# **S&P Dow Jones** Indices

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# S&P Select Industry Indices Methodology

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### Introduction

#### **Index Objective**

The S&P Select Industry Indices measure the performance of stocks comprising specific Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS®) sub-industries or groups of sub-industries. Membership is based on a company's GICS classification, as well as liquidity and market capitalization requirements. The indices are equal or capped market capitalization weighted, as defined in *Index Construction*.

#### **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 &	Equity Indices Policies & Practices
Practices Methodology	Equity maices i olicies & i ractices
S&P Dow Jones Indices' Index Mathematics	Index Mathematics Methodology
Methodology	index Mathematics Methodology
S&P Dow Jones Indices' Float Adjustment	Float Adjustment Methodology
Methodology	Float Adjustment Methodology
S&P Dow Jones Indices' Global Industry	GICS Methodology
Classification Standard (GICS) Methodology	GICS 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

To qualify for membership in the index, at each quarterly rebalancing, a stock must satisfy the following criteria:

- Be a member of the S&P Total Market Index (TMI).
   For information on the S&P TMI, please refer to the S&P U.S. Indices Methodology, available at www.spqlobal.com/spdii/.
- 2. Be classified as a primary sub-industry stock (primary stock) for the respective index as outlined in the *Membership Classification* table.
- 3. Meet one of the following float-adjusted market capitalization (FMC) and float-adjusted liquidity ratio (FALR) requirements:
  - a. Be a current constituent, have an FMC greater than or equal to US\$ 300 million, and have an FALR greater than or equal to 50%.
  - b. Have an FMC greater than or equal to US\$ 500 million and an FALR greater than or equal to 90%.
  - c. Have an FMC greater than or equal to US\$ 400 million and an FALR greater than or equal to 150%.
  - d. Some of the S&P Select Industry Indices have different market capitalization and floatadjusted liquidity ratio requirements. Please see *Appendix I* for index specific requirements.
- 4. If fewer than 35 stocks are selected for each index using the eligible primary stocks, certain indices, as outlined in the *Membership Classification* table, select stocks for inclusion from a supplementary list of highly correlated sub-industries (supplementary stocks). Supplementary stocks are selected by the following process:
  - a. All eligible primary stocks are added to the index.
  - b. If there are 35 or more eligible primary stocks, then any current constituents that are supplementary stocks are deleted.
  - c. If after step 1 there are less than 35 eligible primary stocks, supplementary stocks meeting the relevant market capitalization and liquidity thresholds are added in order of FMC from largest to smallest until the minimum constituent count of 35 stocks is met.
  - d. A buffer is applied in step 3 such that a supplementary stock being added must have an FMC greater than 1.2 times (or 20% higher than) the supplementary stock it is replacing. The buffer is evaluated on each supplementary stock addition relative to the current supplementary stock it is replacing. For example, the largest non-index supplementary stock by FMC is evaluated against the smallest supplementary index constituent, the second largest non-index supplementary stock is evaluated against the second smallest supplementary index constituent, etc. This process is repeated until no supplementary additions exceed the buffer.
- 5. Additionally, minimum FMC requirements may be relaxed for all indices to ensure that there are at least 22 stocks in each index as of each rebalancing effective date.

**Liquidity.** A float-adjusted liquidity ratio (FALR), defined as the annual dollar value traded divided by the FMC, is used to measure liquidity. Using composite pricing and consolidated volume (excluding dark pools) across all venues (including historical values), annual dollar value traded is defined as the average closing price multiplied by the historical volume over the 365 calendar days prior to the evaluation date. This is reduced to the available trading period for stocks that do not have 365 calendar days of trading history. In these cases, the dollar value traded available as of the evaluation date is annualized.

- Liquidity requirements are reviewed during the quarterly rebalancings.
- The price, shares outstanding, and investible weight factor (IWF)
- FALR requirements are outlined in the *Index Eligibility* section on the previous page.

**Takeover Restrictions.** At the discretion of S&P Dow Jones Indices, constituents with shareholder ownership restrictions defined in company bylaws may be deemed ineligible for inclusion in the index. Ownership restrictions preventing entities from replicating the index weight of a stock may be excluded from the eligible universe or removed from the index. S&P Dow Jones Indices will provide up to five days advance notification of a deletion between rebalancings due to ownership restrictions. If the Index Committee decides to remove or exclude a company, that company is ineligible for re-entry or inclusion, respectively, for at least one full calendar year, beginning with the subsequent rebalance.

#### **Multiple Share Classes**

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.

#### Membership Classification<sup>1</sup>

S&P Select Industry Index	GICS Sub-Industries (GICS Code)
Aerospace & Defense	Aerospace & Defense (20101010)
	Asset Management & Custody Banks (40203010)*
	Diversified Banks (40101010)
	Regional Banks (40101015)
Banks	Diversified Financial Services (40201020)
Baliks	Commercial & Residential Mortgage Finance (40201050)
	*Must also meet the North American Industry Classification (NAICS)
	of Depository Credit Intermediation (5221).
	Biotechnology (35201010)
Biotechnology	Supplementary sub-industry:
	Life Sciences Tools & Services (35203010)
	Asset Management & Custody Banks (40203010)
0.7.14.1.1	Diversified Capital Markets (40203030)
Capital Markets	Financial Exchanges & Data (40203040)
	Investment Banking & Brokerage (40203020)
	Agricultural Products & Services (30202010)
	Brewers (30201010)
	Consumer Staples Merchandise Retail (30101040)
Food & Beverage	Distillers & Vintners (30201020)
1 ood a Beverage	Food Distributors (30101020)
	Food Retail (30101030)
	Packaged Foods & Meats (30202030)
	Soft Drinks & Non-alcoholic Beverages (30201030)
Healthcare Equipment	Health Care Equipment (35101010)
· '	Health Care Supplies (35101020)
	Health Care Distributors (35102010)
Haalik Oana Oana'aaa	Health Care Facilities (35102020) Health Care Services (35102015)
Health Care Services	Managed Health Care (35102013)
	Managed Health Care (33102030)
Homebuilders	Homebuilding (25201030)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Please note that a stock may qualify for more than one index.

