

STOXX

Thematics Monthly Monitor

February 2026



STOXX thematic solutions capture megatrends across three broad categories

Megatrends – powerful, transformative forces that could change the global economy, business and society



Future technology

Technological advancements that are changing our daily lives



Socio-demographics

Changes in global demographics will bring significant challenges and opportunities for societies and businesses

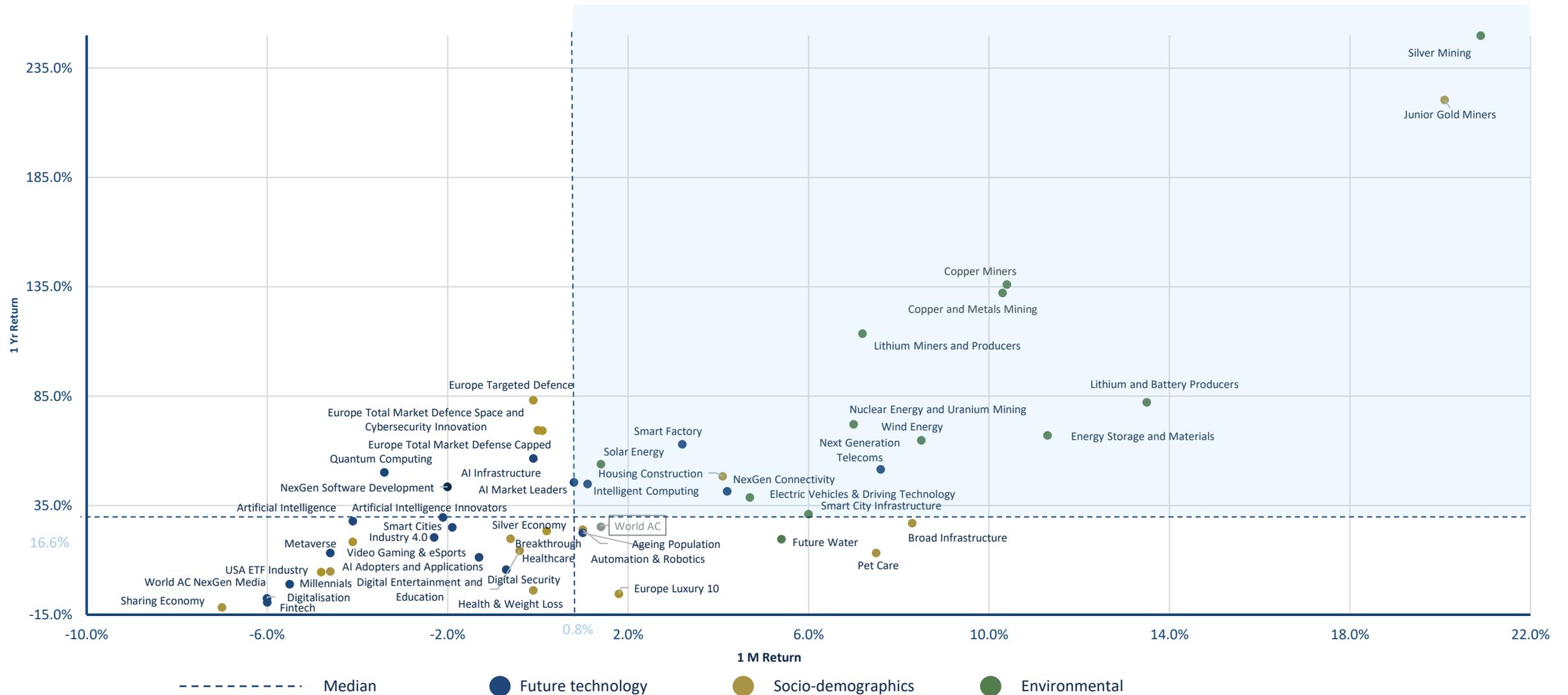


Environmental

Benefit from the increasing societal awareness of environmental and sustainability issues that are impacting our quality of life

STOXX thematic indices

Performance overview



Source: STOXX, Daily data Feb 28, 2025 to Feb 27, 2026, USD GR.

