

INDEX METHODOLOGY

# NASDAQ GLOBAL AUTO INDEX<sup>SM</sup>

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## **INDEX DESCRIPTION**

The Nasdaq Global Auto Index is designed to track the performance of a set of companies engaged in the manufacturing of automobiles.

## SECURITY ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

### Eligible security types

Eligible security types generally include common stocks, ordinary shares, depositary receipts (both American and Global), depositary shares, Dutch certificates and preference shares.

### Multiple classes of securities

One security per issuer is permitted. If an issuer has multiple eligible securities, the security with the highest three-month average daily traded value generally is considered for index inclusion.

### Eligible exchanges

A security must be listed on an Index-eligible global stock exchange, excluding BSE Ltd., National Stock Exchange of India, and Borsa Istanbul. Global stock exchanges are reviewed periodically for eligibility. For more information, and a complete listing of Index-eligible exchanges, please refer to Nasdaq Index Eligible Stock Exchanges.

### Industry or sector eligibility

A security must be allocated to the Automobiles Subsector by the Industry Classification Benchmark (ICB), a product of FTSE International Limited that is used under license.

## Market capitalization eligibility

An issuer must have a market capitalization of at least \$500 million (USD).

## Liquidity eligibility

A security must have a three-month average daily traded value of at least \$1 million (USD).

## Float eligibility criteria

At least 20% of a security's total shares outstanding must be publicly available for trading (float shares).

### Other eligibility criteria

If, at reconstitution, Nasdaq becomes aware that an issuer or security will soon undergo a fundamental change that makes it ineligible, Nasdaq will remove the security from consideration. This includes entering into a definitive merger or acquisition agreement or other pending arrangement that would make it ineligible for Index inclusion, or a filing of bankruptcy or similar protection from creditors.

## INDEX CALENDAR

### **Reconstitution schedule**

A Reconstitution is conducted annually in June.

### **Reconstitution reference dates**

The Security Eligibility Criteria are applied using market data through the end of May.

#### **Reconstitution announcement dates**

Index Reconstitutions are announced at least five (5) trading days before the Reconstitution Effective Date.

## **Reconstitution effective dates**

Index Reconstitutions become effective at market open on the first trading day after the third Friday in June.

### Rebalance schedule

The Index is rebalanced quarterly in March, June, September, and December.

#### **Rebalance reference dates**

The Index Rebalances use market data as of the prior month-end (February, May, August and November, respectively).

#### Rebalance announcement dates

Index Rebalances are announced at least five (5) trading days prior to the effective date of the quarterly changes.

#### **Rebalance effective dates**

Index Rebalance become effective at market open the first trading day after the third Friday in March, June, September and December.

## CONSTITUENT SELECTION

#### **Constituent selection process**

Securities that meet the applicable criteria are included in the Index.

## **CONSTITUENT WEIGHTING**

#### Constituent weighting scheme

The Index is a modified free float market capitalization-weighted index.

### Constituent weighting process

Index Securities' initial weights are determined by dividing each Index Security's free float market capitalization by the aggregate free float market capitalization of all Index Securities.

#### Stage 1:

Initial index weights are adjusted to meet the following Stage 1 constraint, producing the Stage 1 weights:

• No Index Security weight may exceed 8%.

#### Stage 2:

Stage 1 weights are adjusted to meet the following Stage 2 constraints, producing the final weights:

- For Index Securities with the five largest free float market capitalizations, Stage 1 weights are maintained.
- For all other Index Securities, no weight may exceed 4%.

The final weights meet the following constraints:

• No Index Security weight may exceed 8% of the index; five may exceed 4%.

#### Please refer to the Nasdaq Index Weight Calculations for further information.

## INDEX MAINTENANCE

## **Deletion policy**

If, at any time during the year other than the Index Reconstitution(s), an Index Security no longer meets the Eligibility Criteria, or is otherwise determined to have become ineligible for inclusion in the Index, it is removed from the Index. This includes circumstances where an Index Security is determined to be ineligible for continued inclusion in the Index due to bankruptcy, delisting, or a definitive agreement that would likely result in the security no longer being Index eligible. Please refer to **Nasdaq's Corporate Actions and Events Manual – Equities** for detailed handling of the aforementioned event types.

### **Replacement policy**

Index securities deleted at any time during the year other than the Index Reconstitution(s) are not replaced.

### **Corporate actions**

In the interim periods between scheduled index reconstitution events, individual Index securities may be the subject to a variety of corporate actions and events that require maintenance and adjustments to the Index. Specific treatment of each type of corporate action or event is described in **Nasdaq Corporate Actions and Events Manual – Equities**, which is incorporated herein by reference.

