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# MSCI ACWI Select 500 Index and Sub-Indexes



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# 1 Introduction

The MSCI ACWI Select 500 Index (the ‘Index’<sup>1</sup>) is designed to support investors seeking to reduce their exposure to greenhouse gas emissions and increase exposure to companies with their emission reduction targets approved by Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi).

The MSCI ACWI ex Select Countries Index (“Parent Index”) has been constructed to exclude the following countries from MSCI ACWI<sup>2</sup>: Finland, Qatar, UAE, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Indonesia. The Index is constructed by selecting the constituents from the Parent Index, which is a market capitalization weighted index, through an optimization process that aims to:

- Reduce the weighted average greenhouse gas emissions (Scope 1 and 2) intensity relative to EVIC by 6% on an annualized basis
- Increase the weight in companies with one or more greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets<sup>3</sup> approved by Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi) by 20%

The Index uses research provided by MSCI Solutions for Index construction.<sup>4</sup>

The subset Indexes 1-18 have been further constructed from the MSCI ACWI Select 500 Index based on the methodology specified in Appendix I.

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<sup>1</sup> The Index and its subset Indexes are governed by a set of methodology and policy documents (“Methodology Set”), including the present index methodology document. Please refer to Appendix VI for more details.

<sup>2</sup> The constituents countries of the Parent Index are available in the Index Country Membership Tool on MSCI’s website : <https://www.msci.com/index-country-membership-tool>.

<sup>3</sup> Company level emission reduction targets which have been approved by Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi). More details on SBT are available at <https://sciencebasedtargets.org/companies-taking-action>.

<sup>4</sup> See Section 4 for further information regarding sustainability and climate data used in the Indexes that MSCI Limited and MSCI Deutschland GmbH source from MSCI Solutions LLC (“MSCI Solutions”), a separate subsidiary of MSCI Inc. MSCI Solutions is solely responsible for the creation, determination and management of such data as a provider to MSCI Limited and MSCI Deutschland GmbH. MSCI Limited and MSCI Deutschland GmbH are the benchmark administrators for the MSCI indexes.

## 2 Index Construction Methodology

The Indexes use company ratings and research provided by MSCI Solutions<sup>5</sup> (“MSCI Solutions”) to determine eligibility for index construction.

### 2.1 Applicable Universe

The Applicable Universe includes all the constituents of the Parent Index. The Parent Index has been constructed to exclude the following countries from the MSCI ACWI Index: Finland, Qatar, UAE, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, and Indonesia.

### 2.2 Eligible Universe

The Eligible Universe is constructed from the Applicable Universe by excluding securities of companies based on the exclusion criteria below:

1. **Controversies**: All companies assessed as having involvement in controversies that are classified as Red Flags (MSCI Controversies Score of 0). A Red Flag indicates an ongoing, Very Severe controversy implicating a company directly through its actions, products, or operations.
2. **Controversial Business Involvement Criteria**: The Index uses MSCI Business Involvement Screening Research and MSCI Climate Change Metrics to identify companies that are involved in the following business activities. Companies that meet the business involvement criteria are excluded from the Index. Please refer to Appendix II for details on these criteria.
  - Controversial Weapons
  - Nuclear Weapons
  - Thermal Coal Mining
  - Thermal Coal Power

### 2.3 Optimization Constraints

At each Index Review, the Index is constructed using an optimization process that aims to achieve replicability and investability as well as minimize the ex-ante tracking error relative to the Parent Index subject to the following constraints:

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<sup>5</sup> See Section 4 for further information regarding sustainability and climate data used in the Indexes that MSCI Limited and MSCI Deutschland GmbH source from MSCI Solutions LLC (“MSCI Solutions”), a separate subsidiary of MSCI Inc. MSCI Solutions is solely responsible for the creation, determination and management of such data as a provider to MSCI Limited and MSCI Deutschland GmbH. MSCI Limited and MSCI Deutschland GmbH are the benchmark administrators for the MSCI indexes.

