

Markit Equities

Markit's Equities™ is a critical data service for derivative professionals requiring an accurate source of equity index and ETF composition data in combination with global dividend and ex-date forecasts.

Combining an independent benchmark in dividend forecasting with validated index constituent data, our unique suite of services includes additional functional modules such as Dividend Index Points, Future Index Compositions and bespoke Index Management.

All data from Markit Equities is provided in a single cross referenced XML data feed via a front-end application, or via a Markit platform partner, for easy integration.

Markit Equities Clients

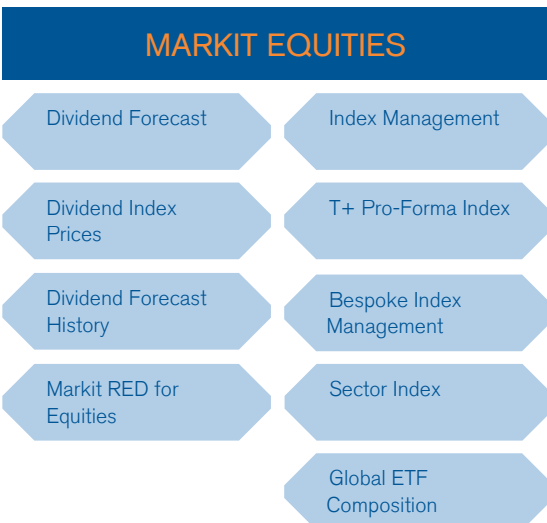
Clients include traders, middle office and risk control professionals in Investment Banks and Hedge Funds. Specific functions include:

- Single Stock/Index Option Trading
- Structured Products Trading
- Delta One Trading
- Convertible Bond Trading
- Fund Administrators
- Statistical and Volatility Arbitrage
- Securities Lending
- Income Fund Management
- Single and Multi Strategy Hedge Funds
- Asset Managers
- Index/ETF Providers
- Derivative Exchanges (including LIFFE and Eurex)

Markit Equity Modules

DIVIDEND FORECAST - Up to four years of independent discrete dividend forecasts and dates (e.g. record and pay) for more than 4,600 global stocks.

- Cleansed of all aspects of tax
- All forecast dividends and split according to each firm's distribution policy
- Ex-dates individually tracked and monitored by Markit's research team
- Full access to a dedicated multi-lingual research team for specific queries



DIP (DIVIDEND INDEX POINTS)

Calculates accurate current and forecast dividend index points on any index or sector, taking into account special treatment of dividends by index providers.

DIVIDEND FORECAST HISTORY

Up to two years historical forecast dividend estimate amounts and dates. Global and regional modules are available.

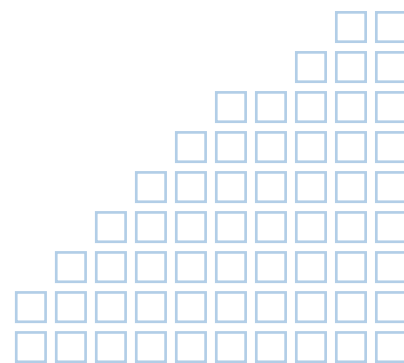
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INDEX MANAGEMENT - Processes and validates over 300,000 global equity indices.

- Source any index family from MSCI, FTSE, Russell, Dow Jones and any required local index provider
- All indices available in a single XML, real-time feed
- All data is cleansed and validated by Markit's research team for each region's market open
- Positional index views available:
 - Open: Official index data for next day opening, adjusted for corporate actions, as provided by the exchange
 - Close: Official closing index data

The above "core services" - either open or close indices - are required before the following modules can be added:

+ PRO FORMA INDEX MODULE - Displays the future index composition based on upcoming officially announced changes by effective date.

- Released in conjunction with the open index, therefore deltas are visible until the effective date of rebalancing.
- Announcement date, start date and end date of stocks joining and leaving the index, including NOSH, free float and other index information when available.

BESPOKE INDEX MANAGEMENT - Outsourced solution to process, rebalance, calculate and publish customized equity-based indices or INAV on ETFs. Published on an end-of-day or real-time basis. All data can be published back to clients, Markit Index Management subscriber, exchanges or other data vendors as requested.

GLOBAL ETF COMPOSITION - Provides full ETF coverage in the same XML feed as the underlying equity indices.

SECTOR INDEX MODULE - Pro includes sector classifications such Topix, GICS and ICB. Complete, ongoing, cross-mapping available against indices and sectors.

MARKIT RED FOR EQUITIES - In collaboration with Markit RED, the market standard that confirms reference entities and their reference obligation pairs, Markit provides an automated cross-asset mapping product that enables secure multi-asset trading.

- Links 2,800 equities to Markit RED identifiers
- Allows users to map across the issuer of the debt to the tradable equity entity
- Enables multi-asset trading and risk mitigation

More Information on Markit Equities

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