

INDEX METHODOLOGY

# NASDAQ GLOBAL ELECTRIFICATION TECHNOLOGIES AND SMART GRID<sup>™</sup> INDEX

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# **INDEX DESCRIPTION**

The Nasdaq Global Electrification Technologies and Smart Grid Index is designed to track the performance of a selection of companies engaged in the following Nasdaq Sub-Themes: Smart Grid, Smart Energy Transmission, Smart Grid Components, Smart Metering, Stationary Energy Storage, Clean Energy and Nuclear Power.

Nasdaq has created a theme and sub-theme classification process to review innovative technologies by analyzing millions of approved patents on a rolling two-years basis. The Index aims to select companies that may be innovative in their space based on their rolling two-year patent data.

# SECURITY ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To qualify for index inclusion, securities must meet the following Security Eligibility Criteria, which are applied as of the Reconstitution reference date, unless stated otherwise.

### Security universe

A security either must be included in the Nasdaq Global<sup>™</sup> Index (NQGI<sup>™</sup>) or must be listed on an exchange operated under Nasdaq – All Markets, New York Stock Exchange, Inc., or Cboe Global Markets Inc. Please refer to NQGI's methodology for further information on its constituent selection.

# Multiple classes of securities

One security per issuer is permitted. If an issuer has multiple otherwise-eligible securities, one of which is an Index Security as of the Reconstitution reference date, only that security may be eligible; otherwise, only the security with the highest six-month average daily value traded (ADVT) may be eligible.

# Eligible exchanges

A security must be listed on an exchange named in Appendix A: Eligible Exchanges.

# Industry or sector eligibility

A security issuer must be identified by Nasdaq as involved in at least one of the sub-themes listed in *Appendix C: Nasdaq Themes and Sub-Themes*.

# Market capitalization eligibility

A security's float-adjusted company market capitalization must be at least \$500 million (USD).

# Liquidity eligibility

A security must have a six-month average daily value traded (ADVT) of at least \$2 million (USD).

# Other eligibility criteria

If, at reconstitution, Nasdaq becomes aware that an issuer or security will soon undergo a fundamental change that makes it ineligible, Nasdaq will remove the security from consideration. This includes entering into a definitive merger or acquisition agreement or other pending arrangement that would make it ineligible for Index inclusion, or a filing of bankruptcy or similar protection from creditors, or other events as described in Section 3 of **Corporate Actions and Events Manual – Equities.** 

# CONSTITUENT SELECTION

### **Constituent selection process**

A Reconstitution is conducted semiannually based on the Reconstitution reference date.

Securities meeting all applicable *Security Eligibility Criteria* are considered for inclusion in the Index. Index constituents are selected according to the following steps.

#### I. Assignment and Calculation of Nasdaq Scores

Eligible securities are matched with their issuers' Nasdaq Scores for each Nasdaq Sub-Theme represented in the Index (see *Appendix C: Nasdaq Themes and Sub-Themes* for a complete list). Companies receive scores for each theme in which they're involved, and no scores for themes in which they're uninvolved.

- Pure Score The extent to which a company is involved in a particular theme relative to all other themes in which it is involved
- Contribution Score The extent to which a company is involved in a particular theme relative to other companies involved in that theme

#### II. Comparison Groups Ranking and Exclusion

Securities are partitioned into Comparison Groups, the cross-sections of market cap segment (large, mid and small) and Sub-Theme.

Any security is removed from consideration if its Pure Score and Contribution Score both fall below the 50<sup>th</sup> percentiles, respectively, of its Comparison Group's scores.

Any security that is not in the Index as of the Reconstitution reference date is removed from consideration if its Pure Score and Contribution Score both fall below the 65<sup>th</sup> percentiles, respectively, of its Comparison Group's scores.

An intensity score is calculated for each security. Intensity score is defined as the number of Sub-Themes in which the issuing company qualifies.

#### **III.** Foreign Ownership Exclusion

Any security is removed from consideration if it has a foreign ownership limit of less than 20%.

#### **IV.** Pooling and Selection

The securities still considered for Index inclusion are partitioned into two security pools—Primary Subsector securities and Wildcard securities—that are used to determine the Index constituents. The Index contains up to 100 securities; the Index size is dependent on the size of two security pools. Index Securities are selected according to the following steps:

#### Primary Subsector and Wildcard security designation

• All securities belonging to Primary ICB Subsectors, named in *Appendix B: Primary ICB Subsectors*, are identified as Primary Subsector securities. All other securities are identified as Wildcard securities. ICB is a product of FTSE International Limited that is used under license.

#### Primary Subsector security pool designation

 If fewer than 100 Primary Subsector securities exist, all are designated to the Primary Subsector security pool. Otherwise, Primary Subsector securities are ordered by Intensity Score (highest to lowest), average Contribution Score percentile (highest to lowest) and six-month average daily traded value (highest to lowest). Securities within the 100 first-ordered are designated to the Primary Subsector security pool.