**Table 1: Constraints imposed on MSCI ACWI Select 500 Index**

No.	Constraints	Values
1	Number of constituents	500
2	Minimum average reduction (per annum) in GHG Emissions Intensity <sup>6</sup> (Scope 1+2 / EVIC) relative to the GHG Emissions Intensity (Scope 1+2 / EVIC) at the Base Date <sup>7</sup> (applied from Nov 2020 Index Review)	6%
3	Minimum increase in aggregate weight of companies with one or more active carbon emissions reduction target(s) approved by the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi) relative to the aggregate weight of such companies in the Parent Index (applied from Nov 2021 Index Review)	20%
4	Active Sector weights relative to Parent Index	+/- 3%
5	Active Country Weights <sup>8</sup>	+/- 5%
6	Maximum Constituent Weight	Min (Parent weight + 2%, 20x Parent weight)
7	Minimum Constituent Active Weight	-2% w.r.t Parent Index
8	Minimum Absolute Weight in a Constituent	0.01%
9	Maximum One-Way Turnover at each rebalance	10%
10	Specific Risk Aversion	0.075
11	Common Factor Risk Aversion	0.0075
12	Optimization Base Currency	USD

During the Index Review, in the event that there is no optimal solution that satisfies all the optimization constraints, the following constraints will be relaxed, until an optimal solution is found:

<sup>6</sup> Please refer to Appendix III for details on the decarbonisation pathway for GHG Emissions Intensity relative to EVIC.

<sup>7</sup> Base date used to calculate the initial weighted average GHG Emissions Intensity by EVIC .

The calculation of GHG Emissions Intensity had two changes at the May 2026 Index Review. The average reduction in GHG Emissions Intensity relative to EVIC (per annum) changed from 7% to 6% and the average reduction in GHG Emissions Intensity relative to Sales (per annum) at 10% was no longer applied.

<sup>8</sup> In case there are countries in the Parent Index which weigh less than or equal to 2.5% then for such countries the active country upper bound of +5% is not applicable. When a country weighs less than or equal to 2.5% in Parent Index then the upper bound of country weight in the Index is set at three times of the country's weight in Parent Index.

- Relax the one-way index turnover constraint in steps of 2.5% up to 15%
- Relax the active sector weight constraint in steps of 1% down/up to +/-5%

The one-way index turnover constraint and the active sector weight constraints are alternately relaxed until a feasible solution is achieved.

In the event that no optimal solution is found after the above constraint relaxations are exhausted, the relevant Index will not be rebalanced for that semi-annual Index Review.

## 2.4 Determining the Optimized Index

The Index is constructed using the Barra Open Optimizer<sup>9</sup> in combination with the relevant Barra Equity Model. The optimization uses universe of eligible securities and the specified optimization objectives and constraints to determine the constituents of the Index.

## 2.5 Treatment of Unrated Companies

Companies not assessed by MSCI Solutions on data for any of the following MSCI sustainability and climate products are not eligible for inclusion in the Indexes:

- MSCI Controversies
- MSCI Business Involvement Screening Research (BISR)
- MSCI Climate Change Metrics

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<sup>9</sup> Please refer to Appendix IV and V for more details.

### 3 Maintaining the Index

#### 3.1 Index Reviews

The Indexes are reviewed on a semi-annual basis, as of the close of the last business day of May and November, coinciding with the May and November Index Reviews of the MSCI Global Investable Market Indexes. The pro forma Indexes are in general announced nine business days before the effective date.

In general, MSCI uses MSCI Solutions data (including MSCI Climate Change Metrics, MSCI Sustainable Impact Metrics, MSCI Controversies and MSCI Business Involvement Screening Research) as of the end of the month preceding the Index Reviews for the rebalancing of the Indexes.

#### 3.2 Ongoing Event-Related Maintenance

The general treatment of corporate events in the Indexes aims to minimize turnover outside of Index Reviews. 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. Further, changes in Index market capitalization that occur as a result of corporate event implementation will be offset by a corresponding change in the Variable Weighting Factor (VWF) of the constituent.

