

Equity risk premia with academic foundation

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EURO STOXX® Multi Premia® Index



Introduction



STOXX is Now Part of Qontigo...

A new financial intelligence driver, modernizing investment management



Index



STOXX & DAX

World-class indices that are licensed to more than 500 companies, including the world's largest financial product issuers, capital owners and asset managers.

Analytics

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Best of breed portfolio construction and risk analytics tools.



What Differentiates STOXX?

A solutions oriented approach putting investors at the forefront of innovation

Investor First

- Alignment: Our philosophy recognizes our clients' growth as our own path to growth
- Strong commercial focus: Track-record of launching indices with existing commercial commitment from clients
- Industry-wide relationships: Deep relationships that encompass the entire value-chain including banks/managers, intermediaries, distributors and end-investor

Index Solutions

- Investor centric: Collaborative and objectives-focused approach that spans the process from concept through index solution
- Expert knowledge: Specialist staff covering research and product development
- Quality: Assurance of high quality standards has forged our market reputation

Innovations Meets
Opportunity

- Aspiration of market leadership and innovation (e.g. EURO STOXX 50[®], TRU®, thematics, low carbon and climate indices)
- Strategic choice for "open architecture", e.g.: partner with best-in-class providers for the benefit of our customers (Sustainalytics, CDP, Axioma, Finreon)



Equity risk premia with academic foundation

Index overview

■ The index integrates the academic research based Multi Premia® methodology developed by Finreon, a spin-off from the University of St. Gallen in Switzerland

Index setup

■ The EURO STOXX® Multi Premia® Index is derived from 7 EURO STOXX® Single Premium Indices which are based on value, size, momentum, residual momentum, reversal, low risk and quality

Key features

- Based on the EURO STOXX® Index
- Equity risk premia with academic foundation¹⁾
- Single Premium Indices aimed at harvesting different equity risk premia
- Multi Premia® aims at diversifying across different sources of return by combining Single Premium Indices
- Balanced relative risk contribution of each factor while controlling risks and focusing on tradability

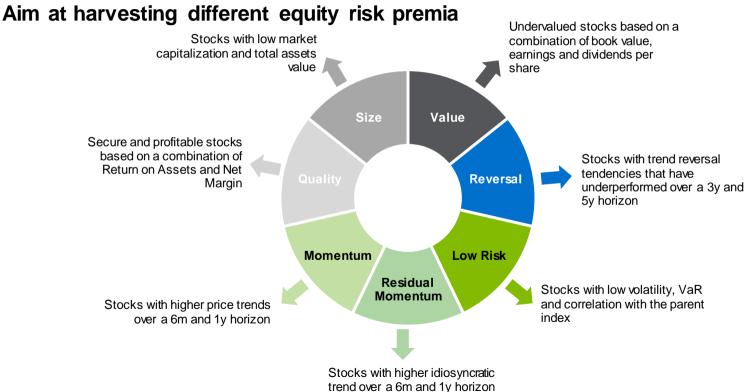


¹⁾ An overview of the scientific articles on which the Multi Premia® methodology is based on is available at https://www.finreon.ch/en/fundation-of-solutions.htm

EURO STOXX® Single Premium Indices



EURO STOXX® Single Premium Indices



Each Single Premium is a Combination of Indicators

Indicators calculated from fundamental data and/or price data

Step-by-step process

- For each constituent, a set of indicators are calculated according to specific screening criteria tailored for each individual risk-premium under consideration
- A ranking process takes place, ranking the constituents among their ICB industry¹⁾ or across all eligible stocks²⁾, and allocating a factor score to each, which is then standardized to increase the comparison between them and aggregated to an overall factor score
- A selection list composed of the top ranking stocks up to the target number⁴⁾ of components and an additional selection buffer of 10% is compiled.

