

Benchmarks Statement

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1. Version Control

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1.1	Brad Baker	10/12/2018	Revised index codes ROBO Global® Artificial Intelligence Index
1.2	Brad Baker	17/09/2019	Updated index list to include HTEC series and currently used benchmarks
1.3	Brad Baker	01/04/2020	Additional language added regarding ESG factors. Removed discontinued indices.

2. Distribution

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General Information

This document is the benchmark statement for the ROBO Global® Set of Indices. The document was first created on 9th April 2018 and updates made as per the version control above.

Benchmark ISINs

The ROBO Global® Set of Indices, listed below, are available for use in the European Union. Indexes highlighted in blue shading are, as at the latest update of this document, used as benchmarks within the Union.

Index	Symbol	ISIN	Calculation Method	Currency	Live Calculation (dd.mm.yyyy)
ROBO Global Robotics and Automation Index	ROBO	DE000SLA02U8	Price Return	USD	02.08.2013
ROBO Global Robotics and Automation Index TR	ROBOTR	DE000SLA02V6	Net Total Return	USD	02.08.2013
ROBO Global Robotics and Automation UCITS Index	ROBOT	DE000SLA4RB7	Net Total Return	USD	16.06.2014
ROBO Global Robotics and Automation UCITS Price Return Index	ROBOTPR	DE000SLA5RB4	Price Return	USD	16.06.2014
ROBO Global Artificial Intelligence Index	THNQ	DE000SLA64P8	Price Return	USD	21.08.2018
ROBO Global Artificial Intelligence Index TR	THNQTR	DE000SLA64Q6	Net Total Return	USD	21.08.2018
ROBO Global Healthcare Technology and Innovation Index	HTEC	DE000SLA73P9	Price Return	USD	30.04.2019
ROBO Global Healthcare Technology and Innovation Index TR	HTECTR	DE000SLA73Q7	Net Total Return	USD	30.04.2019
ROBO Global Japan Robotics and Automation UCITS Index	ROBOJP	DE000SLA1DW9	Net Total Return	JPY	22.09.2016
ROBO Global Japan Robotics and Automation UCITS Index (PR)	ROBOJPPR	DE000SLA1DX7	Price Return	JPY	22.09.2016
ROBO Global Robotics and Automation UCITS Hedged to Yen Index	ROBOYN	DE000SLA2W21	Net Total Return	USD	01.12.2016
ROBO Global Robotics and Automation UCITS Hedged to Yen Price Return Index	ROBOYNPR	DE000SLA2W39	Price Return	USD	01.12.2016
ROBO Global Robotics and Automation 18% Volatility Target Index	ROBOVT18	DE000SLA56Y6	Net Total Return	USD	10.07.2018
ROBO Global Disruptive Technology Index	RUPTTR	DE000SLA9RT8	Net Total Return	USD	19.11.2014
ROBO Global Disruptive Technology Price Return Index	RUPT	DE000SLA9RU6	Price Return	USD	19.11.2014

Nature of Benchmarks & Source of Input Data

The ROBO Global® Set of Indices use traded exchange prices sourced from exchanges either regulated by the EU or meeting the requirements of Article 3(24)(a). They do not use contributed input data and are hence all regulated-data benchmarks.

Definition of Market / Economic Reality

A full description of the market reality and geographical boundaries covered by each of the ROBO Global® indices, as well as a full description of the creation, administration and calculation of the indices, is set out in the methodology document – the Rules for the Management of the ROBO Global® Set of Indices, available from www.roboglobal.com.

ESG factors within the ROBO Global Index Series

The ROBO Global indices comprise constituents drawn from companies classified within the ROBO Global® Industry Classification. As detailed within the ROBO Global® Index Series Methodology document, companies can be excluded from the classification, and therefore the indices, where “there is an unacceptable risk that the company contributes to or is responsible for serious human rights violations, severe environmental damage, and other particularly serious violations of fundamental ethical norms, including the production of weapons that violate fundamental humanitarian principles through their normal use.”

Lack of Input Data

The calculation of each ROBO Global® index is reliant on traded prices received from the various exchanges on which the index constituents trade. ROBO Global®, as administrator, considers that input data should be considered insufficient for calculation on days where the London Stock Exchange is not open for trading in the case of the ROBO Global® UCITS indices, and on days that the New York Stock Exchange is not open for trading, in the case of the remaining ROBO Global indices. Accordingly, the methodology notes that the calculated values of the indices on days when the above criteria are not met could be impacted.

The indices’ constituents and methodology are reviewed on a quarterly basis, to ensure:

- That changes in index constituents’ circumstances are acted on (where necessary) to ensure the indices only comprise constituents that suitably represent the underlying economic interest.
- That only constituents for which the required level of information is available are selected.
- That the methodology itself continues to deliver indices that represent the underlying economic interest.

Methodology Accuracy

The methodology used in the calculation of the ROBO Global® Set of Indices ensures:

- That only constituents with sufficient liquidity can become, or remain constituents of the indices.
- That users are aware that the indices calculated on days when large markets are not open for trading may be impacted.
- That the Index Management Committee has sufficient control over the management of the indices such that unforeseen circumstances can be acted upon, if appropriate, subject to later assessment of its actions by the Oversight Function.

Use of Expert Judgement / Discretion

The Index Management Committee takes particular pains to ensure the index methodology, which was developed from very significant market experience, is updated whenever appropriate to reflect changing circumstances. For example, as assets under management grew in products tracking the indices, new rules were introduced after market consultation, to ensure the extent of ownership of constituent companies by such products was controlled.

As a result, discretion / expert judgement in the calculation of the indices is extremely rare, limited to the identification of an appropriate approach for handling unusual corporate events. Where it is necessary, and wherever possible, the index calculation agent confers with the Index Management Committee. After any such discretion or expert judgement is applied, the Committee considers whether the approach taken was suitable, and whether the methodology should be updated to ensure the handling of a repetition of the event is clear.

Other than the handling of corporate events, ROBO Global® believes discretion / expert judgement might be used in the general area of stock trading suspensions. The ROBO Global® methodology provides a standard approach for handling suspensions, based upon the length of a suspension. However, companies' trading can be halted for various reasons, including in some circumstances at the request of their management, and there may be scenarios where it would be appropriate, in order to minimise disruption to the indices and to minimise cost to index product investors, to retain an index constituent within the indices rather than to remove it as per the methodology.

Consultations on Material Changes to the Methodology

ROBO Global® maintains a written Benchmark Change and Cessation Policy that details its process for consulting stakeholders when a material change to the methodology is proposed. In summary, the Policy establishes:

- A definition of materiality
- That any stakeholder can propose a change to the methodology
- That proposed changes will initially be considered by the Index Management Committee
- That where material, the Committee will consult with stakeholders
- That the final decision regarding a proposed change rests with the Index Management Committee
- That suitable forewarning will be given to stakeholders of a material change wherever possible, with a clear timetable for the implementation of the change.
- That there may be changes resulting from external factors (those beyond the control of ROBO Global®) that require changes to be made more rapidly.

Updates to this Benchmark Statement

An update of this benchmark statement will be made whenever the information it provides is no longer correct or sufficiently precise, whenever there is a material change in the methodology for determining the indices, and will be in any case, reviewed at least annually.