The following section briefly describes the treatment of common corporate events within the Index.

No new securities will be added (except where noted below) to the Index between Index Reviews. Parent Index deletions will be reflected simultaneously in the Index.

<b>Event Type</b>	<b>Event Details</b>
<b>New additions to the Parent Index</b>	A new security added to the Parent Index (such as IPO and other early inclusions) will not be added to the index.
<b>Spin-Offs</b>	All securities created as a result of the spin-off of an existing Index constituent will be added to the Index at the time of event implementation. Reevaluation for continued inclusion in the Index will occur at the subsequent Index Review.
<b>Merger/Acquisition</b>	For Mergers and Acquisitions, the acquirer’s post event weight will account for the proportionate amount of shares involved in deal consideration, while cash proceeds will be invested across the Index.  If an existing Index constituent is acquired by a non-Index constituent, the existing constituent will be deleted from the Index and the acquiring non-constituent will not be added to the Index.
<b>Changes in Security Characteristics</b>	A security will continue to be an Index

constituent if there are changes in characteristics (country, sector, size segment, etc.) Reevaluation for continued inclusion in the Index will occur at the subsequent Index Review.

Further detail and illustration regarding specific treatment of corporate events relevant to this Index can be found in the MSCI Corporate Events Methodology book under the sections detailing the treatment of events in Capped Weighted and Non- Market Capitalization Weighted indexes.

The MSCI Corporate Events methodology book is available at: <https://www.msci.com/index-methodology>.

## 4 MSCI Solutions

The Indexes are products of MSCI Inc. that utilize information such as company ratings and research produced and provided by MSCI Solutions LLC (“MSCI Solutions”), a subsidiary of MSCI Inc. In particular, the Indexes use the following MSCI sustainability and climate products: MSCI Controversies, MSCI Business Involvement Screening Research, and MSCI Climate Change Metrics. MSCI Indexes are administered by MSCI Limited and MSCI Deutschland GmbH.

### 4.1 MSCI Controversies

MSCI Controversies provide assessments of controversies concerning the potential negative environmental, social, and/or governance impact of company operations, products and services. The evaluation framework used in MSCI Controversies is designed to be consistent with international norms represented by the UN Declaration of Human Rights, the ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work, and the UN Global Compact. MSCI Controversies Score falls on a 0-10 scale, with “0” being the most severe controversy.

The MSCI Controversies methodology can be found at:

<https://www.msci.com/legal/sustainability-and-climate-resources-and-disclosures>.

### 4.2 MSCI Business Involvement Screening Research

MSCI Business Involvement Screening Research (BISR) aims to enable institutional investors to manage environmental, social and governance (ESG) standards and restrictions reliably and efficiently.

The MSCI Business Involvement Screening Research methodology can be found at:

<https://www.msci.com/legal/sustainability-and-climate-resources-and-disclosures>.

### 4.3 MSCI Climate Change Metrics

MSCI Climate Change Metrics provide climate data & tools to support institutional investors seeking to integrate climate risk & opportunities into their investment strategy and processes. This includes investors seeking to achieve a range of objectives, including measuring and reporting on climate risk exposure, implementing low carbon and fossil fuel-free strategies, alignment with temperature pathways and factoring climate change research into their risk management processes, in particular through climate scenario analysis for both transition and physical risks.

The dataset spans across the four dimensions of a climate strategy: transition risks, green opportunities, physical risks and 1.5° alignment.

For more details on MSCI Climate Change Metrics, please refer to

<https://www.msci.com/legal/sustainability-and-climate-resources-and-disclosures>.

#### 4.3.1 Fossil Fuels and Power Generation Metrics

MSCI Solutions identifies companies involved in fossil fuel-related assets and activities including fossil fuel reserves, resource extraction, power generation and generation capacity, revenue from such assets and activities and capital investments in such assets and activities. The metrics are based on disclosed

activities, disclosed revenue and estimates of revenue that are extrapolated from company disclosures and eligible third-party sources (such as NGOs).