STOXX thematic indices

Focusing in on the top 5 performing indices – February 2026

01

Silver Mining

20.9% 1M performance



02

Gold Miners

20.1% 1M performance



03

**Lithium and Battery
Producers**

13.5% 1M performance



04

**Energy Storage and
Materials**

11.3% 1M performance



05

Copper Miners

10.4% 1M performance



Future technology

Performance & risk characteristics

Future technology

Index name	Returns				Risk				Dividend Yield		Return / Risk	
	1M	YTD	1Y	3Y	1M	YTD	1Y	3Y	1Y	3Y	1Y	3Y
STOXX Global AI Adopters and Applications	-1.3%	-1.9%	11.2%	19.1%	15.3%	13.5%	16.6%	14.0%	1.5%	2.2%	0.72	1.37
STOXX Global AI Infrastructure	-0.1%	6.5%	56.5%	43.1%	24.7%	22.7%	25.5%	22.1%	1.4%	3.2%	2.27	1.95
STOXX Global Artificial Intelligence	-4.1%	-1.5%	27.8%	34.9%	28.6%	24.8%	28.9%	24.7%	0.7%	1.6%	1.01	1.41
STOXX Global Artificial Intelligence Innovators	-2.1%	0.7%	29.5%	35.2%	15.7%	14.0%	19.7%	17.1%	1.3%	2.3%	1.58	2.06
STOXX Global Automation & Robotics	1.0%	5.1%	22.4%	17.8%	22.8%	20.2%	20.7%	18.2%	1.0%	1.4%	1.09	0.98
STOXX Global Digital Security	-0.7%	-3.2%	5.6%	16.5%	24.9%	20.8%	19.7%	17.1%	0.9%	1.3%	0.29	0.96
STOXX Global Digitalisation	-6.0%	-9.4%	-7.6%	12.6%	25.4%	20.7%	19.7%	16.8%	0.8%	1.1%	-0.36	0.75
STOXX Global Fintech	-6.0%	-10.5%	-9.3%	11.1%	29.4%	23.5%	20.2%	16.6%	0.8%	1.3%	-0.41	0.67
STOXX Global Industry 4.0	-2.3%	2.7%	20.4%	23.5%	22.5%	20.4%	22.0%	19.2%	1.3%	2.3%	0.94	1.23
STOXX Global Intelligent Computing	1.1%	12.3%	44.8%	22.9%	20.6%	18.2%	20.5%	18.4%	1.6%	2.2%	2.17	1.25
STOXX Global Metaverse	-4.6%	-5.8%	13.2%	28.9%	24.9%	21.0%	23.2%	20.1%	0.7%	1.5%	0.62	1.44
STOXX Global Next Generation Telecoms	7.6%	16.2%	51.5%	29.3%	14.9%	14.7%	16.7%	15.0%	3.0%	4.5%	3.14	1.96
STOXX Global Quantum Computing	-3.4%	-3.0%	50.1%	48.9%	33.8%	30.8%	31.3%	24.2%	1.8%	4.5%	1.59	2.03
STOXX Global Smart Cities	-1.9%	0.6%	25.0%	21.8%	24.5%	20.6%	26.1%	24.4%	0.6%	1.0%	0.97	0.89
STOXX Global Smart Factory	3.2%	15.7%	63.0%	27.6%	16.5%	20.2%	27.0%	23.8%	1.7%	2.3%	2.38	1.16
STOXX World AC AI Market Leaders	0.8%	7.2%	45.6%	43.5%	21.4%	18.9%	21.0%	19.2%	1.3%	2.9%	2.23	2.27
STOXX World AC NexGen Connectivity	4.2%	10.9%	41.4%	30.6%	16.6%	15.3%	17.7%	15.7%	2.3%	3.9%	2.41	1.95
STOXX World AC NexGen Software Development	-2.0%	6.9%	43.5%	37.0%	24.9%	23.2%	26.9%	23.5%	0.9%	1.4%	1.68	1.58
Category average	-0.9%	2.8%	29.7%	28.0%	22.6%	20.2%	22.4%	19.4%	1.3%	2.3%	1.35	1.44

