

Treatment of Russian Equities for Research Affiliates Investment Strategies

In the midst of the tragedy and tumult of the Ukraine War and subsequent sanctions on select Russian equities and the inability of investors to trade in the Russian equity market in general, Research Affiliates has made the decision to remove Russian equities from all of our systematic, rules-based strategies effective as of the open on **March 7, 2022**. This applies to the following strategies:

- RAE Fundamental
- RAE Fundamental Physical
- RAE Fundamental Low Volatility

Removal of Russia as an Eligible Emerging Market Country

Russia will no longer be classified as an eligible Emerging Markets country for the purpose of constructing the RAE strategies. As a result of this change, equity securities classified as Russia (including ADRs and GDRs) will no longer be eligible for inclusion in RAE strategies. For the existing RAE strategies, securities will be removed at the market close on March 4, 2022, effective as of the open on March 7, 2022.

For any questions regarding these changes please contact RAIndex@rallc.com.

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