#### **4.3.2 Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions**

MSCI Solutions collects reported emissions and uses proprietary estimation methodologies that follows the GHG Protocol in including carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) and the five other principal GHGs: hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), methane (CH<sub>4</sub>), nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O), perfluorocarbons (PFCs), and sulfur hexafluoride (SF<sub>6</sub>). Emissions of these other gases are accounted for in terms of the quantity of CO<sub>2</sub> that has an equivalent global warming potential.

## Appendix I: Sub-Indexes

### Sub-Index 1: MSCI ACWI Select 500 Index – Energy Subset

This Index only includes constituents of the Energy GICS Sector, which are part of MSCI ACWI Select 500 Index.

#### Addition or Exclusion of Component

Include   Do not include	GICS Code	Component Name
Include	10	Energy

### Sub-Index 2: MSCI ACWI Select 500 Index – Materials Subset

This Index only includes constituents of the Materials GICS Sector, which are part of MSCI ACWI Select 500 Index.

#### Addition or Exclusion of Component

Include   Do not include	GICS Code	Component Name
Include	15	Materials

### Sub-Index 3: MSCI ACWI Select 500 Index – Industrials Subset

This Index only includes constituents of the Industrials GICS Sector which are part of MSCI ACWI Select 500 Index.

#### Addition or Exclusion of Component

Include   Do not include	GICS Code	Component Name
Include	20	Industrials

### Sub-Index 4: MSCI ACWI Select 500 Index – Consumer Discretionary Subset

This Index only includes constituents of the Consumer Discretionary GICS Sector, which are part of MSCI ACWI Select 500 Index.

#### Addition or Exclusion of Component

Include   Do not include	GICS Code	Component Name
Include	25	Consumer Discretionary

### Sub-Index 5: MSCI ACWI Select 500 Index – Consumer Staples Subset

This Index only includes constituents of the Consumer Staples GICS Sector, which are part of MSCI ACWI Select 500 Index.

**Addition or Exclusion of Component**

Include   Do not include	GICS Code	Component Name
Include	30	Consumer Staples

**Sub-Index 6:** MSCI ACWI Select 500 Index – Health Care Subset

This Index only includes constituents of the Health Care GICS Sector, which are part of MSCI ACWI Select 500 Index.

**Addition or Exclusion of Component**

Include   Do not include	GICS Code	Component Name
Include	35	Health Care

**Sub-Index 7:** MSCI ACWI Select 500 Index – Financials Subset

This Index only includes constituents of the Financials GICS Sector, which are part of MSCI ACWI Select 500 Index.

**Addition or Exclusion of Component**

Include   Do not include	GICS Code	Component Name
Include	40	Financials

**Sub-Index 8:** MSCI ACWI Select 500 Index – Information Technology Subset

This Index only includes constituents of the Information Technology GICS Sector, which are part of MSCI ACWI Select 500 Index.

**Addition or Exclusion of Component**

Include   Do not include	GICS Code	Component Name
Include	45	Information Technology

**Sub-Index 9:** MSCI ACWI Select 500 Index – Communication Services Subset

This Index only includes constituents of the Communication Services GICS Sector, which are part of MSCI ACWI Select 500 Index.

**Addition or Exclusion of Component**

Include   Do not include	GICS Code	Component Name
Include	50	Communication Services

**Sub-Index 10:** MSCI ACWI Select 500 Index – Utilities Subset

This Index only includes constituents of the Utilities GICS Sector, which are part of MSCI ACWI Select 500 Index

**Addition or Exclusion of Component**

Include   Do not include	GICS Code	Component Name
Include	55	Utilities

**Sub-Index 11:** MSCI ACWI Select 500 Index – Real Estate Subset

This Index only includes constituents of the Real Estate GICS Sector, which are part of MSCI ACWI Select 500 Index.

