

# **MSCI CORPORATE EVENTS METHODOLOGY**

Guiding Principles and Methodology for Corporate Events  
Implementation in the MSCI Equity Indexes

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# 1 INTRODUCTION

This methodology book provides a description of the rules and guidelines followed by MSCI for the treatment of corporate events within the MSCI Global Investable Market Indexes. It also provides guidance for the treatment of corporate events within MSCI Capped Weighted and Non-Market Capitalization Weighted indexes.

The treatment of corporate events may vary across the categorization of indexes defined as MSCI Global Investable Market Indexes, Capped Weighted or Non-Market Capitalization Weighted Indexes. Capped Weighted indexes include those indexes that are designed to provide an alternative to purely free float-adjusted market capitalization weighting by constraining maximum sector, geographical or constituent weights. In addition, the categorization also includes those indexes that are specifically intended for funds subject to regulatory constraints on maximum weights (i.e. 10/40, 25/50). Non-Market Capitalization Weighted Indexes include those indexes that are designed to provide an alternative weighting construct through the use of optimization, thematic or strategic tilting, or equal weighting that create index constituent weighting divergent from pure free float-adjusted market capitalization.

Additionally, for “composite” indexes, which are a combination of different MSCI component indexes, the impact of corporate events is driven by the event treatment in the MSCI component index, of which the security is a constituent.

In exceptional circumstances, this guidance may vary with regards to specific corporate event treatment in certain MSCI Indexes. Such variance will be appropriately noted in respective index methodologies.

Any exceptions to these rules are reviewed and approved by the MSCI Equity Index Committee and are publically announced in advance of the implementation.

This methodology book focuses on the implementation of corporate events affecting securities across all the MSCI Equity Indexes and products. While each MSCI Index has its own separate index construction and maintenance methodology, MSCI endeavors to develop and maintain a set of corporate event implementation rules that are as generic as possible and that can apply to any equity security included in the MSCI universe. Unless otherwise stated, the policies and guidelines apply therefore to all securities in the MSCI universe. MSCI strives to maintain all companies and securities in its Equity Indexes and products with the objective of reflecting, on a timely basis, the evolution of the underlying equity markets. In maintaining the MSCI Equity Indexes, MSCI adheres to the guiding principles set forth in the MSCI Equity Indexes Methodology Books, including the consistent application of its methodology over time, across regions, and for developed, emerging and frontier markets alike. Of particular relevance in the design and maintenance of MSCI’s Corporate Events Methodology are the principles of replicability, consistency, continuity and minimizing turnover. These principles imply that the

perspective of portfolios replicating the various indexes must systematically be taken into account in the implementation of each corporate event. In particular the consistency of approach should ensure that similar events should as much as possible be given the same treatment and hence facilitate predictability of changes. Also, no unnecessary turnover should result from the implementation of corporate events. Obviously, some corporate events are very complex with many considerations coming into play, and there is a fine balance to be found between potentially conflicting implications of the various objectives, for example, when the complete information is not available until after the event, or when the event involves companies trading in different time zones. In order to provide transparency and predictability to the marketplace in all cases, MSCI not only publishes general maintenance policies and detailed guidelines for the implementation of corporate events, but has also instituted a policy of announcing all changes to its Equity Indexes resulting from all corporate events in advance of implementing such changes.

For all cases where a security breaches its daily price limit on the effective date/implementation date of a corporate event, MSCI reviews the announced implementation of the event and potential replicability issues resulting from the price limit breach to determine whether any amendment is warranted. MSCI will send out a separate text announcement irrespective of whether there is a change in the event implementation.

When a corporate event affects securities from different size segments, countries or regions leading to several possible implementations, MSCI adopts the most global point of view to implement the event, provided that at least one security involved in the event is a constituent of the MSCI Indexes. For example, in the case of a cross-border merger, MSCI uses the perspective minimizing the turnover of the MSCI ACWI for the event implementation decision. Similarly, in the case of an acquisition between different size segments, MSCI generally adopts an Investable Market Indexes (IMI) perspective.

MSCI reserves the right to use a different approach when appropriate. Any implementation decisions related to such cases are announced to clients prior to the change becoming effective in the MSCI Equity Indexes.

Changes resulting from corporate events involve many aspects, including additions, deletions, changes in number of shares (NOS), changes in industry classification, and changes in Foreign Inclusion Factors (FIFs) and/or Domestic Inclusion Factors (DIFs) as a result of updated free float estimates. As a general policy, changes resulting from corporate events are implemented in the MSCI Equity Indexes as they occur simultaneously with the event. In addition, changes in number of shares are consistently coordinated with changes in FIFs and/or DIFs to accurately reflect the investability of the underlying securities. Changes resulting from corporate events that could not be implemented on or near the effective dates, and where no Price Adjustment Factor (PAF) is

necessary, are implemented at the following regularly scheduled Index Review. Examples of such corporate events include private placements and secondary offerings.

As outlined in the [MSCI Index Calculation Methodology](#), the MSCI Equity Indexes are calculated using the Laspeyres' concept of a weighted arithmetic average together with the concept of chain-linking.

For certain corporate events, MSCI applies a PAF at the security level in order to neutralize (at least partially) the price movement due to the event and keep only the price performance in the index due to real market movement. This is done (as per the Laspeyres' concept) to enable comparison with the previous day's price. Consequently, for such events, changes in number of shares and FIF, if any, are reflected one day after the PAF is applied.

Overall, the corporate events methodology can be described in four broad categories:

- Mergers and Acquisitions (M&As) and Spin-offs
- Corporate Actions
- Other Events Resulting in Changes in Number of Shares and FIFs and/or DIFs
- Suspensions, Delistings and Bankruptcies

Certain specific aspects of MSCI's Corporate Events Methodology are treated in appendices at the end of this Methodology Book. The policies and guidelines set forth apply in most corporate events cases. For corporate events not described in this Methodology Book or combinations of different types of corporate events and other exceptional cases, MSCI reserves the right to determine the most appropriate implementation method and announces it prior to the changes becoming effective in the MSCI Equity Indexes.

Throughout this document, when there is country specific treatment, MSCI refers to the country of listing of the concerned securities. However, in the Optional Dividends section, MSCI refers to the country of classification of the concerned securities based on what the companies announce as a dividend.

In addition, in this document the following abbreviations apply: FIF: Foreign Inclusion Factor, DIF: Domestic Inclusion Factor, PAF: Price Adjustment Factor. For other terms, definitions and abbreviations, see Appendix I, entitled "PAF Formulas and Definitions" and Appendix II, entitled "Implementation Dates for Corporate Events".

## 2 MERGERS & ACQUISITIONS (M&AS)

Mergers and acquisitions are the combination of two or more companies achieved through a mutual agreement or through a tender offer. They can be structured in a wide variety of ways with unique characteristics and complexities. In a merger, the merging entities cease to exist and a new entity is created, while in an acquisition, the acquirer takes over the controlling interest in the acquired company. In the large majority of cases, the target subsequently ceases to exist as an independent entity.

For M&As involving share consideration (cash and share or share only), MSCI implements pending number of shares and/or free float updates simultaneously with the event. Note that if the number of shares update is smaller than  $\pm 1\%$  on a post-event number of shares basis, it will be implemented at a subsequent Index Review.

NOTE: If a previously announced merger or acquisition that resulted in a security deletion from an index is subsequently cancelled, the deleted security is not immediately reinstated in the index. The security will be reconsidered for index inclusion at the next regularly scheduled Index Review.

NOTE: For acquisitions involving cash only consideration, MSCI will delay the implementation of the event when an MSCI announcement would be sent with less than approximately three hours' notification to clients.

For acquisitions involving share consideration (cash and share or share only) where delisting notices are announced with less than approximately one business day advance notification, MSCI delays the implementation and keeps the target in the index for one additional day.

### 2.1 MERGER AND ACQUISITIONS VIA MUTUAL AGREEMENT

#### 2.1.1 IMPLEMENTATION TIMING

MSCI implements mergers and acquisitions executed via mutual agreement as of the close of the last trading day of the acquired entity or the merged entities. This occurs whether the securities involved in the event are index constituents or non-index constituents and under the assumption that all necessary information is available prior to the completion of the event and provided the liquidity of the relevant constituent(s) is not expected to be significantly reduced on the day of implementation. For M&As, where the completion of the deal is conditional upon the resolution of pending shareholders' legal action, MSCI waits until no legal action is pending before confirming the deletion of the target company. For acquisitions via scheme of arrangement (outside the US and Canada), MSCI waits for approval from shareholders at scheme meeting before announcing in "confirmed" status the deletion of the target security. However, MSCI does

not wait for the results of the court meeting if the scheme is already approved at the scheme meeting by shareholders.

### 2.1.2 DELETION PRICE

Target securities are deleted from the MSCI Indexes at their closing market prices. When a target security in an acquisition has ceased trading prior to its deletion in the MSCI Indexes, it is maintained and subsequently deleted at a price that reflects the terms of the relevant deal. The terms, for acquisitions that involve shares or a combination of cash and shares as consideration, is calculated based on the terms of the acquisition and the market price of the acquirer.

### 2.1.3 ANNOUNCEMENT POLICY

For acquisitions executed via mutual agreement, MSCI sends an announcement with an “Undetermined” status with sufficient advance notification. An “Expected” announcement is sent with ten full business days of advance notification. A “Confirmed” announcement is sent at least two full business days before the effective date of the implementation.

In a situation where new information is made publicly available and captured by MSCI after the “Confirmed” announcement has been sent, and this information would change the outcome and/or the likelihood of the acquisition to occur, MSCI may proceed with the implementation as was announced as part of the “Confirmed” notification. This is notably relevant in the situation where a reversal of announced implementation would be provided with too short a notification period to clients.

MSCI also sends an announcement in "Acknowledged" status within five business days following the public announcement by the company of the acquisition, if the impact is above one time the constituent's underlying country index Large Cap Cutoff.



#### 2.1.4 US SPECIFIC TREATMENT

For US acquisitions (where the target has an MSCI country of classification of the USA), executed via mutual agreement and where only a shareholders' meeting approval is pending for deal completion, the resulting changes will be implemented in the MSCI Indexes as of the close of the shareholders' meeting date. Two full business days advance notification will be given for implementation.

For US acquisitions executed via mutual agreement, and where other regulatory approvals are still pending for deal completion, event implementation will occur with two full business days advance notification either:

- when the transaction is deemed unconditional based on the factors noted below
- or, if it is uncertain, when there is an official announcement pertaining to the completion of the transaction or to the delisting of the target security.

In cases where the delisting notification is published late (for example, during the last trading day), MSCI delays the event implementation and keep the target security in the index for one additional day or more in order to give clients sufficient advance notification.

The main factors (not in order of importance) MSCI considers when determining whether a transaction can be deemed unconditional are:

- the required level of acceptance at a general shareholders meeting
- the major shareholders' stated intention whether to vote in favor of the transaction
- the existence of pending regulatory approvals and legal actions
- expected delisting date
- the market perception of the transaction
- additional conditions for the offer to be completed
- pending legal and/or financing conditions

For US Acquisitions executed via agreement, MSCI sends an announcement with an "Undetermined" status with sufficient advance notification. A "Confirmed" announcement is sent at least two full business days before the effective date of the implementation.

#### 2.1.5 CANADA SPECIFIC TREATMENT

MSCI implements Canadian acquisitions (where the target has an MSCI country of classification of Canada), executed via mutual agreement, as of the close of the expected completion date publicly announced by the company. When the expected completion date is not made publicly

available, MSCI waits for the acquisition to be announced as completed to implement the event with two full business days advance notification.

## 2.2 TENDER OFFERS

### 2.2.1 DEFINITION

Tender offers are offers to buy shares of a company, in many cases at a premium above the shares' market price for cash and/or stock, with the objective of taking control of the acquired company.

A tender offer may be a result of friendly negotiations or may be unsolicited and possibly hostile.

When an acquirer offers cash to acquire a target company in a tender offer there is no change made to the acquirer.

When an acquirer offers new shares to acquire a target company in a tender offer, the changes in NOS and FIF of the acquirer are implemented simultaneously with the deletion of the target. Pending NOS and/or free float changes, if any, are implemented simultaneously with the event. In addition, a size review may be performed for the acquirer security. For more information on size reviews, please refer to section 3.3.3.2 of the MSCI GIMI methodology.

### 2.2.2 FACTORS CONSIDERED TO ASSESS THE LIKELIHOOD OF TENDER OFFER SUCCESS

The main factors considered by MSCI when assessing the outcome of a tender offer (not in order of importance) are:

- the announcement of the offer as friendly or hostile
- a comparison of the offer price to the acquired security's market price
- the recommendation by the acquired company's board of directors
- the major shareholders' stated intention whether to tender their shares
- the required level of acceptance of shares tendered
- the existence of pending regulatory approvals and/or legal actions
- the market perception of the transaction, official preliminary results if any, and other additional conditions for the offer.

### 2.2.3 DELETION TIMING

In hostile tender offers, MSCI systematically waits for the results of the tender offer to be publicly announced before making any related changes to the MSCI Indexes.

In friendly tender offers, the acquired or merging security is deleted from the MSCI Indexes with at least two full business days advance notification:

- At the end of the initial offer period, when the offer is likely to be successful and / or if the free float of the security is likely to decrease below 0.15<sup>1</sup> (this rule is applicable even if the offer is extended), or
- If the offer's outcome is uncertain, after the results of the offer have been officially communicated and the security's free float has decreased below 0.15.

In certain cases, securities are deleted earlier or using a different date than the last offer day. For example:

- In the case of tender offers in the United Kingdom, a security is deleted after the offer is declared unconditional in all respects.
- In the case of tender offers in Brazil, a security is deleted as of the close of the auction date as announced by the Bovespa Stock Exchange.
- In the case of tender offers in countries where the offer is automatically extended in case of a successful initial offer period, such as in Germany, for example, MSCI decides to wait for the end of the initial offer period. Such a decision is announced before the end of the initial offer period.

If a security is deleted from an index, the security is not reinstated immediately after its deletion even when the tender offer is subsequently declared unsuccessful and/or the free float of the security is not substantially reduced. The security will be reconsidered for index inclusion at the next regularly scheduled Index Review.

#### 2.2.4 DELETION PRICE

MSCI uses market prices for implementation, unless the target security already ceased trading. See section 2.1.2 for more details.

#### 2.2.5 ANNOUNCEMENT POLICY

MSCI reflects hostile tender offers once they are launched using an "Undetermined" announcement status, except when the target has an MSCI country of classification of the USA, where hostile tender offers are reflected using an "Acknowledged" announcement status. Once the results of the hostile tender offer have been announced, MSCI will send a "Confirmed" announcement with two full business days of advance notification before implementing any changes.

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<sup>1</sup> Except for Standard Index constituents, which are maintained if their float-adjusted market capitalizations after the event are above 2/3rds of 1.8 times one half of the Standard Index Interim Size-Segment Cut-off

For friendly tender offers, MSCI sends an announcement with an “Undetermined” status with at least 3 weeks advance notification. A “Confirmed” announcement is sent at least two full business days before the effective date of the implementation.

NOTE: MSCI does not send an updated “Undetermined” announcement for each new tender offer period extension for friendly tender offers where the minimum acceptance level is far from being reached at the end of the first offer period and can be extended multiple times in the future.

In a situation where new information is made publicly available and captured by MSCI after the “Confirmed” announcement has been sent, and this information would change the outcome and/or the likelihood of the acquisition to occur, MSCI may proceed with the implementation as already announced in “Confirmed” status. This is notably relevant in the situation where a reversal of announced implementation would be provided with too short a notification period to clients.

#### 2.2.6 M&AS WITH SUSPENSION PERIODS

M&As that encompass a suspension period prior to the listing of the post-event entity are also implemented as of the close of the last trading day using market prices and prior to the suspension of the merging entities. During the suspension period, the merged entity is maintained with a calculated price based on the market price of one of the merging entities and the terms of the transaction.

#### 2.2.7 TENDER OFFERS WITH TENDERED LINE OF SHARES TRADING SEPARATELY

In cases where the target security’s tendered shares are trading separately from the original non-tendered shares, MSCI switches the security’s market price to the tendered shares price if at the end of the first offer period all four conditions below are met:

- The minimum acceptance level requirement is met
- At least 50% of the shares under acquisition are tendered
- An additional offer period (not an extension) will be launched
- The tendered shares will continue to trade after the expiration of the additional offer period

If all the above conditions are met, MSCI announces in “Confirmed” status, shortly after the results of the first offer period are made publicly available, the switch of the market price to the tendered line price, which will be effective at the open of the first business day following the end of the additional offer period.

In cases where the tender offer is later cancelled and the original shares are returned to the shareholders who had tendered, MSCI switches the security's market price back to the original non-tendered share price.

If the tender offer is likely to be successful at the end of the additional offer period and / or if the free float of the security is likely to decrease below 0.15<sup>2</sup>, MSCI deletes the target security at the end of the additional offer period at the tendered line market price, provided the tendered line of shares is still trading on the last day of the additional offer period.

If the above conditions are not met and the tender offer's outcome is uncertain, MSCI will wait for the results of the offer and changes, if any, would be implemented using market prices of the original line.

## 2.2.8 CROSS BORDER M&AS

Cross-border M&As involving companies trading in different countries or for which necessary information (such as confirmation of the date of completion, last regulatory approvals, etc.) is lacking prior to the event's completion, can be implemented as of the close of the first trading day of the post-event entity or can lead to delay the products delivery. In these cases, MSCI uses a calculated price for the acquired or merging entities, based on the terms of the transaction, the price of the acquiring or merged entity and the foreign exchange rates, if applicable. When this is not possible, MSCI carries forward the market price for the acquired or merging entities for one additional business day.

## 2.3 ACQUISITIONS INVOLVING NON-INDEX CONSTITUENTS

### 2.3.1 ACQUISITIONS OF UNLISTED SECURITIES

Changes to a security resulting from acquisitions of non-listed companies or assets are implemented at a subsequent Index Review following the completion of the event and listing of the newly issued shares, if practicable. Such cases will be subject to the rules applicable for the Index Reviews in accordance with the section 3.2.5 of the MSCI GIMI methodology.

### 2.3.2 ACQUISITIONS OF LISTED NON-INDEX CONSTITUENTS SECURITIES

Increases in a security's number of shares resulting from the acquisition of listed non-index constituent securities representing at least 5%, 10% or 25% for Standard, Small Caps and Micro Caps respectively of the security's pre-event number of shares are implemented as of the close of the last trading day of the acquired entity if all necessary information is available prior to the

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<sup>2</sup>Except for Standard Index constituents, which are maintained if their float-adjusted market capitalizations after the event are above 2/3rds of 1.8 times one half of the Standard Index Interim Size-Segment Cut-off.

completion of the event or if such information is not available prior to the completion of the event, as soon as practicable following the completion of the event. MSCI implements pending number of shares and/or free float updates simultaneously with the event. Note that if the number of shares update is smaller than  $\pm 1\%$  on a post-event number of shares basis, it will be implemented at a subsequent Index Review.

Changes representing less than 5%, 10% or 25% of the security's pre-event number of shares are implemented at a subsequent Index Review following the completion of the event. Such cases will be subject to the rules applicable for the Index Reviews in accordance with the section 3.2.5 of the MSCI GIMI methodology.

### 2.3.3 ACQUISITIONS OF INDEX CONSTITUENTS SECURITIES BY LISTED NON-INDEX CONSTITUENTS SECURITIES

Listed non-index constituents acquiring index constituents with newly issued shares or via exchange of shares are generally considered for immediate inclusion in the MSCI Indexes at the time of the event. For further details related to constituents of the MSCI Global Investable Market Indexes (GIMI), please refer to section 3.3.3.3 of the MSCI GIMI methodology.

## 2.4 PARTIAL TENDER OFFERS AND BUYBACK OFFERS

MSCI defines partial tender offers as the acquisitions of a predefined portion of a company's shares through shares and/or cash, or as share buy-backs that are carried out by means of an offer. Open-market buy-back transactions in which shares are repurchased progressively are implemented as part of a regularly scheduled Index Review.

