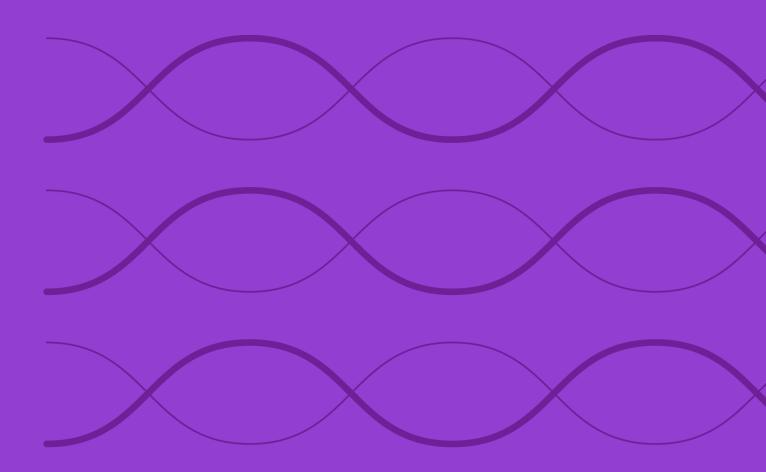


Construction Rules for the Morningstar® Eurozone Strategic Industries Select 20



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Overview

The Morningstar Eurozone Strategic Industries Select 20 seeks exposure to companies in the developed Eurozone markets involved in the Aerospace & Defense, Energy, Construction and Technology sectors or industries. The index applies a 10% cap to individual constituents.

This index does not incorporate environmental, social, or governance criteria.

Index Inception and Performance Start Date

The index inception date is April 28, 2025, and the performance start date, when the first back-tested index value was calculated, is June 20, 2008.



Index Construction

Methodology Summary

Starting Universe

Eligibility

Portfolio Construction

 Morningstar Developed Markets Europe Large-Mid Cap Index

- Securities with the following country of classification are selected
 - o France
 - o Italy
 - o Germany
 - Spain
 - Netherlands
- Securities from the following sectors or industry groups are selected
 - Aerospace and Defense
 - o Energy
 - Construction
 - o Technology

The 5 largest stocks from each sector by free float market capitalization are selected Free float market capitalization weighting is applied

- Each sector is weighted equally at 25%
- A 10% cap is applied to individual constituents

Morningstar® Eurozone Strategic Industries Select 20

Starting Universe

At each reconstitution, constituents of the Morningstar® Eurozone Strategic Industries Select 20 are derived from the Morningstar Developed Markets Europe Large-Mid Cap Index (benchmark). For more details on benchmark construction, refer to the construction rules for the Morningstar Global Markets Indexes.

Eligibility

To be eligible for index inclusion, all constituents must meet the following criteria:

- Have a country of classification from one of the following
 - France
 - o Italy
 - Germany
 - o Spain
 - Netherlands
- Be from one of the following sector or industry groups as per GECS¹
 - Aerospace and Defense (31010)



¹ Global Equity Classification Structure | Morningstar Indexes

- o Energy (309)
- o Construction (31040)
- o Technology
 - Hardware (31120)
 - Semiconductors (31130)

Portfolio Construction

- The 5 largest stocks from each sector by free float market capitalization are selected
- Free float market capitalization weighting is applied
- Each sector or industry group is weighted equally at 25%
- A 10% cap is applied to individual constituents

Number of Stocks

The indexes target a fixed number of stocks based on a transparent ranking system subject to the application of eligibility criteria at reconstitution. However, if fewer than the targeted number of securities from the starting universe meet eligibility criteria, or if securities are added or deleted as a result of corporate actions after reconstitution, the constituent count may deviate from the targeted number. During reconstitution, if the number of eligible securities is less than the targeted constituent count, all eligible securities are selected. The reconstitution schedule is provided in the "Index Maintenance and Calculation" section. The target count for this index is 20.

