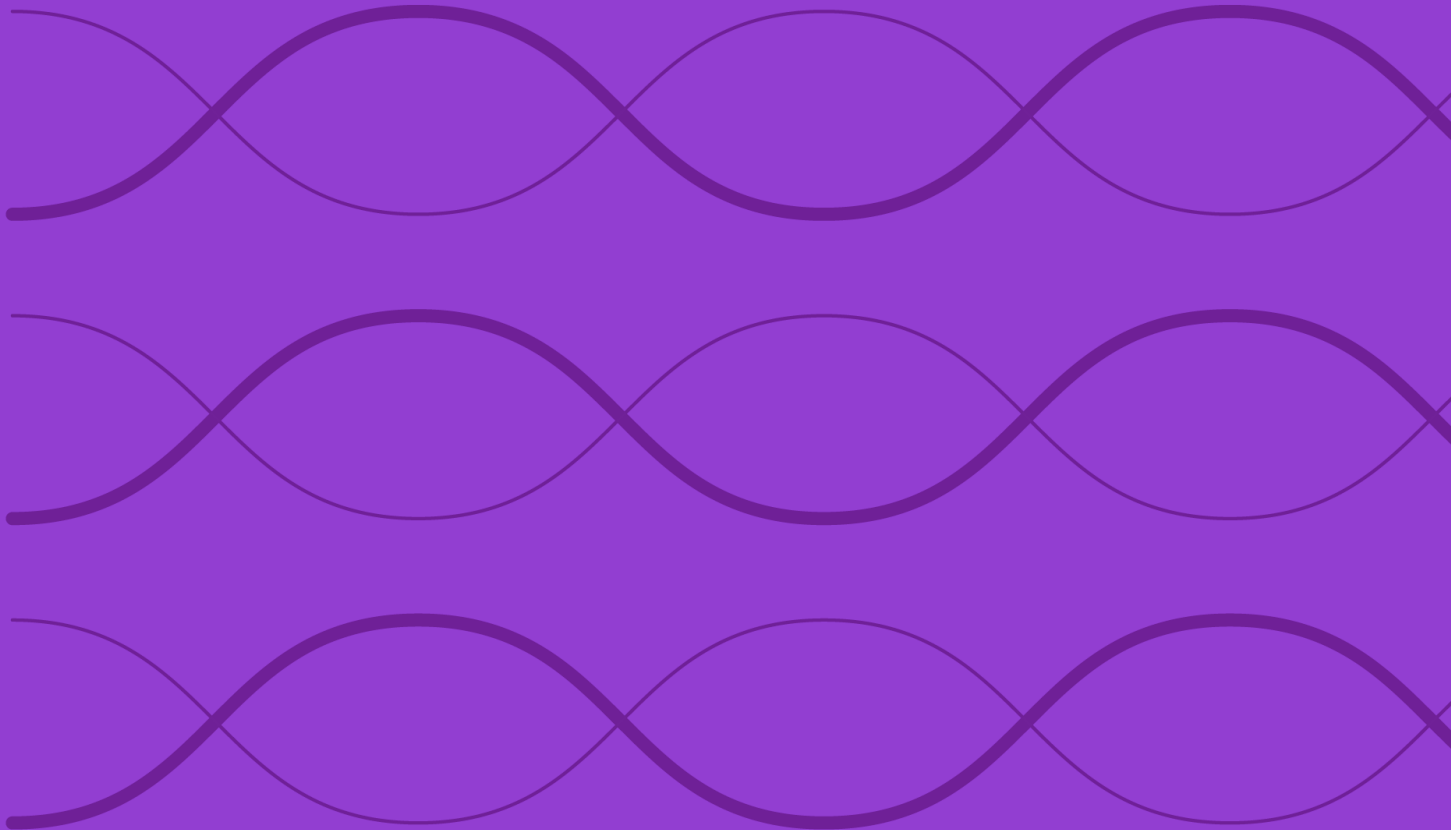


# Construction Rules for the Morningstar® Global Focus US Listing Select Index



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## Overview

The Morningstar Global Focus US Listing Select Index seeks to provide broad global equity market exposure exclusively through US-listed securities by combining US equities from the Global Target Market Exposure Index with international exposure via American Depositary Receipts (ADRs) from the Morningstar Global ADR Extended Index.

The index employs an optimization-driven approach to select a focused subset of 200 securities that minimizes tracking error relative to the parent Global Target Market Exposure Index while delivering efficient, operationally streamlined global market representation through a single, US-listed portfolio.

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

## Index Inception and Performance Start Date

The index inception date is April 23, 2026, and the performance start date, when the first back-tested index value was calculated, is 2011, December 16.

