

MSCI Thematic Exposure Standard

A new way to systematically evaluate, monitor and invest in long-term, structural themes

Thematic investing is an investment approach that capitalizes on the megatrends touching every aspect of our lives. From disruptive and autonomous technology, to energy efficiency, robotics and the digital economy; these trends represent longer-term structural change driven by powerful, and often disruptive forces.

Until now, there has been no comprehensive and systematic way to analyze fund and portfolio exposures to these trends.

The newly launched MSCI Thematic Exposure Standard helps investors identify, measure, and leverage the emerging, long-term secular trends shaping our future. It enables investors to better understand their portfolio's economic linkage to long term structural trends, and to create products, strategies, and portfolios that unlock new opportunities.

Key features

- Measures a portfolio or fund's economic relationship to megatrends
- Calculates theme-linked relevance scores for ~40,000 global securities
- Provides a standard framework to easily analyze, compare and report on exposure to one or more themes
- Investors can screen for companies with the desired exposure to one or more megatrend
- Understand exposure across our thematic framework: Environment & Resources, Transformative technologies, Health & Healthcare, and Society & Lifestyle

Key benefits

- · Gain an information advantage
- Differentiate your strategy and build portfolios focused on different megatrends
- Demonstrate manager skill vs. an industry standard index (rather than potentially biased peer-group selection)
- Historic, high-quality data available through your chosen platform i.e.
 BPM, IndexMetrics, API and flat files

Unlocking new opportunities

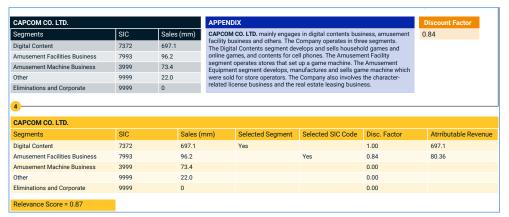
- Measures a portfolio or fund's economic relationship to megatrends
- As a portfolio construction tool, the MSCI Thematic Exposure Standard helps investors screen securities with high or low exposure to a theme, create differentiated strategies, and integrate thematic scores across their portfolios.
- As a research tool investors can develop a strategy over a period of time and
 to assess theme tilts; compare returns and volatility of the strategy by theme
 exposure; conduct factor attribution for models that attribute risk and returns
 to these themes; and assess thematic exposure to a benchmark or against
 any MSCI Index.
- As a reporting and monitoring tool for benchmarking performance and holdings against an appropriate index; for performance and attribution reporting and monitoring; and as a way to complement factor, industry, and country analysis
- As a sales enablement tool, it can be used to demonstrate manager skill
 vs. an industry standard index, rather than biased peer-group selection;
 to differentiate product; and to support fund selection based on theme
 objectives.



Our approach

Building on our research, thematic index construction methodology and Natural Language Processing (NLP) techniques, the MSCI Thematic Exposure Standard aggregates self-reported (direct) and other business description data (indirect) from multiple validated sources.

We use an extensive keyword dictionary as an input to identify representative constituents and assign a "relevance score" to the securities contained in the ACWI IMI Index. This relevance score is a metric expressed as a percentage to gauge a company's economic relationship to a given theme.



Enhanced accessibility

The MSCI Thematic Exposure Standard data is accessible across MSCI Index and analytics platforms such as BarraOne, Barra PortfolioManager, MSCI Factor Analytics API, IndexMetrics, Index API, and Flat files.



For more information about this product tool, visit - https://www.msci.com/thematic-exposure-standard

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