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# S&P 500 Smallest 200 Equal Weight Index *Methodology*

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### Introduction

#### **Index Objective and Highlights**

The S&P 500 Smallest 200 Equal Weight Index measures the equal weighted performance of 200 of the lowest ranked stocks, by company-level float-adjusted market capitalization (FMC), within the S&P 500 (the "Underlying Index").

For more information on the S&P 500, please refer to the S&P U.S. Indices Methodology available at <a href="https://www.spglobal.com/spdji">www.spglobal.com/spdji</a>.

#### **Supporting Documents**

This methodology is meant to be read in conjunction with supporting documents providing greater detail with respect to the policies, procedures and calculations described herein. References throughout the methodology direct the reader to the relevant supporting document for further information on a specific topic. The list of the main supplemental documents for this methodology and the hyperlinks to those documents is as follows:

Supporting Document	URL
S&P Dow Jones Indices' Equity Indices Policies & Practices Methodology	Equity Indices Policies & Practices
S&P Dow Jones Indices' Index Mathematics Methodology	Index Mathematics Methodology
S&P Dow Jones Indices' Float Adjustment Methodology	Float Adjustment Methodology

This methodology was created by S&P Dow Jones Indices to achieve the aforementioned objective of measuring the underlying interest of each index governed by this methodology document. Any changes to or deviations from this methodology are made in the sole judgment and discretion of S&P Dow Jones Indices so that the index continues to achieve its objective.

# Eligibility Criteria

### **Index Eligibility**

Constituents of the underlying index are eligible for index inclusion.

#### **Multiple Share Classes and Dual Listed Companies**

Each company is represented once by the Designated Listing. For more information regarding the treatment of multiple share classes, please refer to Approach B within the Multiple Share Classes section of the S&P Dow Jones Indices' Equity Indices Policies & Practices Methodology.

# **Index Construction**

#### **Constituent Selection**

The selection process of index constituents, on each rebalancing reference date, is as follows:

- 1. Stocks meeting the eligibility requirements, as described in *Eligibility Criteria*, are ranked in descending order based on their company-level FMC.
- 2. From the ranked stocks, the smallest 200 are selected and form the index.

**Buffer Rule.** A 10% buffer, based on company-level FMC rank, is applied to the selection process at each rebalancing. Constituents are selected as follow:

- 1. All securities ranked within the smallest 180 are automatically selected for the index.
- 2. Current index constituents ranked within the smallest 220 are added to the index, in rank order, until the target count of 200 is reached.
- 3. If, following Step 2, 200 constituents have not been selected, non-constituent securities ranked in the smallest 200 are added to the index in rank order until the target is reached.

#### **Constituent Weightings**

At each rebalancing, constituents are equally weighted.

#### **Index Calculations**

The index is calculated by means of the divisor methodology used in all S&P Dow Jones Indices' equity indices.

For more information on index calculations, please refer to the Equal Weighted Indices section of S&P Dow Jones Indices' Index Mathematics Methodology.

# **Index Maintenance**

#### Rebalancing

Index	Effective Date (after the close of)	Reference Date (after the close of)
S&P 500 Smallest 200 Equal	Third Friday of March, June,	Last trading dates of February, May,
Weight Index	September, and December	August, and November, respectively

The constituents' shares are calculated using closing prices seven business days prior to the rebalancing effective date. Index share amounts are calculated and assigned to each stock to arrive at the weights determined on the reference date. Since index shares are assigned based on prices prior to rebalancing, the actual weight of each stock at the rebalancing will differ from these weights due to market movements.

#### **Additions and Deletions**

**Additions.** Except for spin-offs, there are no intra-rebalancing additions.

**Spin-offs.** The spun-off company is added to all the indices of which the parent is a constituent, at a zero price at the market close of the day before the ex-date (with no divisor adjustment).

- If both the parent and spin-off companies remain in the S&P 500, both will remain in the index.
- If one of the parent or spin-off company does not remain in the S&P 500 but the other is retained, the company removed from the S&P 500 is removed from the index simultaneously and the weight is added to the retained company's weight.
- If neither the parent or spin-off remain in the S&P 500, both are removed from the index simultaneously and the weight is distributed proportionally across the rest of the index.

