



Rules for the AEX®, AMX® and AScX®

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1. Index summaries

Factsheet	AEX®
Full name	AEX-Index®
Index Type	Price index; Net return index and Gross return index versions are also available.
Index Governance Structure	The AEX Steering Committee acts as Supervisor of the AEX-Index. NYSE Euronext acts as the Compiler and is responsible for the day-to-day management of the index.
Eligible stocks	Companies listed on Euronext Amsterdam.
Selection	The AEX-Index is made up of shares issued by the 25 most traded companies listed on Euronext Amsterdam in such a way that it is suitable to serve as the underlying value for index-linked products such as derivatives.
Number of constituents	25
Weighting	Based on free-float adjusted market capitalisation. The free-float is rounded up to the next multiple of 5%.
Review of composition	Annual with quarterly fast entry or replacement
Effective date of the review	After the close of the third Friday of March, June, September and December
Review of number of shares	Annual in March
Calculation frequency	Every 15s
Base date	1/1/1983
Base level	45,37 (equal to NLG 100,-)
Historic data available since	1/1/1983
ISIN code	NL0000000107
Mnemonic code	AEX
Bloomberg code	AEX <index>
Reuters code	.AEX

Factsheet	AMX®
Full name	AMX-Index
Index Type	Price index; Net return index and Gross return index versions are also available.
Index Governance Structure	The AEX Steering Committee acts as Supervisor of the AMX-Index. NYSE Euronext acts as the Compiler and is responsible for the day-to-day management of the index.
Eligible stocks	Companies listed on Euronext Amsterdam.
Selection	The AMX-Index is made up of shares issued by the 25 most traded companies listed on Euronext Amsterdam following the companies included in the AEX-Index in such a way that it is suitable to serve as the underlying value for index-linked products such as derivatives.
Number of constituents	25
Weighting	Based on free-float adjusted market capitalisation. The free-float is rounded up to the next multiple of 5%.
Review of composition	Annual with quarterly fast entry or replacement
Effective date of the review	After the close of the third Friday of March, June, September and December
Review of number of shares	Annual in March
Calculation frequency	Every 15s
Base date	1/1/1983
Base level	45,37 (NLG 100,-)
Historic data available since	1/1/1983
ISIN code	NL0000249274
Mnemonic code	AMX
Bloomberg code	AMX <index>
Reuters code	.AMX
Launch date	4 October 1995

Factsheet	AScX®
Full name	AScX-Index
Index Type	Price index; Net return index and Gross return index versions are also available.
Index Governance Structure	The AEX Steering Committee acts as Supervisor of the AScX-Index. NYSE Euronext acts as the Compiler and is responsible for the day-to-day management of the index.
Eligible stocks	Companies listed on Euronext Amsterdam.
Selection	The AScX-index is made up of shares issued by the 25 most traded companies listed on Euronext Amsterdam immediately following the companies included in the AEX and AMX indices in such a way that it is suitable to serve as the underlying value for index-linked products such as derivatives.
Number of constituents	25
Weighting	Based on free-float adjusted market capitalisation. The free-float is rounded up to the next multiple of 5%.
Review of composition	Annual with quarterly fast entry or replacement
Effective date of the review	After the close of the third Friday of March, June, September and December
Review of number of shares	Annual in March
Calculation frequency	Every 15s
Base date	31/12/2004
Base level	400
Historic data available since	30/6/2000
ISIN code	NL0000249142
Mnemonic code	ASCX
Bloomberg code	ASCX <index>
Reuters code	.ASCX

2. Governance and disclaimer

Indices

This rule book applies to the following indices, hereafter referred to as “index”:

- AEX
- AMX
- AScX

Supervisor

The AEX Steering Committee acts as independent Supervisor of the index. The Supervisor is responsible for monitoring the selection of constituents for the index and ensuring that the index offers a reliable and representative view of the market.

Compiler

NYSE Euronext is the Compiler of the index. The Compiler is responsible for the day-to-day management of the index and is also responsible for decisions regarding the interpretation of these rules.

Cases not covered in rules

In cases which are not expressly covered in these rules, operational adjustments will take place along the lines of the aim of the index. Operational adjustments may also take place if, in the opinion of the Compiler, it is desirable to do so to maintain a fair and orderly market in derivatives on this index and/or this is in the best interests of the investors in products based on the index and/or the proper functioning of the markets. The Compiler will inform the Supervisor if it has taken a decision about a case which is not specifically covered in the rules for comments and review.