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S&P Select Industry Index	GICS Sub-Industries (GICS Code)
•	· · ·
	Supplementary sub-industries:
	Building Products (20102010)
	Home Furnishings (25201020) Home Improvement Retail (25504030)
	Homefurnishing Retail (25504060)
	Household Appliances (25201040)
	Insurance Brokers (40301010)
	Life & Health Insurance (40301020)
Insurance	Multi-Line Insurance (40301030)
	Property & Casualty Insurance (40301040)
	Reinsurance (40301050)
letere et	Internet Services & Infrastructure (45102030)
Internet	Interactive Media & Services (50203010)
	Aluminum (15104010)
	Coal & Consumable Fuels (10102050)
	Copper (15104025)
Metals and Mining	Diversified Metals & Mining (15104020)
Wetals and Willing	Gold (15104030)
	Precious Metals & Minerals (15104040)
	Silver (15104045)
	Steel (15104050)
Oil & Gas Equipment	Oil & Gas Drilling (10101010)
on a dad Equipmont	Oil & Gas Equipment & Services (10101020)
	Integrated Oil & Gas (10102010)
Oil & Gas Exploration & Production	Oil & Gas Exploration & Production (10102020)
	Oil & Gas Refining & Marketing (10102030)
Pharmaceuticals	Pharmaceuticals (35202010)
Regional Banks	Regional Banks (40101015)
	Apparel Retail (25504010)
	Automotive Retail (25504050)
	Broadline Retail (25503030)
Retail	Computer & Electronic Retail (25504020)
	Consumer Staples Merchandise Retail (30101040)
	Drug Retail (30101010) Food Retailers (30101030)
	Other Specialty Retail (25504040)
	Semiconductors (45301020)
	Semiconductors (45501020)
Semiconductors	Supplementary sub-industry:
	Semiconductor Equipment (45301010)
	Application Software (45103010)
	Interactive Home Entertainment (50202020)
Software & Services	IT Consulting & Other Services (45102010)
	Systems Software (45103020)
	Electronic Components (45203015)
Technology Hardware	Electronic Equipment & Instruments (45203010)
<del> </del>	Technology Hardware, Storage & Peripherals (45202030)
	Alternative Carriers (50101010)
Talasam	Communications Equipment (45201020)
Telecom	Integrated Telecom Services (50101020)
	Wireless Telecomm Services (50102010)
	Air Freight & Logistics (20301010)
	Airport Services (20305010)
	Cargo Ground Transportation (20304030)
	Rail Transportation (20304010)
Transportation	Highways & Rail tracks (20305020)
	Marine Transportation (20303010)
	Marine Ports & Services (20305030)
	Passenger Airlines (20302010)
	Passenger Ground Transportation (20304040)

### **Index Construction**

#### **Constituent Selection**

At each rebalancing, select the eligible stocks and form each index.

#### **Constituent Weightings**

**S&P Select Industry Indices.** At each quarterly rebalancing, initially equal weight constituents with adjustments to ensure that, for a given theoretical portfolio value (TPV), each constituent's index weight cannot exceed 4.5% of the FMC and the value that can be traded in three days. No stock in the index can have a weight greater than 4.5%. TPVs are reviewed annually in September, incorporating index-linked exchange traded product assets under management (AUM) using the below process:

- Determine the maximum aggregate AUM tracking each index over the past year, based on indexlinked exchange traded product's AUM from the previous September, December, March, and June, as well as the latest available month-end data point.
- 2. Round the maximum value up to the nearest billion.
- 3. Add a 20% buffer to the result and again round up to the nearest billion for the final TPV.

If there are no index-linked exchange traded products tracking an index, set the TPV for that index at US\$ 2 billion. Any updates are made at the discretion of the Index Committee and announced to clients with ample lead time.

S&P Dow Jones Indices calculates a maximum constituent weight for each index constituent using the following formula:

$$Max\ constituent\ weight\ =\ min\left\{4.5\%, \frac{3*\ 3month\ MDVT}{TPV}, \frac{4.5\%*\ Constituent\ FMC}{TPV}\right\}$$

where:

3-month MDVT = Three-month median daily value traded

3 = Liquidity weight multiplier

4.5% = Single stock cap

The reference date for assessing the 3-month MDVT and stock price is after the close on the last business days of February, May, August, and November for the rebalancings effective after the close on the third Fridays of March, June, September, and December.

Each constituent's initial equal weight is compared to the calculated maximum constituent weight, and the constituent's weight is set to the lesser of the maximum constituent weight or the initial equal weight. If the resulting index weights do not sum to 100%, iteratively redistribute any excess weights to the uncapped constituents.

