

**S&P Europe 350 Buyback Dividend
Stability Low Volatility Index
*Methodology***

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Introduction

Index Objective and Highlights

The S&P Europe 350 Buyback Dividend Stability Low Volatility Index is designed to measure the performance of at least 20 companies within the S&P Europe 350 Buyback Index (the underlying index) based on various criteria, including liquidity, dividend growth, dividend payout ratio, and those with the least volatility. Index constituents are weighted by estimated dividend yield, subject to the liquidity constraint and maximum weight cap detailed in *Index Construction*.

For information on the S&P Europe 350 Buyback Index, please refer to the S&P Europe 350 Buyback Index Methodology at www.spglobal.com/spdji.

Supporting Documents

This methodology is meant to be read in conjunction with supporting documents providing greater detail with respect to the policies, procedures and calculations described herein. References throughout the methodology direct the reader to the relevant supporting document for further information on a specific topic. The list of the main supplemental documents for this methodology and the hyperlinks to those documents is as follows:

Supporting Document	URL
S&P Dow Jones Indices' Equity Indices Policies & Practices Methodology	Equity Indices Policies & Practices
S&P Dow Jones Indices' Index Mathematics Methodology	Index Mathematics Methodology

This methodology was created by S&P Dow Jones Indices to achieve the aforementioned objective of measuring the underlying interest of each index governed by this methodology document. Any changes to or deviations from this methodology are made in the sole judgment and discretion of S&P Dow Jones Indices so that the index continues to achieve its objective.

Eligibility Criteria

Index Universe

At each rebalancing, the index universe is all constituents of the underlying index.

Eligibility Factors

As of the rebalancing reference date, stocks in the index universe must satisfy the following criteria to be eligible for index inclusion:

1. **Liquidity:** have an average daily value traded (ADVT) of at least US \$5 million for the six months prior to the rebalancing reference date.
2. **Dividend Growth Ratio:** have a dividend growth ratio greater than 95%.

The dividend growth ratio is defined as the estimated dividends per share for the subsequent 12-month period divided by the trailing 12-month dividends per share, as of the rebalancing reference date. Estimated dividend data is provided by S&P Market Intelligence.

3. **Dividend Payout Ratio:** have a dividend payout ratio greater than zero and less than 100%.

The dividend payout ratio is defined as the most recent trailing 12-month dividends per share divided by the earnings per share. With respect to earnings per share, a three-month lag period for the release of company reports at each rebalancing reference date is assumed.

4. **Multiple Share Classes.** Each company is represented once by the Designated Listing. For more information regarding the treatment of multiple share classes, please refer to Approach B within the Multiple Share Classes section of the S&P Dow Jones Indices' Equity Indices Policies & Practices Methodology.

If there are fewer than 20 eligible stocks, the dividend growth criteria relaxes until the target count of 20 eligible stocks is reached.

Index Construction

Constituent Selection

At each rebalancing, rank eligible stocks in the index universe, in ascending order, based on volatility, and select the top 50% (i.e., the least volatile stocks) as index constituents. Volatility is defined as the standard deviation of the security's daily price returns over the prior 12 months leading up to each index rebalancing reference date.

If there are fewer than 20 eligible stocks, the volatility ranking selection criterion relaxes until the target constituent count of 20 is met.

Constituent Weightings

At each rebalancing, constituents are weighted by estimated dividend yield, calculated as the estimated dividends per share for the subsequent 12-month observation period divided by the price at the rebalancing reference date. In addition, constituents' weights are subject to a single constituent weight cap of 12.5%. Further adjustments are then made to a constituent's weight to ensure that the value of the constituent that can be traded in a single day for a US\$ 500 million theoretical portfolio cannot exceed 100% of its ADVT over the trailing six months (excluding days where there was no stock activity).

Index Calculations

The index is calculated by means of the divisor methodology used in most S&P Dow Jones equity indices.

For more information on the index calculation methodology, please refer to the Non-Market Capitalization Weighted Indices section of S&P Dow Jones Indices' Index Mathematics Methodology.

Index Maintenance

Rebalancing

The index is rebalanced quarterly, effective after the close on the last business day of January, April, July and October of each year. The rebalancing reference dates are after the close of the last business days of December, March, June and September, respectively.