Rule book changes

These rules may be supplemented, amended in whole or in part, revised or withdrawn at anytime. Supplements, amendments, revisions and withdrawals may also lead to changes in the way the index is compiled or calculated or affect the index in another way. The Compiler will submit all decisions regarding supplementing, amending, revising or withdrawing these rules to the Supervisor for recommendations or approval.

Liability

NYSE Euronext, Euronext N.V., its subsidiaries, Euronext Amsterdam, the Compiler nor the Supervisor are liable for any losses resulting from supplementing, amending, revising or withdrawing the Rules for the index.

The Compiler will do everything within its power to ensure the accuracy of the composition, calculation, publication and adjustment of the index in accordance with relevant rules. However, nor NYSE Euronext, nor Euronext N.V., nor its subsidiaries, nor Euronext Amsterdam, nor the Compiler nor the Supervisor of the index are liable for any inaccuracy in share prices, calculations and the publication of the index, the information used for making adjustments to the index and the

actual adjustments. Furthermore, NYSE Euronext, Euronext N.V., its subsidiaries, the Compiler of the index and the Supervisor of the index do not guarantee nor the continuity of the composition of the index, nor the continuity of the calculation of the index, nor the continuity of the dissemination of the index levels, nor the continuity of the calculation of the index.

Ownership and trademarks

NYSE Euronext owns all intellectual and other property rights to the index, including the name, the composition and the calculation of the index.

3. Publication

3.1 The opening, intraday and closing or daily publication of index values.

Opening

The opening level is calculated using the opening prices of traded constituents or in the case of constituents that have non-traded, halted or suspended status, the previous day reference prices or estimated prices (for IPOs, buyouts and swap offers).

The official opening level is the first level published after a share price is available for all constituents. Index levels published before the official opening level is published are considered pre-opening index levels.

If, for whatever reason, share prices are not available for all constituents 5 minutes after Euronext Markets started regular daytime trading, the official opening level will be published as soon as the companies whose share prices are available of the current trading day represent at least 80% of the value of the index at the close of the previous trading day. For the AScX this minimum is set at 70%.

Calculation and Dissemination

The index is calculated based on the most recent prices of transactions concluded on Euronext Markets. The level of the index is in principle published every 15 seconds. The index is calculated from 09:00 until Euronext Markets stop regular daytime trading on the days when the Euronext Markets are open for trading.

Closing level

The closing level is the last level disseminated on the trading day.

3.2 Exceptional market conditions and corrections

The Compiler retains the right to delay the publication of the opening level of the index. Furthermore, the Compiler of the index retains the right to suspend the publication of the level of the index to mark the level of the index indicative if it believes that circumstances prevent the proper calculation of the index.

If prices are cancelled, the index will not be recalculated unless the Compiler decides otherwise.

If the index remains in pre-opening phase during the entire trading session, the last published pre-opening level of the index will be used as the official closing level of the index for that day. In such cases, the Compiler will not calculate an official opening level for the index.

3.3 *Announcement policy*

Announcement policy

Changes to the index, its components or its rules will be announced by an index announcement which will be distributed via e mail and/or the website of NYSE Euronext.

As a rule the announcement periods that are mentioned underneath will be applied. However, urgent treatments or late notices may require the Compiler to deviate from the standard timing.

Inclusion of new constituents

The inclusion of companies in the index will take place at reviews only. See the announcement period hereunder.

Removal of Constituents

At least two full trading days should pass between the announcement and the actual removal of the constituent.

Corporate actions

In case of an event that could affect one or more constituents, the Compiler will inform the market about the intended treatment of the event in the index shortly after the firm details have become available and have been confirmed. Once the corporate action has been effectuated, the Compiler will confirm the changes in a separate announcement.

Rule changes

Barring exception, a period of at least two months should pass between the date a proposed change is published and the date this comes into effect. Exceptions can be made only if the change is not in conflict with the interests of an affected party.

Reviews: publication of new selection

The decisions of the Supervisor are published at least two weeks before the effective date of the review. This includes changes to the selection and preliminary free float factors.

