



INDEX METHODOLOGY

## NASDAQ US BUYBACK ACHIEVERS™ INDEX

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#### INDEX DESCRIPTION

The Nasdaq US BuyBack Achievers Index is comprised of United States (US) securities issued by corporations that have effected a net reduction in shares outstanding of 5% or more in the trailing twelve months.

#### SECURITY ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To qualify for index inclusion, securities must meet the following Security Eligibility Criteria, which are applied as of the Reconstitution reference dates.

##### Security types

Eligible security types include common stocks, limited partnership interests, REITs, Units, and shares of limited liability companies.

##### Multiple classes of securities

One security per issuer is permitted. If an issuer has multiple otherwise-eligible securities, one of which is an Index Security as of the Reconstitution reference dates, only that security may be eligible; otherwise, only the security with the highest three-month average daily value traded (ADVT) may be eligible.

##### Listing exchanges

The security must be listed on the Nasdaq Stock Market, the New York Stock Exchange, NYSE American, or the CBOE Exchange.

##### Geographies

The issuer of the security must be incorporated in the United States or in certain beneficial countries. For the list of these beneficial countries, please refer to the Nasdaq Global™ Index (NQGI™) methodology.

## Liquidity

The security must have an average daily value traded (ADVT) of at least \$500,000 (USD) for each of the three months leading up to and including the months of the Reconstitution reference dates.

## Other eligibility criteria

The issuer of the security must have effected a net reduction in shares outstanding of 5% or more in the trailing twelve months.

If, at reconstitution, Nasdaq becomes aware that an issuer or security will soon undergo a fundamental change that makes it ineligible, Nasdaq will remove the security from consideration. This includes entering into a definitive merger or acquisition agreement or other pending arrangement that would make it ineligible for Index inclusion, or a filing of bankruptcy or similar protection from creditors, or other events as described in Section 3 of **Corporate Actions and Events Manual – Equities**.

## CONSTITUENT SELECTION

### Constituent selection process

A Reconstitution is conducted semiannually based on the Reconstitution reference dates.

All securities that meet the applicable Security Eligibility Criteria are included in the Index.

## CONSTITUENT WEIGHTING

### Constituent weighting scheme

The Index is a modified free float market capitalization-weighted index.

### Constituent weighting process

A Rebalance is conducted quarterly based on the Rebalance reference dates.

Each Index Security's initial weight is determined by dividing the Index Security's free float market capitalization by the aggregate free float market capitalization of all Index Securities.

Initial Index Security weights are then adjusted to meet the following constraint:

- No Index Security weight may exceed 5%.

The excess weight of any capped security is redistributed proportionally across the remaining Index Securities. For additional information about index weighting, see **Nasdaq Index Weight Calculations**.

## INDEX CALENDAR

### Reconstitution & Rebalancing schedule

| <b>Reconstitution Frequency</b>          | Semiannually                                                                                 |
|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Rebalance Frequency</b>               | Quarterly                                                                                    |
| <b>Reconstitution Reference Dates</b>    | Last trading day in June and December, respectively                                          |
| <b>Reconstitution Announcement Dates</b> | After the close on the sixth trading day prior to the Reconstitution effective dates         |
| <b>Reconstitution Effective Dates</b>    | At market open on the first trading day of August and February, respectively                 |
| <b>Rebalance Reference Dates</b>         | Last trading day in March, June, September, and December, respectively                       |
| <b>Rebalance Announcement Dates</b>      | After the close on the sixth trading day prior to the Rebalance effective dates              |
| <b>Rebalance Effective Dates</b>         | At market open on the first trading day of May, August, November, and February, respectively |

### Holiday schedules

The Indexes are calculated Monday through Friday, except on days when the US markets are closed.

### Index calculation and dissemination schedule

The Indexes are calculated and disseminated once per second from 9:30:01 to 17:16:00 Eastern Time (ET) in USD. The closing values of the Indexes may change up until 17:15:00 ET due to corrections to the Last Sale Price of the Index Securities.

## INDEX MAINTENANCE

### Deletion policy

If, at any time other than an Index Reconstitution, Nasdaq determines that an Index Security has or will undergo a fundamental alteration that would make it ineligible for Index inclusion, the Index Security is removed as soon as practicable. Such alternations may include a merger, acquisition or other major corporate event that would otherwise adversely affect the integrity of the Index.

### Replacement policy

Index Securities deleted at any time during the year other than the Index Reconstitution are not replaced.

## Corporate actions

In the periods between scheduled index reconstitution and rebalancing events, individual index securities may be the subject to a variety of corporate actions and events that require maintenance and adjustments to the Index. The specific treatment of each type of corporate action or event is described in Nasdaq **Corporate Actions and Events Manual – Equities**, which is incorporated herein by reference.

In certain cases, corporate actions and events are handled according to the weighting scheme or other index construction techniques employed. Wherever alternate methods are described, the Index will follow the “Market Cap Corporate Action Method.”

## Index share adjustments

Other than as a direct result of corporate actions, the Index does not normally experience share adjustments between scheduled Index Rebalance and Reconstitution events.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### Announcements

Nasdaq announces Index-related information via the Nasdaq Global Index Watch (GIW) website at <http://indexes.nasdaq.com>.

