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A very positive month of May for the Swiss stock market and the economy

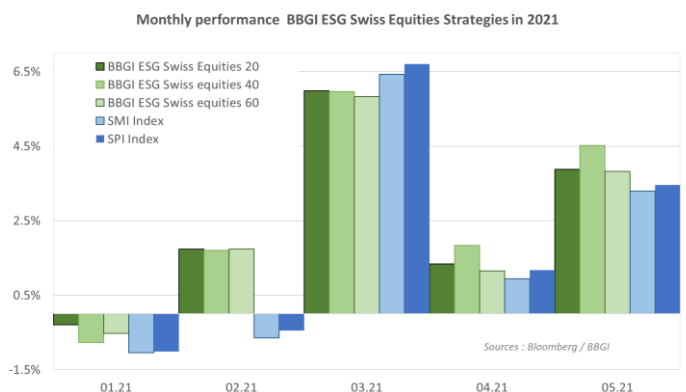
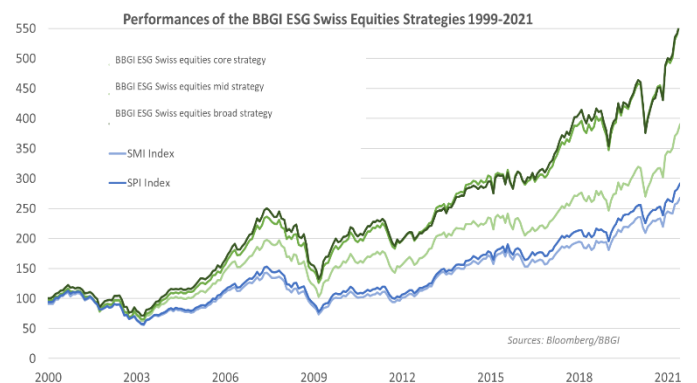
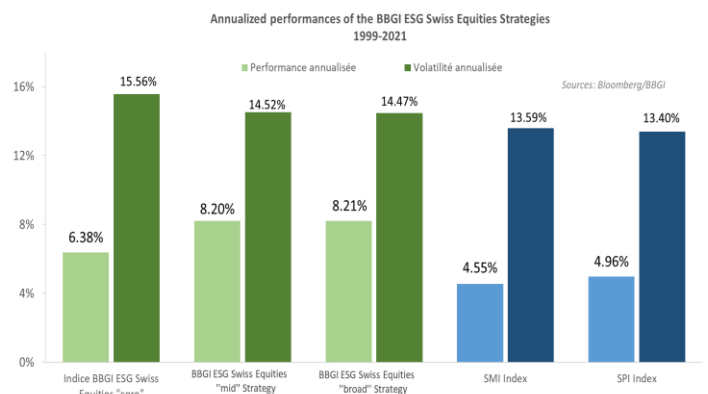
| | May | YTD |
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| BBGI ESG Index Core | +3.88% | +13.17% |
| BBGI ESG Index Mid | +4.52% | +13.82% |
| BBGI ESG Index Broad | +3.82% | +12.47% |

Evolution of the indices

As restrictions are removed by the Federal Council, the Swiss economy is heading towards a return to normality. The KOF Economic Barometer rose by 4.99% in May and reached an all-time high of 143.20 points. The Swiss stock market ended the month clearly in the green and gained further momentum compared to April. The SMI, the index of the 20 largest Swiss stock market capitalizations, rose by 3.09% and by mid-month had breached its pre-Covid level of 11,263 points to stand at 11,363 points. Switzerland's overall stock market index, the SPI, is also up by 3.45%.

The PMI indicators are also in positive territory. The manufacturing PMI continues to rise and gained 0.58% to reach 69.9 points. The PMI services index also recorded a slightly larger gain (+2.08%) and stood at 58.8 points. The labor market is also on the right track and the unemployment rate fell by 6.06% in May to a rate of 3.1%, its lowest level since the emergence of the health crisis. The consumer price index (CPI) is still very low (+0.3%) compared to the US figure (+5%).

After a less active month of April, the three BBGI ESG Swiss Equities indices are back on a strong upward trend in May. Indeed, the "core" index, which includes the stocks of the SMI but specifically weighted according to their ESG rating, gained 3.88% this month and accumulated a gain of 13.17% since the beginning of the year. A performance largely exceeding the one of the 20 largest Swiss stock market capitalization index (SMI), which only recorded (+9.09%). The "mid" index, which includes the 40 largest capitalizations on the Swiss stock exchange, performed better and increased by 4.52%. The broad strategy, which includes 60 companies, is also up this month by 3.82%. Whether it is since the beginning of this year 2021 or since the creation of the BBGI ESG Swiss Equities strategies, our approach of allocating weights to stocks based on ESG characteristics has consistently outperformed traditional weighting systems, while maintaining a similar level of volatility.



The systematic diversified strategies of the BBGI ESG Swiss Equities Indices have delivered returns of +6.38% to +8.21% on an annualized basis since 1999 to date.

The composition of our indices is available on request