

CIBC Atlas Clean Energy Select Index Methodology

The CIBC Atlas Clean Energy Select Index (“the Index”) is an adjusted market cap weighted index, priced in CAD, designed to provide exposure to a diverse set of U.S. and Canadian companies involved in the clean energy sector including renewables and clean technology (excluding U.S. MLPs).

There is both a price-only version of the index (ticker CACEX) and a net total return version (ticker CACEXT), which is calculated net of withholding tax on U.S. dividends.

Investable Universe

The clean energy sector is comprised of companies that provide the products and services which enable the evolution of a more sustainable energy sector. Clean energy business segments include, but are not limited to, the following activities:

- Renewables - Solar, Wind, Hydro, Geothermal, Bioenergy
- Clean Technology - Electric Vehicles (EVs), Energy Management & Storage, Fuel Cell, Hydrogen

The index committee regularly reviews the space and may determine at any time additional segments to consider for the investable universe.

Constituent Criteria

The following criteria are considered for inclusion in the CIBC Atlas Clean Energy Select Index:

- Company derives a majority of their value from clean energy businesses (as defined above)
 - Determination may be based on reported or estimated EBITDA, operating income, FCF, asset base, customer base or any other criteria the index committee deems relevant.
 - Clean energy segment(s) must have commercial revenue
- U.S. or Canadian based as determined by effective headquarters, asset base, customer base or any other criteria investment committee deems relevant.
- Must be listed on U.S. or Canadian exchange
- U.S. master limited partnerships (MLPs) are excluded
- Minimum float adjusted market capitalization of greater than \$300 million USD

- Minimum median trading liquidity of greater than \$3 million USD median over last 60 trading days prior to the selection date

All equity securities meeting the above criteria are selected for inclusion in the Index Universe.

A constituent will be removed from the index if any one of the following occurs:

- Company derives less than 40% of their value from clean energy business as determined by the Index Committee
- Company no longer U.S. or Canadian based as determined by the index committee
- Is delisted from U.S. or Canadian exchange
- Minimum float adjusted market capitalization falls below \$200M USD
- Minimum median trading liquidity over last 60 trading days falls below \$2mn USD

It is the intent of the committee to include at least 30 eligible securities that meet the above inclusion criteria.

These criteria are reviewed regularly and may be modified by the index committee.

Index Construction

The index will be weighted by the float adjusted market cap. No single stock may have a weight greater than 5% as of the rebalance date. All excess weight is proportionally redistributed.

Rebalance & Reconstitution

The Index will rebalance and reconstitute effective at the close of the 3rd Friday in March, June, September and December. The selection date of the securities is ten trading days prior to the rebalance date.

Holiday Schedule

The Index is calculated every day the U.S. or Canadian exchanges are open for trading.

Index Committee

The Index Committee reviews and approves all changes to the Index as well as regularly reviews the constituent criteria and index construction guidelines.

Announcements

Changes to the index due to a rebalance will be announced several business days prior to such rebalance.

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