


FTSE QUALITY OF MARKETS CRITERIA (EUROPE Developed) as at March 2024

CRITERIA	COUNTRY NAMES																
	DEV	Austria	Belg/Lux	Denmark	Finland	France	Germany	Ireland	Italy	Netherlands	Norway	Poland	Portugal	Spain	Sweden	Switzerland	UK
World Bank GNI Per Capita Rating (Atlas Method)		High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	High
Credit Worthiness		Investment	Investment	Investment	Investment	Investment	Investment	Investment	Investment	Investment	Investment	Investment	Investment	Investment	Investment	Investment	Investment
Market and Regulatory Environment																	
Formal stock market regulatory authorities actively monitor market (e.g., SEC, FSA, SFC)	X	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Fair and non-prejudicial treatment of minority shareholders	X	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
No or selective incidence of foreign ownership restrictions	X	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
No objection to or significant restrictions or penalties applied to the investment of capital or the repatriation of capital and income	X	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
No or simple registration process for foreign investors	X	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Foreign Exchange Market																	
Developed foreign exchange market	X	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Equity Market																	
Brokerage - Sufficient competition to ensure high quality broker services	X	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Transaction costs - implicit and explicit costs to be reasonable and competitive	X	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Tax – imposition of taxes to be reasonable and comparable between domestic and non-domestic investors	X	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Stock Lending is permitted	X	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Short sales permitted	X	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Developed Derivatives Market	X	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Off-exchange transactions permitted	X	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Efficient trading mechanism	X	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Transparency - market depth information / visibility and timely trade reporting process	X	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Clearing, Settlement and Custody																	
Settlement - costs associated with failed trades	X	Pass	Restricted	Pass	Pass	Restricted	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Restricted	Pass	Pass
Settlement Cycle (DvP)	X	T+2	T+2	T+2	T+2	T+2	T+2	T+2	T+2	T+2	T+2	T+2	T+2	T+2	T+2	T+2	T+2
Central Securities Depository	X	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Central Counterparty Clearing House (Equities)	X	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Settlement - Free delivery available	X	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Restricted	Pass	Pass
Custody-Sufficient competition to ensure high quality custodian services	X	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Account structure operating at the Custodian level (securities and cash)	X	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

 Shading indicates a rating change from September 2023