Index Weighting

The index is float-adjusted market capitalization-weighted. A 10% simple security cap is applied to individual security weights. In the event of a breach of the 10% cap, the excess weight from these capped stocks is then redistributed to other stocks within the sector cohort in proportion to their float market capitalization (or pre-capping weights). For more details, refer to the Morningstar Indexes Calculation Methodology rulebook.



Index Maintenance and Calculation

Reconstitution and Rebalancing

The index is reconstituted, where the membership is reset, semi-annually on the third Friday of June and December. Adjustments are implemented after Friday's market close and reflected the following Monday. If Monday is an index holiday, reconstitution is reflected the next business day. The market data used for reconstitution is as of the last trading day of April and October.

The index is rebalanced quarterly on the third Friday of March, June, September, and December. Adjustments are implemented after Friday's market close and reflected the following Monday. If Monday is an index holiday, the rebalance is reflected the next business day. The market data used for rebalancing is as of the last trading day of February, May, August, and November.

Index files are published according to the Global calendar schedule. For more information, please refer to the Morningstar Indexes Holiday Calendar.

Corporate Actions

The treatment of corporate actions will be as per the float-adjusted market capitalization-weighted indexes corporate action methodology. For more details, please refer to the <u>Morningstar Indexes Corporate Actions Methodology rulebook</u>

Index Calculation and Price Data

Details about index calculations and price data can be found in their respective rulebooks: <u>Morningstar Indexes Calculation</u> <u>Methodology</u> and <u>Equity Closing Prices Used for Index Calculation</u>.



Methodology Review and Index Cessation Policy

The index methodology is continually reviewed to ensure it achieves all stated objectives. These reviews consider corporate action treatment, eligibility requirements, and maintenance procedures. Subscribers to the index will be notified before any methodology changes are made. For more details, refer to the <u>Morningstar Indexes Methodology Change Policy</u>.

Morningstar Indexes notifies all subscribers and stakeholders of the index that circumstances might arise that require a material change to, or a possible cessation of, the index. These circumstances are generally not within Morningstar's control and may include significant changes to the underlying market structure, inadequate access to necessary data, geo-political events, and regulatory changes. In addition, factors such as low usage or methodology convergence may result in the cessation of an index.

Because the cessation of the index or benchmark index could disrupt subscriber products that reference this index, all subscribers are encouraged to have robust fallback procedures if an index is terminated. For more details, refer to the Morningstar Index Cessation Process.



Data Correction and Precision

Intraday Index Data Corrections

Commercially reasonable efforts are made to ensure the accuracy of data used in real-time index calculations. If incorrect price or corporate action data affects index calculations, corrections are applied prospectively.

Index-Related Data and Divisor Corrections

Incorrect pricing and corporate action data for individual issues in the database will generally be corrected upon detection. In addition, an incorrect divisor of an index, if discovered within two days of its occurrence, will be fixed retroactively on the day it is discovered to prevent an error from being carried forward. Commercially reasonable efforts are made to correct an older error subject to its significance and feasibility.

For more details, refer to the Recalculation Guidelines.

Exceptions

While Morningstar will seek to apply the method described above, the market environment, supervisory, legal, financial, or tax reasons may require an alternative approach to be adopted. A decision to take an alternative approach will be made by the relevant Morningstar Index Methodology Committee, and in all instances, the application of a nonstandard process will be reported to the Morningstar Index Oversight Committee.



Appendixes

Appendix 1: Glossary

Term	Description
Reconstitution	During each reconstitution, the steps mentioned in the index construction process are
	performed, resulting in membership reset.
Rebalance	During each rebalance, the weights are adjusted for updated free-float, shares outstanding
	data and capping requirements.

