



**NYSE® Arca Japan Index™  
(JPN)**

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## Version History:

### **Version 2.0 (Effective April 30, 2018)**

This version incorporates language reflecting changes to the announcement policy, legal structure of the Index Administrator, introduces language codifying certain procedures relating to Index governance, consultation and index rule reviews and includes an updated Disclaimer.

### **Version 1.1 (Effective June 19, 2017)**

This version incorporated the change in publication time and frequency i.e. conversion from real-time to once-a-day publication of the NYSE® Arca Japan Index™.

### **Version 1.0 (Effective April 2, 1990)**

The methodology document covers the newly-launched NYSE® Arca Japan Index™.

## 1. Index summary

<b>Factsheet</b>	
<i>Full Names</i>	NYSE® Arca Japan Index™
<i>Index Types</i>	Price Return (¥): JPN
<i>Index Description</i>	The NYSE® Arca Japan Index™ is a rules-based index designed to measure the composite price performance of common stocks that are actively traded on the Tokyo Stock Exchange and representative of a broad cross section of industries. Index composition and corporate actions, including rebalance information, can be accessed from NYSE Market Data at <a href="http://www.nyse.com/market-data/indices">www.nyse.com/market-data/indices</a> .
<i>Eligible Stocks</i>	All component stocks will be listed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange.
<i>Number of Constituents</i>	Fixed - 210
<i>Weighting</i>	Price-weighted
<i>Review of Composition</i>	The Index is rebalanced quarterly based on closing prices on the third Friday in March, June, September and December. The rebalance is announced after the close of trading two trading days before effective date.
<i>Effective Date of the Rebalance</i>	Rebalances are effective the opening of the first trading day after the review of composition.
<i>Calculation Frequency</i>	Price Return: Once-a-day between 09:00 & 11:30 ET
<i>Base Date</i>	April 2, 1990
<i>Base Level</i>	280
<i>Historic Data Available Since</i>	April 2, 1990
<i>Bloomberg Code</i>	JPN <INDEX>
<i>Reuters Code</i>	.JPN
<i>Launch Date</i>	April 2, 1990
<i>Website</i>	<a href="https://www.theice.com/market-data/indices">https://www.theice.com/market-data/indices</a>

## 2. Governance

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### Cases not covered in rules

In cases which are not expressly covered in these rules, operational adjustments will take place along the lines of the aim of the Index. Operational adjustments may also take place if, in the opinion of the Index Administrator, it is desirable to do so to maintain a fair and orderly market in derivatives on this Index and/or this is in the best interests of the investors in products based on the Index and/or the proper functioning of the markets.

Any such modifications described under this section or exercise of Expert Judgment will also be governed by any applicable policies, procedures and Guidelines in place by IDI at such time.

### Rule book changes

The Governance Committee reviews all rule book modifications and Index changes to ensure that they are made objectively, without bias and in accordance with applicable law and regulation and IDI’s policies and procedures. These rules may be supplemented, amended in whole or in part, revised or withdrawn at any time in accordance with applicable law and regulation and IDI applicable policies and procedures. Supplements, amendments, revisions and withdrawals may also lead to changes in the way the Index is compiled or calculated or affect the Index in another way.

### Limitations of the Index

All the NYSE indices produced by IDI (“the NYSE Indices”) may be subject to potential limitations, such as a decline in the pool of available eligible securities due to advancements in technology,

shifts in demographic spending or the economy, changes in regulation or accounting rules, consolidation in certain sectors or industries, or other factors. This can affect the ability of the Administrator to maintain the required minimum number of constituents for this index. Other limitations may include the ability of the Benchmark to operate in illiquid or fragmented markets.

IDI seeks to manage and mitigate these limitations through the Benchmark design, review and oversight process.

### **3. Index Description**

The NYSE® Arca Japan Index™ (“JPN” or “Index”) is a Japanese Yen (“¥”)denominated price-weighted index that measures the composite price performance of stocks issued by Japan domiciled issuers and actively traded on The Tokyo Stock Exchange. The index is designed to reflect the movement of the Japanese stock market.

## **4. Publication**

### **4.1 The daily publication of index values.**

#### **Dissemination frequency**

The level of the price return index is in principle published once-a-day to the ICE Data Global Index Feed (ICE Data GIF) between 09:00 & 11:30 ET.

