MSCI USA Sector Neutral Quality Index (CAD)

The **MSCI USA Sector Neutral Quality Index** captures large and mid-cap representation across the US equity markets. The index aims to capture the performance of securities that exhibit stronger quality characteristics relative to their peers within the same GICS® sector by identifying stocks with high quality scores based on three main fundamental variables: high Return-on-Equity (ROE), low leverage and low earnings variability.

For a complete description of the index methodology, please see Index methodology - MSCI.

CUMULATIVE INDEX PERFORMANCE — NET RETURNS (CAD) (NOV 2010 – NOV 2025)

— MSCI USA Sector Neutral Quality
— MSCI USA

956.14
899.23

ANNUAL PERFORMANCE (%)

Year	MSCI USA Sector Neutral Quality	MSCI USA
2024	33.04	35.88
2023	26.94	23.10
2022	-14.90	-14.02
2021	25.58	25.38
2020	14.47	18.61
2019	26.86	24.26
2018	2.23	3.51
2017	13.74	13.23
2016	4.90	7.06
2015	24.73	20.75
2014	20.04	22.85
2013	42.46	40.63
2012	9.49	12.78
2011	9.38	3.87

INDEX PERFORMANCE — NET RETURNS (%) (NOV 28, 2025)

	1 Mo	3 Mo	1 Yr	YTD	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Nov 30, 1998
					ANNUALIZED			
MSCI USA Sector Neutral Quality	0.54	6.82	7.52	8.52	20.02	14.83	13.53	8.14
MSCI USA	-0.51	7.70	13.82	13.74	21.39	15.98	14.54	7.70

FUNDAMENTALS (NOV 28, 2025)

	Div Yld (%)	P/E	P/E Fwd	P/BV
MSCI USA Sector Neutral Quality	1.00	26.66	23.59	7.51
MSCI USA	1.14	28.20	22.86	5.57

INDEX RISK AND RETURN CHARACTERISTICS (NOV 30, 1998 – NOV 28, 2025)

	Beta	Tracking Error (%)	Turnover (%) [1]	ANNUALIZED STD DEV (%) [2]			MAXIMUM DRAWDOWN	
				3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	(%)	Period YYYY-MM-DD
MSCI USA Sector Neutral Quality	0.97	3.02	25.20	11.45	13.79	13.11	49.62	2000-11-02—2009-03-05
MSCI USA	1.00	0.00	2.16	11.81	13.14	12.84	56.50	2000-08-31—2009-03-05

[1] Last 12 months   [2] Based on monthly net returns data

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INDEX CHARACTERISTICS

	MSCI USA Sector Neutral Quality	MSCI USA
Number of Constituents	125	544
	Weight (%)	
Largest	6.75	7.21
Smallest	0.01	0.01
Average	0.80	0.18
Median	0.41	0.06

TOP 10 CONSTITUENTS

	Index Wt. (%)	Parent Index Wt. (%)	Sector
APPLE	6.75	6.93	Info Tech
MICROSOFT CORP	6.37	5.82	Info Tech
NVIDIA	6.04	7.21	Info Tech
META PLATFORMS A	3.88	2.36	Comm Srvcs
LILLY (ELI) & COMPANY	3.52	1.45	Health Care
VISA A	3.28	0.95	Financials
TJX COMPANIES	3.24	0.28	Cons Discr
MASTERCARD A	2.63	0.79	Financials
BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY B	2.40	1.19	Financials
NETFLIX	2.40	0.77	Comm Srvcs
Total	40.50	27.74	

FACTORS - KEY EXPOSURES THAT DRIVE RISK AND RETURN

MSCI FACTOR BOX

UNDERWEIGHT — NEUTRAL — OVERWEIGHT

VALUE
LOW SIZE
MOMENTUM
QUALITY
YIELD
LOW VOLATILITY

<-1.5   0   +1.5<

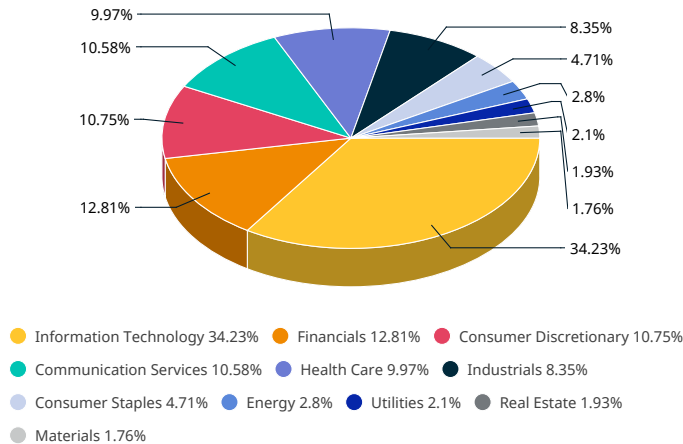■ MSCI USA Sector Neutral Quality   ● MSCI USA
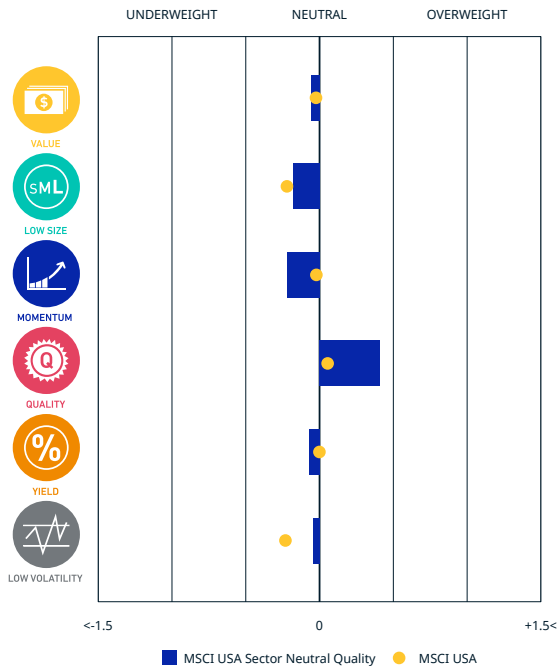
MSCI FaCS

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

9.97%
10.58%
10.75%
12.81%
8.35%
4.71%
2.8%
2.1%
1.93%
1.76%
34.23%

● Information Technology 34.23%　● Financials 12.81%　● Consumer Discretionary 10.75%
● Communication Services 10.58%　● Health Care 9.97%　● Industrials 8.35%
● Consumer Staples 4.71%　● Energy 2.8%　● Utilities 2.1%　● Real Estate 1.93%
● Materials 1.76%

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

MSCI FaCS is a standard method for evaluating and reporting the Factor characteristics of equity portfolios. MSCI FaCS consists of Factor Groups (e.g. Value, Size, Momentum, Quality, Yield, and Volatility) that have been extensively documented in academic literature and validated by MSCI Research as key drivers of risk and return in equity portfolios. These Factor Groups are constructed by aggregating 16 factors (e.g. Book-to-Price, Earnings/Dividend Yields, LT Reversal, Leverage, Earnings Variability/Quality, Beta) from the latest Barra global equity factor risk model, GEMLT, designed to make fund comparisons transparent and intuitive for use. The MSCI Factor Box, which is powered by MSCI FaCS, provides a visualization designed to easily compare absolute exposures of funds/indexes and their benchmarks along 6 Factor Groups that have historically demonstrated excess market returns over the long run.

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