The new selection of the index, their free float factors, number of shares and capping factors will be announced at least two trading days before the effective date, normally Wednesday after the close.

In the event of a take-over or other exceptional circumstances, the Compiler has the right to revise the selection from the time the announcement is published up to the close of the markets (including the trading-at-last phase) on the day when the annual full review takes place.

Supervisor decisions

All decisions will be published without delay following the decision (after the close of the market).

4. Calculation

4.1 Calculation of the price index

The index is calculated on a price return basis. The calculation is based on the current free float market capitalization divided by the divisor. The divisor was determined on the initial capitalization base of the index and the base level. The divisor is adapted as a result of corporate actions and composition changes.

4.2 Currency Conversion

Share prices that are quoted in other currencies than Euro will be converted to Euro based on the most recent WM/Reuters spot rates, which are published each business day around 5pm CET.

4.3 Total Return Index Calculation

Return indices

A net total return index as well as a gross total return index, is calculated and disseminated at the same frequency as the price index. The return indices are obtained by reinvesting the net and gross dividends respectively.

Withholding tax rate

The net dividend is calculated based on the position of a Luxembourg based UCIT fund (Undertaking for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities). A table detailing the percentages that are applied is available on the website of NYSE Euronext.

Ordinary dividends in shares

If a dividend is distributed in the form of shares only and if this is regarded as ordinary dividend, the return index will be reinvesting a cash equivalent of the dividend. If shareholders may choose between cash or shares the amount which is reinvested will be based on the cash option.

Conversion of dividends declared in other currencies

If a dividend for a constituent is declared in another currency than the base currency of the index (Euro), then the compiler will in first instance use the Euro amount if investors have the option to be paid in that currency. If the dividend amount is available only in currencies that deviate from the base currency, the compiler will convert the dividend amount using the reference rate for the cum-day (the business day prior to the ex-date). In principle the reference rate will be based on the foreign exchange reference rates as published daily by the ECB.

5. Index reviews

5.1 General aim of reviews and frequency

General aim of the periodical review

The general aim of the periodical review of the index, is to ensure that the selection and weighting of the constituents continues to reflect the underlying market or market segment it represents.

Frequency

The reviews become effective after the market close of the third Friday of March (the annual review), June, September and December (quarterly reviews).

5.2 Index universe and selection principle

Index Universe

The Universe of the index is defined as companies that have been admitted to listing on Euronext Amsterdams' regulated market.

The index consists of

- a) Companies with Euronext Amsterdam as Market of Reference; and
- b) Companies with a Market of Reference that is not Euronext Amsterdam who qualify based on
 1. The significant presence (relative to the size of the group) of business assets and/or head-office activities in The Netherlands and/or employment of significant numbers of staff in The Netherlands ; or
 2. Significant trading volumes on related derivative instruments in Amsterdam ; or
 3. History of inclusion in indices (including takeovers), in so far 1. and/or 2. are applicable for the candidate stock.

Exclusion of constituents

The shares of the following companies are excluded from the index:

- (a) Investment Instruments classified as sector 8900 in conformity with the ICB classification system as well as other Equity Investment Instruments or Nonequity Investment Instruments classified as subsector 8775 that do not have any business or have any assets other than future plans to obtain equity stakes;
- (b) Holding companies of companies listed on Euronext Amsterdam;
- (c) Companies whose shares are subject to a special listing regime;
- (d) Other companies or institutions as determined by the Compiler. When excluding companies from the AEX index family, the Compiler will take into account the tradability and the settlement of the shares issued by the company in question. When determining the tradability of a company's shares, the frequency with which the shares are traded will be decisive. When settlement is assessed, the extent to which short positions can be taken and settled in a company's shares will be decisive.

Selection basis*Value of Regulated Turnover*

Companies are selected based on the value of Regulated Turnover observed over a 12 month period.

If a company's value of Regulated Turnover is not available for the entire 12 months period, its value of Regulated Turnover will be extrapolated to the entire 12 months period. In such cases, the value of Regulated Turnover during the first twenty trading days that the company was admitted to listing on Euronext Amsterdam will be ignored.