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Key performance metrics

Future technology

Index name	1Y Excess Return*	1Y Volatility	1Y Dividend yield	1Y Beta*	Google Trend**
STOXX Global AI Adopters and Applications	-13.9%	16.6%	1.5%	1.12	3.88
STOXX Global AI Infrastructure	31.4%	25.5%	1.4%	1.64	3.88
STOXX Global Artificial Intelligence	2.7%	28.9%	0.7%	1.80	3.88
STOXX Global Artificial Intelligence Innovators	4.4%	19.7%	1.3%	1.35	3.88
STOXX Global Automation & Robotics	-2.7%	20.7%	1.0%	1.39	5.36
STOXX Global Digital Security	-19.5%	19.7%	0.9%	1.18	6.75
STOXX Global Digitalisation	-32.7%	19.7%	0.8%	1.26	6.31
STOXX Global Fintech	-34.4%	20.2%	0.8%	1.23	7.13
STOXX Global Industry 4.0	-4.7%	22.0%	1.3%	1.43	6.07
STOXX Global Intelligent Computing	19.7%	20.5%	1.6%	1.20	3.88
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STOXX Global Next Generation Telecoms	26.4%	16.7%	3.0%	1.10	1.94
STOXX Global Quantum Computing	25.0%	31.3%	1.8%	1.34	5.83
STOXX Global Smart Cities	-0.1%	26.1%	0.6%	1.64	5.68
STOXX Global Smart Factory	37.9%	27.0%	1.7%	1.69	6.57
STOXX World AC AI Market Leaders	20.5%	21.0%	1.3%	1.37	3.88
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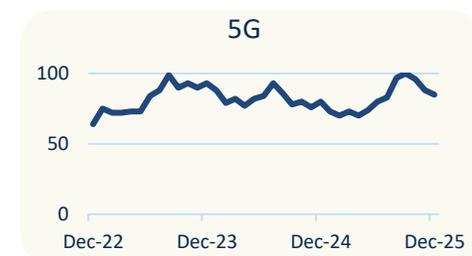
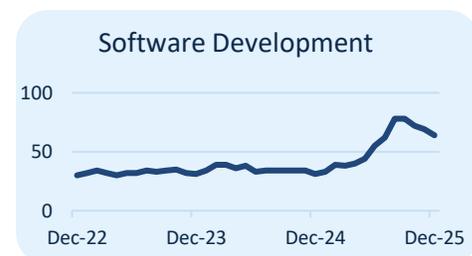
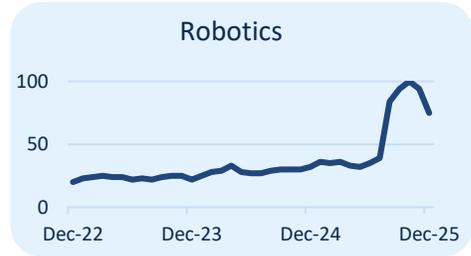
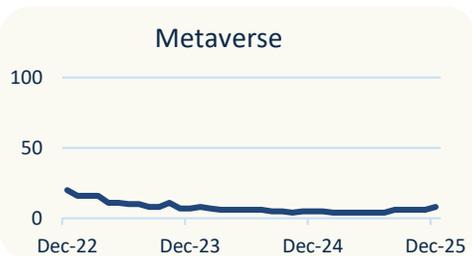
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Google trends

Future technology



Key:

 Upward trending

 Flat/downward trending

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Index	Keywords
STOXX Global AI Adopters and Applications	AI
STOXX Global AI Infrastructure	AI
STOXX Global Artificial Intelligence	AI
STOXX Global Artificial Intelligence Innovators	AI
STOXX Global Automation & Robotics	Automation, Robotics
STOXX Global Digital Security	Cybersecurity
STOXX Global Digitalisation	Digitalization
STOXX Global Fintech	Fintech
STOXX Global Industry 4.0	Industry 4.0
STOXX Global Intelligent Computing	AI
STOXX Global Intelligent Computing ADTV5	AI
STOXX Global Metaverse	Metaverse
STOXX Global Next Generation Telecoms	5G
STOXX Global Quantum Computing	Quantum Computing
STOXX Global Smart Cities	Smart City
STOXX Global Smart Factory	Smart Factory
STOXX World AC AI Market Leaders	AI
STOXX World AC NexGen Connectivity	5G
STOXX World AC NexGen Software Development	Software Development

Socio-demographics

Performance & risk characteristics

Socio-demographics

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	1M	YTD	1Y	3Y	1M	YTD	1Y	3Y	1Y	3Y	1Y	3Y
STOXX Global Ageing Population	1.0%	3.3%	23.8%	14.8%	8.4%	8.6%	13.0%	12.3%	2.7%	2.9%	1.85	1.20
STOXX Global Breakthrough Healthcare	-0.6%	2.9%	19.7%	9.0%	10.8%	13.1%	16.1%	14.9%	1.2%	1.1%	1.26	0.60
STOXX Global Broad Infrastructure	8.3%	11.7%	26.8%	15.1%	10.1%	9.4%	10.5%	10.0%	4.0%	4.6%	2.66	1.52
STOXX Global Digital Entertainment and Education	-0.4%	-1.3%	14.2%	29.5%	25.1%	20.6%	19.6%	17.5%	0.5%	1.6%	0.71	1.69
STOXX Global Health & Weight Loss	-0.1%	0.2%	-3.9%	-0.7%	13.9%	12.4%	16.0%	14.7%	1.4%	1.2%	-0.24	-0.05
STOXX Global Housing Construction	4.1%	16.3%	48.3%	22.9%	14.2%	18.0%	20.9%	19.0%	2.3%	2.8%	2.38	1.20
STOXX Global Junior Gold Miners	20.1%	36.0%	220.4%	72.0%	54.0%	51.6%	37.6%	32.1%	2.8%	4.9%	5.92	2.24
STOXX Global Millennials	-4.6%	-7.1%	4.7%	24.9%	19.1%	15.5%	18.5%	16.2%	0.6%	1.0%	0.29	1.54
STOXX Global Pet Care	7.5%	11.4%	13.2%	6.7%	11.5%	10.7%	14.1%	12.3%	2.3%	2.2%	1.01	0.55
STOXX Global Sharing Economy	-7.0%	-11.8%	-11.7%	17.6%	28.4%	22.8%	22.1%	18.6%	0.3%	0.7%	-0.49	0.95
STOXX Global Silver Economy	0.2%	5.7%	23.3%	19.3%	12.3%	13.4%	17.1%	14.7%	1.7%	2.1%	1.44	1.32
STOXX Global Video Gaming & eSports	-4.1%	-5.3%	18.3%	26.6%	22.4%	18.3%	20.3%	17.9%	0.9%	1.6%	0.93	1.49
STOXX World AC NexGen Media	-5.5%	-10.6%	-1.1%	26.6%	26.4%	20.7%	22.0%	19.5%	0.5%	1.2%	-0.02	1.37
STOXX Europe Luxury 10	1.8%	-7.7%	-5.5%	5.2%	22.6%	23.9%	24.1%	24.2%	1.5%	1.8%	-0.22	0.22
STOXX Europe Targeted Defence	-0.1%	15.8%	83.1%	66.8%	31.7%	32.1%	35.4%	27.1%	1.9%	5.5%	2.37	2.46
STOXX Europe Total Market Defense Capped	0.1%	12.3%	69.1%	56.2%	28.6%	28.9%	32.3%	24.8%	1.9%	4.5%	2.17	2.27
STOXX Europe Total Market Defence Space and Cybersecurity Innovation	0.0%	12.0%	69.3%	52.1%	26.9%	25.8%	28.9%	22.5%	1.8%	4.7%	2.44	2.32
STOXX USA ETF Industry	-4.8%	-1.7%	4.5%	14.2%	29.9%	24.8%	19.9%	16.6%	1.8%	2.8%	0.33	0.85
Category average	0.9%	4.6%	34.3%	26.6%	22.0%	20.6%	21.6%	18.6%	1.7%	2.6%	1.38	1.32