## Index Construction

### Methodology Summary

#### Starting Universe

- Morningstar Global Target Market Exposure Index
  - Represents the top 85% of the investable market

#### Eligibility

- Securities must be covered by the Morningstar Risk Model
- Below securities are included
  - Securities with CoC as US
  - Securities with equivalent ADR or US listing present in Morningstar Global ADR Extended Index and must not be L1 ADR.
  - Other securities listed on US NYSE, Nasdaq exchanges

#### Portfolio Construction

- Select and weight 200 stocks based on the objective and constraints through an optimization process
- Post optimization, non-US securities having equivalent ADR or US listing available are replaced with the same.
- Reconstitution quarterly in March, June, September and December

Morningstar® Global Focus US Listing Select Index

### Starting Universe

At each reconstitution, constituents of the Morningstar® Global Focus US Listing Select Index are derived from the Morningstar Global Target Market Exposure Index (benchmark). For more details on benchmark construction, refer to the construction rules for the [Morningstar Global Target Market Index](#) and [Morningstar Global ADR Extended Index](#).

### Eligibility

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

- Securities must be covered by the Morningstar risk model to qualify for inclusion.
- Securities must have Country of Classification (CoC) as US<sup>1</sup>

OR
- Securities have equivalent ADR (must not be L1) or US listings in Morningstar Global ADR Extended Index.
 

OR
- Other securities listed on US NYSE, Nasdaq exchanges.

<sup>1</sup> For more details on framework and the list of developed- and emerging-market countries, refer to Appendix 3 and 4 of the [Morningstar Global Target Market Index](#) construction rules.

## Portfolio Construction

### Optimization Parameters

At every reconstitution, the Morningstar® Global Focus US Listing Select Index portfolio is created using an optimizer to minimize the ex-ante tracking error<sup>2</sup> to the parent index and meet the constraints as follows:

- No short positions are allowed.
- The minimum weight of a security included in the index portfolio should be greater than or equal to 0.05%.
- The maximum one-way turnover is less than 3%.
- Number of holdings is equal to 200.

Post optimization, non-US securities having ADR or Canadian listing available are replaced with their equivalents. The turnover constraint is reset for the latest reconstitution prior to index launch.

### *Number of Stocks*

The indexes target 200 stocks based on an optimization framework. 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.

### *Index Weighting*

The weights of index constituents are determined through an optimization process subject to the objective function and weight constraints described in the "Optimization Parameters" section above.

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<sup>2</sup> For more details on the optimized construction, please refer to Appendix 1.

## **Index Maintenance and Calculation**

### **Reconstitution and Rebalancing**

The index is reconstituted, where the membership is reset, and 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. The market data used for reconstitution 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 alternatively-weighted indexes corporate action methodology. For more details, please refer to the [Morningstar Indexes Corporate Actions Methodology](#).

### **Index Calculation and Price Data**

Details about index calculations and price data can be found in their respective rulebooks: [Morningstar Indexes Calculation Methodology](#) and [Morningstar Equity Indexes Price Methodology](#).

### **Methodology Review and Index Decommissioning 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 [Morningstar Index Methodology Change Policy](#).

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 decommissioning of the index or benchmark index could disrupt subscriber products that reference this index, all subscribers are encouraged to have robust fallback procedures in the event an index is decommissioned. For more details, refer to the [Morningstar Index Decommissioning Policy](#).

## Data Correction

### 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

Index calculation data input defects—such as price, dividends, other mandatory corporate actions, or foreign-exchange rates—that do not affect the index shares and if discovered within two trading days are generally corrected, and the index is recalculated regardless of the performance impact.

Where such index calculation data input defects are discovered after two trading days, an index restatement will typically only occur if the impact on performance is material; otherwise, the correction is applied prospectively.

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: Optimization Methodology

#### Ex-Ante Tracking Error

$$TE = (w_p^T - w_b^T) (X^T F X + \lambda D) (w_p - w_b)$$

Where:

= vector of portfolio weights, unknown

= vector of benchmark weights

X = matrix of asset factor exposures

F= factor covariance matrix

D = specific (idiosyncratic, residual) risk block of covariance matrix

FX = systematic (factor-driven) risk block of covariance matrix from the risk model

$\lambda = 1.5$ , specific risk aversion parameter;  $\lambda=1$  results in a specific risk-neutral volatility forecast;  $\lambda>1$  implies greater penalty for asset-specific risk not modelled by systematic risk factor exposures

Any risk model will miss some systematic sources of risk due to bias-variance tradeoff. The model will therefore underestimate the contribution of specific risk to the risk of the overall portfolio, because it assumes the residual risk is perfectly uncorrelated and diversifiable.  $\lambda = 1.5$  was chosen to compensate for the above effects based on empirical testing of ex-post tracking error.

#### Handling of Infeasible Optimization

In case of infeasible solution, turnover is relaxed in steps of 5% till 30% until a feasible solution is found.

If a feasible solution is not found after the above constraint relaxation, the index will not be reconstituted for that quarterly review, and Index Committee review of the constraint methodology will be conducted and completed by the next quarterly reconstitution date.

## 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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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.

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## Morningstar Index Oversight Committee

The Morningstar Index Oversight Committee is responsible for the index oversight function as per the requirements of the European Benchmarks Regulation (“BMR”), providing independent oversight of all aspects of the governance of benchmark administration as required by the 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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