

MSCI 2025 Global Market Accessibility Review

Country Comparison



Developed Markets

	Americas		EMEA									
	Canada	USA	Austria	Belgium	Denmark	Finland	France	Germany	Ireland	Israel	Italy	Netherlands
Openness to foreign ownership												
Investor qualification requirement	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++
Foreign ownership limit (FOL) level	+	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	+	++	++	++
Foreign room level	+	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++
Equal rights to foreign investors	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++
Ease of capital inflows / outflows												
Capital flow restriction level	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++
Foreign exchange market liberalization level	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++
Efficiency of the operational framework												
Market entry												
Investor registration & account set up	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++
Market organization												
Market regulations	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++
Information flow	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	+	++	++
Market infrastructure												
Clearing and Settlement	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	+	++	++
Custody	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++
Registry / Depository	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++
Trading	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++
Transferability	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++
Stock lending	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++
Short selling	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++
Availability of Investment Instruments	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++
Stability of institutional framework	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++

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Developed Markets

	EMEA						Asia Pacific				
	Norway	Portugal	Spain	Sweden	Switzerland	United Kingdom	Australia	Hong Kong	Japan	New Zealand	Singapore
Openness to foreign ownership											
Investor qualification requirement	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++
Foreign ownership limit (FOL) level	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++
Foreign room level	++	++	-	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++
Equal rights to foreign investors	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	+	++	++
Ease of capital inflows / outflows											
Capital flow restriction level	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++
Foreign exchange market liberalization level	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++
Efficiency of the operational framework											
Market entry											
Investor registration & account set up	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++
Market organization											
Market regulations	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++
Information flow	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	+	++	++
Market infrastructure											
Clearing and Settlement	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++
Custody	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++
Registry / Depository	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++
Trading	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++
Transferability	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++
Stock lending	++	+	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++
Short selling	++	+	+	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++
Availability of Investment Instruments	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++
Stability of institutional framework	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++

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Emerging Markets

	Americas					EMEA							
	Brazil	Chile	Colombia	Mexico	Peru	Czech Republic	Egypt	Greece	Hungary	Kuwait	Poland	Qatar	
Openness to foreign ownership													
Investor qualification requirement	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	
Foreign ownership limit (FOL) level	+	++	++	-	++	++	++	++	+	++	++	+	
Foreign room level	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	+	++	++	++	
Equal rights to foreign investors	-	+	+	-	+	++	+	++	+	+	+	+	
Ease of capital inflows / outflows													
Capital flow restriction level	++	+	+	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	
Foreign exchange market liberalization level	-	+	-	++	++	++	-	++	++	++	++	++	
Efficiency of the operational framework													
Market entry													
Investor registration & account set up	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	++	++	+	++	+	
Market organization													
Market regulations	+	+	+	++	+	+	-	++	+	++	++	++	
Information flow	+	+	+	+	+	++	+	++	+	+	+	++	
Market infrastructure													
Clearing and Settlement	-	++	+	++	-	+	+	++	++	+	+	+	
Custody	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	+	++	+	
Registry / Depository	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	+	++	+	++	
Trading	++	++	++	++	+	++	+	++	++	++	++	++	
Transferability	+	-	-	++	+	++	-	++	++	-	+	-	
Stock lending	++	-	+	++	-	+	-	++	+	-	+	+	
Short selling	++	-	+	+	-	+	-	++	+	-	+	-	
Availability of Investment Instruments	-	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	
Stability of institutional framework	+	++	-	+	+	++	-	++	++	+	++	+	

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Emerging Markets

	EMEA				Asia Pacific								
	Saudi Arabia	South Africa	Turkey	United Arab Emirates	China	China A	India	Indonesia	Korea	Malaysia	Philippines	Taiwan	Thailand
Openness to foreign ownership													
Investor qualification requirement	+	++	++	++	++	+	+	++	++	++	++	+	++
Foreign ownership limit (FOL) level	-	++	++	-	-	-	-	++	++	+	-	++	-
Foreign room level	++	++	++	+	++	-	-	++	+	++	-	++	-
Equal rights to foreign investors	-	++	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Ease of capital inflows / outflows													
Capital flow restriction level	++	++	++	++	++	+	++	++	++	++	++	++	++
Foreign exchange market liberalization level	++	++	+	++	++	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+
Efficiency of the operational framework													
Market entry													
Investor registration & account set up	+	++	+	+	++	+	-	++	-	++	++	-	++
Market organization													
Market regulations	++	++	+	++	+	+	+	++	++	++	++	++	++
Information flow	+	++	+	++	++	+	++	+	-	++	++	+	++
Market infrastructure													
Clearing and Settlement	+	+	+	+	++	-	-	+	-	++	+	-	+
Custody	+	++	++	+	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++
Registry / Depository	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++
Trading	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++
Transferability	-	+	++	+	++	-	-	+	-	+	++	+	++
Stock lending	-	++	+	-	++	-	++	+	++	++	-	+	+
Short selling	-	++	-	-	++	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
Availability of Investment Instruments	++	++	-	++	++	+	-	++	-	++	++	++	++
Stability of institutional framework	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