#### Wildcard security selection

- A Wildcard security is removed from consideration if it has an Intensity Score equal to or less than the minimum Intensity Score among securities in the Primary Subsector security pool.
- Wildcard securities are ordered by Intensity Score (highest to lowest), average Contribution Score percentile (highest to lowest) and six-month average daily traded value (highest to lowest). A Wildcard security is selected for Index inclusion if it is ordered within the first five percent (rounded down to the nearest integer) of the number of securities in the Primary Subsector security pool; e.g., if the Primary Subsector security pool consists of 99 securities, the four first-ordered Wildcard securities are selected for Index inclusion.

#### **Primary Subsector security selection**

• Up to 100 Primary Subsector securities are selected based on the order determined above such that the Index does not exceed 100 total Index Securities, e.g., if the Primary Subsector security

pool consists of 99 securities and four Wildcard securities are selected, the 96 first-ordered Primary Subsector securities are selected.

#### Subsector cap

 No Subsector is allowed to include more than 10 securities. If more than 10 securities are selected in a Subsector, the Subsector securities are ordered by Intensity Score (highest to lowest), average Contribution Score percentile (highest to lowest) and six-month average daily traded value (highest to lowest). Securities outside the 10 first-ordered are removed from the Index.

# **CONSTITUENT WEIGHTING**

# Constituent weighting scheme

The Index is a modified float-adjusted company market capitalization-weighted index.

# **Constituent weighting process**

A Rebalance is conducted semiannually based on the Rebalance reference date.

Index Securities' initial weights are determined by dividing each Index Security's float-adjusted company market capitalization by the aggregate float-adjusted company market capitalization of all Index Securities. Initial weights are then adjusted to meet the following constraint:

• No Index Security weight may exceed 4.5%.

For additional information about index weighting, see Nasdaq Index Weight Calculations.

# INDEX CALENDAR

# **Reconstitution & Rebalancing schedule**

<b>Reconstitution Frequency</b>	Semiannually	
Rebalance Frequency	Semiannually	
Reconstitution Reference Dates	Last trading day in November and May, respectively	
Reconstitution Announcement Dates	After the close on the sixth trading day prior to the Reconstitution effective date	
Reconstitution Effective Dates	At market open on the first trading day following the third Friday of January and July, respectively	
Rebalance Reference Dates	Last trading day in December and June, respectively	
Rebalance Announcement Dates	After the close on the sixth trading day prior to the Rebalance effective date	
Rebalance Effective Dates	At market open on the first trading day following the third Friday of January and July, respectively	

### Holiday schedule

The Index is calculated Monday through Friday and does not close for holidays, as it is a Global Index.

### Index calculation and dissemination schedule

Index Values are made available on each trading day via the Nasdaq Global Index Watch (GIW) website at https://indexes.nasdaqomx.com/. Where applicable, Index values are available throughout the trading day.

# INDEX MAINTENANCE

### **Deletion policy**

If, at any time, Nasdaq determines that an Index Security has or will become ineligible for continued inclusion in the Index due to bankruptcy, delisting, or a definitive agreement that would likely result in the security no longer being Index eligible, the security is removed from the Index as soon as practicable and is not replaced. Ordinarily, a security will be removed from the Index at its Last Sale Price. If, however, at the time of its removal the Index Security is halted from trading on its primary listing market and an official closing price cannot readily be determined, the Index Security may, in Nasdaq's discretion, be removed at a zero price. The zero price will be applied to the Index Security after the close of the market but prior to the time the official closing value of the Index is disseminated, which is ordinarily 17:16:00 ET.

### **Corporate actions**

In the periods between scheduled index reconstitution and rebalancing events, individual Index securities may be the subject to a variety of corporate actions and events that require maintenance and adjustments to the Index. Specific treatment of each type of corporate action or event is described in **Nasdaq Corporate Actions and Events Manual – Equities**, which is incorporated herein by reference.

In certain cases, corporate actions and events are handled according to the weighting scheme or other index construction techniques employed. Wherever alternate methods are described, the Index will follow the "Non-Market Cap Corporate Action Method."

### Index share adjustments

Other than as a direct result of corporate actions, the Index does not normally experience share adjustments between scheduled index rebalance and reconstitution events.

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

#### Announcements

Nasdaq announces Index-related information via the Nasdaq Global Index Watch (GIW) website at http://indexes.nasdaqomx.com.

For more information on the general Index Announcement procedures, please refer to the **Nasdaq Index Methodology Guide**.

#### **Unexpected market closures**

For information on Unexpected Market Closures, please refer to the Nasdaq Index Methodology Guide.

#### **Calculation types**

For information on the Index calculation types as well as the mathematical approach used to calculate the Index(es), please refer to the **Calculation Manual – Equities & Commodities**.

#### Recalculation and restatement policy

For information on the Recalculation and Restatement Policy, please refer to the **Nasdaq Index Recalculation Policy**.

#### Data sources

For information on data sources, please refer to the Nasdaq Index Methodology Guide.

# **Contact information**

For any questions regarding an Index, please contact the Nasdaq Index Client Services team at indexservices@nasdaq.com.

