



CIBC CAPITAL MARKETS

HCF LARGE CAP INDEX

Quantifying the relationship between employers and employees



Tap into the investable correlation between behavioral factors and the market performance of public companies

The CIBC Human Capital Index represents a broadly diversified long-only large-cap strategy designed to provide exposure to companies identified as having strong corporate cultures. The Index is suitable as a diversified core holding for ESG-sensitive investors who wish to hold companies with strong employer-employee relationships, or as a pure tactical play for exposure to the 'Human Capital Factor.'

The team behind the index



Irrational Capital is an investment research and development firm that applies workplace behavioral science, data science and other disciplines to provide its partner with The Human Capital Factor, which is confirmed by some quantitative research group as "the highest returns and lowest volatility among all U.S. investment styles, with very low correlation to other factors." With the data provided, its partner are able to create investment strategies that extract excess return.



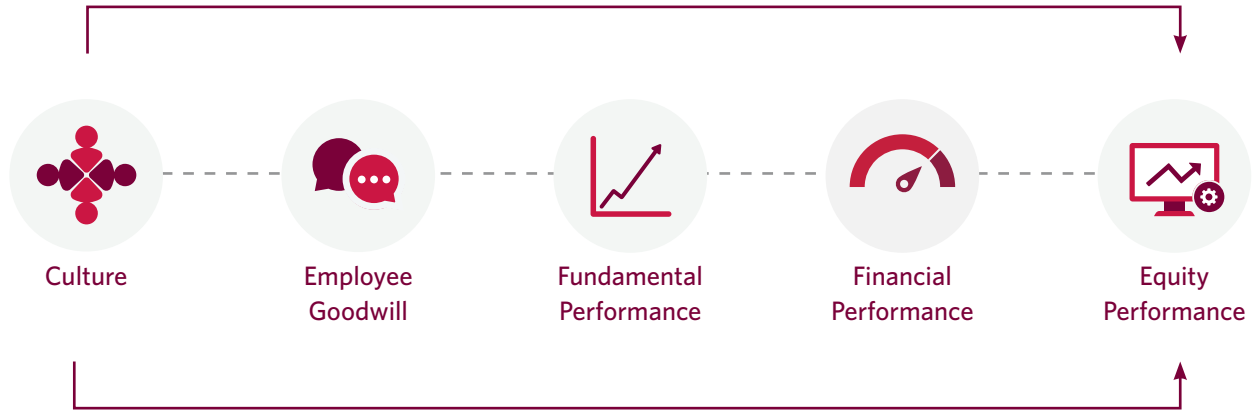
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Investing in the human capital factor

Through behavioral economics reach on large data sets, Irrational Capital quantifies and values a new input that it refers to as “Human Capital Factor”. This serves as a direct link between company culture and equity performance.

Quantifying Human Capital Profitability



In analyzing 15+ years of data from 1,000+ companies, research demonstrates that strong signals are often found in characteristics that are difficult to quantify and not easily reportable. The Human Capital Factor research evaluates organizations based on behavioral / cultural characteristics and then creates a ranking. These rankings / scores are then systematically used to select individual stocks as constituents in the Human Capital Index (HCI).

How people and teams function within and across an organization are the new fundamentals. What matters is emotional, personal and difficult to quantify and independent of size, geography and stage. Strong signals include Management, Leadership, Psychological Safety, Alignment, Pride, Motivation, amongst others while Training, Job Title, Expected Tenure are weak signals.

The CIBC Human Capital Index.™

Seeking excess returns through evaluating corporate culture.

Expansive data sources to back its numbers

Irrational Capital's research findings are predicated on an extensive library of quantitative data from multiple sources, each providing perspective and insight regarding the perception of employees about their employer. This compilation represents a unique, and in some cases, proprietary data repository. Insights from the analysis of these data sources are applied to select constituents from the data set used for the HCI Index.

How it works:

1. Evaluate

The Index evaluates the 500 largest publicly traded U.S. companies for their corporate cultures and human capital performance using a proprietary multi-factor scoring model



