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# ISTOXX® EUROPE QUALITY INCOME UH

#### Stated objective

The iSTOXX Europe Quality Income UH Index aims to capture the performance of shares that offer attractive and sustainable dividend yields.

The index is a fundamental driven concept to obtain sustainable dividend yields through a sophisticated screening and calculation algorithm. It selects companies that may offer lower risk and higher quality by including a large number of fundamental ratios.

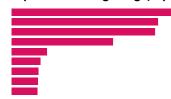
#### **Key facts**

» The quality income strategy is based on two principles. The first is that historically, dividend yield has been the dominant component of equity returns. The second is that equity investors are not rewarded for buying higher risk stocks. The index aims to identify a universe of assets that may offer lower risk and higher quality. A set of measures aims to reduce the overall volatility, beta and drawdown of the portfolio and also reduces the probability of dividend cuts. None of the quality measures incorporate any forecasts and are solely based on reported information.

#### **Descriptive statistics**

Index	Market ca	Market cap (EUR bn.)		Components (EUR bn.)		Component weight (%)		Turnover (%)	
	Full	Free-float	Mean	Median	Largest	Smallest	Largest	Smallest	Last 12 months
iSTOXX Europe Quality Income UH Index	572.0	490.6	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	4.7	2.4	85.5
STOXX Europe 600 Index	10,037.4	8,169.7	13.6	5.6	224.2	0.1	2.7	0.0	2.7

#### Supersector weighting (top 10)



28.9% Utilities

19.5% Telecommunications 19 1% Media

13.5% Personal & Household Goods

4.7% Automobiles & Parts

3.8% Food & Beverage

3.5% Industrial Goods & Services

3.5% Travel & Leisure

### **Country weighting**



41.4% Great Britain 11.6% Finland 9.9% Belgium

9.8% Germany 7.4% Spain 6.7% Luxembourg

3.8% Norway 3.3% Switzerland

3.1% France 3.0% Sweden

#### Risk and return figures

Index returns				Re	turn (%)			Annu	alized retu	urn (%)
	Last month	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	Last month	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y
iSTOXX Europe Quality Income UH Index	1.0	18.8	17.0	50.0	86.0	12.9	20.2	16.6	14.2	12.8
STOXX Europe 600 Index	2.8	15.4	13.9	51.6	70.1	39.2	16.5	13.6	14.6	10.9
Index volatility and risk	Annualized volatility (%) Annualized Sharp						oe ratio <sup>2</sup>			
iSTOXX Europe Quality Income UH Index	13.7	17.3	17.4	12.9	12.9	1.3	1.1	0.9	1.0	0.9
STOXX Europe 600 Index	14.0	19.5	19.6	15.0	16.6	2.2	0.8	0.6	0.9	0.6
Index to benchmark	Correlation						Т	racking er	ror (%)	
iSTOXX Europe Quality Income UH Index	0.9	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.9	6.4	6.0	5.9	5.5	6.9
Index to benchmark	Beta Annualized information						on ratio			
iSTOXX Europe Quality Income UH Index	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.7	-2.1	0.4	0.3	-0.1	0.1

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

(EUR, net return), all data as of Nov. 30, 2015



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Based on Euribor1m

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#### Fundamentals (for last 12 months)

Index		ce/earnings icl. negative		ce/earnings cl. negative	Price/ book	Dividend yield (%) <sup>4</sup>	Price/ sales	Price/ cash flow
	Trailing	Projected	Trailing	Projected	Trailing	Trailing	Trailing	Trailing
iSTOXX Europe Quality Income UH Index	18.1	17.8	18.1	17.8	3.3	4.2	2.2	7.4
STOXX Europe 600 Index	47.3	16.1	17.3	15.9	1.8	2.9	1.1	15.3

#### Performance and annual returns<sup>3</sup>





#### Versions and symbols

	ISIN	Symbol	Bloomberg	Reuters
EUR	CH0245691461	SXEQIG		.SXEQIG
EUR	CH0245691354	SXEQIN		.SXEQIN
EUR	CH0245672800	SXEQIP	SXEQIP INDEX	.SXEQIP
USD	CH0246177825	SXEQIV		.SXEQIV
USD	CH0246177643	SXEQIK		.SXEQIK
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#### Methodology

The index universe is the STOXX® Europe 600 ex Financials Index. Components are selected based on the following criteria:

- » Quality score: is a set of measures based on fundamental ratios, such as return on assets, cash flow from operations, leverage etc.
- » Balance sheet risk score: measures the credit quality of a company
- » Expected dividend yield
- » Liquidity: measured by the average daily traded volume and freefloat market cap of a component.

The detailed methodology including the calculation formula can be found in our rulebook: http://www.stoxx.com/indices/rulebooks.html

Quick facts	
Weighting	Price weighted with a weight factor to achieve equal weighting
No. of components	Variable (between 25 and 75)
Review frequency	Quarterly in March, June, September and December
Calculation/distribution	Price, Net Return, Gross Return in EUR, USD Realtime, End-of-day
Base value/base date	100 as of Dec. 31, 2004
History	Available daily back until Dec. 31, 2004
Inception date	Jul. 17, 2014

(EUR, net return), all data as of Nov. 30, 2015

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> STOXX data from Sep. 20, 2004 to Dec. 31, 2015

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

Company	Supersector	Country	Weight (%)	
NOKIAN RENKAAT Automobiles & Part		FI	4.70	
PENNON GRP	Utilities	GB	4.01	
BRITISH AMERICAN TOBACCO	Personal & Household Goods	GB	3.83	
UNITED UTILITIES GRP	Utilities	GB	3.80	
ELISA CORPORATION	Telecommunications	FI	3.80	
ORKLA	Food & Beverage	NO	3.80	
IMPERIAL TOBACCO GRP	Personal & Household Goods	GB	3.74	
RED ELECTRICA CORPORATION	Utilities	ES	3.72	
ENAGAS	Utilities	ES	3.67	
SEVERN TRENT	Utilities	GB	3.67	

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 5}$  Based on the composition as of Nov. 30, 2015