MSCI implements any pending number of shares and/or free float updates simultaneously with the implementation of the results of the offers. Note that if the number of shares update is smaller than  $\pm 1\%$  on a post-event number of shares basis, it will be implemented at a subsequent Index Review.

Share buy-backs that are only offered to shareholders that abstain and/or vote against an event are not considered an event as the buy-back is only open to select shareholders. No adjustment is applied to the security in such cases.

### 2.4.1 FIXED PRICE OFFER

For fixed price partial tender offers opened for a pre-determined period, where the offer price (or the terms) is announced prior to the acceptance period, a Price Adjustment Factor (PAF) is applied on the ex-date of the offer. In cases where the ex-date is not available, the PAF is applied on the first business day after the end of the offer.

Withholding taxes, if any, are considered in the calculation of the MSCI Net Daily Total Return (DTR) Indexes provided the PAF applied on the ex-date has a value different than 1 and that sufficient information is available publicly in advance. In such cases, MSCI reinvests a negative amount corresponding to the withholding tax in the MSCI Net DTR Indexes only. This negative reinvestment is reflected simultaneously with the PAF on the ex-date of the partial tender offer.

For further details on the MSCI policy on Partial Tender Offers, especially on the PAF, see Appendix V, entitled “Guidelines Concerning Implementation of Partial Tender Offers”.

#### 2.4.2 DUTCH AUCTION OFFER

For Dutch Auctions, where the offer price and the acquired number of shares are announced after the end of the offer, no PAF is applied on the ex-date of the offer, as the offer price is unknown prior to the offer taking place.

#### 2.4.3 RESULTS OF PARTIAL TENDER OFFERS AND BUYBACK OFFERS

After the results of the offer have been officially communicated, and if sufficient information is publicly available to determine the post-event free float, then any changes in number of shares and FIF and/or DIF are implemented with two full business days advance notification, regardless whether or not the calculated PAF was 1 for fixed price offers and partial acquisitions.

If the shares bought back are intended to be cancelled, but the timing of the cancellation is uncertain or the cancellation will take place several weeks after the results are announced, MSCI calculates the free float of the company assuming the bought back shares are kept as treasury.

Changes in number of shares following the actual cancellation of the shares are implemented at the next regularly scheduled Index Review, as per the rules applicable for Index Reviews in accordance with section 3.2.5 of the MSCI GIMI methodology.

For Indian securities, MSCI waits for the post-event shareholding information to be publicly released (generally several weeks after the completion of the offer) to implement any changes in number of shares and float.

#### 2.4.4 SPLIT OFF/EXCHANGE OFFER

A split-off/exchange offer consists of a fixed price partial tender offer buyback in exchange for shares in another company. A PAF is applied on the first business day after the end of the partial buyback offer. For further details on the PAF applied, see Appendix V, entitled “Guidelines Concerning Implementation of Partial Tender Offers”.

The exchange offer ratio is determined based on the market prices of the companies involved in the split-off. This ratio is capped by a pre-defined upper-limit.

When the calculated exchange offer ratio is uncertain or if there is no premium to the market price at the time of sending the announcement in “confirmed” status, MSCI waits for the results of the split-off before making changes, if any, in the Number of Shares and subsequent FIF and/or DIF. Changes are implemented, with sufficient advance notice, after the results of the offer have been officially communicated.

When the calculated exchange offer ratio offers a premium and is likely to remain above and therefore equal to the upper limit at the time of sending the announcement in “confirmed” status, MSCI implements the changes in Number of Shares and FIF and/or DIF, if any, on the business day following the date the PAF was applied, without waiting for the results of the exchange offer. Differences between announced implementation and exchange offer results, if any, will be implemented at the following regularly scheduled Index Review.

## 2.5 CONVERSIONS OF SHARE CLASSES

### 2.5.1 MANDATORY CONVERSIONS

Full or partial conversions of an index constituent’s share class into another share class resulting in the deletion, addition or FIF/DIF change of one or more classes of shares are implemented at the time of the event. If appropriate, historical links to existing securities are also made in cases of conversions of a share class into another share class.

Full or partial conversions of a non-index constituent share class or an unlisted line of shares into an index constituents’ share class are implemented at a subsequent Index Review in accordance with the sections 3.2.4 and 3.2.5 of the MSCI GIMI methodology.

### 2.5.2 VOLUNTARY CONVERSIONS

In case of voluntary full or partial conversions of an index constituent’s share class into another share class resulting in the deletion, addition or FIF/DIF change of one or more classes of shares, MSCI considers several factors to determine if the event is to be implemented at the time of the event or at a subsequent Index Review. MSCI considers the following factors, among others: minimum conversion ratio required, intention of the major shareholders, recommendation of the Board of Directors, squeeze out option for the non-converted shares, whether or not the conversion terms are in line with the current market price of the other share class, whether or not there will be an additional conversion period.

### 2.5.3 PERIODICAL CONVERSIONS

Periodical conversions of a share class into another share class are implemented at a subsequent Index Review in accordance with the sections 3.2.4 and 3.2.5 of the MSCI GIMI methodology.



For China securities, conversions of China B shares into China H shares are implemented as of the close of the second trading day of the China H shares instead of the last trading day of the China B shares in order to provide enough advance notice for implementation considering that the B and H shares are listed on different exchanges.

## 2.6 PRO FORMA FLOAT CALCULATION FOR M&AS

The post-event free float of an entity resulting from an M&A is estimated on a pro forma basis, unless the actual post-event free float is available prior to implementation. Resulting changes in FIFs and/or DIFs are implemented simultaneously. Pending float changes, if any, are implemented simultaneously with the event.

When subsequent public disclosure is made by the company, regarding the new shareholder structure following the event, and results in a significantly different free float estimation than that calculated at the time of the event, MSCI will update the FIFs and/or DIFs at the following regularly scheduled Index Review.

### 2.6.1 PRO FORMA FLOAT CALCULATIONS FOR M&AS

#### 2.6.1.1 CASH M&A TRANSACTIONS

Cash M&A transactions have no impact on the free float of the securities of the acquiring company, as no new shares are issued.

#### 2.6.1.2 STOCK-FOR-STOCK M&A TRANSACTIONS

In stock-for-stock M&A transactions, the pro forma free float of the securities of the acquiring or merged entity is calculated as a weighted average of the free float of the shares of the pre-event entities.

#### 2.6.1.3 STOCK AND CASH M&A TRANSACTIONS

In M&A transactions involving cash and stock, the pro-forma free float of the securities of the acquiring or merged entity is calculated based on the information provided by the company indicating which shareholders will be receiving newly issued shares. If this information is unavailable, then the resulting pro-forma free float is calculated as a weighted average of the free float of the shares of the pre merging entities.

## 2.6.2 PRO FORMA FLOAT CALCULATIONS FOR PARTIAL TENDER OFFERS

### 2.6.2.1 PARTIAL ACQUISITIONS

The post-event free float of a partially acquired security is reduced by an amount corresponding to the percentage of free float shares that are acquired.

### 2.6.2.2 SHARE BUY-BACKS

For share buy-backs carried out by means of an offer, MSCI assumes that all shareholders participate in the share buy-back on a pro rata basis, and as such, the post-event free float of the security does not change. When, based on publicly available information, there are shareholders that will not participate in the share buy-back, this information is taken into account to determine the post-event free float.

## 2.7 MERGERS AND ACQUISITIONS TREATMENT IN CAPPED WEIGHTED AND NON-MARKET CAPITALIZATION WEIGHTED INDEXES

To determine post-event index constituent weighting, mergers and acquisitions event implementation within Capped Weighted and Non-Market Capitalization Weighted indexes focuses on a Constraint Factor (see Glossary of Terms) calculation that accounts for the proportion of cash and share consideration exchanged within a deal. A Number of Shares (NOS) Inflow Ratio (see Glossary of Terms) is the primary variable used to determine the appropriate weighted average calculation of post-event Constraint Factors. As illustrated below, for a merger/acquisition that involves only cash consideration, the acquirer's constituent weighting does not change. For any merger/acquisition that involves the issuance of shares (as all or part of the consideration), post-event constituent weighting would take into account the shares issued within in the deal; as determined by the NOS Inflow Ratio.

Through an accounting of proportionate share inflows related to an event and an effective 'market neutral' approach to event implementation, the methodology aims to appropriately represent an investor's participation in an event based on relevant deal terms and pre-event weighting of the index constituents that are involved.

### GLOSSARY OF TERMS

1. **Constraint Factor (CF):** A primary factor used as a component of constituent weighting in non-market capitalization weighted indexes or where weighting is adjusted by a capping mechanism. The implementation of certain types of corporate events impacts security level constraint factor calculation.

2. **Variable Weighting Factor (VWF)** – The Variable Weighting Factor (VWF) is a factor that is used to offset the change to market capitalization that occurs as a result of a corporate event implementation in Non-Market Capitalization Weighted indexes. The VWF is also applied to offset any changes in post event market capitalization that may result from FIF rounding.
3. **Full Market Cap Adjustment Factor (FMCAF)**: A factor that is used in index constituent weighting calculation defined as (Inclusion Factor (i.e. FIF)) \*(Constraint Factor)\*(Variable Weighting Factor).
4. **Parent Index**: The index that serves as the underlying basis for a specific Capped Weighted or Non-Market Capitalization Weighted index.
5. **Number of Shares (NOS) Inflow Ratio**: The NOS inflow ratio reflects the consideration terms of the corporate event. The formula for the calculation of the NOS Inflow Ratio related to specific event types is explained in the table below.

Event type	Number of Shares (NOS) Inflow Ratio Calculation
Spin off	NOS_DISTRIBUTED/ NOS_NEEDED
Acquisition/Partial Acquisition	TARGET PERCENTAGE ACQUIRED * (ACQUIRER SHARES ISSUED/ TARGET _SHARES NEEDED)
Merger	(MERGING COMPANY 1_SHARES_OFFERED /MERGED COMPANY 1 SHARES_RECEIVED) * (MERGED COMPANY 2 SHARES_RECEIVED / MERGING COMPANY 2_SHARES OFFERED)
Conversion	NOS_AFTER CONVERSION/ NOS_BEFORE CONVERSION

6. **Inflow Security**: Any security which undergoes an increase in its number of shares as a result of the corporate event implementation. Inflows are identified through corporate event terms (e.g. for an Acquisition with share consideration, Acquirer security will be treated as an Inflow Security)
7. **Counterpart Security**: The security involved in a corporate event from which the inflow is originating. (e.g. for an Acquisition with share consideration, Target security will be treated as a Counterpart Security)
8. **Maintenance Formula**: When the Inflow Security is already an Index constituent, the security's post event CF is calculated using the Maintenance Formula:

$$CF_{t,t+i}^{Sec} = \frac{\left[ \text{ClosingNOS}_{t,t+i-1}^{Sec} \times \text{ParentFMCAF}_{t,t+i-1}^{Sec} \times CF_{t,t+i-1}^{Sec} + \sum \text{Inflow}_j \left( \text{NOSInflowRatio}^{\text{Inflow}_j} \times \text{ClosingNOS}_{t,t+i-1}^{\text{Inflow}_j} \times \text{ParentFMCAF}_{t,t+i-1}^{\text{Inflow}_j} \times CF_{t,t+i-1}^{\text{Inflow}_j} \right) \right]}{\left[ \text{ClosingNOS}_{t,t+i-1}^{Sec} \times \text{ParentFMCAF}_{t,t+i-1}^{Sec} + \sum \left( \text{NOSInflowRatio}^{\text{Inflow}_j} \times \text{ClosingNOS}_{t,t+i-1}^{\text{Inflow}_j} \times \text{ParentFMCAF}_{t,t+i-1}^{\text{Inflow}_j} \right) \right]}$$

Where  $CF_{t,t+i}^{Sec}$  =value of the constraint factor to be used on date t+i (post-event) as calculated on date t

NOTE: For Non-Market Capitalization Weighted indexes, post event Constraint Factors take into account the pre-event VWF of the inflow security.

In addition, for Non-Market Capitalization Weighted Indexes, the VWF of the security is re-calculated with event implementation in order to offset any change in market capitalization that may be related to FIFO rounding.

The Parent Index security Constraint Factor (CF) = 0 when the Counterpart Security is in the Parent Index, but not in the Capped/Non-Market Capitalization Weighted index. In addition, Parent Index Full Market Cap Adjustment Factor (FMCAF) = 0, when Counterpart Security is not in Parent Index.

9. **Addition Formula:** When the Counterpart Security is an Index Constituent but the Inflow Security is not and will be added to the Index as per event implementation, the Inflow Security's post event CF is calculated using the Addition Formula

$$CF_{t,t+i}^{Sec} = \frac{\left[ \sum \text{Inflow}_j \left( \text{NOSInflowRatio}^{\text{Inflow}_j} \times \text{ClosingNOS}_{t,t+i-1}^{\text{Inflow}_j} \times \text{ParentFMCAF}_{t,t+i-1}^{\text{Inflow}_j} \times CF_{t,t+i-1}^{\text{Inflow}_j} \right) \right]}{\left[ \text{NOS}_{t,t+i-1}^{Sec} \times \text{ParentFMCAF}_{t,t+i-1}^{Sec} \right]}$$

Where  $CF_{t,t+i}^{Sec}$  =value of the Constraint Factor to be used on date t+i (post-event) as calculated on date t

The calculation of a CF for a security that will be added to the Index is based on the CF of the securities to which it is linked (through event terms) and the shares coming into the Index from those securities. Once the NOS Inflow Ratio is calculated based on event terms, it is then multiplied by the previous closing number of shares of the security, which results in the NOS that will come into the Index.

NOTE: For Non-Market Capitalization Weighted indexes, post event Constraint Factors take into account the pre-event VWF of the inflow security.

In addition, for Non-Market Capitalization Weighted Indexes, the VWF of the security is re-calculated with event implementation in order to offset any change in market capitalization that may be related to FIFO rounding.

## EXAMPLES OF ACQUISITION TREATMENT

### Example 1

**CONSIDERATION:** 100% CASH  
**EVENT CONSTITUENTS:** Company A: INDEX CONSTITUENT  
Company B: INDEX CONSTITUENT

Company A acquires Company B for 100% cash consideration. Both companies are in the index of reference. Company B shareholders will receive USD 23 for each share they own. The last trading day for Company B is July 26, 2016.

Event Effective Date: July 27, 2016

NOS Inflow Ratio: Not relevant as consideration terms are 100% cash

### Pre Event Information:

Company A NOS	2,123,745
Company A FIF	0.80
Company A CF	0.45
Company A VWF	1

Company B NOS	1,621,503
Company B FIF	0.40
Company B CF	0.90
Company B VWF	1

### Post Event Information (Capped Weighted & Non-Market Capitalization Weighted Indexes):

Company A – No change in NOS or FMCAF/FIF

Company B – Deleted from Index as of the close of July 26, 2016 (effective on July 27, 2016)

**Treatment:** Cash consideration will be reinvested across the Index as of the close of July 26, 2016 with no constituent weighting change for Company A.

### Example 2

**CONSIDERATION:** 100% SHARES  
**EVENT CONSTITUENT:** Company A: INDEX CONSTITUENT  
Company B: INDEX CONSTITUENT

Company A acquires Company B by issuing 1 share of Company A for every 2 shares of Company B. Company B will be deleted from the Index as of the close of June 15, 2016.

Event Effective Date: June 16, 2016  
 NOS Inflow Ratio = Percentage Acquired\*(Acquirer NOS issued/Target NOS needed)  
 = 100 %\*( 1/2)  
 = 0.5

#### Pre Event Information

Company A NOS 3,457,618  
 Company A FIF 0.75  
 Company A CF 0.3  
 Company A VWF 1

Company B NOS 5,327,650  
 Company B FIF 0.4  
 Company B CF 0.8  
 Company B VWF 1

#### Post Event Information (Capped Weighted Indexes)

Company A NOS 6,121,443  
 Company A FIF 0.6  
 Company A CF 0.44561  
 Company A VWF 1  
 Company B- deleted from the Index as of the close of June 15, 2016 (effective on June 16, 2016)

#### Post Event Information (Non-Market Capitalization Weighted Indexes)

Company A NOS 6,121,443  
 Company A FIF 0.6  
 Company A CF 0.44561  
 Company A VWF 0.99615  
 Company B- deleted from the Index as of June 15, 2016 (effective on June 16, 2016)

**Treatment (Capped Weighted Indexes):** As Company A (Inflow Security) is an Index constituent, the post event CF in this case will be calculated using the ‘Maintenance Formula’. The value of the VWF will always be 1 for Capped Weighted Indexes.

$$CF_{t,t+i}^{Sec} = \frac{\left[ \text{ClosingNOS}_{t,t+i-1}^{Sec} \times \text{ParentFMCAF}_{t,t+i-1}^{Sec} \times CF_{t,t+i-1}^{Sec} + \sum_{\text{Inflow}_j} \left( \text{NOSInflowRatio}^{\text{Inflow}_j} \times \text{ClosingNOS}_{t,t+i-1}^{\text{Inflow}_j} \times \text{ParentFMCAF}_{t,t+i-1}^{\text{Inflow}_j} \times CF_{t,t+i-1}^{\text{Inflow}_j} \right) \right]}{\left[ \text{ClosingNOS}_{t,t+i-1}^{Sec} \times \text{ParentFMCAF}_{t,t+i-1}^{Sec} + \sum \left( \text{NOSInflowRatio}^{\text{Inflow}_j} \times \text{ClosingNOS}_{t,t+i-1}^{\text{Inflow}_j} \times \text{ParentFMCAF}_{t,t+i-1}^{\text{Inflow}_j} \right) \right]}$$

$$= [(3,457,618 * 0.75 * 0.3) + (0.5 * 5,327,650 * 0.4 * 0.8)] / [(3,457,618 * 0.75) + (0.5 * 5,327,650 * 0.4)]$$

$$= 0.44561$$

**Treatment (Non-Market Capitalization Weighted Indexes):** The post event CF calculation is the same as in the case of Capped Weighted Indexes, but the VWF of the security is recalculated.

Pre Event							
Company	Number of Shares (NOS)	Parent Index FMCAF (FIF)	Constraint Factor (CF)	Variable Weighting Factor (VWF)	Security No. of shares in Index	Price (USD)	Market Cap of security in Index (USD)
A	3,457,618	0.75	0.3	1	777,964	64	49,789,699
B	5,327,650	0.4	0.8	1	1,704,848	32	54,555,136
						Total	104,344,835
Post Event (Capped Weighted)							
A	6,121,443	0.6	0.45	1	1,636,681	64	104,747,593
						Difference	402,758
Post Event (Non- Market Cap Weighted)							
A	6,121,443	0.6	0.45	0.99615	1,630,388	64	104,344,835
						Difference	0

NOTE: The event implementation is neutral for both Capped Weighted and Non-Market Capitalization Weighted indexes. In Capped Weighted Indexes, the difference in post event market capitalization in the Index is attributable to FIF rounding that occurs as per MSCI GIMI methodological guidelines. In Non-Market Capitalization Weighted indexes, this difference is offset through the application of the VWF.

### Example 3

**CONSIDERATION:** 100% SHARES  
**EVENT CONSTITUENT:** Company A: INDEX CONSTITUENT  
Company B: NON-INDEX CONSTITUENT (not in parent)

Company A acquires Company B by issuing 1 share of Company A for every 5 shares of Company B. Company B will be deleted as of the close of April 11, 2017.

