FAQs

FTSE4Good Bursa Malaysia Index

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Section A

FTSE4Good Bursa Malaysia Index

Background

In recent years, Bursa Malaysia has taken various initiatives to promote sustainable practices such as launching Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) guidelines and sustainability portal, incorporating CSR disclosure into the Listing Requirements and conducting a CSR reporting survey. The introduction of an ESG index would be a further step in Bursa Malaysia’s strategy to encourage and support enhanced ESG disclosure and practices for the Malaysian capital market.

1. What index is calculated?

The FTSE4Good Bursa Malaysia Index (Index Code: F4GBM) comprises the eligible companies from the universe of the top 200 companies in the FTSE Bursa Malaysia EMAS Index. Please refer to the FTSE4Good Bursa Malaysia Index Ground Rules for more details.

The index has a price and total return end of day index calculation. The total return methodology is based on FTSE’s existing methodology. Total Return Indexes (TRI) are indexes which measure the total return on the underlying constituents, combining both capital performance and reinvested income.

2. What is the live date, base date, base values and base currency of the index?

Live Date: December 22, 2014
Base Date: December 31, 2013
Base Value: 1000
Currency: Ringgit Malaysia
3. **Is the index calculated in real time?**
   All the indexes in the FTSE Bursa Malaysia Index Series are calculated in real time during Bursa Malaysia trading days. The FTSE4Good Bursa Malaysia Index is disseminated every 15 seconds.

4. **When is the index reviewed?**
   The FTSE4Good Bursa Malaysia Index is reviewed semi-annually in June and December. Please refer to the FTSE4Good Bursa Malaysia Index Ground Rules for more details.

5. **Is there a back history for the index?**
   A one year backcast history is provided. This demonstrates hypothetical performance for the index.

6. **What index data is disseminated and where can this data be found?**
   Real time price index values are distributed by FTSE through its Global Distribution System to all key vendors. End of day index values, constituent data and changes data are available within FTSE's end of day product suite and available to clients directly from FTSE Group and key vendors.

   Bursa Malaysia also disseminates the FTSE Bursa Malaysia Index Series’ real time index values to all its Participating Organizations. 15 minutes delayed index values and selected index constituents are displayed on Bursa Malaysia’s website at www.bursamalaysia.com.

7. **What are the vendor codes for the FTSE4Good Bursa Malaysia Index?**
   Real time vendor codes can be found at [http://www.ftse.com/products/indices/real-time](http://www.ftse.com/products/indices/real-time).

8. **What criteria does a company/constituent need to meet to be included in FTSE4Good Bursa Malaysia Index?**
   The FTSE4Good Bursa Malaysia Index is designed to highlight companies that demonstrate a leading approach to addressing environmental, social and governance (ESG) risks. The FTSE ESG Ratings form the engine for the FTSE4Good indexes. Companies need to achieve a FTSE ESG Rating above a specified threshold for index inclusion in addition to passing certain additional screens set out in the FTSE4Good Index Ground Rules.
9. **What are the negative screens that are applied to the index and why were these particular ones selected?**

Tobacco and weapons companies are excluded. These are the negative screens where there is most consensus globally (i.e. are the most common SRI fund exclusions). These screens are applied globally to all FTSE4Good Indexes.
Section B

FTSE ESG Ratings

1. **What are the FTSE ESG Ratings?**
   
The FTSE ESG Ratings provide investors with flexible and granular data to enable a greater understanding of companies’ ESG practices in multiple dimensions. The Ratings model is divided into Environmental, Social and Governance Pillars, subdivided into 14 themes covering a range of sustainability issues of increasing interest to investors.

2. **How do the FTSE ESG Ratings relate to the FTSE4Good Bursa Malaysia Index?**
   
The FTSE4Good Bursa Malaysia Index is designed to highlight companies that demonstrate a leading approach to addressing environmental, social and governance (ESG) risks. The FTSE ESG Ratings form the engine for the FTSE4Good indexes. Companies need to achieve a FTSE ESG Rating above a specified threshold for index inclusion in addition to passing certain additional screens set out in the FTSE4Good Index Ground Rules.

3. **Can investors get access to the FTSE ESG Ratings for Bursa Malaysia companies?**
   
FTSE ESG Ratings are available for the largest 200 companies in the FTSE Bursa Malaysia EMAS Index. Companies included in the FTSE4Good Bursa Malaysia Index are a small sub-set of these companies, whilst the FTSE ESG Ratings cover all the assessed companies. Increasing numbers of investors and managers of active portfolios use this form of ESG data to inform their investment decisions.
4. **Can companies, the media or other stakeholders get access to the FTSE ESG Ratings?**

This is a commercial service that is aimed at investors. Please contact FTSE for further details.
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