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Know your index

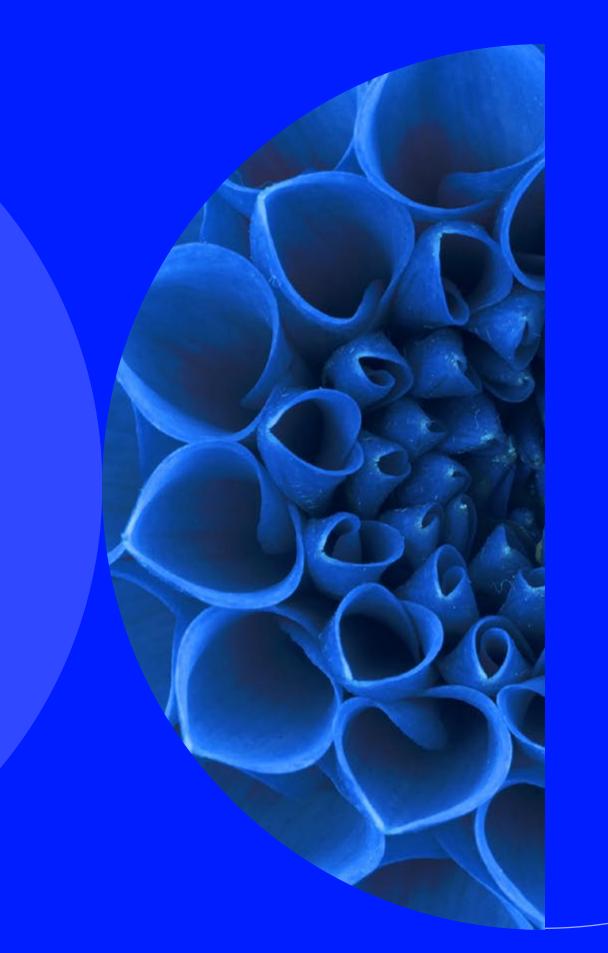




Who is this for?

For investors seeking to generate equity income or follow a defensive equity strategy





What does the index do?

MEASURES THE RETURN

of high-yielding, mid- and largecap stocks from the global equity markets

CAPITALISATION-WEIGHTED

selecting the highest-yielding 50% of stocks from the underlying universe

FTSE ALL-WORLD HIGH DIVIDEND YIELD INDEX

INDEX PROFILE

FTSE All-World High Dividend Yield Index

The index can help those investors seeking to pursue a high-dividend equity strategy for the purposes of portfolio income, or those wishing to follow a defensive equity strategy.

This index consists of higher-yielding, mid- and large-cap stocks from the FTSE All-World Index, our flagship index of 48 developed and emerging equity markets. The top 50% of stocks are selected from the FTSE All-World Index based on a ranking of their forecast dividend yields. Then, those stocks are weighted by their market capitalisation.



Five reasons to consider this index

1.

Broad and representative

We start with the highest-yielding stocks from the FTSE All-World Index – a market-capitalisation weighted index covering 90–95% of the world's investable equity market capitalisation. This makes the FTSE All-World High Dividend Yield Index an ideal choice for tracker products – like exchange-traded funds (ETFs) – that aim to offer easy, one-stop exposure to a wide selection of higher-yielding global equities.

2

Simple approach

I/B/E/S is a service that assembles and averages analysts' estimates of future earnings for thousands of publicly traded companies. We use I/B/E/S to forecast companies' dividend yields, a simple approach to selecting higher-yielding stocks.

We then rank the constituents of the FTSE All-World Index by those dividend yield forecasts and select the top half of the ranking for inclusion in the index. **3**.

High income

The FTSE All-World High Dividend Yield Index helps investors target those global stocks offering abovemarket levels of dividend income. High dividend stocks are popular among investors wishing to generate income or adopt a defensive portfolio strategy. 4.

Transparent

We place great importance on applying a transparent, objective and consistent approach when managing our indices. You can find out how we run the FTSE All-World High Dividend Yield Index via easily accessible documents on our website.

5.

Investable

Companies entering the index are screened to ensure they offer a minimum percentage of voting rights to unrestricted shareholders, that they have a minimum 'free float' of shares for trading, and that they pass a semi-annual liquidity test. These screens help ensure the suitability of the index for use as a benchmark or in investment products like ETFs.

How we build and maintain this index

Define starting universe

It starts with the FTSE
Global All Cap Index,
which represents
large- and mid-cap
stocks in 48 developed
and emerging equity
markets.

Remove ineligible stocks

We remove real-estate investment trusts (REITs), companies that have not paid a dividend in the 12-month period before a semi-annual cut-off date, and companies with a forecast zero dividend for the next 12 months.

Rank by yield and select

We rank the remaining stocks by their 12-month, forward-forecast dividend yield and select the top 50% of the ranking.

