# FACTOR & STRATEGY STOXX® USA 500 INDUSTRY NEUTRAL AX SIZE 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 Size Index | N/A                  | 107.8      | 0.9  | 0.4                  | 4.4     | 0.2      | 4.1                  | 0.2      | 50.3           |
| STOXX USA 500 Index                          | 36,873.3             | 35,462.2   | 70.9 | 30.2                 | 2,655.1 | 5.5      | 7.5                  | 0.0      | 3.7            |

**Country weighting** 

### Supersector weighting (top 10)

| 29.2% Technology<br>14.0% Health Care<br>12.3% Industrial Goods & Services<br>6.4% Financial Services<br>4.9% Food, Beverage & Tobacco<br>4.9% Energy<br>4.6% Retail<br>3.7% Consumer Products & Services<br>3.7% Travel & Leisure<br>3.0% Utilities | 100.0% United States |
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### Risk and return figures<sup>1</sup>

|                           |                                    |  | F   | Return (%)   |   |   | An   | nualized ret  | turn (%)  |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|--|---|---|--|---|---|
| Last month                | YTD                                | 1Y   | 3Y  | 5Y   | Last month  | YTD   | 1Y   | 3Y  | 5Y  |
| -3.0                      | 1.7                                | -3.1   | 22.9  | 29.8   | N/A   | N/A   | -3.1   | 7.1   | 5.4   |
| 0.4                       | 9.0                                | 1.4  | 34.6  | 53.6   | N/A   | N/A   | 1.4  | 10.4  | 9.0   |
| Annualized volatility (%) |                                    |  |   |  |   | Annu  | alized Shar  | pe ratio²   |   |
| 14.8                      | 15.8                               | 21.8   | 19.8  | 22.7   | N/A   | N/A   | -0.3   | 0.3   | 0.2   |
| 12.8                      | 15.1                               | 21.2   | 19.2  | 22.0   | N/A   | N/A   | -0.0   | 0.5   | 0.3   |
| Correlation               |                                    |  |   |  |   | Tracking  | error (%)  |   |   |
| 1.0                       | 1.0                                | 1.0  | 1.0   | 1.0  | 4.4   | 4.4   | 4.5  | 4.9   | 5.2   |
| Beta Annualized informa   |                                    |  |   |  | ition rati  |   |  |   |   |
| 1.1                       | 1.0                                | 1.0  | 1.0   | 1.0  | -8.7  | -3.9  | -1.0   | -0.6  | -0.6  |
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<sup>1</sup> For information on data calculation, please refer to STOXX <u>calculation reference guide</u>

<sup>2</sup> Based on EURIBOR1M



(USD, price), all data as of May 31, 2023

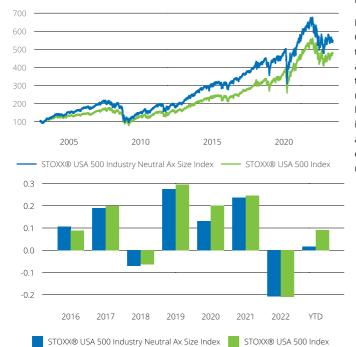
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## Fundamentals (for last 12 months)

| Index  |          | Price/earnings<br>incl. negative |          | Price/earnings<br>excl. negative |          | Dividend<br>yield (%) <sup>3</sup> | Price/<br>sales | Price/<br>cash flow |
|--|----------|----------------------------------|----------|----------------------------------|----------|------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
|  | Trailing | Projected                        | Trailing | Projected                        | Trailing | Trailing                           | Trailing        | Trailing            |
| STOXX USA 500 Industry Neutral Ax Size Index | -17.0    | 18.5                             | 19.8     | 18.2                             | 3.8      | 1.0                                | 1.5             | 5.9                 |
| STOXX USA 500 Index                          | 28.1     | 19.8                             | 22.2     | 19.4                             | 0.1      | 1.2                                | 2.4             | 18.1                |

# Performance and annual returns<sup>4</sup>



# 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 | CH0462360063 | SA5UNSZU |                | .SA5UNSZU |
| Net Return   | EUR | CH0462360055 | SA5UNSZR |                | .SA5UNSZR |
| Price        | EUR | CH0462360048 | SA5UNSZP |                | .SA5UNSZP |
| Gross Return | USD | CH0462360097 | SA5UNSZS | SA5UNSZS INDEX | .SA5UNSZS |
| Net Return   | USD | CH0462360089 | SA5UNSZV | SA5UNSZV INDEX | .SA5UNSZV |
| Price        | USD | CH0462360071 | SA5UNSZL |                | .SA5UNSZL |

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.) |
| 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                   |

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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.

<sup>3</sup> Net dividend yield is calculated as net return index return minus price index return <sup>4</sup> STOXX data from Dec. 31, 2002 to May 31, 2023

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

| Company                  | Supersector                 | Country       | Weight (%) |  |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|------------|--|
| SYNOPSYS                 | Technology                  | United States | 4.09       |  |
| CADENCE DESIGN SYS.      | Technology                  | United States | 2.97       |  |
| Roper Technologies Inc.  | Technology                  | United States | 2.91       |  |
| FORTINET                 | Technology                  | United States | 2.64       |  |
| ARISTA NETWORKS          | Telecommunications          | United States | 2.56       |  |
| Illinois Tool Works Inc. | Industrial Goods & Services | United States | 2.53       |  |
| TE CONNECTIVITY LTD.     | Technology                  | United States | 2.35       |  |
| MSCI CLASS A             | Financial Services          | United States | 2.23       |  |
| IQVIA HOLDINGS INC       | Health Care                 | United States | 2.22       |  |
| Yum! Brands Inc.         | Travel & Leisure            | United States | 2.20       |  |

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