



## FTSE RAFI and FTSE RAFI QSR Index Series: Kuwait and Saudi Arabia Index Eligibility

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Following the reclassification of Saudi Arabia from Unclassified to Secondary Emerging market status from March 2019, Saudi Arabia becomes an eligible market for the FTSE RAFI and FTSE RAFI QSR Index Series from the March 2020 annual review.

In accordance with rule 4.1.1A and 4.1.9A, Saudi Arabian securities will qualify for the FTSE RAFI and FTSE RAFI QSR Index Series as the sum of the fundamental scores for the Saudi Arabian securities within FTSE RAFI Emerging universe is greater than 1.5% of the total sum of the fundamental scores of all the securities in the FTSE RAFI Emerging universe. As a result, Saudi Arabian securities will be added to the FTSE RAFI and FTSE RAFI QSR Index Series in conjunction with the March 2020 annual review.

Kuwait will not qualify for the FTSE RAFI and FTSE RAFI QSR Index Series as the sum of the fundamental scores for the Kuwaiti securities within FTSE RAFI Emerging universe is less than 1.5% of the total sum of the fundamental scores of all the securities in the FTSE RAFI Emerging universe.

Additionally, FTSE Russell confirms that China A Share securities will be eligible for inclusion within the FTSE RAFI and FTSE RAFI QSR Index Series in conjunction with the March 2020 annual review.

FTSE RAFI and FTSE RAFI QSR March 2020 Indicative review files reflecting the inclusion of China A Shares and Saudi Arabia will be published after market close on 05 March 2020.

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