Weight
by market
capitalisation

We weight constituents by their investable market capitalisation.

Publish index

Finally, we publish the index.

Semi-annual maintenance

We review the FTSE All-World High Dividend Yield Index in March and September.

To avoid unnecessary index turnover, we apply a 'banding' methodology around the cutoff point for index inclusion. An existing index constituent will remain a member of the index until its yield rank falls beyond the 55th percentile. A stock that is not in the index will become a constituent in the index if its yield rank is within the 45th percentile.

A true picture of the market

Think of our index data as being something like a computer chip: It powers what happens inside the investment products you buy. So it's important to distinguish between the index (data) and the investment product itself.

WHAT WE DO

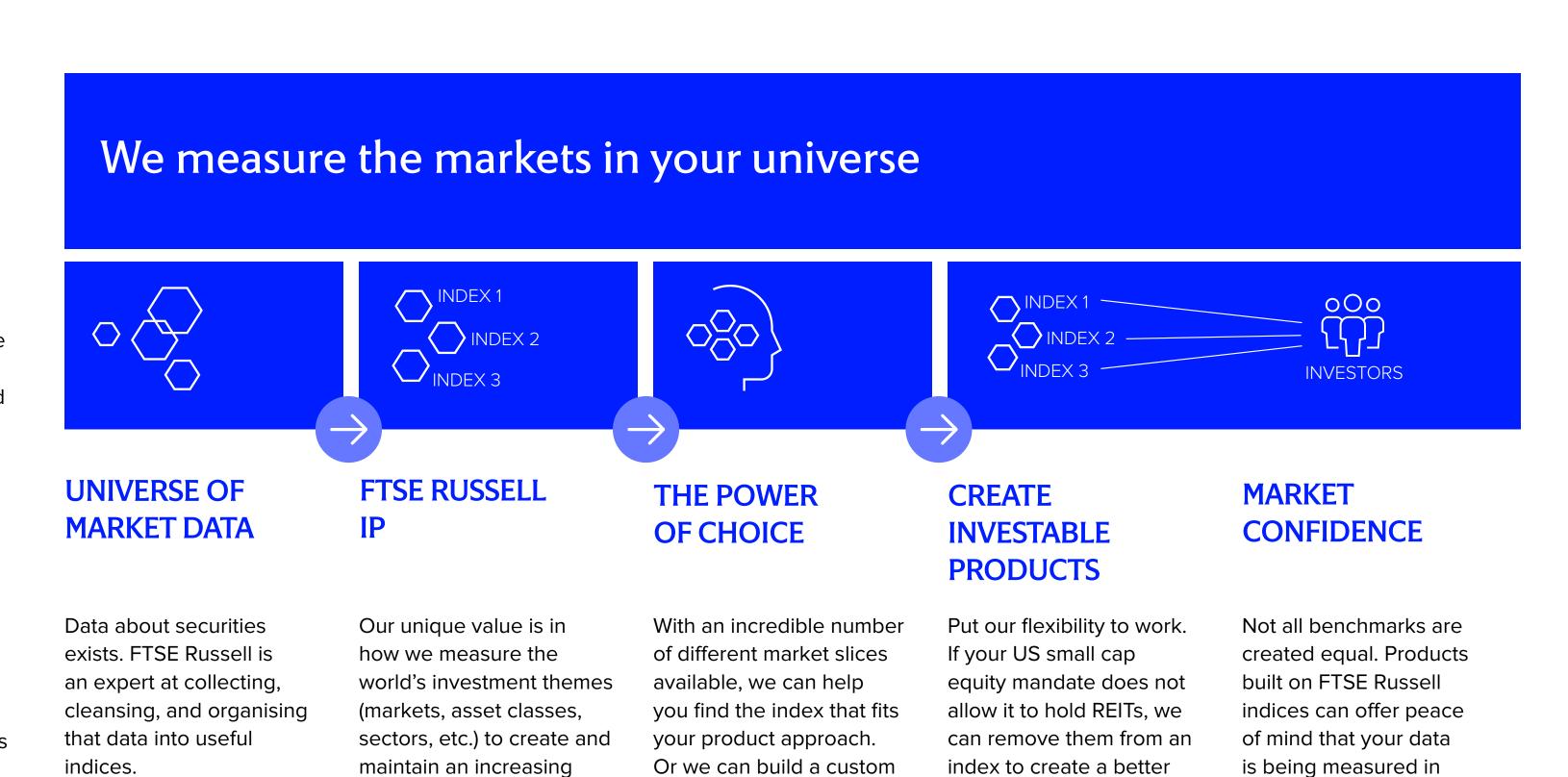
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index to meet your goals.

an objective and

reliable way.

measurement for that

investment vehicle.

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number of available indices.

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