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Asian investor demand is driving innovation within dividend index strategies.

As of December 31, 2025 there are over 2,000 exchange-traded products linked to S&P DJI indices globally. The global assets under management of ETPs based on S&P DJI indices has reached US\$5.4 trillion, representing over 42% growth in the past 12 months and 32% market share.

In Asia Pacific, there are over 300 Asia-listed ETPs linked to S&P DJI indices and with US\$110 billion in AUM, representing a 47.5% increase in the past 12 months. In 2025, there were 20 new ETFs listed in various exchanges in Asia Pacific tracking the S&P 500 index and Dow Jones Industrial Average. They included products from State Street for Japan and Thailand, and BlackRock for Taiwan.

The development of multi-asset ETFs reflects a growing investor preference for diversified, flexible investment solutions that can adapt to varying market conditions. In March 2025, Mirae Asset launched the TIGER S&P Target Date 2045 ETF. In July 2025, Shinhan launched its first S&P 500 US Treasury Bills Blended 50 ETF in South Korea, providing balanced portfolio ETF for Korean investors.

Partnering with exchanges across the region has been a focus this last year. By the beginning of 2025, domestic equity-focused ETFs listed in Australia had attracted AU\$58 billion in investments, of which 62% were based on S&P/ASX Indices. The top three Australian ETFs by assets under management are linked to S&P/ASX Indices and are among those with the best trading spreads and liquidity in the market Smart Beta Solutions Provider.

Today, S&P DJI offers a broad suite of factor indices, providing investors with the tools to design a custom smart beta strategy from single-factors including size, value, volatility, momentum, quality and dividends, or a combination of these.

With market uncertainty becoming entrenched, investor appetite for dividend-paying stocks has been a constant. In Asia, demand has come from markets like South Korea and Japan, which are interested in US equities and see dividend indices as a natural choice.

Tapping opportunities between China and Hong Kong, the S&P Access Hong Kong Free Cash Flow 50 Index measures the performance of the 50 stocks with the highest free cash flow (FCF) yield in the S&P Access Hong Kong Index. In 2025, JP Morgan launched ETF in mainland China tracking this index.