For companies listed less than eighty trading days on the turnover cut-off date (31 Jan/30 Apr/31 Jul/31 Oct), the extrapolation will be adjusted by the following ratio:

$$\frac{[\text{Number of days listed}] - [\text{first 20 trading days}]}{60}$$

In the event of a spin-off, a split-up or a similar corporate event, the value of Regulated Turnover before the corporate event will be assigned to the companies resulting from the corporate event based on the ratio of the corporate event. The ratio is determined based on the market capitalisation of the resulting entities after the first day of trading. The value of Regulated Turnover will be assigned if a spun-off division is listed on Euronext Amsterdam as an independent company.

Trading Velocity

The shares of a company must have a trading velocity of at least 10%. In other words, their regulated trading volume should represent at least 10% of the total number of shares issued by the company listed on Euronext Amsterdam, calculated over the course of the full 12 months relevant for the review. Velocity is calculated on a daily basis by dividing the number of shares traded by the number of shares listed. These daily figures are added up to calculate the annual velocity.

If regulated trading volume in shares for a particular company is not available for the entire period of 12 months, the velocity will be extrapolated to the entire period. When determining a share's velocity, the regulated trading volume during the first twenty trading days after the company was admitted to listing on Euronext Amsterdam will not be taken into consideration.

In the event of a spin-off, a split-up or a similar corporate event, the regulated trading volume before the corporate event will be assigned to the companies resulting from the corporate event based on the ratio of the corporate event. The regulated trading volume will be assigned if a spun-off division is listed on the stock market as an independent company.

Minimum free float

At least 25% of the shares listed by the company should be freely available for trading ("free float") on Euronext Amsterdam. Nevertheless, companies with a free float of less than 25% may be included in the index if their free-float-adjusted market capitalisation is equal to or greater than that of the company ranked 25th largest (AEX), 50th largest (AMX) or 75th largest (AScX) within the ranking of eligible companies in terms of free-float-adjusted market capitalisation.

Selection of constituents at the annual review (in March)

Eligible companies are ranked based on the value of Regulated Turnover according to the selection basis provided that they fulfill the velocity and free float requirements.

For the AEX-Index the 23 highest ranking companies will be selected. Furthermore the 2 highest ranking companies from those ranking 24th until 27th are selected whereby current constituents are preferred over companies that aren't part of the index at the moment.

For the AMX-Index the 23 highest ranking companies not included in the AEX-Index will be selected. Furthermore the 2 highest ranking companies from those ranking 24th until 27th are selected whereby current constituents are preferred over companies that aren't part of the index at the moment.

For the AScX-Index the 23 highest ranking companies not included in the AEX-Index or AMX-Index will be selected. Furthermore the 2 highest ranking companies from those ranking 24th until 27th are selected whereby current constituents are preferred over companies that aren't part of the index at the moment.

Selection of constituents at the quarterly reviews (in June, September and December)

Non constituent companies may be added to the index at the occasion of the quarterly review if they rank 15 or higher. For the AMX-Index and AScX-Index the unadjusted extrapolated value of turnover should not exceed the value of turnover of the highest ranking company in the index as it is constituted on 30 April/31 July/31 October.

Furthermore the highest ranking non constituent company will be added if the index consists of fewer than 25 constituents.

Should the index consist of more than 25 companies after the addition of high ranking non constituents or due to a split-up or similar situation, then the lowest ranking current constituent(s) will be selected for removal in order to bring the number of constituents down to 25.

If the index consists of 25 constituents and no company qualifies for entry based on its ranking of Regulated Turnover, no rebalancing will take place.

Selected line

As only one listing – the most active one - is permitted per company, the listing representing the company's ordinary shares is generally used.

5.3 Periodical update of weighting

Update of number of shares

At annual reviews, the number of shares included in the index will be updated with the current number of shares listed.

Free Float

The free-float factors used for the calculation of the index are reviewed annually in March. It is rounded up to the next 5% bracket. The free float factors are determined on the basis of the information available at the end of the previous month, and are published at least two trading days before the index update.

Capping

A maximum weighting of 15% is applied to each index constituent at the annual review. The assessment and new capping coefficients are based on the new composition in combination with the closing prices of the 2 trading days before the review is carried out, normally the Wednesday.

Companies added at the quarterly review

For companies, if any, to be added to the index at the quarterly review, the weightings in terms of number of shares in the index, free float and capping factors, are determined and published based on the situation as of the last 2 trading days prior to the review effective date, normally the Wednesday. The weight of companies that are added is subject to a maximum of 15%.

