

Notification of Changes to Security Line Selection for RAFI Indices Strategies

RAFI Indices will change the process for how security lines are chosen across all RAFI Indices index strategies. Currently, security line is chosen based on volume at the time of each index rebalance. This process allowed for security lines for individual companies to change back and forth at each index rebalance.

The new security line selection process will provide more stability for our index strategies. The new security line selection rule will default to a company's local exchange security line based on its country classification, unless an alternative security line, such as depository receipt, volume is greater than the local line volume by a factor multiple.

Security Line Selection Process Effective as of the March, 2020 Reconstitution

The new process for security line selection will be effective as of the March 31, 2020 annual reconstitution. As a result of this change, index subscribers may notice a one-time change to some security lines. The change affects the following index series:

- RAFI Fundamental Index Series
- RAFI Multi-Factor Index Series
- RAFI ESG Index Series
- RAFI Diversity & Governance Index Series

For any questions regarding this change please contact [**indexsupport@rafi.com**](mailto:indexsupport@rafi.com).

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