

Market Strategy

MSCI Aug'24 Preview: Pakistan's weight likely to increase by 51bps

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MSCI Index Preview

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In the upcoming MSCI review scheduled for Aug 12th, 2024, some key changes are anticipated for Pakistan's representation in the MSCI Frontier Markets (FM) Index. These changes are expected to take effect from Sept 2, 2024.

Expected additions:

We anticipate that seven stocks will be added to the MSCI FM Index, which are:

- Sazgar Engineering Works Limited (SAZEW)
- Service Industries Limited (SRVI)
- Pioneer Cement Limited (PIOC)
- D.G. Khan Cement Company Limited (DGKC)
- Fauji Fertilizer Bin Qasim Limited (FFBL)
- Fauji Cement Company Limited (FCCL)
- Faysal Bank Limited (FABL)

Expected deletions: On the other hand, we expect that TRG Pakistan Limited (TRG) will be deleted from the MSCI FM Index amid stock not meeting the total market capitalization criteria of USD 126mn.

Post these adjustments, the total number of Pakistani constituents in the MSCI FM Index is expected to increase to 27 from 21 in the last MSCI review. Consequently, we anticipate that Pakistan's weight in the MSCI FM Index will rise from the current 3.7% to approximately 4.2%.

The table provided on the right contains the detailed weights of the MSCI FM Pakistan Index constituents, reflecting the expected changes post-review.

Exhibit: MSCI FM Standard Index*

Symbol	Ord. M.Cap (USD mn)	FIF M.Cap (USD mn)	FIF adjusted FF weight in MSCI Index
HUBC	714.26	571.40	0.42%
UBL	1,141.44	456.58	0.33%
LUCK	955.22	382.09	0.28%
MCB	965.73	338.01	0.25%
EFERT	814.30	325.72	0.24%
ENGRO	640.37	320.18	0.23%
FFC	747.37	298.95	0.22%
HBL	744.52	297.81	0.22%
BAHL	445.76	289.74	0.21%
OGDC	2,037.17	285.20	0.21%
MTL	429.96	257.97	0.19%
MARI	1,288.97	257.79	0.19%
SYS	472.05	236.02	0.17%
PPL	1,129.99	226.00	0.16%
POL	558.08	195.33	0.14%
BAFL	368.28	165.73	0.12%
PSO	273.95	123.28	0.09%
NBP	365.43	87.44	0.06%
ILP	387.02	77.40	0.06%
SNGP	163.95	73.78	0.05%
SAZEW	242.66	84.93	0.06%
SRVI	162.87	81.44	0.06%
PIOC	143.28	71.64	0.05%
DGKC	138.48	69.24	0.05%
FFBL	195.72	68.50	0.05%
FCCL	193.91	67.87	0.05%
FABL	256.81	64.20	0.05%
TRG	106.78	80.09	0.06%
Total	15,977.57	5,774.26	4.21%

Source: MSCI, PSX, Bloomberg, AHL Research, *expected

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