#### **Closing level**

The closing level is the last level disseminated on the trading day and uses the official close prices from the primary listing market for each constituent. For constituents that have non-traded, halted or suspended status, or have not opened for the current day, the previous day's reference prices (primary exchange official closes) or estimated prices (for IPOs, buyouts and swap offers) are used instead. In the case of exceptional market conditions, the Index Administrator reserves the right to utilize other prices in the calculation of the official closing level, as indicated below in Section 4.2.

#### **Sources of Data**

The Tokyo Stock Exchange is the primary market data source for Japanese equity real-time and closing prices received by IDI via the ICE Consolidated Feed. Additional sources of data less commonly used include market data vendors, company announcements, exchange announcements and other official sources.

### **4.2 Exceptional market conditions and corrections**

The Index Administrator retains the right to delay the publication of the opening level of the index. Furthermore, the Index Administrator retains the right to suspend the publication of the level of the index if it believes that circumstances prevent the proper calculation of the index.

If index constituent prices are cancelled, the index will not be recalculated unless the Index Administrator decides otherwise.

Reasonable efforts are made to ensure the correctness and validity of data used in real-time index calculations. If incorrect price or corporate action data affects index daily closing values, they are corrected retroactively as soon as possible and all revisions are communicated out to the public and market data vendors.

There is the possibility of an exchange or market-wide event resulting in the normal closing auction not going off or official closing prices not being available. In those situations, the index will take guidance from the respective exchange(s) and address on an event-by-event basis. Exchange or market-wide events include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Volatility Halts
  - LULD (Limit Up / Limit Down)
  - Market Wide Circuit Breaker
- Technological Problems / Failures
- Natural Disaster or Other BCP-Related Event

## 4.3 Changes to the Index

### **Announcement policy**

Changes to the index methodology will be announced by an index announcement which will be distributed by IDI via [www.nyse.com/indices](http://www.nyse.com/indices) and NYSE Market Data at [www.nyse.com/market-data/indices](http://www.nyse.com/market-data/indices).

As a general rule, the announcement periods that are mentioned below will be applied. However, Emergency actions, including urgently required corporate action treatments, often resulting from late notices from the relevant company or exchange, may require the Index Administrator to deviate from the standard timing.

### **Inclusion of new constituents**

The inclusion of new companies in the index will typically only occur during the quarterly recompositions or rebalances, although there could be exceptions based on a specific corporate action affecting a current constituent. The inclusion of the new company will be announced at least two trading days before the effective date of the actual inclusion. For example, for a rebalance effective for market open on March 19, 2018, the announcement would occur after the close on March 14, 2018.

### **Removal of Constituents**

Components would be removed from the index as a result of periodic corporate actions as well as the results of the quarterly rebalances. All removals will be announced at least one trading day before the effective date of the removal. It should be noted that in the case of mergers and acquisitions, every effort will be made to remove the company at some reasonable time ahead of the suspension in trading in the acquired company. There will be certain situations and corporate actions that would require the removal of a company that has already ceased trading. In those cases, the company will be removed from the index at its last traded price, or, at the discretion of the Index Administrator, at a derived price that most accurately represents its post-suspension value.

Components are replaced within 3 business days of the action to maintain the fixed number of stocks in the index.

### **Corporate actions**



In case of an event that could affect one or more constituents, the Index Administrator will inform the market about the intended treatment of the event in the index shortly after the firm details have become available and have been confirmed. When possible, the corporate action will be announced, even if not all information is known, at least one trading day before the effective date of the action. Once the corporate action has been effectuated, the Index Administrator will confirm the changes in a separate announcement.

### **Rule changes**

Going forward, barring exceptional circumstances, the Index Administrator shall announce proposed Rules changes to stakeholders prior to them being implemented. Stakeholders shall also be notified of when the changes shall take effect.

### **Index Reviews**

IDI shall undertake regular reviews of the Index, the methodology and the market which it represents to ensure it continues to meet the index objective, in accordance with IDI's policies and procedures. Should changes to the Index be required or proposed, this will be communicated to stakeholders in accordance with IDI's policies and procedures.

