

# Methodology

## Introduction

The Dow Jones BRIC Brazil 15 Index<sup>SM</sup> represents the country's 15 largest and most liquid stocks. This index is one of four subindexes that comprise the Dow Jones BRIC 50 Index<sup>SM</sup>.

## Index Universe

The index universe includes all stocks in the Dow Jones Brazil Total Stock Market Index<sup>SM</sup>, which covers approximately 95% of underlying float-adjusted market capitalization.

In the case of multiple lines of a company, the less liquid lines are excluded.

## Stock Selection

Stocks are selected based on rankings by size and liquidity, subject to buffers, and then the selections are aggregated to create the index.

Fifteen components are targeted. Selection proceeds as follows:

- 1 The largest 30 stocks are ranked by float-adjusted market capitalization.
- 2 The largest 30 stocks are ranked by average daily turnover volume for the three months prior to the selection date.
- 3 A final ranking is calculated by equally weighting the market capitalization and volume ranks.
- 4 The largest 10 stocks are selected to the index.
- 5 The remaining 5 stocks are selected from the largest remaining current stocks ranked between 11-20.
- 6 If the number of stocks selected is still below 15, then the largest remaining stocks are selected until the component number reaches 15.

## Review Frequency

The index's composition is reviewed annually in June. The index is also reviewed on an ongoing basis to account for corporate actions such as mergers, delistings or bankruptcies.

## Weighting

The index is float-adjusted market capitalization weighted. A 10% cap on compound weights of the Dow Jones BRIC 50 Index<sup>SM</sup>, is applied quarterly.

## Historical Data Availability

The Dow Jones BRIC Brazil 15 Index<sup>SM</sup> is calculated in USD and EUR. Price and total return series are available.

Calculation of the Dow Jones BRIC Brazil 15 Index<sup>SM</sup> began on June 7, 2006. Real index history is available daily from this date forward. Back-tested historical data have been calculated daily back to December 31, 2002, the date at which the index base value is set at 100.

Estimated back-tested historical data represents calculations of how the index might have performed in the past if it had existed. Back-tested performance information is purely hypothetical and is solely for informational purposes. Back-tested performance does not represent actual performance, and should not be interpreted as an indication of actual performance. Past performance is not indicative of future results. Index performance is not the same as fund performance as it does not reflect management and other fees.

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