

# Dow Jones Islamic Market Indices Compliance Criteria Update & September 2023 Rebalance Implementation

**NEW YORK CITY, AUGUST 4, 2023:** S&P Dow Jones Indices (“S&P DJI”) announces changes to the Dow Jones Islamic Market Indices.

S&P DJI is modifying the Dow Jones Islamic Market Indices Methodology to align with the changes outlined below. These Index Committee changes align with the opinion of the S&P Shariah Supervisory Board.

A summary of the methodology changes is included in the following tables:

Methodology	Sector-Based Screens
Previous	Revenues from non-compliant activities are tolerated, provided the revenues comply with the following: Non-permissible revenue (excluding non-operating Interest Income) / Total Revenue < 5%.
Updated	Revenues from non-compliant activities are tolerated, provided the revenues comply with the following: Non-permissible revenue / Total Revenue < 5%.

Methodology	Accounting-Based Screens
Previous	<p>After removing companies with unacceptable primary business activities, the remaining stocks are evaluated according to several financial ratio filters. The filters are based on criteria set up by the Shariah Supervisory Board to remove companies with unacceptable levels of debt or impure interest income. All the following must be less than 33%:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leverage Compliance: Total interest-bearing debt divided by trailing 24-month average market capitalization</li> <li>• Cash Compliance: The sum of a company’s cash and interest-bearing securities divided by trailing 24-month average market capitalization</li> </ul> <p>Stocks deemed compliant at the prior evaluation period that exceed the maximum ratio for any accounting-based screen at the current evaluation period remain compliant if the ratio is within two percentage points of the maximum allowed. However, if the maximum is breached for three consecutive evaluation periods the stock will be deemed non-compliant. If any of the ratios are above the two-percentage point buffer limit, the stock is deemed non-compliant immediately.</p> <p>Stocks deemed non-compliant at the prior evaluation period that pass all accounting-based screens at the current evaluation period remain non-compliant if any ratio is within two percentage points of the maximum allowed. However, if the stock satisfies all three ratios for three consecutive evaluation periods the stock will be deemed compliant immediately.</p>
Updated	<p>After removing companies with unacceptable primary business activities, the remaining stocks are evaluated according to the Leverage Compliance financial ratio filter. The Leverage Compliance filter is based on criteria set up by the Shariah Supervisory Board to remove companies with unacceptable levels of debt such that total interest-bearing debt divided by trailing 24-month average market capitalization must be less than 33%.</p> <p>Stocks deemed compliant at the prior evaluation period that exceed the maximum at the current evaluation period remain compliant if the ratio is within two percentage points of the maximum allowed. However, if the maximum is breached for three consecutive evaluation periods the stock will be deemed non-compliant. If the ratio is above the two-percentage point buffer limit, the stock is deemed non-compliant immediately.</p> <p>Stocks deemed non-compliant at the prior evaluation period that pass the accounting-based screen at the current evaluation period remain non-compliant if the ratio is within two percentage points of the maximum allowed. However, if the stock satisfies the ratios for three consecutive evaluation periods the stock will be deemed compliant.</p>

## IMPACT ANALYSIS

Please see the table below for an impact summary on the constituent count and weight of the top 100 securities in the Dow Jones Islamic Market World Index as of the June 2023 rebalancing.

	Index Constituent Count	% Weight of the Top 100
Current	3,763	60.37%
New	3,843	60.32%

S&P DJI will implement the previously described changes in conjunction with the September 2023 rebalance, which takes effect prior to the market open on **Monday, September 18, 2023**. The changes will first be visible to clients in pro-forma files beginning on **Friday, September 1, 2023**.

Please note that the Dow Jones Islamic Market Indices Methodology on S&P DJI's website is being updated to reflect this change.

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