For more information on the general Index Announcement procedures, refer to the **Nasdaq Index Methodology Guide**.

### Unexpected market closures

For information on Unexpected Market Closures, refer to the **Nasdaq Index Methodology Guide**.

### Calculation types

For information on the Index calculation types as well as the mathematical approach used to calculate the Index(es), refer to the **Calculation Manual – Equities and Commodities**.

### Recalculation and restatement policy

For information on the Recalculation and Restatement Policy, refer to the **Nasdaq Index Recalculation Policy**.

### Data sources

For information on data sources, refer to the **Nasdaq Index Methodology Guide**.

Contact information

For any questions regarding an Index, contact the Nasdaq Index Client Services team at [indexservices@nasdaq.com](mailto:indexservices@nasdaq.com).

Index dissemination

Index values and weightings information are available through Nasdaq Global Index Watch (GIW) website at <https://indexes.nasdaq.com/> as well as the Nasdaq Global Index FlexFile Delivery Service (GIFFD) and Global Index Dissemination Services (GIDS). Similar to the GIDS offerings, Genium Consolidated Feed (GCF) provides real-time Index values and weightings for the Nordic Indexes.

For more detailed information regarding Index Dissemination, refer to the **Nasdaq Index Methodology Guide**.

Website

For further information, refer to Nasdaq GIW website at <https://indexes.nasdaq.com/>.

FTP and dissemination service

Index values and weightings are available via FTP on the Nasdaq Global Indexes FlexFile Delivery Service (GIFFD). Index values are available via Nasdaq’s Global Index Dissemination Services (GIDS).

GOVERNANCE

All Nasdaq Indexes are managed by the governance committee structure and have transparent governance, oversight, and accountability procedures for the Index determination process. For further details on the Index Methodology and Governance overlay, refer to the **Nasdaq Index Methodology Guide**.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS AS USED IN THIS DOCUMENT

For the glossary of key terms, refer to the **Nasdaq Index Methodology Guide**.

APPENDIX A: METHODOLOGY CHANGE LOG

| Effective Date | Methodology Section           | Previous                                                                                                                                      | Updated                                                                |
|----------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 02/03/2025     | Security eligibility criteria | Ford Equity Research applied all Security Eligibility Criteria, except for those related to definitive agreements and bankruptcy proceedings. | Nasdaq assumes the role of applying all Security Eligibility Criteria. |

| Effective Date | Methodology Section                                                                         | Previous                                                                                                                                                                  | Updated                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 02/03/2025     | Constituent selection:<br>Constituent selection process                                     | A Reconstitution is conducted annually based on the Reconstitution reference dates.                                                                                       | A Reconstitution is conducted semiannually based on the Reconstitution reference dates.                                                                                                                          |
| 02/03/2025     | Constituent weighting:<br>Constituent weighting scheme                                      | The Index is a modified market capitalization-weighted index.                                                                                                             | The Index is a modified free float market capitalization-weighted index.                                                                                                                                         |
| 02/03/2025     | Constituent weighting:<br>Constituent weighting process                                     | Each Index Security's initial weight is determined by dividing the Index Security's market capitalization by the aggregate market capitalization of all Index Securities. | Each Index Security's initial weight is determined by dividing the Index Security's free float market capitalization by the aggregate free float market capitalization of all Index Securities.                  |
| 02/03/2025     | Index calendar:<br>Reconstitution & rebalancing schedule:<br>Reconstitution frequency       | Annually                                                                                                                                                                  | Semiannually                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 02/03/2025     | Index calendar:<br>Reconstitution & rebalancing schedule:<br>Reconstitution reference dates | Last trading day in December                                                                                                                                              | Last trading day in June and December, respectively                                                                                                                                                              |
| 02/03/2025     | Index calendar:<br>Reconstitution & rebalancing schedule:<br>Reconstitution effective dates | At market open on the first trading day of February                                                                                                                       | At market open on the first trading day of August and February, respectively                                                                                                                                     |
| 11/08/2013     | Index description                                                                           | The Nasdaq US BuyBack Achievers Index is comprised of US securities that have repurchased 5% or more of their common stock in the trailing 4 quarters.                    | The Nasdaq US BuyBack Achievers Index is comprised of United States (US) securities issued by corporations that have effected a net reduction in shares outstanding of 5% or more in the trailing twelve months. |

| Effective Date | Methodology Section                                       | Previous                                                                                              | Updated                                                                                                                          |
|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 11/08/2013     | Security eligibility criteria: Other eligibility criteria | The issuer of the security must have repurchased 5% or more of its shares in the trailing 4 quarters. | The issuer of the security must have effected a net reduction in shares outstanding of 5% or more in the trailing twelve months. |

## DISCLAIMER

Nasdaq may, from time to time, exercise reasonable discretion as it deems appropriate in order to ensure Index integrity, including but not limited to, quantitative inclusion criteria. Nasdaq may also, due to special circumstances, if deemed essential, apply discretionary adjustments to ensure and maintain the high quality of the index construction and calculation. Nasdaq does not guarantee that any Index accurately reflects future market performance.

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