FACTOR & STRATEGY STOXX® USA 500 INDUSTRY NEUTRAL AX MULTI-FACTOR INDEX

Index description

STOXX Industry Neutral Single and Multi-Factor Indices aim to harvest the risk premia of several academically validated style factors — Value, Momentum, Quality, Size and Low Risk within each ICB Industry. At the same time the rules ensure tradability and diversification as well as limit untargeted systematic exposures.

STOXX uses Axioma's risk model and optimizer to construct the industry neutral factor indices. The STOXX industry neutral single and multi-factor indices are based on the respective STOXX country or regional benchmark indices.

Key facts

»Invest in targeted factor exposures with managed liquidity and risk profiles across various regions

»Use of Axiomas factor risk models and portfolio construction expertise to define the factors based on extensive validation from research and having a clear economic rationale

»Factor family consists of 5 single factor indices (Value, Momentum, Quality, Low Risk, and Size) and one multi-factor index

»Same index construction rules applied across the factor family

»Strict neutrality imposed on ICB Industries to remove industry bets relative to the respective benchmarks

»Single factor indices maximize the target factor while constraining the exposure to other factors

»Multi-factor index employs a bottom-up approach by maximizing the exposure to an equally weighted aggregated multi-factor score

»Ensures tradability by managing turnover and exposure to illiquid positions

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
STOXX USA 500 Industry Neutral Ax Multi-Factor Index	N/A	114.9	0.9	0.5	5.3	0.0	4.7	0.0	49.8
STOXX USA 500 Index	40,472.2	38,918.8	77.8	34.1	2,940.1	10.7	7.6	0.0	3.1

Country weighting

Supersector weighting (top 10)

31.7% Technology 12.5% Health Care 11.8% Industrial Goods & Services 7.4% Retail 6.2% Consumer Products & Services 5.0% Food, Beverage & Tobacco 4.4% Insurance 4.4% Energy 3.9% Financial Services 2.8% Hittiae	100.0% United States
2.8% Utilities	

Risk and return figures¹

Index returns					Return (%)			An	nualized re	turn (%)
	Last month	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	Last month	YTD	1Y	ЗY	5Y
STOXX USA 500 Industry Neutral Ax Multi-Factor Index	2.9	12.8	9.4	29.1	37.2	N/A	N/A	9.4	8.9	6.6
STOXX USA 500 Index	3.1	19.9	11.4	36.9	62.5	N/A	N/A	11.4	11.1	10.3
Index volatility and risk		Annualized volatility (%) Annu				nualized Sharpe ratio ²				
STOXX USA 500 Industry Neutral Ax Multi-Factor Index	9.4	14.0	18.2	18.4	22.4	N/A	N/A	0.4	0.4	0.2
STOXX USA 500 Index	9.0	13.8	18.9	18.6	22.0	N/A	N/A	0.5	0.5	0.4
Index to benchmark		Correlation						Tracking	error (%)	
STOXX USA 500 Industry Neutral Ax Multi-Factor Index	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	5.2	5.3	5.1	5.0	5.2
Index to benchmark					Beta			Annuali	zed informa	ation ratio
STOXX USA 500 Industry Neutral Ax Multi-Factor Index	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.0	-0.5	-2.0	-0.4	-0.4	-0.7

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

² Based on EURIBOR1M



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

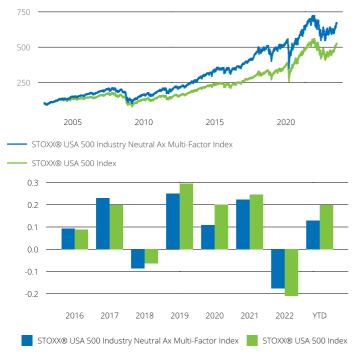
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Fundamentals (for last 12 months)

Index		Price/earnings incl. negative		Price/earnings excl. negative		Dividend yield (%) ³	Price/ sales	Price/ cash flow
	Trailing	Projected	Trailing	Projected	Trailing	Trailing	Trailing	Trailing
STOXX USA 500 Industry Neutral Ax Multi-Factor Index	18.8	17.0	18.3	17.0	0.0	1.3	1.8	21.3
STOXX USA 500 Index	27.3	21.8	24.4	21.3	0.1	1.3	2.6	16.4

Performance and annual returns⁴



Methodology

Bringing together the powerful indexing and analytics capabilities of Qontigo, the STOXX Industry Neutral Factor Index suite delivers more clarity to the market for factor investors by relying on the institutionally tested analytics of Axioma Factor Risk Models and advanced portfolio construction techniques. The use of Axiomas risk models ensures strong exposure to the respective target factor (Value, Momentum, Quality, Low Risk, Size, Multi-Factor) while allowing for ease of control over unintended exposures. The inclusion of constraints targets benchmark tracking with country controls and industry neutrality constraints, and ensures tradability by limiting exposure to less liquid names and turnover while controlling for effective number of names and weights.

Versions and symbols

Index		ISIN	Symbol	Bloomberg	Reuters
Gross Return	EUR	CH0462360188	SA5UNMFU	_	.SA5UNMFU
Net Return	EUR	CH0462360170	SA5UNMFR		.SA5UNMFR
Price	EUR	CH0462360162	SA5UNMFP		.SA5UNMFP
Gross Return	USD	CH0462360212	SA5UNMFS	SA5UNMFS INDEX	.SA5UNMFS
Net Return	USD	CH0462360204	SA5UNMFV	SA5UNMFV INDEX	.SA5UNMFV
Price	USD	CH0462360196	SA5UNMFL		.SA5UNMFL

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

Quick facts

QUICK TACES				
Weighting	Optimization			
Cap factor	4.5%/ 8% / 35%			
No. of components	Variable			
Review frequency	Quarterly (Mar.,Jun.,Sep.,Dec.)			
Calculation/distribution	realtime 15 sec			
Calculation hours	15:30:00 22:15:00			
Base value/base date	100 as of Mar. 19, 2012			
History	Available since 31 Dec 2002			
Inception date	Feb. 17, 2021			
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 component selection, weighting schemes and personalized calculation methodologies.

³ Net dividend yield is calculated as net return index return minus price index return ⁴ STOXX data from Dec. 31, 2002 to Jul. 31, 2023

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Top 10 Components⁵

Company	Supersector	Country	Weight (%)	
Costco Wholesale Corp.	Retail	United States	4.65	
Apple Inc.	Technology	United States	4.46	
Vertex Pharmaceuticals Inc.	Health Care	United States	4.07	
ADOBE	Technology	United States	3.91	
Texas Instruments Inc.	Technology	United States	3.62	
REGENERON PHARMS.	Health Care	United States	3.40	
Berkshire Hathaway Inc. Cl B	Financial Services	United States	2.64	
FORTINET	Technology	United States	2.53	
ON SEMICON.	Technology	United States	2.39	
CADENCE DESIGN SYS.	Technology	United States	2.39	

 $^{\rm 5}$ Based on the composition as of Jul. 31, 2023