The Aztlan North America Nearshoring Index
AZNR

Index Guideline

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INTRODUCTION

This document (the "GUIDELINE") is to be used as a guideline regarding the composition, calculation and maintenance of the **Aztlan North America Nearshoring Index** (the "INDEX"). Any amendments to the rules made to the GUIDELINE are approved by the AZTLAN INVESTMENT COMMITTEE. The INDEX is owned by Aztlan Equity Management LLC "Aztlan". **The Index is calculated by S&P Dow Jones Indices and administered and published by Aztlan Equity Management LLC.**

The GUIDELINE and the policies and methodology documents referenced herein contain the underlying principles and rules regarding the structure and operation of the INDEX. Aztlan does not offer any explicit or tacit guarantee or assurance, neither pertaining to the results from the use of the INDEX nor the level of the INDEX at any certain point in time nor in any other respect. Aztlan and its designated calculating agent strives to the best of its ability to ensure the correctness of the calculation. There is no obligation for Aztlan – irrespective of possible obligations to issuers – to advise third parties, including investors and/or financial intermediaries, of any errors in the INDEX. The publication of the INDEX by Aztlan does not constitute a recommendation for capital investment and does not contain any assurance or opinion of Aztlan regarding a possible investment in a financial instrument based on this INDEX.

1. INDEX SPECIFICATIONS

1.1. SCOPE OF THE INDEX

Category	Description
Asset Class	Equity
Strategy	Representation of securities from the North American Markets including Canada, Mexico, and USA, selected based on the Nearshoring thematic and a combination of equity risk factors.
Regional Allocation	North America including Canada, Mexico, and USA
Investable Universe Selection	Annually
Rebalancing Frequency	Quarterly

1.2. IDENTIFIERS AND PUBLICATION

The INDEX is published under the following identifiers:

Name	ISIN	Currency	Type	RIC	BBG ticker
Aztlan North America Nearshoring Index PR	**Pending**	USD	PR	.AZNRP	AZNR
Aztlan North America Nearshoring Index NTR	**Pending**	USD	NTR	.AZNRN	-
Aztlan North America Nearshoring Index TR	**Pending**	USD	GTR	.AZNRT	-

Any publication in relation to the INDEX (e.g. notices, amendments to the GUIDELINE) will be available at the website of the INDEX ADMINISTRATOR:
WWW.AZTLANEM.COM/INVESTMENTSTRATEGIES/PROPRIETARYINDEXES/AZNR

1.3. INITIAL LEVEL OF THE INDEX

The initial level of the INDEX on the 12/31/2017, the START DATE, is 100. Historical values and historical index composition are published as part pf the index creation. Past performance does not guarantee future results. The index is formed by a set of selected securities at specific weights, at specific dates and corresponding market prices, and is not an investment vehicle. The publication of the INDEX by Aztlan does not constitute a recommendation for capital investment and does not contain any assurance or opinion of Aztlan regarding a possible investment in a financial instrument based on this INDEX.

1.4. PRICES AND CALCULATION FREQUENCY

The level of the INDEX is calculated on each CALCULATION DAY from 1:00 a.m. to 10:50 p.m. CET based on the TRADING PRICES on the EXCHANGES on which the INDEX COMPONENTS are listed. TRADING PRICES of INDEX COMPONENTS not listed in the INDEX CURRENCY are converted using the current Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) spot foreign exchange rate. Should there be no current TRADING PRICE for an INDEX COMPONENT, the later of: (i) the most recent CLOSING PRICE; or (ii) the last available TRADING PRICE for the preceding TRADING DAY is used in the calculation.

In addition to the intraday calculation a closing level of the INDEX for each CALCULATION DAY is also calculated. This closing level is based on the CLOSING PRICES for the INDEX COMPONENTS on the respective EXCHANGES on which the INDEX COMPONENTS are listed. The CLOSING PRICES of INDEX COMPONENTS not listed in the INDEX CURRENCY are converted using the 04:00 p.m. London time WM Fixing quoted by Reuters. If there is no 04:00 p.m. London time WM Fixing for the relevant CALCULATION DAY, the last available 04:00 p.m. London time WM Fixing will be used for the closing level calculation.

1.5. LICENSING

Licenses to use the INDEX as the underlying value for financial instruments, investment funds and financial contracts may be issued to stock exchanges, banks, financial services providers and investment houses by AZTLAN.

2. INDEX SELECTION

On each SELECTION DAY, the SELECTION PARTY will revise the composition of the INDEX.

