FACTOR AND STRATEGY STOXX® USA 900 ESG-X AX LOW RISK INDEX

Index description

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

Key facts

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

»Universe is based on the STOXX ESG-X benchmark family with standardized ESG exclusion screens

»Use of Axioma's 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

»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 900 ESG-X Ax Low Risk Index	N/A	113.9	1.2	0.6	8.5	0.0	7.5	0.0	49.7
STOXX USA 900 ESG-X Index	36,204.0	34,613.5	43.7	13.7	2,655.1	3.1	7.7	0.0	8.2

Country weighting

Supersector weighting (top 10)

	29.3% Technology 16.0% Industrial Goods & Services 9.6% Health Care 8.0% Financial Services 4.2% Food, Beverage & Tobacco 3.8% Retail 3.7% Telecommunications 3.6% Consumer Products & Services 3.2% Real Estate		100.0% United States
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Risk and return figures¹

Index returns				R	eturn (%)			An	nualized ret	turn (%)
	Last month	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	Last month	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y
STOXX USA 900 ESG-X Ax Low Risk Index	-1.2	5.4	1.4	30.6	54.9	N/A	N/A	1.4	9.3	9.2
STOXX USA 900 ESG-X Index	1.1	10.1	3.1	41.4	67.9	N/A	N/A	3.1	12.3	11.1
Index volatility and risk	Annualized volatility (%)						Annu	alized Shar	pe ratio ²	
STOXX USA 900 ESG-X Ax Low Risk Index	10.9	13.2	18.5	16.2	19.2	N/A	N/A	-0.0	0.5	0.4
STOXX USA 900 ESG-X Index	13.2	15.7	21.7	19.7	22.5	N/A	N/A	0.0	0.6	0.5
Index to benchmark				Co	rrelation				Tracking	error (%)
STOXX USA 900 ESG-X Ax Low Risk Index	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	3.9	4.3	4.9	6.1	7.1
Index to benchmark	Beta Annuali					zed informa	ation ratio			
STOXX USA 900 ESG-X Ax Low Risk Index	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	-6.7	-2.5	-0.5	-0.6	-0.5

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

² Based on EURIBOR1M



(USD, gross return), all data as of May 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	Trailing	Trailing	Trailing	Trailing
STOXX USA 900 ESG-X Ax Low Risk Index	24.4	19.0	24.0	19.0	4.1	1.9	3.3	11.5
STOXX USA 900 ESG-X Index	30.5	19.9	22.8	19.4	4.2	1.7	2.3	17.6

Performance and annual returns⁴



Methodology

Bringing together the powerful indexing and analytics capabilities of Qontigo, the STOXX 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 Axioma's 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 ESG-X screens are based on responsible policies of leading asset owners and aim to reduce reputational and idiosyncratic risks. The inclusion of constraints targets benchmark tracking with industry and country controls, and ensures tradability by limiting exposure to less liquid names and turnover while controlling for effective number of names and weights.

Versions and symbols

2016

2017

2018

-0.2

Index		ISIN	Symbol	Bloomberg	Reuters
Gross Return	EUR	CH0524923965	SA9UELRG		.SA9UELRG
Net Return	EUR	CH0524923932	SA9UELRR		.SA9UELRR
Price	EUR	CH0524923908	SA9UELRP		.SA9UELRP
Gross Return	USD	CH0524923858	SA9UELRZ	SA9UELRZ INDEX	.SA9UELRZ
Net Return	USD	CH0524923718	SA9UELRV		.SA9UELRV
Price	USD	CH0524924013	SA9UELRL		.SA9UELRL

2019

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2020

2021

2022

YTD

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

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Weighting	Optimization
Cap factor	4.5% / min (20x parent index weight, 8%) / 35%
No. of components	Variable
Review frequency	Quarterly
Calculation/distribution	dayend
Calculation hours	22:15:00 22:15:00
Base value/base date	100 as of Mar. 19, 2012
History	Mar. 19, 2012
Inception date	Mar. 26, 2020
To learn more about the ince see our data vendor code she	ption date, the currency, the calculation hours and historical values, please et.

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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 gr. div. yield is calculated as gr. return index return minus price index return ⁴ STOXX <u>data from Mar. 19, 2012 to May 31, 2023</u>

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Top 10 Components⁵

Company	Supersector	Country	Weight (%)	
Microsoft Corp.	Technology	United States	7.45	
Apple Inc.	Technology	United States	7.06	
McDonald's Corp.	Travel & Leisure	United States	5.37	
INTERCONTINENTALEXCHANGE INC	Financial Services	United States	3.48	
Activision Blizzard Inc.	Consumer Products & Services	United States	3.30	
Verizon Communications Inc.	Telecommunications	United States	3.29	
Amazon.com Inc.	Retail	United States	3.25	
Johnson & Johnson	Health Care	United States	3.21	
M Co. Industrial Goods & Services		United States	2.95	
EATON CORP. PLC	Industrial Goods & Services	United States	2.68	

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