

Morningstar® Dividend Growth IndexesSM

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While dividend income investing strategies tend to focus on generating the highest possible income stream, dividend growth strategies are typically geared toward stocks that have exhibited consistent dividend growth. Stocks with a history of consistently increasing their dividends can present compelling investment opportunities to investors, as these companies are typically high-quality firms with durable competitive advantages, histories of strong profitability & growth, and management teams that are committed to returning profits to shareholders.

The Morningstar Dividend Growth Indexes are designed to target dividend-paying stocks with a record of consistent dividend growth and the capacity to sustain that growth. To be eligible for inclusion, companies must have increased their dividend payments for five or more consecutive years. Forward-looking screens are applied to favor companies with the strength to continue their dividend growth.

Starting universe

The Morningstar Dividend Growth Indexes derive their constituents from the Morningstar Global Markets Indexes, which represent 97% of the investable market capitalization of developed and emerging markets globally.

Eligibility requirements

Eligibility requirements for the Morningstar Dividend Growth Indexes are as follows:

- Must exhibit five consecutive years of dividend growth
- Must have a positive consensus earnings forecast and payout ratio of less than 75%
- For the Morningstar Global ex-US Dividend Growth Index, Passive Foreign Investment Companies (PFIC) are excluded
- REITs are excluded

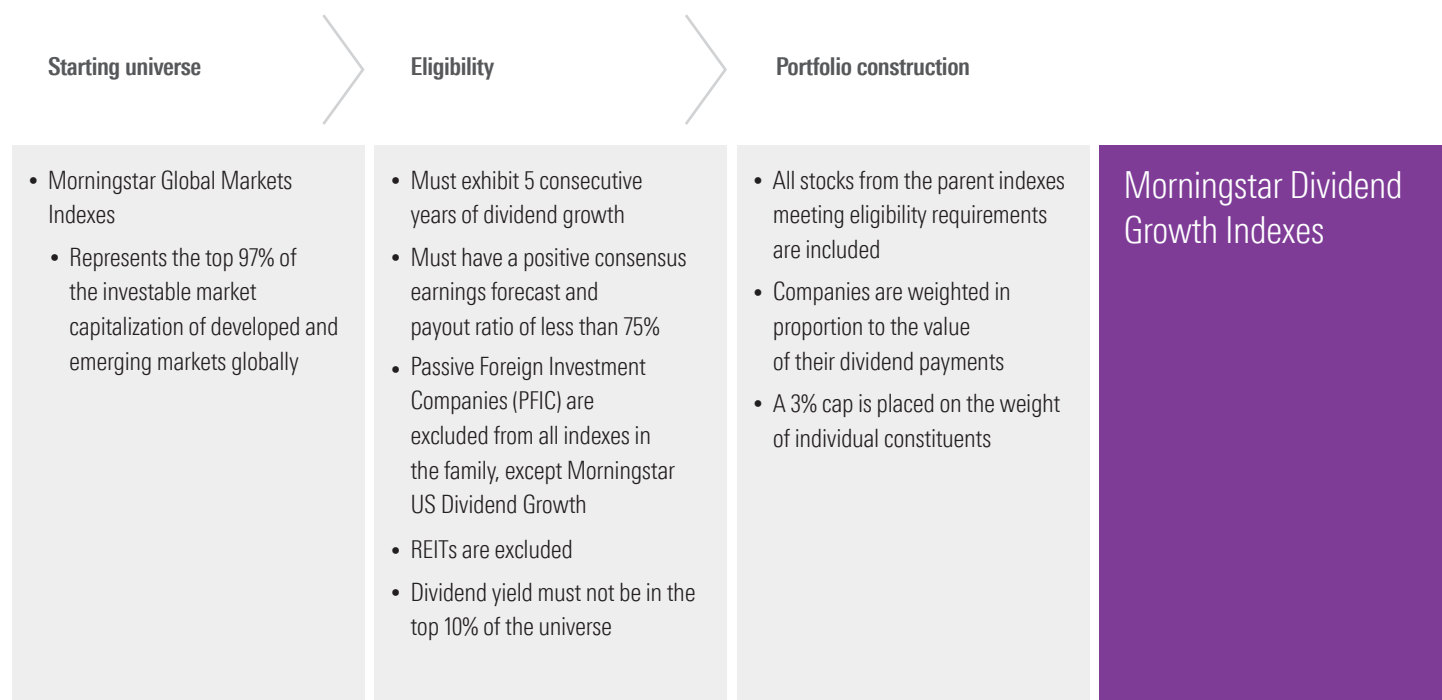
In addition, a company's dividend yield must not be in the top 10% of the universe, as companies with higher yields tend to reinvest less to fuel future growth and have less room to raise their dividend payments. Existing constituents that fall into this category are allowed to remain in the index if they have recently bought back shares and have not decreased their dividend payment.

Portfolio construction

Index constituents are weighted in proportion to the total value of their dividend payments, which tilts the index portfolio toward larger and higher-yielding stocks. Individual constituent weights are capped at 3% to improve diversification.

Reconstitution and rebalancing

The indexes are reconstituted annually in December and rebalanced quarterly.

Construction process**About Morningstar Indexes**

Morningstar Indexes was built to keep up with the evolving needs of investors — and to be a leading-edge advocate for them. Our rich heritage as a transparent, investor-focused leader in data and research uniquely equips us to support individuals, institutions, wealth managers and advisors in navigating investment opportunities across major asset classes, styles and strategies. From traditional benchmarks and unique IP-driven indexes, to index design, calculation and distribution services, our solutions span an investment landscape as diverse as investors themselves.

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