**Addition or Exclusion of Component**

Include   Do not include	GICS Code	Component Name
Include	60	Real Estate

**Sub-Index 12:** MSCI ACWI Select 500 Index – Pacific Subset

This Index only includes constituents of the MSCI Pacific Index, which are part of MSCI ACWI Select 500 Index

**Sub-Index 13:** MSCI ACWI Select 500 Index – Europe & Middle East Subset

This Index only includes constituents of the MSCI Europe & Middle East Index, which are part of MSCI ACWI Select 500 Index.

**Sub-Index 14:** MSCI Global Select 500 – Emerging Markets Subset Index

This Index only includes constituents of the MSCI EM (Emerging Markets) Index, which are part of MSCI ACWI Select 500 Index. As a final step, the Index is capped as per the MSCI 25/50 Indexes methodology<sup>11</sup>.

**Sub-Index 15:** MSCI ACWI Select 500 Index – Emerging Markets Subset

This Index only includes constituents of the MSCI EM (Emerging Markets Index), which are part of MSCI ACWI Select 500 Index.

**Sub-Index 16:** MSCI Global Select 500 – Europe Subset Index

This Index only includes constituents of the MSCI Europe Index, which are part of MSCI ACWI Select 500 Index.

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<sup>11</sup> More details can be found in MSCI Capped Indexes Methodology (Available at: <https://www.msci.com/index methodology>)

**Sub-Index 17:** MSCI Global Climate 500 Japan Selection Index

This Index only includes constituents of the MSCI Japan Index, which are part of MSCI ACWI Select 500 Index.

**Sub-Index 18:** MSCI ACWI Select 500 Index - Japan Subset

This Index only includes constituents of the MSCI Japan Index, which are part of MSCI ACWI Select 500 Index.

**Sub-Index 19:** MSCI Global Select 500 – North America Subset Index

This Index only includes constituents of the MSCI North America Index, which are part of MSCI ACWI Select 500 Index.

For the Sub-Indexes 1 to 19, the deletions and additions of constituents from and to the MSCI ACWI Select 500 Index will be reflected simultaneously in the relevant sub-index.

For the Sub-Indexes 1 to 19, except Sub-Index 14, the weights of the constituents in the sub-index will be proportional to their weights in the MSCI ACWI Select 500 Index.

## Appendix II: Values- and Climate Change-Based Exclusion Criteria

The Eligible Universe is constructed from the constituents of the Parent Index by excluding securities based on the exclusion criteria listed below:

- **Controversial Weapons:**

Companies flagged by the Controversial Weapons screen described below will be excluded if their Country of Classification is not a member of NATO<sup>10</sup>, the NATO Indo Pacific partners (IP4)<sup>11</sup> or Switzerland.

- All companies with any tie to Controversial Weapons (cluster munitions, landmines, depleted uranium weapons, biological/chemical weapons, blinding lasers, non-detectable fragments and incendiary weapons) according to MSCI Ex-Controversial Weapons Indexes.

- **Nuclear Weapons:**

Companies flagged by the Nuclear Weapons screen below will only be excluded if the Country of Classification is outside NATO, the NATO Indo Pacific partners (IP4) or Switzerland:

- All companies that manufacture nuclear warheads and/or whole nuclear missilesAll companies that manufacture components that were developed or are significantly modified for exclusive use in nuclear weapons (warheads and missiles)
- All companies that manufacture or assemble delivery platforms that were developed or significantly modified for the exclusive delivery of nuclear weapons.
- All companies that provide auxiliary services related to nuclear weapons.
- All companies that manufacture components that were not developed or not significantly modified for exclusive use in nuclear weapons (warheads and missiles) but can be used in nuclear weapons.
- All companies that manufacture or assemble delivery platforms that were not developed or not significantly modified for the exclusive delivery of nuclear weapons but have the capability to deliver nuclear weapons.
- All companies that manufacture components for nuclear-exclusive delivery platforms.

