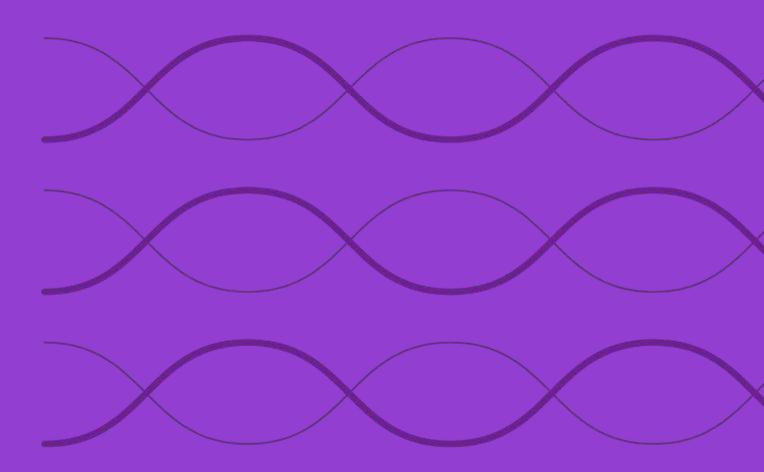


# Construction Rules for the Morningstar Developed Markets Wide Moat Select 100 Index



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### **Overview**

The Morningstar Developed Markets Wide Moat Select 100 Index measures the performance of companies with a Wide Morningstar Economic rating in the developed markets, targeting 50 from the US and 50 from developed markets outside the U.S. Moat ratings are determined through independent research conducted by the Morningstar Equity Research team.

For more information on the moat rating process and fair value estimation performed by Morningstar Equity Research, refer to Morningstar Equity Research Methodology.

This index does not incorporate environmental, social, or governance criteria.

# **Index Inception and Performance Start Date**

The index inception date is November 18, 2025 and the performance start date, when the first back-tested index value was calculated, is December 19, 2008.



### **Index Construction**

### **Methodology Summary Starting Universe Eligibility Portfolio Construction** · Select primary share class of · All primary share class of • Select 50 largest stocks each Morningstar constituents from Morningstar constituents in the starting from the US and Ex-US region **Developed Markets** Developed Markets Wide Moat by float market capitalization universe are eligible. Composite Index. subject to buffer rules. Wide Moat Select 100 Equal weighting with equal Index exposure to US and Ex-US regions, and constituents within each region are also equal weighted. · Quarterly reconstitution and

# **Starting Universe**

At each reconstitution, constituents of the Morningstar Developed Markets Wide Moat Select 100 Index are derived from the Morningstar Developed Markets Wide Moat Composite Index (benchmark). For more details on benchmark construction, refer to the construction rules for the Morningstar Developed Markets Wide Moat Composite Index.

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# **Eligibility**

All primary share class of constituents in the starting universe are eligible.

## **Portfolio Construction**

- From the eligible universe, the largest 50 securities by float market capitalization within the US and 50 largest securities from the developed markets ex-US region (100 stocks total) are targeted for inclusion, subject to buffer rules. If there are less than 50 stocks in a region, all eligible stocks from the region are targeted.
- To minimize turnover, existing index constituents are given preference during security selection. For each region, a 20% buffer is applied to the regional target of 50 securities, with the following rules within each region:
  - 1. All securities ranked 1 to 40 are included.
  - 2. Any existing constituents ranked between 41 to 60 are retained until the target count is reached.
  - 3. If the target count is still not met, newly eligible securities ranked between 41 to 50 are added until the target count is reached.



### Number of Stocks

The index targets a fixed number of stocks based on a transparent ranking system subject to the application of eligibility criteria at reconstitution. However, if fewer than the targeted number of securities from the starting universe meet eligibility criteria, or if securities are added or deleted as a result of corporate actions after reconstitution, the constituent count may deviate from the targeted number. During reconstitution, if the number of eligible securities is less than the targeted constituent count, all eligible securities are selected. The reconstitution schedule is provided in the "Index Maintenance and Calculation" section. The target count for the index is 100 with 50 constituents each from the US and Ex-US regions.

# Index Weighting

The index is equal weighted. Equal weight is assigned to each region (US and ex US) and the constituents within each region are also equal weighted. For more details, refer to the <u>Morningstar Indexes Calculation Methodology rulebook</u>.



### **Index Maintenance and Calculation**

# **Reconstitution and Rebalancing**

The index is reconstituted, where the membership is reset, and rebalanced quarterly on the third Friday of March, June, September, and December. Adjustments are implemented after Friday's market close and reflected the following Monday. If Monday is an index holiday, reconstitution is reflected the next business day. The market data used for reconstitution is as of the last trading day of February, May, August, and November.