### **Consultations**

IDI may from time to time consult with stakeholders on proposed material changes that affect the Index in accordance with IDI's policies and procedures including IDI's consultation policy: [https://www.theice.com/publicdocs/Consultation\\_Policy.pdf](https://www.theice.com/publicdocs/Consultation_Policy.pdf). Such proposals shall be published to Stakeholders and all feedback received will be considered by the Index Administrator. Any resulting changes to the Index will be announced prior to it being implemented.

### **Reconstitution/Rebalance: Publication of Results**

The new composition of the index, including the companies to be a part of the index and their corresponding new index shares, will be announced at least two trading days before the effective date and can be accessed from NYSE Market Data at [www.nyse.com/market-data/indices](http://www.nyse.com/market-data/indices).

## **5. Calculation**

### **5.1 Calculation of the price index**

The index is calculated on a Price Return basis. The current index level would be calculated by dividing the current modified index market capitalization by the index divisor. The divisor was determined off of the initial capitalization base of the index and the base level. The divisor is updated as a result of corporate actions and composition changes.

A full description of the formulae used to calculate Price Return index values can be found in the “NYSE Indices - Guide to Index Mathematics” at [www.nyse.com/market-data/indices](http://www.nyse.com/market-data/indices).

## **6. Index rebalances**

### **6.1 General aim of rebalances and frequency**

#### **General aim of the periodical rebalance**

The general aim of the quarterly rebalance of the index is to ensure that the selection and weightings of the constituents continues to reflect as closely as possible the index's objective. The Index Administrator reserves the right to, at any time, replace one or more stocks contained in the index with one or more substitute stocks of its choice, if in the Index Administrator's discretion such addition, deletion or substitution is necessary or appropriate to maintain the quality and/or character of the index. Such index constituent changes are reviewed by the Governance Committee to ensure that they are made objectively, without bias and in accordance with applicable law and regulation and IDI's policies and procedures.

#### **Frequency**

Changes to the index constituents may occur during a scheduled rebalance and as a result of the removal of an index constituent.

The NYSE® Arca Japan Index™ rebalances become effective at the open of the first trading after the third Friday of March, June, September and December. The rebalance announcement will be made after the close two trading days prior to the effective date. The reference date for all company-specific data and information utilized in the rebalancing process will be taken from prices established at the close of trading on the third Friday of March, June, September and December.

### **6.2 Index universe and selection principle**

#### **Index Universe**

Development and maintenance of the component universe for the NYSE® Arca Japan Index™ is undertaken by IDI. The Universe is composed of all Japanese issuer listed equity securities. This determination is completed using publically available information on individual security issuers as well as the industry. Also instrumental in this determination is IDI employees' expertise concerning index design and development and their knowledge surrounding index use and stakeholder feedback. IDI may change the composition of the Universe at any time to ensure that the pool of component securities continues to represent Japanese listed securities, in accordance with the Index requirements.

## **Selection of constituents**

At each quarterly rebalance, the index universe will be screened utilizing the following criteria:

1. All component stocks will be listed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange
2. A minimum market value of at least ¥25 Billion measured over the prior 20 day period
3. The yen price per share for each component security during the preceding 20 business days before index inclusion must be less than five times the average price of all components in the index. To continue to be included in the index, the yen price per share each component during the preceding 20 business days before quarterly index review must be less than ten times the average price of all components in the index.
4. Trading volume in each of the last six months of not less than 500,000 shares per month over the previous six months

## **6.3 Periodical update of weighting**

### **Determining constituent weightings at Quarterly Index Rebalances**

Every quarter after the close of trading on the third Friday of March, June, September and December, the Index determines component weights using a price-weighted methodology.

The newly adjusted portfolio becomes the basis for the Index's value effective on the first trading day following the quarterly adjustments. If necessary, a divisor adjustment is made to ensure continuity of the Index's value.

## **7. Corporate Actions**

### **7.1 General**

The index may be adjusted in order to maintain the continuity of the index level and the composition. The underlying aim is that the index continues to reflect as closely as possible the index's objective of measuring the composite price performance of stocks issued by Japan domiciled issuers and actively traded on The Tokyo Stock Exchange.

Adjustments take place in reaction to events that occur with constituents in order to mitigate or eliminate the effect of that event on the index performance.

A full description of standard corporate action events and their handling can be found in the "NYSE Indices Corporate Action Handling Guide" at <https://www.nyse.com/indices/rules>.

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