6. Corporate Actions

6.1 General

The index may be adjusted in order to maintain the continuity of the index level and the composition. The underlying aim is that the index continues to reflect as closely as possible the value of the underlying portfolio.

Adjustments take place in reaction to events that occur with constituents in order to mitigate or eliminate the effect of that event on the index.

6.2 Removal of constituents

A constituent will be removed from the index if it has appeared that the liquid trading will be significantly affected due to a takeover, merger, bankruptcy or similar situations. In case of a takeover that is paid primarily in shares the constituent may be replaced by the acquiring company.

If a company is removed from the index, the divisor will be adapted to maintain the index level.

6.2.1 Mergers and Acquisitions

If a constituent is subject to a take-over offer, a merger, an acquisition, liquidation, bankruptcy filing or a similar situation or has in the opinion of the Compiler ceased to be a viable constituent as defined by the rules, the constituent in question will either be removed or will be replaced by the acquiring company.

Replacement will occur provided that the bid is paid in shares and that the acquiring company meets the inclusion criteria of the index. In case of a mixed bid of cash and shares the Compiler will treat the bid as a share bid if the share part amounts to at least 75% of the offer price, on the day of the publication of the terms of the offer. The replacement of the shares of the relevant index constituent by the shares of the company that continues to be traded will be executed on the basis of the bid ratio. The divisor will be adapted only for the cash part of the offer price.

The removal or replacement will take place with effect from the first business day following the acceptance of the bid provided that the acceptance has been made public before the close of regular day time trading on Euronext Markets.

The Compiler retains the right to impose additional conditions for removal if after the acceptance of the bid the free float remains higher than 25% or if the free float market capitalisation of the constituent in question exceeds the smallest other current constituent of the index in terms of free float market capitalisation.

6.2.2 Delistings, Suspensions and company distress

If a constituent is suspended or if its shares are subject to a special listing regime, the compiler will consider whether the constituent should be removed on the understanding that a transitional period with a maximum of three months may be observed. When a constituent is removed following suspension, it will be removed at its suspension price unless otherwise decided by the compiler.

If a constituent will be delisted from the Euronext Amsterdam market, it will be removed from the index as soon as possible and on a day announced by the Compiler.

The company will be deleted from the index based on either the last known price established during regular daytime trading or else a price determined by the Compiler, whereby the company may also be deleted at EUR 0.

6.2.3 Price sources

If shares may be offered for exchange in connection with a merger or acquisition and this temporarily results in two listings at Euronext Amsterdam, the prices of the shares offered as assented to the bid will be used.

In the event that the trading in shares is suspended, the last known price established during regular daytime trading will be used.

6.3 Split-up /spin off

In the event that a company included in the index is split up, the companies resulting from the split, including the original company where appropriate, will continue to be included in the index providing they still qualify as an eligible company in their own right. The index may then temporarily consist of fewer than, or more than 25 companies until the next periodical review takes place.

For the purposes of these rules a split-up is taken to mean a legal demerger, a spin-off or another situation which the Compiler deems to be similar.

In case the shareholder of the company which was originally included in the index does not automatically receive shares in a company which is created as a result of the split up, this company is considered to be a newly listed company.

The removal of any non qualifying company resulting from a split-up will take place after the close of the first day of trading in the shares of that company. If all companies resulting from the split are to be removed, the removal will take place at the close of the last trading day before the split.

6.4 Early Inclusion of Non-Constituents

As a rule newly listed companies are considered for inclusion in the index at the time of the periodical index rebalancing.

6.5 Dividends

6.5.1 Distinction ordinary and special dividend

The price index will be adjusted for dividends that are special.

The following criteria will be applied to decide whether a dividend should be considered a special dividend:

- a) the declaration of a company of a dividend additional to those dividends declared as part of the company's normal results and dividend reporting cycle; merely an adjustment to the timing of the declaration of a company's expected dividend would not be considered as a special dividend circumstance; or
- b) the identification of an element of a dividend paid in line with a company's normal results and dividend reporting cycle as an element that is unambiguously additional to the company's normal payment.

