

Reclassification of Vietnam from Frontier to Secondary Emerging Market Status

Frequently Asked Questions

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Overview

FTSE Russell will be reclassifying Vietnam from Frontier to Secondary Emerging market status within the FTSE Global Equity Index Serie (GEIS) and associated indices effective from the September 2026 semi-annual review.

The following FAQ details the index review implementation plan for the reclassification of Vietnam to Secondary Emerging market status.

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1. When will the reclassification of Vietnam from Frontier to Secondary Emerging market status be implemented?

The reclassification of Vietnam from Frontier to Secondary Emerging market status will be implemented in multiple tranches. The deletion of Vietnam from the FTSE Frontier Index Series will be implemented in a single tranche in conjunction with the FTSE Frontier index annual review in September 2026, while inclusion of Vietnam to the FTSE Global Equity Index Series (GEIS) and associated indices will commence in conjunction with the September 2026 FTSE GEIS semi-annual review, effective from the open on Monday 21 September 2026 and implemented in multiple tranches as illustrated in Question 4.

2. What is the purpose of the March 2026 interim assessment?

The March 2026 interim assessment evaluated whether sufficient progress had been made in facilitating access to global brokers, which is an essential component for supporting effective index replication.

The global broker access model refers to an optionality to allow Foreign Institutional Investors (FII) to face global brokers as counterparties. This initiative is expected to align Vietnam's market practices with international standards, reduce counterparty risk, and strengthen investor confidence through established relationships with trusted intermediaries.

3. What is the outcome of the March 2026 interim assessment?

The March 2026 interim assessment confirms that Vietnam meets the requirements for reclassification from Frontier to Secondary Emerging market status from September 2026. The FTSE Russell Index Governance Board noted continued strong progress in establishing the Global Broker model, supported by Circular 08/2026/TT-BTC and enhancements to the non-prefunding framework. Regulatory bodies, onshore and global brokers, custodians, and buy-side firms have aligned on the key operational components needed for implementation, with remaining work focused on finalising bilateral broker agreements.

Based on this progress, FTSE Russell confirms the reclassification timeline, with Vietnam being added to the FTSE Russell's global equity indices commencing from Monday 21 September 2026, via a phased inclusion approach that will continue into 2027.

4. How will the inclusion of Vietnam into FTSE GEIS be implemented?

Vietnam will be added to FTSE GEIS and associated indices via a four-tranche phased implementation beginning in September 2026 and concluding in September 2027. This phased approach is designed to ensure an orderly market transition, manage the anticipated capital inflows, and support adequate NPF funding and liquidity throughout the inclusion process.

The tranching schedule and corresponding proportions of investability weight are as follows:

	Tranche One	Tranche Two	Tranche Three	Tranche Four
Review Schedule	September 2026	March 2027	June 2027	September 2027
Proportion of investability weight added	10%	20%	35%	35%
Tranching Factor	10%	30%	65%	100%

Following each tranche, FTSE Russell will evaluate the ability of index trackers to replicate the benchmark changes prior to proceeding with the subsequent tranche.

5. How will the phased inclusion be reflected from a security perspective?

For illustration purposes, if a Vietnamese security, Company A, with an investability weight (free float) of 49%, is scheduled to be included into FTSE GEIS, it will be implemented as per the following tranches:

	Tranche One	Tranche Two	Tranche Three	Tranche Four
Review Schedule	September 2026	March 2027	June 2027	September 2027
Implementation Effective Date	Open Monday, 21 September	Open Monday, 22 March	Open Monday, 21 June	Open Monday, 20 September
Proportion of Investability Weight Added	10%	20%	35%	35%
Company A's Investability Weight Added	4.90%	9.80%	17.15%	17.15%
Company A's Total Investability Weight	4.90%	14.70%	31.85%	49.00%

6. Which Vietnamese securities are indicatively expected to be eligible for the FTSE Global All Cap Index?

The table below lists the indicative Vietnamese securities that met the FTSE Global All Cap index eligibility screens based on data as of close of business on Wednesday 31 December 2025 and are reflected in the Watch List indices listed in Question 8. The Vietnam securities in the Watch List indices were screened based on them being assessed as non-constituents for the Watch List indices.

The final list of Vietnamese securities eligible for inclusion in the relevant FTSE Russell indices as part of the September 2026 semi-annual review will be published on Friday 21 August 2026 and they will be screened based on Vietnam securities being non-constituents of the FTSE GEIS and associated indices.