In a first step, the SELECTION PARTY determines the INDEX UNIVERSE in accordance with Section 2.1. The INDEX UNIVERSE comprises all those financial instruments which fulfill the INDEX UNIVERSE REQUIREMENTS (as specified in Section 2.1) and will constitute a starting pool from which the components of the INDEX will be selected. Based on this INDEX UNIVERSE, the new composition of the INDEX will be determined by applying the rules outlined in Section 2.2.

Each new INDEX COMPONENT will be assigned a weight as described in Section 2.3.

2.1. INDEX UNIVERSE REQUIREMENTS

The INDEX UNIVERSE is comprised of all financial instruments which fulfill the below requirements

(the "INDEX UNIVERSE REQUIREMENTS"):

- Countries are defined as follows based on the country of risk of a security. Only the countries below are eligible:
    - North America: Canada, Mexico and United States
- Minimum TOTAL MARKET CAPITALIZATION of USD 500 million as of the Selection Day
- Companies that, according to GICs classifications, belong to one of the categories: (a) Industrial REITs, (b) Specialty REITs, (c) Real Estate Management & Development, (d) Specialized REITs, (e) Ground Transportation, (f) Air Freight & Logistics, (g) Transportation Infrastructure, or (h) Marine Transportation

The INDEX UNIVERSE is reviewed once a year prior in November, prior to the December rebalancing period.

2.2. SELECTION OF THE INDEX COMPONENTS

Based on the INDEX UNIVERSE, the initial composition of the INDEX as well as any selection for an ordinary rebalance is determined on the SELECTION DAY in accordance with the following rules:

The following provides a high-level description of the factors employed by the Index:

1. Value: The Index calculates each company's "value" via the following two yield calculations:

a. Trailing Earnings Yield – calculated by dividing the earnings per share from the past year by the current market price. This yield provides insight into a company's past profitability in relation to its stock price, potentially indicating whether it's undervalued or overvalued.

b. Forward Earnings Yield – calculated by dividing the projected earnings per share for the upcoming year by the current market price. This analysis can show anticipated profitability relative to stock price, assisting investors in gauging future growth expectations and stock valuation.

2. Cash Flow: The Index measures cash flow through the following two calculations:
    a. Free Cash Flow Yield - calculated by dividing the free cash flow from the past year by the current market capitalization. This measure indicates how efficiently a company generates cash in relation to its market size, highlighting its potential to reward investors (like the Fund).
    b. Dividend Yield – calculated by dividing the projected dividend for the upcoming year by the current market price. This yield reveals the expected income return on an investment, helping investors assess the potential income from owning the stock.
3. Growth: The Index measures growth through the following two calculations:
    a. Trailing Earnings Per Share Growth - measures a company's past growth in profitability, showing its historical momentum. The Index analyzes a company's earnings per share over the past three years.
    b. Year Over Year Earnings Per Share Growth – based on consensus analysts' latest most recent forecast. (at the time the Index is rebalanced). This measure may provide insight into a company's future growth trajectory. The Index obtains consensus forecasts from a database called the Institutional Brokers' Estimate System (I/B/E/S).
4. Quality: The Index ranks companies on the following two quality indicators:
    a. Average Return on Equity Over 5 Years – calculated as the mean value from the net profit for the next 12 months divided by the most recently reported total equity, over the last 60 months. The measure provides a longer-term view of a company's historical efficiency in generating profit from shareholder equity.
    b. Return on Equity Slope – calculated by identifying the difference in return on equity from three months ago to its current value. This calculation tracks short-term changes in profitability from equity, offering insights into recent operational shifts.
5. Estimate Surprise: The Index uses a proprietary model to rank stocks based on the likelihood that they will surpass the consensus earnings per share estimate in their next earnings report. The Index obtains consensus earnings estimates from the I/B/E/S database.

Index Weightings

As noted above, the Index includes the top 30 ranked stocks based on the Index's quantitative fundamental model scoring. Individual stock weights in the Index are set as follows:

- Minimum Average Daily Value Traded (ADV) over the 30 business days prior to and including the SELECTION DAY of:
    - ADTV < US$1mn ➔ Max Wgt = 0.50%.
    - US$1mn < ADTV < US$5mn ➔ Max Wgt = 1%

- US$5mn < ADTV < US$10mn ➔ Max Wgt = 5%
- ADTV < $10m ➔ no limit

(the "INDEX COMPONENT REQUIREMENTS")

The INDEX ADMINISTRATOR has outsourced the selection of the INDEX COMPONENTS to the SELECTION PARTY. Such outsourcing has been made in accordance with the requirements of the BMR (Article 10 BMR).

The selection of the INDEX COMPONENTS is fully rule-based and the SELECTION PARTY cannot make any discretionary decision.

