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# S&P Europe Select Plus Custom Index

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## About the Index

The S&P Europe Select Plus Custom Index is comprised of a number of European Equity UCITS (Undertaking in Collective Investments in Transferable Securities) funds that are selected to deliver an annual excess return within an established risk framework.

### Index Methodology

The index uses a rules-based selection methodology that is both repeatable and process-driven. The index methodology applies the Capital Asset Pricing Model to select an optimal mix of funds that will give rise to the best return and risk characteristics. No qualitative overlay or judgment is applied to the selection or allocation of the funds outside Standard & Poor's published guidelines. Complete details of these guidelines are available on our Web site at www.indices.standardandpoors.com.

### CRITERIA FOR INDEX ADDITIONS

European registered funds that exhibit the following characteristics are eligible for inclusion:

- *Currency.* Must be denominated in Euro.
- *Track Record.* Minimum track of three years.
- *Investment Products.* Funds that accept investments from structured product issuers and hedge providers.
- *Fund Size.* Exceed the minimum requirement of Euro 200 million.
- *Weighting.* At each rebalancing, no single fund can account for more than 20% of the overall value of the portfolio and has a minimum requirement of 5%. All small capitalization funds are subject to a lower ceiling of 10% each and in aggregate must not exceed 20%.
- *Exposure.* In the event that the annual excess return exceeds 10% at calendar year end, the maximum exposure will be trimmed to 10% for the next 12 months to lock in profits.
- *Number of Funds.* No fewer than five funds and no more than ten funds can be selected for the index.
- *Rebalancing.* Semi-annually, on or about February 1st and August 1st of each year.

Once a fund is deemed eligible, it is subjected to a mean/variance optimization process to evaluate how various asset combinations have behaved historically in terms of their performance and volatility. This process generates a pre-designated number of optimal portfolios that map to a generally curved line known as an efficient frontier. Once these frontiers have been drawn, the most efficient portfolio with the best risk and return characteristics is selected.

### CRITERIA FOR INDEX REMOVALS

- A fund can be considered for removal from the index at any time if the fund fails to meet any of the set criteria.
- A fund can also be removed in the case of an occurrence of a material event that affects the fund or the fund management company which may significantly impact its operating ability to meet the set criteria.

The constituents of the index are evaluated and re-balanced every six months in accordance to the membership criteria and selection methodology.

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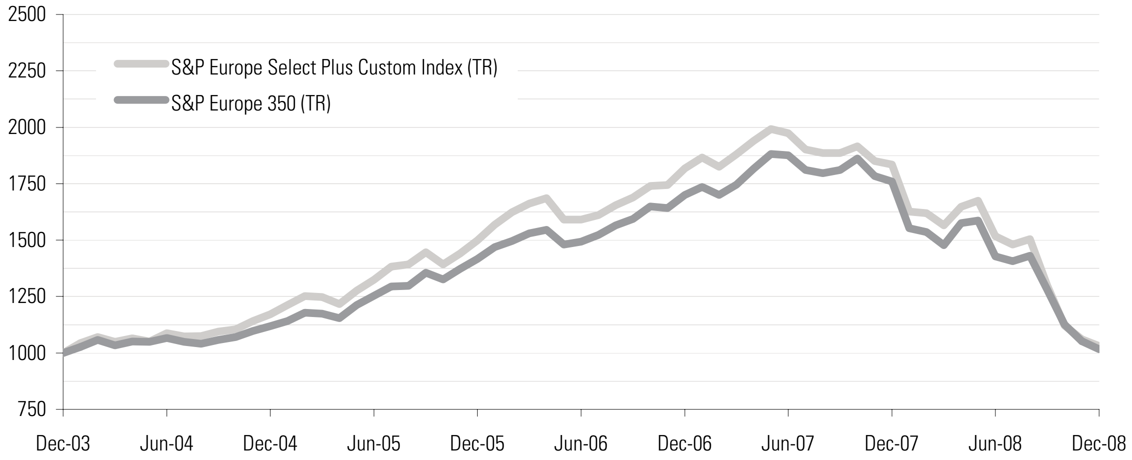
## 5 Year Historical Performance




## Index Performance

| | | Total Returns | | Price Returns | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | S&P Europe Select Plus Custom Index | S&P Europe 350 | S&P Europe Select Plus Custom Index | S&P Europe 350 |
| Returns | 1 Month | -2.80% | -3.26% | -2.80% | -3.34% |
| | 3 Month | -20.60% | -20.58% | -20.60% | -21.10% |
| | YTD | -43.80% | -42.20% | -44.16% | -44.51% |
| Annualized | 1 Year | -43.80% | -42.20% | -44.16% | -44.51% |
| Returns | 3 Years | -11.72% | -10.45% | -11.91% | -13.41% |
| | 5 Years | 0.61% | 0.34% | 0.36% | -2.84% |
| Annualized | 3 Years Std Dev | 16.87% | 16.13% | 16.99% | 15.93% |
| Risk | 5 Years Std Dev | 14.76% | 13.82% | 14.84% | 13.73% |
| Sharpe Ratio | 3 Years | -0.8797 | -0.8411 | -0.8844 | -1.0610 |
| | 5 Years | -0.1019 | -0.1384 | -0.1169 | -0.3714 |

## Tickers

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| S&P Europe Select Plus Custom Index | | |
| Total Return | | |
| BLOOMBERG℠ | SPSPETR | EURO |

## Allocation Breakdown

| Holdings | BLOOMBERG Ticker | Weight |
|---|---|---|
| VONTOBEL EUROPEAN VALUE EQ A2 | VONEUEU LX | 21.90% |
| BGF-EUROPEAN GROWTH FD- | MLEUGRA LX | 20.42% |
| UNIDYNAMICFONDS EUROPA-A | UNIDEAI LX | 20.16% |
| DWS INVEST EURO EQUITIES | DWSEELC LX | 17.77% |
| OYSTER EUROPEAN OPPORTUNITIES | OYSQUGR LX | 14.77% |
| HENDERSON HF PAN EURO EQ A2 | HENPEA2 LX | 5.54% |