

Modification to the Methodology of the S&P Dividend Opportunities Indices

NEW YORK, JANUARY 11, 2022: S&P Dow Jones Indices (“S&P DJI”) announces a change to the S&P Dividend Opportunities 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.

Change	Methodology	
	Previous	Updated
Monthly Dividend Review	<p>S&P DJI reviews index constituents on a monthly basis. If S&P DJI determines an index constituent has eliminated, suspended its dividend or omitted a payment, it will be removed from the index effective prior to the open of the first business day of the following month.</p> <p>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 can determine based on current information that the company will not qualify for inclusion at the next rebalancing.</p> <p>The determination of qualifying for the index at the subsequent annual reconstitution is done at the discretion of the Index Committee. 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 month-end. The index constituents removed as part of the monthly dividend review process are not replaced until the following annual reconstitution. Any changes are announced five business days prior to month-end.</p>	<p>The MDR will follow <i>Approach C</i> as specified in the <i>Monthly Review for Ongoing Eligibility in Dividend Focused Indices</i> section of S&P DJI's Equity Indices Policies & Practices Methodology.</p>

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”.

The specific indices impacted by this change are listed below:

- S&P Global Dividend Opportunities Index
- S&P International Dividend Opportunities Index
- S&P Emerging Market Dividend Opportunities Index
- S&P Europe Dividend Opportunities Index
- S&P Ethical Pan Asia Select Dividend Opportunities Index
- S&P/ASX Dividend Opportunities Index

- S&P China A-Share Dividend Opportunities Index
- S&P Korea Dividend Opportunities
- S&P Brazil Dividend Opportunities

This change will take effect prior to the open on Monday, January 17, 2022. Results of the subsequent monthly dividend review will be announced on Monday, January 24, 2022.

Please note that the S&P Dividend Opportunities Methodology and S&P Brazil Dividend Indices Methodology on S&P DJI's website are being updated to reflect this change.

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