

STOXX® ASIA/PACIFIC 600 MINIMUM VARIANCE INDEX

Index description

The STOXX Asia/Pacific 600 Minimum Variance index weights the components of the underlying STOXX Asia/Pacific 600 index so that portfolio variance is minimized. STOXX uses Axioma's factor model for the optimization process. The constrained version creates a portfolio similar to the underlying benchmark index, but with a more attractive risk profile. This is achieved by applying a range of factors, country and industry exposure constraints to ensure that components have no high allocation bias.

Key facts

»Minimized volatility is suitable for risk-averse investors. At the same time, the return of the index is higher than the benchmark.

»Suitable as a liquid underlying for ETFs and structured products. It is easy to replicate as it has fewer components than the underlying Index. It also has predictable rebalancing dates and is optimized to allow tracking (low turnover, transaction costs analysis, etc.).

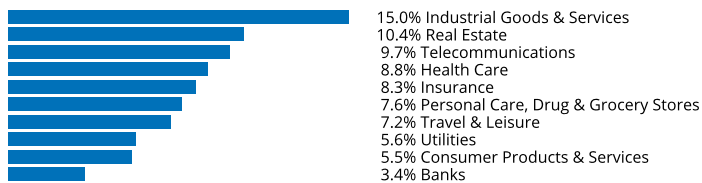
»Capping constraints are applied in accordance with the Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities (UCITS) directive to ensure that funds can easily track the index.

»Constraints on diversification and security, country, industry and factor exposure are applied.

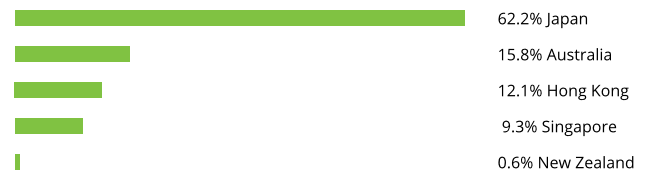
Descriptive statistics

Index	Market cap (USD bn.)		Components (USD bn.)				Component weight (%)		Turnover (%)
	Full	Free-float	Mean	Median	Largest	Smallest	Largest	Smallest	Last 12 months
STOXX Asia/Pacific 600 Minimum Variance Index	N/A	109.1	0.7	0.3	4.5	0.0	4.1	0.0	30.1
STOXX Asia/Pacific 600 Index	7,845.0	6,569.1	10.9	4.6	207.8	1.4	3.2	0.0	2.9

Supersector weighting (top 10)



Country weighting



Risk and return figures¹

Index returns	Return (%)					Annualized return (%)				
	Last month	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	Last month	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y
STOXX Asia/Pacific 600 Minimum Variance Index	3.0	4.2	1.7	3.8	-1.4	N/A	N/A	1.7	1.3	-0.3
STOXX Asia/Pacific 600 Index	3.7	11.8	11.7	23.6	19.7	N/A	N/A	11.8	7.4	3.7
Index volatility and risk	Annualized volatility (%)					Annualized Sharpe ratio ²				
STOXX Asia/Pacific 600 Minimum Variance Index	9.1	9.9	12.7	12.2	12.9	N/A	N/A	0.0	0.0	-0.0
STOXX Asia/Pacific 600 Index	11.9	13.2	16.3	15.7	16.2	N/A	N/A	0.6	0.4	0.2
Index to benchmark	Correlation					Tracking error (%)				
STOXX Asia/Pacific 600 Minimum Variance Index	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	4.6	5.6	6.2	6.3	6.3
Index to benchmark	Beta					Annualized information ratio				
STOXX Asia/Pacific 600 Minimum Variance Index	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	-2.0	-2.3	-1.6	-1.0	-0.7

¹ For information on data calculation, please refer to STOXX calculation reference guide.

