

NYSE® Arca Junior Gold BUGS Index™ (JHUI)

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

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Original methodology of NYSE® Arca Junior Gold BUGS Index™

1. Index summary

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Factsheet	
Full Names	NYSE® Arca Junior Gold BUGS Index™
Index Types	Price Return (USD): JHUI
Index Description	The NYSE® Arca Junior Gold BUGS Index [™] is a modified equal dollar weighted index of small-cap companies involved in gold mining. The JHUI Index was designed to provide exposure to near term movements in gold prices by including globally listed, small-cap gold mining companies that do not hedge their gold production beyond 1.5 years. Index composition and corporate actions, including rebalance information, can be accessed from NYSE Market Data at <u>www.nyse.com/market-data/indices</u> .
Eligible Stocks	Common stocks, ADRs, or GDRs of selected companies involved in the mining for gold and are listed for trading and electronically quoted on a major stock market that is accessible by foreign investors.
Number of Constituents	Variable
Weighting	Modified Equal-Dollar Weighting
Review of Composition	Announced Quarterly in March, June, September, and December on the Wednesday preceding the third Friday of the Month. Shares announced Quarterly in March, June, September, and December after market close of third Friday of the Month.
Effective Date of the Rebalance	Rebalances are effective Quarterly in March, June, September, and December after the review of composition.
Calculation Frequency	Price Return: Once-a-day between 16:00 & 19:00 ET
Base Date	June 19, 2009
Base Level	500.00
Historic Data Available Since	June 19, 2009
Bloomberg Code	JHUI INDEX

Reuters Code	JHUI
Launch Date	June 19, 2009
Website	https://www.theice.com/market-data/indices

2. Governance

Index Sponsor & Administrator

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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. 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 Junior Gold BUGS Index[™] is a modified equal dollar weighted index of smallcap companies involved in gold mining. The Index was designed to provide exposure to near term movements in gold prices by including globally listed, small-cap gold mining companies that do not hedge their gold production beyond 1.5 years.

4. Publication

4.1 The opening, intraday and closing or daily publication of index values.

Opening

The first index level is calculated and published around 09:30 ET, when the U.S. equity markets open for their regular trading session. The calculation of that level utilizes the most updated prices available at that moment. In the case of constituents that have a 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.

Dissemination frequency

The level of the price return index is in principle published once-a-day between 16:00 & 19:00 ET to the ICE Data Global Index Feed (ICE Data GIF).

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. The currency rate that will be utilized in the calculation of the closing level is the current day's London 4:00 PM WM/Reuters Spot FX rate, or if not available, the prior day's relevant London 4:00 PM WM/Reuters Spot FX rate. 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 Consolidated Tape (CTS/UDTF) is the primary market data source for U.S. equity real-time and closing prices. Currency rates are sourced from WM/Reuters. 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 <u>www.nyse.com/indices</u> and NYSE Market Data at <u>www.nyse.com/market-data/indices</u>

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 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 three trading days 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.

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. 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 <u>www.nyse.com/market-data/indices</u>.

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 <u>https://www.nyse.com/indices/rules</u>.

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 of providing exposure to near term movements in gold prices by including globally listed, small-cap gold mining companies that do not hedge their gold production beyond 1.5 years. The Index Administrator reserves the right to, at any time, change the number of stocks comprising the index by adding or deleting one or more stocks, or replacing 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 Junior Gold BUGS 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 that last trading day. 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 Junior Gold BUGS Index[™] is undertaken by IDI. The Universe is composed of all listed equity securities including Common stocks and ADRs of companies involved in the mining for gold ore with a USD market capitalization between 1.5 and 0.25 billion and a six month average daily traded value of at least USD 1.5 million. Component's that have multiple listing will use their primary market of reference for price and volume information but do not hedge their production beyond 1.5 years.

The Index aims to include companies that have the majority of their revenues directly related to gold-mining activities. Thus, companies with a more diversified metal exposure or a greater exposure to silver mining are excluded from being eligible.

The Index also seeks to only include those gold mining companies that have not hedged a significant portion of their production through futures, forwards, or options contracts. This ensures that the companies have an exposure to near-term movements in spot gold prices. The universe is selected by excluding those companies with a hedging ratio of over 1.5 years. That ratio is calculated by dividing the total number of gold ounces hedged against through derivatives on a company's hedge book by the number of gold ounces produced in the last year.

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 reflect the conditions of the gold ore mining industry and to ensure that the pool of component securities continues to represent the gold ore mining industry, in accordance with the Index requirements.

Selection of constituents

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

- 1. Selected from the universe of global listed gold mining companies with a USD market capitalization between 250 million and 1.5 billion and a six month average daily traded value of at least USD 1.5 million.
- 2. Each U.S. component security must be either listed on the NYSE American, NYSE, or NASDAQ and reported NMS securities
- 3. Each component security must have a market capitalization of at least \$75 million except that of the lowest weighted components no more than 10% of the weight of the index, shall have a market value less than the market value can be at least \$50 million
- 4. Trading volume of each component security must be at least 500,000 shares for each of the last six months For companies comprising a maximum weight of 10% of the Index, a minimum Monthly Volume requirement of 400,000 shares for each of the last six months can be applied
- 5. Component securities that account for at least 90% of the weight of the Index, and at least 80% of the total number of component securities will have an observed share price of 3.00 USD for each of the five trading days prior to the rebalance reference date.
- 6. Non-U.S. component securities (stocks or American Depositary Receipts) that are not subject to comprehensive surveillance agreements do not in the aggregate represent more than 20% of the weight of the Index.

For reasons of practicality, the Index Administrator has the discretion to not include all companies that meet the minimum levels for inclusion. These include, but are not limited to, pending corporate actions, litigation or geo-political events that may affect a given stock. In addition, as noted at the start of Section 6.1, the Index Administrator has the discretion to include companies that do not meet the minimum levels for inclusion, if it determines that by doing so it maintains the quality and/or character of the index.

Selected line

Only one listing is permitted per company within the Index. If multiple share classes are available for a particular listing line, the most liquid class will be included in the Index. There is no rules-based consideration of the amount of free float shares available for each company. Instead, the Index Administrator evaluates, on a discretionary basis, the amount of free float shares available to the public while performing its review of the universe.

6.3 Periodical update of weighting

Determining constituent weightings at Quarterly Index Rebalances

The Index is weighted based upon the relative market capitalization of each of the component stocks, modified to conform to the following weighting requirements, which are applied in conjunction with the scheduled quarterly adjustments to the index. The information utilized in this modification process will be taken from the close of trading on the Wednesday preceding the third Friday of the rebalance month:

- 1. All of the companies to be a part of the new index are ranked from highest to lowest by full market capitalization (not adjusted for free float);
- 2. The top two companies, as ranked by full market capitalization, are attributed a weighting of 15% each;
- 3. The company with the third largest full market capitalization is assigned a weighting of 10%;
- 4. The remaining companies in the index (with a full market capitalization rank of four and lower) are equal-weighted into the remaining 60% of the index weight

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 identifying and selecting stocks from a particular market segment that have a greater potential for capital appreciation.

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 <u>https://www.nyse.com/indices/rules.</u>

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