

# MSCI Saudi Arabia Domestic Total Market Indexes Methodology

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## 1. Introduction

The MSCI Saudi Arabia Domestic Total Market Index ("the Index")<sup>1</sup> is a domestic free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index designed to represent the performance of the Large, Mid, Small and Micro-Cap size segment securities in the Saudi Arabian equity universe.

The MSCI Saudi Arabia Domestic Total Market Islamic M-Series Index ("the Islamic Index") follows Shariah investment principles. The Islamic Index is based on the MSCI Saudi Arabia Domestic Total Market Index but excludes all the non-compliant securities in accordance with the MSCI Islamic Index Series Methodology<sup>2</sup>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Indexes are governed by a set of methodology and policy documents ("Methodology Set"), including the present index methodology document. Please refer to Appendix I for more details.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Please refer to Section 2.4 for further details on the Islamic Index methodology.



# 2. Index Construction Methodology

## 2.1 Applicable Universe

The Applicable Universe includes all securities from the MSCI Saudi Arabia Domestic IMI Index as defined by the MSCI Global Investable Market Indexes Methodology.

Additionally, securities with MSCI Country of Classification as "Saudi Arabia", which are not part of the MSCI Saudi Arabia Domestic IMI Index, that satisfy the below criteria are also included. The list of Stock Exchanges, Market Segments and Eligible Security Classes is same as those MSCI use as the basis for the construction of the MSCI Global Investable Market Indexes<sup>3</sup>.

	Thresholds	
	New Securities	Existing Constituents
Domestic Inclusion Factor (DIF) <sup>4</sup>	Greater than or equal to 0.15	
12-month Average Traded Value Ratio (ATVR) <sup>5</sup>	Greater than 5%	
3-month Frequency of Trading (FOT)	Greater than 50%	
Domestic Free Float Market Capitalization	Greater than SAR 50 Million	Greater than SAR 25 Million

# 2.2 Selection of Eligible Securities

Securities from the Applicable Universe are selected in the below order of priority:

- All the proforma constituents of the MSCI Saudi Arabia Domestic IMI Index
- Existing constituents of the Index
- Non-constituents of the Index are added in the decreasing order of the Domestic free float market capitalization if:

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Further details in Appendix I of the MSCI Global Investable Market Indexes (GIMI) Methodology, available at https://www.msci.com/index/methodology/latest/GIMI

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Domestic Inclusion Factor (DIF) - MSCI defines the domestic free float of a security as the proportion of tradable shares outstanding that are deemed to be available for purchase in the public equity markets by domestic investors. For more details, please refer to MSCI Domestic Indexes Appendix of the MSCI Global Investable Market Indexes (GIMI) Methodology

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The ATVR measures the average traded value as a proportion of the free float-adjusted market capitalization over a specified period. Details on the computation of ATVRs can be found in the MSCI Global Investable Market Indexes (GIMI) Methodology, available at https://www.msci.com/index/methodology/latest/GIMI



- Number of constituents falls below 300 (additions are done until the number of constituents reach 300) OR
- Index's domestic free float market capitalization coverage falls below 99.8% of the Applicable Universe (additions will be done until the coverage is at least 99.9% of the Applicable Universe).

## 2.3 Security Weighting

The Index is constructed by weighting the selected constituents in proportion of their free float adjusted market capitalization. The weights are then normalized to sum up to 100%.

The free float-adjustment is applied using an adjustment factor referred to as the Domestic Inclusion Factor (DIF).

#### 2.4 The Islamic Index

The MSCI Saudi Arabia Domestic Total Market Islamic M-Series Index ("the Islamic Index") follows Shariah investment principles. The Islamic Index is based on the MSCI Saudi Arabia Domestic Total Market Index but excludes all the non-compliant securities in accordance with the MSCI Islamic Index Series Methodology<sup>6</sup>.

MSCI uses business activity screening data and some of the financial screening data for the Islamic Index from Ideal Ratings, which is a provider of Islamic Finance Solutions.

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<sup>6</sup> Please refer to the MSCI Islamic Series Methodology for further details: https://www.msci.com/index/methodology/latest/Islamic



# 3. Maintaining the Index

## 3.1 Quarterly Index Reviews

The Index and the Islamic Index are rebalanced on a quarterly basis, as of the close of the last business day of February, May, August, and November, coinciding with Quarterly Index Review of the MSCI Global Investable Market Indexes.

The pro forma Indexes are in general announced nine business days before the effective date.

## 3.2 Cutoff Dates For Rebalancing

The cutoff date for market capitalization data used to select the securities that are not part of MSCI Saudi Arabia Domestic IMI in the Applicable Universe, as defined in section 2.1, is generally nine business days before the effective date of the index review.

Liquidity data for the Index is as of the month-end of January, April, July, and October, for the February, May, August, and November index reviews, respectively.