If all constituents are capped and the resulting index weights still do not sum to 100%, relax the constraints in the following order:

- 1. Maximum liquidity weight multiplier in increments of 0.1,
- 2. Single stock cap in increments of 0.1%,
- 3. TPV decreasing in increments of US\$ 100 million.

Repeat the process iteratively until a feasible solution is found. The single stock weight constraint's upper limit for the iterative process is 4.8%.

**Secondary Reweighting.** If, on the third to last business day of March, June, September, or December, the aggregate weight of companies with index weights greater than 4.8% exceeds 50%, index weights reset to the previously determined weights using the data from that quarter's reference date.

If a secondary reweighting is triggered, and existing constituent(s) were dropped since the prior quarterly rebalancing, the secondary reweighting re-runs the reweighting process using the same data from the latest quarterly rebalancing.

**S&P Transportation Select Industry FMC Capped Index.** At each quarterly rebalancing the index is capped market capitalization weighted, where stocks are initially FMC weighted using closing prices as of the second Friday of the last month of the quarter as the reference price. Constituents' weights are then capped according to the following process:

- 1. With prices reflected on the rebalancing reference date, and membership, shares outstanding and IWFs as of the rebalancing effective date, each company is weighted by FMC. Modifications are made as defined below.
- 2. If any company's weight exceeds 22.5%, that company has its weight capped at 22.5% and all excess weight is proportionally redistributed to all uncapped companies within the index. If, after this redistribution, any other company breaches the company weight cap the process is repeated iteratively until no company breaches the company capping rule.
- 3. Then, the aggregate weight of the companies with weights greater than 4.5% cannot exceed 45% of the total index weight.
- 4. If the rule in step 3 is breached, all the companies are ranked in descending order of their weights and the company with the smallest weight above 4.5% is identified. The weight of this company is then reduced, either until the rule in step 3 is satisfied or it reaches 4.5%.
- 5. This excess weight is proportionally redistributed to all companies with weights below 4.5%. Any stock that receives weight cannot breach the 4.5% cap. This process is repeated iteratively until step 3 is satisfied or until all stock weights are greater than or equal to 4.5%.
- 6. If the rule in step 3 is still breached and all stocks are greater than or equal to 4.5%, the company with the smallest weight that causes the 4.5% limit to be breached is identified. The weight of this company is then reduced, either until the rule in step 3 is satisfied or it reaches 4.5%.
- 7. This excess weight is proportionally redistributed to all companies with weights less than 4.5%. This process is repeated iteratively until step 3 is satisfied.
- 8. Index share amounts are assigned to each constituent to arrive at the weights calculated above. Since index shares are assigned based on prices prior to rebalancing, the actual weight of each constituent at the rebalancing differs somewhat from these weights due to market movements.

At times, an index's company count may require the capping rules to be relaxed. Please refer to the table below for an overview of the process followed, when necessary. Each subsequent row is a relaxation of the previous row's weight caps.

Number of Constituents	Single Company Weight Cap <sup>2</sup>	Threshold for Aggregate Company Weight Capping <sup>3</sup>	Aggregate Company Weight Cap <sup>2</sup>
12-14	25.0%	5.0%	50%
11	27.5%	5.5%	55%
9-10	30.0%	6.0%	60%
8	32.5%	6.5%	65%
7	35.0%	7.0%	70%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Individual companies are capped at the single company weight cap.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The sum of all companies with weights exceeding the threshold for aggregate company weight capping are capped at the aggregate company weight cap.

Number of Constituents	Single Company Weight Cap <sup>2</sup>	Threshold for Aggregate Company Weight Capping <sup>3</sup>	Aggregate Company Weight Cap <sup>2</sup>
6	37.5%	7.5%	75%
5	40.0%	8.0%	80%
4	42.5%	8.5%	85%
3	50.0%	9.5%	95%

For more information on the index calculation methodology, please refer to the Capped Market Capitalization Weighted Indices section of S&P Dow Jones Indices' Index Mathematics Methodology.

For more information on the capping thresholds, please refer to the Regulatory Capping Requirements section of S&P Dow Jones Indices' Equity Indices Policies & Practices Methodology.

#### **Index Calculations**

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

For more information on the Index calculation methodology, please refer to the Equal Weighted Indices and Capped Market Capitalization Weighted sections of S&P Dow Jones Indices' Index Mathematics Methodology.

### **Index Maintenance**

#### Rebalancing

Index membership is reviewed quarterly. Rebalancings occur after the closing on the third Friday of the quarter ending month. The reference date for additions and deletions is after the closing of the last trading date of the previous month.

For index selection purposes, all S&P Select Industry Indices use shares outstanding, GICS code and IWF figures as of the rebalancing effective date.

**S&P Select Industry Indices.** Closing prices as of the second Friday of the rebalancing month are used for setting index shares.

**S&P Transportation Select Industry FMC Capped Index.** Closing prices as of the Wednesday prior to the second Friday of the rebalancing month are used for setting capped index weights.

#### Additions

Stocks are added between rebalancings only if a deletion in the index causes the constituent count to fall below 22. In those cases, each stock deletion is accompanied with a stock addition.

**S&P Select Industry Indices.** A new stock is added to the index at the weight of the deleted stock.

**S&P Transportation Select Industry FMC Capped Index.** A new addition is added to the index with index shares that are commensurate with the index shares of the stock in a hypothetical rebalancing using the closing prices on the date the addition is announced. Current constituents' index shares remain constant.