- **Thermal Coal Mining:**

Companies are excluded from the Indexes if they meet both of the following conditions:

- Condition 1: Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi): All companies that do not have one or more active carbon emissions reduction target(s) approved by the SBTi.

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<sup>10</sup> NATO refers to the NATO member states. MSCI updates this data before each Index Review using this website [NATO - Topic: NATO member countries](#)

<sup>11</sup> NATO Indo Pacific (IP4) are partners to the NATO member states in APAC. MSCI updates this data on a quarterly basis before each Index Review using this website [NATO - Topic: NATO member countries](#)

- Condition 2: All companies that derive 5% or more revenue (either reported or estimated) from the mining of thermal coal (including lignite, bituminous, anthracite and steam coal) and its sale to external parties. It excludes revenue from metallurgical coal, coal mined for internal power generation (e.g. in the case of vertically integrated power producers), intracompany sales of mined thermal coal, and revenue from coal trading (either reported or estimated).

- **Thermal Coal Power:**

Companies are excluded from the Indexes if they meet both of the following conditions:

- Condition 1: Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi): All companies that do not have one or more active carbon emissions reduction target(s) approved by the SBTi AND
- Condition 2: Companies that meet one or more of the following criteria:
  - All companies that derive 5% or more revenue from thermal coal-based power generation
  - All companies that have 5% or more capacity attributed to thermal coal-based power generation
  - All companies that generate 5% or more power from thermal coal

## Appendix III: Calculation of Target Metrics and Self-Decarbonization Trajectory of Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions Intensity

MSCI Solutions collects company-specific direct (Scope 1) and indirect (Scope 2) greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) data from company public documents and/or the Carbon Disclosure Project. If a company does not report GHG emissions, then MSCI Solutions estimates Scope 1 and Scope 2 GHG emissions.

### Security Level GHG Emissions Intensity relative to EVIC

GHG emissions of a company are normalized by dividing annual carbon emissions by Enterprise Value including Cash (EVIC). The GHG Emissions Intensity is calculated using the latest Scope 1+2 carbon emissions and EVIC of a company.

Security Level GHG Emissions Intensity relative to EVIC =

$$\frac{\text{Scope 1 + 2 GHG Emissions} * (1 + \text{EVIAF})}{\text{Enterprise Value} + \text{Cash (in M\$\text{)}}}$$

Enterprise Value Inflation Adjustment Factor (EVIAF) =

$$\text{EVIAF} = \left( \frac{\text{Average(Enterprise Value + Cash)}}{\text{Previous(Average(Enterprise Value + Cash))}} \right) - 1$$

### Missing Data Treatment

If Scope 1+2 carbon emissions and/or EVIC and/or Sales are not available, the average Scope 1+2 intensity of all the constituents of the MSCI ACWI in the same GICS Industry Group in which the security belongs is used.

### Calculation of Target Decarbonization using GHG Emissions Intensity relative to EVIC

On average, the Indexes follow a 6% decarbonization trajectory since the Base Date (May 2020 Index Review). The Weighted Average GHG Emissions Intensity on the Base Date ( $W_0$ ) is used to compute the target Weighted Average GHG Emissions Intensity at any given Semi-Annual Index Review. Note that the target year-on-year decarbonization has been reduced as part of the methodology transition on June 1, 2026. At each Index Review, the target weighted average GHG Intensity is calculated by applying a 7% year-on-year reduction between the base date and the methodology transition date, and a 6% year-on-year reduction thereafter. ( $W_t$ ) as per the below formula.

$$W_t = W_{t_b} * 0.93^{\frac{(t_c - t_b)}{2}} * 0.94^{\frac{(t - t_c)}{2}}$$

Where

- $t_b$  is the Base Date.
- $t_c$  is the methodology transition date (June 1, 2026).
- $t_c - t_b$  is the number of semi-annual Index Reviews between the Base Date and  $t_c$ , excluding the Base Date.
- $t - t_c$  is the number of semi-annual Index Reviews that have elapsed since (but not including)  $t_c$ .