Event Effective Date: April 12, 2017  
 NOS Inflow Ratio = Percentage Acquired\*(Acquirer NOS issued/Target NOS needed)  
 = 100 %\*( 1/5)  
 = 0.2

#### Pre Event Information

Company A NOS 10,000,000  
 Company A FIF 0.7  
 Company A CF 0.3  
 Company A VWF 1

Company B NOS 5,000,000  
 Company B FIF 0.8  
 Company B CF 0  
 Company B VWF 0

#### Post Event Information (Capped Weighted Indexes)

Company A NOS 11,000,000  
 Company A FIF 0.75  
 Company A CF 0.3  
 Company A VWF 1  
 Company B- deleted as of the close of April 11, 2017 (effective on April 12, 2017)

#### Post Event Information (Non-Market Capitalization Weighted Indexes)

Company A NOS 11,000,000  
 Company A FIF 0.75  
 Company A CF 0.3  
 Company A VWF 0.84848  
 Company B- deleted as of the close of April 11, 2017 (effective on April 12, 2017)

**Treatment (Capped Weighted Indexes):** As Company B is not an index constituent and also not a constituent of the Parent Index, the post event CF stays unchanged. The VWF is always 1 for Capped Weighted Indexes.

**Treatment (Non-Market Capitalization Weighted Indexes):** The post event CF calculation is the same as in the case of Capped Weighted Indexes, but the VWF of the security is recalculated.



Pre Event							
Company	Number of Shares (NOS)	Parent Index FMCAF (FIF)	Constraint Factor (CF)	Variable Weighting Factor (VWF)	Security No. of shares in Index	Price (USD)	Market Cap of security in Index (USD)
A	10,000,000	0.7	0.3	1	2,100,000	30	63,000,000
B	5,000,000	0.8	0	0	0	6	0
						Total	63,000,000
Post Event (Capped Weighted)							
A	11,000,000	0.75	0.3	1	2,475,000	30	74,250,000
						Difference	11,250,000
Post Event (Non- Market Cap Weighted)							
A	11,000,000	0.75	0.3	0.85	2,100,000	30	63,000,000
						Difference	0

NOTE: For Capped Weighted indexes, the CF of the acquirer stays unchanged resulting in the increase in post event market capitalization of the security in the respective index.  
In Non-Market Capitalization Weighted indexes, this difference is offset through the application of the VWF.

#### Example 4

**CONSIDERATION:** 100% SHARES  
**EVENT CONSTITUENT:** Company A: NON-INDEX CONSTITUENT (not in parent)  
Company B: INDEX CONSTITUENT

Company A acquires Company B by issuing 1 share of Company A for every 3 shares of Company B. Company B will be deleted as of the close of April 11, 2017.

Event Effective Date: April 12, 2017  
NOS Inflow Ratio = Percentage Acquired\*(Acquirer NOS issued/Target NOS needed)  
= 100 %\*( 1/3)  
= 0.3333

#### Pre Event Information

Company A NOS 12,000,000  
Company A FIF 0.7  
Company A CF 0  
Company A VWF 0  
Company B NOS 9,000,000

Company B FIF	0.8
Company B CF	0.4
Company B VWF	1

#### Post Event Information (Capped Weighted Indexes)

Company B- deleted as of the close of April 11, 2017 (effective on April 12, 2017)

#### Post Event Information (Non-Market Capitalization Weighted Indexes)

##### **Company A – will not be added to the index**

Company B- deleted as of the close of April 11, 2017 (effective on April 12, 2017)

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#### Example 5

##### **CONSIDERATION: CASH/SHARES**

**EVENT CONSTITUENTS:** Company A: INDEX CONSTITUENT

Company B: INDEX CONSTITUENT

Company A acquires Company B by issuing 1 share of Company A and USD 10 for every 4 shares of Company B. Company B will be deleted from the Index as of the close of August 11, 2016.

Event Effective Date:	August 12, 2016
NOS Inflow Ratio	= Percentage acquired*(Acquirer NOS issued/Target NOS needed) =
100 %*( 1/4)	
	= 0.25

#### Pre Event Information:

Company A NOS	1,530,548
Company A FIF	0.8
Company A CF	0.25
Company A VWF	1

Company B NOS	1,458,620
Company B FIF	0.25
Company B CF	0.5
Company B VWF	1

#### Post Event Information (Capped Weighted Indexes):

Company A NOS	1,895,203
Company A FIF	0.70
Company A CF	0.267324
Company A VWF	1

Company B – Deleted from Index as of the close of August 11, 2016 (effective on August 12, 2016)

**Post Event Information (Non-Market Capitalization Weighted Indexes):**

Company A NOS	1,895,203
Company A FIF	0.70
Company A CF	0.267324
Company A VWF	0.99168

Company B – Deleted from Index as of the close of August 11, 2016 (effective on August 12, 2016)

**Treatment (Capped-Weighted Indexes):** As Company A (Inflow Security) is an Index constituent, the post event CF in this case will be calculated using the ‘Maintenance Formula’. The VWF is always 1 for Capped Weighted Indexes.

**Treatment (Non-Market Capitalization Weighted Indexes):**

The post event CF calculation is the same as in the case of Capped Weighted Indexes, but the VWF of the security is recalculated.

NOTE: Cash consideration will be reinvested across the Index as of the close of August 11, 2016.

Pre Event							
Company	Number of Shares (NOS)	Parent Index FMCAF (FIF)	Constraint Factor (CF)	Variable Weighting Factor (VWF)	Security No. of shares in Index	Price (USD)	Market Cap of security in Index (USD)
A	1,530,548	0.8	0.25	1	306,110	50	15,305,480
B	1,458,620	0.25	0.5	1	182,328	15	2,734,913
						Total	18,040,393
Post Event (Capped Weighted)							
A	1,895,203	0.7	0.27	1	354,643	50	17,732,136
						Difference	(308,257)
Post Event (Non- Market Cap Weighted)							
A	1,895,203	0.7	0.27	0.99168	351,691	50	17,584,574
						Difference	(455,819)

NOTE: The event implementation is neutral for both Capped Weighted and Non-Market Capitalization Weighted indexes and the difference in post event market capitalization is attributable to the proportionate cash consideration involved in the transaction. This cash

consideration will be reinvested across the Index. For Capped Weighted indexes, there would also likely be some difference in post event market capitalization attributable to an update in number of shares and FIF rounding.

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### Example 6

**CONSIDERATION:** CASH/SHARES  
**EVENT CONSTITUENTS:** Company A: INDEX CONSTITUENT  
Company B: NON-INDEX CONSTITUENT (but is in Parent Index)

Company A acquires Company B by issuing 2 shares of Company A and USD 20 for every 1 share of Company B.

Event Effective Date: May 11, 2016.  
NOS Inflow Ratio = Percentage acquired\*(acquirer NOS issued/Target NOS needed)  
= 100 %\*( 2/1)  
= 2

### Pre Event Information:

Company A NOS	3,520,198
Company A FIF	0.5
Company A CF	0.6
Company A VWF	1

Company B NOS	621,852
Company B FIF	0.2
<b>Company B CF</b>	<b>0</b>
Company B VWF	1

### Post Event Information (Capped-Weighted Indexes):

Company A NOS	4,763,902
Company A FIF	0.45
Company A CF	0.52570
Company A VWF	1

Company B Deleted (from Parent Index)

### Post Event Information (Non- Market Capitalization Weighted Indexes):

Company A NOS	4,763,902
Company A FIF	0.45
Company A CF	0.52570
Company A VWF	0.9371

**Treatment (Capped Weighted Indexes):** As Company A (Inflow Security) is an Index constituent, the post event CF in this case is calculated using the 'Maintenance Formula'. In addition, as Company B (Counterpart Security) is not an Index Constituent, but is part of the Parent Index, the CF of the Company B is considered to be 0.

If Company B was not part of the Parent Index, then the FMCAF (FIF) of Company B, would be considered to be 0 within the calculation as noted.

**Treatment (Non-Market Capitalization Weighted Indexes):**

The post event CF calculation is the same as in the case of Capped Weighted Indexes, but the VWF of the security is recalculated.

Pre Event							
Company	Number of Shares (NOS)	Parent Index FMCAF (FIF)	Constraint Factor (CF)	Variable Weighting Factor (VWF)	Security No. of shares in Index	Price (USD)	Market Cap of security in Index (USD)
A	3,520,198	0.5	0.6	1	1,056,059	12	12,672,713
B	621,852	0.2	0	1	0	44	0
						Total	12,672,713
Post Event (Capped Weighted)							
A	4,763,902	0.45	0.53	1	1,126,986	12	13,523,827
						Total	13,523,827
						Difference	851,115
Post Event (Non-Market Cap Weighted)							
A	4,763,902	0.45	0.53	0.937066	1,056,059	12	12,672,713
						Total	12,672,713
						Difference	0

NOTE: The event implementation is neutral for both Capped Weighted and Non-Market Capitalization Weighted indexes. In Capped Weighted Indexes, the difference in post event market capitalization in the Index is attributable to FIF rounding as per GIMI methodological guidelines. In Non-Market Capitalization Weighted Indexes, this difference is offset through the application of the VWF.

### Example 7

**CONSIDERATION:** 100% SHARES (PARTIAL ACQUISITION)  
**EVENT CONSTITUENT:** Company A: INDEX CONSTITUENT  
Company B: INDEX CONSTITUENT

Company A acquires 40% of Company B by issuing 1 share of Company A for every 3 shares of Company B.

Company B will be maintained with a reduced FIF as of the close of February 22, 2017

Event Effective Date: February 23, 2017  
NOS Inflow Ratio = Percentage Acquired\*(Acquirer NOS issued/Target NOS needed)  
= 40 %\*( 1/3)  
= 0.13

#### Pre Event Information

Company A NOS	2,000,000
Company A FIF	0.5
Company A CF	0.7
Company A VWF	1

Company B NOS	1,500,000
Company B FIF	0.8
Company B CF	1.2
Company B VWF	1

#### Post Event Information (Capped Weighted Indexes)

Company A NOS	2,200,000
Company A FIF	0.55
Company A CF	0.77
Company A VWF	1

Company B NOS	1,500,000
Company B FIF	0.4
Company B CF	1.2
Company B VWF	1

#### Post Event Information (Non-Market Capitalization Weighted Indexes)

Company A NOS	2,200,000
Company A FIF	0.55
Company A CF	0.77
Company A VWF	0.96
Company B NOS	1,500,000

Company B FIF	0.4
Company B CF	1.2
Company B VWF	1.2

**Treatment (Capped Weighted Indexes):** As Company A (Inflow Security) is an Index constituent, the post event CF in this case will be calculated using the 'Maintenance Formula'. VWF is always 1 for Capped Weighted Indexes.

$$(2,000,000 * 0.5 * 0.7 * 1 + 0.13 * 1,500,000 * 0.8 * 1.2 * 1) / ((2,000,000 * 0.5 + 0.13 * 1,500,000 * 0.8) * 1) = 0.77$$

CF of Company B is not recalculated.

**Treatment (Non-Market Capitalization Weighted Indexes):**

The post event CF calculation is the same as in the case of Capped Weighted Indexes, but the VWF of the Inflow Security and Counterpart Security are both recalculated.

Pre Event							
Company	Number of Shares (NOS)	Parent Index FMCAF (FIF)	Constraint Factor (CF)	Variable Weighting Factor (VWF)	Security No. of shares in Index	Price (USD)	Market Cap of security in Index (USD)
A	2,000,000	0.5	0.7	1	700,000	60	42,000,000
B	1,500,000	0.8	1.2	1	1,440,000	20	28,800,000
						Total	70,800,000
Post Event (Capped Weighted)							
A	2,200,000	0.55	0.77	1	930,448	60	55,826,897
B	1,500,000	0.4	1.2	1	720,000	20	14,400,000
						Total	70,226,897
						Difference	(573,103)
Post Event (Non- Market Cap Weighted)							
A	2,200,000	0.55	0.77	0.96	892,000	60	53,520,000
B	1,500,000	0.4	1.2	1.2	864,000	20	17,280,000
						Total	70,800,000
						Difference	0

NOTE: The event implementation is neutral for both Capped Weighted and Non-Market Capitalization Weighted indexes. In Capped Weighted Indexes, the difference in post event market capitalization in the Index is attributable to FIF rounding as per GIMI methodological

guidelines. In Non-Market Capitalization Weighted indexes, this difference is offset through the application of the VWF.

### Example 8

**CONSIDERATION:** 100% SHARES (PARTIAL ACQUISITION)  
**EVENT CONSTITUENT:** Company A: NON-INDEX CONSTITUENT (but is in parent Index)  
 Company B: INDEX CONSTITUENT

Company A acquires 20% of Company B by issuing 1 share of Company A for every 2 shares of Company B. Company B will be maintained with a reduced FIF as of the close of February 14, 2018.

Event Effective Date: February 15, 2018  
 NOS Inflow Ratio = Percentage Acquired\*(Acquirer NOS issued/Target NOS needed)  
 = 20 %\*( 1/2)  
 = 0.1

#### Pre Event Information

Company A NOS	200,000
Company A FIF	0.3
Company A CF	0
Company A VWF	1

Company B NOS	500,000
Company B FIF	0.9
Company B CF	1.2
Company B VWF	1

#### Post Event Information (Capped Weighted Indexes)

Company A – added to the Index

Company A NOS	250,000
Company A FIF	0.45
Company A CF	0.51
Company A VWF	1

Company B NOS	500,000
Company B FIF	0.7
Company B CF	1.2
Company B VWF	1



### Post Event Information (Non-Market Capitalization Weighted Indexes)

Company A –not added to the Index

Company B NOS	500,000
Company B FIF	0.7
Company B CF	1.2
Company B VWF	1.03

**Treatment (Capped Weighted Indexes):** The post event CF stays unchanged for Company B (Counterpart Security). VWF is always 1 for Capped Weighted Indexes. Company A (Inflow Security) is added to the Index, its CF is calculated using the addition formula.

**Treatment (Non-Market Capitalization Weighted Indexes):** The post event CF stays unchanged for Company B but VWF is recalculated. Company A is not added to the Index.

Pre Event							
Company	Number of Shares (NOS)	Parent Index FMCAF (FIF)	Constraint Factor (CF)	Variable Weighting Factor (VWF)	Security No. of shares in Index	Price (USD)	Market Cap of security in Index (USD)
A	200,000	0.3	0	1	0	20	0
B	500,000	0.9	1.2	1	540,000	10	5,400,000
						Total	5,400,000
Post Event (Capped Weighted)							
A	250,000	0.45	0.51	1	57,857	20	1,157,143
B	500,000	0.7	1.2	1	420,000	10	4,200,000
						Total	5,357,143
						Difference	(42,857)
Post Event (Non-Market Cap Weighted)							
B	500,000	0.7	1.2	1.03	432,000	10	4,320,000
						Total	4,320,000
						Difference	(1,080,000)

NOTE: For Capped Weighted and Non-Market Capitalization Weighted Indexes, the Security No. of shares in Index of Company B is reduced regardless of whether Company A is added to the Index or not.

## EXAMPLES OF MERGER TREATMENT

### Example 9

**CONSIDERATION:** 100% SHARES  
**EVENT CONSTITUENT:** Company A: INDEX CONSTITUENT  
Company B: INDEX CONSTITUENT

Company A merges with Company B to form Company C. Shareholders will receive one share of company C for every 2 shares in Company A, and every 5 shares in company B. As explained in Section 2.9 of the methodology, MSCI will link price history of Company C with Company A. MSCI will delete Company B from the index as of the close of July 27, 2017.

Event Effective Date: July 28, 2017  
NOS Inflow Ratio = (MERGING COMPANY 1\_SHARES\_OFFERED /MERGED COMPANY 1  
SHARES\_RECIEVED) \* (MERGED COMPANY 2 SHARES\_RECIEVED /  
MERGING COMPANY 2\_SHARES OFFERED)  
= (2/1\*1/5)  
= 0.4

#### Pre Event Information

Company A NOS	2,000,000
Company A FIF	0.70
Company A CF	0.30
Company A VWF	1

Company B NOS	4,000,000
Company B FIF	0.80
Company B CF	0.40
Company B VWF	1

#### Post Event Information (Capped Weighted Indexes)

Company C (renamed from A) NOS	1,800,000
Company C FIF	0.75
Company C CF	0.34776
Company C VWF	1

Company B	Deleted from the Index as of the close of July 27, 2017 (effective on July 28, 2017)
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#### Post Event Information (Non-Market Capitalization Weighted Indexes)

Company C (renamed from A) NOS	1,800,000
Company C FIF	0.75
Company C CF	0.34776
Company C VWF	0.99259

Company B Deleted from the Index as of the close of July 27, 2017 (effective on July 28, 2017)

**Treatment (Capped Weighted Indexes):** As Company C is linked to Company A (Inflow Security), which is an Index constituent, the post event CF in this case will be calculated using the 'Maintenance Formula'. The value of the VWF will always be 1 for Capped Weighted Indexes.

**Treatment (Non-Market Capitalization Weighted Indexes):** The post event CF calculation is same as in case of Capped Weighted Indexes, but the VWF of the security is recalculated

Pre Event							
Company	Number of Shares (NOS)	Parent Index FMCAF (FIF)	Constraint Factor (CF)	Variable Weighting Factor (VWF)	Security No. of shares in Index	Price (USD)	Market Cap of security in Index (USD)
A	2,000,000	0.7	0.3	1	420,000	30	12,600,000
B	4,000,000	0.8	0.4	1	1,280,000	12	15,360,000
						Total	27,960,000
Post Event (Capped Weighted)							
C	1,800,000	0.75	0.35	1	469,478	60	28,168,657
						Difference	208,657
Post Event (Non-Market Cap Weighted)							
C	1,800,000	1	0.35	0.9926	466,000	60	27,960,000
						Difference	0

NOTE: The event implementation is neutral for both Capped Weighted and Non-Market Capitalization Weighted indexes. In Capped Weighted Indexes, the difference in post event market capitalization in the Index is attributable to FIF rounding as per GIMI methodological guidelines. In Non-Market Capitalization Weighted indexes, this difference is offset through the application of the VWF.

### Example 10

**CONSIDERATION:** 100% SHARES  
**EVENT CONSTITUENT:** Company A: INDEX CONSTITUENT  
Company B: NON-INDEX CONSTITUENT (not in parent)

Company A merges with Company B to form Company C. Shareholders will receive one share of company C for every 5 shares in Company A, and every 10 shares in company B. As explained in Section 2.9 of the methodology, MSCI will link price history of Company C with A.

Event Effective Date: July 28, 2017  
NOS Inflow Ratio =  

$$\frac{(\text{MERGING COMPANY 1\_SHARES\_OFFERED} / \text{MERGED COMPANY 1 SHARES\_RECIEVED}) * (\text{MERGED COMPANY 2 SHARES\_RECIEVED} / \text{MERGING COMPANY 2\_SHARES OFFERED})}{= (5/1 * 1/10)}$$
  
= 0.5

#### Pre Event Information

Company A NOS	1,500,000
Company A FIF	0.7
Company A CF	0.6
Company A VWF	1

Company B NOS	800,000
Company B FIF	0.8
Company B CF	0
Company B VWF	0

#### Post Event Information (Capped Weighted Indexes)

Company C (renamed from A) NOS	380,000
Company C FIF	0.7
Company C CF	0.6
Company C VWF	1

#### Post Event Information (Non-Market Capitalization Weighted Indexes)

Company C (renamed from A) NOS	380,000
Company C FIF	0.7
Company C CF	0.6
Company C VWF	0.73308

**Treatment (Capped Weighted Indexes):** As Company B is not an index constituent and also not a constituent of parent index, the post event CF stays unchanged. VWF is always 1 for Capped Weighted Indexes.

**Treatment (Non-Market Capitalization Weighted Indexes):** CF calculation is same as in case of Capped Weighted Indexes. VWF of the security is recalculated.

Note - For Non-Market Capitalization Weighted Indexes, in cases where MSCI links price history of Company C with Company B, Company C will not be added to the Non-Market Capitalization Weighted Indexes at the time of the event.