#### **Deletions**

A stock is deleted from an S&P Select Industry Index if dropped from the S&P TMI. If a deletion causes the number of stocks in the relevant index to fall below 22, each stock deletion is accompanied with a corresponding stock addition.

In the case of mergers involving two index constituents, the merged entity remains in the index provided it satisfies the eligibility criteria. If the merged entity qualifies for index inclusion, the stock deemed the target is dropped, the index shares for the acquirer will remain unchanged, and the weightings of the remaining constituents adjust proportionally.

**GICS Reclassifications.** If a constituent's GICS classification changes to an ineligible sub-industry for a given index, the constituent is removed at the subsequent rebalancing.

#### **Corporate Actions**

**S&P Select Industry Indices.** The indices follow the corporate actions treatment for equal weighted indices.

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

**S&P Transportation Select Industry FMC Capped Index.** The index follows the corporate actions treatment for FMC weighted indices.

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

#### Spin-Offs

The indices follow the S&P TMI treatment of spin-offs. In general, both the parent and spin-off company remain in the index until the subsequent rebalancing. The spin-off company is added to the index at a zero price at the close of the day before the ex-date. No price adjustment is applied to the parent and there is no divisor change.

**S&P Select Industry Indices.** If the spin-off company is dropped from S&P TMI the weight of the spun-off company is added back to the parent stock's weight after at least one day of trading.

**S&P Transportation Select Industry FMC Capped Index.** If the spin-off company is dropped from S&P TMI the weight of the spun-off company being deleted is reinvested across all the index components proportionally such that the relative weights of all index components are unchanged. The net change in index market capitalization will cause a divisor change.

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

The indices are calculated 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 <a href="S&P DJI">S&P DJI</a> Methodology & Regulatory Status Database.

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 dates and base values are shown in the table below.

	Launch	First Value		Base
S&P Select Industry Index	Date	Date	<b>Base Date</b>	Value
Aerospace & Defense	06/19/2006	12/17/1999	12/17/1999	1000
Banks	09/09/2011	06/20/2003	06/20/2003	1000
Biotechnology	01/27/2006	12/17/1999	12/17/1999	1000
Capital Markets	09/09/2011	06/20/2003	06/20/2003	1000
Food & Beverage	12/22/2008	12/17/1999	12/17/1999	1000
Healthcare Equipment	06/19/2006	12/17/1999	12/17/1999	1000
Health Care Services	06/19/2006	12/17/1999	12/17/1999	1000
Homebuilders	01/27/2006	12/17/1999	12/17/1999	1000
Insurance	09/09/2011	06/20/2003	06/20/2003	1000
Internet	02/01/2016	06/17/2005	06/17/2005	1000
Metals and Mining	06/19/2006	12/17/1999	12/17/1999	1000
Oil & Gas Equipment	06/19/2006	12/17/1999	12/17/1999	1000
Oil & Gas Exploration & Production	06/19/2006	12/17/1999	12/17/1999	1000
Pharmaceuticals	06/19/2006	12/17/1999	12/17/1999	1000
Regional Banks	09/09/2011	06/20/2003	06/20/2003	1000
Retail	06/19/2006	12/17/1999	12/17/1999	1000
Semiconductors	01/27/2006	12/17/1999	12/17/1999	1000
Software & Services	09/19/2011	06/20/2003	06/20/2003	1000
Technology Hardware	06/19/2006	12/17/1999	12/17/1999	1000
Telecom	06/19/2006	12/17/1999	12/17/1999	1000
Transportation	06/19/2006	12/17/1999	12/17/1999	1000
S&P Transportation Select Industry FMC Capped Index	04/26/2021	12/31/1999	12/31/1999	1000

### **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 Index Committee maintains the indices. All committee members are full-time professional members of S&P Dow Jones Indices' staff. The committee meets regularly. At each meeting, the Index 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 via 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 indices calculate all business days of the year when the U.S. equity market is open.

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 questions regarding an index, please contact: index\_services@spglobal.com.

## **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 (see codes below), numerous investment-oriented Web sites, and various print and electronic media.

#### **Tickers**

The table below lists headline indices covered by this document. All versions of the below indices that may exist are also covered by this document. Please refer to the <u>S&P DJI Methodology & Regulatory</u> <u>Status Database</u> for a complete list of indices covered by this document.

S&P Select Industry Index	BBG	RIC
Aerospace & Defense	SPSIAD	.SPSIAD
Banks	SPSIBK	.SPSIBK
Biotechnology	SPSIBI	.SPBIO
Capital Markets	SPSICM	.SPSICM
Food & Beverage	SPSIFBUP	.SPSIFB
Healthcare Equipment	SPSIHE	.SPSIHE
Health Care Services	SPSIHP	.SPSIHP
Homebuilders	SPSIHO	.SPHOME
Insurance	SPSIINS	.SPSIINS
Internet	SPSIIN	.SPSIIN
Metals and Mining	SPSIMM	.SPSIMM
Oil & Gas Equipment	SPSIOS	.SPSIOS
Oil & Gas Exploration & Production	SPSIOP	.SPSIOP
Pharmaceuticals	SPSIPH	.SPSIPH
Regional Banks	SPSIRBK	.SPSIRBK
Retail	SPSIRE	.SPSIRE
Semiconductors	SPSISC	.SPSEMI
Software & Services	SPSISS	.SPSISS
Technology Hardware	SPSICH	.SPSICH
Telecom	SPSITE	.SPSITE
Transportation	SPSITN	.SPSITN
S&P Transportation Select Industry FMC Capped Index	SPTSCUP	.SPTSCUPR

#### **Index Data**

Daily constituent and index level data are available via subscription.