Screening criteria

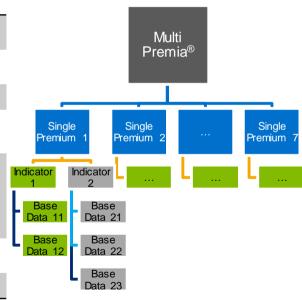
Indicator(s)

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Value	 Book Value per Share to Price (B/P) Earnings per Share to Price (E/P) Dividend per Share over last 12 months to Price (D/P)
Size	 Natural logarithm of the free-float market capitalization (MCAP) Natural logarithm of the company's Total Assets (TA)
Momentum	52 minus 4 weeks gross return (52-4TR)26 minus 4 weeks gross return (26-4TR)
Residual Momentum	 The 52 minus 4 weeks standardised⁹⁾ residual return (52-4RR) The 26 minus 4 weeks standardised⁹⁾ residual return (26-4RR)
Low Risk	Volatility calculated on the basis of weekly gross return data over the previous 156 weeks (VOL) 90% value-at-risk for the weekly gross returns over the previous 156 weeks (VaR). The loss is represented as a positive number. Correlation coefficient between the weekly gross returns of the component against the weekly gross return of the EURO STOXX® Index over the previous 156 weeks (CORR)
Quality	Gross income divided by Total Asset (ROA) Earnings per share divided by revenue per share (Net Margin)

260 minus 52 weeks gross return (260-52TR)

■ 156 minus 52 weeks gross return (156-52TR)

Combination of premia



⁴⁾ The target number of components in the relevant EURO STOXX® Single Premium Index is set to 1/3 (rounded up to the closest integer) of the eligible stocks. Please refer to the index methodology; STOXX Index Methodology; Guide for details.



Reversal

¹⁾ For value, size and quality Single Premium Indices

For momentum, residual momentum, reversal and low risk Single Premium Indices

B) Based on CAPM regression over weekly data covering 156 weeks of the component against the reference market

Optimization Aims at Balanced Risk Contribution

Constraints, turnover control and penalties applicable

Optimization approach

- Component weights is estimated based on an optimization approach
- The optimization aims to have a balanced risk contribution¹⁾ of each of the components of the index to overall volatility of the respective EURO STOXX® Single Premium Index
- Optimisation also incorporates an objective to control the turnover in the index
- Optimisation function also includes a penalty term for breaching the caps on ICB industry weights and country weights of resulting selection of stocks, with an objective to minimise the penalty

Overview - constraints

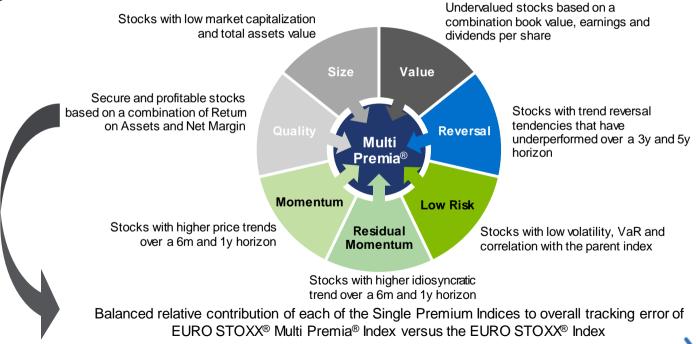
- Non-negative component weights that sum-up to 100%
- Cap on the component weight of 4%, with component weight being determined based on a combination of market cap and ADTV
- Floor on ICB industry weight of selected stocks, with a penalty applied in case of breach of cap on ICB industry weight
- Floor on country weight of selected stocks, with a penalty applied in case of breach of cap on country weight



¹⁾ For definition of relative contribution to risk and marginal risk contribution, please refer to the detailed index methodology: STOXX Index Methodology Guide.