Pre Event							
Company	Number of Shares (NOS)	Parent Index FMCAF (FIF)	Constraint Factor (CF)	Variable Weighting Factor (VWF)	Security No. of shares in Index	Price (USD)	Market Cap of security in Index (USD)
A	1,500,000	0.7	0.6	1	585,000	20	11,700,000
B	800,000	0.8	0.0	0	0	10	0
						Total	11,700,000
Post Event (Capped Weighted)							
C	380,000	0.7	0.60	1	159,600	100	15,960,000
						Difference	4,260,000
Post Event (Non- Market Cap Weighted)							
C	380,000	1	0.60	0.7331	117,000	100	11,700,000
						Difference	0

NOTE: For Capped Weighted indexes, the CF of the acquirer stays unchanged resulting in the increase in post event market capitalization of the security in the respective index. In Non-Market Capitalization Weighted indexes, this difference is offset through the application of the VWF.

## 2.8 SPIN-OFFS

A spin-off is the distribution of shares in a wholly-owned or a partially-owned company to the parent company's existing shareholders. In some countries, spin-offs are called demerger or unbundling. Spin-offs are implemented on a pro-rata basis to all existing shareholders.

## 2.8.1 TREATMENT WHEN SPUN OFF TRADES ON EX-DATE

On the ex-date of a spin-off, a PAF is applied to the price of the security of the parent company. The PAF is calculated based on the terms of the transaction and the market price of the spun-off security. If the spun-off entity qualifies for inclusion, it is included as of the close of its first trading day.

In cases, where the distribution of the spun-off is subject to a withholding tax, MSCI reinvests a negative cash amount in the MSCI Net DTR Indexes on the ex-date.

In order to decide whether the spun-off entity qualifies for inclusion, the full company market capitalization of the spun-off entity is estimated by MSCI prior to the spin-off being effective. These estimates are based on public information provided by the parent company, including among others the spin-off prospectus, and estimates from brokers.

In cases of spin-offs of partially-owned companies, the post-event free float of the spun-off entity is calculated using a weighted average of the existing shares and the spun-off shares, each at their corresponding free float. Any resulting changes to FIFs and/or DIFs are implemented as of the close of the ex-date.

If the spun-off security is trading on a conditional basis or with an “as-if-and-when-issued” price instead of regular way on the ex-date, MSCI uses this “when-issued” price in its implementation of the spin off on the ex-date, for example in its PAF and its estimation of the market capitalization of the spun-off. In addition, MSCI may add the spun-off security in the MSCI Indexes, provided it qualifies for inclusion, using the “when-issued” prices and then the regular price.

When the distribution date or pay date of the spin-off is at least four business days after the ex-date, shareholders do not receive the shares of the spun off entity on the ex-date, even if the spun off is trading on that day. In this situation, MSCI may decide to add a “detached” security in the MSCI Indexes until the distribution date. As of the close of the pay date, MSCI deletes the “detached” security and simultaneously implements changes in FIF and/or DIF of the distributed security in the MSCI Indexes. Note that the “detached” security is added, maintained and deleted using the closing market prices of the underlying security.

For further details on PAFs for spin-offs, see Appendix I, entitled “PAF Formulas and Definitions”.

### 2.8.1.1 US AND CANADA SPECIFIC TREATMENT

In US and Canada, when an “as-if-and-when-issued” price is available for a spun-off security prior to its admission to regular trading, MSCI waits for the first “when-issued” trading price to determine the size segment of the spun-off security and to announce the implementation in the MSCI Indexes in “Expected” status.

## 2.8.2 SPUN-OFF NOT TRADING ON THE EX-DATE

When the spun-off security does not trade on the ex-date, a PAF is applied to the price of the parent entity and a detached security is created to avoid a drop in the free float-adjusted market capitalization of the parent entity, regardless of whether the spun-off security is added or not. The detached security is included in the MSCI Indexes as of the close of the ex-date and is maintained until the spun-off security starts trading. The value of the detached security is equal to the difference between the cum price and the ex-price of the parent security. The price of the detached security remains unchanged until the spun-off security starts trading. MSCI will delete the detached as of the close of its first trading day, using the closing market price of the spun-off security on that day. In case where the terms of the distribution are different from one for one, MSCI will apply a PAF on the detached security on the first trading date of the spun-off security.

The treatment of the spun off entity remains the same as under the section 2.8.1.

In certain cases where the spun off security is not trading on the ex-date and its market capitalization is estimated to be very small or there is a risk that the market price of the parent entity could potentially increase on the ex-date, the impact of the event on the parent security's market capitalization may be considered as negligible. In those situations, as the detached security cannot have a negative value and to avoid neutralizing the performance of the parent entity on the ex-date of the event, MSCI may decide not to add the detached security. Instead, MSCI would apply a PAF of 1 to the market price of the parent entity on the ex-date of the event. In addition, the spun-off security, once it starts trading on the market, would not be included in the MSCI Indexes at the time of the event.

For further details on PAFs for spin-offs, see Appendix I, entitled "PAF Formulas and Definitions".

## 2.8.3 REVERSE SPINOFFS

MSCI determines if the spun-off is the continuation of the former parent entity and links the price and volume history of the parent entity to the spun-off entity based on the following factors of continuation: relative market capitalization size, industry classification, domicile and previous size segment.

When MSCI considers the spun-off entity as the continuation of the parent company, it is the spun-off entity which distributes the parent and therefore a PAF is applied to the market price of the spun-off security on the ex-date of the spin-off. The PAF is calculated based on the terms of the transaction and the market price of the parent company (considered to be the distributed asset).

When this occurs, MSCI will normally assign the market identifiers of the spun-off entity to the former parent entity on the ex-date of the event.

In cases where the spun-off entity does not trade on the ex-date, MSCI will assign a fixed price to the spun-off entity by taking the difference between the closing price on the cum-date and ex-date of the parent security. This price will remain unchanged until the spun-off entity starts trading.

For further details on PAFs related to historical links, see Appendix I, entitled “PAF Formulas and Definitions”.

#### 2.8.4 SPIN-OFF TREATMENT IN CAPPED WEIGHTED AND NON-MARKET CAPITALIZATION WEIGHTED INDEXES

In general, the Constraint Factor (CF) of a spun-off security (‘New-Co’) within Capped Weighted and Non-Market Capitalization Weighted indexes will be the same as the CF of the primary (parent) security. The exception would be if the NOS inflow of the parent security is different than the NOS of the New-Co which is added to the index. This would only be the case if the event was not implemented as market neutral within the Parent Index. In such a case, the index event implementation would use the same CF of the New-Co that was based on the CF of the parent security (applied for the portion of shares of New-Co corresponding to the parent security inflow). A CF of 0 would be used for the remaining security market capitalization. This would result in an event implementation within the Capped Weighted or Non-Market Capitalization Weighted index that would be viewed as market neutral.

In order to minimize index turnover, all New-Cos resulting from spin offs in Non-Market Capitalization Weighted indexes will be added at the time of the event implementation (assuming they are added to the Parent Index). The New-Cos will be subject to reevaluation of index inclusion at the next scheduled Index Review that follows the Spin-Off.

For Capped Weighted Indexes, please refer to the respective index methodology to assess relevant spin-off related treatment in terms of New-Co inclusion.

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##### **Example 1**

##### **INDEX CONSTITUENT SPINS OFF A NEW SECURITY WHICH IS ADDED TO THE INDEX**

Company A spins off Company B (‘New-Co’). Shareholders of Company A will receive 2 shares of ‘New-Co’ for each share held in Company A. The Ex-Date of the Event is July 11, 2016. The New-Co will trade on the Ex-Date.

A PAF will be applied to Company A on July 11, 2016. Company A is maintained in Parent Index and the New-Co will be added to the Parent Index as of the close of July 11, 2016 (effective on July 12, 2016).



Event Effective Date (PAF): July 11, 2016  
 Event Effective Date ('New-Co' Addition): July 12, 2016  
 NOS Inflow Ratio: = (NOS Distributed/NOS Needed)  
 = (2/1)  
 = 2

Pre Event Information:

Company A NOS 12,000,000  
 Company A FIF 0.30  
 Company A CF 0.65  
 Company A VWF: 1  
 Company B does not exist

Post Event Information:

Company A NOS 12,000,000  
 Company A FIF 0.30  
 Company A CF 0.65  
 Company A VWF: 1

Company B NOS 24,000,000  
 Company B FIF 0.30  
 Company B CF 0.65  
 Company A VWF: 1

**Treatment:** As the Counterpart Security ('New -Co') will be added as an Index constituent, the post event CF of Company B is calculated using the modification to the 'Addition Formula' below which results in a New-Co CF that is equal to the parent security CF.

Pre- Event							
Company	Number of Shares (NOS)	Parent Index FMCAF (FIF)	Constraint Factor (CF)	Variable Weighting Factor (VWF)	Security No. of shares in Index	Price (USD)	Market Cap of security in Index (USD)
A	12,000,000	0.30	0.65	1	2,340,000	30	70,200,000
						Total	70,200,000
Post-Event (Capped Weighted and Non-Market Cap Weighted)							
A	12,000,000	0.30	0.65	1	2,340,000	14	32,760,000
B	24,000,000	0.30	0.65	1	4,680,000	8	37,440,000
						Total	70,200,000
						Difference (Post Event - Pre Event)	0

NOTE: Event Implementation is neutral for both Capped Weighted and Non-Market Capitalization Weighted Indexes.

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## Example 2

### INDEX CONSTITUENT SPINS OFF ANOTHER INDEX CONSTITUENT

Company A spins off an existing index constituent; Company B. Shareholders of Company A will receive 1 share of Company B for 10 shares held in Company A. The Ex-Date of the Spin Off is June 15, 2016.

A PAF will be applied to Company A on June 15, 2016. A is maintained in the Index and the FIF of B will be increased as of the close of June 15, 2016 (effective on June 16, 2016).

Event Effective Date (PAF):	June 15, 2016.
Event Effective Date	(Increase in FIF of Company B): June 16, 2016
NOS Inflow Ratio	= (NOS Distributed/NOS Needed)
	= (1/10)
	= 0.10

#### Pre Event Information:

Company A NOS:	15,000,000
Company A FIF:	0.30
Company A CF:	0.40
Company A VWF:	1

Company B NOS:	8,000,000
Company B FIF:	0.40
Company B CF:	0.60
Company B VWF:	1

#### Post Event Information (Capped-Weighted):

Company A NOS:	15,000,000
Company A FIF:	0.30
Company A CF:	0.40
Company A VWF:	1

Company B NOS:	8,000,000
Company B FIF:	0.50
Company B CF:	0.57534
Company B VWF:	1

### Post Event Information (Non-Market Capitalization Weighted Indexes):

Company A NOS: 15,000,000  
Company A FIF: 0.30  
Company A CF: 0.40  
Company A VWF: 1

Company B NOS: 8,000,000  
Company B FIF: 0.50  
Company B CF: 0.57534  
Company B VWF: 0.9125

As the Inflow Security is already an Index constituent, the post Event CF of Company B is calculated using the 'Maintenance Formula' below:

$$CF_{t,t+i}^{Sec} = \frac{\left[ \text{ClosingNOS}_{t+i-1}^{Sec} \times \text{ParentFMCAF}_{t,t+i-1}^{Sec} \times CF_{t,t+i-1}^{Sec} + \sum_{\text{Inflow}_j} \left( \text{NOSInflowRatio}^{\text{Inflow}_j} \times \text{ClosingNOS}_{t+i-1}^{\text{Inflow}_j} \times \text{ParentFMCAF}_{t,t+i-1}^{\text{Inflow}_j} \times CF_{t,t+i-1}^{\text{Inflow}_j} \right) \right]}{\left[ \text{ClosingNOS}_{t+i-1}^{Sec} \times \text{ParentFMCAF}_{t,t+i-1}^{Sec} + \sum \left( \text{NOSInflowRatio}^{\text{Inflow}_j} \times \text{ClosingNOS}_{t+i-1}^{\text{Inflow}_j} \times \text{ParentFMCAF}_{t,t+i-1}^{\text{Inflow}_j} \right) \right]}$$

Pre Event							
Company	Number of Shares (NOS)	Parent Index FMCAF (FIF)	Constraint Factor (CF)	Variable Weighting Factor (VWF)	Security No. of shares in Index	Price (USD)	Market Cap of security in Index (USD)
A	15,000,000	0.3	0.4	1	1,800,000	76	136,800,000
B	8,000,000	0.4	0.6	1	1,920,000	60	115,200,000
						Total	252,000,000
Post Event (Capped Weighted)							
A	15,000,000	0.3	0.40	1	1,800,000	70	126,000,000
B	8,000,000	0.5	0.575342	1	2,301,370	60	138,082,192
						Total	264,082,192
						Difference	12,082,191
Post Event (Non-Market Cap Weighted)							
A	15,000,000	0.3	0.4	1	1,800,000	70	126,000,000
B	8,000,000	0.5	0.575342	0.9125	2,100,000	60	126,000,000
						Total	252,000,000
						Difference	0

NOTE: The event implementation is neutral for both Capped-Weighted and Non-Market Capitalization Weighted indexes. In Capped Weighted indexes, the difference in post event

market capitalization in the Index is attributable to FIF rounding as per GIMI methodological guidelines. In Non-Market Capitalization Weighted indexes, this difference is offset through the application of the VWF.

### Example 3

#### REVERSE SPIN OFF - INDEX CONSTITUENT SPINS OFF A NEW SECURITY WHICH IS ADDED TO THE INDEX

Company A spins off Company B ('New-Co'). Shareholders of Company A will receive 1 share of 'New-Co' for each share held in Company A.

It is determined that Company B should be a continuation of the former parent entity (Company A) and the event is treated as a "Reverse Spin off" as described in section 2.8.3 of the methodology book.

The Ex-Date of the Event is July 27, 2017. The New-Co will trade on the Ex-Date.

Company A will be maintained in parent Index with a change of Name and identifiers to that of Company B. and PAF will be applied to Company B on July 27, 2017.

The former parent entity Company A which is now treated as the spun off entity is added to the parent index as of the close of July 27, 2017 (effective on July 28, 2017).

Event Effective Date (PAF):	July 27, 2017
Event Effective Date ('New-Co' Addition):	July 28, 2017
NOS Inflow Ratio:	= (NOS Distributed/NOS Needed)
	= (1/1)
	= 1

#### Pre Event Information:

Company A NOS	1,000,000
Company A FIF	0.40
Company A CF	0.60
Company A VWF:	1

Company B	Does not exist
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#### Post Event Information: (Note that Name of Company A is changed to Company B)

Company B NOS	1,000,000
Company B FIF	0.40
Company B CF	0.60
Company B VWF:	1

Company A NOS	1,000,000
Company A FIF	0.40
Company A CF	0.60
Company A VWF:	1

**Treatment:** As the spun off entity is added to the index, the post event CF of Company B is calculated using the 'Addition Formula'

Pre- Event							
Company	Number of Shares (NOS)	Parent Index FMCAF (FIF)	Constraint Factor (CF)	Variable Weighting Factor (VWF)	Security No. of shares in Index	Price (USD)	Market Cap of security in Index (USD)
A	1,000,000	0.40	0.6	1	240,000	50	12,000,000
						Total	12,000,000
Post-Event (capped weighted and non-market cap weighted)							
B	1,000,000	0.40	0.6	1	240,000	35	8,400,000
A	1,000,000	0.40	0.6	1	240,000	15	3,600,000
						Total	12,000,000
						Difference (Post Event -Pre Event)	0

NOTE: Event Implementation is neutral for both Capped Weighted and Non-Market Capitalization Weighted Indexes.

## 2.9 HISTORICAL LINKS AND PAFS

### 2.9.1 MERGERS

In cases of mergers, MSCI links the price and volume history of one of the merging entities with the price of the newly merged entity.

The factors of continuation prevail with the merging entity, which will provide the price and volume history to the resulting entity. These factors of continuation include: relative market capitalization size, industry classification, domicile, merging entity determined as the legal acquirer and previous size segment.

A PAF is applied on the first trading day of the merged entity to ensure that the price of the merged entity is comparable to the price of the merging entity. For mergers that encompass suspension periods, the PAF is applied on the first suspension day of the merged entity.

A PAF is required only when the terms of exchange are different from one for one. The PAF is based on the specific terms of the merger. In cases of mergers where the terms of exchange are one for one with one of the merging entities, MSCI may implement the event as an acquisition via mutual agreement for shares.

For further details on PAFs related to historical links, see Appendix I, entitled “PAF Formulas and Definitions”.

### 3 CORPORATE ACTIONS

Corporate actions such as splits, stock dividends and rights issues, which affect the price of a security, require a price adjustment. PAFs are applied on the ex-date of the event to allow (as per the Laspeyres' concept) security prices to be comparable between the ex-date and the cum date. To do so, MSCI adjusts for the value of the right and/or the value of the special assets that are distributed and the changes in number of shares and FIF, if any, are reflected as of the close of the ex-date. Corporate actions that require a PAF are described below.

In general, corporate actions do not impact the free float of the securities because the distribution of new shares is carried out on a pro rata basis to all existing shareholders. Therefore, MSCI does not implement any pending number of shares and/or free float updates simultaneously with the event.

If a security does not trade for any reason on the ex-date of the corporate action, the event will be implemented on the day the security resumes trading.

For further details on PAF formulas for corporate actions, see Appendix I, entitled "PAF Formulas and Definitions".

#### 3.1 SPLITS / REVERSE SPLITS /CONSOLIDATIONS

These events are characterized by a pro rata distribution of shares to shareholders, or a pro rata consolidation of shares held by existing shareholders. Market prices and number of shares of securities are adjusted accordingly. As no funds flow into or out of the company and its securities, the free float-adjusted market capitalization value remains unchanged.

#### 3.2 STOCK DIVIDENDS / BONUS ISSUES

##### 3.2.1 DISTRIBUTION OF NEW UNDERLYING SHARES

This event is characterized by a free distribution of new shares to existing shareholders on a pro rata basis. Market prices and number of shares of securities are adjusted accordingly. As no funds flow into or out of the company and its securities, the free float-adjusted market capitalization value remains unchanged.

In rare occasions, the shares distributed by the company are existing treasury shares. In such cases, the number of shares generally remains unchanged. However, depending on the size of the distribution, the free float of the company is reviewed and the FIF may be changed following the event. Pending NOS and/or float changes, if any, are not implemented simultaneously with the event.

In Taiwan, stock dividends can be distributed from capital surplus or retained earnings. The portion of stock dividends distributed from retained earnings is subject to the default withholding tax rate against the par value of each new share. The portion of stock dividends paid out of capital surplus is not subject to a withholding tax. In the event that stock dividends are distributed from retained earnings, to take into account this withholding tax in the MSCI Indexes, MSCI reinvests a negative amount corresponding to the withholding tax in the MSCI Net Daily Total Return (DTR) Indexes only. This negative reinvestment is reflected simultaneously with the PAF on the ex-date of the stock dividend. For more information about the treatment of withholding tax on Taiwanese stock dividends, please refer to the MSCI Index Calculation Methodology, Section 2: MSCI Daily Total Return (DTR) Index Methodology.

MSCI reserves the right to extend the treatment applicable for Taiwan stock dividends to other stock dividends with similar features in other countries.

In many cases, shares issued following stock dividends / bonus issues are entitled to forthcoming cash dividends paid by the company, however, in rare cases, the shares issued are not entitled to the forthcoming cash dividend. In cases where the shares issued are not entitled to the forthcoming dividend, if the cash dividend amount is known before the ex-date of the stock dividend and if the impact of the cash dividend is deemed significant, the market price of the security is adjusted with a PAF that takes into account the forthcoming cash dividend.

MSCI uses the gross amount of the cash dividend per share, as announced by the company, in the PAF calculation.

If the cash dividend amount is unknown at the time of the stock dividend's ex-date, then the market price of the security is adjusted with a PAF that does not take into account the forthcoming cash dividend (which is a PAF similar to the one applied in case of regular stock dividends).

### 3.2.2 DISTRIBUTION OF OTHER TYPES OF ASSETS

In the case of a distribution of other types of assets (e.g. bonds, warrants, preferred shares, shares in another company), the price of the underlying share is adjusted only when the value of the other asset is available on the ex-date. The number of underlying shares generally remains unchanged.