Appendix 2: Morningstar® Eurozone Strategic Industries Select 20 Decrement Indexes

Index Name	Underlying Index	Base value	Base Date	Performance Inception Date	Inception Date
Morningstar® Eurozone Strategic Industries Select 20 Decrement 50 Point GR		900	Apr. 25, 2025	Jun. 20, 2008	Apr. 28, 2025
Morningstar® Eurozone Strategic Industries Select 20 Decrement 5% NR	9	1000	Jun. 20, 2008	Jun. 20, 2008	Apr. 28, 2025

Appendix 3: Decrement Levels

The index levels are adjusted by deducting a predetermined value of index points from the gross return, or GR, or fixed percentage point from the net return, or NR, levels of the base index. These constant markdowns are applied to the base index daily.

Return Variant of the Base	Base Currency	· · ·	Decrement Frequency	Decrement Application	Decrement Value	Day Count Convention
Index	,		' '	••		
Net Total	EUR	Fixed Percentage	Daily	Geometric	5% decrement based	*ACT/365
Return		Decrement or Fixed		application for	on the Net Total	
Gross Total		Point Decrement		both	Return	
Return		based on the index		decrement	50-point decrement	
		version.		types.	based on Gross Total	
					Return	

^{*}ACT is the number of calendar days between two calculation days.

Formula for Fixed Point Decrement

Geometric Decrement Calculation

$$IVt = (IVt - 1 \times (Ut \div Ut - 1)) - (D \times (Act(t - 1, t) \div DayCount))$$

$$Where:$$

IVt = The value of the Fixed Point Decrement Index for calculation day t



 $IVt-1 = The \ value \ of \ the \ Fixed \ Point \ Decrement \ Index \ for \ day \ t-1$ $Ut = The \ value \ of \ the \ base \ Index \ for \ calculation \ day \ t$ $Ut-1 = The \ value \ of \ the \ base \ Index \ for \ calculation \ day \ t-1$ $Act(t-1,t) = Number \ of \ calendar \ days \ between \ calculation \ day \ t-1 \ and \ calculation \ day \ t$ $D = The \ Decrement \ value \ expressed \ in \ Index \ points$ $DayCount = Set \ to \ 365$

Formula for Fixed Percentage Decrement

Geometric Decrement Calculation

 $IVt = IVt - 1 \times ((Ut \div Ut - 1) - (c \times (Act(t - 1, t) \div DayCount)))$

Where:

IVt = The value of the Fixed Percentage Decrement Index for calculation day t

IVt-1 = The value of the Fixed Percentage Decrement Index for day t-1
 Ut = The value of the base Index for calculation day t
 Ut-1 = The value of the base Index for calculation day t-1
 Act(t-1,t) = Number of calendar days between calculation day t-1 and calculation day t
 c = The Decrement value expressed in Fixed Percentage
 DayCount = Set to 365



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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.

Morningstar Index Methodology Committee

The Morningstar Index Methodology Committee oversees all new index development, index methodology changes, and cessation of indexes for any indexes where Morningstar owns the intellectual property. This committee is also charged with ensuring that indexes align with Morningstar Research principles and values. The group comprises members of the index team with index research, product development, product management, client service, index implementation, and operation expertise who provide the first layer of governance over index design and methodology.

Morningstar Index Operations Committee

The Morningstar Index Operations Committee governs the processes, systems, and exception handling of the day-to-day management of all live indexes, including index rebalancing and reconstitution, restatements, market classification, and contingency management. The committee oversees the annual review of index methodology (as required by U.K. and EU benchmark regulations, or BMR), ensuring that methodologies remain fit for purpose and continue to achieve their stated investment objectives. The group comprises members of the index team with data, operations, corporate actions, product development, index launch, client service, and index management experience who provide the first layer of governance over index operations.

Morningstar Index Oversight Committee

The Morningstar Index Oversight Committee is responsible for the index oversight function as per the requirements of the U.K. and European BMR, providing independent oversight of all aspects of the governance of benchmark administration as required by the relevant BMR. Its remit extends to all calculation and administration-related business activities of Morningstar Indexes, including administration of Morningstar-owned benchmarks as well as client-owned benchmarks and index calculation. The oversight function is part of the organizational structure of Morningstar but is separate and independent from the index business, index management, and the other index committees.

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