

# GIDS 2.0: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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## What is changing?

As announced in [Data Technical News #2011-27](#), NASDAQ OMX Information LLC will be launching a newly enhanced NASDAQ OMX Global Index Data Service<sup>SM</sup> (GIDS<sup>SM</sup>), called GIDS 2.0, which will **replace** the current version of GIDS. GIDS 2.0 will be powered by NASDAQ OMX INET technology, the fastest and most scalable trading technology in the world, with sub-microsecond speeds and high reliability and capacity. With this upgrade, NASDAQ OMX will be positioned to continue delivering its new index benchmark series and leading the industry as a premier provider of real-time data.

The enhancements of GIDS 2.0 are a part of NASDAQ OMX's continuous effort to improve our data services and to provide real-time delivery of NASDAQ OMX and third-party partner indexes and Exchange Traded Products (ETPs).

## When will GIDS 2.0 launch?

On **Monday, May 7, 2012**, GIDS 2.0 will launch in **BETA testing** for a three month period prior to becoming a production service on **Monday, August 20, 2012**. Direct recipients are encouraged to test their access and processing during the BETA period.

Indexes launched after August 20<sup>th</sup> will **only** be available on GIDS 2.0, covering broad segments of the global markets.

## What improvements are included in GIDS 2.0?

GIDS 2.0 will provide expanded global coverage, enabling NASDAQ OMX to expand its index benchmark offerings to the world markets. GIDS 2.0 enhancements include:

- Extended operational hours to service a world market. GIDS 2.0 will operate 23 hours a day, five days a week (23/5).
- Start-of-Day (SOD) as well as End-of-Day (EOD) summary information for covered indexes and ETPs.
- Regional delivery of summary information by asset class allowing data recipients to receive information relevant to their local market closing session.

## Will the existing GIDS data service be retired?

Yes, NASDAQ OMX Information LLC intends to retire the current version of GIDS on **Friday, December 28, 2012**.

The enhanced GIDS 2.0 will be our premier product for the global delivery of NASDAQ OMX and third party index as well as ETP values. NASDAQ OMX advises data recipients to utilize the three-month BETA testing period, beginning May 7<sup>th</sup>, to ensure seamless receipt and delivery of index data, and to migrate to GIDS 2.0 by production launch date of **Monday, August 20, 2012**. Customers will need to transition to GIDS 2.0 in order to benefit from the expanded operational hours and global coverage of the new service, and decrease the risk of real-time index data interruption.

### Will GIDS 2.0 carry all current indexes that I receive on GIDS today?

Yes, all indexes that are currently on GIDS will be available via GIDS 2.0. For a current list of the indexes available on GIDS, please refer to the [NASDAQ OMX GIDS Index Directory](#) on the [NASDAQ OMX Global Index Watch \(GIW\)](#) website.

### What do I need to do to access GIDS?

Firms must complete a new [Data Feed Request Form](#), selecting **GIDS Global Index Data Service – 2.0 (Beta Testing 5/2012)** from the list of products. Once approved for the new data feed, firms will be able to access the data feed when it becomes available for Beta testing. The IP address information for GIDS 2.0 is available on the [NASDAQ OMX UDP/IP Addresses page](#). Firms must be prepared to connect to the new connection addresses no later than the end of May 2012 to avoid the risk of losing data.

### Once GIDS 2.0 is in production, will you continue to add indexes to both GIDS and GIDS 2.0?

No. Beginning on **Monday, August 20, 2012**, GIDS 2.0 will become the premier product for the global delivery of NASDAQ OMX and third party index and ETP values; as such, all indexes launched **after August 20, 2012** will **only** be available on GIDS 2.0. In 2012, NASDAQ OMX will be releasing new indexes that will cover broader segments of the global market. This new offering will require the delivery of real-time data 23 hours a day, five days a week, and NASDAQ OMX will only be able to introduce the new indexes on GIDS 2.0.

NASDAQ OMX strongly encourages data recipients to migrate to GIDS 2.0 in order to ensure uninterrupted delivery of their real-time index and ETP values as well as receiving all newly released indexes and ETPs.

### Will there be testing opportunities for GIDS 2.0?

Yes, GIDS 2.0 will be launched in **BETA testing** on Monday, May 7, 2012, and will be released as a production feed on **Monday, August 20, 2012**. Direct recipients are encouraged to use this BETA testing period to fully test their access and processing of the data.

In addition to the BETA testing period, NASDAQ OMX will offer a weekend Saturday testing opportunities on Saturday, April 14, 2012. Additional weekend test dates will be announced as they become available.

Given the additional operational hours of GIDS 2.0, NASDAQ OMX Information LLC strongly encourages parallel testing of the enhanced service once it becomes available for Beta testing in May. This will afford clients the best testing opportunities since the Beta feed will be operational during market hours.

### Where can I get technical specifications for GIDS 2.0?

The new GIDS 2.0 specification document is available on the [NASDAQ OMX Global Data Products – Global Index Data Feed Specifications page](#) on the NASDAQ OMX Trader® website. For your convenience, the link is also provided below:

- [NASDAQ OMX Global Index Data Service 2.0 \(GIDS 2.0\) Technical Specifications](#)

### Where can I find a comparison of GIDS and GIDS 2.0 message details?

Please refer to the [GIDS 2.0 Message Mapping document](#) for a message comparison between the two services.

### What are the operational hours of GIDS 2.0?

GIDS 2.0 will operate 23 hours a day, five days a week. This increased dissemination schedule will enable NASDAQ OMX to expand its index benchmark offerings to a global market. GIDS 2.0 will operate from **Monday through Friday, 00:15:00, Eastern Time (ET) to 23:00:00, ET.**

### Is there a transmission schedule for the new service?

Yes. The [GIDS 2.0 Transmission Schedule](#) is available on the [NASDAQ OMX Global Data Products – Global Index Data Feed Specifications page](#) on the NASDAQ OMX Trader website.

### Are there fee changes related to the August launch?

NASDAQ OMX has not decided on any fee changes at this time.

### Where can I find additional information?

- For information about the new GIDS 2.0 data, please refer to [Data Technical News #2011 - 27](#).
- For information regarding important launch updates, please refer to [Data Technical News #2012 - 4](#).
- For questions about NASDAQ OMX Information, LLC data products, please contact [NASDAQ OMX Global Data Products](#) at +1 301 978 5307 (Option #4) or +45 3393 3366.
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