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UBS Balanced Trend Index



The UBS Balanced Trend Index

A three-step systematic strategy designed to adapt to changing market conditions

The UBS Balanced Trend Index is a global multi-asset index and uses a set of dynamic trend indicators in addition to a daily risk control mechanism which targets 5% volatility.

The Index implements a rules-based allocation process relying on three prevalent financial concepts: diversification, trend and risk control.

Its ambition is to generate stable and consistent returns over time in the face of changing market conditions.

The Index at a glance

Balanced

An allocation diversified across regions and asset classes

Trend

Implementing a short-term trend and a long-term value strategy

5%

Mitigating the impact of market fluctuations by targeting an index volatility (risk) of 5%

Backtested and Live Index Performance

300 250 200 150 100 50 \cap Sep-02 Sep-04 Sep-06 Sep-08 Sep-10 Sep-12 Sep-14 Sep-16 Sep-18 Sep-20 Sep-22 Sep-24 Index Live Date UBS Balanced Trend Index

Actual and simulated performances for the UBS Balanced Trend Index

Source: UBS. Bloomberg. Data collected from September 24, 2002, to February 28, 2025. The UBS Balanced Trend Index is live since November 20, 2017, any data shown prior to the live date is simulated. Until January 3, 2022, the 3-month USD LIBOR rate was used in the construction of the Index. Following January 3, 2022, and in connection with the discontinuation of the 3-month USD LIBOR rate (set to occur immediately after June 30, 2023), the 3-month USD LIBOR rate was replaced with the Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR) plus a spread that will progress from 0.10% to 0.26% until June 30, 2023. Since July 3, 2023, SOFR has been complemented by a spread of 0.26%. Past performance is no indication or guarantee of future performance. The return results provided herein are illustrative only and were derived by means of a retroactive application of a back-casted model designed with the benefit of hindsight. These back-casted, hypothetical, historical annualized Index returns have inherent limitations. No representation is made that in the future the Index will have the returns shown. Alternative modeling techniques or assumptions might produce significantly different results and may prove to be more appropriate. Actual annualized returns may vary materially from this analysis. The Index returns are net a 0.5% p.a. index calculation fee. The Index could underperform relative to other indices, including equity indices. In addition, the Index is an excess return index: it reflects the return of components net of the cost of funding a hypothetical investment in them. Prior to, and including, December 31, 2004, a proxy was used for the US Real Estate ETF.



Step 1:

A diversified asset allocation aiming to improve the stability of outcomes over the long term

Different asset classes rarely experience synchronized growth: for example bond and equity markets tend to move in opposite directions in reaction to the same economic event.

Spreading exposure across various regions and asset classes enables participation in a diversified set of markets across the globe.

For this reason the UBS Balanced Trend Index components include up to ten different assets across three regions and four asset classes to benefit from additional growth opportunities.



The Index is rules-based and cannot be invested into directly. Diversification does not guarantee positive performances nor prevent negative performances. Prior to, and including, December 31, 2004, a proxy was used for the US Real Estate ETF.



Looking for stable growth

Step 2:

A strategic rebalancing process intended to perform in trending markets

The UBS Balanced Trend Index strategically adjusts its weights across the ten underlying assets according to a systematic and tactical mechanism.

The Index combines a short-term trend and a long-term value strategy: the Index will evaluate trend indicators for each asset to identify periods of continuous positive or negative performance and adapt the asset allocation accordingly⁽¹⁾.



Short-term trend

- The short-term trend strategy aims at adjusting allocation depending on each asset's recent performance.
- The Index increases exposure to assets that are trending upward in the short term, and vice versa.



- The long-term value strategy aims at identifying potentially undervalued or overvalued assets.
- A sufficiently positive long-term trend will cap the exposure to this asset, while a negative trend yields a floor.

(1) The aggregate weights may be higher or lower than 100%.



Step 3:

Aiming for stability by systematically adjusting the overall level of risk of the Index

Volatility is the amount of variation of an asset's price over time. It is also used as a risk indicator of the market: in most cases the higher the volatility, the higher the perceived risk on the asset.

In order to mitigate the impacts of market fluctuations, the exposure of the UBS Balanced Trend Index is adjusted on a daily basis to target a 5% risk level.

- During periods of lower volatility (volatility of the asset allocation below 5%), the Index will allocate more to the asset allocation (up to 125%) and less to non-remunerated cash⁽¹⁾.
- During periods of higher volatility (volatility of the asset allocation above 5%), the Index will allocate less to the asset allocation, and will shift to non-remunerated cash⁽¹⁾.



The 5% volatility (risk) control mechanism intends to stabilize the performance of the Index and seeks to avoid very large positive or negative returns.





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About the Index

Index Key Characteristics

Bloomberg Ticker	CSTREND5 Index
Asset Class	Multi-Asset
Geographical Focus	Global
Currency	USD
Launch Date	November 20, 2017
Type of Return	Excess Return (it reflects the return of components net of the cost of funding)
Index Sponsor	UBS AG
Calculation Agent	Solactive AG
Index Calculation fees	0.5% p.a. deducted daily

For more information about the Index, please visit: indices.ubs.com/CSTREND5





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