For the purpose of clarification, no adjustment will be made for the following situations:

1. Payment of ordinary dividends, irrespective of how they are financed;
2. Issue of redeemable shares or any other entitlement in lieu of an ordinary dividend; or
3. Unexpected increase or decrease, resumption or cessation, or change in frequency to an ordinary dividend.

6.5.2 Adjustment for special dividend

The adjustment of the index takes place by the reduction of the closing price of the share in question. Subsequently the divisor will be adapted in order to maintain the index level. The adjustments will be based on gross amounts.

6.6 Rights issues and other rights

In the event of a rights issue the new shares will be included in the index on the ex-date of the rights issue and an adjusted closing price will be applied as calculated by the Compiler. The adjustment will be made based on the shares currently in the index. The divisor will be adapted in such a way that the level of the index remains the same.

The new shares are only added if less than 0.4 share is issued for every share that is currently held and if the new shares are fungible with the existing line of shares (e.g. no dividend disadvantage). Otherwise the index is adjusted based on the value of the rights only.

The index will be adjusted only if the rights represent a positive value.

The index will also be adjusted if a value can be attributed to a subscription right for convertible bonds, bonds with warrants or warrants with preferential rights for shareholders or similar situations.

6.7 Bonus issues, stock splits and reverse stock splits

For bonus issues, stock splits and reverse stock splits, the number of shares included in the index will be adjusted in accordance with the ratio given in the corporate action. The divisor will not be changed because of this.

6.8 Changes in number of shares or free float

In between the annual reviews the number of shares and free float factor included in the index will remain unchanged.

Formulas

The price return index is calculated using the following formula:

$$I_t = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N Q_{i,t} F_{i,t} f_{i,t} C_{i,t}}{d_t}$$

Where:

t	day of calculation
N	number of constituent equities in index
$Q_{i,t}$	number of shares of equity i on day t
$F_{i,t}$	free float of equity I (FF)
$f_{i,t}$	capping factor of equity I (CAP)
$C_{i,t}$	price of equity i on day t
d_t	divisor on day t

The total return index calculation takes two steps: the first step is to transpose the announced dividend payment into index points. This is called the XD adjustment. This uses the following formula:

$$\text{XD adjustment} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{g_i * w_i}{d}$$

Where:

n:	The number of securities in the index;
g_i :	The announced dividend per share of the i^{th} component stock;
w_i :	The weighting of the i^{th} component stock (equal to the number of shares in the index with adjustment for free float and capping);
d:	Divisor of the index.

The second step of the calculation uses the figures calculated in step one (xd adjustment). These figures are now included in the formula below which actually calculates the index value including dividend re-investment (total returns).

$$\text{TR}_t = \text{TR}_{t-1} \left(\frac{\text{IV}_t + \text{XD}}{\text{IV}_{t-1}} \right)$$

Where:

TR_{t-1} :	Total returns index value yesterday;
TR_t :	Total returns index value today;
IV_{t-1} :	Underlying capital index yesterday;
IV_t :	Underlying capital index today;
XD :	XD adjustment to underlying capital index (see step 1 above).

The dividend is assumed to be reinvested at the close of the ex-date.

Definitions

Free float

Free float is defined as the outstanding capital less shareholdings exceeding 5%, except where such interests are held by

- (a) collective investment schemes/mutual funds or
- (b) pension funds.

In addition, certain insider holdings (e.g. shares held by directors, employees, founders and family), government holdings and holdings of the company itself (including subsidiaries) are not considered free float, irrespective of the size.

AEX Steering Committee

Committee consisting of independent persons which acts as supervisor to the AEX index family and to which all decisions regarding supplementing, amending, revising or withdrawing these rules are submitted for approval. The composition and responsibilities of the AEX Steering Committee are laid down in the Rules of Procedure document that is available on the website.

Compiler

Committee of NYSE Euronext officials appointed by NYSE Euronext.

Review date

The cut-off date which is relevant for the assessment regarding inclusions and exclusions and for the determination of free float adjustment factors. The review date of the index is last trading day of the month prior to the full month that passed before the review effective date. This means that when the review is effective after the first trading day of March, the review day will be the last trading day of January.

Regulated Turnover

Regulated Turnover consists of value of turnover traded via the Euronext electronic order book as well as turnover from off-exchange transactions within the scope of Euronext's regulatory environment, such as block trades and the like.