



FTSE4Good Index Series – Ground Rule Update

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FTSE Russell has announced changes to the market classification of several countries within its global benchmarks and this notice is to advise on the implementation of these changes in the FTSE4Good Index Series.

Poland

As previously announced, following the reclassification of Poland from Advanced Emerging to Developed market status within the FTSE Global Equity Index Series (GEIS) from September 2018, Polish companies are no longer eligible for the FTSE4Good Emerging Indexes. Instead, Polish companies will be assessed for the FTSE4Good Developed Indexes as part of June 2019 semi-annual review in line with rule 6.1.10 of the Ground Rules.

Kuwait

The reclassification of Kuwait from Unclassified to Secondary Emerging took place in two tranches in September 2018 and December 2018. The FTSE4Good Emerging Index eligibility of Kuwaiti companies will be assessed as part of the June 2019 semi-annual review.

Saudi Arabia

Following the announcement of Saudi Arabia's reclassification from Unclassified to Secondary Emerging March 2019, FTSE4Good Emerging Index eligibility of Saudi Arabian companies will be assessed as part of the June 2019 semi-annual review.

China A Shares

FTSE Russell has announced [FTSE-Country-Classification-Update-2018.pdf](#) that China A Shares, available via the Northbound Stock Connect route, will be assigned Secondary Emerging market status commencing with the FTSE Global Equity Index Series quarterly review in June 2019. FTSE Russell is currently evaluating the ESG performance of China A shares and will provide a further update on the timetable for their inclusion at least 3 months prior to this occurring in the FTSE4Good Indexes.

Further information regarding the FTSE Russell Equity Country Classification process can be found here: www.ftse.com/products/indices/country-classification

The FTSE4Good Index Series Ground Rules have been clarified as follows:

Section 4: Eligible Securities - addition of the following rule:

4.2.2 Changes to the Developed or Emerging market status of a country (see section 3.9) will be implemented in conjunction with the FTSE4Good Index Series semi-annual review in June or December. FTSE Russell will endeavor to provide clients with at least 3 months advanced notification prior to a country classification change impacting FTSE4Good Indexes.

An updated copy of the FTSE4Good Index Series Ground Rules (v1.5) is now available using the following link: www.ftse.com/products/downloads/FTSE4Good_Index_Series.pdf

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