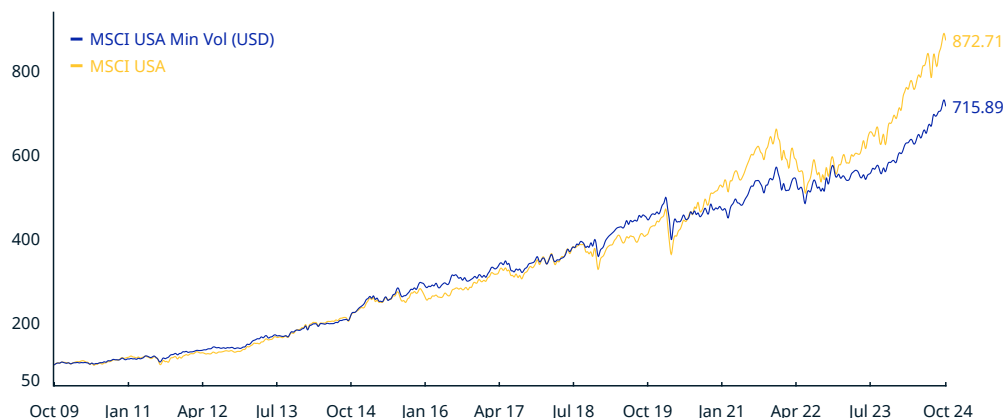


MSCI USA Minimum Volatility (USD) Index (CAD)

The **MSCI USA Minimum Volatility (USD) Index** aims to reflect the performance characteristics of a minimum variance strategy applied to the large and mid cap USA equity universe. The index is calculated by optimizing the MSCI USA Index, its parent index, in USD for the lowest absolute risk (within a given set of constraints). Historically, the index has shown lower beta and volatility characteristics relative to the MSCI USA Index.

For a complete description of the index methodology, please see [Index methodology - MSCI](#).

CUMULATIVE INDEX PERFORMANCE – NET RETURNS (CAD) (OCT 2009 – OCT 2024)



ANNUAL PERFORMANCE (%)

Year	MSCI USA Min Vol (USD)	MSCI USA
2023	6.21	23.10
2022	-3.11	-14.02
2021	19.40	25.38
2020	3.25	18.61
2019	20.67	24.26
2018	9.95	3.51
2017	10.63	13.23
2016	6.04	7.06
2015	25.83	20.75
2014	26.20	22.85
2013	32.72	40.63
2012	7.76	12.78
2011	14.71	3.87
2010	7.89	8.78

INDEX PERFORMANCE – NET RETURNS (%) (OCT 31, 2024)

	1 Mo	3 Mo	1 Yr	YTD	ANNUALIZED				Since May 31, 1988
					3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr		
MSCI USA Min Vol (USD)	1.65	4.69	26.98	23.11	10.53	9.70	12.51	10.37	
MSCI USA	2.40	4.68	38.38	27.27	12.17	16.09	14.76	10.90	

FUNDAMENTALS (OCT 31, 2024)

Div Yld (%)	P/E	P/E Fwd	P/BV
1.66	22.43	18.99	4.26
1.31	26.74	21.59	5.02

INDEX RISK AND RETURN CHARACTERISTICS (MAY 31, 1988 – OCT 31, 2024)

	Beta	Tracking Error (%)	Turnover (%) ¹	ANNUALIZED STD DEV (%) ²			MAXIMUM DRAWDOWN	
				3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	(%)	Period YYYY-MM-DD
MSCI USA Min Vol (USD)	0.74	6.02	19.95	10.42	11.45	10.87	38.84	2007-02-07–2009-03-05
MSCI USA	1.00	0.00	1.97	13.91	14.27	12.74	56.50	2000-08-31–2009-03-05

¹ Last 12 months

² Based on monthly net returns data

The MSCI USA Minimum Volatility (USD) Index was launched on Jun 02, 2008. Data prior to the launch date is back-tested test (i.e. calculations of how the index might have performed over that time period had the index existed). There are frequently material differences between back-tested performance and actual results. Past performance – whether actual or back-tested – is no indication or guarantee of future performance.

