

Risks related to the index

Please review carefully these risk factors, and any risk factors in an offering document for any security or financial instrument referencing the Index, before making any investment.

- S&P the Index Calculation Agent, may adjust the Index in a way that affects its level, and S&P has no obligation to consider your interests.
- The Index may not be successful, and may not outperform any alternative strategy that might be employed in respect of the ETFs or achieve its target volatility.
- The Index has a limited operating history and may perform in unanticipated ways.
- The ETFs composing the Index may be replaced by a substitute ETF in certain extraordinary events.
- The Index may perform poorly during periods characterized by short-term volatility.
- An investment linked to the Index carries the risks associated with the Index's momentum investment strategy.
- The Index may be partially uninvested.
- Correlation of performances among the ETFs may reduce the performance of the Index.
- The Index is subject to market risks.
- Changes in the value of the ETFs may offset each other.
- The level of the Index will include the deduction of a change in the ICE LIBOR USD 3 Month interest rate and a fee.
- The Index comprises notional assets.

Important Information

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Back-testing and other statistical analysis material provided to you in connection with the explanations of the potential returns associated with an investment in the Index use simulated analysis and hypothetical assumptions in order to illustrate the manner in which the Index may have performed in periods prior to the actual existence of the Index.

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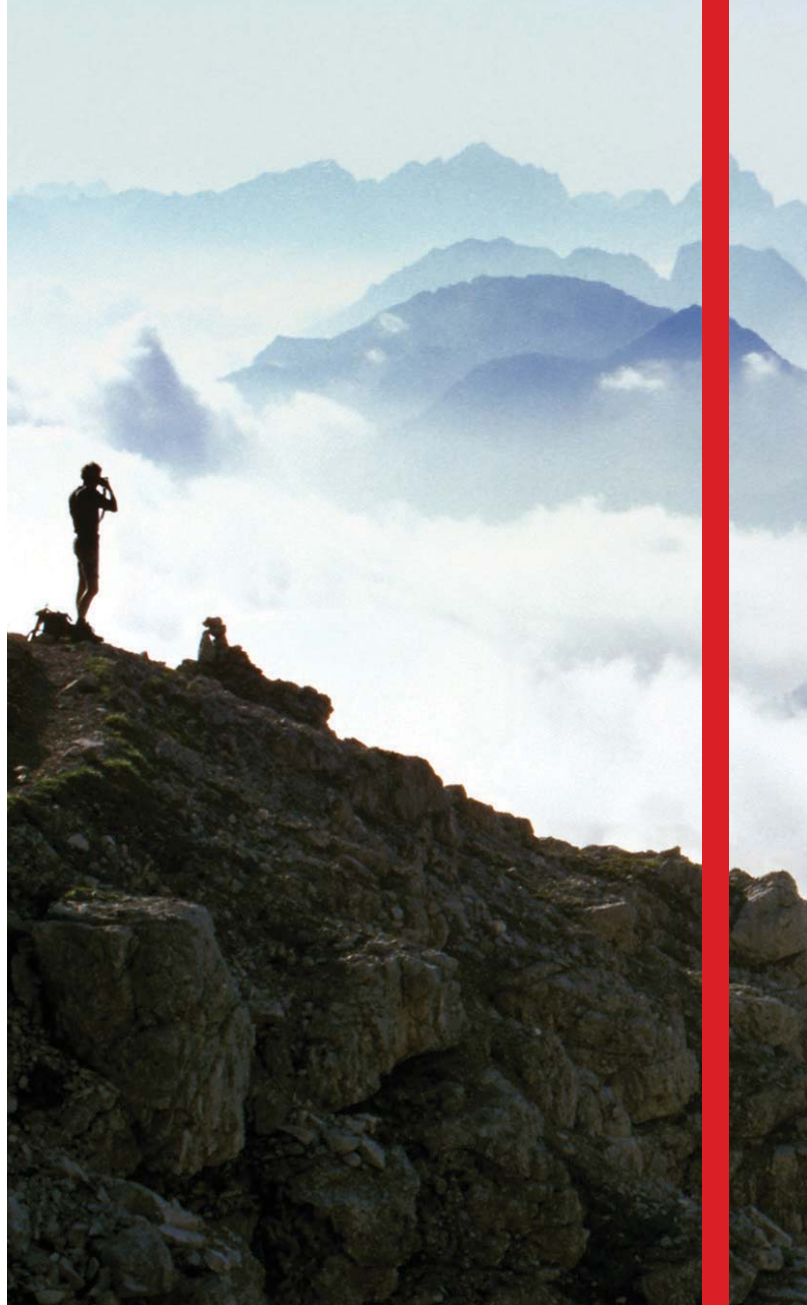
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HSBC Vantage5 Index