When the other asset distributed is unlisted or no market price of the other asset is available on the ex-date, MSCI applies a PAF of 1 on the ex-date.

When the distribution date or pay-date of a listed asset is at least four business days after the ex-date, MSCI adds a "detached" security in the MSCI Indexes as of the close of the ex-date. The "detached" security is maintained in the MSCI Indexes at the market price of the distributed



listed asset until the pay-date. MSCI implements the changes related to the distribution as of the close of the pay-date and simultaneously deletes the “detached” security.

### 3.3 CAPITAL REPAYMENTS

A capital repayment or a return of capital is characterized by a cash distribution from the company’s share capital or capital surplus to its shareholders.

Capital repayments that are deemed to be extraordinary compared to the dividend policy of the company or to the historical cash distributions are reinvested in the MSCI Indexes through an adjustment. A PAF using the gross capital repayment amount, regardless of its size, is applied to the security’s market price on the ex-date.

Capital repayments, paid in lieu of a regular cash dividend or in line with the dividend policy of the company or with the historical cash distributions, are treated in the same manner as regular cash dividends paid out of retained earnings, and are therefore reinvested on their ex-date in the MSCI Daily Total Return (DTR) Indexes, regardless of their size. Provided that the capital repayment is not subject to withholding tax, the reinvestment in the DTR Indexes is free of withholding tax. For more information about the treatment of such “regular” capital repayments, please refer to MSCI Index Calculation Methodology, Section 2: MSCI Daily Total Return (DTR) Index Methodology.

In Taiwan, a cash distribution paid out of capital surplus is considered as regular unless specified by the company that the distribution is deemed to be extraordinary. The cash distribution is reinvested in the MSCI DTR Indexes. Regarding the withholding tax treatment, please refer to Sub-Section “Country Exceptions” under the Section “Withholding Tax” in the MSCI Index Calculation Methodology.

### 3.4 SPECIAL CASH DIVIDENDS

A special cash dividend is a distribution of cash made by a company to its shareholders. The funds are paid out of annual profits, capital and/or reserves.

Special cash dividends that are smaller than 5% of the market price of the underlying security are not adjusted on the ex-date, but are reinvested in the MSCI DTR Indexes.

Special dividends that are greater than or equal to 5% of the market price of the underlying security on the date the event is announced in “confirmed” status are reinvested in the MSCI Indexes through an adjustment on the ex-date. A PAF using the gross dividend amount is applied to the MSCI Price Indexes, the MSCI Gross DTR Indexes and the MSCI Net DTR Indexes. Note that MSCI will not cancel the PAF implementation if the size of the special dividend becomes smaller than 5% after it has been announced in “confirmed” status.

For special cash dividends that are greater than or equal to 5% of the market price and subject to withholding taxes, MSCI reinvests a negative amount corresponding to the withholding tax in the MSCI Net DTR Indexes only. This negative amount is reflected simultaneously with the PAF on the ex-date of the special cash dividend. For more information about the treatment of special dividends subject to withholding taxes, please refer to section 2.2.4 of the MSCI Index Calculation Methodology.

### 3.5 OPTIONAL DIVIDENDS

In the case of an optional dividend, the company offers shareholders the choice of receiving the dividend either in cash or in shares.

MSCI implements optional dividends assuming that investors elect the default distribution.

When cash is the default option, MSCI reinvests the cash amount in the MSCI DTR Indexes on the ex-date and if some shareholders choose to take the stock option, when it is confirmed, the number of shares will be increased accordingly at the next regularly scheduled Index Review.

When stock is the default option, MSCI applies a Price Adjustment Factor (PAF) on the ex-date and increases the number of shares as of the close of the ex-date, similarly to a stock dividend. If some shareholders choose to take the cash option, when it is confirmed, the number of shares will be decreased accordingly at the next regularly scheduled Index Review. In such cases, the cash dividend amount option is not reinvested in the MSCI DTR Indexes, but is taken into account for the company's yield calculations.

If no default distribution is specified, MSCI assumes that investors elect the cash option and treats the dividend as a regular cash dividend in the MSCI DTR Indexes.

Optional Dividends do not impact the free float of the securities because the distribution of new shares is assumed to be carried out on a pro rata basis to all existing shareholders.

#### 3.5.1 US SPECIFIC TREATMENT

Optional dividends in the US are subject to election (cash or shares) and pro-ration (cash amount is capped), which determine the final combination of cash and shares received by shareholders.

The terms of the optional dividend are calculated assuming that the cash component is equal to the cap announced by the company and that the remaining part will be paid in new shares.

If the total dividend amount is greater or equal than 5% of the security's market price, MSCI applies a PAF on the ex-date reflecting the cash and the shares components and increases the security's number of shares as of the close of the ex-date.

If the total dividend amount is smaller than 5% of the security's market price, MSCI applies a PAF on the ex-date reflecting only the shares component, increases the security's number of shares as of the close of the ex-date and reinvests the cash component in the MSCI DTR Indexes.

### 3.5.2 HONG KONG AND THE NETHERLANDS SPECIFIC TREATMENT

For optional dividends in Hong Kong and the Netherlands, in cases where stock is the default option, the stock ratio terms are not available prior to the ex-date, MSCI reinvests the cash option in the MSCI DTR Indexes.

## 3.6 RIGHTS ISSUES

In a rights issue, the company offers existing shareholders the right to purchase new shares, in many cases, at a cost below the current market price. Rights issues result in capital inflow, and increase both the number of shares and the free float-adjusted market capitalization of a security.

If a security does not trade for any reason on the ex-date of the rights issue, the event will be implemented on the day the security resumes trading.

MSCI applies a PAF to the market price of the security on the ex-date of a rights issue. The PAF applied depends on the market price of the security on the ex-date compared to the subscription price of the rights issue. The number of shares is increased as of the close of the ex-date, except for rights issues which are offered at a premium to the market price and which are not fully underwritten (see section 3.6.3 below). The decision whether or not to increase the number of shares of the security as of the close of the ex-date is announced by MSCI before the ex-date based on current market prices compared to the subscription price, among other factors. MSCI re-assesses this decision based on the closing price of the security on the cum-date.

Rights issues that are expected to increase the company's full market capitalization by at least 50% trigger a size review that can result in downward migration. In such cases, provided that MSCI can provide at least two full business days advance notification, the migration is implemented as of the close of the cum date of the rights issue. When two full business days advance notification cannot be provided, MSCI implements the downward migration as of the close of the ex-date of the rights issue.

Note that treatment of upward migrations due to rights issues is described in section 3.6.5.

Most of the time, shares issued following rights issues are entitled to forthcoming dividends paid by the company, however, in certain cases, the shares issued are not entitled to the forthcoming dividend and the PAF applied to the security on the right issue's ex-date is different as explained below.

For rights issues made by Australian companies, it is a common practice for companies first to be suspended, then to release the rights issue terms, and then to announce when the company will resume trading. MSCI reflects the rights issue on the first day the securities of the company resume trading by adjusting the market prices and number of shares of securities, if the subscription price of the new shares is below the market price on that day (as described below under sections 3.6.1.1 and 3.6.2.1).

If the subscription price of the new shares is greater than the market price on the day the securities of the company resume trading, MSCI does not reflect the rights issue on that day (as described below under sections 3.6.1.2 and 3.6.2.2).

### **3.6.1 RIGHTS FOR NEW UNDERLYING SHARES WITH NORMAL DIVIDEND ENTITLEMENT**

#### **3.6.1.1 RIGHTS FOR NEW UNDERLYING SHARES (DISCOUNT TO MARKET PRICE)**

A PAF is applied to the market price of the security on the ex-date of the rights issue if the subscription price of the new shares is below the market price on the ex-date.

#### **3.6.1.2 RIGHTS FOR NEW UNDERLYING SHARES (PREMIUM TO MARKET PRICE)**

If the subscription price of the new shares is greater than or equal to the market price on the ex-date, MSCI reflects the rights issue on the ex-date by applying a PAF of 1.

### **3.6.2 RIGHTS FOR NEW UNDERLYING SHARES NOT ENTITLED TO FORTHCOMING DIVIDEND**

In the case of a rights issue where the new shares to be issued following the rights issue are not entitled to the forthcoming known dividend paid by the company, the market price of the security is adjusted with a PAF that takes into account the forthcoming dividend.

If the dividend amount is unknown at the time of the rights issue's ex-date, then the market price of the security is adjusted with a PAF that does not take into account the forthcoming dividend (which is a PAF similar to the one applied in case of rights issues where new shares are entitled to forthcoming dividend).

#### **3.6.2.1 RIGHTS FOR NEW UNDERLYING SHARES NOT ENTITLED TO FORTHCOMING DIVIDEND (DISCOUNT TO MARKET PRICE)**

A PAF is applied to the market price of the security on the ex-date of the rights issue if the subscription price of the new shares not entitled to the forthcoming dividend is below the market price on the ex-date minus the dividend per share, provided that the dividend amount is available. MSCI uses the gross amount of the dividend per share, as announced by the company, in the PAF calculation.

### 3.6.2.2 RIGHTS FOR NEW UNDERLYING SHARES NOT ENTITLED TO FORTHCOMING DIVIDEND (PREMIUM TO MARKET PRICE)

If the subscription price of the new shares not entitled to the forthcoming dividend is greater than or equal to the market price on the ex-date minus the dividend per share, MSCI reflects the rights issue on the ex-date by applying a PAF of 1.

For further details on PAF formulas, see Appendix I, entitled “PAF Formulas and Definitions”.

For the dividend reinvestment in the MSCI Daily Total Return (DTR) Indexes on the dividend ex-date, MSCI reinvests the full dividend amount as announced by the company, using the number of shares on the cum date which is the number of shares post-rights issue, according to the MSCI Index Calculation Methodology.

### 3.6.3 NUMBER OF SHARES, FIF AND/OR DIF CHANGES FOLLOWING RIGHTS FOR NEW UNDERLYING SHARES

In cases of rights of new underlying shares, the decision whether or not to increase the number of shares of the security as of the close of the ex-date is announced by MSCI before the ex-date based on current market prices compared to the subscription price, among other factors. MSCI re-assesses this decision based on the closing market price of the security on the cum-date.

#### 3.6.3.1 RIGHTS ISSUES OFFERED AT A DISCOUNT TO MARKET PRICE

If the subscription price of the new shares is below the market price of the security at the time MSCI confirms the implementation of a rights issue, the rights issue is assumed to be fully subscribed on a pro rata basis and the number of shares of the security is increased accordingly as of the close of the ex-date.

The treatment above is also applied if a strategic investor publicly announces prior to the ex-date its intention to not participate on a pro-rata basis in a rights issue or when treasury shares are not entitled to receive the new shares. MSCI monitors the results of the rights issue and implements any changes in FIF and NOS (including any pending number of shares and/or free float updates) coinciding with the next Index Review.

#### 3.6.3.2 RIGHTS ISSUES OFFERED AT A PREMIUM TO MARKET PRICE

If the subscription price of the new shares is greater than or equal to the market price of the security at the time MSCI confirms the implementation of a rights issue, then the number of shares and the FIF and/or DIF of the security is not changed as of the close of the ex-date unless the rights issue is fully underwritten (see next paragraph). If the rights issue is not fully underwritten, MSCI implements changes in the number of shares and subsequent FIF and/or DIF changes, with at least two full business days advance notification, after the results have been

officially communicated, provided that the number of new shares issued is at least 5%, 10% or 25% for Standard, Small Caps and Micro Caps respectively of the security's pre-event number of shares. MSCI implements pending number of shares and/or free float updates simultaneously with the event. Note that if the number of shares update is smaller than  $\pm 1\%$  on a post-event number of shares basis, it will be implemented at a subsequent Index Review.

Increases in the number of shares smaller than 5%, 10% or 25% are implemented at a subsequent Index Review. Such cases will be subject to the rules applicable for the Index Reviews in accordance with the section 3.2.5 of the MSCI GIMI methodology.

### 3.6.3.3 FULLY UNDERWRITTEN RIGHTS ISSUES

For rights issues which are fully underwritten, the securities' number of shares of the company making the right issue is increased as of the close of the ex-date, regardless if the rights issue is offered at a premium or discount to the market price.

For rights issues which are fully underwritten and are offered at a premium to market price, in case the underwriter is a government or a shareholder or group of shareholders of a strategic nature, the new shares issued following the rights issue are considered as non-free float and the securities' FIF and/or DIF of the company making the rights issue are adjusted at the time of the event. In case the underwriters are investment bankers and/or brokers, the new shares issued following the rights issue are considered on a pro rata basis.

### 3.6.3.4 RIGHTS ISSUES WITH INCOMPLETE INFORMATION ON THE EX-DATE

For rights issues where the subscription price is not known on the ex-date, MSCI does not apply a PAF on the ex-date, but waits until the subscription price is announced by the company.

MSCI compares the subscription price on the day it is publicly announced with the security's closing market price.

In cases where the subscription is below the closing market price, MSCI applies a PAF and increases the security's number of shares providing two full business days advance notification.

Note that the PAF and number of shares increase are implemented no later than the last day of the subscription period, which in some cases may shorten the advance notification to less than two full business days notification.

In cases where the subscription price is above the closing market price (and not fully underwritten), MSCI applies a PAF of 1 and implements number of shares change after the results of the rights issue are publicly announced, similar to rights issues offered at a premium (see section above).

### 3.6.3.5 RIGHTS ISSUES FOR SECURITIES WITH SEVERAL CLASSES OF SHARES

For rights issues affecting a company with several classes of shares that are all index constituents and where they are all given the rights to subscribe to new shares for only one class of shares, MSCI reflects the change in the NOS and/or FIF/DIF at the time of the event.

For rights issues where one class of shares, not an index constituent, is given the right to subscribe to new shares of an index constituent class of shares, MSCI will defer the changes in NOS and/or in FIF/DIF coming from the non-index constituent class of shares to the next regularly scheduled Index Review following the completion of the event.

For example, a company with 2 classes of shares A and B, where A is an index constituent and B is not an index constituent, is doing a right issue where both A and B shares are given the right to subscribe to A shares only. MSCI implements the event by taking into consideration the rights given to holders of the A shares only. Changes in the NOS and/or FIF/DIF coming from the B shares holders participation in the rights issue will be implemented as part of the next regularly scheduled Index Review following the completion of the event.

### 3.6.4 RIGHTS FOR OTHER TYPES OF ASSETS

In the case of a rights issue entitling the purchase of assets other than the underlying share (e.g. bonds, warrants, preferred shares, shares in another company), the price of the underlying share is adjusted only if the value of the right is available on the ex-date. The number of underlying shares remains unchanged.

### 3.6.5 HIGHLY DILUTIVE OR LARGE RIGHTS ISSUES

MSCI defines highly dilutive or large rights Issues as rights issues with terms 5 for 1 or more or rights issues that trigger an upward size segment migration. The rights and subscription cash are added to the index for such rights issues.

If the rights trade on the ex-date, MSCI will use the market value for the price of the rights. Once the rights stop trading (at the end of the trading period), MSCI will carry forward the last traded market price of the rights and delete the rights using this last traded price as of the close of the pay-date (effective the next trading day).

However, if the rights do not trade, MSCI will use the intrinsic value for the price of the rights. Please refer to Appendix I for more details on the calculation of the intrinsic value of the rights.

The price of subscription cash will be equal to the subscription price of new shares in the rights issue.

Highly dilutive and large rights issues are implemented as below when the subscription price is below the market price:

- MSCI applies the PAF to the market price of the security on ex-date using the value of right.
- MSCI adds both the rights and subscription cash to the index as of the close of ex-date (effective next trading day).
- MSCI deletes both right and subscription cash from the index as of the close of pay-date (effective next trading day).
- MSCI increases NOS resulting from the rights issue as of the close of pay-date (effective next trading day).

MSCI defines pay-date as the first trading day of new shares resulting from the rights issue.

Rights and subscription cash are not added to the Index if the subscription price is equal to or above the market price at the time of confirming the event, even if the rights issue is fully underwritten. The changes in NOS and FIF, if any, are postponed to the pay-date and implemented after the results have been publicly communicated, but no earlier than the pay-date.

MSCI does not implement upward migrations within IMI resulting from rights issues at the time of the event but as per the above stated implementation. Migrations triggered by rights issues will be implemented on the cum-date (ex-date -1) if all necessary information is publicly available such that MSCI is able to provide at least two full business days prior to the migration becoming effective in the indexes. Otherwise, such migrations are considered for implementation as part of the index review following the pay-date of the rights issue in accordance with the index review rules stated in the MSCI Global Investable Market Indexes methodology<sup>3</sup>.

MSCI will cover only the securities belonging to the IMI as per the above implementation. For Micro cap constituents, MSCI applies a PAF to the market price of the security on ex-date using the value of rights if trading on ex-date and increases NOS as of close of ex-date.

### 3.6.6 RIGHTS ISSUE TREATMENT IN CAPPED WEIGHTED AND NON-MARKET CAPITALIZATION WEIGHTED INDEXES

In the case of a rights issue, where the subscription price of the new shares is lower than the market price on the ex-date, the outstanding number of shares of a security will increase based on the terms of the event. In Non-Market Capitalization Weighted indexes, this change in the number of shares will be offset by the application of the VWF; resulting in a post event number

<sup>3</sup> Security's migration will be evaluated using Index review rules if the pay date is before the price cut off date or using the corporate events rules (section 3.3.3.2 of GIMI methodology) if the pay-date is after the price cut-off date (provided the pay date is at least 3 business days prior to the Index Review effective date).



of shares equal to pre-event number of shares for the security. The following example provides guidance for treatment of rights issues in Capped Weighted and Non-Market Capitalization Weighted Indexes.

### Example 1

EVENT CONSTITUENT: Company A: INDEX CONSTITUENT

For every 2 shares held in Company A, shareholders can acquire 1 additional share at a subscription price of USD 6.

Event Effective Date: February 21, 2017

#### Pre Event Information

Company A NOS	6,000,000
Company A FIF	0.35
Company A CF	0.3
Company A VWF	1

#### Post Event Information

Company A NOS	9,000,000
Company A FIF	0.35
Company A CF	0.3
Company A VWF	0.67

Treatment: As no Inflow is generated, the CF of the security will stay unchanged. The VWF of the security is recalculated.

Pre Event							
Company	Number of Shares (NOS)	Parent Index FMCAF (FIF)	Constraint Factor (CF)	Variable Weighting Factor (VWF)	Security No. of shares in Index	Price (USD)	Market Cap of security in Index (USD)
A	6,000,000	0.35	0.3	1	630,000	10	6,300,000
Post Event (Capped Weighted)							
A	9,000,000	0.35	0.3	1	945,000	8.67	8,190,000
Post Event (Non- Market Cap Weighted)							
A	9,000,000	0.35	0.3	0.67	630,000	8.67	5,460,000

Post event price of USD 8.67 is theoretical ex-price calculated based on the terms of the event.

NOTE: For Capped Weighted indexes, the Security Number of shares in the Index increases based on the terms of the event. In Non-Market Capitalization Weighted indexes, the security number of shares in the index stays unchanged.

In addition, for rights issues classified as *highly dilutive*, where treatment includes the addition of a cash and rights line to the Parent Index, a cash and rights line is also simultaneously added to Capped Weighted and Non-Market Capitalization Weighted indexes. The above treatment for rights issue resulting in calculation of VWF is thus postponed and will occur with the deletion of rights and cash line, along with the concurrent increase in the number of shares of the security.

### 3.7 REDEMPTIONS

Redemptions are characterized by a mandatory pro rata buy back of shares held by existing shareholders. The market price of the security is adjusted on the ex-date by the redemption consideration offered to shareholders in exchange of their shares. The number of shares is decreased as of the close of the ex-date, accordingly. The post-event free float of the security does not change.

If the redemption is optional for the shareholders, MSCI treats the corporate event as a partial buyback. The market price of the security is adjusted on the ex-date similarly to partial tender offers (see Appendix V for details on the MSCI policy on Partial Tender Offers). The number of shares and free float of the security may change, whether the bought back shares are cancelled or kept as treasury by the company.

