

VettaFi CCAB Progressive Aboriginal Relations[™] Index CPAR

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Introduction

Index Objective

The VettaFi CCAB Progressive Aboriginal Relations[™] Index is a modified Market Cap weighted Index of companies that participate in CCAB's Progressive Aboriginal Relations[™] (PAR) program. PAR is a recognition and certification program that confirms organizational performance on Aboriginal relations and signals to the Aboriginal community that these organizations are good business partners, good places to work, and are committed to prosperity for Aboriginal communities. Companies that fall under PAR's certification criteria and are farther along PAR's committed criteria are given higher weighting multipliers in the index.

Highlights

The Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business awards Progressive Aboriginal Relations[™] ("PAR") designation to companies with Indigenous relations strategies. Companies progress though four certification levels:

- PAR Committed companies are in the beginning stages of tracking and managing their Indigenous relations strategies. Committed companies have submitted a report for one year's worth of company activities and intend to undergo external verification of their performance in the future.
- PAR Bronze companies are beginning a journey, developing the goals and action plans that position them to work with the Indigenous community.
- PAR Silver companies have had their business case proved through their Indigenous relations; business partnerships are in place; Indigenous people are adding value at their workplace; and they are supporting sustainability through investment in communities and people.
- PAR Gold companies demonstrate sustained leadership in Indigenous relations and their commitment to working with Indigenous businesses and communities has built the business case that other companies aspire to achieve. Their introduction of innovative programs and engagement of Indigenous people have made an enduring impact on Indigenous businesses and communities and demonstrate best practice for those companies introducing Indigenous relations to their business strategy or seeking to improve year over year.

(Please see PAR Companies for additional details.)

Dates

Snapshot Dates: The last trading day of the second month of each calendar quarter.

Reconstitution Date: Indexes reconstituted annually on the third Friday of September.

Record Date: Thursday before 2nd Friday of Rebalance Month.

Rebalance Dates: Indexes are rebalanced quarterly on the third Friday of the last month of each calendar quarter.

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 <u>Index Resources</u> page as follows:

Supporting Documents					
Index Maintenance Policy					
Index Governance					
Index Policies					
Methodology Policies					
Glossary					
Index Change and Consultation Policy					

Eligibility Criteria and Index Construction

Universe

Companies with Progressive Aboriginal Relations[™] ("PAR") certification.

Constituent Selection

All companies in the Universe that meet the following criteria are selected:

- A minimum market cap of 100 million CAD.
- A 90-day ADTV of 1 million CAD.
- Pass Controversial Weapons screening.

Companies that are involved in Controversial Weapons as detailed are excluded:

- Companies involved in the production development or maintenance of Anti- personnel Mines, Biological or Chemical weapons, Cluster munitions, Depleted uranium, Nuclear Weapons, or any other weapon that violate humanitarian principles through normal use.
- Companies that produce or develop key and dedicated components for controversial weapons.

Constituent Weightings

Companies are designated as Certified or Committed:

- Certified companies: Have PAR Gold, PAR Silver, or PAR Bronze designation.
- Committed companies: Have PAR committed designation.

Constituents are weighted by the product of their float market cap and PAR Involvement Multiplier.

PAR Involvement Multiplier:

- Certified companies: multiplier of 1
- Committed companies: multiplier of 0.5

Weighting formula and capping:

 $W_{l,t} = (fmcap_{l,t} * multiplier_{i,t})/(\sum fmcap_{l,t} * multiplier_{l,t})$

where:

 $W_{l,t}$ = weight of stock i at the close of day t

fmcap_{i,t} = float market cap of stock i at the close of day t

multiplier_{i,t} = PAR Involvement Multiplier of stock i at the close of day t

Certified companies are capped at 10% and Committed companies at 5%. Excess weight is distributed proportionally to uncapped securities within the index.

Index Maintenance

Rebalancing

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 "Record Date".

Share weights for the rebalanced Indexes are computed as of the "Record 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.

Currency of Calculation

CAD

Index Information

Index	Currency	Price	Base Date	Base	Total	Base Date	Base
		Index		Value	Return		Value
					Index		
VettaFi CCAB Progressive Aboriginal	CAD	CPARC	09/20/2013	1000	CPARCT	09/20/2013	1000
Relations [™] Index							
VettaFi CCAB Progressive Aboriginal Relations™ Index	USD	CPAR	09/20/2013	1000	CPART	09/20/2013	1000

Methodology Updates and Changes

Date	Version	Previous	New
May	1.1	Didn't reference PAR in the name or	Updated name and objective to reference the
2024		objective.	PAR program and trademark.
May	1.1.0	PAR involvement multiplier	PAR involvement multiplier based on
2024		different for all levels and ranges	committed vs certified grouping and ranges
		from 1 -4.	from 0.5 to 1.0.
May	1.1.0	Constituents are capped at 10%.	Certified companies are capped at 10% and
2024			Committed companies at 5%.
May	1.1.0	History under CCAB ticker	History under CPAR tickers uses version 1.1
2024		represents pre-version 1.1 history.	history.
Jun	1.2.0		Companies must pass Controversial Weapons
2024			screening

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