2.3. WEIGHTING OF THE INDEX COMPONENTS

On each SELECTION DAY each INDEX COMPONENT is assigned as follows:

- If Average Traded Value (ATV) is less than US$ less than 1 million, then the stock weight for the stock will be set at= 0.50% of the Fund's portfolio.
- If ATV is greater than US$1million and less than US$5 million, then stock weight = 1.0% of the Fund's portfolio.
- If ATV is greater than US$5million and less than US$10million, then stock weight = 5.0% of the Fund's portfolio.
- If ATV is greater than US$10 million, then stock weight = no set limit.

All other stocks' weight in the Index will be determined by taking its individual model score, and then dividing it by the sum of the model scores of all stocks in the portfolio. However, from this calculated weight, the Index subtracts the total weight of any stocks that are already assigned a fixed weight as described above, ensuring the overall Index portfolio weights sum up to 1 or 100%.

3. REBALANCE

3.1. ORDINARY REBALANCE

Rebalance of the index is effective at the close of the 3rd Friday in March, June, September & December. In order to reflect the new selection of the Index Components determined on the Selection Day (in accordance with Section 2.1 and 2.2) the Index is adjusted on the Rebalance Day after Close of Business.

This is carried out by implementing the weights as determined on the SELECTION DAY.

AZTLAN will publish any changes made to the INDEX COMPONENTS with sufficient notice before the REBALANCE DAY on the AZTLAN website under the section “Announcement”, which is available at WWW.AZTLANEM.COM/INVESTMENTSTRATEGIES/PROPRIETARYINDEXES/AZNR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

3.2. EXTRAORDINARY REBALANCE

The INDEX is not rebalanced extraordinarily.

4. CALCULATION OF THE INDEX

4.1. INDEX FORMULA

The Index is calculated as a price return, net total return, and gross total return Index.

The calculation is performed according to the Equity Index Methodology. The divisor index formula stipulates that the level of the INDEX changes based on the change of the prices of its INDEX COMPONENTS taking into account their weight in the INDEX and any currency conversion in case the price of an INDEX COMPONENT is quoted in a currency other than the INDEX CURRENCY.

Any dividends or other distributions are reinvested across the entire basket of INDEX COMPONENTS by means of a divisor at the opening of the effective date (the so-called ex-date) of the payment of such dividend or other distribution.]

A more detailed description of the mechanics of the index calculation formula can be found in the Equity Index Methodology under Section 1.2.

4.2. ACCURACY

The level of the INDEX will be rounded to 2 decimal places. Divisors will be rounded to six decimal places. TRADING PRICES and foreign exchange rates will be rounded to six decimal places.

4.3. ADJUSTMENTS

Under certain circumstances, an adjustment of the INDEX may be necessary between two regular REBALANCE DAYS. Such adjustment has to be made if a corporate action (as specified in Section 4.4 below) in relation of an INDEX COMPONENT occurs. Such adjustment may have to be done in relation to an INDEX COMPONENT and/or may also affect the number of INDEX COMPONENTS and/or the weighting of certain INDEX COMPONENTS and will be made in compliance with the index guideline which is incorporated by reference and available on the AZTLAN website:
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AZTLAN will announce the INDEX adjustment giving a notice period of at least two TRADING DAYS (with respect to the affected INDEX COMPONENT) on the AZTLAN website under the Section "Announcements", which is available at
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The INDEX adjustments will be implemented on the effective day specified in the respective notice.

4.4. CORPORATE ACTIONS

As part of the INDEX maintenance AZTLAN will consider various events – also referred to as corporate actions – which result in an adjustment to the INDEX between two regular REBALANCE DAYS. Such

events have a material impact on the price, weighting or overall integrity of INDEX COMPONENTS. Therefore, they need to be accounted for in the calculation of the INDEX. Corporate actions will be implemented from the cum-day to the ex-day of the corporate action, so that the adjustment to the INDEX coincides with the occurrence of the price effect of the respective corporate action.

Adjustments to the INDEX to account for corporate actions will be made in compliance with the Equity Index Methodology, which is available on the AZTLAN website: WWW.AZTLANEM.COM/INVESTMENTSTRATEGIES/PROPRIETARYINDEXES/AZNR/ANNOUNCEMENTS. This document contains for each corporate action a brief definition and specifies the relevant adjustment to the INDEX variables.

While AZTLAN aims at creating and maintaining its methodology for treatment of corporate actions as generic and transparent as possible and in line with regulatory requirements, it retains the right in accordance with the Equity Index Methodology to deviate from these standard procedures in case of any unusual or complex corporate action or if such a deviation is made to preserve the comparability and representativeness of the INDEX over time.