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Key performance metrics

Socio-demographics

Index name	1Y Excess Return*	1Y Volatility	1Y Dividend yield	1Y Beta*	Google Trend**
STOXX Global Ageing Population	-1.3%	13.0%	2.7%	0.82	2.55
STOXX Global Breakthrough Healthcare	-5.4%	16.1%	1.2%	0.81	6.40
STOXX Global Broad Infrastructure	1.7%	10.5%	4.0%	0.43	6.35
STOXX Global Digital Entertainment and Education	-10.9%	19.6%	0.5%	1.18	6.75
STOXX Global Health & Weight Loss	-29.0%	16.0%	1.4%	0.85	2.12
STOXX Global Housing Construction	23.2%	20.9%	2.3%	1.33	7.49
STOXX Global Junior Gold Miners	195.3%	37.6%	2.8%	0.76	5.70
STOXX Global Millennials	-20.4%	18.5%	0.6%	1.19	0.53
STOXX Global Pet Care	-11.9%	14.1%	2.3%	0.51	1.90
STOXX Global Sharing Economy	-36.8%	22.1%	0.3%	1.35	5.30
STOXX Global Silver Economy	-1.8%	17.1%	1.7%	1.10	2.55
STOXX Global Video Gaming & eSports	-6.8%	20.3%	0.9%	1.32	5.93
STOXX World AC NexGen Media	-26.2%	22.0%	0.5%	1.41	6.75
STOXX Europe Luxury 10	-30.6%	24.1%	1.5%	0.71	2.66
STOXX Europe Targeted Defence	58.0%	35.4%	1.9%	0.52	7.41
STOXX Europe Total Market Defense Capped	44.0%	32.3%	1.9%	0.62	7.41
STOXX Europe Total Market Defence Space and Cybersecurity Innovation	44.2%	28.9%	1.8%	0.59	7.41
STOXX USA ETF Industry	-20.6%	19.9%	1.8%	1.02	5.46

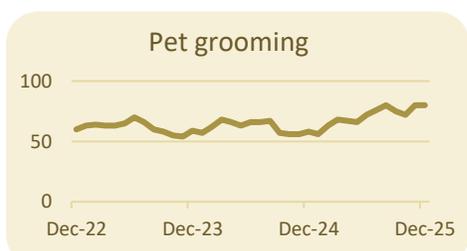
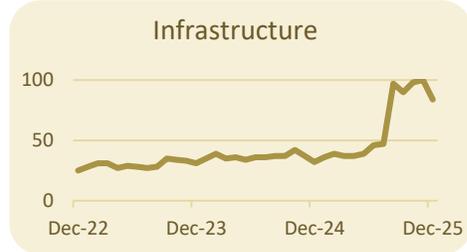
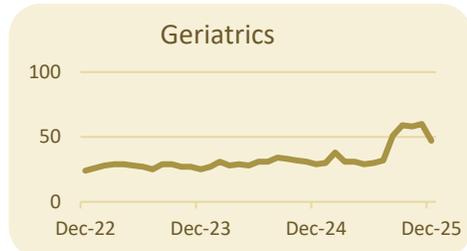
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Google trends