## 4 OTHER EVENTS RESULTING IN CHANGES IN NUMBER OF SHARES AND FIF AND/OR DIFS

Changes in number of shares and subsequent FIF and/or DIF changes can also result from other events such as share placements and offerings, and debt-to-equity swaps.

MSCI implements any pending number of shares and/or free float updates simultaneously with these events. Note that if the number of shares update is smaller than  $\pm 1\%$  on a post-event number of shares basis, it will be implemented at a subsequent Index Review.

If a security does not trade for any reason on the as of the close date of the corporate event effective date, the event will be implemented on the day after the security resumes trading.

If a security trades only partially for any reason on the as of the close date of the corporate event effective date, MSCI will determine the implementation on a case by case basis, considering factors such as the time and duration of the trading period(s).

### 4.1 SHARE PLACEMENTS AND OFFERINGS

MSCI differentiates between the following types of share placements and offerings:

- Primary equity offerings involve the issuance of new shares.
  - Public offering or public placement refers to issuance of new shares placed by underwriters to institutional or other non-strategic investors.
  - Primary private placements involves direct placement of new shares by one company to another company, an individual investor, or a group of investors. This direct placement of shares is generally accomplished without an underwriter.
- Secondary offerings or block sales do not involve issuance of new shares but involve the distribution of current shareholders' existing shares.

#### 4.1.1 IMPLEMENTATION OF PRIMARY EQUITY OFFERINGS IN THE MSCI UNIVERSE

##### 4.1.1.1 GENERAL TREATMENT

Changes in number of shares and FIF and/or DIF resulting from primary equity offerings representing at least 5%, 10% or 25% for Standard constituents (as well as securities assigned to Standard size segment but which failed to be added to the Index), Small Cap constituents (as well as securities assigned to Small Cap size segment but which failed to be added to the Index) and Micro Cap constituents (as well as listed securities not assigned to any size segment) respectively of the security's pre-event number of shares are implemented with two full business days advance notification as of the close of the first trading day of the new shares, if all

necessary information is available at that time. Otherwise, the event is implemented as soon as practicable after the relevant information is made available.

MSCI implements pending number of shares and/or free float updates simultaneously with the event. Note that if the number of shares update is smaller than  $\pm 1\%$  on a post-event number of shares basis, it will be implemented at a subsequent Index Review.

Changes in the number of shares smaller than 5%, 10% and 25% are implemented at a subsequent Index Review. Such cases will be subject to the rules applicable for the Index Reviews in accordance with the section 3.2.5 of the MSCI GIMI methodology.

Securities that have simultaneous primary offering and private placement are implemented with two full business days advance notification, if the primary offering and the private placement combined represent at least 5%, 10% or 25% of the security's pre-event number of shares.

For primary and secondary equity offerings announced simultaneously, both events are implemented with two full business days advance notification if either the primary or secondary equity offering represents at least 5%, 10% or 25% of the security's number of shares.

#### 4.1.1.2 COUNTRY SPECIFICS

For the below countries, MSCI takes into account the market specifics described below to implement primary offerings in the MSCI Indexes. However, the implementation thresholds of at least 5%, 10% or 25% for Standard, Small Caps and Micro Caps respectively as well as the advance notification of two full business days remain applicable.

For US securities, increases in NOS and/or changes in FIF and/or DIF resulting from primary equity offerings are announced at the end of day they are priced through an SEC filing or a press release from the Company.

For forward sale agreements, in which there is no issuance of new shares until the forward sale settlement, changes in the number of shares are implemented at a subsequent Index Review following the forward sale settlement, regardless of their size. Such cases will be subject to the rules applicable for the Index Reviews in accordance with the section 3.2.5 of the MSCI GIMI methodology.

For Latin American and Canadian securities, increases in number of shares and changes in FIF and/or DIF resulting from primary equity offerings are implemented on the settlement date of the offering or shortly after, when such information is already publicly available.

For Canadian securities, changes in number of shares and/or FIF resulting from offerings of subscription receipts are implemented following the conversion of subscription receipts into common shares. The conversion of subscription receipts is usually subject to the completion of transactions such as acquisitions of non-listed companies or assets.

For Australian securities, changes in number of shares and/or FIF resulting from primary equity offerings are implemented once the relevant Appendix 3B filing is made publicly available by the company on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX). The Appendix 3B form provides the relevant and precise information on any newly listed shares for Australian companies.

In Norway, repair issues or subsequent offerings are sometimes launched by companies to compensate shareholders that did not participate in a previous offering. In such cases, changes in number of shares and/or FIF are implemented after the results of both the offering and the subsequent offering are made publicly available. MSCI generally does not apply a Price Adjustment Factor (PAF) for repair issues in Norway.

In certain countries, placements, such as placing and top-up subscription in Hong Kong, can be conducted in two steps. A secondary offering followed by a private placement of the same size only open to the selling shareholder. If the size of the private placement is above the implementation threshold, any changes in number of shares and FIF are implemented collectively after completion of both events.

#### **4.1.2 IMPLEMENTATION OF BLOCK SALES AND SECONDARY OFFERINGS**

##### **4.1.2.1 GENERAL TREATMENT**

Block sales and secondary offerings are treated the same way in the MSCI Indexes.

Secondary offerings/block sales with sizes representing at least 5%, 10% or 25% for Standard constituents (as well as securities assigned to Standard size segment but failed to be added to the Index), Small Cap constituents (as well as securities assigned to Small Cap size segment but failed to be added to the Index) and Micro Cap constituents (as well as listed securities not assigned to any size segment) respectively of the security's pre-event number of shares are implemented at the time of the event with two full business days advance notification provided that sufficient post-event information is publicly available.

MSCI implements pending number of shares and/or free float updates simultaneously with the event. Note that if the number of shares update is smaller than  $\pm 1\%$  on a post-event number of shares basis, it will be implemented at a subsequent Index Review.

Events that do not meet the above conditions at the time of the event are considered for implementation at the May Semi-Annual Index Review following the Annual Full Country Float Review. Such cases will be subject to the rules applicable for the index reviews in accordance with the section 3.1.7 of the MSCI GIMI methodology.

In cases, where the overallocation is fully exercised and completed simultaneously with the offering and the information is publicly disclosed, MSCI considers the overallocation size in assessing if the size is above 5%, 10% or 25% of the pre-event number of shares. If any

uncertainty on the post-event free float information remains, MSCI may decide to postpone the event implementation to a next Index Review.

Block sales and secondary offerings that qualified for immediate implementation and that were not captured at the time of completion are reflected at a following regularly scheduled Index Review.

Due to the nature of secondary offerings, being usually pre-announced by the company or company shareholders, MSCI generally announces changes due to secondary offerings with an undetermined or expected status and sends the confirmed only after the event is completed.

MSCI announces changes due to block sales as soon as possible after the event is announced as completed.

#### 4.1.2.2 COUNTRY SPECIFICS

For the below countries, MSCI takes into account the market specifics described below to implement block sales/secondary offerings in the MSCI Indexes. However, the implementation thresholds of at least 5%, 10% or 25% for Standard, Small Caps and Micro Caps respectively as well as the advance notification of two full business days remain applicable.

For US securities, changes in FIF and/or DIF resulting from secondary offerings are announced at the end of day they are priced through an SEC filing or a press release from the Company.

For US securities primary and secondary offerings treatments, please refer to Section 4.1.1.1 for more details.

For Latin American and Canadian securities, changes in FIF and/or DIF resulting from block sales or from secondary equity offerings are implemented on the settlement date of the offering or shortly after, when such information is already publicly available.

For Japanese securities, changes in FIF and/or DIF resulting from block sales or from secondary offerings are implemented as of the close of the settlement date, provided there is sufficient advance notification. Generally, Japanese companies confirm the settlement date simultaneously with the subscription price.

For Hong Kong and China securities listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, changes in FIF and/or DIF resulting from block sales or secondary offerings where a Disclosure of Interests filing is expected to be received, are announced by MSCI only after the relevant filing is released on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange website. For block sales for which no Disclosure of Interests filing is expected or released, changes are generally announced when practicable and implemented with an Index Review.

For block sales and secondary offerings in India, MSCI monitors public disclosures for complete post-event shareholder information before implementing any changes to avoid potential reverse turnover.

#### **4.1.3 PRO FORMA FLOAT CALCULATION FOR SHARE PLACEMENTS AND OFFERINGS**

In general, shares issued in equity offerings and secondary offerings are assumed to be issued to non-strategic investors. As such, the post-event free float is calculated on a pro forma basis assuming that all these shares are free float.

Shares issued in equity offerings, secondary offerings and private placements are considered on a case-by-case basis and the post-event free float is determined under the following assumptions: If the shares are issued to institutional or other non-strategic investors, they are considered as free float, and if issued to strategic investors, they are regarded as non-free float. If no information is available as to whom the shares are issued to, MSCI waits for post-event float information before announcing changes to the MSCI Indexes.

#### **4.2 DEBT-TO-EQUITY SWAPS**

Changes in numbers of shares and subsequent FIF and/or DIF related to conversion of debt into equity originally not convertible at the time of issue representing at least 5%, 10% or 25% for Standard, Small Caps and Micro Caps respectively of the security's pre-event number of shares are implemented as of the close of the first trading day of the newly issued shares, or shortly thereafter if all necessary information is not available at the time of the event, with two full business days advance notification. Shares issued in debt-to-equity swaps are assumed to be issued to strategic investors, unless stated otherwise. As such, the post-event free float is calculated on a pro forma basis assuming that all these shares are non-free float.

Changes in numbers of shares due to conversions of convertible bonds or other convertible instruments, including periodical conversions of preferred stocks and debt-to-equity swaps are implemented at a subsequent Index Review. Such cases will be subject to the rules applicable for the Index Reviews in accordance with the section 3.2.5 of the MSCI GIMI methodology.

#### **4.3 SHARE PLACEMENTS AND OFFERINGS TREATMENT IN NON-MARKET CAPITALIZATION WEIGHTED INDEXES**

In case of an event that results in a change in number of shares or free float of a security such as a share placement, or block sales and secondary offerings, the full or free float adjusted market capitalization of the company changes to reflect the impact of the event. For Non-Market Capitalization Weighted indexes, this change is offset through the application of Variable Weighting Factor (VWF). The following example provides guidance for treatment of share placements and offerings within Non-Market Capitalization Weighted Indexes.

### Example 1

EVENT CONSTITUENT: Company A: INDEX CONSTITUENT

Company A places 1 million shares to certain Investors. There is a change in NOS and FIF of the security as a result of the event.

Event Effective Date: February 21, 2017

#### Pre Event Information

Company A NOS	15,000,000
Company A FIF	0.7
Company A CF	0.3
Company A VWF	1

#### Post Event Information (Non-Market Capitalization Weighted Indexes)

Company A NOS	16,000,000
Company A FIF	0.8
Company A CF	0.3
Company A VWF	0.82

Treatment (Non-Market Capitalization Weighted Indexes): As no Inflow is generated, the CF of the security will stay unchanged and the VWF of the security is recalculated

NOTE: Similar treatment is applied for Block Sales and Secondary Offerings.

Pre Event							
Company	Number of Shares (NOS)	Parent Index FMCAF (FIF)	Constraint Factor (CF)	Variable Weighting Factor (VWF)	Security No. of shares in Index	Price (USD)	Market Cap of security in Index (USD)
A	15,000,000	0.7	0.3	1	3,150,000	10	31,500,000
Post Event (Non- Market Cap Weighted)							
A	16,000,000	0.8	0.3	0.82	3,150,000	10	31,500,000



## 5 SUSPENSIONS, BANKRUPTCIES, DELISTINGS AND COUNTRY CLASSIFICATION REVIEW

### 5.1 SUSPENSIONS

For securities that are suspended, MSCI carries forward the market price prior to the suspension during the suspension period.

Corporate events (with or without a PAF) occurring during a suspension period are implemented on the day the security resumes trading.

In case of technical suspension, either ordered by the stock exchange or requested by the company, where only a temporary freeze of the market price applies while there is still trading volume activity, corporate events without PAF, such as private placements and secondary offerings, are implemented on the effective date of the event, whereas corporate events with PAF are implemented on the day the technical suspension is lifted.

#### 5.1.1 PROLONGED SUSPENSION

MSCI evaluates securities under prolonged suspension for deletion from the MSCI Equity Indexes on a daily basis.

MSCI defines prolonged suspension as 50 business days<sup>4</sup> of suspension for constituents of the Global Investable Market Indexes (GIMI) and 100 business days for constituents of the Global Micro Cap Indexes<sup>5</sup>. The calculation of number of business days of suspension will be based on suspension status for the security received from MSCI's sources on daily basis and not based on trading volumes.

MSCI evaluates and announces the implementation the day following the suspension reaches the above mentioned thresholds and implements deletion with two full business days advance notification.

MSCI deletes securities that exceed the above thresholds regardless of the reasons for suspension. MSCI deletes securities under prolonged suspension using the lowest system unit (0.00001 of the security's price currency), also known as the lowest system price.

<sup>4</sup> MSCI only considers Monday to Friday business days for the purpose of calculating the days of suspension, even if the security's exchange is opened on Sunday.

<sup>5</sup> Where there is an overlap between size-segments, MSCI applies the larger size-segment for deletion after 50 business days of suspension.

MSCI does not revert deletions of securities due to prolonged suspension which have been already announced in “confirmed” status, even if the resumption date is announced by the company or if the security resumes trading between the announcement date and the implementation date. In the event that securities under prolonged suspension resume trading after they are announced for deletion from the MSCI Indexes, MSCI will amend the deletion price from lowest system price to market price provided the securities are trading the day prior to the effective date of the deletion.

Securities (ex-China Equity Universe) which are deleted from the MSCI Indexes due to prolonged suspension and subsequently resume trading are treated as new companies for the purpose of considering the security for addition to the Indexes at the following Index Review, as described in Sections 3.1.6 and 3.2.2 of the MSCI Global Investable Market Indexes Methodology.

As described in section 2.2.5 of the MSCI Global Investable Market Indexes Methodology, securities in the MSCI China Equity Universe are not eligible for inclusion in the Market Investable Equity Universe if the securities have been suspended for 50 consecutive days or more in the past 12 months.

## 5.2 BANKRUPTCIES

MSCI removes from the MSCI Equity Indexes as soon as possible companies which file for bankruptcy or protection from their creditors and/or are suspended and for which a return to normal business activity and trading is unlikely in the near future. MSCI treats in the same way companies that fail stock exchange listing requirements with announcements of delisting from the stock exchanges.

In cases where the company is still trading, MSCI deletes the company on the same day at its last trading price, if feasible, and sends an intraday announcement.

When the primary exchange price is not available, MSCI deletes securities at an over the counter or equivalent market price when such a price is available and deemed relevant. If no such price is available, the security will be deleted at the lowest system price.

If MSCI decides to delete a company at the lowest system price with more than one full business day advance notice, the company may be maintained in the MSCI Indexes at the lowest system price, instead of carrying forward its last trading price, until its deletion.

## 5.3 DELISTINGS FROM PRIMARY EXCHANGE

Companies may delist their shares on the primary exchange covered by MSCI but maintain another existing listing or start a new listing on a different stock exchange.

In such cases, MSCI will maintain the company in the MSCI Indexes and change the price source to take the price from the other exchange provided that the change of listing does not result in the company becoming ineligible for inclusion in the MSCI Indexes. The country classification of that company will be reviewed as part of the Index Review following the completion of the change of listing.

#### 5.4 COUNTRY CLASSIFICATION REVIEW

MSCI reviews the country of classification at the time of a change in country of incorporation, a change of listing between different regions or a change of listing resulting in a company becoming ineligible for inclusion to the MSCI Indexes.

Note that MSCI reviews the country of classification for all newly listed securities, such as for example spun-offs, IPOs, mergers.

## 6 IPOS AND OTHER EARLY INCLUSIONS

In many cases, newly listed equity securities are considered for inclusion in the MSCI Equity Indexes at the time of the Index Reviews. However, in the case of certain MSCI Indexes (including the MSCI GIMI), IPOs which are significant in size may be considered for an early inclusion (at the time of the event, i.e. outside of the Index Reviews), depending on the inclusion criteria applying to the relevant MSCI Indexes.

In order for an IPO to qualify for an early inclusion to the Standard Index, a security must meet the index constituent eligibility rules and guidelines described in section 2.2 of the MSCI GIMI Methodology with the exception of the length of trading and liquidity screens and must have a company full market capitalization of at least 1.8 times the Interim Market Size-Segment Cutoff and free float-adjusted market capitalization of at least 1.8 times one-half of the Interim Market Size-Segment Cutoff as of the close of its first or second trading day<sup>6</sup>.

Any over-allotment (also called green shoe) publicly announced as exercised prior to MSCI's announcement on the first or second trading day is included in the IPO's market capitalizations calculations.

If the decision is made to include an IPO early, the inclusion will be implemented as of the close of the security's tenth day of trading. However, in certain cases, another date may be chosen for the inclusion to reduce turnover. For example, IPOs for which the effective date of inclusion is either 5 days before the effective date of a regularly scheduled Index Review or 3 days after, will be made effective to coincide with the Index Review.

For companies trading on a conditional basis (when-issued trading) prior to their unconditional trading, MSCI intends to assess the inclusion of the company in the MSCI Indexes on its first day of conditional trading.

Companies which start trading publicly via direct listing route can be considered for early addition as per the above stated rules only if sufficient information is publicly available in order to accurately estimate the security's free float-adjusted market capitalization on the security's first or second trading day. Otherwise, such securities are considered for inclusion to the MSCI Equity Indexes at a subsequent Index Review in accordance with the index review rules as per the MSCI GIMI methodology.

Securities are also considered for early inclusion in other significant cases, including but not limited to those resulting from mergers and acquisitions giving rise to a large new company or a large primary or secondary public offering of an already listed security. The size of the offering must exceed the IPO threshold of 1.8 times one-half of the Interim Market Size-Segment Cutoff

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<sup>6</sup> IPOs with a FIF of less than 0.15 would have to meet the same criteria for early inclusion as IPOs with a FIF of 0.15 or higher.

at the close of the offering subscription period. In the case of a large public offering (primary or secondary), the size of the offering is calculated by multiplying the issue price applicable to institutional investors with the number of shares offered. Such cases will be treated in the same way as IPOs of significant size. MSCI's decision will be based on information regarding the results of the offering and overallotment (exercised partially or fully), if any, made publicly available within up to 2 business days after the close of the subscription period. If the decision is made to early include a security, MSCI will include the security by giving 10 business days' notice.

For further details on the rules on IPOs and other early inclusions in the MSCI Equity Indexes, please refer to the methodology book of each MSCI Index since each MSCI Index has its own separate index construction and maintenance methodology. In the case of the MSCI Global Investable Market Indexes, please refer to the following sections of the MSCI Global Investable Market Indexes Methodology.

- Rules on early inclusions of IPOs and other early inclusions  
*See Section "Corporate Events Affecting Non-Index Constituents"*
- Rules on inclusion of new companies to the Market Investable Equity Universes (including IPOs that were not added earlier) at the Semi-Annual Index Reviews  
*See Section "Updating the Market Investable Equity Universes"*
- Rules on inclusion of new securities with a FIF lower than 0.15 (including IPOs that were not added earlier) at Semi-Annual Index Reviews  
*See Section "Global Minimum Foreign Inclusion Factor Requirement"*
- Rules on additions of significant new companies to the Standard Index (including large IPOs that were not added earlier) at Quarterly Index Reviews  
*See Section "Quarterly Index Review of Addition of Companies Currently not constituents of the Investable Market Indexes"*

## 7 SHARE FREEZE

During each Quarterly Index Review, a "share freeze" will be implemented. The share freeze will commence 5 business days prior to an Index Review effective date. Changes related to corporate events such as secondary offerings, private placements, and block sales that would require a NOS/FIF adjustment and have effective dates that occur within the share freeze period, will be cumulatively implemented on the effective date of the Index Review.

