

**WisdomTree US Efficient Core Index Methodology**October 2023

Index Construction



The WisdomTree US Efficient Core UCITS Index seeks long-term capital appreciation while boosting its risk-adjusted returns by leveraging the historically negative correlation between stocks and bonds, and providing a more capital efficient alternative to the traditional 60/40 portfolio.

#### Index Holdings

The Index is comprised of three key exposures:



Equity: The Index invests in a diversified basket of US large-capitalisation companies



**Bond:** The Index invests in a diversified basket of US Treasury future contracts with maturities ranging from 2 to 30 years



**Cash collateral:** The Index has roughly 10% exposure in cash, which serves as collateral for the US Treasury future contracts

### Index Weights

The index invests 90% into the equity exposure and 60% into the bond exposure with 10% left as cash collateral.

#### Rebalance

The index is rebalanced on a quarterly basis on the last business day of February, May, August and November.

#### Exceptional Rebalance

In the event that the weight of the equity exposure or the bond exposure deviates by more than 5% between rebalancing dates, the index will rebalance back to target weights.

#### The Equity Exposure

#### 1. Define Universe

**US-listed companies** incorporated and headquartered in the US.

#### 2. Eligibility Screen

Companies in the universe are then screened for the following eligibility requirements:

- + Common stocks (except WisdomTree, Inc.WT), real estate investment trusts (REITs), tracking stocks and holding companies
- + 6-month median daily traded volume of at least \$200k

#### 3. Stock Selection and Weighting

# Stock Selection —— Weighting

The top 500 companies by market capitalisation that meet the above criteria are selected. Stocks that fail WisdomTree ESG Screen are removed. WisdomTree ESG criteria includes norms-based and activity-based exclusions, including:

- United Nations Global Compact
- Controversial weapons
- Tobacco
- Thermal Coal
- Unconventional oil and gas exploration/production
- Small Arms

To obtain further information regarding the WisdomTree ESG exclusions, refer to our responsible investing page.

# **Top 500 US** companies

Stocks are weighted by free-float marketcapitalisation at each rebalance



%Cap

Single stock caps: The maximum weight of any stock in the index is capped at 10%



# Liquidity Adjustment

The weight of any stock can be adjusted to make sure that its volume factor (median daily volume last 3 months divided by the weight of the stock) is at least \$400m

#### The Bond Exposure

#### 1. Define Universe

US Treasury future contracts.

#### 2. Apply Eligibility Screen

- Average daily trading volume and/or open interest: \$100 million
- Currently, the bond is composed of 5 US Treasury future contracts laddered across the 2-, 5-, 10- and 30-year segments of the yield curve to diversify interest rate risk

#### 3. Weighting

US Treasury future contracts are equal weighted at each rebalance.

#### 4. Future Rolling

The Index implements a "rolling" methodology to replace the "first near future contract" (the front month contract) into the "second near future contract", which occurs over a one-day rolling period.

#### 5. Rebalance and Roll Schedule

Weights are rebalanced and contracts are rolled every quarter, on the last business day of February, May, August and November.

#### The Cash Exposure

The Cash collateral returns the US Secured Overnight Financing Rate.

# 5 US Treasury future contracts

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