# FACTOR AND STRATEGY STOXX® USA 900 AX QUALITY INDEX

### Index description

STOXX single and multi-factor indices aim to harvest the risk premia of several academically validated style factors - Value, Momentum, Quality, Size and Low Risk. 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 factor indices. The STOXX 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 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

»Ensures diversification using country and industry controls

#### **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 Ax Quality Index	N/A	114.1	1.3	0.7	9.8	0.0	8.6	0.0	49.5
STOXX USA 900 Index	39,696.8	38,076.2	42.3	13.4	2,541.7	0.6	6.7	0.0	3.1

#### Supersector weighting (top 10)

31.4% Technology 12.7% Retail 10.3% Industrial Goods & Services 9.6% Energy 9.6% Health Care 6.2% Personal Care, Drug & Grocery Stores 6.1% Basic Resources 5.1% Consumer Products & Services 5.0% Financial Services 1.3% Construction & Materials	100.0% United States

**Country weighting** 

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

Index returns				R	eturn (%)			An	nualized ret	turn (%)
	Last month	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	Last month	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y
STOXX USA 900 Ax Quality Index	-0.4	8.9	3.6	45.5	71.7	N/A	N/A	3.6	13.4	11.5
STOXX USA 900 Index	1.1	8.7	1.9	47.5	67.6	N/A	N/A	1.9	14.0	11.0
Index volatility and risk	Annualized volatility (%) Annua					ualized Sharpe ratio <sup>2</sup>				
STOXX USA 900 Ax Quality Index	15.8	16.9	24.7	20.9	23.3	N/A	N/A	-0.1	0.6	0.4
STOXX USA 900 Index	13.4	16.1	23.3	19.6	22.1	N/A	N/A	-0.1	0.6	0.5
Index to benchmark	Correlation						Tracking	error (%)		
STOXX USA 900 Ax Quality Index	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	5.6	4.5	4.9	5.1	5.5
Index to benchmark	Beta Annualized inform					ed informa	ation ratio			
STOXX USA 900 Ax Quality Index	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	-5.3	-0.2	0.3	-0.2	-0.1

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

<sup>2</sup> Based on EURIBOR1M



(USD, gross return), all data as of Apr. 28, 2023

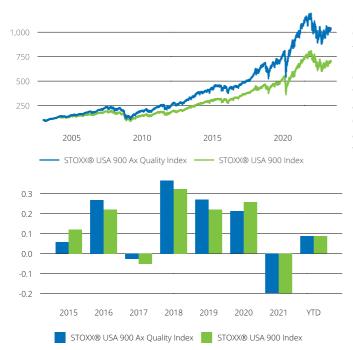
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#### Fundamentals (for last 12 months)

Index	Price/earnings incl. negative		Price/earnings excl. negative		Price/ book	Dividend yield (%) <sup>3</sup>	Price/ sales	Price/ cash flow
	Trailing	Projected	Trailing	Projected	Trailing	Trailing	Trailing	Trailing
STOXX USA 900 Ax Quality Index	-43.0	20.0	17.0	18.9	5.8	1.5	1.1	21.8
STOXX USA 900 Index	30.5	19.4	21.0	18.9	0.1	1.7	2.2	15.7

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



## 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 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

Index		ISIN	Symbol	Bloomberg	Reuters
Gross Return	EUR	CH0512259729	SA9UQUGR		.SA9UQUGR
Net Return	EUR	CH0512260032	SA9UQUR		.SA9UQUR
Price	EUR	CH0512259695	SA9UQUP		.SA9UQUP
Gross Return	USD	CH0512259588	SA9UQUGV	SA9UQUGV INDEX	.SA9UQUGV
Net Return	USD	CH0512259828	SA9UQUV		.SA9UQUV
Price	USD	CH0512259976	SA9UQUL		.SA9UQUL

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

#### **Ouick facts**

Weighting	Optimization
Cap factor	4.5% / min (20x parent index weight, 8%) / 35%
No. of components	Variable
Review frequency	Quaterly
Calculation/distribution	dayend
Calculation hours	22:15:00 22:15:00
Base value/base date	100 as of Mar. 19, 2012
History	Dec. 31, 2002
Inception date	Jan. 24, 2020
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#### BACKTESTED PERFORMANCE

This document contains index performance data based on backtesting, i.e. calculations of how the index might have performed prior to launch if it had existed using the same index methodology and based on historical constituents. Backtested performance information is purely hypothetical and is provided in this document solely for information purposes. Backtested performance does not represent actual performance and should not be interpreted as an indication of actual performance.

#### 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> gr. div. yield is calculated as gr. return index return minus price index return <sup>4</sup> STOXX <u>data from Dec. 31, 2002 to May 31, 2023</u>

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

Company	Supersector	Country	Weight (%) 8.57	
Apple Inc.	Technology	United States		
Costco Wholesale Corp.	Retail	United States	8.01	
Texas Instruments Inc.	Technology	United States	7.30	
Exxon Mobil Corp.	Energy	United States	5.94	
SERVICENOW	Technology	United States	4.90	
META PLATFORMS CLASS A	Technology	United States	3.77	
MODERNA	Health Care	United States	2.68	
McKesson Corp.	Personal Care, Drug & Grocery Stores	United States	2.64	
LULULEMON ATHLETICA Consumer Products & Service		United States	2.46	
Accenture PLC CI A	Industrial Goods & Services	United States	2.26	

 $^{\rm 5}$  Based on the composition as of Apr. 28, 2023