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Modification to the Methodology of the S&P UK / Euro High Yield Dividend Aristocrats Indices

NEW YORK, JUNE 9, 2021: S&P Dow Jones Indices ("S&P DJI") announces a change to the S&P UK / Euro High Yield Dividend Aristocrats Indices.

S&P DJI is updating the Monthly Dividend Review ("MDR") applied to the indices in order to simplify the process and align it with other S&P DJI dividend-themed indices.

	Methodology	
Change	Previous	Updated
Monthly Dividend Review	S&P DJI reviews index constituents for dividend omissions on a monthly basis. If a constituent stock publicly announces a suspension or cancellation of its dividend program, it is removed from the index effective prior to the open of the first business day of the following month. In addition, constituent stocks are reviewed on a monthly basis for dividend cuts. Constituent stocks may, at the discretion of the Index Committee, be removed effective prior to the open of the first business day of the following month if the constituent company lowers but does not eliminate its dividend, its new yield is significantly lower than the lowest yielding constituent, and the Index Committee determines based on current information that the company will not qualify for inclusion at the next rebalancing. The decision to remove an index constituent due to dividend elimination, suspension, omission, or reduction is based on information publicly announced by the company as of seven business days prior to monthend.	The MDR will follow Approach A as specified in the Monthly Review for Ongoing Eligibility in Dividend Focused Indices section of S&P DJI's Equity Indices Policies & Practices Methodology.
	Replacement stocks are added to the index at the same time, effective prior to the open of the first business day of the following month and will enter the index at the same weight as the dropped stock. The replacement stock is the highest ranked eligible non-constituent using data as of the last business day of the previous month. Any changes are announced five business days prior to month-end.	

Please note that this modification results in a change to the current approach. Specifically, the indices will no longer evaluate whether the "new yield is significantly lower than the lowest yielding constituent".

Additionally, any company removed from the indices as part of the MDR will be replaced simultaneously by the highest ranked eligible non-constituent using data as of the last business day of the previous month. The replacement company will enter the index at the same weight as the company being removed.

This change will take effect prior to the open on Monday, July 1, 2021. Results of the subsequent monthly dividend review will be announced on Friday, July 23, 2021.

Please note that the S&P UK / Euro High Yield Dividend Aristocrats Methodology on S&P DJI's website is being updated to reflect this change.

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