# **MSCI USA Minimum Volatility (USD) Index (USD)**

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 — GROSS RETURNS (USD) (JAN 2010 – JAN 2025)

# ANNUAL PERFORMANCE (%) Year MSCI USA Min Vol (USD) MSCI U

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Year	MSCI USA Min Vol (USD)	MSCI USA
2024	15.99	25.08
2023	9.79	27.10
2022	-9.19	-19.46
2021	21.01	26.97
2020	5.76	21.37
2019	27.96	31.64
2018	1.55	-4.50
2017	19.18	21.90
2016	10.67	11.61
2015	5.64	1.32
2014	16.54	13.36
2013	25.33	32.61
2012	11.19	16.13
2011	12.87	1.99

## INDEX PERFORMANCE – GROSS RETURNS (%) (JAN 31, 2025)

### **FUNDAMENTALS (JAN 31, 2025)**

					ANNUALIZED							
	1 Mo	3 Мо	1 Yr	YTD	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr <sub>N</sub>	Since 1ay 31, 1988	Div Yld (%)	P/E	P/E Fwd	P/BV
MSCI USA Min Vol (USD)	3.60	2.74	17.52	3.60	8.38	8.42	10.80	10.88	1.63	22.92	19.49	4.36
MSCI USA	3.04	6.71	26.91	3.04	11.83	15.20	13.75	11.35	1.25	28.17	22.34	5.27

#### INDEX RISK AND RETURN CHARACTERISTICS (MAY 31, 1988 - JAN 31, 2025)

				ANNUALIZED STD DEV (%) 2			SHARPE RATIO 2,3				MAXIMUM DRAWDOWN		
	Beta	Tracking Error (%)	Turnover (%) <sup>1</sup>	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since May 31, 1988	(%)	Period YYYY-MM-DD	
MSCI USA Min Vol (USD)	0.73	6.01	19.95	13.41	15.31	12.51	0.37	0.44	0.74	0.66	46.61	2007-10-09-2009-03-09	
MSCI USA	1.00	0.00	2.06	17.27	18.56	15.54	0.51	0.72	0.79	0.58	54.91	2007-10-09-2009-03-09	
	<sup>1</sup> Last	12 months	<sup>2</sup> Based o	n monthly	gross retu	rns data 3	Based on	NY FED Ov	ernight SC	FR from Se	o 1 2021 & c	on ICE LIBOR 1M prior that date	

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.



JAN 31, 2025 Index Factsheet

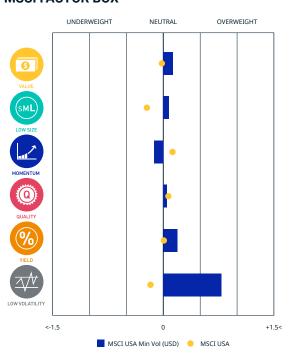
#### **INDEX CHARACTERISTICS**

	MSCI USA Min Vol (USD)	MSCI USA				
Number of	182	590				
Constituents						
	Weight (%)					
Largest	1.74	6.75				
Smallest	0.04	0.00				
Average	0.55	0.17				
Median	0.42	0.06				

#### **TOP 10 CONSTITUENTS**

	Index Wt. (%)	Parent Index Wt. (%)	Sector
WALMART	1.74	0.82	Cons Staples
IBM CORP	1.62	0.44	Info Tech
CISCO SYSTEMS	1.55	0.45	Info Tech
REPUBLIC SERVICES	1.53	0.09	Industrials
MERCK & CO	1.52	0.47	Health Care
BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY B	1.52	1.17	Financials
WASTE CONNECTIONS	1.49	0.09	Industrials
MICROSOFT CORP	1.48	5.51	Info Tech
T-MOBILE US	1.47	0.23	Comm Srvcs
DUKE ENERGY CORP	1.46	0.16	Utilities
Total	15.39	9.44	

# 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

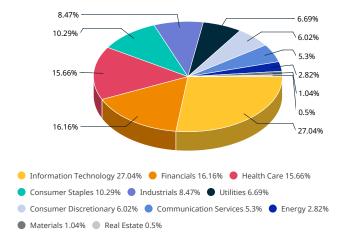


LOW VOLATILITY Lower Risk Stocks

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**





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## 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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