# Bloomberg GSAM US Equity Low Risk L/S Index

The Bloomberg GSAM US Equity Low Risk L/S Index provides market-hedged exposure to the low risk factor in the US equity large cap market. The index takes long positions in single name equities which display the strongest low risk metrics and a short position in the US large cap market.

#### **INDEX PERFORMANCE**



## **KEY FEATURES**

- Selects the largest 500 securities by market cap from the list of eligible securities
- Ranks the securities in descending order according to their low risk signal over the past year
- Takes long positions in the 150 highest ranked securities for the next month and a short position in the benchmark index futures contract
- Index returns do not include trading costs
- Rules-based index methodology

#### **SELECTION & REBALANCE**

The universe is reconstituted on a quarterly basis and the low risk signal is determined monthly. Constituents are ranked in descending order based on their low risk score and the top 150 are selected. Constituents are weighted based on the square root of their market capitalization.

## **SIGNAL DESCRIPTION**

The low risk score consists of two components which are measured over the past 12 months: Beta to the Market and Residual Volatility.

For a given stock, both ratios are winsorized in order to calculate the final Z-score for each metric.

Finally, for each stock, the Z-scores are equally weighted in order to give the final low risk score.

## **GOVERNANCE**

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## **QUICK FACTS**

Index	Bloomberg GSAM US Equity Low Risk L/S Index
Currency	USD
Universe	Securities that meet all the below criteria: - Security type is common stock or REIT - Traded on NYSE or NASDAQ - Country of risk is United States - Currency is US dollars - Overall market capitalization is at least USD 1 billion - Average daily traded value over the last 90 weekdays is at least USD 10 million
Rebalance Frequency	Monthly
Index Publication	Weekdays
Base Date	12 February 2007
Base Value	100.0000

# **PERFORMANCE STATISTICS**

Based on monthly returns as of June 30, 2021

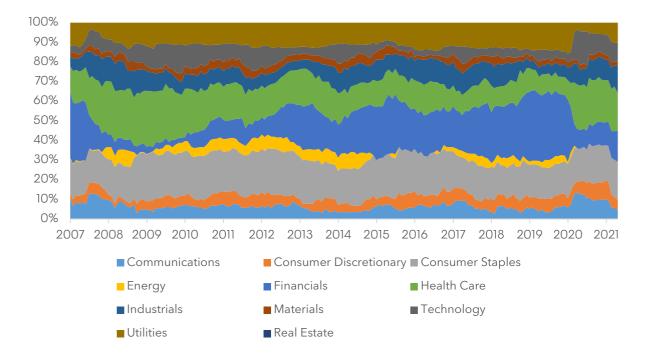
	1 yr	3 yr	5 yr	Since Inception
Annualized Return	-1.39%	0.26%	-1.31%	1.55%
Annualized Volatility	5.61%	6.72%	5.91%	5.07%
Sharpe Ratio	-0.25	0.04	-0.22	0.31
Highest Return	2.76%	3.01%	3.01%	4.44%
Lowest Return	-2.78%	-5.92%	-5.92%	-5.92%
Max Drawdown	-14.72%	-14.72%	-14.72%	-14.72%
% Positive Returns	41.67%	58.33%	48.33%	54.91%

# **MONTHLY RETURNS**

%	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year / YTD
2016	2.71	1.41	0.90	-0.63	0.14	4.44	-1.47	-2.06	-0.92	-1.33	-1.33	1.17	2.86
2017	-0.51	1.68	-0.09	0.61	0.89	-1.02	-0.09	0.37	-1.19	-0.75	2.03	-0.87	1.01
2018	-1.20	-2.42	2.32	-0.83	-1.23	1.05	1.54	-0.08	0.36	1.10	3.01	-2.44	1.01
2019	1.20	0.94	1.48	0.17	1.72	1.12	0.11	2.99	0.31	-1.56	-1.36	0.22	7.50
2020	1.81	-4.49	-5.92	1.51	-0.03	-1.01	2.29	-1.26	0.64	-0.75	-1.10	-0.53	-8.80
2021	-1.16	-2.78	2.76	0.94	0.86	-1.16							-0.63

# **PORTFOLIO ALLOCATION**

Sectors based on the Bloomberg Industry Classification System



# **TOP 10 HOLDINGS**

As of rebalance on June 14, 2021

Holding	Ticker	Weight		
Berkshire Hathaway Inc	BRK/B	2.16%		
Johnson & Johnson	JNJ	1.77%		
Walmart Inc	WMT	1.67%		
UnitedHealth Group Inc	UNH	1.66%		
Home Depot Inc	HD	1.60%		
Procter & Gamble Co	PG	1.53%		
Verizon Communications Inc	VZ	1.32%		
Coca-Cola Co	КО	1.29%		
AT&T Inc	Т	1.28%		
Oracle Corp	ORCL	1.27%		

# **SECTOR PROFILE**

As of rebalance on June 14, 2021

Sector	Weight
Communications	4.50%
Consumer Discretionary	5.34%
Consumer Staples	19.29%
Energy	0.00%
Financials	15.77%
Health Care	19.33%
Industrials	14.05%
Materials	2.10%
Technology	9.34%
Utilities	10.28%
Real Estate	0.00%

# **INDEX MAINTENANCE**

To ensure that the Index accurately reflects the aggregate performance of its constituent members, the Index must be rebalanced periodically (see table below) and maintained on a daily basis for corporate actions, corporate events, any restatements, data integrity and changes to the methodology.

The index reconstitutes the selection universe in February, May, August and November and selects securities based on the signal on a monthly basis. The rebalancing will be effective on the 2nd Monday of the month.

Action	Day	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Universe Rebalance	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon		х			х			х			х	
Selection Rebalance	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon	Х	х	х	х	х	х	х	х	Х	х	Х	Х

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