

MONEX GROUP

Monex Group Became a Component of All Six ESG Indices Adopted by GPIF

- Selected as component for ESG Index “FTSE Blossom Japan Index” and “Morningstar Japan ex-REIT Gender Diversity Tilt Index (GenDi J)” adopted by GPIF for the first time -

TOKYO, June 14, 2023 - Monex Group, Inc. (headquarters: Tokyo; Representative Executive Officer and CEO: Oki Matsumoto; hereinafter “the Company”) announces that it has been first selected as a component of the “FTSE Blossom Japan Index” and the “Morningstar Japan ex-REIT Gender Diversity Tilt Index (GenDi J)” that are adopted as investment benchmarks for ESG investment targeting Japanese companies by the Government Pension Investment Fund (“GPIF”). With the incorporations above, the Company is now a component of all six ESG indices adopted by GPIF.



2022 CONSTITUENT MSCI JAPAN
ESG SELECT LEADERS INDEX
2022 CONSTITUENT MSCI JAPAN
EMPOWERING WOMEN INDEX (WIN)

The Company has been promoting various ESG/Sustainability initiatives based on the belief that those activities are inseparable from our business and contributes to medium- to long-term enhancement of corporate value. To expand its corporate value in a sustainable manner, the Company reviewed the materiality matrix incorporating feedbacks from stakeholders, responded to TCFD recommendations, and in addition, took steps to revise its Human Rights Policy and the Code of Conduct. As a result, the Company has been selected as a component of the “FTSE Blossom Japan Index,” and further, became the first to join the index among the Japanese online brokers or crypto asset exchange business providers*1.

Moreover, given the Company’s belief that it is important to have an environment and culture of high quality DEI (Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion) for its people to achieve sustainable growth, the Company is honored to become a constituent of “Morningstar Japan ex-REIT Gender Diversity Tilt Index (GenDi J).” The index is designed to emphasize the stocks of companies that have strong gender diversity policies embedded in their corporate culture and that ensure equal opportunities to employees, irrespective of their gender.

The Company will continue to strive to disclose the ESG/Sustainability initiatives in transparent and an easy-to-understand manner for all stakeholders as a constituent of the “FTSE Blossom Japan Index,” “FTSE Blossom Japan Sector Relative Index,” “MSCI Japan ESG Select Leaders Index,” “MSCI Japan Empowering Women (WIN) Select Index,” “S&P/JPX Carbon Efficient Index” and “Morningstar Japan ex-REIT Gender Diversity Tilt Index (GenDi J),” thereby communicating our contribution to the realization of a sustainable society. The Company will also continue to work to achieve a long-term and sustainable growth in corporate value to become a company that is needed by society and customers through efforts aimed at realizing our business principle of “optimizing each person’s lifetime balance sheet.”

For more information on Monex Group's ESG/Sustainability initiatives, please refer to the following;
<https://www.monexgroup.jp/jp/esg.html>

ESG Indices Adopted by GPIF

- **FTSE Blossom Japan Index /FTSE Blossom Japan Sector Relative Index**
This index is constructed by global index provider FTSE Russell. It reflects the performance of Japanese companies that excel in environmental, social and governance (ESG) performance. FTSE Blossom Japan Index is designed to be industry neutral*², while FTSE Blossom Japan Sector Relative Index to be sector-neutral*³.
<https://www.ftserussell.com/products/indices/blossom-japan>
- **Morningstar Japan ex-REIT Gender Diversity Tilt Index (GenDi J)**
Built with the data and scoring methodology of Equileap, the Morningstar Gender Diversity Indexes are designed to emphasize the stocks of companies that have strong gender diversity policies embedded in their corporate culture and that ensure equal opportunities to employees, irrespective of their gender.
<https://indexes.morningstar.com/gender-diversity-indexes>
- **MSCI Japan ESG Select Leaders Index**
Constructed by MSCI, a leading U.S. financial services company, this index is composed of the selected stocks with relatively high ESG ratings within each industry among the top 700 Japanese stocks by market capitalization.
<https://www.msci.com/our-solutions/japan-esg-select-leaders-index>
- **MSCI Japan Empowering Women (WIN) Select Index**
This index, which is part of the MSCI environmental, social and governance (ESG) indexes, aim to represent the performance of companies that are leading within their GICS®¹ sector in terms of promoting and maintaining gender diversity.
<https://www.msci.com/our-solutions/indexes/japan-empowering-women-select-index>
- **S&P/JPX Carbon Efficient Index**
This index uses TOPIX, a representative stock price index that indicates trends in the Japanese market, as its universe, and determines the weighting of constituent stocks by focusing on the status of environmental information disclosure and the level of carbon efficiency (carbon emissions per unit of sales).
<https://www.spglobal.com/spdji/en/indices/esg/sp-jpx-carbon-efficient-index/#overview>

*1 Surveyed by the Company as of June 14, 2023.

*2,3 In order to minimize industry and sector bias, the constituents are selected with consideration of the weights with those of the parent index, the FTSE Japan All Cap Index.

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