## Appendix IV: Barra Equity Model Used in Optimization

The MSCI ACWI Select 500 Index currently uses an optimization setup using the MSCI Barra Global Equity Model for Long-Term Investors (GEMTLT).

## Appendix V: New release of Barra® Equity Model or Barra® Optimizer

A major new release of the relevant Barra Equity Model or Barra Optimizer may replace the former version within a suitable timeframe.

## Appendix VI: Methodology Set

The Indexes are governed by a set of methodology and policy documents ("Methodology Set"), including the present index methodology document as mentioned below:

- Description of methodology set – <https://www.msci.com/index/methodology/latest/ReadMe>
- MSCI Corporate Events Methodology – <https://www.msci.com/index/methodology/latest/CE>
- MSCI Fundamental Data Methodology – <https://www.msci.com/index/methodology/latest/FundData>
- MSCI Index Calculation Methodology – <https://www.msci.com/index/methodology/latest/IndexCalc>
- MSCI Index Glossary of Terms – <https://www.msci.com/index/methodology/latest/IndexGlossary>
- MSCI Index Policies – <https://www.msci.com/index/methodology/latest/IndexPolicy>
- MSCI Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS) Methodology – <https://www.msci.com/index/methodology/latest/GICS>
- MSCI Global Investable Market Indexes Methodology – <https://www.msci.com/index/methodology/latest/GIMI>
- MSCI Global ex Controversial Weapons Indexes Methodology – <https://www.msci.com/index/methodology/latest/XCW>
- ESG Factors In Methodology\*

The Methodology Set for the Indexes can also be accessed from MSCI's webpage <https://www.msci.com/index-methodology> in the section 'Search Methodology by Index Name or Index Code'.

\* 'ESG Factors in Methodology' contains the list of environmental, social, and governance factors considered, and how they are applied in the methodology (e.g., selection, weighting or exclusion). It can be accessed in the Methodology Set as described above.

## Appendix VII: Changes to this Document

### The following sections have been modified as of May 2025:

- Section 2.2. Bullet 2 and Appendix II: Removed Fossil-Fuel Power Generation based exclusion.
- Appendix II: Changed the thresholds for the Thermal Coal Power based exclusions from 10% to 5%.

### The following sections have been modified as of May 2026:

The methodology and index names were updated. As of June 1, 2026, the MSCI Select Climate 500 Indexes have been renamed to MSCI Select 500 Indexes with the exception of the MSCI Global Climate 500 Japan Selection Index.

#### Section 1: Introduction

- Modified the weighted average greenhouse gas emissions (Scope 1 and 2) intensity relative to EVIC from 7% to 6%.
- Removed the weighted average greenhouse gas emissions (Scope 1 and 2) intensity relative to Sales

#### Section 2.2: Eligible Universe

- Removed Tobacco based exclusion

#### Section 2.3: Optimization Constraints

- Modified the weighted average greenhouse gas emissions (Scope 1 and 2) intensity relative to EVIC from 7% to 6%.
- Removed the weighted average greenhouse gas emissions (Scope 1 and 2) intensity relative to Sales

#### Appendix I: Sub-Indexes

- The North America subset index was added.

#### Appendix II: Values – and Climate Change – Based Exclusion Criteria

- Removed Tobacco based exclusion
- Updated the controversial and nuclear weapons screening criteria to only exclude companies if their Country of Classification is not a member of NATO, the NATO Indo-Pacific Partners or Switzerland.
- Updated the thermal coal mining & power generation screening criteria to only exclude companies if they do not have an active carbon emissions reduction target(s) approved by the SBTi.

Appendix III: Calculation of Target Metrics and Self-Decarbonization Trajectory of Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions Intensity

The calculation of Target Metrics for the Self-Decarbonization Trajectory was updated.

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