All M&A activity and corporate events which include stock splits, bonus issues/stock dividends, reverse splits or consolidations, rights offerings, share dividend payable events and the array of other 'market neutral' corporate events are implemented as per usual policy on their actual effective dates regardless of the share freeze. Deferred event implementation due to suspensions will also not be affected by the share freeze.

## 8 GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENT POLICY FOR CORPORATE EVENTS

### 8.1 CLIENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

All changes resulting from corporate events affecting constituents of the MSCI Equity Indexes are announced to clients prior to their implementation.

MSCI uses mainly four statuses to announce these changes: “acknowledged”, “undetermined”, “expected” and “confirmed”. The sequence of the announcements reflects the different stages of a corporate event implementation.

MSCI also sends an announcement in "Acknowledged" status within five business days following the public announcement by the company of the acquisition, if the impact is above one time the constituent's underlying country index Large Cap Cutoff.

MSCI sends an announcement in “undetermined” status when the effective date is not yet known and/or certain aspects of the events are uncertain at least 3 weeks prior to the expected completion of the corporate event.

MSCI sends an announcement in “expected” status at least 10 business days prior to the effective date of corporate events to describe the implementation and changes that are intended to be made when the effective date is known and when the event is likely to be successful, provided that the necessary public information concerning the event is available. Note that announcements in “acknowledged”, “undetermined” or “expected” status are not final.

For example, in the situation where new public information would change the outcome and/or the likelihood of the corporate event to happen as anticipated, MSCI could revise its implementation and change its “expected” announcement to an “undetermined” announcement. Similarly, following new public information, MSCI can change an “acknowledged” announcement to an “undetermined” announcement; or an “undetermined” announcement to an “expected” announcement.

When the effective date is known and provided that all necessary public information concerning the event is available, MSCI sends an announcement in “confirmed” status at least 2 business days prior to the effective date.

For certain events, MSCI only sends “confirmed” announcements, especially due to insufficient or lack of publicly available information or late company disclosure.

In addition to the three statuses described above, in case a “confirmed” announcement needs to be amended, MSCI would send a “correction” announcement with a descriptive text announcement to provide details about the changes.

For an exhaustive list of statuses, please refer to the Appendix VI of the MSCI Corporate Events Methodology book.

The full list of all new and pending changes is delivered to clients on a daily basis, between 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM US Eastern Standard Time (EST) through the Advance Corporate Events (ACE) File.

In some cases, events are announced with a descriptive text during market hours for same or next day implementation. Announcements made by MSCI during market hours are linked to late company disclosure of corporate events or unexpected changes to previously announced corporate events.

When it is not feasible to provide approximately three hours' notice to clients before market closes, MSCI may delay the implementation of non-neutral corporate events effective on the next day. An intraday text announcement will be sent in such cases.

MSCI also sends text announcements for corporate events effective within the next 48 hours.

Early deletions of constituents due to bankruptcy or other significant cases are announced as soon as practicable prior to their implementation in the MSCI indexes.

A more descriptive text announcement are sent to clients for significant events according to the index specific announcement criteria as described in the respective MSCI Equity Indexes Methodology Books.

For MSCI Global Standard Index constituents, a more descriptive text announcement is sent to clients for significant events that meet any of the following criteria:

- Additions and deletions of constituents.
- Changes in free float-adjusted market capitalization equal to or larger than USD 5 billion, or with an impact of at least 1% of the constituent's underlying country index.

MSCI makes additional announcements for events that are complex in nature and for which additional clarification could be beneficial.

For corporate events for which a PAF formula utilizes the ex-price (such as rights issues, spin-offs, capital repayments, special dividends, etc.), MSCI calculates the PAF value using the opening market price on the ex-date of the event ("Opening PAF") and the PAF value using the closing market price of the stock on its ex-date ("Closing PAF"), and announces both via email to clients. The "Closing PAF" is used in the MSCI End of Day Indexes calculation.

For further details, see Appendix VI, entitled "Announcement Status and Timing".



## 8.2 PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

All additions and deletions of constituents of the MSCI Equity Indexes resulting from corporate events are publicly announced prior to their implementation.

Other changes resulting from corporate events that affect constituents of the MSCI Equity Indexes, such as changes in the Foreign Inclusion Factor (FIF) and/or in the number of shares of a constituent, are not publicly announced but are announced only to clients.

If warranted, MSCI reserves the right to make public announcements related to corporate events for special cases, such as the ineligibility of a security in the MSCI Equity Indexes.

The changes are typically announced at least two business days prior to events becoming effective in the indexes. Public announcements are a summary of the “confirmed” announcements that are made to clients. Public announcements are sent shortly before a “confirmed” client announcement is made.

MSCI posts the announcements on its web site, [www.msci.com](http://www.msci.com), and on Bloomberg page MSCN. In addition, announcements are posted on Reuters public pages MSCIA for MSCI Global Standard Index constituents and MSCI Domestic Standard Index constituents.

# APPENDICES

## APPENDIX I: PAF FORMULAS AND DEFINITIONS

Event Type	Comments	PAF = [Cum Price Formula] / [Ex Price Formula]
Capital Repayment		$[P(t) + \text{Cash}] / [P(t)]$
Consolidation		$[\text{Shares Issued}] / [\text{Shares Before}]$
Conversion	Exchange of Shares (PAF applied for historical link when terms are <= 1for 1)	$[\text{Other Asset Issued}] / [\text{Shares Before}]$
Merger	Exchange of Shares (PAF applied for historical link when terms are <= 1for 1)	$[\text{Other Asset Issued}] / [\text{Shares Before}]$
Merger	Exchange of Cash and Shares	$[(P(t) * \text{Other Asset Issued} + \text{Cash}) / \text{Shares Before}] / [P(t)]$
Partial Tender Offer	Exchange of Shares	<p>If Premium &gt; 20% and Estimated Gain per Share &gt; 5% on t-1 then</p> $[(\text{Other Asset } P(t) * \text{Other Asset Issued} * \text{Estimated Minimum Entitlement} + (100 - \text{Estimated Minimum Entitlement}) * P(t)) / 100] / [P(t)]$ <p>else PAF=1</p>
Partial Tender Offer	Against Cash	<p>If Premium &gt; 20% and Estimated Gain per Share &gt; 5% on t-1 then</p> $[(\text{Estimated Minimum Entitlement} * \text{Offer Price} + (100 - \text{Estimated Minimum Entitlement}) * P(t)) / 100] / [P(t)]$ <p>else PAF=1</p>
Reverse Split		$[\text{Shares Issued}] / [\text{Shares Before}]$
Redemption		$[(\text{Shares Before} - \text{Shares Acquired}) * P(t) + \text{Shares Acquired} * \text{Offer Price}] / [\text{Shares Before}] / [P(t)]$
Rights Issue	Right of New Underlying Shares	<p>If Issue P is &lt; P(t) then</p> $[(P(t) * (\text{Shares Before} + \text{Shares Issued}) - \text{Shares Issued} * \text{Issue Price}) / \text{Shares Before}] / [P(t)]$ <p>else PAF=1</p> <p>or for highly dilutive or large rights issues</p> <p>If Issue P is &lt; P(t) then</p> $[P(t) + \text{Right Price}] / [P(t)]$ <p>else PAF=1</p>

Event Type	Comments	PAF = [Cum Price Formula] / [Ex Price Formula]
Rights Issue	Right of New Underlying Shares Not Entitled to Forthcoming Dividend	<p>If Forthcoming Gross Dividend is available and Issue P <math>\geq</math> [P(t) – Forthcoming Gross Dividend] then PAF=1</p> <p>or</p> <p>if Forthcoming Gross Dividend is available and Issue P &lt; [P(t) – Forthcoming Gross Dividend] then</p> $\frac{[(P(t) * (\text{Shares Before} + \text{Shares Issued}) - \text{Shares Issued} * \text{Issue P} - \text{Shares Issued} * \text{Forthcoming Gross Dividend}) / \text{Shares Before}] / [P(t)]}{[P(t)]}$ <p>or</p> <p>if Forthcoming Gross Dividend is not available and Issue P <math>\geq</math> P(t) then PAF=1</p> <p>or</p> <p>if Forthcoming Gross Dividend is not available and Issue P &lt; P(t) then</p> $\frac{[(P(t) * (\text{Shares Before} + \text{Shares Issued}) - \text{Shares Issued} * \text{Issue P}) / \text{Shares Before}] / [P(t)]}{[P(t)]}$
Rights Issue	Right of New Underlying Shares with Another Asset (bond, warrant, preferred, etc.) attached	<p>If Right P(t) is available then</p> $[P(t) + \text{Right per Share P(t)}] / [P(t)]$ <p>or</p> <p>If Right P(t) is not available and Issue P is &lt; P(t) then</p> $[(P(t) * (\text{Shares Before} + \text{Shares Issued}) - \text{Shares Issued} * \text{Issue P}) / \text{Shares Before}] / [P(t)]$ <p>or</p> <p>if Right P(t) is not available and Issue P <math>\geq</math> P(t) then PAF=1</p>

Event Type	Comments	PAF = [Cum Price Formula] / [Ex Price Formula]
Rights Issue	Right of Another Type of Asset (bond, warrant, preferred, etc.)	if Right P(t) is available then $\frac{[P(t) + \text{Right per Share } P(t)]}{[P(t)]}$ or if Right P(t) is not available then PAF=1
Rights Issue	Right of Shares in Another Listed Security	If Issue P < Other Security P(t) then $\frac{[P(t) + (\text{Other Security } P(t) - \text{Issued } P) * \text{Other Security Shares Issued} / \text{Shares Before}]}{[P(t)]}$ else PAF=1
Special Dividend	PAF is applied for special dividends when the impact of dividend on the price on the cum date is greater than or equal to 5%.	If impact of Special Div on P(t-1) >=5%, then $\frac{[P(t) + \text{Special Div}]}{[P(t)]}$
Spin-off	Spun-off traded on the ex-date	$\frac{[P(t) + \text{Spun Off } P(t) * \text{Spun Off Shares Issued} / \text{Shares Before}]}{[P(t)]}$
Spin-off	Spun-off NOT traded on the ex-date (creation of a 'detached' security)	$\frac{[P(t-1)]}{[P(t)]}$
Split		$\frac{[\text{Shares Issued}]}{[\text{Shares Before}]}$
Stock	Stock Dividend / Bonus / Scrip Issue / Stock	$\frac{[\text{Shares Issued} + \text{Shares Before}]}{[\text{Shares Before}]}$
Stock	Stock Dividend Not Entitled to Forthcoming Dividend	$\frac{[(\text{Shares Issued} + \text{Shares Before}) * P(t) - (\text{Shares Issued} * \text{Forthcoming Gross Cash Dividend})]}{[\text{Shares Before}]} / [P(t)]$
Stock	Distribution of Another Type of Asset (bond, warrant, preferred, etc.)	If Other Asset P(t) is not available then PAF=1 else $\frac{[(P(t) * \text{Shares Before} + \text{Other Asset } P(t) * \text{Other Asset Issued}) / \text{Shares Before}]}{[P(t)]}$

Event Type	Comments	PAF = [Cum Price Formula] / [Ex Price Formula]
Stock	Distribution of New Underlying Shares with Warrants attached	<p>If Other Asset P(t) is not available then</p> $[\text{Shares Issued} + \text{Shares Before}] / [\text{Shares Before}]$ <p>else</p> $[(P(t) * (\text{Shares Issued} + \text{Shares Before}) + \text{Other Asset P}(t) * \text{Other Asset Issued}) / \text{Shares Before}] / [P(t)]$

Terms/abbreviations	Definitions
Cash	Amount shareholders are entitled to
Cum Date	Business Day prior to the ex-date
Estimated gain per share	$\{[(\text{Offer price} - P(t-1)) * \text{estimated minimum entitlement}] / P(t-1)\} * 100$
Estimated Minimum Entitlement	Minimum percentage of shareholders' holdings that will be accepted by the acquirer assuming all shareholders tender their shares, except for the acquirer and the shareholders who explicitly state that they will not participate in the partial tender offer.
Ex-Date	Day on which a security is traded without a previously declared dividend, distribution, or other right
Pay-date	First trading day of new shares resulting from the rights issue
Issue P	Issue price
Offer P	Offer price
Other Asset Issued	Number of other asset distributed (e.g. warrant, convertible bond)
Other Asset P(t)	Closing price of the other asset on the ex-date
P(t)	Closing price on the ex-date
P(t-1)	Closing price on the cum date (ex-date -1)
Premium	$[(\text{Offer price} - P(t-1)) / P(t-1)] * 100$
Right P(t)	Closing right price on the ex-date
Intrinsic value of Rights	$[\text{Closing price of security} * \text{Shares Issued} - \text{Issue P} * \text{Shares Issued}] / [\text{Shares Before}]$
Shares Before	Number of shares shareholders need to hold before the event
Shares Issued	Number of shares distributed
Shares Acquired	Number of shares acquired
Forthcoming Gross Dividend	Gross dividend per share paid by the company following another event. In certain cases of rights issues and stock dividends, the newly issued shares are not entitled to the dividend which is ex after the rights issue / stock dividend ex-date.
Special Div	Amount shareholders are entitled to
Spun Off P(t)	Closing price of the spun off security on the ex-date
Spun Off Shares Issued	Number of spun off security shares distributed

## APPENDIX II: IMPLEMENTATION DATES FOR CORPORATE EVENTS

MSCI uses several terms to specify the timing of corporate events implementation:

As of the close of date (t-1) indicates that the changes are implemented after the close on day t-1. For example, if a security is deleted as of the close of t-1, the security still appears in the index on the day t-1.

Effective date/Ex-date (t) indicates the date on which the changes are reflected. For example, if a security is deleted as of the close of t-1, the security no longer appears in the index on the effective date (t). It also indicates the date on which a security is traded without a previously declared dividend, distribution, or other right.



## APPENDIX III: CLARIFICATION REGARDING EFFECTIVE DATES IN INDEX EMAIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The effective date in header of the Index email announcement means that all related changes are reflected in the indexes as of the open of the specified date, unless indicated otherwise in the text of the announcement. This is the case for all changes (NOS, FIF, VIF, addition, deletion, etc.) implemented as part of corporate events or Index Reviews.

For events such as rights issues, stock dividends or splits, where PAFs are applied on the ex date (t), the effective date in the header of the Index email announcement represents the ex-date of the event (and not the effective date of the NOS changes associated to the event). The associated NOS changes are implemented as of the close of that date i.e. "as of the close of t" (effective t+1).

All the details of the event implementation, including all the implementation dates (i.e. "as of the close of" date and effective date), are provided in the descriptive text, below the header.

For more details regarding "as of the close of", "ex-date" or "effective date", please refer to Appendix II entitled "Implementation Dates for Corporate Events" in the MSCI Corporate Events Methodology Book.

## APPENDIX IV: CORPORATE EVENTS OCCURRING ON SUNDAYS

A selected list of MSCI Indexes is calculated on Sundays to reflect the performance of the markets open on this day. The Sunday index performances capture the price changes and reflect corporate events effective on these days. In case of corporate events occurring on Sundays and where a PAF is needed, the PAF is applied to the market price of the security on Sunday and Monday. If the security does not trade on Monday, the Sunday closing market price is carried forward to Monday, including the PAF.

Changes in the security's number of shares, FIFs and/or DIFs due to corporate events occurring on Sundays are implemented as of the close of Monday, regardless of whether the corporate event requires the application of a PAF on Sunday or not.

For details on the Sunday Index Calculation Methodology, refer to Appendix I of the [MSCI Index Calculation Methodology](#).

## APPENDIX V: GUIDELINES CONCERNING IMPLEMENTATION OF PARTIAL TENDER OFFERS

### Summary

MSCI applies a PAF for partial tender offers on the ex-date when the following criteria are fulfilled:

- The premium is greater than 20%, and
- The estimated gain per share is greater than 5%.

If at least 1 of the 2 conditions is not met (i.e. premium is < 20% and/or estimated gain per share < 5%), MSCI applies a PAF of 1.

In cases where the ex-date is not available, the PAF is applied on the first business day after the end of the offer.

Changes in the NOS and/or FIF are implemented following the results of the offer regardless the PAF applied on the ex-date is 1 or not.

### PAF formula in detail

If premium > 20% AND estimated gain per share > 5% on t-1 then

$$\text{PAF} = \left[ \frac{(\text{estimated minimum entitlement} * \text{offer price} + (100 - \text{estimated minimum entitlement}) * P(t))}{100} \right] / [P(t)]$$

Else PAF = 1

### Definitions

Premium in % =  $\left[ \frac{(\text{offer price} - P(t-1))}{P(t-1)} \right] * 100$

Estimated gain per share in % =  $\left\{ \left[ \frac{(\text{offer price} - P(t-1)) * \text{estimated minimum entitlement}}{P(t-1)} \right] \right\} * 100$

P(t-1) is the closing price on the cum date

P(t) is the closing price on the ex-date

Estimated minimum entitlement = “NOS sought by acquirer” / “NOS free to participate in the offer”

In other words, the estimated minimum entitlement is the minimum percentage of shareholders holdings that will be accepted by the acquiror assuming all shareholders tender their shares, except for the acquiror and the shareholders who explicitly state that they will not participate in the partial tender offer.

### Example

A company is buying back 10% of its shares at an offer price of USD 90. One shareholder, owning 20% of the shares publicly declares that he will not participate in the offer. In addition, the company already owns 5% of treasury shares that will not participate in the offer. The closing market price on the cum date is USD 60 and the closing price on the ex-date is USD 55.

Based on the information available in this example, the estimated minimum entitlement, the premium and the estimated gain per share are calculated as follows:

Estimated minimum entitlement	$10\% / (100\% - 20\% - 5\%) = 13.33\%$
Premium	$(90-60) / 60 = 50\%$
Estimated gain per share	$[(90-60) * 13.33\%] / 60 = 6.66\%$

As the premium is above 20% and the estimated gain per share is above 5%, meaning both conditions are met, the PAF applied on the ex-date is calculated as follows:

$$[(13.33 * 90 + (100 - 13.33) * 55) / 100] / [55] = 1.085$$

## APPENDIX VI: ANNOUNCEMENT STATUS AND TIMING

All changes resulting from corporate events affecting constituents of the MSCI Equity Indexes are announced prior to their implementation. The changes can have the following status:

Status	Description	Timing
Acknowledged	<p>The "Acknowledged" status is used to indicate that MSCI is aware of an upcoming event. With this status, MSCI does not disclose any details of the treatment of the corporate event.</p> <p>The "Acknowledged" status is used for all corporate events having impact of above 1 time constituent's underlying country index Large Cap Cutoff. The examples of event types include acquisitions, mergers, spin offs, rights issues, public offerings, private placements etc. An "Acknowledged" won't be sent for events like block sales, secondary offerings, stock splits, consolidations, stock dividends, buybacks, partial acquisitions etc. An "Expected" or "Undetermined" announcement will be sent for these events.</p> <p>For IPOs, a "Confirmed" announcement is sent.</p>	Within 5 business days of the actual event announcement by the company.
Undetermined	The "Undetermined" status is used when the event is conditional upon uncertain events (e.g: the outcome of the tender offer is uncertain), or the effective date is not known. MSCI describes the event and how it intends to implement it if and when the event becomes effective.	Undetermined announcements are sent when there is some uncertainty that the event will take place.
Expected	MSCI sends an "expected" announcement to describe the implementation and changes that are intended to be made when the effective date is known and when MSCI considers that an event is likely to be successful, provided that the necessary public information concerning the event is available	Generally 10 business days before the effective date.
Confirmed	The "Confirmed" status is used when all details for the implementation of the security's change have been finalized.	Confirmed announcement is generally sent at least 2 days before the effective date.
Implemented	The "Implemented" status is used when the change has been implemented in the index.	The event remains in the Advance Corporate Events (ACE) file 2 days after its effective date.
Canceled	The "Canceled" status is used when a previously announced event does not occur.	As early as practicable.
Correction	The "Correction" status is used when a modification needs to be made to an event that was previously "Confirmed".	As early as practicable.