2. Select

On an annual basis, the Index selects and invests in approximately 150 stocks



3. Rebalance

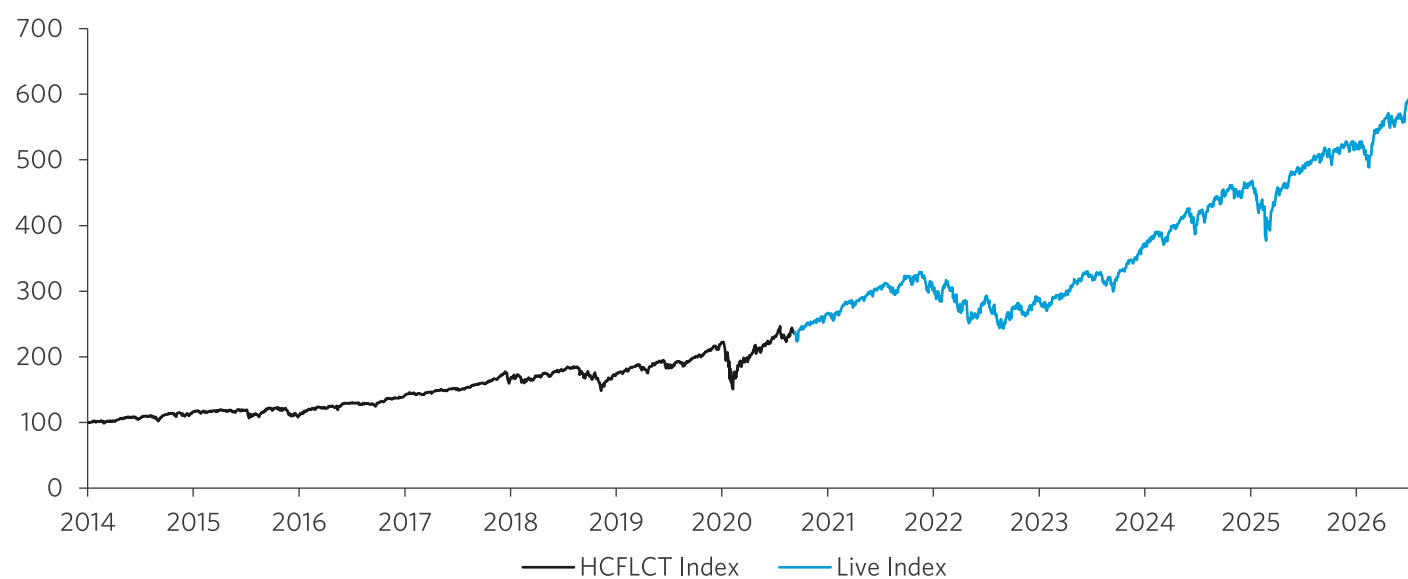
The Index targets the same sector weights as the starting universe, and the stocks within each sector are rebalanced annually to float-adjusted market capitalization weights



Key features

Bloomberg ticker	HCFLCT
Asset class	Equity
Geographical focus	US
Launch date	October 22, 2020
Type of return	Total Return
Index sponsor	CIBC
Calculation agent	Solactive AG
Website	https://indices.cibccm.com/HCFLCT/

Historical and current performance¹



Source: Bloomberg (as of August 30, 2026).

The Index has been live since October 22, 2020 (inception date February 14, 2014).

Return analysis

	HCF Large Cap Index
Asset class	Equity
BBG ticker	HCFLCT
Beta / alpha	Beta
MTD	-1.22%
QTD	3.10%
YTD	11.84%
1Y	16.82%
2Y	41.53%
5Y	87.66%
CAGR	479.64%
Annualized Return	15.00%
Annualized Volatility	17.32%
Risk / Reward Ratio ²	86.57%

Source: Bloomberg (as of August 30, 2026).

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Index performance¹

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Return
2014	-	-	0.88%	0.29%	2.15%	2.68%	-1.57%	3.95%	-1.17%	2.17%	2.81%	-0.32%	-
2015	-2.93%	6.09%	-1.19%	0.64%	1.48%	-1.84%	2.68%	-5.70%	-1.55%	9.10%	0.75%	-1.35%	5.46%
2016	-4.74%	-0.45%	6.54%	0.84%	2.08%	0.07%	3.77%	-0.09%	0.02%	-1.83%	3.51%	2.69%	12.62%
2017	1.75%	4.58%	0.10%	0.90%	1.76%	0.52%	1.74%	0.34%	2.23%	2.73%	2.70%	1.32%	22.65%
2018	5.43%	-3.35%	-2.80%	0.55%	3.28%	0.55%	3.55%	3.78%	0.14%	-6.70%	1.30%	-9.10%	-4.38%
2019	7.73%	3.49%	2.11%	4.34%	-6.29%	6.98%	1.35%	-1.68%	1.73%	2.32%	3.64%	3.23%	32.12%
2020	0.74%	-7.80%	-10.30%	13.22%	4.73%	2.81%	5.34%	7.93%	-3.98%	-3.56%	10.26%	3.58%	22.12%
2021	-1.25%	2.58%	4.31%	4.91%	0.87%	2.98%	2.64%	3.03%	-5.07%	6.34%	-0.20%	4.38%	28.05%
2022	-5.03%	-3.84%	3.83%	-8.64%	-0.12%	-8.75%	8.57%	-3.99%	-9.46%	8.99%	6.18%	-5.74%	-18.72%
2023	6.68%	-2.53%	4.80%	2.16%	1.34%	6.24%	3.61%	-0.82%	-4.49%	-2.51%	9.06%	4.44%	30.65%
2024	2.59%	5.85%	3.52%	-3.65%	5.49%	4.02%	-0.10%	2.82%	1.92%	0.12%	5.25%	-2.45%	27.91%
2025	3.59%	-0.80%	-6.60%	-0.08%	6.66%	5.06%	1.59%	1.95%	1.95%	1.96%	0.22%	0.60%	16.65%
2026	1.39%	0.36%	-4.74%	8.66%	3.61%	-0.61%	1.37%	2.97%	-1.22%	-	-	-	11.84%

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