# INDEX METHODOLOGY

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## **INTRODUCTION**

This document sets forth the methodology for the Northern Trust 1250 Index

The index is currently calculated and disseminated each business day by Thomson Reuters.

#### **ELIGIBLE SECURITIES**

All eligible securities must have their primary listing on an exchange based in the United States.

All eligible securities are defined as Common Stock or Real Estate Investment Trusts only. Preferred Stocks, Master Limited Partnerships, American Depository Receipts, Royal Trusts, LLCs, BDCs, SPACs, and LLPs are excluded.

Securities listed Over the Counter or on the Bulletin Board are not eligible securities.

An eligible security must have a free float greater than 10% prior to the annual reconstitution

An eligible security must have a market closing price greater than \$1 prior to the annual reconstitution.

An eligible security must have traded on its primary securities exchange 90% of the last 90 trading days prior to the annual reconstitution.

Eligible securities are domiciled in the United States as defined by FactSet's categorization using the "Country/Region – Based on Domicile" coding. In addition, in cases where the company is categorized as domicile in a tax advantaged country (see list below), this methodology recognizes the domicile country as the country of the primary listing. Any company headquartered in Puerto Rico, Guam, or U.S. Virgin Islands, is considered domiciled in the United States.

Tax Advantaged Countries
Anguilla
Antigua
Antilles
Barbuda
Bahamas
Barbados
Belize



Bermuda
British Virgin Islands
Cayman Islands
Channel Islands
Cook Islands
Falkland Islands
Faroe Islands
Gibraltar
Isle of Man
Liberia
Liechtenstein
Luxembourg
Marshall Islands
Suriname
Turks and Caicos Islands

In the event that access to real time electronic quotation from any of these markets be denied or suspended by the local exchange, the index provider will process a rebalance to remove all impacted constituents from the index. Constituent changes generated as a result of this type of rebalancing activity will be announced according to the rules set within this methodology. For a complete list of excluded markets, contact NT\_Index\_Services@ntrs.com.

# **DETAILED METHODOLOGY**

The constituents of the Northern Trust 1250 will be capitalization weighted based on each individual company's float adjusted market capitalization<sup>i</sup>.

At the time of the annual reconstitution all eligible securities will be ranked by full market capitalization<sup>ii</sup> and the top 1250 securities will be included in the Index.

- The top 90% of the constituent count after sorting by full market capitalization will remain in the index at the time of each reconstitution, assuming the securities meet all other eligibility requirements
- The remaining 10% of the index will be constructed from securities that meet eligibility requirements and are not in the top 90%, with inclusion of each security based on full market capitalization until the index is comprised of 1250 securities in total.

Any changes to this methodology will be announced to the public at least sixty (60) days in advance prior to becoming effective.



#### **ANNUAL RECONSTITUTION**

The Northern Trust 1250 Index is reconstituted once a year and adjusted intra-year only in connection with errors, securities' eligibility, exchange connectivity, float changes, and corporate actions, including, but not limited to, initial public offerings<sup>iii</sup> and spin-offs.

The annual reconstitution is conducted in August on the last business day of the month in which the U.S. equity markets are open for trading, and becomes effective immediately after the close. Northern Trust 1250 Index reserves the right to postpone the annual reconstitution date for up to one week with prior public notice of such a postponement.

All changes to constituents and weightings will be announced to the public at least two (2) days prior to reconstitution or rebalancing, and again with definitive weights after the close of the reconstitution or rebalancing date before the following day's market opening.

### **INDEX MAINTENANCE / CORPORATE ACTION-DRIVEN CHANGES**

The Indexes will adopt all corporate action related policies and procedures used by Thomson Reuters. A complete list of Thomson Reuters' corporate action methodology is available <u>online</u>, and also on request at NT\_Index\_Services@ntrs.com.



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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>i</sup> Float adjusted market capitalization is calculated by multiplying the current price of the equity security, and the difference of the number of shares outstanding of that security less the number of shares that are not publically available in the float

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>ii</sup> Market capitalization is calculated by multiplying the current price of an equity security and the number of shares outstanding of that security

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>iii</sup> IPOs are added to the Northern Trust 1250 Index on the 5th Business day in which the U.S. markets are open for trading in the months of February, May, and November. Recent IPO securities which meet all stated eligibility requirements are automatically added to the index if their full market capitalization is greater than the index's 1000th largest company – as evaluated by ranking current constituents largest to smallest by full market cap. New constituents added to the index during the IPO review process have their weight derived by using their current float adjusted market capitalization.