

# RAFI™ Multi-Factor Climate Transition Index Series

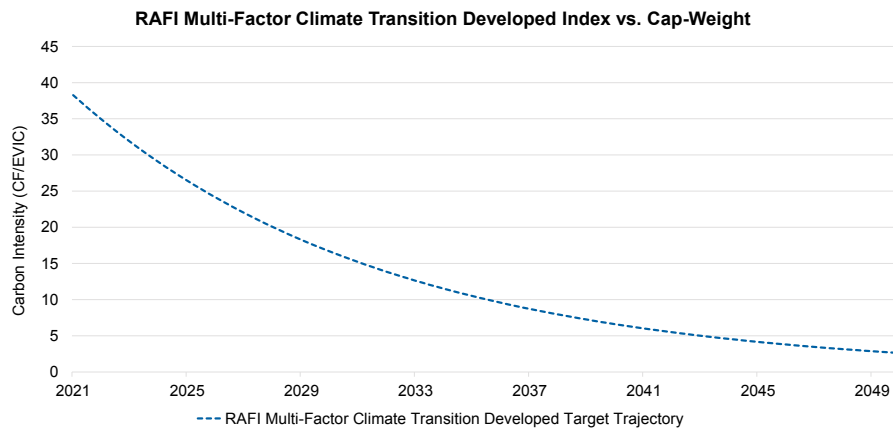
## BENEFITS OF FACTOR INVESTING WITH A DECARBONIZATION PATHWAY

The RAFI Multi-Factor Climate Transition Developed Index strategy aims to provide diversified exposures through allocations to value, low volatility, quality, and momentum while simultaneously incorporating specific objectives related to greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reductions and the transition to a low-carbon economy.

## NEXT GENERATION IN CLIMATE-FOCUSED STRATEGIES

- Integrates objectives related to GHG emission reductions
- Diversifies exposure to robust factors
- Incorporates thoughtful design and implementation

## RAFI MULTI-FACTOR CLIMATE TRANSITION DEVELOPED INDEX



For illustrative purposes only. This chart represents a simulated RAFI Multi-Factor Climate Transition Developed Index strategy from to illustrate the carbon intensity reduction path over time. The data published herein are simulated. Source: Research Affiliates, LLC, based on data from ISS and FactSet.

## INDEX OVERVIEW

### Aligned with EU climate transition benchmarks\*

1. At index launch, 30% carbon intensity reduction
2. Minimum 7% reduction in carbon intensity per year
3. Exposure to high-impact sectors
4. Minimum exclusions align with engagement programs:
  - UN Global Compact Violators
  - Coal
  - Controversial weapons
  - Tobacco

## Additional benefits

1. Promotes emissions disclosure by penalizing companies that fail to disclose carbon emissions.
2. Reduces exposure to carbon-inefficient companies slow to adopt to a low-carbon economy.

*The RAFI Multi-Factor Climate Transition Index strategy supports the ambitions of the Paris Agreement.*





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\* Minimum benchmark standards per EU climate transition benchmark requirements as of March 2020.

## A DIVERSIFIED MULTI-FACTOR APPROACH

Theoretical and empirical evidence shows that factors, including value, low volatility, quality, and momentum, historically deliver long-term positive excess returns.

Factor	Measure	Why It Works
 <b>Value</b>	$\frac{\text{Fundamental weight}}{\text{Cap-Weight}}$	Performance chasers under-own value securities (preferring fast-growing glamour stocks), driving prices down, yields up, and future returns higher.
 <b>Low Volatility</b>	Systematic Risk <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Global Beta</li> <li>Industry Beta</li> <li>Country Beta</li> </ul>	Investors' preference for gambling leads them to over-own high-volatility securities.
 <b>Quality</b>	High Profitability & Conservative Investment	Investors are drawn to the glamour of empire-building companies and underappreciate conservative capital allocators with wide economic moats.
 <b>Momentum</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Standard</li> <li>Beta-Adjusted</li> <li>Reversal-Adjusted</li> </ul>	Uninformed investors are slow to react to new information about a company.

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