

Frequently Asked Questions

S&P GSCI Capped Component

- 1. What is the S&P GSCI Capped Component?** The S&P GSCI Capped Component caps the highest weight component at 35% and the rest at 20%.
- 2. What is the capping frequency?** Quarterly in January, April, July, and October.
- 3. What is the determination date?** One S&P GSCI business day before the first quarterly roll date.
- 4. What is the implementation date?** The first day of the roll.
- 5. What are the components?** There are 18 components, with three multiple commodity components containing more than one commodity based on their similarity.

The multiple commodity components are petroleum, wheat, and cattle. Exhibit 1 lists the components.

Exhibit 1: S&P GSCI Capped Components	
Cocoa	
Coffee	
Corn	
Cotton	Agriculture
Soybeans	
Sugar	
Wheat (Chicago and Kansas)	
Cattle (Feeder and Live)	Livestock
Lean Hogs	
Petroleum (WTI Crude, Brent Crude, Gasoil, Heating Oil, and Unleaded Gasoline)	Energy
Natural Gas	
Aluminum	
Copper	
Lead	Industrial Metals
Nickel	
Zinc	
Gold	Precious Metals
Silver	

Source: S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC. Table is provided for illustrative purposes.

- 6. How are the capping rules implemented?** The components are sorted from largest to smallest, using the initial commodity weights. Then, the 35% rule is applied to the largest components and the remaining weights are distributed equally among the remaining components. The weights are then reviewed, and if any other component violates the second capping rule, it is capped at 20%, holding the highest component weight static (at 35%), and then the remaining weight is proportionally distributed among the remaining commodities. This process is repeated until no additional component has a weight of greater than 20%
- 7. How are the initial commodity weights derived?** The latest S&P GSCI commodity Contract Production Weights (CPWs) are multiplied by each respective commodity price.
- 8. Does the capped component rule affect the roll schedule?** No, the rolling schedule is independent of the capping model and follows its own methodology.

For more information, please see the [S&P GSCI Methodology](#) and the [S&P GSCI Capped Component Methodology Supplement](#).

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