AZTLAN considers following, but not conclusive, list of corporate actions as relevant for INDEX maintenance:

- Cash Distributions (e.g. payment of a dividend)
- Stock distributions (e.g. payment of a dividend in form of additional shares)
- Stock distributions of another company (e.g. payment of a dividend in form of additional shares of another company (e.g. of a subsidiary))
- Share splits (company's present shares are divided and therefore multiplied by a given factor)
- Reverse splits (company's present shares are effectively merged)
- Capital increases (such as issuing additional shares)
- Share repurchases (a company offer its shareholders the option to sell their shares to a fixed price)
- Spin-offs (the company splits its business activities into two or more entities and distributes new equity shares in the created entities to the shareholders of the former entity)
- Mergers & Acquisitions (transaction in which the ownership of a company (or other business organizations) are transferred or consolidated with other entities, e.g. fusion of two or more separate companies into one entity)
- Delistings (company's shares are no longer publicly traded at a stock exchange)
- Nationalization of a company (effective control of a legal entity is taken over by a state)
- Insolvency

4.5. RECALCULATION

AZTLAN makes the greatest possible efforts to accurately calculate and maintain its indices. However, errors in the determination process may occur from time to time for variety reasons (internal or external) and therefore, cannot be completely ruled out. AZTLAN endeavors to correct all errors that have been identified within a reasonable period of time. The understanding of "a reasonable period of time" as well as the general measures to be taken are generally depending on the underlying.

4.6. MARKET DISRUPTION

In periods of market stress AZTLAN calculates its indices following predefined and exhaustive arrangements as described in the AZTLAN Disruption Policy, which is incorporated by reference and available on the AZTLAN website:
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Such market stress can arise due to a variety of reasons, but generally results in inaccurate or delayed prices for one or more INDEX COMPONENTS. The determination of the INDEX may be limited or impaired at times of illiquid or fragmented markets and market stress.

5. MISCELLANEOUS

5.1. DISCRETION

Any discretion which may need to be exercised in relation to the determination of the INDEX (for example the determination of the INDEX UNIVERSE (if applicable), the selection of the INDEX COMPONENTS (if applicable) or any other relevant decisions in relation to the INDEX) shall be made in accordance with strict rules regarding the exercise of discretion or expert judgement.

For the INDEX, a SELECTION PARTY is used. The determinations of the INDEX UNIVERSE and the INDEX COMPONENTS are subject to decisions of the SELECTION PARTY where the exercise of discretion is needed. The SELECTION PARTY has confirmed, that such discretionary decision is performed in accordance with the specifications established by the INDEX ADMINISTRATOR.

5.2. METHODOLOGY REVIEW

The methodology of the INDEX is subject to regular review, at least annually. In case a need of a change of the methodology has been identified within such review (e.g. if the underlying market or economic reality has changed since the launch of the INDEX, i.e. if the present methodology is based on obsolete assumptions and factors and no longer reflects the reality as accurately, reliably and appropriately as before), such change will be made and reviewed by he Oversight Committee.

Such change in the methodology will be announced on the AZTLAN website under the Section "Announcements", which is available at
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The date of the last amendment of this INDEX is contained in this GUIDELINE.

5.3. CHANGES IN CALCULATION METHOD

The application by the INDEX ADMINISTRATOR of the method described in this document is final and binding. The INDEX ADMINISTRATOR shall apply the method described above for the composition and calculation of the INDEX. However, it cannot be excluded that the market environment, supervisory, legal and financial or tax reasons may require changes to be made to this method. The INDEX ADMINISTRATOR may also make changes to the terms and conditions of the INDEX and the method applied to calculate the INDEX that it deems to be necessary and desirable in order to prevent obvious or demonstrable error or to remedy, correct or supplement incorrect terms and conditions. The INDEX ADMINISTRATOR is not obliged to provide information on any such modifications or changes. Despite the modifications and changes, the INDEX ADMINISTRATOR will take the appropriate steps to ensure a calculation method is applied that is consistent with the method described above.

5.4. TERMINATION

AZTLAN makes the greatest possible efforts to ensure the resilience and continued integrity of its indices over time. Where necessary, AZTLAN follows a clearly defined and transparent procedure to adapt Index methodologies to changing underlying markets (see Section 5.2 "Methodology Review") in order to maintain continued reliability and comparability of the indices. Nevertheless, if no other options are available the orderly cessation of the INDEX may be indicated. This is usually the case when the underlying market or economic reality, which an index is set to measure or to reflect, changes substantially and in a way not foreseeable at the time of inception of the index, the index rules, and particularly the selection criteria, can no longer be applied coherently or the index is no longer used as the underlying value for financial instruments, investment funds and financial contracts.