INDEX CHARACTERISTICS

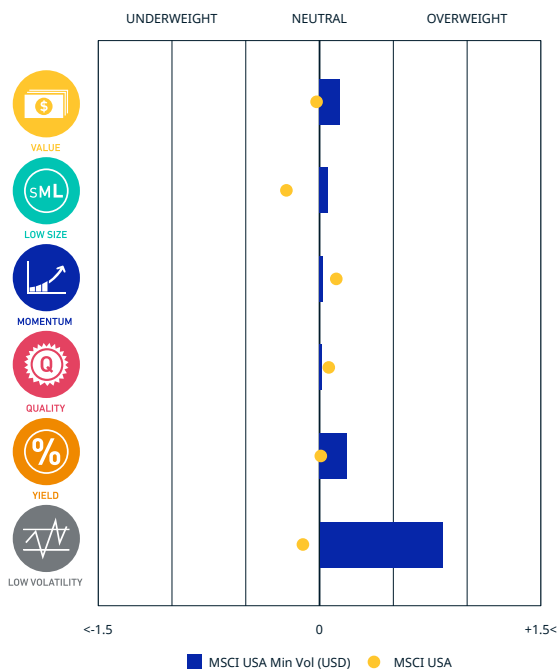
	MSCI USA Min Vol (USD)	MSCI USA
Number of Constituents	170	593
	Weight (%)	
Largest	1.90	6.60
Smallest	0.04	0.01
Average	0.59	0.17
Median	0.45	0.06

TOP 10 CONSTITUENTS

	Index Wt. (%)	Parent Index Wt. (%)	Sector
T-MOBILE US	1.90	0.24	Comm Svcs
WALMART	1.71	0.73	Cons Staples
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS	1.70	0.15	Info Tech
IBM CORP	1.66	0.38	Info Tech
PROGRESSIVE CORP	1.62	0.29	Financials
DUKE ENERGY CORP	1.54	0.18	Utilities
BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY B	1.52	1.20	Financials
NORTHROP GRUMMAN CORP	1.51	0.14	Industrials
WASTE CONNECTIONS	1.49	0.09	Industrials
CHUBB	1.49	0.22	Financials
Total	16.14	3.61	

FACTORS - KEY EXPOSURES THAT DRIVE RISK AND RETURN

MSCI FACTOR BOX



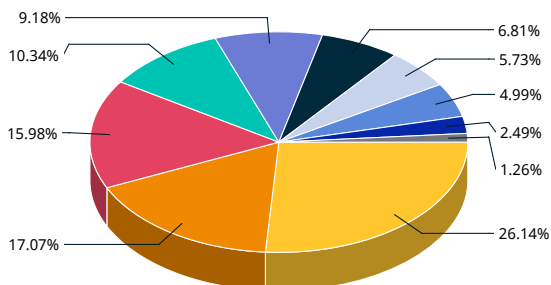
MSCI FaCS

- VALUE**
Relatively Inexpensive Stocks
- LOW SIZE**
Smaller Companies
- MOMENTUM**
Rising Stocks
- QUALITY**
Sound Balance Sheet Stocks
- YIELD**
Cash Flow Paid Out
- LOW VOLATILITY**
Lower Risk Stocks

MSCI FaCS provides absolute factor exposures relative to a broad global index - MSCI ACWI IMI.

Neutral factor exposure (FaCS = 0) represents MSCI ACWI IMI.

SECTOR WEIGHTS



- Information Technology 26.14%
- Financials 17.07%
- Health Care 15.98%
- Consumer Staples 10.34%
- Industrials 9.18%
- Utilities 6.81%
- Communication Services 5.73%
- Consumer Discretionary 4.99%
- Energy 2.49%
- Materials 1.26%

MSCI FACTOR BOX AND FaCS FRAMEWORK (Please refer to complete description of the MSCI FaCS methodology [here](#))

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