## APPENDIX VII: ADDITIONAL CORPORATE EVENTS RULES APPLYING TO THE MSCI GLOBAL INVESTABLE MARKET INDEXES

Corporate events can have different implications depending on the specificities for constructing and maintaining each MSCI Index. Such specificities, if any, are described in the respective methodology book of each MSCI Index.

Corporate events rules used for the maintenance of the MSCI Global Investable Market Indexes include the rules described in this methodology book as well as the rules described in Section 3 “Maintaining the MSCI Global Investable Market Indexes” of the MSCI Global Investable Market Indexes Methodology. Please refer to the following sections, among others, of the MSCI Global Investable Market Indexes Methodology.

- Changes in FIF, NOS and GICS due to corporate events  
*See Section 3.3 (changes made at the time of the event) and Section 3.2 (changes made at Index Reviews)*
- Size and style segment reviews due to corporate events  
*See Section 3.3 (at the time of the event) as well as Sections 3.1 and 3.2 (at Index Reviews)*
- Deletions of securities from the MSCI Global Investable Market Indexes due to corporate events  
*See Section 3.3*
- Announcement policy  
*See Section 3.4*

For details on rules for the treatment of IPOs in the MSCI Global Investable Market Indexes, see Section 6 of this methodology book “IPOs and Other Early Inclusions”.

## APPENDIX VIII: IMPLEMENTATION FOR STOCK CONNECT A-SHARE SECURITIES

MSCI announced the conclusions from its recent consultation with the investment community on specific topics in the context of the upcoming partial inclusion of China A shares in the MSCI Emerging Markets Index. The conclusion of the consultation results in modifications to the methodology, in particular rules related to treatment of suspended securities and implementation of corporate events in case of “Stock Connect” holidays.

For more information, please refer to the consultation conclusion documents available at <https://www.msci.com/index-consultations>.

### ONGOING EVENT RELATED CHANGES

The ongoing event-related changes to the Stock Connect A-share security primarily follow the MSCI GIMI Methodology and the MSCI Corporate Events Methodology.

#### Implementation of Corporate Events except Early Inclusions

In order to reflect accessibility of securities trading on Stock Connect and keep the MSCI Indexes replicable, methodologies need to be enhanced in order to more accurately reflect the investment process of Stock Connect investors, especially for cases when Stock Connect is closed but the onshore Chinese domestic market is trading.

Below is the treatment of corporate events in case where Stock Connect is closed on the implementation date:

#### 1. Market neutral Events for China A Stock Connect securities:

Market neutral events will be implemented on ex-date for Stock Connect A-share and onshore securities irrespective of holiday. In this case, MSCI implementation date for both Onshore and Stock Connect A-share securities will be same. (For example but not limited to: Stock Dividend, Split, Consolidation, PAF due to buyback/Partial Acquisition, rights issue of non-trading asset, etc.)

3-for-10 stock dividend – Ex on July 28				
	25-July	28-July (Connect holiday and Onshore Trading)		
	Onshore-Index, Stock Connect-Index, Onshore – Portfolio and Stock Connect - Portfolio	Onshore-Index and Stock Connect - Index	Onshore - Portfolio	Stock Connect - Portfolio
Price	2.2	1.69	1.69	1.69
PAF	-	1.3	-	-
NOS	1000	1000	1300	1300
MCap	2200	2200	2200	2200

## 2. Non-Market neutral Events for China A Stock Connect securities:

2.1. Events with Price Adjustment Factor (PAF): The event implementation will be postponed to the next Stock Connect trading day. Price on the ex-date will be carried forward for the Stock connect A-share securities. In this case, MSCI implementation date for both Onshore and Stock Connect A-share securities will be different. (For example but not limited to: Rights issue of trading asset, Spin off, Merger, Conversion, redemption, special dividends above 5%, capital repayment, etc.)

Special dividend of RMB 2 per share - Ex on May 28													
	27-May	28-May (Connect Holiday and Onshore Trading)				29-May (Connect and Onshore Trading)				30-May (Connect and Onshore Trading)			
	Onshore - Index, Stock Connect - Index, Onshore - Portfolio and Stock Connect - Portfolio	Onshore - Index	Stock Connect - Index	Onshore - Portfolio	Stock Connect - Portfolio	Onshore - Index	Stock Connect - Index	Onshore - Portfolio	Stock Connect - Portfolio	Onshore - Index	Stock Connect - Index	Onshore - Portfolio	Stock Connect - Portfolio
Price	6	4.1	6	4.1	6	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5
PAF	-	1.4878	-	2000 (cash)	-	-	1.476	-	2000 (cash)	-	-	-	-
NOS	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
Mcaps	6000	6100	6000	6100	6000	4200	6200	4200	6200	4500	4500	4500	4500

The reinvestment for onshore Index will be on 28<sup>th</sup> May whereas for Stock connect Index will be postponed to 29<sup>th</sup> May

2.2. Events without any Price Adjustment Factor (PAF): The implementation will either be postponed or preponed. In this case, MSCI implementation date for both Onshore and Stock Connect A-share securities will be same. (For example but not limited to: Delisting, Private placement, Acquisition, deletion due to prolonged suspension etc.)

### IPOs

A shares IPOs are only considered for inclusion at subsequent Index Reviews following the event.

### Other Early Inclusions

Other early inclusion of A shares (For example but not limited to spin off, merger, acquisition) will only be considered if the eligibility of Stock Connect is announced on or before the day of MSCI sending "Confirmed" corporate event announcement for the relevant event. Otherwise, such securities will be considered for index inclusion at subsequent Index Reviews.

### Cash Dividend Reinvestment for China A Stock Connect Securities

In case where Stock Connect has trading holiday on the ex-date of a dividend but the onshore Chinese domestic market is trading, MSCI will postpone the reinvestment of the dividend to the next Stock Connect trading day for Stock connect A-share securities. However, MSCI will continue to use the ex-date market price for the Stock connect A-share securities from exchange for index calculations.



## CHANGE TO THE METHODOLOGY BOOK

**The following sections have been modified since May 2013:**

### May 2013 updates:

Section 2.1.4.2: Dutch Auction offer

- update for changes in NOS less than 5%

Section 2.3: Conversion of share classes

- update of the paragraph

Section 3.2.1: Stock dividends: distribution of new underlying shares

- treatment of stock dividend of treasury shares

Section 3.3: Capital repayments

- clarification on tax treatment

Section 4.1.1.2: Share placements and offerings: country specifics

- update on forward sale agreements, Japanese secondary offerings and HK & China block sales

Section 4.3: Optional dividends

- update on treatment in countries ex-US

### August 2013 updates:

Section 2.1.4.2: Dutch Auction offer

- wording

Section 2.3: Conversion of share classes

- wording

Section 3.2.1: Distribution of new underlying shares

- wording

Appendix III: Corporate Events occurring on Sundays

- removed mention of the treatment of Saturdays

November 2013 updates:

Section 2.1: Treatment of M&As in the MSCI Universe

- updates on page 6, 7, 8 and 9

Section 3.2: Stock Dividends

- update on page 15

Section 4.1.1: Implementation of Share Placements and Offerings in the MSCI Universe

- update on page 21 (+footnote) and page 22

Section 5: Suspensions, Delisting and Bankruptcies

- update page 24-25

Appendix V: Clarification Regarding Effective Dates in Index email Announcements

- updates

Appendix VI: Announcement Status and Timing

- update

February 2014 updates:

Section 2.3: Conversion of Share Classes

- treatment for China securities

Section 3.3: Capital Repayments

- update

Section 3.4: Special Cash Dividends

- update

May 2014 updates:

Section 2.1.4: Partial tender offers and buyback offers

- update

Section 4.1.1.2: Country specifics

- Treatment of primary and secondary equity offerings

#### Section 4.3: Optional Dividends

- Treatment for Hong Kong optional dividends

#### August 2014 updates:

##### Section 2.1: Treatment of M&As in the MSCI Universe

- update of the advance notice

##### Section 3.5: Optional Dividends

- treatment for the Netherlands

##### Section 5: Suspensions, Bankruptcies and Delisting

- update for Bankruptcies

##### Section 7.1: Client Announcements

- clarification of minimum advance notice for non-neutral events

##### Appendix I: PAF Formulas and Definitions

- update for very highly dilutive rights issue

##### Appendix III: Clarification Regarding Effective Dates in Index email Announcements

- update

#### November 2014 updates:

##### Section 2.1.3: Tender Offers

- clarification of deletion rules for existing constituents

##### Section 2.6.2: Reverse Spinoffs

- clarification of reverse spinoffs implementation

##### Section 3.6.3: Number of Shares, FIF and/or DIF Changes Following Rights for New Underlying Shares

- clarification for fully underwritten rights issues offered at a premium to market price

#### December 2014 update:



## Section 2.1: Treatment of M&As in the MSCI Universe

- Canadian M&As

January 2015 updates:

Section 5: Suspensions, Bankruptcies and Delistings

- updates including treatment of prolonged suspensions

Section 3: Highly dilutive or large rights issues

- updates including new treatment of highly dilutive or large rights issues

February 2015 updates:

Section 4: Other events Resulting in Changes in Number of Shares and FIFs and/or DIFs

- updates including new treatment of block sales and secondary offerings (outside the US)

Section 3: Highly dilutive or large rights issues

- updates in treatment of highly dilutive or large rights issues

March 2015 update:

Section 4: Other events Resulting in Changes in Number of Shares and FIFs and/or DIFs

- clarification and updates including new treatment of block sales and secondary offerings (outside the US)

May 2015 update:

Section 2.5.1: Treatment when spun off trades on ex -date

- clarification for cases subject to withholding tax

August 2015 update:

Section 4.1.2.1 General Treatment

- clarification for block sales and secondary offerings not considered for immediate implementation

November 2015 update:

Section 1 Introduction

- clarification for country specific treatment

February 2016 update:

Section 2.1 Treatment of M&As in the MSCI Universe

- clarification of implementation criteria for M&As

May 2016 updates:

Section 2: Mergers & Acquisition (M&As)

- clarification for general treatment

Section 2.1: Merger and Acquisitions via Mutual Agreement

- treatment of US acquisitions via agreement
- general clarification

Section 2.2: Tender Offers

- treatment of US tender offers
- general clarification

Section 4.1.1.1: General Treatment

- treatment for US securities

Section 4.1.1.2: Country Specifics

- treatment for US securities

Section 4.1.2.2: Country Specifics

- treatment for US securities

August 2016 updates:

Section 4.1.1.2: Country Specifics

- clarification for Canadian offerings treatment

Section 8.1: Client Announcements

- clarification for general treatment

- advance notification for announcement in undetermined status

#### Section 7: Share Freeze

- New section

#### September 2016 updates:

##### Section 2.7: Mergers & Acquisition (M&As)

- addition of treatment in capped weighted and non-market capitalization weighted indexes

##### Section 2.8.3: Spin-Offs

- addition of treatment in capped weighted and non-market capitalization weighted indexes

#### November 2016 updates:

##### Section 2.3.1: Acquisition of Listed Non-Index Constituents Securities

- clarification of the implementation threshold for Micro caps

##### Section 2.4.2: Dutch Auction Offer

- clarification of the implementation threshold for Micro caps

##### Section 2.4.3: Split off/Exchange offer

- clarification of treatment of split off

##### Section 2.8.1.1: US and Canada Specific Treatment

- clarification of announcement policy

##### Section 2.9.1: Mergers

- clarification of factors of continuation

##### Section 3.2.2: Distribution of Other Type of Assets

- clarification of distribution of listed assets with late pay date

##### Section 3.6.2: Number of Shares, FIF and/or DIF Changes Following Rights for New Underlying Shares

- clarification of the implementation threshold for Micro caps

##### Section 4.2: Debt-to-Equity Swaps

- clarification of the implementation threshold for Micro caps

February 2017 updates:

Section 5.3: Delisting from Primary Exchange

- clarification of the current treatment

Section 5.4: Country Classification Review

- new section clarifying current treatment

May 2017 updates:

Section 2.4.1.1: Results of Partial Tender Offers and Buyback Offers

- clarification of the current treatment

Section 2.5: Conversion of Share Classes

- clarification of the current treatment for periodical conversions

Section 3.6.3.1: Rights Issue Offered at a Discount to Market Price

- clarification of the treatment of rights issues where strategic shareholders do not intend to subscribe pro-rata

June 2017 updates:

Section 1 - Introduction

Section 2.7: Mergers and Acquisitions Treatment in Capped Weighted and Non-Market Capitalization Weighted Indexes

- Glossary of terms
- Examples of treatments in capped weighted and non-market capitalization weighted indexes

Section 2.8.4: Spin-off Treatment in Capped Weighted and Non-Market Capitalization Weighted Indexes

- Examples of treatments in capped weighted and non-market capitalization weighted indexes

Section 3.6.6: Rights Issue Treatment in Capped Weighted and Non-Market Capitalization Weighted Indexes

- New section with example of treatments in capped weighted and non-market capitalization weighted indexes



#### Section 4.3: Share Placement and Offerings Treatment in Non-Market Capitalization Weighted Indexes

- New section with example of treatments in non-market capitalization weighted indexes.

#### August 2017 updates:

##### Section 2.2.5: Announcement Policy

- clarification of the communication of tender offers with multiple offer periods

##### Section 2.4: Partial Tender Offers and Buyback Offers

- clarification of the current treatment for periodical conversions

##### Section 2.7: Mergers and Acquisitions Treatment in Capped Weighted and Non-Market Capitalization Weighted Indexes

- Additional examples of treatments in capped weighted and non-market capitalization weighted indexes

##### Section 2.8.3: Reverse Spinoffs

- clarification of the current treatment for reverse spinoff where the spun-off does not trade on the ex-date

##### Section 2.8.4: Spin-off Treatment in Capped Weighted and Non-Market Capitalization Weighted Indexes.

- Additional examples of treatments in capped weighted and non-market capitalization weighted indexes

##### Section 3.6.3.1: Rights Issue Offered at a Discount to Market Price

- clarification of the treatment when treasury shares are not entitled to a rights issues

##### Section 4: Other Events Resulting in Changes in Number of Shares and FIFs and/or DIFs

- clarification of the treatment when a security does not trade on the as of the close date of a corporate event effective date

#### October 2017 updates:

Section 2: Mergers & Acquisitions, 3.5 Optional Dividends, 3.6.2 Rights Issues Offered at a Premium to Market Price and 4. Other Events Resulting in Changes in Number of Shares and FIFs and/or DIFs

- number of shares updates smaller than  $\pm 1\%$  are not implemented at the time of the event but at a subsequent Index Review

#### Section 3.4: Special Cash Dividends

- new treatment of special cash dividends becoming smaller than 5% after being announced in “confirmed” status.

#### Section 3.6: Rights Issues and 3.6.3 Number of Shares, FIF and/or DIF Changes Following Rights for New Underlying Shares

- number of shares change resulting from rights issues are re-assessed on the cum-date

#### November 2017 updates:

##### Section 2.1.1: Implementation Timing

- clarification of the implementation timing for acquisitions via scheme of arrangement ex US and Canada.

##### Section 2.8.2: Spun-off Not Trading on the Ex-date

- clarification of the current treatment of detached securities

##### Section 5.1.1.1: China Specific Treatment

- new treatment for prolonged suspension

##### Section 6: IPOs and Other Early Inclusions

- clarification of early inclusions following large offerings

##### Section 8.1: Client Announcements

- new treatment for “acknowledged” announcement status

##### Appendix 6: Announcement Status and Timing

- new treatment for “Acknowledged” announcement status

##### Appendix 8: Implementation For Stock Connect A-Share Securities

- new appendix

#### January 2018 updates:

##### Section 2.2.7: Tender Offers with Tendered Line of Shares Trading Separately

- new treatment for target security's market price switch between non-tendered shares to tendered share market price

##### Section 2.8.1: Treatment When Spun Off Trades on Ex-date

- new window to trigger the addition of a "detached" security when the pay-date is later than the ex-date

##### Section 3.2.2: Distribution of Other Type of Assets

- new window to trigger the addition of a "detached" security when the pay-date is later than the ex-date

#### February 2018 updates:

##### Introduction

- clarification of corporate events treatment for indexes created as a combination of different component indexes

##### Section 2.2.7: Tender Offers with Tendered Line of Shares Trading Separately

- clarification of conditions for a switch of a security's market price from non-tendered shares to tendered shares

##### Section 2.4.1.1: Results of Partial Tender Offers and Buyback Offers

- clarification for implementation of results of buyback tender offers in India

##### Section 3.6.4: Rights for Other Types of Assets

- clarification of adjustments of rights of other type of assets when the rights do not trade on the ex-date

##### Appendix I: PAFs Formulas and Definitions

- clarification of PAFs for right of new underlying shares with another asset
- clarification of PAFs for right of another type of asset

#### March 2018 updates:

##### Introduction

- clarification of corporate events treatment when securities trade at their price limit on the ex-date/effective date of a corporate event

#### Section 2.3.1: Acquisitions of Unlisted Securities

- treatment of acquisitions of unlisted securities

#### Section 2.3.2: Acquisitions of Listed Non-Index Constituents Securities

- change of implementation thresholds at the time of the event

#### Section 2.4.3: Results of Partial Tender Offers and Buybacks Offers

- change of implementation thresholds at the time of the event

#### Section 3.6.3.2: Rights Issues Offered at a Premium to Market Price

- change of implementation thresholds at the time of the event

#### Section 4.1.1.1: General Treatment

- change of implementation thresholds at the time of the event
- clarification of treatment for public and secondary offerings announced simultaneously
- clarification of treatment for public offering and private placement announced simultaneously

#### Section 4.1.1.2: Country Specifics

- change of implementation thresholds at the time of the event for US, Latin American, Canadian, Australian and Norwegian securities
- change of implementation timing and thresholds for Canadian subscription receipts
- clarification of treatment of top-up subscription in Hong-Kong

#### Section 4.2: Debt-To-Equity Swaps

- change of implementation thresholds at the time of the event for conversion of originally non-convertible debt

#### Section 5.1.1: Prolonged Suspension

- change of treatment for prolonged suspension of all index constituents ex-China Equity Universe

#### May 2018 updates:

#### Section 2.2.7: Tender offers with tendered line of shares trading separately

- clarification of the second condition

#### Section 2.7: Mergers and Acquisitions Treatment in Capped Weighted and Non-Market Capitalization Weighted Indexes

- Addition of example 8 for partial acquisitions

#### Section 3.6: Rights issues

- clarification of the treatment of downward migrations

#### Section 6: IPOs and Other Early Inclusions

- clarification of the treatment of over-allotment

#### August 2018 updates:

##### Section 3.3: Capital Repayments

- Update in language

##### Section 3.4: Special Cash Dividends

- Update in language

##### Section 3.7: Redemptions

- Update in language

#### November 2018 updates:

##### Section 2.5: Conversions of Share Classes

- new section structure and clarifications of the treatment of conversions

##### Section 3.6.5: Highly Dilutive or Large Rights Issues

- clarification regarding the timing of upward migrations

#### Section 6: IPOs and Other Early Inclusions

- clarification of the direct listing route treatment

#### December 2018 updates:

##### Section 2.1.2: Deletion Price

- new price to maintain already delisted index constituents in the MSCI Indexes

#### Section 2.1.5: Canada Specific Treatment

- new methodology

#### Section 2.8.1: Treatment When Spun off Trades on Ex-date

- clarification of the treatment of detached security for delayed pay date spinoffs

#### Section 3.6.3.4: Rights Issues with Incomplete Information on the Ex-Date

- new methodology

#### Section 3.5.1: US Specific Treatment

- new methodology for US optional dividends

#### January 2019 updates:

##### Section 4.1.1.1: General Treatment

- clarification on implementation thresholds at the time of the event

##### Section 4.1.2.1: General Treatment

- clarification on implementation thresholds at the time of the event

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