Name	SEDOL	Stock Exchange	Size Marker
BANK FOR INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF V	BJ4WY68	HSX	Large
JOINT STOCK COMMERCIAL BANK FOR FOREIGN	B622TR5	HSX	Large
VINGROUP JSC	B27Y417	HSX	Large
VINHOMES	BFZBXH0	HSX	Large
FPT	B1HMWH6	HSX	Mid
HOA PHAT GROUP JSC	B29CC15	HSX	Mid
BINH SON REFINING AND PETROCHEMICAL	BFXQ3V1	HSX	Small
DUCGIANG CHEMICALS & DETERGENT POWDER	BP0RTK8	HSX	Small
GELEX ELECTRIC	BPJJB10	HSX	Small
KHANG DIEN HOUSE TRADING & INVESTMENT	B3M16J2	HSX	Small
KINHBAC CITY DEVELOPMENT SHARE HOLDING C	B2B3VJ7	HSX	Small
MASAN GROUP CORP.	B59R0P1	HSX	Small
NO VA LAND INVESTMENT GROUP	BYZCMP7	HSX	Small
SAIGON THUONG TIN COMMERCIAL JSB	B19HJ45	HSX	Small
SAIGON-HANOI COMMERCIAL BANK	B3V86Y9	HSX	Small
SSI Securities	B1LB8G0	HSX	Small
VIET CAPITAL SECURITIES	BYVTMH4	HSX	Small
VIETJET AVIATION	BYP2451	HSX	Small
VIETNAM DAIRY PRODUCTS JSC	B16GLK5	HSX	Small
VIETNAM ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT	BYV0WY4	HSX	Small
VINCOM RETAIL	BZ0WW59	HSX	Small
VIX Securities	B5N90B9	HSX	Small
VNDIRECT SECURITIES JSC	B4XXQS3	HSX	Small

7. What are the projected weights of Vietnam in the FTSE Global All Cap, FTSE All-World and FTSE Emerging Indices?

The table below illustrates the projected index weight of the Vietnamese securities (listed in Q6) within FTSE indices based on data as of close on Tuesday 31 March 2026:

Projected weight in FTSE Global All Cap	Projected weight in FTSE Emerging All Cap	Projected weight in FTSE All-World	Projected weight in FTSE Emerging
0.034%	0.329%	0.020%	0.192%

8. Are there any Watch List indices reflecting Vietnam as a Secondary Emerging market?

The following Watch List indices reflecting Vietnam as a Secondary Emerging market are available to index subscribers:

Watchlist Indices

- FTSE All-World Incl Vietnam
- FTSE Emerging All Cap Incl Vietnam
- FTSE Emerging Incl Vietnam
- FTSE Global All Cap Incl Vietnam
- FTSE Frontier ex Vietnam
- FTSE Global All Cap incl Vietnam and Developed Greece Index
- FTSE All-World incl Vietnam and Developed Greece Index
- FTSE Emerging All Cap incl Vietnam ex Greece Index
- FTSE Emerging incl Vietnam ex Greece Index

The FTSE Equity Markets Watch List and Transitional Indices Ground Rules are available using the following link: [FTSE GEIS Watch List and Transitional Index Ground Rules](#)

The current Vietnam Watch List indices reflect the projected Vietnam constituents listed in Q6, based on data as of the close on Wednesday 31 December 2025.

9. When will the FTSE GEIS September 2026 semi-annual review be published?

The FTSE GEIS September 2026 semi-annual review is scheduled to be published on Friday 21 August 2026. For further details on the FTSE GEIS review schedule, please refer to [FTSE GEIS Review FAQ 2026](#).

10. Within which regional universe will Vietnam be reviewed for the FTSE GEIS September 2026 index review?

From the FTSE GEIS September 2026 semi-annual review onwards, Vietnamese securities will be reviewed as part of the FTSE Asia Pacific ex Japan ex China region.

Please refer to section 7 of the [FTSE Global Equity Index Series Ground Rules](#) for further details on the FTSE GEIS regional review process.

11. Will Vietnamese securities be treated as current index constituents or as non-constituents when screening for index eligibility at the September 2026 semi-annual review?

Vietnamese securities will be treated as non-constituents when applying all index-eligibility screens for the September 2026 semi-annual review, including liquidity and minimum size requirements. For further details, please refer to Section 6 Screens Applied to Eligible Securities within the [FTSE GEIS ground rules](#).

