

FTSE Global Equity Index Series: Ground Rule Update

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FTSE Russell would like to inform clients of the following updates to the FTSE Global Equity Index Series Ground Rules which is effective immediately.

Section 6: Screens Applied to Eligible Securities – update in bold (to clarify current working practise)

6.1 Minimum Voting Rights

6.1.1 Companies assigned a developed market nationality (please see Appendix E for a list of developed markets) are required to have greater than 5% of the company's voting rights (aggregated across all of its equity securities, including, where identifiable, those that are not listed or trading) in the hands of unrestricted shareholders or they will be deemed ineligible for index inclusion. Shares referenced as "non-voting" or provide legally minimum rights only will be viewed as having no voting power as it relates to the minimum voting rights review. Emerging market securities are not subject to this requirement.

6.2 Investability Weightings Screen - addition of new rule

- 6.3.2 As a result of a very high stock price an existing constituent may fail the liquidity screen. Hence, if an existing index constituent of the FTSE Global All Cap Index with an eligible multiple line fails the semi-annual liquidity screen it will be retained as an index constituent if, at the semi-annual review cut-off date:
 - the price of the failing multiple line is greater than USD 20,000 per share or if its investable market capitalisation is greater than USD 200,000 million.
 - the failing line is convertible into the eligible line without restrictions
 - the multiple lines continue to pass all other index eligibility screens

NB: this update captures the continued index eligibility of Berkshire Hathaway A (US, Large Cap) which has historically been retained as an index constituent as an exception due to its size, despite failing the liquidity screen. No other index constituents are currently impacted by this rule update.

Appendix A: Eligible Exchanges

The eligible Segment Names for Turkey have been updated as follows (to further clarify the segments currently recognised as eligible for FTSE GEIS):

Country	Exchange	Segment Name
Turkey	Borsa Istanbul	BIST STARS – FTSE Large & Mid & Small Cap stocks
		BIST MAIN – FTSE Small/Micro Cap stocks

	BIST SubMarket
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An updated copy of the FTSE Global Equity Index Series Ground Rules (v10.0) is now available using the following link: $\frac{\text{FTSE_Global_Equity_Index_Series.pdf} }{\text{FTSE_Global_Equity_Index_Series.pdf} }$

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