**Deletions.** Deletions due to delistings, acquisition or any other corporate event resulting in the deletion of the stock from the index causes the weight of the rest of the stocks in the index to change. Relative weights stay the same. Constituents removed from S&P 500 are also removed from S&P 500 Smallest 200 Equal Weight Index simultaneously.

#### **Corporate Actions**

For information on Corporate Actions, please refer to the Equal Weighted Indices section of S&P Dow Jones Indices' Equity Indices Policies & Practices Methodology.

#### Other Adjustments

In cases where there is no achievable market price for a stock being deleted, it may be removed at a zero or minimal price at the Index Committee's discretion, in recognition of the constraints faced by investors in trading bankrupt or suspended stocks.

#### **Currency of Calculation and Additional Index Return Series**

The index calculates in U.S. dollars.

In addition to the indices detailed in this methodology, additional return series versions of the indices may be available, including, but not limited to the following: currency, currency hedged, decrement, fair value,

inverse, leveraged, and risk control versions. For a list of available indices, please refer to the <u>S&P DJI</u> <u>Methodology & Regulatory Status Database</u>.

For information on the calculation of different types of indices, please refer to S&P Dow Jones Indices' Index Mathematics Methodology.

For the inputs necessary to calculate certain types of indices, including decrement, dynamic hedged, fair value, and risk control indices, please refer to the Parameters documents available at <a href="https://www.spglobal.com/spdji">www.spglobal.com/spdji</a>.

#### **Base Dates and History Availability**

Index history availability, base date, and base value are:

Index	Launch	First Value	Base	Base
	Date	Date	Date	Value
S&P 500 Smallest 200 Equal Weight Index	07/29/2019	12/15/1989	12/15/1989	100

### **Index Data**

#### **Calculation Return Types**

S&P Dow Jones Indices calculates multiple return types which vary based on the treatment of regular cash dividends. The classification of regular cash dividends is determined by S&P Dow Jones Indices.

- Price Return (PR) versions are calculated without adjustments for regular cash dividends.
- Gross Total Return (TR) versions reinvest regular cash dividends at the close on the ex-date without consideration for withholding taxes.
- Net Total Return (NTR) versions, if available, reinvest regular cash dividends at the close on the ex-date after the deduction of applicable withholding taxes.

In the event there are no regular cash dividends on the ex-date, the daily performance of all three indices will be identical.

For a complete list of indices available, please refer to the daily index levels file (".SDL").

For more information on the classification of regular versus special cash dividends as well as the tax rates used in the calculation of net return, please refer to S&P Dow Jones Indices' Equity Indices Policies & Practices Methodology.

For more information on the calculation of return types, please refer to S&P Dow Jones Indices' Index Mathematics Methodology.

# **Index Governance**

#### **Index Committee**

An S&P Dow Jones Indices Index Committee maintains the index. The Committee meets regularly. At each meeting, the Committee reviews pending corporate actions that may affect index constituents, statistics comparing the composition of the indices to the market, companies that are being considered as candidates for addition to an index, and any significant market events. In addition, the Index Committee may revise index policy covering rules for selecting companies, treatment of dividends, share counts or other matters.

S&P Dow Jones Indices considers information about changes to its indices and related matters to be potentially market moving and material. Therefore, all Index Committee discussions are confidential.

S&P Dow Jones Indices' Index Committees reserve the right to make exceptions when applying the methodology if the need arises. In any scenario where the treatment differs from the general rules stated in this document or supplemental documents, clients will receive sufficient notice, whenever possible.

In addition to the daily governance of indices and maintenance of index methodologies, at least once within any 12-month period, the Index Committee reviews the methodology to ensure the indices continue to achieve the stated objectives, and that the data and methodology remain effective. In certain instances, S&P Dow Jones Indices may publish a consultation inviting comments from external parties.

For information on Quality Assurance and Internal Reviews of Methodology, please refer to S&P Dow Jones Indices' Equity Indices Policies & Practices Methodology.

# **Index Policy**

#### **Announcements**

All index constituents are evaluated daily for data needed to calculate index levels and returns. All events affecting the daily index calculation are typically announced in advance via the Index Corporate Events report (.SDE), delivered daily to all clients. Any unusual treatment of a corporate action or short notice of an event may be communicated via email to clients.

