MSCI Frontier Markets Index (USD)

The MSCI Frontier Markets Index captures large and mid cap representation across 27 Frontier Markets (FM) countries*. The index includes 81 constituents, covering about 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each country.

CUMULATIVE INDEX PERFORMANCE – GROSS RETURNS (USD) (AUG 2006 – AUG 2021)

ANNUAL PERFORMANCE (%) (AUG 31, 2021)

INDEX PERFORMANCE – GROSS RETURNS (%) (AUG 31, 2021)

INDEX RISK AND RETURN CHARACTERISTICS (AUG 31, 2021)

INDEX PERFORMANCE – GROSS RETURNS (%) (AUG 31, 2021)

ANNUAL PERFORMANCE (%)

FUNDAMENTALS (AUG 31, 2021)

INDEX RISK AND RETURN CHARACTERISTICS (AUG 31, 2021)


The MSCI Frontier Markets Index was launched on Dec 18, 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.

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INDEX CHARACTERISTICS

**MSCI Frontier Markets**

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<th>Characteristic</th>
<th>Value</th>
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<tr>
<td>Number of Constituents</td>
<td>81</td>
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<td>Mkt Cap (USD Millions)</td>
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<td>Index</td>
<td>92,197.52</td>
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<td>Largest</td>
<td>5,356.99</td>
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<td>Smallest</td>
<td>98.55</td>
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<td>Average</td>
<td>1,138.24</td>
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<td>Median</td>
<td>666.15</td>
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TOP 10 CONSTITUENTS

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<tr>
<th>Country</th>
<th>Float Adj Mkt Cap (USD Billions)</th>
<th>Index Wt (%)</th>
<th>Sector</th>
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<td>AHLI UNITED BANK (KW)</td>
<td>BH 5.36</td>
<td>5.81</td>
<td>Financials</td>
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<td>HOA PHAT GROUP JSC</td>
<td>VN 4.74</td>
<td>5.14</td>
<td>Materials</td>
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<td>SAFARICOM</td>
<td>KE 4.66</td>
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<td>Comm Svcs</td>
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<td>MAREL</td>
<td>IS 4.44</td>
<td>4.82</td>
<td>Industrials</td>
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<td>VINGROUP JSC</td>
<td>VN 3.93</td>
<td>4.26</td>
<td>Real Estate</td>
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<td>KASPI.KZ GDR</td>
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<td>3.71</td>
<td>Financials</td>
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<td>BANCA TRANSILVANIA</td>
<td>RO 3.05</td>
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<td>KRKA</td>
<td>SI 3.03</td>
<td>3.29</td>
<td>Health Care</td>
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<td>VIETNAM DAIRY PRODUCT</td>
<td>VN 2.81</td>
<td>3.04</td>
<td>Cons Staples</td>
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<td>MAROC TELECOM</td>
<td>MA 2.76</td>
<td>2.99</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td><strong>38.20</strong></td>
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FACTORs - Key Exposures That Drive Risk and Return

MSCI FACTOR BOX

- UNDERWEIGHT: -1.5 < FaCS < 0
- NEUTRAL: FaCS = 0
- OVERWEIGHT: 0 < FaCS < +1.5

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

- Financials: 37.13%
- Communication Services: 12.79%
- Real Estate: 10.17%
- Materials: 9.22%
- Consumer Staples: 9.19%
- Industrials: 8.31%
- Health Care: 6.17%
- Energy: 5.32%
- Utilities: 1.45%
- Consumer Discretionary: 0.25%

COUNTRY WEIGHTS

- Vietnam: 28.93%
- Morocco: 11.34%
- Iceland: 8.56%
- Kazakhstan: 7.56%
- Bahrain: 7.31%
- Other: 36.3%
INDEX METHODOLOGY

The index is based on the **MSCI Global Investable Market Indexes (GIMI) Methodology** — a comprehensive and consistent approach to index construction that allows for meaningful global views and cross regional comparisons across all market capitalization size, sector and style segments and combinations. This methodology aims to provide exhaustive coverage of the relevant investment opportunity set with a strong emphasis on index liquidity, investability and replicability. The index is reviewed quarterly—in February, May, August and November—with the objective of reflecting change in the underlying equity markets in a timely manner, while limiting undue index turnover. During the May and November semi-annual index reviews, the index is rebalanced and the large and mid capitalization cutoff points are recalculated.

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.