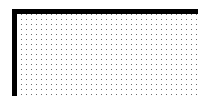


FTSE QUALITY OF MARKETS CRITERIA (MIDDLE EAST) as at March 2024

| CRITERIA | COUNTRY NAMES | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|-------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| | DEV | Israel | ADV EMG | SEC EMG | Kuwait | Qatar | Saudi Arabia | UAE | FRONT | Bahrain | Jordan | Oman | Palestine |
| World Bank GNI Per Capita Rating (Atlas Method) | | High | | | High | High | High | High | | High | Upper Middle | High | Lower Middle |
| Credit Worthiness | | Investment | | | Investment | Investment | Investment | Investment | | Speculative | Speculative | Speculative | N/A |
| Market and Regulatory Environment | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Formal stock market regulatory authorities actively monitor market (e.g., SEC, FSA, SFC) | X | Pass | X | X | Pass | Pass | Pass | Pass | X | Pass | Pass | Pass | Pass |
| Fair and non-prejudicial treatment of minority shareholders | X | Pass | X | | Pass | Restricted | Restricted | Restricted | | Restricted | Restricted | Restricted | Restricted |
| No or selective incidence of foreign ownership restrictions | X | Pass | X | | Pass | Restricted | Restricted | Restricted | | Pass | Pass | Pass | Pass |
| No objection to or significant restrictions or penalties applied to the investment of capital or the repatriation of capital and income | X | Pass | X | X | Pass | Pass | Pass | Pass | X | Pass | Pass | Pass | Pass |
| No or simple registration process for foreign investors | X | Pass | X | | Restricted | Restricted | Pass | Restricted | | Restricted | Restricted | Restricted | Pass |
| Foreign Exchange Market | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Developed foreign exchange market | X | Pass | X | | Restricted | Restricted | Restricted | Restricted | | Restricted | Restricted | Restricted | Restricted |
| Equity Market | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Brokerage - Sufficient competition to ensure high quality broker services | X | Pass | X | X | Pass | Pass | Pass | Pass | | Pass | Pass | Pass | Pass |
| Transaction costs - implicit and explicit costs to be reasonable and competitive | X | Pass | X | X | Pass | Pass | Pass | Pass | | Pass | Pass | Pass | Not Met |
| Tax – imposition of taxes to be reasonable and comparable between domestic and non-domestic investors | X | Pass | X | | Pass | Pass | Pass | Pass | | Pass | Pass | Pass | Pass |
| Stock Lending is permitted | X | Pass | | | Restricted | Restricted | Restricted | Restricted | | Not Met | Not Met | Not Met | Not Met |
| Short sales permitted | X | Pass | | | Restricted | Restricted | Restricted | Restricted | | Not Met | Not Met | Not Met | Not Met |
| Developed Derivatives Market | X | Pass | | | Restricted | Not Met | Restricted | Restricted | | Not Met | Not Met | Not Met | Not Met |
| Off-exchange transactions permitted | X | Pass | | | Not Met | Restricted | Not Met | Not Met | | Not Met | Restricted | Restricted | Not Met |
| Efficient trading mechanism | X | Pass | X | | Pass | Pass | Pass | Pass | | Pass | Pass | Pass | Pass |
| Transparency - market depth information / visibility and timely trade reporting process | X | Pass | X | X | Pass | Pass | Pass | Pass | X | Pass | Pass | Pass | Pass |
| Clearing, Settlement and Custody | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Settlement - costs associated with failed trades | X | Pass | X | X | Pass | Pass | Pass | Restricted | X | Pass | Restricted | Pass | Restricted |
| Settlement Cycle (DvP) | X | T+2 | X | X | T+3 | T+2 | T+2 | T+2 | X | T+2 | T+2 | T+3 | T+2 |
| Central Securities Depository | X | Pass | X | X | Pass | Pass | Pass | Pass | | Pass | Pass | Pass | Pass |
| Central Counterparty Clearing House (Equities) | X | Pass | X | | Not Met | Not Met | Restricted | Not Met | | Not Met | Not Met | Not Met | Not Met |
| Settlement - Free delivery available | X | Pass | | | Restricted | Not Met | Restricted | Not Met | | Not Met | Restricted | Restricted | Restricted |
| Custody-Sufficient competition to ensure high quality custodian services | X | Pass | X | X | Pass | Pass | Pass | Pass | | Pass | Pass | Pass | Restricted |
| Account structure operating at the Custodian level (securities and cash) | X | Restricted | | | Restricted | Not Met | Restricted | Restricted | | Not Met | Not Met | Not Met | Not Met |



Shading indicates a rating change from September 2023