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Frontier Markets

	Advanced Frontier Markets					Frontier Markets - EMEA									
	Estonia	Latvia	Lithuania	Romania	Slovenia	Bahrain	Benin	Burkina Faso	Croatia	Guinea-Bissau	Iceland	Ivory Coast	Jordan	Kazakhstan	
Openness to foreign ownership															
Investor qualification requirement	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	
Foreign ownership limit (FOL) level	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	-	++	++	++	
Foreign room level	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	-	++	++	++	
Equal rights to foreign investors	++	++	++	++	++	++	+	+	++	+	++	+	+	++	
Ease of capital inflows / outflows															
Capital flow restriction level	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	
Foreign exchange market liberalization level	++	++	++	++	++	++	+	+	++	+	-	+	++	-	
Efficiency of the operational framework															
Market entry															
Investor registration & account set up	++	++	++	++	++	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	++	+	
Market organization															
Market regulations	++	++	++	++	++	++	+	+	++	+	++	+	++	++	
Information flow	++	++	++	++	++	-	-	-	+	-	++	-	+	+	
Market infrastructure															
Clearing and Settlement	++	++	++	+	++	+	-	-	+	-	++	-	-	+	
Custody	++	++	++	++	++	+	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	
Registry / Depository	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	
Trading	++	++	++	++	+	++	-	-	+	-	++	-	+	++	
Transferability	++	++	++	+	++	-	-	-	++	-	++	-	-	+	
Stock lending	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Short selling	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Availability of Investment Instruments	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	
Stability of institutional framework	++	++	++	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	++	-	+	-	

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Frontier Markets

	Frontier Markets - EMEA										Frontier Markets - Asia Pacific				
	Kenya	Mali	Mauritius	Morocco	Niger	Oman	Senegal	Serbia	Togo	Tunisia	Bangladesh	Pakistan	Sri Lanka	Vietnam	
Openness to foreign ownership															
Investor qualification requirement	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	+	++
Foreign ownership limit (FOL) level	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	-
Foreign room level	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	-
Equal rights to foreign investors	++	+	++	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	++	++	++	++	-
Ease of capital inflows / outflows															
Capital flow restriction level	+	++	++	+	++	++	++	+	++	++	+	++	++	++	++
Foreign exchange market liberalization level	-	+	-	+	+	++	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-
Efficiency of the operational framework															
Market entry															
Investor registration & account set up	+	+	++	++	+	+	+	-	+	++	-	+	-	+	+
Market organization															
Market regulations	++	+	++	+	+	++	+	++	+	+	+	+	++	++	+
Information flow	++	-	++	+	-	++	-	+	-	-	++	++	++	++	-
Market infrastructure															
Clearing and Settlement	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-
Custody	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	+	++	++	++	++	++
Registry / Depository	+	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++
Trading	-	-	-	+	-	++	-	+	-	-	-	+	++	-	++
Transferability	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	++	-	+	+
Stock lending	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Short selling	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Availability of Investment Instruments	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++
Stability of institutional framework	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+

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Standalone Markets

	Americas				EMEA						
	Argentina	Jamaica	Panama	Trinidad & Tobago	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Lebanon	Malta	Nigeria	Palestine	Ukraine	Zimbabwe
Openness to foreign ownership											
Investor qualification requirement	++	++	++	++	++	+	++	++	++	++	++
Foreign ownership limit (FOL) level	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	-
Foreign room level	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++
Equal rights to foreign investors	+	++	+	++	+	+	++	+	+	+	+
Ease of capital inflows / outflows											
Capital flow restriction level	-	++	++	++	++	-	++	-	++	+	-
Foreign exchange market liberalization level	-	++	++	-	+	-	++	-	-	-	-
Efficiency of the operational framework											
Market entry											
Investor registration & account set up	+	++	-	-	++	-	++	++	+	-	++
Market organization											
Market regulations	+	++	+	+	+	+	++	+	++	-	+
Information flow	+	++	-	+	-	+	++	-	+	-	+
Market infrastructure											
Clearing and Settlement	-	-	+	-	-	-	++	++	-	-	-
Custody	++	-	-	-	++	-	++	++	+	-	+
Registry / Depository	++	+	+	+	++	-	++	+	++	+	+
Trading	+	-	+	-	-	++	++	-	+	-	-
Transferability	+	+	-	-	-	-	++	-	-	+	-
Stock lending	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Short selling	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Availability of Investment Instruments	-	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++
Stability of institutional framework	-	+	+	+	+	-	++	-	-	-	-

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