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#### Web site

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# Appendix I

The S&P Select Industry Indices listed below have different float-adjusted market capitalization and float-adjusted liquidity ratio criteria used for index inclusion and exclusion.

#### **Index Inclusion Criteria**

Index	Float-adjusted Market Capitalization and Float-adjusted Liquidity Ratio
Banks	Float-adjusted market cap above US \$2 billion and float-adjusted liquidity ratio above 100%
Insurance	Float-adjusted market cap above US \$2 billion and float-adjusted liquidity ratio above 90%

#### **Index Exclusion Criteria**

Index	Float-adjusted Market Capitalization and Float-adjusted Liquidity Ratio
Banks	Float-adjusted market cap below US \$1 billion or float-adjusted liquidity ratio below 50%
Insurance	Float-adjusted market cap below US \$1 billion or float-adjusted liquidity ratio below 50%

# Appendix II

#### Float-Adjusted Market Capitalization Indices

S&P Dow Jones Indices also calculates a version of each headline index using a float-adjusted market capitalization weighting scheme, as detailed in the table below.

Headline Index	Float-Adjusted Market Capitalization Weighted Index
S&P Aerospace & Defense Select Industry Index	S&P Aerospace & Defense Select Industry FMC Index (USD)
S&P Banks Select Industry Index	S&P Banks Select Industry FMC Index (USD)
S&P Biotechnology Select Industry Index	S&P Biotechnology Select Industry FMC Index (USD)
S&P Capital Markets Select Industry Index	S&P Capital Markets Select Industry FMC Index (USD)
S&P Food & Beverage Select Industry Index	S&P Food & Beverage Select Industry FMC Index (USD)
S&P Health Care Services Select Industry Index	S&P Health Care Services Select Industry FMC Index (USD)
S&P Healthcare Equipment Select Industry Index	S&P Healthcare Equipment Select Industry FMC Index (USD)
S&P Homebuilders Select Industry Index	S&P Homebuilders Select Industry FMC Index (USD)
S&P Insurance Select Industry Index	S&P Insurance Select Industry FMC Index (USD)
S&P Internet Select Industry Index	S&P Internet Select Industry FMC Index (USD)
S&P Metals and Mining Select Industry Index	S&P Metals and Mining Select Industry FMC Index (USD)
S&P Oil & Gas Equipment & Services Select	S&P Oil & Gas Equipment & Services Select Industry FMC
Industry Index	Index (USD)
S&P Oil & Gas Exploration & Production Select	S&P Oil & Gas Exploration & Production Select Industry
Industry Index	FMC Index (USD)
S&P Pharmaceuticals Select Industry Index	S&P Pharmaceuticals Select Industry FMC Index (USD)
S&P Regional Banks Select Industry Index	S&P Regional Banks Select Industry FMC Index (USD)
S&P Retail Select Industry Index	S&P Retail Select Industry FMC Index (USD)
S&P Semiconductors Select Industry Index	S&P Semiconductors Select Industry FMC Index (USD)
S&P Software & Services Select Industry Index	S&P Software & Services Select Industry FMC Index (USD)
S&P Technology Hardware Select Industry Index	S&P Technology Hardware Select Industry FMC Index (USD)
S&P Telecom Select Industry Index	S&P Telecom Select Industry FMC Index (USD)
S&P Transportation Select Industry Index	S&P Transportation Select Industry FMC Index (USD)

These float-adjusted market capitalization weighted versions follow the same eligibility criteria, index composition and index maintenance procedures as the headline indices with three exceptions:

- Corporate Actions. These indices follow the corporate actions treatment for float-adjusted market capitalization weighted indices. For further information, please refer to the Capitalization Weighted Indices section of S&P Dow Jones Indices' Equity Indices Policies & Practices Methodology.
- 2. **Constituent Weightings.** Index constituents are weighted by their float-adjusted market capitalization. For further information, please refer to S&P Dow Jones Indices Float-Adjustment Methodology.
- 3. **Index Calculations.** These indices follow the index calculation methodology for float-adjusted market capitalization weighted indices. For further information, please refer to the Capitalization Weighted Indices section of S&P Dow Jones Indices' Index Mathematics Methodology.

