.10	3.49	1.69	8.35	11.40	8.54	9.08	1.56	30.86	19.22	2.27

#### INDEX RISK AND RETURN CHARACTERISTICS (DEC 29, 2000 - JUL 31, 2025)

				ANNUALIZED STD DEV (%) 2		SHARPE RATIO 2,3				MAXIMUM DRAWDOWN		
	Beta	Tracking Error (%)	Turnover (%) <sup>1</sup>	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Dec 29, 2000	(%)	Period YYYY-MM-DD
MSCI USA Small Cap Quality	0.91	4.05	24.08	20.26	19.60	18.89	0.40	0.62	0.53	0.55	54.53	2007-07-12-2009-03-09
MSCI USA Small Cap	1.00	0.00	13.89	20.76	20.49	20.14	0.26	0.49	0.41	0.44	59.82	2007-06-04-2009-03-09
	<sup>1</sup> Last	12 months	<sup>2</sup> Based on monthly net returns data <sup>3</sup> Bas				Based on NY FED Overnight SOFR from Sep			FR from Se	p 1 2021 & d	on ICE LIBOR 1M prior that date

The MSCI USA Small Cap Quality Index was launched on Feb 08, 2024. 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**

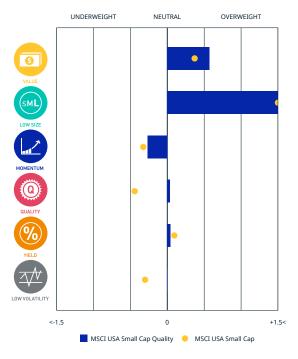
	MSCI USA Small Cap Quality	MSCI USA Small Cap					
Number of	500	1,662					
Constituents							
	Weight (%)						
Largest	1.46	0.46					
Smallest	0.01	0.00					
Average	0.20	0.06					
Median	0.15	0.04					

#### **TOP 10 CONSTITUENTS**

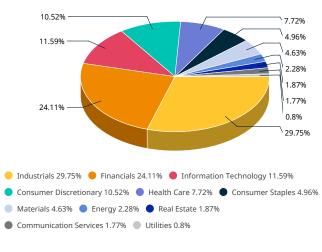
Index Factsheet

	Index Wt. (%)	Parent Index Wt. (%)	Sector
COMFORT SYSTEMS USA	1.46	0.46	Industrials
FLEX	0.97	0.35	Info Tech
CASEYS GENERAL STORES	0.95	0.36	Cons Staples
CURTISS-WRIGHT CORP	0.93	0.34	Industrials
MANHATTAN ASSOCIATES	0.84	0.25	Info Tech
LINCOLN ELECTRIC HLDGS	0.78	0.25	Industrials
WOODWARD	0.76	0.28	Industrials
SPROUTS FARMERS MARKET	0.76	0.27	Cons Staples
BWX TECHNOLOGIES	0.71	0.26	Industrials
ITT	0.71	0.25	Industrials
Total	8.86	3.07	

## FACTORS - KEY EXPOSURES THAT DRIVE RISK AND RETURN MSCI FACTOR BOX



#### SECTOR WEIGHTS



## MSCI FaCS



broad global index - MSCI ACWI IMI.

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



#### 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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