Constituents' shares are calculated using closing prices seven business days prior to the rebalancing date as the reference price. Index shares are calculated and assigned to each stock to arrive at the weights determined on the rebalancing reference date. Since index shares are assigned based on prices prior to the rebalancing date, the actual weight of each stock at the rebalancing date will differ from these weights due to market movements.

Additions. Except for spin-offs, no additions occur intra-rebalancing. Spinoffs are added to the index where the parent security is a constituent at a zero price at the market close of the day before the ex-date (with no divisor adjustment) and are removed after at least one day of regular way trading (with a divisor adjustment).

Deletions. Any stock dropped from the underlying index is removed from the index at the subsequent rebalancing. Between rebalancings, a stock can be deleted from an index due to corporate events such as mergers, takeovers, delistings, suspensions, spin-offs/demergers, or bankruptcies.

Corporate Actions

For information about Corporate Actions, please refer to the Non-Market Capitalization Indices section of S&P Dow Jones Indices' Equity Indices Policies & Practices Methodology.

Other Adjustments

In cases where there is no achievable market price for a stock being deleted, it can be removed at a zero or minimal price at the Index Committee's discretion, in recognition of the constraints faced by investors in trading bankrupt or suspended stocks.

Dividend Payment Types. S&P Dow Jones Indices only considers cash dividend payments declared as regular by the paying company for index eligibility, selection, and weighting purposes. Cash dividend payments declared as special by the paying company, including recurring special cash dividends, are not considered. Dividend amounts are before application of withholding taxes.

Currency of Calculation and Additional Index Return Series

The index is calculated in U.S. dollars and euros.

The index's final closing values convert all stock prices used in the index calculation at the spot foreign exchange rate provided by WMR at the closing time of the index (approximately 5:10 PM London Time). A stock which has stopped trading still makes an impact on the index due to spot Forex rate fluctuations of its currency.

In addition to the indices detailed in this methodology, additional return series versions of the indices may be available, including, but not limited to the following: currency, currency hedged, decrement, fair value, inverse, leveraged, and risk control versions. For a list of available indices, please refer to the [S&P DJI Methodology & Regulatory Status Database](#).

For information on various index calculations, please refer to the Non-Market Capitalization Weighted Indices section of the S&P Dow Jones Indices' Index Mathematics Methodology.

For the inputs necessary to calculate certain types of indices, including decrement, dynamic hedged, fair value, and risk control indices, please refer to the Parameters documents available at www.spglobal.com/spdji.

Base Date and History Availability

Index history availability, base date, and base value are shown in the table below.

Index	Launch Date	First Value Date	Base Date	Base Value
S&P Europe 350 Buyback Dividend Stability Low Volatility Index	09/05/2014	04/16/2004	04/16/2004	1000

Index Data

Calculation Return Types

S&P Dow Jones Indices calculates multiple return types which vary based on the treatment of regular cash dividends. The classification of regular cash dividends is determined by S&P Dow Jones Indices.

- Price Return (PR) versions are calculated without adjustments for regular cash dividends.
- Gross Total Return (TR) versions reinvest regular cash dividends at the close on the ex-date without consideration for withholding taxes.
- Net Total Return (NTR) versions, if available, reinvest regular cash dividends at the close on the ex-date after the deduction of applicable withholding taxes.

In the event there are no regular cash dividends on the ex-date, the daily performance of all three indices will be identical.

For a complete list of indices available, please refer to the daily index levels file (“SDL”).

For more information on the classification of regular versus special cash dividends as well as the tax rates used in the calculation of net return, please refer to S&P Dow Jones Indices' Equity Indices Policies & Practices Methodology.

For more information on the calculation of return types, please refer to S&P Dow Jones Indices' Index Mathematics Methodology.

Index Governance

Index Committee

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For information on Quality Assurance and Internal Reviews of Methodology, please refer to S&P Dow Jones Indices' Equity Indices Policies & Practices Methodology.

Index Policy

Announcements

All index constituents are evaluated daily for data needed to calculate index levels and returns. All events affecting the daily index calculation are typically announced in advance via the Index Corporate Action report (.SDE), delivered daily to all clients. Any unusual treatment of a corporate action or short notice of an event may be communicated via email to clients.

For more information, please refer to the Announcements section of S&P Dow Jones Indices' Equity Indices Policies & Practices Methodology.

