# **SOLUTION OVERVIEW**

# FTSE Cash Flow Focus Index Series

A defensive style index solution with higher dividend income return



# **Overview**

The FTSE Cash Flow Focus Index Series is designed to overall achieve a consistently higher index-level free cash flow yield vs. the underlying universe. Strong free cash flow empowers the companies to distribute higher dividends, settle debts, and fuel business expansions. By incorporating factor elements, this index series aims to identify high-quality companies with overall index-level free cash flow focus, which provides investors with the ability to pursue higher income returns while being defensive during the downturns.

#### **Features**

Free cash flow oriented

Dividend income potential

Capital appreciation potential

Downside protection

# Targets companies with positive free cash flow

pairing with higher-quality and lower-risk, resulting in enhanced index-level free cash flow yield Higher dividend income possible, enabled by companies' sufficient free cash flow and leading to overall higher index-level dividend yield

#### Taps into growth potential

when companies deploy high free cash flow to drive strategic reinvestment and acquisitions, fueling sustainable growth over time

# Better ability to weather economic downturn

Ample free cash flow enables companies to continue to operate and even invest under less favourable economic conditions

#### Periodic Review

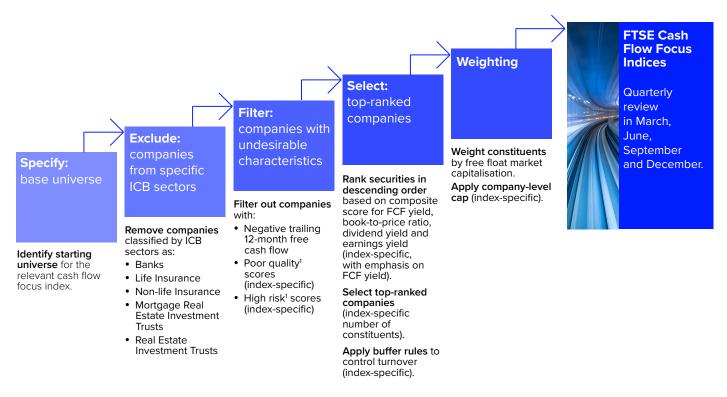
The indices under the FTSE Cash Flow Focus Index Series are reviewed quarterly in March, June, September and December.

#### Transparency and governance

Managed according to a publicly available, transparent rule set, and in accordance with FTSE Russell's global best practice standards of index governance.



# **Construction Process**



<sup>1</sup> Quality and risk refers to the Quality and Low Volatility factors defined in the FTSE Global Factor Index Series Ground Rules, respectively.

For detailed methodology please refer to <u>FTSE Cash Flow Focus Index Series Ground Rules</u>.

# **Available Indices**

	Screen thresholds			Composite Score Weight Assignments*					Buffer	Rules
Index Name	Quality	Risk	w <sub>c</sub> (FCF)*	w <sub>b</sub> (Book)	w <sub>d</sub> (Dividend)	w <sub>e</sub> (Net Income)	Company- level capping	Number of Securities	Inclusion threshold	Exclusion threshold
Non-Russell US Indexes based indices										
FTSE China A Stock Connect Cash Flow Focus Index	50%	50%	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	5%	50	30	70
FTSE Japan Cash Flow Focus Index	20%	20%	1.0	_	_	_	5%	50	30	70
FTSE Developed Europe Cash Flow Focus Index	20%	20%	1.0	-	-	-	5%	100	60	140
FTSE Asia Pacific ex Japan Cash Flow Focus Index	50%	20%	1.0	_	_	-	5%	100	60	140
FTSE Southbound Stock Connect Cash Flow Focus Index	40%	10%	0.7	_	0.3	-	10%	30	20	40
Russell US Indexes based indices										
Russell 1000 Cash Flow Focus Index	20%	20%	100%	N/A	N/A	N/A	5%	100	60	140
Russell 2000 Cash Flow Focus Index	40%	40%	100%	N/A	N/A	N/A	5%	100	60	140

For Russell US Indexes based indices, the FCF metric is based on free cash flow rather than free cash flow yield.

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