Aims at diversifying across different sources of return by combining Single Premium Indices



Multi Premia® Optimization

Balanced tracking-error contribution of each Single Premium Index

Optimization approach

- Combines the seven Single Premium Indices to diversify across the equity risk premia
- The weight of each EURO STOXX[®] Single Premium Index is assigned such that the tracking error contribution¹⁾ of each Single Premium Index to the overall EURO STOXX[®] Multi Premia[®] Index is equal

Overview - constraints

- Weight of each EURO STOXX[®] Single Premium Index between 11% and 17.5%
- Cumulative weights of the EURO STOXX[®] Single Premium Indices must equal 100%

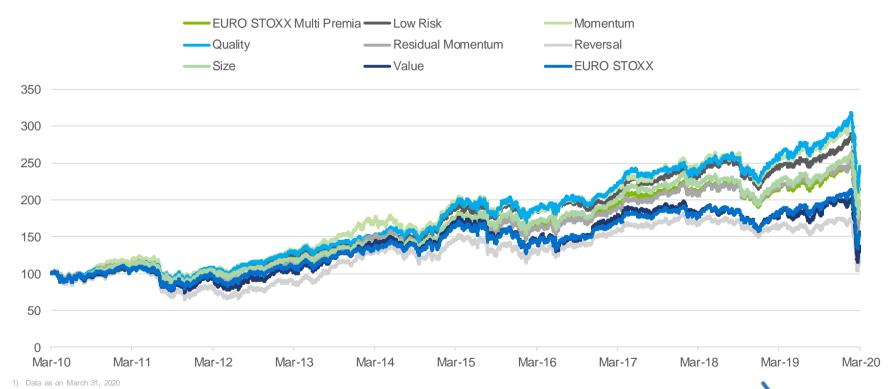


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Historical Performance



Historical Index Performance



Risk and Returns

Robust outperformance of EURO STOXX® Multi Premia® index

	EURO STOXX® Index	EURO STOXX® Multi Premia®	
Perf. overall (annualized)	4.50%	6.17%	
Perf. (1Y)	-14.66%	-16.03%	
Perf. (3Y) (annualized)	-3.84%	-2.95%	
Perf. (5Y) (annualized)	-1.25%	0.60%	
Vol. overall (annualized)	19.59%	17.84%	
Volatility (1Y) (annualized)	25.00%	23.46%	
Volatility (3Y) (annualized)	17.54%	16.39%	
Volatility (5Y) (annualized)	18.78%	17.16%	
Sharpe ratio (Overall)	0.32	0.43	
Sharpe ratio (5Y)	0.05	0.14	
Tracking Error (Overall)		3.87%	
Tracking error (5Y)		3.61%	
Dividend Yield (Overall)	3.83%	4.02%	
Maximum drawdown	37.88%	37.33%	
Constituents	300	269	

Value	Size	Momentum	Residual	Reversal	Low Risk	Quality
			Momentum			
2.91%	7.18%	8.40%	6.02%	1.54%	8.35%	9.50%
-25.00%	-10.35%	-13.30%	-18.61%	-28.25%	-9.75%	-5.10%
-9.84%	-0.97%	0.21%	-2.34%	-10.42%	1.42%	3.19%
-4.77%	2.65%	2.46%	1.07%	-4.49%	3.41%	5.05%
20.68%	16.69%	18.41%	18.13%	21.42%	14.58%	16.63%
27.81%	21.51%	25.07%	24.63%	25.54%	20.78%	22.49%
19.08%	15.63%	17.92%	17.30%	17.40%	14.61%	16.01%
20.26%	16.34%	18.04%	17.69%	18.50%	15.24%	16.73%
0.24	0.50	0.53	0.41	0.18	0.62	0.63
-0.12	0.26	0.24	0.17	-0.14	0.32	0.40
4.80%	6.39%	6.55%	5.41%	5.76%	7.72%	5.96%
4.91%	5.79%	6.07%	5.20%	4.51%	7.15%	5.46%
3.70%	4.20%	4.03%	3.64%	2.81%	4.79%	5.08%
42.66%	33.62%	39.44%	39.44%	43.23%	32.72%	33.90%
95	94	91	91	90	96	80



¹⁾ Data based on Gross Return Index data in EUR as on March 31, 2020.

¹⁾ Sharpe ratio calculated by using EONIA rate.

²⁾ Calculated using index data between from March 31, 2020 and March 31, 2020.

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