In certain cases, corporate actions and events are handled according to the weighting scheme or other index construction techniques employed. Wherever alternate methods are described, the Index will follow the "Market Cap Corporate Action Method."

### Index share adjustments

Changes in the price and/or Index Shares driven by corporate events such as stock dividends, stock splits and certain spin-offs and rights issuances are adjusted on the ex-date.

For handling of changes to a security's free float factor, or changes in total shares outstanding (TSO) greater than 10% arising from other corporate events, please refer to **Nasdaq Corporate Actions and Events Manual – Equities**.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### Announcements

Nasdaq announces Index-related information via the Nasdaq Global Index Watch (GIW) website at http://indexes.nasdaqomx.com.

For more information on the general Index Announcement procedures, please refer to the **Nasdaq Index Methodology Guide**.

### Holiday schedules

The Indexes are calculated Monday through Friday and does not close for holidays, as it is a Global Index.

### **Unexpected market closures**

For information on Unexpected Market Closures, please refer to the Nasdaq Index Methodology Guide.

### **Calculation types**

For information on the Index calculation types as well as the mathematical approach used to calculate the Index(es), please refer to the **Calculation Manual – Equities & Commodities**.

### **Recalculation and restatement policy**

For information on the Recalculation and Restatement Policy, please refer to the **Nasdaq Index Recalculation Policy**.

#### Data sources

For information on data sources, please refer to the Nasdaq Index Methodology Guide.

### **Contact information**

For any questions regarding an Index, please contact the Nasdaq Index Client Services team at indexservices@nasdaq.com.

### Index dissemination

Index values and weightings information are available through Nasdaq Global Index Watch (GIW) website at https://indexes.nasdaqomx.com/ as well as the Nasdaq Global Index FlexFile Delivery Service (GIFFD) and Global Index Dissemination Services (GIDS). Similar to the GIDS offerings, Genium Consolidated Feed (GCF) provides real-time Index values and weightings for the Nordic Indexes.

For more detailed information regarding Index Dissemination, see the **Nasdaq Index Methodology Guide**.

## Index calculation and dissemination schedule

The Index is calculated starting by the earliest time zone (Asia/Tokyo) and closes by the latest time zone (America/New York).

### Website

For further information, please refer to Nasdaq GIW website at https://indexes.nasdaqomx.com/.

#### FTP and dissemination service

Index values and weightings are available via FTP on the Nasdaq Global Indexes FlexFile Delivery Service (GIFFD). Index values are available via Nasdaq's Global Index Dissemination Services (GIDS).

## GOVERNANCE

#### Index governance

All Nasdaq Indexes follow the same governance structure. For a detailed list of this information, please see the **Nasdaq Index Methodology Guide**.

#### Nasdaq Index Management Committee

The Nasdaq Index Management Committee approves all new Index Methodologies. This committee is comprised of full-time professional members of Nasdaq. The committee meets regularly, and reviews items including, but not limited to, pending corporate actions that may affect Index constituents, statistics comparing the composition of the indexes to the market, companies that are being considered as candidates for addition to an Index, and any significant market events.

For a detailed overview of the Index Management Committee, please see the **Nasdaq Index Methodology Guide**.

### Internal reviews of methodology

For a detailed description on internal reviews of the Methodology, please see the **Nasdaq Index Methodology Guide**.

#### Communication with stakeholders and consultations

For a detailed description on Consultations and Communications with Stakeholders, please see the **Nasdaq Index Methodology Guide**.

#### Index cessation

Nasdaq has a documented procedure that is followed for Index Cessation that includes termination/retirement of an Index or Index Family.

For more information, please refer to the Nasdaq Index Cessation Policy.

#### **Discretionary adjustment**

This Index Methodology was created by Nasdaq to achieve the aforementioned objective of measuring the underlying purpose of each Index governed by this methodology document. Any deviations from this methodology are made in the sole judgment and discretion of Nasdaq so that the Index continues to achieve its objective.

For more information on potential adjustments including Calculation and Pricing Disruptions, Expert Judgment, and Unexpected Reconstitution/Rebalances, please refer to the **Nasdaq Index Methodology Guide**.

## **GLOSSARY OF TERMS AS USED IN THIS DOCUMENT**

For the glossary of key terms, please refer to the Nasdaq Index Methodology Guide.

## DISCLAIMER

Nasdaq may, from time to time, exercise reasonable discretion as it deems appropriate in order to ensure Index integrity, including but not limited to, quantitative inclusion criteria. Nasdaq may also, due to special circumstances, if deemed essential, apply discretionary adjustments to ensure and maintain the high quality of the index construction and calculation. Nasdaq does not guarantee that any Index accurately reflects future market performance.

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