

William Blair Healthcare IT Index (ticker: WBHCIT)**Methodology Summary***William Blair & Company*

Topic	Rules
1. Component Selection Criteria	William Blair HCIT Index attempts to capture at least three-fourths of entire HCIT industry capitalization. Constituents must meet each of the following criteria:
a. Business Requirement	Company must generate more than 50% of revenue from HCIT activities; HCIT is defined as firms focused on selling software or software/hardware systems (including clinical, administrative, and financial systems), online health care oriented content, and/or related technology services (including installation, consulting, and IT outsourcing) to medical service providers (including specialties, such as dental), other health care product vendors (including pharmaceutical companies), payors, or consumers.
b. Company Structure Requirement	Constituent must be operating company; not a closed-end fund, ETF, holding company, investment trusts, or other investment vehicles.
c. U.S./Foreign Requirement	Constituent must be traded on U.S. exchange; ADRs are also eligible as long as they meet other criteria.
d. Market Cap Requirement	Constituent must have market cap, based on basic shares outstanding, of greater than \$50 million as of the reconstitution date.
e. Float Requirement	At least 15% shares outstanding must be publicly trading, or floating, as defined by Standard & Poor's. Float subtracts insider ownership, or current/former company officers and directors, government entities, or shareholders deemed long-term in nature, such as other publicly traded companies, strategic partners, venture capital, or private equity firms.
f. Trading Volume Requirement	Constituent must trade \$1 million in market capitalization cumulatively over trailing 90 days before reconstitution.
g. Exchange Requirement	Constituent must trade on NYSE, NASDAQ, NASDAQ Small Cap, or AMEX; OTC- and Pink Sheet-traded securities are excluded.
2. Weighting and Float Adjustments	The following rules apply to index weighting and float adjustments:
a. Weighting Rules	William Blair HCIT Index will be calculated on an equal-weight basis, with reconstitution occurring annually.
3. Scheduled Adjustments: Reconstitution	Process for evaluating and including constituents occurs once per year:
a. Annually	Reconstitution and rebalancing is completed December 31 each year.
b. Method	Securities will be evaluated on reconstitution date, included/excluded based on previously stated criteria, and rebalanced to equal-weight status at this time.
4. Unscheduled Index Adjustments	In addition to annual reconstitution, index constituents and price will be promptly rebalanced throughout the year in the following instances:
a. Merger/Acquisition	Surviving company will be reevaluated and, assuming selection criteria is met, added within five business days of closing of merger at same percentage of acquiree.
b. IPOs	New HCIT entrants will be promptly evaluated and assuming selection criteria is met, added within five business days of IPO at percentage weighting equal to (1/number of companies in index). Given limited operating history, volume requirements do not apply.
c. Spinoff/Carveout	Two entities will be reevaluated to see if they meet selection criteria, and added/excluded within five business days of ex-date. Percentage weighting of two separate entities combined will equal weighting of prior consolidated entity.
d. Delisting	Constituents removed upon being delisted from previously listed exchanges as of effective date of action. The weighting of the security at the time of delisting will be redistributed equally among remaining constituents.
e. Bankruptcy	Constituents removed two days after date of filing for bankruptcy, or as soon as practicable. The weighting of the security at the time of bankruptcy filing will be redistributed equally among remaining constituents.
f. Stock Splits/ Dividend	Value of index does not change with stock splits. Stock dividends are treated the same as stock splits; cash dividends are reinvested back into the index at closing price, but only for purpose of calculating total return.
5. Mechanics	The following summarizes other basic HCIT Index procedures and methodologies:
a. Price	Pricing data of constituents and index value calculation supplied by Standard & Poor's according to William Blair Health Care IT Index's defined methodology.
b. Total Return	Total returns are calculated from dividend-adjusted Index price provided by Standard & Poor's.
c. Calculation frequency	Index is priced daily as of constituents' end-of-day close. Index value will be delivered by about 6:30 p.m. EST.
d. Dissemination	Index ticker is WBHCIT. Daily quotes are disseminated by Standard & Poor's to data providers such as Reuters and Bloomberg.
e. Errors	Errors detected will be corrected promptly, and will be disclosed when material (greater than 5% in value).
f. Constituent Disclosure	Current constituents will be disclosed; historical constituents in any given year will be disclosed upon request.

For more information regarding the William Blair Healthcare IT Index (WBHCIT), including current index pricing data, please visit www.williamblair.com/wbhcit. Additional information available upon request.

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