Socio-demographics



Index	Keyword
STOXX Global Ageing Population	Geriatrics
STOXX Global Breakthrough Healthcare	Advanced Healthcare
STOXX Global Broad Infrastructure	Infrastructure
STOXX Global Digital Entertainment and Education	Digital Media
STOXX Global Health & Weight Loss	Wellness
STOXX Global Housing Construction	Housing Construction
STOXX Global Junior Gold Miners	Gold Miners
STOXX Global Millennials	Millennials
STOXX Global Pet Care	Pet Grooming
STOXX Global Sharing Economy	Gig Economy
STOXX Global Silver Economy	Geriatrics
STOXX Global Video Gaming & eSports	Video Gaming
STOXX World AC NexGen Media	Digital Media
STOXX Europe Luxury 10	European Luxury Goods
STOXX Europe Targeted Defence	European Defence
STOXX Europe Total Market Defence Capped	European Defence
STOXX Europe Total Market Defence Space and Cybersecurity Innovation	European Defence
STOXX USA ETF Industry	ETF

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Environmental

Performance & risk characteristics

Environmental

Index name	Returns				Risk				Dividend Yield		Return / Risk	
	1M	YTD	1Y	3Y	1M	YTD	1Y	3Y	1Y	3Y	1Y	3Y
STOXX Global Copper and Metals Mining	10.3%	29.0%	132.1%	37.8%	42.1%	39.3%	29.1%	27.7%	5.0%	6.2%	4.43	1.36
STOXX Global Copper Miners	10.4%	28.8%	136.0%	37.7%	41.3%	38.6%	29.3%	28.0%	5.3%	6.3%	4.52	1.35
STOXX Global Electric Vehicles & Driving Technology	4.7%	10.4%	38.6%	14.8%	19.2%	18.6%	21.7%	19.2%	2.2%	2.4%	1.69	0.77
STOXX Global Energy Storage and Materials	11.3%	25.7%	67.0%	9.0%	28.2%	22.6%	21.3%	18.9%	3.0%	2.4%	2.99	0.48
STOXX Global Lithium and Battery Producers	13.5%	20.2%	82.1%	6.3%	32.1%	28.9%	27.3%	24.6%	2.0%	1.5%	2.73	0.26
STOXX Global Lithium Miners and Producers	7.2%	16.5%	113.5%	-7.3%	44.0%	43.9%	40.4%	34.5%	0.9%	0.7%	2.63	-0.21
STOXX Global Nuclear Energy and Uranium Mining	7.0%	19.4%	72.1%	45.5%	22.6%	19.4%	17.7%	15.9%	3.5%	5.2%	4.16	2.86
STOXX Global Silver Mining	20.9%	39.1%	249.8%	70.8%	59.6%	60.1%	41.7%	36.9%	3.9%	5.2%	6.08	1.92
STOXX Global Smart City Infrastructure	6.0%	10.4%	31.0%	18.4%	15.6%	13.3%	15.1%	14.2%	2.0%	2.4%	2.07	1.30
STOXX Global Solar Energy	1.4%	10.1%	53.8%	-7.1%	40.5%	34.4%	32.4%	28.9%	1.1%	1.0%	1.47	-0.25
STOXX Global Wind Energy	8.5%	18.2%	64.7%	10.5%	19.1%	17.3%	17.5%	18.9%	3.3%	2.5%	3.76	0.55
STOXX Future Water ESG	5.4%	10.0%	19.5%	12.8%	9.1%	11.7%	13.6%	12.8%	2.3%	2.8%	1.49	1.00
Category average	8.9%	19.8%	88.4%	20.8%	31.1%	29.0%	25.6%	23.4%	2.9%	3.2%	3.17	0.95

