

# MSCI ACWI Defensive Sectors Index (USD)

The **MSCI ACWI Defensive Sectors Index** is based on MSCI ACWI Index, its parent index, which includes large and mid-cap stocks across 23 Developed Markets (DM) and 24 Emerging Markets (EM) countries\*. The index is designed to reflect the performance of the opportunity set of global defensive companies across various GICS® sectors. All constituent securities from Consumer Staples, Energy, Healthcare and Utilities are included in the Index.

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

## CUMULATIVE INDEX PERFORMANCE – NET RETURNS (USD) (APR 2011 – APR 2026)



## ANNUAL PERFORMANCE (%)

Year	MSCI ACWI Defensive Sectors	MSCI ACWI
2025	13.84	22.34
2024	3.14	17.49
2023	3.12	22.20
2022	-0.74	-18.36
2021	16.90	18.54
2020	3.67	16.25
2019	20.24	26.60
2018	-5.93	-9.41
2017	14.80	23.97
2016	3.81	7.86
2015	-2.46	-2.36
2014	4.09	4.16
2013	21.18	22.80
2012	9.76	16.13

## INDEX PERFORMANCE – NET RETURNS (%) (APR 30, 2026)

	1 Mo	3 Mo	1 Yr	YTD	ANNUALIZED				Since Dec 29, 2000
					3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Dec 29, 2000	
MSCI ACWI Defensive Sectors	0.96	2.16	15.64	6.53	7.78	7.31	7.23	6.12	
MSCI ACWI	10.17	3.58	31.00	6.65	19.84	10.68	12.25	7.29	

## FUNDAMENTALS (APR 30, 2026)

Div Yld (%)	P/E	P/E Fwd	P/BV
2.53	20.64	16.94	3.33
1.62	23.50	18.07	3.72

## INDEX RISK AND RETURN CHARACTERISTICS (DEC 29, 2000 – APR 30, 2026)

	Beta	Tracking Error (%)	Turnover (%) <sup>1</sup>	ANNUALIZED STD DEV (%) <sup>2</sup>			SHARPE RATIO <sup>2, 3</sup>			Since Dec 29, 2000	MAXIMUM DRAWDOWN	
				3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr		(%)	Period YYYY-MM-DD
MSCI ACWI Defensive Sectors	0.72	7.14	2.48	10.57	11.92	12.11	0.32	0.36	0.44	0.38	45.29	2007-12-10–2009-03-09
MSCI ACWI	1.00	0.00	2.47	12.75	14.92	14.68	1.12	0.53	0.71	0.40	58.38	2007-10-31–2009-03-09

<sup>1</sup> Last 12 months

<sup>2</sup> Based on monthly net returns data

<sup>3</sup> Based on NY FED Overnight SOFR from Sep 1 2021 & on ICE LIBOR 1M prior that date

\* DM countries include: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the UK and the US. EM countries include: Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, Czech Republic, Egypt, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Korea, Kuwait, Malaysia, Mexico, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey and United Arab Emirates.

The MSCI ACWI Defensive Sectors Index was launched on Jun 30, 2014. 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**

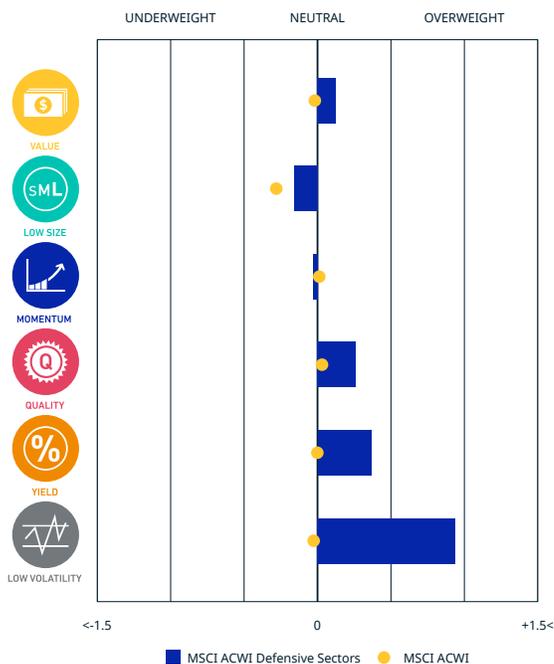
	MSCI ACWI Defensive Sectors	MSCI ACWI
<b>Number of Constituents</b>	594	2,514
<b>Weight (%)</b>		
<b>Largest</b>	3.81	4.91
<b>Smallest</b>	0.00	0.00
<b>Average</b>	0.17	0.04
<b>Median</b>	0.05	0.01

**TOP 10 CONSTITUENTS**

	Index Wt. (%)	Parent Index Wt. (%)	Sector
LILLY (ELI) & COMPANY	3.81	0.76	Health Care
EXXON MOBIL CORP	3.30	0.66	Energy
WALMART	2.93	0.59	Cons Staples
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	2.81	0.56	Health Care
COSTCO WHOLESALE CORP	2.28	0.46	Cons Staples
ABBVIE	1.89	0.38	Health Care
CHEVRON CORP	1.87	0.37	Energy
PROCTER & GAMBLE CO	1.74	0.35	Cons Staples
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP	1.70	0.34	Health Care
COCA COLA (THE)	1.63	0.33	Cons Staples
<b>Total</b>	<b>23.98</b>	<b>4.79</b>	

**FACTORS - KEY EXPOSURES THAT DRIVE RISK AND RETURN**

**MSCI FACTOR BOX**



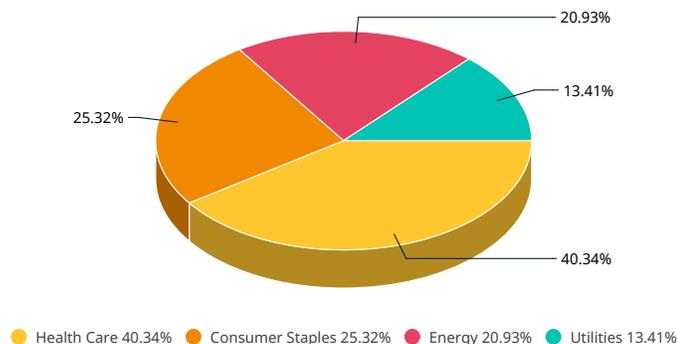
**MSCI FaCS**

- 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

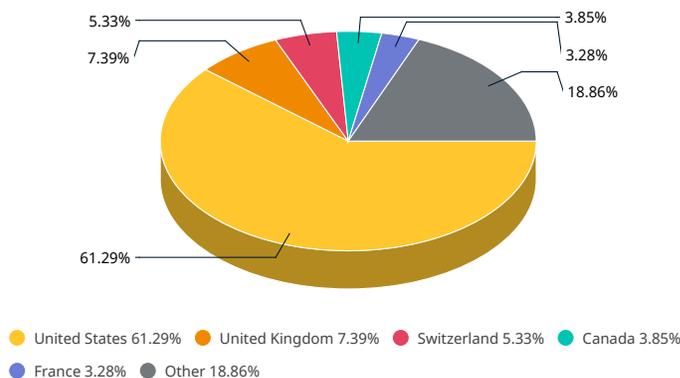
MSCI FaCS provides absolute factor exposures relative to a broad global index - MSCI ACWI IMI.

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

**SECTOR WEIGHTS**



**COUNTRY WEIGHTS**



**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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