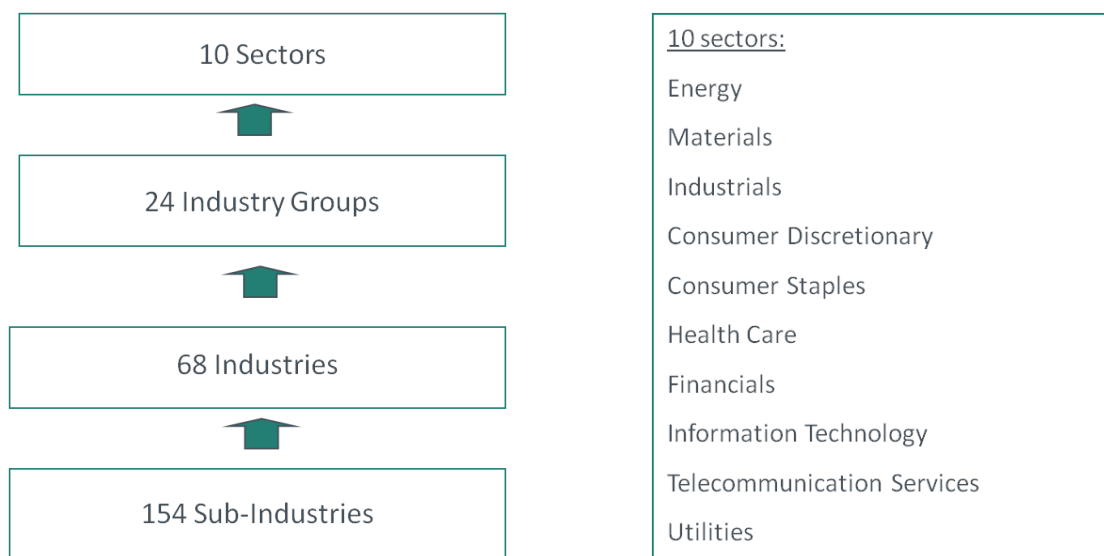


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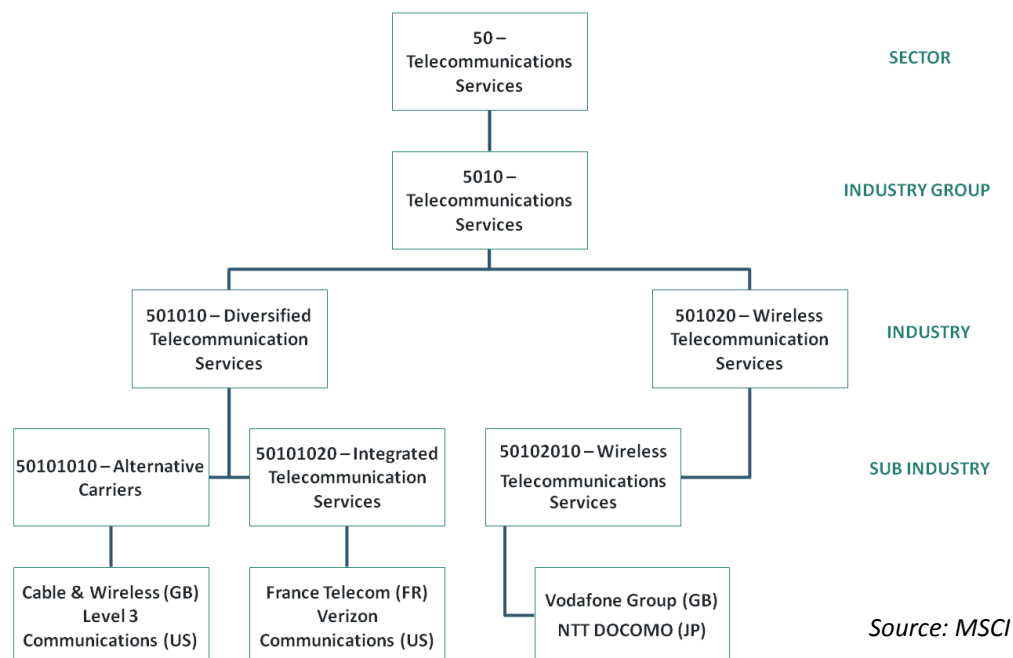
Hochiminh Stock Exchange (HOSE) officially launched Sector-Indices including 10 sector indices using Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS®) on 25 Jan 2015. In order to give investors and market participants a better understanding on GICS®, following are some useful basic information:

GICS® is an industry classification developed by MSCI and S&P Dow Jones Indexes – to provide an efficient, detailed and flexible tool for use in the investment process. It is designed to respond to the global financial community’s need for a global, accurate, complete and widely accepted approach to defining industries and classifying securities by industry. MSCI has more than 40 years in experience providing shares indices, fixed-assets indices, hedge-fund and portfolio management tools.

GICS® contains four levels of details:



Since GICS® is strictly hierarchical, a company can only belong to one grouping at each of the four levels:



GICS® is used to assign each company to a sub-industry according to its principal business activity. Generally, a company will be assigned into a sub-industry if the revenue from that sub-industry takes at least 60% of revenue structure. In case a company engaged in two or more substantially different business activities, none of which contribute 60% or more of revenues, is classified in the sub-industry that provides the majority of both the company's revenues and earnings. When no sub-industry provides the majority of both the company's revenues and earnings, the classification will be determined based on further research and analysis. In the case of new listing, the classification will be determined based primarily on the description of the company's activities and performance results as given in the prospectus.

A company's sub-industry classification will be reviewed either when a significant corporate restructuring occurs or when a new annual report is available. In order to provide a stable sub-industry classification, when reviewing a company's classification, changes will be minimized in the sub-industry classification to the extent possible by disregarding temporary fluctuations in the results of a company's different activities.

Rapid integrating and globalising trend in investment environment lead to an ever demanded general standard, a commonly accepted language amongst capital markets to serve investment processes as well as new products development. GICS® is designed to meet the demand of global investment for a reliable, universal, flexible and standard industry classification. Currently, GICS® are being used commonly by most Exchanges globally, including more than 43,000 companies and 50,000 securities; taking approximately 95% of total global market capitalisation. Besides, there are more than USD 9,600 billion of assets are benchmarked to MSCI indices (all uses GICS®)

Implementing GICS® will provide Vietnam Stock Market a common language with the global stock market, supporting retail and institutional investors, especially investment funds to raise efficiency in diversifying investments; enhance quality of investment analysing, promoting foreign investors' accessibility into Vietnam. According to agreement between HOSE and MSCI, MSCI and S&P will directly perform classifying listed companies based on available data on the market, by that enhancing objectivity and transparency of the market, heading towards further integration into the global stock market.

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