For more information, please refer to the Announcements section of S&P Dow Jones Indices' Equity Indices Policies & Practices Methodology.

#### **Pro-forma Files**

In addition to the corporate events file (.SDE), S&P Dow Jones Indices provides constituent pro-forma files each time the indices rebalance. The pro-forma file is typically provided daily in advance of the rebalancing date and contains all constituents as well as their corresponding weights and index shares effective for the upcoming rebalancing. Since index shares are assigned based on prices prior to the rebalancing, the actual weight of each stock at the rebalancing differs from these weights due to market movements.

Please visit <u>www.spglobal.com/spdji</u> for a complete schedule of rebalancing timelines and pro-forma delivery times.

#### **Holiday Schedule**

The index calculates daily throughout the calendar year. The only days the index does not calculate is on days when all exchanges on which index constituents list are officially closed.

A complete holiday schedule for the year is available at www.spglobal.com/spdji.

#### Rebalancing

The Index Committee may change the date of a given rebalancing for reasons including market holidays occurring on or around the scheduled rebalancing date. Any such change will be announced with proper advance notice where possible.

#### **Unexpected Exchange Closures**

For information on Unexpected Exchange Closures, please refer to S&P Dow Jones Indices' Equity Indices Policies & Practices Methodology.

#### **Recalculation Policy**

For information on the recalculation policy, please refer to S&P Dow Jones Indices' Equity Indices Policies & Practices Methodology.

For information on Calculations and Pricing Disruptions, Expert Judgment and Data Hierarchy, please refer to S&P Dow Jones Indices' Equity Indices Policies & Practices Methodology.

### **Contact Information**

For any questions regarding an index, please contact: <a href="mailto:index\_services@spglobal.com">index\_services@spglobal.com</a>.

# **Index Dissemination**

Index levels are available through S&P Dow Jones Indices' Web site at <a href="www.spglobal.com/spdji">www.spglobal.com/spdji</a>, major quote vendors, numerous investment-oriented Web sites, and various print and electronic media.

#### **Index Data**

Daily constituent and index level data are available via subscription.

For product information, please contact S&P Dow Jones Indices, <a href="www.spglobal.com/spdji/contact-us">www.spglobal.com/spdji/contact-us</a>.

#### Web site

For further information, please refer to S&P Dow Jones Indices' Web site at <a href="www.spglobal.com/spdji">www.spglobal.com/spdji</a>.

# Appendix A

### **Methodology Changes**

Methodology changes since January 1, 2015, are as follows:

	<b>Effective Date</b>	Methodology	
Change	(After Close)	Previous	Updated
Rebalancing: Pricing Reference Date	09/08/2023	The constituents' shares are calculated using closing prices on the second Friday of the rebalancing month as the reference price.	The constituents' shares are calculated using closing prices seven business days prior to the rebalancing effective date. Index share amounts are calculated and assigned to each stock to arrive at the weights determined on the reference date. Since index shares are assigned based on prices prior to rebalancing, the actual weight of each stock at the rebalancing will differ from these weights due to market movements.

# Appendix B

#### **ESG Disclosures**

E	EXPLANATION OF HOW ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL & GOVERNANCE (ESG) FACTORS ARE REFLECTED IN THE KEY ELEMENTS OF THE BENCHMARK METHODOLOGY <sup>1</sup>		
1.	Name of the benchmark administrator.	S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC.	
2.	Underlying asset class of the ESG benchmark. <sup>2</sup>	N/A	
3.	Name of the S&P Dow Jones Indices benchmark or family of benchmarks.	S&P DJI Equity Indices Benchmark Statement	
4.	Do any of the indices maintained by this methodology take into account ESG factors?	No	
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The information contained in this Appendix is intended to meet the requirements of the European Union Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1817 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2016/1011 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the minimum content of the explanation of how environmental, social and governance factors are reflected in the benchmark methodology and the retained EU law in the UK [The Benchmarks (amendment and Transitional Provision) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The 'underlying assets' are defined in European Union Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1816 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2016/1011 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the explanation in the benchmark statement of how environmental, social and governance factors are reflected in each benchmark provided and published.

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Please refer to the methodology for the Index for more details about the index, including the manner in which it is rebalanced, the timing of such rebalancing, criteria for additions and deletions, as well as all index calculations.

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