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Key performance metrics

Environmental

Index name	1Y Excess Return*	1Y Volatility	1Y Dividend yield	1Y Beta*	Google Trend**
STOXX Global Copper and Metals Mining	107.0%	29.1%	5.0%	1.38	7.11
STOXX Global Copper Miners	110.9%	29.3%	5.3%	1.38	7.11
STOXX Global Electric Vehicles & Driving Technology	13.5%	21.7%	2.2%	1.32	2.96
STOXX Global Energy Storage and Materials	41.9%	21.3%	3.0%	0.89	7.88
STOXX Global Lithium and Battery Producers	57.0%	19.6%	2.0%	0.91	5.82
STOXX Global Lithium Miners and Producers	88.4%	40.4%	0.9%	1.06	5.82
STOXX Global Nuclear Energy and Uranium Mining	47.0%	17.7%	3.5%	0.93	3.34
STOXX Global Silver Mining	224.7%	41.7%	3.9%	1.30	6.09
STOXX Global Smart City Infrastructure	5.9%	15.1%	2.0%	1.03	6.35
STOXX Global Solar Energy	28.7%	32.4%	1.1%	1.07	3.93
STOXX Global Wind Energy	39.6%	17.5%	3.3%	0.63	2.47
STOXX Future Water ESG	-5.6%	13.6%	2.3%	0.64	9.03

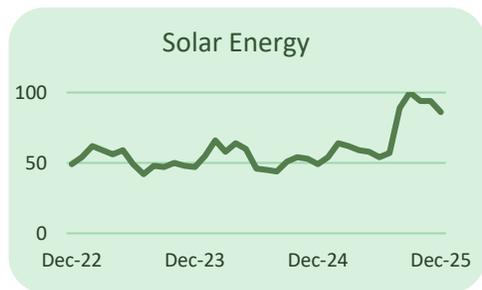
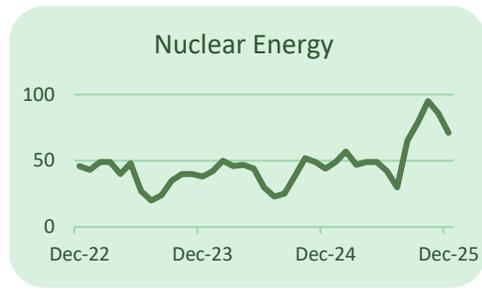
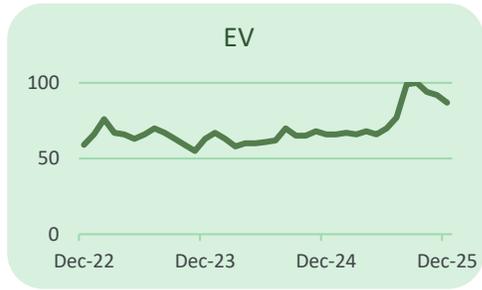
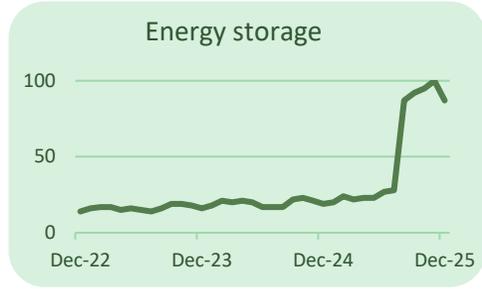
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Environmental



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STOXX Global Copper and Metals Mining	Copper Mining
STOXX Global Copper Miners	Copper Mining
STOXX Global Electric Vehicles & Driving Technology	EV
STOXX Global Energy Storage and Materials	Energy Storage
STOXX Global Lithium and Battery Producers	Lithium Mining
STOXX Global Lithium Miners and Producers	Lithium Mining
STOXX Global Nuclear Energy and Uranium Mining	Nuclear Energy
STOXX Global Smart City Infrastructure	Infrastructure
STOXX Global Silver Mining	Silver Mining
STOXX Global Solar Energy	Solar Energy
STOXX Global Wind Energy	Wind Energy
STOXX Future Water ESG	Future Water

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