### Index dissemination

Index values and weightings information are available through Nasdaq Global Index Watch (GIW) website at https://indexes.nasdaqomx.com/ as well as the Nasdaq Global Index FlexFile Delivery Service (GIFFD) and Global Index Dissemination Services (GIDS). Similar to the GIDS offerings, Genium Consolidated Feed (GCF) provides real-time Index values and weightings for the Nordic Indexes.

For more detailed information regarding Index Dissemination, see the **Nasdaq Index Methodology Guide**.

#### Website

For further information, please refer to Nasdaq GIW website at https://indexes.nasdaqomx.com/.

### FTP and dissemination service

Index values and weightings are available via FTP on the Nasdaq Global Indexes FlexFile Delivery Service (GIFFD). Index values are available via Nasdaq's Global Index Dissemination Services (GIDS).

# GOVERNANCE

All Nasdaq Indexes are managed by the governance committee structure and have transparent governance, oversight, and accountability procedures for the Index determination process. For further details on the Index Methodology and Governance overlay, refer to the **Nasdaq Index Methodology Guide.** 

# **GLOSSARY OF TERMS AS USED IN THIS DOCUMENT**

For the glossary of key terms, please refer to the Nasdaq Index Methodology Guide.

# **APPENDIX A: ELIGIBLE EXCHANGES**

Country	Operating Exchange
AUSTRALIA	ASX - ALL MARKETS
AUSTRIA	WIENER BOERSE AG
BELGIUM	EURONEXT - EURONEXT BRUSSELS
BRAZIL	BOVESPA S.A BOLSA DE VALORES
CANADA	TORONTO STOCK EXCHANGE
CHINA	SHANGHAI STOCK EXCHANGE
CHINA	SHENZHEN STOCK EXCHANGE
DENMARK	NASDAQ COPENHAGEN A/S
FINLAND	NASDAQ HELSINKI LTD
FRANCE	EURONEXT - EURONEXT PARIS
GERMANY	DEUTSCHE BOERSE AG
GERMANY	XETRA
HONG KONG	HONG KONG EXCHANGE
IRELAND	IRISH STOCK EXCHANGE - ALL MARKET
ISRAEL	TEL AVIV STOCK EXCHANGE
ITALY	BORSA ITALIANA S.P.A.
JAPAN	JAPAN EXCHANGE GROUP
KOREA, REPUBLIC OF	KOREA EXCHANGE (STOCK MARKET)
MALAYSIA	BURSA MALAYSIA
MEXICO	BOLSA MEXICANA DE VALORES
NEW ZEALAND	NEW ZEALAND EXCHANGE LTD
NORWAY	OSLO BORS ASA
PORTUGAL	EURONEXT - EURONEXT LISBON
SINGAPORE	SINGAPORE EXCHANGE
SOUTH AFRICA	JOHANNESBURG STOCK EXCHANGE
SPAIN	BME - BOLSAS Y MERCADOS ESPANOLES
SWEDEN	NASDAQ STOCKHOLM AB
SWITZERLAND	SIX SWISS EXCHANGE
TAIWAN	TAIWAN STOCK EXCHANGE
THE NETHERLANDS	EURONEXT - EURONEXT AMSTERDAM

Country	Operating Exchange
UNITED KINGDOM	LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	CBOE GLOBAL MARKETS
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	NASDAQ - ALL MARKETS
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

# APPENDIX B: PRIMARY ICB SUBSECTORS

ICB Subsector	ICB Subsector Code
Semiconductors	10102010
Electrical Components	50202010
Electronic Components	10102015
Diversified Industrials	50203000
Renewable Energy Equipment	60102020
Conventional Electricity	65101015
Electronic Equipment: Gauges and Meters	50202025
Alternative Fuels	60102010
Electronic Equipment: Control and Filter	50202020
Building Materials: Other	50101035
Chemicals and Synthetic Fibers	55201010
Aluminum	55102035
Diversified Materials	55101000
Electronic Equipment: Other	50202040
General Mining	55102000
Paints and Coatings	50203010
Machinery: Tools	50204040
Copper	55102040
Alternative Electricity	65101010
Multi-Utilities	65102000

Theme	Sub-Theme
Electrification	Smart Energy Transmission
Electrification	Smart Grid Components
Electrification	Smart Grids
Electrification	Smart Metering
Electrification	Stationary Energy Storage
Electrification	Clean Energy
Electrification	Nuclear Power

# **APPENDIX C: NASDAQ THEMES AND SUB-THEMES**

# DISCLAIMER

Nasdaq may, from time to time, exercise reasonable discretion as it deems appropriate in order to ensure Index integrity, including but not limited to, quantitative inclusion criteria. Nasdaq may also, due to special circumstances, if deemed essential, apply discretionary adjustments to ensure and maintain the high quality of the index construction and calculation. Additionally, Nasdaq utilizes an AI Model trained on a diverse range of data as part of the constituent selection process. While efforts have been made in-line with industry practices to ensure the quality and reliability of the content, there may be limitations, inaccuracies, or biases present. Nasdaq does not guarantee that any Index accurately reflects future market performance.

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