# Appendix III

### **Methodology Changes**

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

Change	Effective Date		nodology
Change Theoretical Portfolio Value (TPV)	(After Close) 06/21/2024	Theoretical portfolio values are reviewed annually. Any updates are made at the discretion of the Index Committee and announced to clients with ample lead time.	Theoretical portfolio values are reviewed annually in September, incorporating indexlinked exchange traded product assets under management (AUM) using the below process:
			Determine the maximum aggregate AUM tracking each index over the past year, based on index-linked exchange traded product's AUM from the previous September, December, March, and June, as well as the latest available month-end data point.
			Round the maximum value up to the nearest billion.
			3. Add a 20% buffer to the result and again round up to the nearest billion for the final TPV.
			In the event that there are no index-linked exchange traded products tracking an index, the TPV for that index is set at US\$ 2 billion. Any updates are made at the discretion of the Index Committee and announced to clients with ample lead time.
Constituent Weightings	06/21/2024	S&P Select Industry Indices. At each quarterly rebalancing, constituents are initially equal weighted, with adjustments made to ensure that no individual constituent's index weight exceeds the value that can be traded in a single day for a given theoretical portfolio value as detailed below.  S&P Dow Jones Indices calculates a maximum basket liquidity weight for each index constituent using the ratio of the constituent's three-month median daily value traded to the theoretical portfolio value as of the last business day of February, May, August, and November for the rebalancing effective after the closing on the third Fridays of March, June, September and December, respectively.  Each constituent's initial equal weight is compared to the calculated maximum basket liquidity weight, and the constituent's weight is set to the lesser of the maximum basket liquidity weight or the initial equal weight.	S&P Select Industry Indices. At each quarterly rebalancing, initially equal weight constituents with adjustments to ensure that, for a given theoretical portfolio value (TPV), each constituent's index weight cannot exceed 4.5% of the FMC and the value that can be traded in three days. No stock in the index can have a weight greater than 4.5%. TPVs are reviewed annually in September, incorporating index-linked exchange traded product assets under management (AUM) using the below process:  1. Determine the maximum aggregate AUM tracking each index over the past year, based on index-linked exchange traded product's AUM from the previous September, December, March, and June, as well as the latest available month-end data point.  2. Round the maximum value up to the nearest billion.  3. Add a 20% buffer to the result and again round up to the nearest billion for the final TPV.
		If the resulting weights fail to sum to 100%, the weight of the constituent with the lowest maximum basket liquidity weight from the remaining equal weighted constituents is increased to the maximum basket liquidity weight. The index then equal weights the remaining constituents again. This process repeats iteratively until no equal weight stock exceeds the assigned maximum basket	If there are no index-linked exchange traded products tracking an index, set the TPV for that index at US\$ 2 billion. Any updates are made at the discretion of the Index Committee and announced to clients with ample lead time.  S&P Dow Jones Indices calculates a maximum constituent weight for each index constituent using the following formula:
		liquidity weight and the resulting weights sum to 100%.	Max constituent weight = min{4.5%,(3* 3month MDVT)/TPV,(4.5% * Constituent FMC)/TPV}

	Effective Date	Metho	odology
Change	(After Close)	Previous	Updated
		If necessary, a final adjustment is made to ensure that no stock in the index has a weight greater that 4.5%. This step of the iterative weighting process may force the weight of those stocks limited to their maximum basket liquidity weight to exceed that weight. In such cases, S&P Dow Jones Indices will make no further adjustments. If any of the S&P Select Industry Indices contain exactly 22 stocks as of the rebalancing effective date, the index is equally weighted without basket liquidity	where: 3-month MDVT = three-month median daily value traded 3 = liquidity weight multiplier
			The reference date for assessing the 3-month MDVT and stock price is after the close on the last business days of February, May, August, and November for the rebalancings effective after the close on the third Fridays of March, June, September, and December.
		constraints.	Each constituent's initial equal weight is compared to the calculated maximum constituent weight, and the constituent's weight is set to the lesser of the maximum constituent weight or the initial equal weight. If the resulting index weights do not sum to 100%, iteratively redistribute any excess weights to the uncapped constituents.
			If all constituents are capped and the resulting index weights still do not sum to 100%, relax the constraints in the following order:  1. Maximum liquidity weight multiplier in increments of 0.1,  2. Single stock cap in increments of 0.1%,  3. TPV decreasing in increments of US\$ 100 million.
			Repeat the process iteratively until a feasible solution is found. The single stock weight constraint's upper limit for the iterative process is 4.8%.
			Secondary Reweighting. If, on the third to last business day of March, June, September, or December, the aggregate weight of companies with index weights greater than 4.8% exceeds 50%, index weights reset to the previously determined weights using the data from that quarter's reference date.
			If a secondary reweighting is triggered, and existing constituent(s) were dropped since the prior quarterly rebalancing, the secondary reweighting re-runs the reweighting process using the same data from the latest quarterly rebalancing.
Secondary Reweighting Check	06/21/2024		If, on the third to last business day of March, June, September, or December, the aggregate weight of companies with index weights greater than 4.8% exceeds 50%, index weights reset to the previously determined weights using the data from that quarter's reference date.
			If a secondary reweighting is triggered, and existing constituent(s) were dropped since the prior quarterly rebalancing, the secondary reweighting re-runs the reweighting process using the same data from the latest quarterly rebalancing.
Membership Classification: Banks	03/17/2023	GICS sub-industries:  • Asset Management & Custody Banks (40203010)  • Diversified Banks (40101010)  • Regional Banks (40101015)  • Other Diversified Financial Services (40201020)  • Thrifts & Mortgage Finance (40102010)	GICS sub-industries:  • Asset Management & Custody Banks (40203010)  • Diversified Banks (40101010)  • Regional Banks (40101015)  • Diversified Financial Services (40201020)  • Commercial & Residential Mortgage Finance (40201050)
			Other Diversified Financial Services (40201020) is now called Diversified Financial Services (40201020)

