
European MiFID Template (EMT)

Data Content Guide

Morningstar Data Content

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Background

The European MiFID Template, or EMT, is designed by FinDatEx, a joint structure established by representatives of the European financial-services sector. Its mission is to support the development and use of standardized technical templates to facilitate the exchange of data between stakeholders in the application of European financial market legislation.

Definition of the Dataset

A dataset composed of data Morningstar collects from the EMT.

Content

The EMT contains over 100 data points relating to MiFID regulation. The broad categories of these are:

- EMT Data Set Information
- Financial Instrument Information
- Target Market Information including:
 - Investor Type
 - Knowledge and/or Experience
 - Client Ability to Bear Losses
 - Risk Tolerance
 - Client Objectives & Needs
 - Distribution Strategy
- Ex-Ante Cost & Charges
- Ex-Post Cost & Charges
- UK Value for Money

The Morningstar EMT dataset is purposely not configured to function as an EMT entire content replication solution. Data points within the EMT have been carefully selected when Morningstar perceives that date to be of value to their data consumers. Therefore, the Morningstar dataset is formed of some 80 data points taken from within all the broad categories within the template.

Inputs/Sources/Timings

The EMT does not have a designated delivery frequency. It can be delivered at the frequency the manufacturer determines, and Morningstar will process accordingly. The expected minimum is for EMTs to be updated at least once per calendar year.

The EMT can be delivered to Morningstar from the manufacturer directly or from a third party if they have outsourced.

Assumptions

Morningstar will conduct some standard validation such as formatting and content and business rules to ensure data values are within a suitable range tolerance. The assumption is made that the data provided in the template by the manufacturer is correct and in line with the guidelines laid out by FinDatEx.

The EMT has no free text and is therefore expected as an English-language document.

Limitations/Exceptions

If data within the EMT fails validation because of incorrect formatting or a data value appears out of the ordinary, Morningstar will contact the manufacturer to inform them, but data will not be processed until a new EMT is issued or the value has been confirmed as accurate. We will not manually adjust any data.

Morningstar will not store the EMT in the Morningstar document library.

Universes and Markets

Funds domiciled in major EU markets that Morningstar proactively covers plus UK open-end funds sold into those major EU markets.

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Glossary

MiFID	Markets in Financial Instruments Directive — a European regulation introduced to increase transparency across the European Union's financial markets and standardize the regulatory disclosures required for firms operating in the European Union.
FinDatEx	Financial Data Exchange — FinDatEx is a joint structure established by representatives of the European financial-services sector. Its mission is to support the development and use of standardized technical templates to facilitate the exchange of data between stakeholders in the application of European financial market legislation.

Frequently Asked Questions

Is the EMT mandatory?

No. The EMT is not a regulatory document and is not mandatory. It is completely at the asset managers' discretion if they wish to produce this template.

When did Morningstar begin to collect the EMT?

Version 1 of the EMT went live in February 2019 and Morningstar has been collecting this version and all subsequent changes to versions since that date.

Can you provide a brief overview of what Morningstar will collect from the EMT?

The EMT comprises over one hundred data points. Morningstar will collect data it deems of value to its data consumers from with the EMT. The Morningstar dataset currently consist of approximately eighty data points.

Why isn't all EMT data populated?

Not all the data points within the EMT are mandatory. Therefore, there will be fields that are left unpopulated by the manufacturer.

Will Morningstar modify any data within the EMT?

Morningstar will not change the content of the EMT. Morningstar will store the codification as per the recommendations within the EMT from FinDatEx. Exception: Numerical values will be converted to a % where applicable. For example, percentages are to be populated as 0.5 within the template as per the EMT guidelines; this will convert to 50%.

What validation does Morningstar conduct on the EMT data provided?

Morningstar will check that content is correct, numerical fields are used where numerical fields should be, and text is used where text should be. Morningstar will check that % values do not exceed upper or lower limitations. It will check that options provided are within the permissible values of the EMT. It will check that mandatory fields are populated. Morningstar will check the identifier code mapping to Morningstar investment ID. It will check that no future data is stored. It will check no duplicate file generation date and time for the same effective date has been provided.

What is the process if the EMT fails validation?

The team will check the reason for the failure. If the team can revise the delivery configuration to correct this, it will. If the issue is with the data, the team will contact the sender.

Why are some names in Morningstar different from the corresponding data point names in the EMT?

Names have been created to the Morningstar standards. Please note that if there are errors in the names within the EMT, these will be addressed by FinDatEx in its reviews.

What is the scope of Morningstar's collection of the EMT?

Our collection teams collect the EMT for open-end funds, exchange-traded funds, and closed-end funds domiciled in major EU markets that Morningstar proactively covers plus UK open-end funds sold into those major EU markets.

How often do we expect companies to send the EMT?

There is no set frequency for the EMT; however, we are expecting to receive at least one EMT per calendar year. We also expect to receive updated EMTs if there have been any changes to the fund's mandate. The frequency delivered will be at the discretion of the asset manager.

Why do different datasets have different dates within the EMT?

The EMT has multiple sections. Some sections — such as General Financial Instrument information, Target Market, Cost & Charges Ex-Ante and Cost & Charges Ex-Post — have a date included that will function as the effective date.

Will we store EMT as a document in Morningstar document library?

No

Will we process all EMTs delivered to us?

If the EMT is delivered in the correct format and passes the validation, it will be processed. If the EMT is delivered in a format that cannot be processed, the sender will be notified that it cannot be processed. If the EMT contains data that has failed validation, all the data within that table that has failed will be held back until confirmed/corrected, and the sender will need to issue a new EMT with the corrected data. All the data in any other table that has passed will be processed.

Why are you storing EMT data on a class level and not a fund level?

We have created the data fields within Morningstar in line with the design of the EMT. This was created and designed to be at the class level.

Can you provide details on how to populate the EMT?

No. Morningstar can assist with delivery to Morningstar and our clients. We can advise on the formatting that we require. The definitions are provided in the templates, along with the comments. We can simply interpret the definitions the same as groups. Contact FinDatEx directly if more information is needed.

Should there be an EMT per fund?

Morningstar expects to receive one EMT for multiple classes/ranges of funds.

What languages are available within the EMT?

FinDatEx has created the template to be single language (English). It does not contain any free text fields.

Will Morningstar Direct host the EMT Data?

Yes. Direct will have all EMT data fields that Morningstar collects from the template.

Whom do we contact if we see issues with the EMT data on display in Morningstar?

You should raise a request via the support channels you currently use. Our support team will then triage to the data team.