# ISTOXX® USA LOW RISK FACTOR INDEX

## **Index description**

The iSTOXX® USA Single & Multi-factor indices offer investors a straightforward and intuitive tool to extract factor risk premia on equities while controlling risks and keeping focus on tradability. The selection and weighting are based on the SunGard APT Risk model, which uses a set of constraints to minimize risk and maximize factor exposure. These indices differ from each other by the factor premium they are exploiting. The index family contains indices based on the following single factors: carry, low risk, momentum, quality, size and value. An additional multi-factor index gathers stocks with a high overall tilt to all single factors.

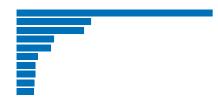
## **Key facts**

- » Range of six different single-factor indices
- » Multi-factor approach to gather highest exposure from each dimension
- » Selection and weighting based on optimizer
- » Monthly rebalancing to be more reactive to the market
- » Set of constraints to minimize risk and maximize factor exposure

#### **Descriptive statistics**

Index	Market cap (USD bn.)		Components (USD bn.)			Component weight (%)		Turnover (%)	
	Full	Free-float	Mean	Median	Largest	Smallest	Largest	Smallest	Last 12 months
iSTOXX USA Low Risk Factor Index	N/A	111.5	1.4	1.5	8.0	0.2	7.1	0.2	1.6
STOXX USA 900 Index	43,810.8	41,996.6	46.7	14.7	2,940.1	2.4	7.0	0.0	2.6

#### Supersector weighting (top 10)



#### **Country weighting**

33.0% Technology 12.5% Industrial Goods & Services 11.3% Health Care 6.3% Financial Services 5.8% Consumer Products & Services 3.5% Travel & Leisure 3.2% Retail 3.1% Energy 3.0% Banks

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100.0% United States

#### Risk and return figures<sup>1</sup>

Index returns				F	Return (%)			An	nualized re	turn (%)
	Last month	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	Last month	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y
iSTOXX USA Low Risk Factor Index	2.0	15.4	13.0	49.6	85.6	N/A	N/A	13.1	14.5	13.3
STOXX USA 900 Index	3.3	20.6	13.1	43.2	74.4	N/A	N/A	13.2	12.8	11.9
Index volatility and risk	Annualized volatility (%) Annualized Sharpe						pe ratio <sup>2</sup>			
iSTOXX USA Low Risk Factor Index	8.4	13.0	18.1	17.1	20.6	N/A	N/A	0.6	0.8	0.6
STOXX USA 900 Index	9.1	14.0	19.1	18.7	22.2	N/A	N/A	0.6	0.6	0.5
Index to benchmark	Correlation							Tracking	error (%)	
iSTOXX USA Low Risk Factor Index	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	4.1	3.3	3.3	3.5	3.3
Index to benchmark	Beta Annualized info					zed inform	ation ratio			
iSTOXX USA Low Risk Factor Index	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	-4.0	-2.3	-0.1	0.3	0.3

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For information on data calculation, please refer to STOXX <u>calculation reference guide</u>

(USD, gross return), all data as of Jul. 31, 2023



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Based on EURIBOR1M

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## Fundamentals (for last 12 months)

Index		Price/earnings incl. negative		Price/earnings excl. negative		Dividend yield (%) <sup>3</sup>	Price/ sales	Price/ cash flow
	Trailing	Projected	Trailing	Projected	Trailing	Trailing	Trailing	Trailing
iSTOXX USA Low Risk Factor Index	31.5	24.1	29.6	23.6	0.0	2.0	4.0	3.2
STOXX USA 900 Index	27.3	21.5	23.6	20.8	0.1	1.9	2.4	14.7

## Performance and annual returns4



## Methodology

Components are selected from the STOXX® USA 900 Index according to optimization-based factor expo-sure and a set of constraints. Each factor, as input for the index optimization, consists of several base or sub-factors. These sub-factors consist of different ratios calculated from base data (e.g. balance sheet, income statement or price) or from other subfactors. Sub-factors are then grouped by topic or style; each group combined creates the final factor.

The multi-factor index derives a companys final factor score from its composite score across all single factors of the index family. The detailed methodology including the calculation formula can be found in our rulebook (http://www.stoxx.com/indices/rulebooks.html), while details regarding the optimization process can be found in the SunGard APT Modeling Guide (http://empower.fisglobal.com/rs/134-VDF-014/images/APT-Modelling-Guide.pdf).

## **Versions and symbols**

Index	ISIN	Symbol	Bloomberg	Reuters	
Gross Return USD	CH0384293442	ISURFUGR		.ISURFUGR	

Complete list available here: www.stoxx.com/data/vendor codes.html

#### **Quick facts**

Weighting	"Optimizer: maximize the index factor exposure under a set of
Cap factor	10% on a component level
No. of components	Variable
Review frequency	Monthly
Base value/base date	100 as of Apr. 01, 2016
Inception date	Nov. 22, 2017

To learn more about the inception date, the currency, the calculation hours and historical values, please see our data vendor code sheet

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CUSTOMIZATION
The index can be used as a basis for the definition of STOXX® Customized Indices, which can be tailored to specific client or mandate needs. STOXX offers customization in almost unlimited forms for example in terms of

gr. div. yield is calculated as gr. return index return minus price index return

<sup>4</sup> STOXX data from Oct. 01, 2004 to Jul. 31, 2023

(USD, gross return), all data as of Jul. 31, 2023

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## Top 10 Components<sup>5</sup>

Company	Supersector	Country	Weight (%)	
Apple Inc.	Technology	United States	7.15	
Microsoft Corp.	Technology	United States	5.31	
Berkshire Hathaway Inc. Cl B	Financial Services	United States	2.66	
JPMorgan Chase & Co.	Banks	United States	2.57	
Johnson & Johnson	Health Care	United States	2.48	
VISA Inc. CI A	Industrial Goods & Services	United States	2.46	
MasterCard Inc. Cl A	Industrial Goods & Services	United States	2.16	
Coca-Cola Co.	Food, Beverage & Tobacco	United States	1.97	
LINDE	Chemicals	United States	1.94	
Amazon.com Inc.	Retail	United States	1.87	

<sup>5</sup> Based on the composition as of Jul. 31, 2023