SIX Structured Products Strategy Indices

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1 Index Construction

1.1 Introduction

This concept describes the rule-based strategy indices from SIX Swiss Exchange (SIX Structured Products Strategy Indices).

Structured products in the “Participation”, “Yield Enhancement” and “Capital Protection” categories according to the SSPA Swiss Derivative Map are replicated by a total of three indices.

The indices are designed to provide investors with a representative benchmark. A further objective, in cooperation with issuers, is to offer indirect investments in the index.

1.2 Base universe

The base universe comprises all structured products traded on SIX Swiss Exchange that belong to the SSPA “Participation”, “Yield Enhancement” and “Capital Protection” categories.

1.3 Number of securities

The indices are essentially composed of a maximum of 10 and a minimum of 5 products, all of which are given equal weighting. No product may be a component of more than one index at a time.

1.4 Adjustments to index basket composition

With the exception of the Participation Index, which will be adjusted monthly, changes to the SIX Structured Products Strategy Indices will be made every two months as of the first trading day of the new month. Derivative Partners will make the new composition available to SIX Swiss Exchange.

In urgent cases, structured products may also be reclassified, included for the first time or excluded from SIX Structured Products Strategy Indices outside the set adjustment dates.
2 Index Calculation

2.1 Calculation formula

\[ I_t = I_{t-1} + I_{t-1} \cdot \sum_{j=1}^{M} \left( \frac{P_{j,t} + \alpha_{j,t} \cdot C_i}{P_{j,t-1} + \alpha_{j,t-1} \cdot C_i} - 1 \right) / M \]

Legend:
- \( I_t \): Current index level
- \( I_{t-1} \): Closing value of index on previous day
- \( P_{i,t} \): Last mid price of security \( i \) at time \( s \)
- \( P_{i,t-1} \): Last mid price of security \( i \) on previous day
- \( \alpha_{i,t} \): Current fraction of an interest period since the last coupon for security \( i \) fell due prior to inclusion in the index (calculated on the basis of 30/360) *
- \( \alpha_{i,t-1} \): Current fraction of an interest period on the previous day since the last coupon for security \( i \) fell due prior to inclusion in the index (calculated on the basis of 30/360 days) *
- \( C_i \): Coupon of security \( i \) per annum in % *
- \( s \): Current time on day \( t \)
- \( M \): Number of securities in the index

* This attribute is used to calculate the SIX Structured Products Yield Enhancement Index (SSPY) only. It has the value 0 for the other indices.

2.2 Type of price used

Currently valid mid prices are used to calculate the index. The mid price is the arithmetic mean of the best bid and ask prices. If no current mid price is available at the time of calculation, the last available mid price is used.

- A valid mid price satisfies the following conditions:
- bid/ask spread is no more than 1000 basis points (relative spread, formula: \((\text{bid}/\text{ask}) - 1\)).

The bid/ask volumes on which their respective prices are based are at least CHF 40,000 each.

Securities are included in the index initially at their mid price. Mid prices will be reported by Derivative Partners if no valid mid prices are available on the day of inclusion.

2.3 Base

The base of the SIX Structured Products Strategy Indices was set at 1000 points after the close of trading on February 27, 2009.

2.4 Calculation intervals and publication

All SIX Structured Products Strategy Indices are calculated every 3 minutes from 09.45 to 16.45 on SIX Swiss Exchange trading days. The indices are published as total return indices to two decimal places. The internal calculation is based on seven decimal places. All index data is distributed by SIX Exfeed, a subsidiary of SIX Group.

2.5 Unavailability of price data

If prices for a given product cease to be available for any reason, the product will remain in the index at its last valid mid price.
3 New Inclusions

3.1 Typical and optimum

In a first step, a selection is made of SIX Structured Products Exchange listed products that are typical of the

- Participation
- Yield Enhancement and
- Capital Protection
categories.

Depending on the product category, typical is determined using the following criteria:

- moneyness of the strike price
- remaining term to maturity
- any further specific criteria per strategy

The criteria are set once only and reflect the core investment precept behind the product category. The criteria are determined on the basis of an analysis of expert opinions, an empirical analysis of new issues (which tend to be representative of typical products) and an analysis of trading volumes.

The second step is then to select the products that are optimum to the composition of the index.

In the shortlist of typical products, a product is optimum if:

- it has the best liquidity figures; the dp liquidity rating is taken into account here.
- it scores low in the dp fair value gap analysis.

Figure 1 Selection process for index components
3.2 Underlying

The SMI is defined as the underlying. The basic rules set out the procedure to be followed should there be too few SMI-based products.

3.3 Basic rules

The selection of typical and then optimum products follows a set of basic rules that are adjusted for the various categories of structured product.

The following basic rules apply to the production of the Strategy Index:

- At least three different issuers must be represented in the Strategy Index.
- Maturities must be typical of the type of structured product in question.
- The index must contain structured products with a strike or issue price which, within a defined interval, lies in the same range as the current market price.
- Products which have no dp liquidity rating and/or dp fair value gap are not considered.
- The structured products’ dp liquidity rating may not fall below a certain threshold.
- The dp fair value gap may not exceed a certain threshold.
- Typical products are sorted first in ascending order according to the dp fair value gap, and then in descending order according to the dp liquidity rating.
- If there are insufficient products which use the SMI as their underlying, then products based on the EURO STOXX 50 Index may also be used. In such cases, EURO STOXX 50 Index products may be used only to achieve the necessary minimum of index components.
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