The Applicable Universe is updated as of the close of the last business day of February, May, August, and November, coinciding with Quarterly Index Review of the MSCI Global Investable Market Indexes.

Quarterly Index Review	Liquidity Data	Applicable Universe Update
February	January (month-end)	November (last business day)
May	April (month-end)	February (last business day)
August	July (month-end)	May (last business day)
November	October (month-end)	August (last business day)

The cut-off date for the data used to update the Domestic Inclusion Factors (DIFs) of securities will coincide with the Price cutoff date for MSCI Global Investable Market Indexes, which can be one of the last 10 business days<sup>7</sup> of January for the February Index Review, of April for the May Index Review, of July for the August Index Review, and of October for the November Index Review.

For the screenings in the Islamic Index the date of data used is per the Index Maintenance section of MSCI Islamic Index Series Methodology<sup>8</sup>.

# 3.3 Ongoing Event Related Changes

The Islamic Index will follow the same ongoing treatment per the MSCI Islamic Index Series Methodology.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> If the effective date of the Index Reviews is within the announcement month, in such scenario Price Cutoff Date would also prepone accordingly by the same number of business days. For example, if the effective date of the November 2024 Index Review is November 26, 2024, the price cutoff date will be any one of the 10 business days from October 14, 2024 to October 25, 2024.

<sup>8</sup> Further details can be found at: https://www.msci.com/index/methodology/latest/Islamic



The following section briefly describes the treatment of common corporate events within the Index.

Corporate events treatment is based on the MSCI Corporate Events Methodology and is generally driven by the size segment classification of the security in the MSCI Global Investable Market Indexes

No new securities will be added outside the regularly scheduled index reviews, other than those added to MSCI Saudi Arabia Domestic IMI.

Securities deleted from MSCI Saudi Arabia Domestic IMI resulting from corporate events, will be simultaneously deleted from the Index.

EVENT TYPE	EVENT DETAILS
New additions to the Parent Index	A new security (such as IPO and other early inclusions) added to the MSCI Saudi Arabia Domestic IMI will be simultaneously added to the Index at an estimated full market capitalization adjustment factor on the date of security inclusion.
Spin-Offs	Any securities created as a result of the spin-off of an existing Index constituent and are added to MSCI Saudi Arabia Domestic IMI, will also be added to the Index at the time of event implementation.  Reevaluation for continued inclusion in the Index will occur at the subsequent Index Review.
Merger/Acquisition	For Mergers and Acquisitions, the acquirer's post event weight will account for the proportionate amount of shares involved in deal consideration, while cash proceeds will be invested across the Index.
	If an existing Index constituent is acquired by a non- Index constituent, the existing constituent will be deleted from the Index and the acquiring non- constituent will be added to the Index if it also added to the corresponding MSCI Saudi Arabia Domestic IMI index. Reevaluation for continued inclusion will occur at the subsequent Index Review
Changes in Security Characteristics	A security will continue to be an Index constituent if there are changes in characteristics (country, sector, size segment, etc.) Reevaluation for continued inclusion in the Index will occur at the subsequent Index Review.
Securities under Prolonged Suspension	Constituents that are under prolonged suspension are deleted from the Index. If the suspended security is also a constituent of MSCI Saudi Arabia Domestic IMI, the security will be deleted from the Index two



business days following 50 business days of continuous suspension. Otherwise, the deletion of the suspended security will be implemented two business days following 100 days of continuous suspension.

Further detail and illustration regarding specific treatment of corporate events relevant to this Index can be found in the MSCI Corporate Events Methodology book under the sections detailing the treatment of events in Capped Weighted and Non-Market Capitalization Weighted indexes.

The MSCI Corporate Events methodology book is available at: <a href="https://www.msci.com/index-methodology">https://www.msci.com/index-methodology</a>.



# **Appendix I: Methodology Set**

The Index is governed by a set of methodology and policy documents ("Methodology Set"), including the present index methodology document as mentioned below:

- Description of methodology set <u>https://www.msci.com/index/methodology/latest/ReadMe</u>
- MSCI Corporate Events Methodology https://www.msci.com/index/methodology/latest/CE
- MSCI Fundamental Data Methodology https://www.msci.com/index/methodology/latest/FundData
- MSCI Index Calculation Methodology https://www.msci.com/index/methodology/latest/IndexCalc
- MSCI Index Glossary of Terms https://www.msci.com/index/methodology/latest/IndexGlossary
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- MSCI Global Investable Market Indexes Methodology https://www.msci.com/index/methodology/latest/GIMI
- MSCI Islamic Index Series Methodology <u>https://www.msci.com/index/methodology/latest/Islamic</u>

The Methodology Set for the Index can also be accessed from MSCl's webpage <a href="https://www.msci.com/index-methodology">https://www.msci.com/index-methodology</a> in the section 'Search Methodology by Index Name or Index Code'.



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