Index files are published according to the global calendar schedule. For more information, please refer to the Morningstar Indexes Holiday Calendar.

The analyst data (moat rating and fair value estimates) used to reconstitute the indexes is as of the first Friday of the reconstitution month.

Note: Buffer rules mentioned in the Portfolio Construction section are not applied at the 22<sup>nd</sup> Sep 2025 reconstitution to simulate an initial construction for the index composition at the 22<sup>nd</sup> Sep 2025 reconstitution.

# **Corporate Actions**

The treatment of corporate actions will be as per the alternatively weighted indexes corporate action methodology. For more details, please refer to the Morningstar Indexes Corporate Actions Methodology rulebook.

# **Index Calculation and Price Data**

Details about index calculations and price data can be found in their respective rulebooks: <u>Morningstar Indexes Calculation</u> <u>Methodology</u> and <u>Equity Closing Prices Used for Index Calculation</u>.



# **Methodology Review and Index Decommissioning Policy**

The index methodology is continually reviewed to ensure it achieves all stated objectives. These reviews consider corporate action treatment, eligibility requirements, and maintenance procedures. Subscribers to the index will be notified before any methodology changes are made. For more details, refer to the Morningstar Index Methodology Change Policy.

Morningstar Indexes notifies all subscribers and stakeholders of the index that circumstances might arise that require a material change to, or a possible cessation of, the index. These circumstances are generally not within Morningstar's control and may include significant changes to the underlying market structure, inadequate access to necessary data, geo-political events, and regulatory changes. In addition, factors such as low usage or methodology convergence may result in the cessation of an index.

Because the decommissioning of the index or benchmark index could disrupt subscriber products that reference this index, all subscribers are encouraged to have robust fallback procedures in the event an index is decommissioned. For more details, refer to the Morningstar Index Decommissioning Policy.



### **Data Correction and Precision**

# **Intraday Index Data Corrections**

Commercially reasonable efforts are made to ensure the accuracy of data used in real-time index calculations. If incorrect price or corporate action data affects index calculations, corrections are applied prospectively.

### **Index-Related Data and Divisor Corrections**

Incorrect pricing and corporate action data for individual issues in the database will generally be corrected upon detection. In addition, an incorrect divisor of an index, if discovered within two days of its occurrence, will be fixed retroactively on the day it is discovered to prevent an error from being carried forward. Commercially reasonable efforts are made to correct an older error subject to its significance and feasibility.

For more details, refer to the Recalculation Guidelines.

# **Exceptions**

While Morningstar will seek to apply the method described above, the market environment, supervisory, legal, financial, or tax reasons may require an alternative approach to be adopted. A decision to take an alternative approach will be made by the relevant Morningstar Index Methodology Committee, and in all instances, the application of a nonstandard process will be reported to the Morningstar Index Oversight Committee.



# **Appendixes**

# **Appendix 1: Glossary**

Term	Description
Reconstitution	During each reconstitution, the steps mentioned in the index construction process are performed, resulting in membership reset.
Rebalance	During each rebalance, the weights are adjusted for updated free-float and shares outstanding data.



## **About Morningstar Indexes**

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# **Morningstar Index Methodology Committee**

The Morningstar Index Methodology Committee oversees all new index development, index methodology changes, and cessation of indexes for any indexes where Morningstar owns the intellectual property. This committee is also charged with ensuring that indexes align with Morningstar Research principles and values. The group comprises members of the index team with index research, product development, product management, client service, index implementation, and operation expertise who provide the first layer of governance over index design and methodology.

# **Morningstar Index Operations Committee**

The Morningstar Index Operations Committee governs the processes, systems, and exception handling of the day-to-day management of all live indexes, including index rebalancing and reconstitution, restatements, market classification, and contingency management. The committee oversees the annual review of index methodology as required by the European Benchmarks Regulation ("BMR"), ensuring that methodologies remain fit for purpose and continue to achieve their stated investment objectives. The group comprises members of the index team with data, operations, corporate actions, product development, index launch, client service, and index management experience who provide the first layer of governance over index operations.

# **Morningstar Index Oversight Committee**

The Morningstar Index Oversight Committee is responsible for the index oversight function as per the requirements of the European Benchmarks Regulation ("BMR"), providing independent oversight of all aspects of the governance of benchmark administration as required by the BMR. Its remit extends to all calculation and administration-related business activities of Morningstar Indexes, including administration of Morningstar-owned benchmarks as well as client-owned benchmarks and index calculation. The oversight function is part of the organizational structure of Morningstar but is separate and independent from the index business, index management, and the other index committees.

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