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STOXX® EUROPE 600 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

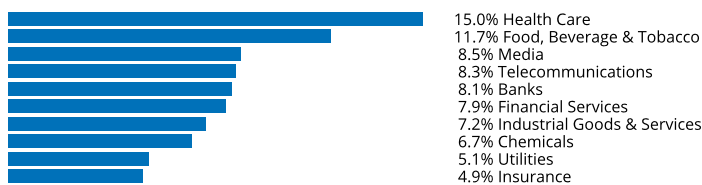»Single factor indices maximize the target factor while constraining the exposure to other factors

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

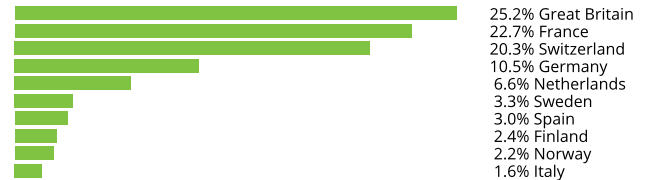»Ensures tradability by managing turnover and exposure to illiquid positions

Descriptive statistics

Index	Market cap (EUR bn.)		Components (EUR bn.)				Component weight (%)		Turnover (%)
	Full	Free-float	Mean	Median	Largest	Smallest	Largest	Smallest	Last 12 months
STOXX Europe 600 ESG-X Ax Low Risk Index	N/A	100.9	1.3	0.7	7.9	0.0	7.8	0.0	49.8
STOXX Europe 600 ESG-X Index	11,389.2	8,943.1	15.9	5.5	304.5	0.4	3.4	0.0	7.8

Supersector weighting (top 10)

- 15.0% Health Care
- 11.7% Food, Beverage & Tobacco
- 8.5% Media
- 8.3% Telecommunications
- 8.1% Banks
- 7.9% Financial Services
- 7.2% Industrial Goods & Services
- 6.7% Chemicals
- 5.1% Utilities
- 4.9% Insurance

Country weighting

- 25.2% Great Britain
- 22.7% France
- 20.3% Switzerland
- 10.5% Germany
- 6.6% Netherlands
- 3.3% Sweden
- 3.0% Spain
- 2.4% Finland
- 2.2% Norway
- 1.6% Italy

Risk and return figures[1]

Index returns			Return (%)					Annualized return (%)		
	Last month	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	Last month	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y
STOXX Europe 600 ESG-X Ax Low Risk Index	-3.4	9.7	1.9	33.2	38.6	N/A	N/A	1.9	10.1	6.8
STOXX Europe 600 ESG-X Index	-2.1	9.1	5.4	41.0	36.7	N/A	N/A	5.4	12.2	6.5
Index volatility and risk			Annualized volatility (%)					Annualized Sharpe ratio[2]		
STOXX Europe 600 ESG-X Ax Low Risk Index	9.4	9.4	12.3	12.8	14.4	N/A	N/A	-0.0	0.7	0.5
STOXX Europe 600 ESG-X Index	11.7	13.0	15.6	16.3	17.9	N/A	N/A	0.2	0.7	0.4
Index to benchmark			Correlation					Tracking error (%)		
STOXX Europe 600 ESG-X Ax Low Risk Index	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	5.7	6.8	6.3	6.4	6.5
Index to benchmark			Beta					Annualized information ratio		
STOXX Europe 600 ESG-X Ax Low Risk Index	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.8	-2.7	0.1	-0.6	-0.4	-0.1

[1] For information on data calculation, please refer to STOXX calculation reference guide.
[2] Based on EURIBOR1M

(EUR, 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 Europe 600 ESG-X Ax Low Risk Index	17.8	13.9	16.6	13.9	1.8	3.3	1.4	16.3
STOXX Europe 600 ESG-X Index	15.4	12.8	13.7	12.6	1.8	3.4	1.2	1.6

Performance and annual returns[4]

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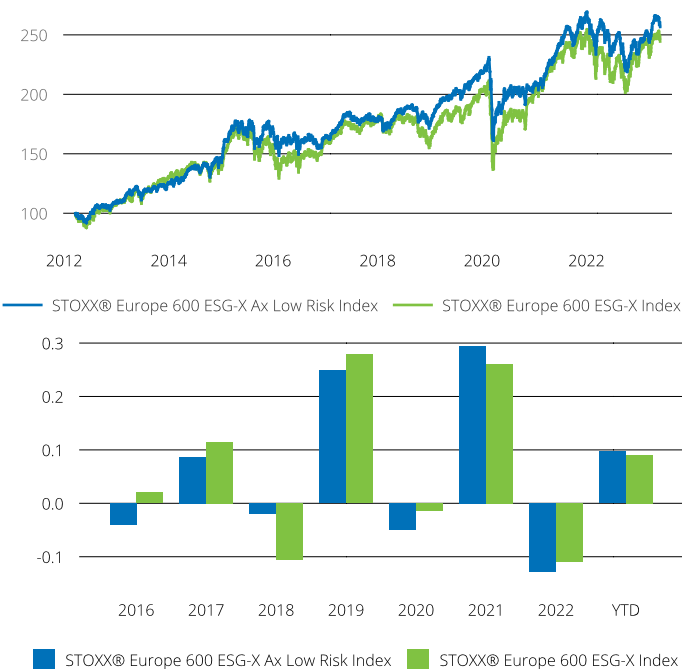
Methodology

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

Index		ISIN	Symbol	Bloomberg	Reuters
Gross Return	EUR	CH0524923759	SAXPELRG	SAXPELRG INDEX	.SAXPELRG
Net Return	EUR	CH0524923809	SAXPELRR		.SAXPELRR
Price	EUR	CH0524923734	SAXPELRP		.SAXPELRP
Gross Return	USD	CH0524923981	SAXPELRZ		.SAXPELRZ
Net Return	USD	CH0524923940	SAXPELRV		.SAXPELRV
Price	USD	CH0524923817	SAXPELRL		.SAXPELRL

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

Quick facts

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	18:00:00 18:00:00
Base value/base date	100 as of Mar. 19, 2012
History	Mar. 19, 2012
Inception date	Mar. 26, 2020

To learn more about the inception date, the currency, the calculation hours and historical values, please see our data vendor code sheet.

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.

[3] gr. div. yield is calculated as gr. return index return minus price index return
[4] STOXX data from Mar. 19, 2012 to May 31, 2023

(EUR, gross return), all data as of May 31, 2023

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Top 10 Components[5]

Company	Supersector	Country	Weight (%)
NESTLE	Food, Beverage & Tobacco	Switzerland	7.82
AIR LIQUIDE	Chemicals	France	5.39
SANOFI	Health Care	France	4.97
ORANGE	Telecommunications	France	4.95
WOLTERS KLUWER	Media	Netherlands	3.98
NOVARTIS	Health Care	Switzerland	3.68
SWISSCOM	Telecommunications	Switzerland	3.25
LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE	Financial Services	Great Britain	3.23
DEUTSCHE BOERSE	Financial Services	Germany	3.17
BUNZL	Industrial Goods & Services	Great Britain	2.67

[5] Based on the composition as of May 31, 2023