² Based on EURIBOR1M

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

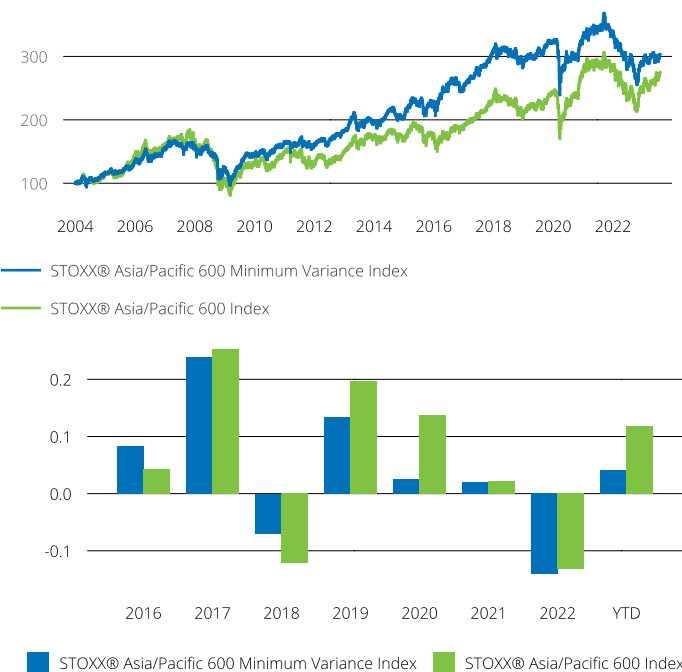
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Fundamentals (for last 12 months)

Index	Price/earnings incl. negative		Price/earnings excl. negative		Price/ book	Dividend yield (%) ³	Price/ sales	Price/ cash flow
	Trailing	Projected	Trailing	Projected				
STOXX Asia/Pacific 600 Minimum Variance Index	16.6	15.9	15.8	15.9	1.3	3.2	0.9	0.7
STOXX Asia/Pacific 600 Index	15.7	15.5	14.5	15.3	1.5	3.2	1.2	3.4

Performance and annual returns⁴



Methodology

On the basis of the underlying index, a covariance matrix is set up by determining the correlation between each component and specific factors. Using Axioma's factor model, the variance-covariance structure of the components is determined, which is then minimized with respect to applicable constraints. The constraints applied cover capping, effective number of assets, rebalancing and turnover, country/industry exposure and other factor exposures, such as growth, value, short-/mid-term momentum, leverage, etc. The full list of factors including the requirements to be met can be accessed in our Index rulebook:

<http://www.stoxx.com/indices/rulebooks.html>

Versions and symbols

Index	ISIN	Symbol	Bloomberg	Reuters
Gross Return EUR	CH0180138304	SAA1MVGR	SAA1MVGR INDEX	.SAA1MVGR
Net Return EUR	CH0180138148	SAA6MVR	SAA6MVR INDEX	.SAA6MVR
Net Return EUR	CH0180138148	SAA6MVR	SAA6MVR INDEX	.SAA6MVR
Price EUR	CH0180137983	SAA6MVP	SAA6MVP INDEX	.SAA6MVP
Price EUR	CH0180137983	SAA6MVP	SAA6MVP INDEX	.SAA6MVP
Gross Return USD	CH0180138783	SAA1MVGX	SAA1MVGX INDEX	.SAA1MVGX
Net Return USD	CH0180138627	SAA6MXX	SAA6MXX INDEX	.SAA6MXX
Net Return USD	CH0180138627	SAA6MXX	SAA6MXX INDEX	.SAA6MXX
Price USD	CH0180138460	SAA6MXX	SAA6MXX INDEX	.SAA6MXX
Price USD	CH0180138460	SAA6MXX	SAA6MXX INDEX	.SAA6MXX

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

Quick facts

Weighting	Optimization
Cap factor	4.5% / 8% / 35%
No. of components	Variable
Review frequency	Quarterly (Mar., Jun., Sep., Dec.)

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 a wide range of customization, in terms of component selection, weighting schemes and personalized calculation methodologies.

³ gr. div. yield is calculated as gr. return index return minus price index return

⁴ STOXX data from Jan. 02, 2004 to Jul. 31, 2023

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

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Company	Supersector	Country	Weight (%)
Singapore Telecommunications L	Telecommunications	Singapore	4.13
Secom Co. Ltd.	Industrial Goods & Services	Japan	4.12
JAPAN POST HOLDINGS	Insurance	Japan	3.39
SOFTBANK	Telecommunications	Japan	3.26
MCDONALD'S HOLDINGS	Travel & Leisure	Japan	3.21
Transurban Group	Industrial Goods & Services	Australia	2.97
Sekisui House Ltd.	Consumer Products & Services	Japan	2.89
Nippon Building Fund Inc.	Real Estate	Japan	2.33
ZENSHO	Travel & Leisure	Japan	2.25
Seven & I Holdings Co. Ltd.	Personal Care, Drug & Grocery Stores	Japan	2.21

⁵ Based on the composition as of Jul. 31, 2023