

ECPI GLOBAL ESG CYBERSECURITY INDEX

RULE BOOK

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MARKET REALTY

The ECPI Global ESG Cybersecurity Index is an equally weighted equity index designed to offer investors exposure to companies in the Global market which are the ones best placed to seize the opportunities presented by the long-term trends in Cybersecurity needs (cybersecurity solutions, firewall, web filtering, antivirus, mobile security, etc.) that the world demands as larger and larger amounts of confidential digital information are processed, collected and stored by Governments, Corporations and individuals alike and in response to a growing number of cases of cyber-attacks, malicious software and phishing episodes, ransomware attacks, accounts hijacking.

INDEX FAMILY IDENTIFIERS

BLOOMBERG TICKER	REFINITIV RIC	INDEX NAME
GALPHCSP Index	.GALPHCSP	ECPI Global ESG Cybersecurity Price Index
GALPHCSR Index	.GALPHCSR	ECPI Global ESG Cybersecurity Total Return Index
GALPHCSN Index	.GALPHCSN	ECPI Global ESG Cybersecurity Net Return Index
GALPHCSD Index	.GALPHCSD	ECPI Global ESG Cybersecurity Net Return Index 3.5% Decrement

INDEX REBALANCING

Semi-Annually, on the Selection Date immediately preceding the relevant Effective Rebalance Date, index constituents are selected in accordance with the index eligibility criteria as new constituents of the index in order to ensure market representation.

If the review day falls on a holiday, the subsequent working day will be considered.

REBALANCING TIMETABLE		
TIME REFERENCE	ACTION	WHEN
T ₀	Selection Date of the new constituents	1st Friday of Jan, Jul
T ₁	Equal Weight Reference Date	3rd Monday of Jan, Jul
T ₂	Proforma Period	4 days of Proforma, starting 3rd Monday of Jan, Jul
Т3	Effective Rebalance Date: the new index is effective	3rd Friday (closing) of Jan, Jul



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EQUITY UNIVERSE

Every six months ECPI reviews the index constituents to ensure market representation.

ECPI maintains a research universe of investable instruments construed according the ECPI ESG Screening Methodology.

Starting from the research universe, ECPI has built a thematic selection of companies according to the following criteria.

The companies most exposed to benefit from the growing demand of protection from cyber threats with a positive ECPI ESG Rating (from E- to EEE) are selected as follows:

Companies involved in developing, building, deploying, manage security protocols and apparatus for networks, computers, hosting centers, mobile devices designed to protect the integrity security and privacy of data.

To be eligible for inclusion in the ECPI Global ESG Cybersecurity Index a stock must satisfy the following criteria (in which case, it will be an "eligible stock"):

- 1. Belongs to the thematic universe described above
- 2. It is listed on a Global Developed Market

COUNTRY TABLE		
Australia	Hong Kong	Portugal
Austria	Ireland	Singapore
Belgium	Israel	Spain
Canada	Italy	Sweden
Denmark	Japan	Switzerland
Finland	Luxembourg	United Kingdom
France	Netherlands	United States
Germany	New Zealand	
Greece	Norway	

- 3. It has a positive ECPI ESG Rating (from E- to EEE). Companies involved in systematic violations of the UN Global Compact attain a negative ESG rating (F).
- 4. It is not involved in controversial weapons (Nuclear, Biological, Chemical, Cluster Munitions, Mines) production
- 5. Does not derive more than 5% of its revenues from the production of tobacco, products that contain tobacco or the wholesale trading of these products
- 6. Are also excluded from the investable universe Companies involved in extraction of thermal

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coal or conventional and unconventional oil & gas extractions and companies belonging to UTILITY sector

- 7. The issuer of the stock must have a minimum market capitalization of € 250 million
- 8. The average daily traded value of the stock over the last 6 months shall be equivalent to a minimum of € 1 million

INDEX SELECTION

The index selects the first 50 highest stocks by capitalization under the diversification constraint specified below:

• Geographic Diversification Criteria:

Maximum exposure to a single Country of Listing cannot exceed 60 percent of index composition at rebalancing. When 60 percent single Country exposure is reached, the remaining securities are selected from the ones belonging to other Countries in descending order of market capitalization.

BUFFER RULE

For all current constituents, a tolerance of 20% is applied to the market capitalization and 6-months daily average value traded limits. Therefore, a constituent will be allowed to remain in the index if it has a minimum market cap of € 200 million and a minimum liquidity of € 800 thousand.