12. What investability weight will be used to conduct the liquidity screen?

For liquidity testing, 100% of the security's investability weight will be used in the calculation. For example, if a security has an investability weight of 49% on the final day of the liquidity-testing period, it will be assessed for liquidity using its 49% investability weight.

For further details on the liquidity screen methodology, please refer to [FTSE Global Equity Index Series – Guide to Calculation Method for the Median Liquidity Test](#).

13. How will Newly Eligible Stocks be treated?

Newly eligible stocks, including Initial Public Offerings (IPOs), whether qualifying for fast entry or assessed at a subsequent quarterly or semi-annual review, will be added to FTSE GEIS using the same tranching factor applied to existing Vietnamese index constituents (see Question 4). This ensures that all newly eligible Vietnamese securities follow the same phased inclusion schedule during the transition period.

14. What is the Fast Entry Level applied to Vietnamese IPOs?

Vietnamese IPOs will be eligible for fast entry into FTSE GEIS from Monday 21 September 2026, provided they meet the fast entry thresholds applicable to the FTSE Asia Pacific ex China ex Japan region. These thresholds are reviewed and published quarterly on the FTSE Russell website.

For reference, the FTSE GEIS March 2026 Quarterly Fast Entry Levels are illustrated below, with the full report available via the following link: [FTSE GEIS March 2026 Quarterly Fast Entry Levels](#)

REGION	Index Value 30-JAN-2026 (USD)	Large Cap Inclusion Level 30-JAN-2026 (USD m)	Mid Cap Inclusion Level 30-JAN-2026 (USD m)	Security exceeds 5% Free Float		Security 5% or less Free Float
				Full Market Cap Threshold Value 30-JAN-2026 (USD m) *	Investable Market Cap Threshold Value 30-JAN-2026 (USD m) **	Investable Market Cap Threshold Value 30-JAN-2026 (USD m) ***
Asia Pacific Ex China Ex Japan	3,382.23	9,622.15	5,735.44	8,603.15	2,867.72	5,161.36

* 1.5 times Mid Cap inclusion level

** 0.5 times Mid Cap inclusion level

*** 10 times Regional Investable market capitalisation inclusion threshold level

15. Will Vietnamese securities be tested for foreign headroom?

Yes. Vietnamese securities will be screened for foreign headroom as part of the FTSE GEIS eligibility review. For further details, please refer to Section 6.2 Investability Weights screen within the [FTSE GEIS ground rules](#).

16. What will be the treatment of Vietnamese securities which are added to FTSE GEIS from September 2026, but fail index eligibility at a subsequent review?

During the phased inclusion period, if a Vietnamese security that has been partially included in FTSE GEIS later fails to meet the eligibility criteria required for index retention, it will be deleted in accordance with the standard index methodology. Any remaining scheduled tranches of that security's inclusion will not be implemented.

17. When will Vietnam be eligible for derived (including Partnership) and custom indices which are based on a FTSE GEIS universe?

The eligibility of Vietnam for FTSE GEIS derived indices will be communicated in the derived indices' indicative review files in conjunction with those indices respective review schedule.

18. What are the projected regional inclusion and exclusion cut-off levels for FTSE Asia Pacific ex Japan ex China plus Vietnam?

The table below details the gross market capitalisation for the regional inclusion and exclusion cut-off levels used for the Asia Pacific ex Japan ex China plus Vietnam, based on data as of the close on Wednesday 31 December 2025.

Gross Market Capitalisation Inclusion and Exclusion Levels (USD m) March 2026						
	68% Index Universe Large Cap Inclusion Level	72% Index Universe Large Cap Exclusion Level	86% Index Universe Mid Cap Inclusion Level	92% Index Universe Mid Cap Exclusion Level	98% Index Universe Small Cap Inclusion Level	101% Index Universe Small Cap Exclusion Level
Asia Pacific ex China ex Japan*	8,853.73	7,015.34	5277.41 *	1,094.97	304.25	81.65
Asia Pacific ex China ex Japan Plus Vietnam	8,579.90	6,716.72	5,320.01 *	1,068.75	299.54	79.67

* 0.04% of All World Asia Pacific Ex China Ex Japan Gross Market Cap

The FTSE Global Equity Index Series March 2026 Semi-Annual Inclusion Levels can be accessed via the following link [FTSE Global Equity Index Series March 2026 Semi-Annual Inclusion Levels](#).

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