



An index to track global public companies with exposure to rare earth metals and critical materials.

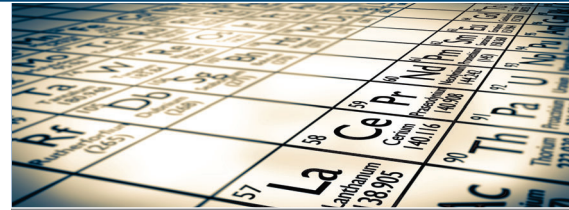
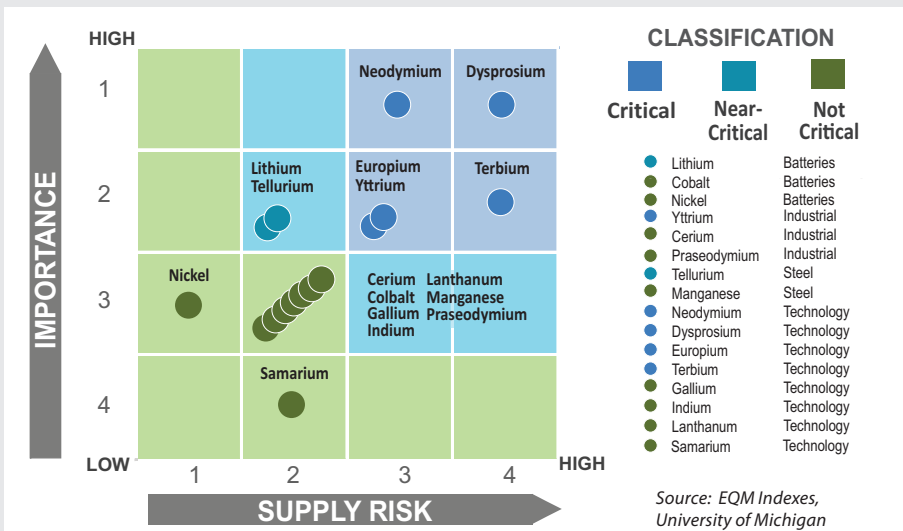
## The Case for Rare Earths and Critical Materials

Rare Earth Metals and Critical Materials play a strategically vital role globally, used in everything from smartphones to electric vehicles to wind turbines, with important defense and aeronautic applications that also make them essential from a national security standpoint.

- 1. Vital Component of Green Energy Technologies** – Critical materials are essential elements used in many green energy applications aimed at reaching net-zero emission targets such as electric vehicles, wind turbines, batteries, and solar cells.
- 2. Critical for Economic and National Security** – The United States, Canada, European Union, and Australia all maintain lists of 30+ minerals and materials they deem critical from an economic and national security standpoint. Over the past decade, the importance of rare earths and critical materials has impacted geopolitical relations as China often controls critical supply, and/or processing, and is a dominant producer, giving it increased leverage on the world stage.
- 3. Limited Supply, Amid Rising Demand and Critical Importance** – Rare earth metals and critical materials are in scarce supply and are not found in high concentrations, making them difficult to source. The urgency to establish domestic sources has accelerated due to the focus on climate change initiatives and the drive for green energy solutions, and to protect national security interests.

## Critical Elements Example: Green Energy

Essential Rare Earth Elements (REEs) are a group of 17 elements that are vital for renewable energy and energy storage.



## Overview

The EQM Rare Earths & Critical Materials Index (CRITNTR) provides exposure to global public companies deriving significant revenue from rare earths or critical materials mining, production, recycling, processing or refining of rare earths or critical materials.

Companies are weighted according to the market capitalization in USD with the maximum weighting of any individual component not to exceed 10% at the time of adjustment. The minimum weight of any individual component should be at least 20 bps. Residual weights are distributed equally among remaining components.

<b>Ticker</b>	CRITNTR
<b>Inception Date</b>	2/14/22
<b>Index Calculation/Publication</b>	Solactive AG
<b>Total # Holdings</b>	58
<b># Countries</b>	14
<b>Rebalance (Feb/Aug)</b>	Semi-Annually
<b>Weighting Scheme</b>	Modified capitalization weighting

## Licensing Information

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## Top Constituents

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		Index Wt %
1	GLENCORE PLC	10.92
2	FREEPORT-MCMORAN INC	9.77
3	ALBEMARLE CORP	8.18
4	QUIMICA Y MINERA CHIL-SP ADR	6.22
5	TIANQI LITHIUM CORP-H	5.53
6	ANGLO AMERICAN PLATINUM LTD	4.92
7	GANFENG LITHIUM CO LTD-H	4.40
8	TECK RESOURCES LTD-CLS B	4.24
9	CMOC GROUP LTD-H	3.30
10	SOUTH32 LTD	3.07

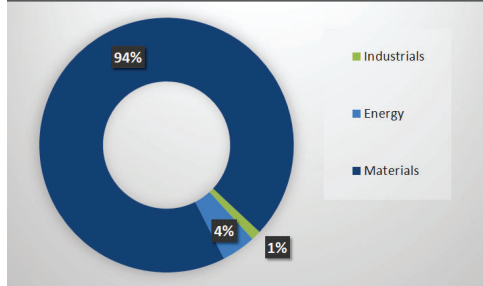
Source: Bloomberg

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## Portfolio Weightings

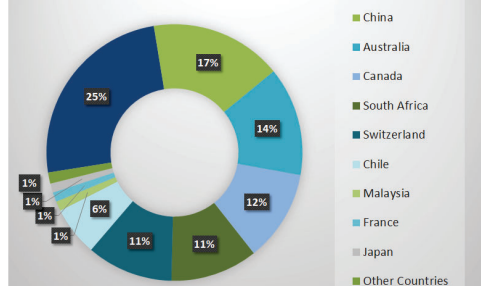
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### Sector Weightings



Source: Bloomberg, EQM Indexes

### Country Weightings



Source: Bloomberg

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## Constituent Requirements

In order to be eligible for inclusion in the index, companies must meet the following conditions:

- Global equities listed on a regulated stock exchange in the form of shares tradeable for foreign investors without restrictions, excluding U.S. over the counter listed companies.
- Companies currently generating at least 50% of their revenue from rare earths or critical metal mining, production, recycling, processing and/or refining of rare earths or critical metals; or engaged in projects that have the potential, when developed, to generate 50% of revenue from rare earth or critical metal mining, production, recycling, processing and/or refining.
- Minimum market capitalization of at least \$250 million USD.
- Average daily traded value over the last 6 months of at least \$500 thousand USD.
- Latest reported revenue must be positive.
- China-headquartered companies will be included only as exchange traded ADR versions or Hong Kong exchange traded versions if available.

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