Versions

VERSION	EFFECTIVE DATE	CHANGES
3.0.1	30 June 2023	Ungrouping Index Family





EXPLANATION OF HOW ESG FACTORS ARE REFLECTED IN THE KEY ELEMENTS OF THE BENCHMARK METHODOLOGY				
Item 1 . Name of the benchmark administrator.	StatPro			
Item 2 . Type of benchmark or family of benchmarks.	Equity			
Item 3 . Name of the benchmark or family of benchmarks.	ECPI Global ESG Cybersecurity Equity			
Item 4. Does the benchmark methodology for the benchmark or family of benchmarks take into account ESG factors?	✓ YES □ NO			
ESG factors that are taken into account listed in Annex II to Delegated Regulat Please explain how those ESG factors assets.	is positive, please list below, for each family of benchmarks, those in the benchmark methodology, taking into account the ESG factors ion (EU) 2020/1816. Is are used for the selection, weighting or exclusion of underlying an aggregated weighted average value at the level of the family of			
(a) List of environmental factors considered:	Selection: Overall ECPI ESG Rating must be E- or higher Exclusion: Companies involved in systematic violations of the UN Global Compact are excluded (ESG Rating = F) Companies involved in extraction of thermal coal Companies involved in conventional and unconventional oil & gas extractions Companies belonging to UTILITY sector			
(b) List of social factors considered:	Selection: Overall ECPI ESG Rating must be E- or higher Exclusion: Companies involved in systematic violations of the UN Global Compact are excluded (ESG Rating = F) Production of controversial weapons (Nuclear, Biological, Chemical, Cluster Munitions, Mines) and/or their essential components Production of tobacco, products that contain tobacco			
(c) List of governance factors considered:	Selection: Overall ECPI ESG Rating must be E- or higher Exclusion: Companies involved in systematic violations of the UN Global Compact are excluded (ESG Rating = F)			
Hyperlink to the information on ESG factors for each benchmark:	https://ecpigroup.com/wp-content/uploads/rules/GALPHCSP Benchmark Statement.pdf			
Item 7. Data and standards used				
(a) Data input. (i) Describe whether the data are reported, modelled or sourced internally or externally. (ii) Where the data are reported, modelled or sourced externally, please name the third party data provider.	Company analyses draw on a range of reliable and publicly available sources to create a transferable, equitable and auditable approach. Where possible, ECPI aims to use objective information that is easily measured and quantified and less subject to bias and opinion. In cases where an indicator is important to capture, but not easily quantifiable, ECPI process works to reduce bias, by identifying clear and unambiguous rules for assigning scores. Sources include: Company annual reports			

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	 Company sustainability reports, environmental reports, CSR reports or similar Company websites Regulatory data (from the regulators in the country/countries where the company is incorporated and/or listed) Information providers and search engines Media and news services (including newsletters from local and international institutions and NGOs). Screening of company's participation in international institutions Screening of company's certifications Screening of company's awards Thematic websites promoted by international non-profit organizations Company Investor Relations departments, when necessary. In such cases, we try to obtain written answers in order to be able to store them in the company's records 	
(b) Verification and quality of data. Describe how data are verified and how the quality of those data is ensured.	The ECPI ESG methodology combines an academic and scientific approach to appraise and monitor a company's long-term strategic position, operational management and actual behavior when it comes to society, the environment and markets. ECPI analysis based on non-traditional, quantitative and qualitative non-financial indicators has the goal to develop a synthetic measure of the non-financial risk-opportunity profile of a company: the ECPI ESG Rating Assessments are based on the review of a broad range of publicly available sources including sustainability reports, annual reports and company websites. The ESG Evaluation covers eight categories, each one addressing a number of different aspects: 1. Environmental Strategy and Policy 2. Environmental Management System 3. Products (industry specific) 4. Production Process (industry specific) 5. Community Relations 6. Employees 7. Markets 8. Corporate Governance A company must be assessed against all the ESG categories and aspects in order to achieve the final ESG score and rating. Quality of the assessment is ensured by a rule-based approach, where each indicator has a multiple-choice answer with a pre-defined set of scores that can be positive or negative depending on the aspect under scrutiny, thereby reducing analyst's discretionary reading of the assessed dimension. The quality of the assessment is also insured by a two-tier validation mechanism (maker-checker).	
(c) Reference standards Describe the international standards used in the benchmark methodology.	The rating criteria have been developed in accordance with ICCR's "Principles for Global Corporate Responsibility: Benchmarks for Measuring Business Performance" and is inspired by the principles developed by International Bodies dedicated to Responsible Investment such as UN Global Compact (www.unglobalcompact.org), the Global Reporting Initiative (www.globalreporting.org) and UN PRI (www.unpri.org).	
Date on which information has been last updated and reason for the update:	30 June 2023	





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