

Description

The S&P 500[®] is widely regarded as the best single gauge of large-cap U.S. equities. According to our Annual Survey of Assets, an estimated USD 13.5 trillion is indexed or benchmarked to the index, with indexed assets comprising approximately USD 5.4 trillion of this total (as of Dec. 31, 2020). The index includes 500 leading companies and covers approximately 80% of available market capitalization.

Index Attributes

Created in 1957, the S&P 500 was the first U.S. market-cap-weighted stock market index. Today, it's the basis of many listed and over-the-counter investment instruments. This world-renowned index includes 500 of the top companies in leading industries of the U.S. economy.

The S&P 500 is part of a series of S&P Dow Jones U.S. equity indices that can be used as mutually exclusive building blocks; the index does not overlap holdings with the S&P MidCap 400[®] or S&P SmallCap 600[®]. Together, they constitute the S&P Composite 1500[®].

Methodology Construction

The following methodology summary is provided for convenience purposes only. For complete details, please view the methodology document at <https://www.spglobal.com/spdji/en/documents/methodologies/methodology-sp-us-indices.pdf>.

- **Universe.** All constituents must be U.S. companies.
- **Eligibility Market Cap.** Companies with market cap of USD 14.6 billion or greater.
- **Public Float.** At least 50% of shares outstanding must be available for trading.
- **Financial Viability.** Companies must have positive as-reported earnings over the most recent quarter, as well as over the most recent four quarters (summed together).
- **Adequate Liquidity and Reasonable Price.** Consists of highly tradable common stocks, with active and deep markets.

Quick Facts

WEIGHTING METHOD	Float-adjusted market cap weighted
REBALANCING FREQUENCY	Quarterly in March, June, September, and December
CALCULATION FREQUENCY	End of day
CALCULATION CURRENCIES	CNY
LAUNCH DATE	November 27, 2017
FIRST VALUE DATE	December 31, 1997
REGULATORY AUTHORIZATION	European Union

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All information for an index prior to its Launch Date is hypothetical back-tested, not actual performance, based on the index methodology in effect on the Launch Date. Back-tested performance reflects application of an index methodology and selection of index constituents with the benefit of hindsight and knowledge of factors that may have positively affected its performance, cannot account for all financial risk that may affect results and may be considered to reflect survivor/look ahead bias. Actual returns may differ significantly from, and be lower than, back-tested returns. Past performance is not an indication or guarantee of future results. This back-tested data may have been created using a "Backward Data Assumption". For more information on "Backward Data Assumption" and back-testing in general, please see the Performance Disclosure at the end of this material.

Historical Performance

Depending on index launch date, all charts below may include back-tested data.



Performance

INDEX LEVEL	RETURNS			ANNUALIZED RETURNS			
	1 MO	3 MOS	YTD	1 YR	3 YRS	5 YRS	10 YRS
Total Return							
4,975.99	-7.74%	-11.46%	-15.93%	-7.39%	9.66%	11.03%	13.55%
Price Return							
3,153.85	-7.88%	-11.82%	-16.58%	-8.74%	7.84%	9.05%	11.34%
Net Total Return							
3,387.24	-7.78%	-11.56%	-16.12%	-7.8%	9.11%	10.43%	12.88%

Calendar Year Performance

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Total Return	25.43%	11.16%	33.4%	0.81%	14.16%	19.82%	6.12%	16.51%	28.64%	14.83%
Price Return	23.66%	9.15%	30.76%	-1.14%	11.9%	17.23%	3.91%	14.15%	25.93%	12.26%
Net Total Return	24.9%	10.55%	32.6%	0.22%	13.48%	19.04%	5.45%	15.8%	27.82%	14.05%

Risk

	ANNUALIZED RISK			ANNUALIZED RISK-ADJUSTED RETURNS		
	3 YRS	5 YRS	10 YRS	3 YRS	5 YRS	10 YRS
Total Return	17.18%	15.79%	12.82%	0.56	0.7	1.06
Price Return	17.15%	15.78%	12.79%	0.46	0.57	0.89
Net Total Return	17.17%	15.79%	12.81%	0.53	0.66	1.01

Risk is defined as standard deviation calculated based on total returns using monthly values.

Country/Region Breakdown

COUNTRY/REGION	NUMBER OF CONSTITUENTS	TOTAL MARKET CAP [USD MILLION]	INDEX WEIGHT [%]
United States	503	33,530,584.81	100

Based on index constituents' country of domicile.

Tickers

	TICKER	REUTERS
Total Return	SPXCNYT	N/A
Net Total Return	SPXCNYN	N/A
Price Return	SPXCNYP	N/A

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Source: S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC.

The launch date of the S&P 500 (CNY) was November 27, 2017.

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Information presented prior to an index's launch date is hypothetical back-tested performance, not actual performance, and is based on the index methodology in effect on the launch date applied retroactively. However, when creating back-tested history for periods of market anomalies or other periods that do not reflect the general current market environment, index methodology rules may be relaxed to capture a large enough universe of securities to simulate the target market the index is designed to measure or strategy the index is designed to capture. For example, market capitalization and liquidity thresholds may be reduced. Also, forks have not been factored into the back-test data with respect to the S&P Cryptocurrency Indices. And for the S&P Cryptocurrency Top 5 & 10 Equal Weight Indices, the custody element of the methodology was not considered. Back-tested performance reflects application of an index methodology and selection of index constituents with the benefit of hindsight and knowledge of factors that may have positively affected its performance, cannot account for all financial risk that may affect results and may be considered to reflect survivor/look ahead bias. Actual returns may differ significantly from, and be lower than, back-tested returns. Past performance is not an indication or guarantee of future results.

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