	Effective Date	Meth	odology
Change	(After Close)	Previous	Updated
Membership	03/17/2023	GICS sub-industries:	GICS sub-industries:
Classification:		Internet & Direct Marketing Retail (25502020)     Internet Services & Infrastructure (45102030)     Interactive Media & Services (50203010)	Internet Services & Infrastructure (45102030)     Interactive Media & Services (50203010)
Membership Classification: Retail	03/17/2023	GICS sub-industries:	GICS sub-industries:  • Apparel Retail (25504010)  • Automotive Retail (25504050)  • Computer & Electronic Retail (25504020)  • Drug Retail (30101010)  • Food Retailers (30101030)  • Broadline Retail (25503030)  • Consumer Staples Merchandise Retail
		Hypermarkets & Super Centers (30101040)     Internet & Direct Marketing Retail (25502020)     Specialty Stores (25504040)	(30101040) • Other Specialty Retail (25504040)  Hypermarkets & Super Centers (30101040) is now called Consumer Staples Merchandise Retail (30101040)  Specialty Stores (25504040) is now called Other Specialty Retail (25504040)
Membership Classification: Software & Services	03/17/2023	GICS sub-industries:	GICS sub-industries:  • Application Software (45103010)  • Interactive Home Entertainment (50202020)  • IT Consulting & Other Services (45102010)  • Systems Software (45103020)
Membership Classification: Transportation	03/17/2023	GICS sub-industries:  • Air Freight & Logistics (20301010)  • Airlines (20302010)  • Airport Services (20305010)  • Highways & Rail tracks (20305020)  • Marine (20303010)  • Marine Ports & Services (20305030)  • Railroads (20304010)  • Trucking (20304020)	GICS sub-industries: Air Freight & Logistics (20301010) Passenger Airlines (20302010) Airport Services (20305010) Highways & Rail tracks (20305020) Marine Transportation (20303010) Marine Ports & Services (20305030) Rail Transportation (20304010) Cargo Ground Transportation (20304030) Passenger Ground Transportation (20304040) Marine (20303010) is now called Marine Ports & Services (20305030) Railroads (20304010) is now called Rail Transportation (20304010)
Membership Classification: Software & Services	09/21/2018	GICS sub-industries:  • Application Software (45103010)  • Data Processing & Outsourced Services (45102020)  • Home Entertainment Software (45103030)  • IT Consulting & Other Services (45102010)  • Systems Software (45103020)	GICS sub-industries  Application Software (45103010)  Data Processing & Outsourced Services (45102020)  Interactive Home Entertainment (50202020)  IT Consulting & Other Services (45102010)  Systems Software (45103020)
Membership Classification: Internet	09/21/2018	GICS sub-industries:  Internet & Direct Marketing Retail (25502020)  Internet Software & Services (45101010)	GICS sub-industries:  Internet & Direct Marketing Retail (25502020)  Internet Services & Infrastructure (45102030)  Interactive Media & Services (50203010)
Membership Classification: Capital Markets	09/16/2016	GICS sub-industries:  • Asset Management & Custody Banks (40203010)  • Diversified Capital Markets (40203030)  • Investment Banking & Brokerage (40203020)	Stocks belonging to Financial Exchanges & Data (40203040) are now eligible for index membership.
Membership Classification: Internet	09/16/2016	GICS sub-industries: Internet Retail (25502020) Internet Software & Services (45101010)	Internet Retail (25502020) is now called Internet & Direct Marketing Retail.
Membership Classification: Metals and Mining	09/16/2016	GICS sub-industries:  • Aluminum (15104010)  • Coal & Consumable Fuels (10102050)  • Diversified Metals & Mining (15104020)  • Gold (15104030)  • Precious Metals & Minerals (15104040)	Stocks belonging to Copper (15104025) are now eligible for index membership.

