



VettaFi Autism Impact Index VASDX

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Introduction

Index Objective

The VettaFi Autism Impact Index is designed to measure the performance of publicly traded global companies that provide products, services and/or research supporting the autism ecosystem comprised of individuals on the autism spectrum and within the broader neurodivergent community.

Highlights

The Index seeks to provide diversified exposure to companies operating across healthcare, pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, behavioral services, diagnostics, specialized education, and assistive technologies that address autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and related neurodevelopmental conditions.

Dates

Reference Dates: The last business day of the calendar month prior to reconstitution month.

Reconstitution Dates: Indexes reconstitute semi-annually effective after the market close on the third Friday in June and December.

Weight Date: The 1st business day before the 2nd Friday of the reconstitution month.

Rebalance Dates: Indexes rebalance quarterly effective after the market close on the third Friday in March, June, September and December.

Supporting Documents

This methodology is meant to be read in conjunction with supporting documents providing greater detail with respect to the policies, procedures and calculations described herein.

The list of the main supplemental documents for this methodology can be found in the Methodologies and Governance tabs on the [Index Resources](#) page as follows:

Supporting Documents
Index Maintenance Policy
Index Governance
Index Policies
Methodology Policies
Glossary
Index Change and Consultation Policy
VettaFi Country Classification System

Eligibility Criteria and Index Construction

Universe

The universe includes global companies trading on developed market exchanges excluding South Korea and Malaysia.

Index Construction

Constituent Selection

A company is eligible for inclusion in the Index Universe if their products, services and/or research have a material impact on and/or play a direct role in the autism ecosystem (“Autism Impact Companies”) as demonstrated by their material involvement in one or more of the following three segments:

Drugs & Behavior Therapeutics: Companies engaged in the research, development, manufacturing, or commercialization of pharmaceuticals, biologics, or medical therapies addressing autism spectrum disorder or associated neurodevelopmental and behavioral comorbidities. Providers of applied behavioral analysis (ABA), speech therapy, occupational therapy, or other clinical services specifically designed to support individuals with ASD are included here as well.

Diagnostics & Assessment Tools: Companies developing clinical, digital, neurological, or AI-driven diagnostic tools used in the identification, monitoring, or assessment of ASD.

Specialized Education & Educational Technology: Companies delivering education platforms, digital learning systems, curriculum solutions, or specialized school services designed to support neurodivergent learners.

Material involvement and role is determined through:

- In the Drugs & Behavior Therapeutics segment, material involvement is evidenced by dedicated research and development (R&D) pipelines or formal regulatory filings. Material involvement is demonstrated if the company has active clinical trials specifically targeting Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) or its primary comorbidities, or if the company maintains a commercialized portfolio of therapies with ASD-specific indications.
- Within the Diagnostics & Assessment Tools segment, the threshold for a "direct role" is met when a company commercializes or develops clinical, digital, or AI-driven tools where ASD identification or monitoring is a primary, rather than secondary, use case. Material involvement is demonstrated through product indication filings or specialized service disclosures (e.g., regulatory submissions or clearances from government health authorities, product indication disclosures, clinical test menus, genetic testing panels, whole-exome sequencing or other genetic testing services, clinical assessment tools, or specialized diagnostic service disclosures) that highlight these tools as core components of the company’s diagnostic value proposition.
- For Specialized Education & Educational Technology, material involvement is demonstrated through the existence of dedicated business units, specialized platforms, or curriculum solutions specifically engineered for neurodivergent learners (e.g., Online special education services and tutoring specifically tailored support for neurodivergent learners, including ADHD tutoring and autism learning help and autism-focused and special education degree programs, including online Master’s

in Autism Spectrum Disorders, which is designed to help educators support students on the autism spectrum.)

Universe members that meet the above criteria, at the time of the index reconstitution, are selected if they have a minimum company level market capitalization of USD \$250 million and a 3-month average daily trading value of USD \$1 million.

Constituent Weightings & Constraints

The index is equally weighted.

Index Maintenance

Rebalancing and Reconstitution

The Indexes are rebalanced on the “Rebalance Date” and additionally reconstituted on the “Reconstitution Date”. Pricing used in share weights used for reconstitutions are as of the “Weight Date”. Share weights for the rebalanced Indexes are computed as of the “Weight Date”. Changes to the Indexes related to the rebalances are as of the “Rebalance Date”. Additions are only made on reconstitution dates.

Corporate Actions

Please refer to the Index Maintenance Policy document for information on Corporate Action processing.

Index Information

Index history availability, base dates and base values are shown in the table below.

Index	Price Index	Total Return Index	Net Total Return Index	Base Date	Base Value
VettaFi Autism Impact Index	VASDX	VASDXG	VASDXN	12/18/2020	1000

Methodology Updates and Changes

Date	Version	Previous	New
May 2026	1.0.0		Initial version of index.

Index Calculation

Please refer to the Index Maintenance Policy document for information on index calculations.

Index Governance

The index is governed and managed by a VettaFi Index Committee for the purpose of meeting the goals of the index. For more information, please refer to the Index Governance document.

Index Policies

Please refer to the Index Policies document for information regarding Announcements, Holiday Schedules, Unexpected Exchange Closures, and Recalculation Policy.

Contact Information

For any questions regarding an index, please contact: index.production@vettafi.com

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