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**INTRODUCTION**

The MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Net Total Return Index (“MSCI AxJ”) is a well-established benchmark representing Asia regional (excluding Japan) equity market performance. The MSCI AxJ is calculated by MSCI and was launched in January 2001. It currently comprises securities in two developed markets (Hong Kong and Singapore) and nine emerging markets (Mainland China, India, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippines, Taiwan and Thailand). With 646 constituent stocks, it covers approximately 85 per cent of the free float-adjusted market capitalisation in each market and the total free float-adjusted index market capitalisation was USD 4,748 billion\*. The index is calculated in a net total return form (i.e. reinvestment of net dividend payout into the index portfolio).

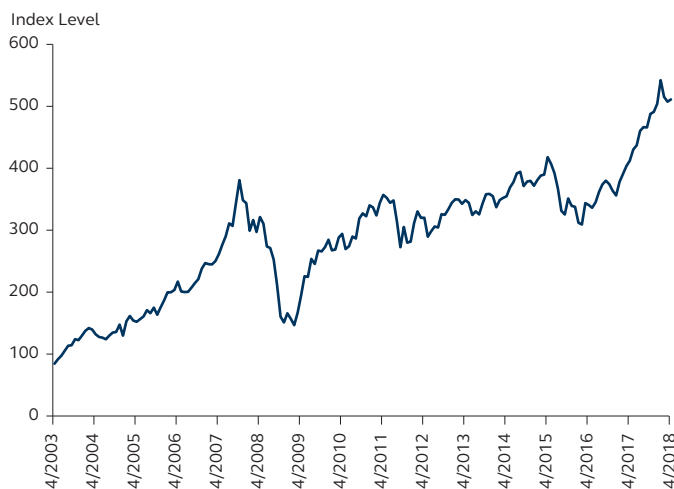
**USES OF MSCI AxJ FUTURES**

The introduction of the MSCI AxJ Futures contract aims to meet the trading and hedging needs of investors who have exposure to large and mid-cap companies in developed and emerging Asian markets (ex-Japan) in a cost effective manner. Asset managers and banks can make use of MSCI AxJ Futures for cash equitisation and to manage market, settlement and liquidity risks while avoiding cross zone trading issue.

**TRADING IN ASIA TIME ZONE**

Price discovery for MSCI AxJ occurs primarily during Asia time zone. Over 38 per cent^ of the index constituents (by index weight) can be traded through Hong Kong or Stock Connect programme. HKEX MSCI AxJ Futures provides Asia time zone coverage for investors.

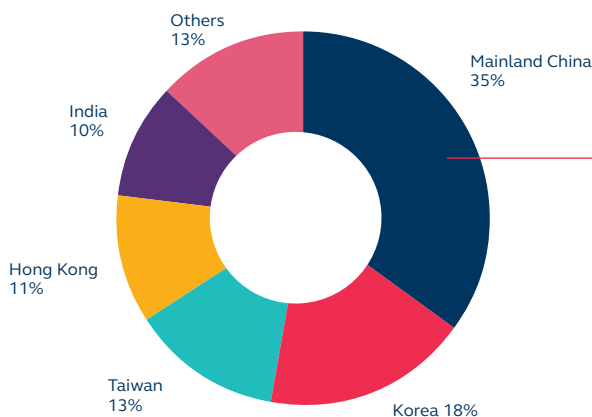
**INDEX PERFORMANCE (USD) (APR 2003 – APR 2018)^**



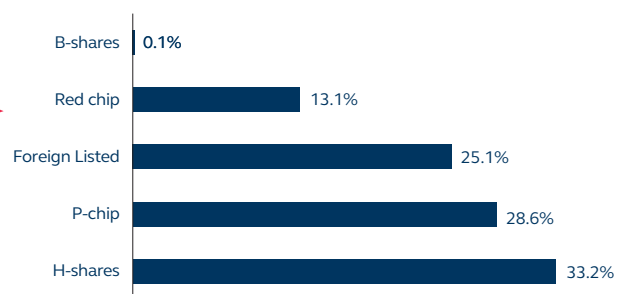
**TOP 10 CONSTITUENTS OF MSCI AxJ INDEX\*\***

Company Name	Market	Free Float Adjusted Market Cap (USD Bn)	Index Weight (%)	Sector
Tencent Holdings	Mainland China	283.94	5.95	Info Tech
Samsung Electronics	Korea	240.24	5.03	Info Tech
Alibaba Group	Mainland China	205.77	4.31	Info Tech
Taiwan Semiconductor	Taiwan	189.00	3.96	Info Tech
AIA Group	Hong Kong	108.77	2.28	Financials
CCB	Mainland China	89.20	1.87	Financials
Baidu	Mainland China	69.05	1.45	Info Tech
ICBC	Mainland China	65.61	1.37	Financials
China Mobile	Mainland China	58.86	1.23	Telecom Services
Ping An Insurance	Mainland China	51.51	1.08	Financials

**INDEX CONSTITUENTS WEIGHT BY MARKET**



**TYPES OF CHINESE SHARES**



\* Source: MSCI, as of 30 April 2018

^ Source: Bloomberg, as of 30 April 2018

# The constituent list and vendor codes can be found on the MSCI websites [www.msci.com/constituents](http://www.msci.com/constituents) and [www.msci.com/ticker-codes](http://www.msci.com/ticker-codes) respectively.

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## INFORMATION VENDOR ACCESS CODE

### INDEX

	Bloomberg L.P.	Thomson Reuters
Access Code	M1ASJ Index	.MIAX00000NUS

### FUTURES

	AAStocks.com	Bloomberg L.P.	CQG	DB Power Online	East Money Information	Infocast	N2N-AFE
Access Code	221495	MJSA Index CT	MXJ	MXJ	MXJ	MXJ	870823
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## MSCI AxJ FUTURES CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS

ITEMS	KEY CONTRACT TERMS
Underlying Index	MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Net Total Return Index (USD)
HKATS Code	MXJ
Trading Currency	USD
Contract Multiplier	USD 100 per index point
Contract Months	The nearest five calendar quarter months (i.e. quarter months are March, June, September and December)
Calendar Spreads	Cover 1st spot quarter month to other quarter months
Trading Hours (Hong Kong Time)	8:30 am – 4:30 pm (Day Session); 5:15 pm – 1:00 am (AHT Session) (Expiring contract months closes at 4:30 pm on the Last Trading Day)
Last Trading Day (LTD)	The 3rd Friday of the contract month; if it falls on a HK public holiday, LTD will be the preceding business day which is also a business day in HK
Exchange Fee	USD 0.5 per contract per side
Cash Settlement Fee	USD 0.5 per contract per side on final settlement
Commission Levy	USD 0.07** per contract
Position Limit	110,000 net contracts long or short for all contract months combined
Large Open Position	500 open contracts, in any one contract month
Holiday Schedule	Follows Hong Kong public holiday schedule

<sup>^</sup> The USD equivalent of HKD 0.54 per contract at the exchange rate determined by the HKFE from time to time.

<sup>†</sup> The Commission Levy will be exempted for the first six months of trading, i.e. from 11 June 2018 to 10 December 2018.

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