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The HSBC Vantage5 Index is designed to track a strategic combination of ETFs on US and Emerging Market Equities, Bonds, Real Assets, Inflation and Cash to deliver diversified market growth potential in a low volatility index. The Index aims to achieve above average returns while guarding against a degree of losses during market downturns.

Performance Summary as of:
December 31, 2017

	HSBC Vantage5 Performance
1 Year Return	11.5%
3 Year Return	14.2%
5 Year Return	31.3%
Annualized Volatility*	5.5%
Maximum Drawdown*	-9.2%

*Since Aug 2011, source: Bloomberg See "Risks relating to the index" and "Important information"

Simulated and historical performance

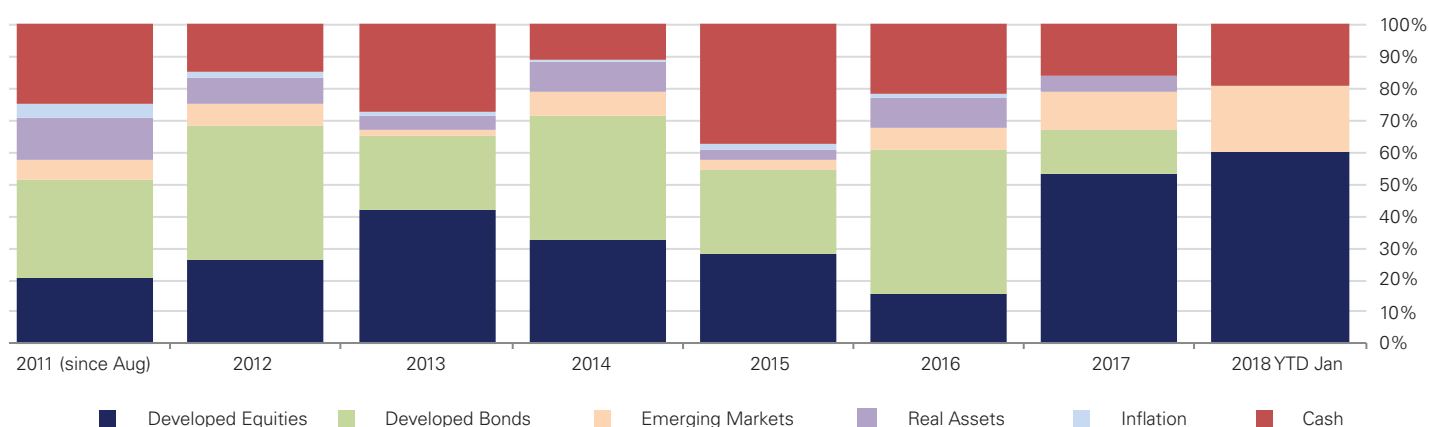


Data from Jul '15 thru Dec '17 Source: Bloomberg See "Risks relating to the index" and "Important information"

Key drivers of performance

- » **Equity universe** - The HSBC Vantage5 Index utilizes equity ETF underlyings such as PowerShares QQQ and PowerShares S&P 500 Low Volatility Portfolio (SPLV) to potentially enhance equity returns.
- » **Higher equity allocation** - The HSBC Vantage5 Index provides a greater maximum allocation to developed and emerging market equities (up to 80%) compared to some other target volatility strategies. This may increase the potential for equity outperformance.
- » **No intra-month volatility cap** - The HSBC Vantage5 Index does not impose an intra-month cap on volatility which enables the Index to remain fully invested in the selected portfolio of ETFs for the duration of the month.

Simulated and historical asset allocation



Data from Aug '11 thru Jan '18, Source: Bloomberg and HSBC, See "Risks relating to the index" and "Important information"

More Information

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