	Effective Date	Me	ethodology
Change	(After Close)	• Silver (15104045)	Updated
		• Steel (15104045)	
Membership	09/16/2016	GICS sub-industries:	Stocks belonging to Catalog Retail (25502010)
Classification:		Apparel Retail (25504010)     Automotive Retail (25504050)	are no longer eligible for index membership.
Retail		<ul><li>Automotive Retail (25504050)</li><li>Catalog Retail (25502010)</li></ul>	Internet Retail (25502020) is now called Internet
		Computer & Electronic Retail (25504020)	& Direct Marketing Retail.
		Department Stores (25503010)	
		<ul><li>Drug Retail (30101010)</li><li>Food Retailers (30101030)</li></ul>	
		General Merchandise Stores (25503020)	
		Hypermarkets & Super Centers (30101040)	
		Internet Retail (25502020)     Specialty Stores (25504040)	
Membership	06/17/2016	Specialty Stores (25504040)  GICS sub-industries are broken out into	All three eligible sub-industries are designated
Classification:		primary and supplementary sub-industries	as primary sub-industries. In addition, Electrical
Toobpology		Drimon, out industry	Components & Equipment (20104010) is replaced by Electronic Components (45203015).
Technology Hardware		Primary sub-industry:  • Technology Hardware, Storage &	replaced by Electronic Components (45203015).
		Peripherals (45202030)	
		Supplementary sub-industry:	
		Electronic Equipment & Instruments (45203010)	
		Electrical Components & Equipment	
Index Name:	06/17/2016	(20104010) S&P Computer Hardware Select Industry	S&P Technology Hardware Select Industry
index Name.	06/17/2016	Index	Index
Computer			
Hardware to Technology			
Hardware			
Membership Classification:	06/17/2016	GICS sub-industries:	Stocks belonging to Internet Software &
Classification:		Application Software (45103010)     Data Processing & Outsourced Services	Services (45101010) are no longer eligible for index membership.
Software &		(45102020)	
Services		Home Entertainment Software (45103030)	
		<ul> <li>Internet Software &amp; Services (45101010)</li> <li>IT Consulting &amp; Other Services (45102010)</li> </ul>	
		Systems Software (45103020)	
Treatment of	12/18/2015	A number of companies in the S&P TMI are	
Multiple Share Class		represented by multiple share class lines. T determine eligibility for the S&P Select	o share class line in the S&P TMI. In the S&P Select Industry Indices, each company is
Companies		Industry Indices, the float-adjusted market	represented once by the primary listing, which is
		capitalization of each share class line of	generally the most liquid share line.
		multiple class companies is combined to arrive at a company float-adjusted market	
		capitalization figure. The liquidity of each	
		individual share class line is evaluated independently based on the float-adjusted	
		market capitalization of that individual line.	lf
		an individual share class line of a multiple	
		share class company does not meet the liquidity criteria, the remaining share class	
		line has its float-adjusted market	
		capitalization reevaluated independently to	
		ensure that it continues to meet the size criteria on its own.	
Treatment of	12/18/2015	Companies from supplementary sub-industrie	
Supplementary Sub-Industry		meeting the relevant market capitalization and liquidity thresholds are included in order of	d are selected by the following process.  1. All eligible primary stocks are added to the
Companies		their float-adjusted market capitalization until	index.
		the minimum constituent count of 35	2. If there are 35 or more eligible primary stocks,
		companies is met. Supplementary companies are deleted from the index at subsequent	then any supplementary stocks currently in the index are deleted.
		rebalancings only if they are replaced by a	3. If after step 1 there are less than 35 eligible
		qualifying company derived from the index's	primary stocks, then supplementary stocks
		primary sub-industry universe or if a non-inde supplementary sub-industry company has a	x meeting the relevant market capitalization and liquidity thresholds are added in order of their
		float-adjusted market cap greater than the	float-adjusted market capitalization from
		smallest supplementary company currently	largest to smallest until the minimum
		belonging to the index, as of the rebalancing reference date. No buffer is applied.	constituent count of 35 stocks is met. 4. A buffer is applied in step 3 such that a
			supplementary stock being added must have a

	Effective Date	Mothe	odology
Change	(After Close)	Previous	Updated
			float-adjusted market cap greater than 1.2 times (or 20% higher than) the supplementary stock it is replacing. This buffer is evaluated on each supplementary stock addition relative to the current supplementary stock it is replacing. For example, the largest non-index supplementary stock by float-adjusted market capitalization is evaluated against the smallest supplementary index constituent, the second largest non-index supplementary stock is evaluated against the second smallest supplementary index constituent, etc. This process is repeated until no supplementary additions exceed the buffer.
Rebalancing Weighting Scheme	12/18/2015	S&P Dow Jones Indices calculates a maximum basket liquidity weight for each constituent in the index using the ratio of its three-month average daily value traded to a \$500,000,000 portfolio value.	S&P Dow Jones Indices calculates a maximum basket liquidity weight for each constituent in the index using the ratio of its three-month median daily value traded to the theoretical portfolio value.
			Current theoretical portfolio values used are as follows:  S&P Aerospace & Defense Select Industry Index: \$500,000,000  S&P Banks Select Industry Index: \$2,000,000,000  S&P Biotechnology Select Industry Index: \$2,000,000,000  S&P Capital Markets Select Industry Index: \$500,000,000  S&P Computer Hardware Select Industry Index: \$500,000,000  S&P Food & Beverage Select Industry Index: \$500,000,000  S&P Health Care Services Select Industry Index: \$500,000,000  S&P Healthcare Equipment Select Industry Index: \$500,000,000  S&P Homebuilders Select Industry Index: \$2,000,000,000  S&P Homebuilders Select Industry Index: \$1,000,000,000  S&P Metals and Mining Select Industry Index: \$1,000,000,000  S&P Oil & Gas Equipment & Services Select Industry Index: \$500,000,000  S&P Oil & Gas Exploration & Production Select Industry Index: \$2,000,000,000  S&P Pharmaceuticals Select Industry Index: \$1,000,000,000  S&P Regional Banks Select Industry Index: \$2,000,000,000  S&P Retail Select Industry Index: \$2,000,000,000  S&P Resional Banks Select Industry Index: \$500,000,000  S&P Resional Banks Select Industry Index: \$500,000,000  S&P Semiconductors Select Industry Index: \$500,000,000  S&P Semiconductors Select Industry Index: \$500,000,000  S&P Semiconductors Select Industry Index: \$500,000,000  S&P Transportation Select Industry Index: \$500,000,000  S&P Transportation Select Industry Index: \$500,000,000

# Appendix IV

#### **ESG Disclosures**

E	EXPLANATION OF HOW ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL & GOVERNANCE (ESG) FACTORS ARE REFLECTED IN THE KEY ELEMENTS OF THE BENCHMARK METHODOLOGY <sup>4</sup>		
1.	Name of the benchmark administrator.	S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC.	
2.	Underlying asset class of the ESG benchmark. <sup>5</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>4</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 2019l.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</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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will explicitly state so. The methodology will include an Appendix with a table setting forth the specific data points and relevant time period for which backward projected data was used. Index returns shown do not represent the results of actual trading of investable assets/securities. S&P DJI maintains the index and calculates the index levels and performance shown or discussed but does not manage any assets.

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