



INDEX METHODOLOGY

## NASDAQ US MULTI-ASSET DIVERSIFIED INCOME INDEX<sup>SM</sup>

### NQMAUS

#### INDEX DESCRIPTION

The Nasdaq US Multi-Asset Index is designed to provide exposure to multiple asset segments, each Index selected to result in consistent and high yield performance.

#### SECURITY ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

##### Eligible security types

The index is made up of five segments, each comprised of a constituent index:

- Nasdaq US Multi-Asset Equity Index (NQMAEQY),
- Nasdaq US Multi-Asset REIT Index (NQMAREIT),
- Nasdaq US Multi-Asset MLP Index (NQMAMLP),
- Nasdaq US Multi-Asset Preferred Index (NQMAPREF), and
- Nasdaq US Multi-Asset High-Yield Corporate Bond Index (NQMAFI).

Please refer to the constituent index methodologies for further information.

#### INDEX CALENDAR

##### Reconstitution schedule

The securities within each segment are selected quarterly in March, June, September and December, on the same schedule as the constituent indexes. Please refer to the constituent index methodologies for information about the reconstitution schedules.

##### Rebalance schedule

The Index is rebalanced quarterly in March, June, September and December.

## **Rebalance reference dates**

The Index Rebalance uses market data as of the prior month-end (February, May, August and November respectively).

## **Rebalance announcement dates**

Index Rebalance changes are announced in early March, June, September and December.

## **Rebalance effective dates**

Index Rebalance changes are effective at market open on the trading day following the third Friday in March, June, September and December.

## **CONSTITUENT SELECTION**

The five constituent indexes are fixed. The securities included are selected according to the constituent indexes. Please refer to the constituent index methodologies for further information.

## **CONSTITUENT WEIGHTING**

### **Constituent weighting scheme**

NQMAUS employs an equal weighting scheme for the constituent indexes. Securities within the constituent indexes are weighted according to the constituent index methodologies. See the constituent index methodologies for further information.

### **Constituent weighting process**

The constituent indexes are assigned the following weights:

- NQMAEQY: 20%
- NQMAREIT: 20%
- NQMAPREF: 20%
- NQMAMLP: 20%
- NQMAFI: 20%

## **INDEX MAINTENANCE**

Index maintenance follows the maintenance procedures of the constituent indexes.

## Deletion policy

If, at any time during the year other than the Index Reconstitution(s), an Index Security no longer meets the Eligibility Criteria, or is otherwise determined to have become ineligible for inclusion in the Index, it is removed from the Index. This includes circumstances where an Index Security is determined to be 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. Please refer to **Nasdaq's Corporate Actions and Events Manual – Equities** for detailed handling of the aforementioned event types.

Additionally, a Security in the NQMAEQY Index that suspends or decreases its dividend payments greater than or equal to 50% based on the prior ex-date of the last dividend distributed at each month's end will be removed at market open the next trading day after the third Friday of the following month.

## Replacement policy

Index securities deleted at any time during the year other than the Index Reconstitution(s) are not replaced.

## Corporate actions

In the interim periods between scheduled index reconstitution 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**.

## **Holiday schedules**

The Indexes are calculated Monday through Friday, except on days when the Nasdaq US exchange is closed.

## **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](mailto: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**.

## **Index calculation and dissemination schedule**

The Indexes are calculated during the trading day based on the Last Sale Price and are disseminated once per second from 09:30:01 to 17:16:00 ET. The closing value of the Indexes may change up until 17:15:00 ET due to corrections to the Last Sale Price of the Index Securities.

## 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

### Index governance

All Nasdaq Indexes follow the same governance structure. For a detailed list of this information, please see the **Nasdaq Index Methodology Guide**.

### Nasdaq Index Management Committee

The Nasdaq Index Management Committee approves all new Index Methodologies. This committee is comprised of full-time professional members of Nasdaq. The committee meets regularly, and reviews items including, but not limited to, pending corporate actions that may affect Index constituents, statistics comparing the composition of the Indexes to the market, companies that are being considered as candidates for addition to an Index, and any significant market events.

For a detailed overview of the Index Management Committee, please see the **Nasdaq Index Methodology Guide**.

### Internal reviews of methodology

For a detailed description on internal reviews of the Methodology, please see the **Nasdaq Index Methodology Guide**.

### Communication with stakeholders and consultations

For a detailed description on Consultations and Communications with Stakeholders, please see the **Nasdaq Index Methodology Guide**.

### Index cessation

Nasdaq has a documented procedure that is followed for Index Cessation that includes termination/retirement of an Index or Index Family.

For more information, please refer to the **Nasdaq Index Cessation Policy**.

## Discretionary adjustment

This Index Methodology was created by Nasdaq to achieve the aforementioned objective of measuring the underlying purpose of each Index governed by this methodology document. Any deviations from this methodology are made in the sole judgment and discretion of Nasdaq so that the Index continues to achieve its objective.

For more information on potential adjustments including Calculation and Pricing Disruptions, Expert Judgment, and Unexpected Reconstitution/Rebalances, please 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**.

## 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. Nasdaq does not guarantee that any Index accurately reflects future market performance.

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