Pro-forma Files

In addition to the corporate actions file (.SDE), S&P Dow Jones Indices provides constituent pro-forma files each time the index rebalances. The pro-forma file is typically provided daily in advance of the rebalancing date and contains all constituents as well as their corresponding weights and index shares effective for the upcoming rebalancing.

Please visit www.spglobal.com/spdji for a complete schedule of rebalancing timelines and pro-forma delivery times.

Holiday Schedule

The index is calculated daily, throughout the calendar year. The only days the index is not calculated are on days when all exchanges where the index constituents are listed are officially closed.

Rebalancing

The Index Committee may change the date of a given rebalancing for reasons including market holidays occurring on or around the scheduled rebalancing date. Any such change will be announced with proper advance notice where possible.

Unexpected Exchange Closures

For information on Unexpected Exchange Closures, please refer to S&P Dow Jones Indices' Equity Indices Policies & Practices Methodology.

Recalculation Policy

For information on the recalculation policy, please refer to S&P Dow Jones Indices' Equity Indices Policies & Practices Methodology.

For information on Calculations and Pricing Disruptions, Expert Judgment and Data Hierarchy, please refer to S&P Dow Jones Indices' Equity Indices Policies & Practices Methodology.

Contact Information

For questions regarding an index, please contact: index_services@spglobal.com.

Index Dissemination

Index levels are available through S&P Dow Jones Indices' Web site at www.spglobal.com/spdji, major quote vendors (see codes below), numerous investment-oriented Web sites, and various print and electronic media.

Tickers

The table below lists headline indices covered by this document. All versions of the below indices that may exist are also covered by this document. Please refer to the [S&P DJI Methodology & Regulatory Status Database](#) for a complete list of indices covered by this document.

Index	Return Type	BBG
S&P Europe 350 Buyback Dividend Stability Low Volatility Index (EUR)	Price Return	SPEBDLEP
	Total Return	SPEBDLET
	Net Total Return	SPEBDLEN
S&P Europe 350 Buyback Dividend Stability Low Volatility Index (USD)	Price Return	SPEBDLUP
	Total Return	SPEBDLUT
	Net Total Return	SPEBDLUN

Index Data

Daily constituent and index level data are available via subscription.

For product information, please contact S&P Dow Jones Indices, www.spglobal.com/spdji/en/contact-us.

Website

For further information, please refer to S&P Dow Jones Indices' Web site at www.spglobal.com/spdji.

Appendix A

Methodology Changes

Methodology changes since September 5, 2014, are as follows:

Change	Effective Date (After Close)	Previous Methodology	Updated Methodology
Index Maintenance	04/30/2025	Deletions. If a stock is dropped from the underlying index, the stock is removed from the index simultaneously. Between rebalancings, a stock can be deleted from an index due to corporate events such as mergers, takeovers, delistings, suspensions, spin-offs/demergers, or bankruptcies.	Deletions. Any stock dropped from the underlying index is removed from the index at the subsequent rebalancing. Between rebalancings, a stock can be deleted from an index due to corporate events such as mergers, takeovers, delistings, suspensions, spin-offs/demergers, or bankruptcies.

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Please refer to the methodology for the Index for more details about the index, including the manner in which it is rebalanced, the timing of such rebalancing, criteria for additions and deletions, as well as all index calculations.

Information presented prior to an index’s launch date is hypothetical back-tested performance, not actual performance, and is based on the index methodology in effect on the launch date. However, when creating back-tested history for periods of market anomalies or other periods that do not reflect the general current market environment, index methodology rules may be relaxed to capture a large enough universe of securities to simulate the target market the index is designed to measure or strategy the index is designed to capture. For example, market capitalization and liquidity thresholds may be reduced. In addition, forks have not been factored into the back-test data with respect to the S&P Cryptocurrency Indices. For the S&P Cryptocurrency Top 5 & 10 Equal Weight Indices, the custody element of the methodology was not considered; the back-test history is based on the index constituents that meet the custody element as of the Launch Date. Also, the treatment of corporate actions in back-tested performance may differ from treatment for live indices due to limitations in replicating index management decisions. Back-tested performance reflects application of an index methodology and selection of index constituents with the benefit of hindsight and knowledge of factors that may have positively affected its performance, cannot account for all financial risk that may affect results and may be considered to reflect survivor/look ahead bias. Actual returns may differ significantly from, and be lower than, back-tested returns. Past performance is not an indication or guarantee of future results.

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