5.5. OVERSIGHT

An oversight committee composed of staff from AZTLAN EQUITY MANAGEMENT LLC and its subsidiaries (the "OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE") is responsible for decisions regarding any amendments to the rules of the INDEX. Any such amendment, which may result in an amendment of the GUIDELINE, must be submitted to the OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE for prior approval.

6. DEFINITIONS

"AVERAGE DAILY VALUE TRADED" means, in respect of an INDEX COMPONENT, the sum of DAILY VALUE TRADED over the specified period divided by the number of TRADING DAYS that fall in the specified period.

"BENCHMARK REGULATION" shall have the meaning as defined in Section "Introduction".

"BMR" shall have the meaning as defined in Section "Introduction".

"BUSINESS DAY" is every weekday from Monday to Friday.

"CALCULATION DAY" is every weekday from Monday to Friday.

"CLOSE OF BUSINESS" is the calculation time of the closing level of the INDEX as outlined in Section 1.4.

The "CLOSING PRICE" in respect of an INDEX COMPONENT and a TRADING DAY is a security's final regular-hours TRADING PRICE published by the EXCHANGE and determined in accordance with the EXCHANGE regulations. If the EXCHANGE has no or has not published a CLOSING PRICE in accordance with the EXCHANGE rules for an INDEX COMPONENT, the last TRADING PRICE will be used.

"DAILY VALUE TRADED" means, in respect of an INDEX COMPONENT and a TRADING DAY, the product of (i) the CLOSING PRICE of such INDEX COMPONENT and (ii) the volume traded (measured as a number of shares) of such INDEX COMPONENT on the EXCHANGE during such TRADING DAY.

"EXCHANGE" is with respect to the INDEX and every INDEX COMPONENT, the respective exchange where the INDEX COMPONENT has its listing as determined in accordance with the rules in Section 2.

"GUIDELINE" shall have the meaning as defined in Section "Introduction".

"INDEX" shall have the meaning as defined in Section "Introduction".

"INDEX ADMINISTRATOR" shall have the meaning as defined in Section "Introduction".

"INDEX COMPONENT" is each security reflected in the INDEX.

"INDEX COMPONENT REQUIREMENTS" shall have the meaning as defined in Section 2.2.

"INDEX CURRENCY" is the currency specified in the column "Currency" in the table in Section 1.2.

"INDEX UNIVERSE REQUIREMENTS" shall have the meaning as defined in Section 2.1.

"INDEX UNIVERSE" is the sum of all financial instruments which fulfill the INDEX UNIVERSE REQUIREMENTS.

"LIVE DATE" shall have the meaning as defined in Section 1.3.

"OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE" shall have the meaning as defined in Section 5.5.

"REBALANCE DAY" is the 3rd Friday in March, June, September & December.

"SELECTION DAY" is 5 weekdays (Monday to Friday) before the scheduled REBALANCE DAY, disregarding any potential change of the REBALANCE DAY.

"SELECTION PARTY" is Aztlan Equity Management, LLC.

The "SHARE CLASS MARKET CAPITALIZATION" is with regard to each of the securities in the INDEX on a SELECTION DAY the share class-specific market capitalization for any security in the INDEX UNIVERSE. It is calculated as the multiplication of the shares outstanding with the CLOSING PRICE of the share class as of the respective SELECTION DAY.

"S&P DOW JONES " shall have the meaning as defined in Section "Introduction".

"START DATE" shall have the meaning as defined in Section 1.3.

The "TOTAL MARKET CAPITALIZATION" is with regard to each of the securities in the INDEX on a SELECTION DAY the sum of all SHARE CLASS MARKET CAPITALIZATIONS of a company.

"TRADING DAY" is with respect to an INDEX COMPONENT included in the INDEX at the REBALANCE DAY and every INDEX COMPONENT included in the INDEX at the CALCULATION DAY immediately following the REBALANCE DAY (for clarification: this provision is intended to capture the TRADING DAYS for the securities to be included in the INDEX as new INDEX COMPONENTS with close of trading on the relevant EXCHANGE on the REBALANCE DAY) a day on which the relevant EXCHANGE is open for trading (or a day that would have been such a day if a market disruption had not occurred), excluding days on which trading may be ceased prior to the scheduled EXCHANGE closing time and days on which the EXCHANGE is open for a scheduled shortened period. The INDEX ADMINISTRATOR is ultimately responsible as to whether a certain day is a TRADING DAY.

The "TRADING PRICE" in respect of an INDEX COMPONENT and a TRADING DAY is the most recent published price at which the INDEX COMPONENT was traded on the respective EXCHANGE.

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