

BBGI ESG Swiss Equities Indices CHF

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BBGI ESG Swiss Equities indices return to growth mode

	Oct.	YTD
BBGI ESG Index - Core	+3.19%	+19.33%
BBGI ESG Index - Mid	+3.06%	+18.85%
BBGI ESG Index - Broad	+3.24%	

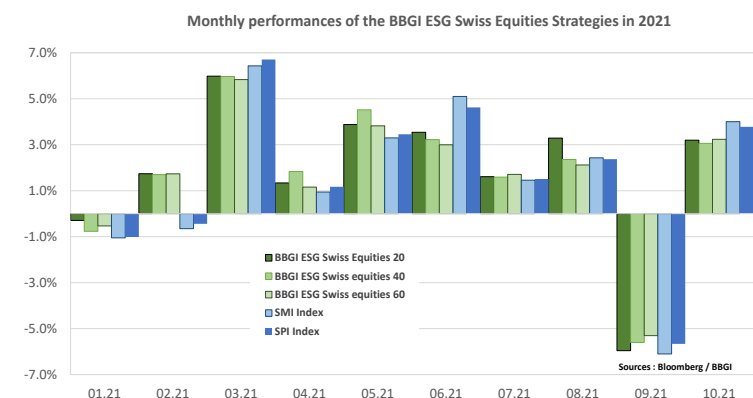
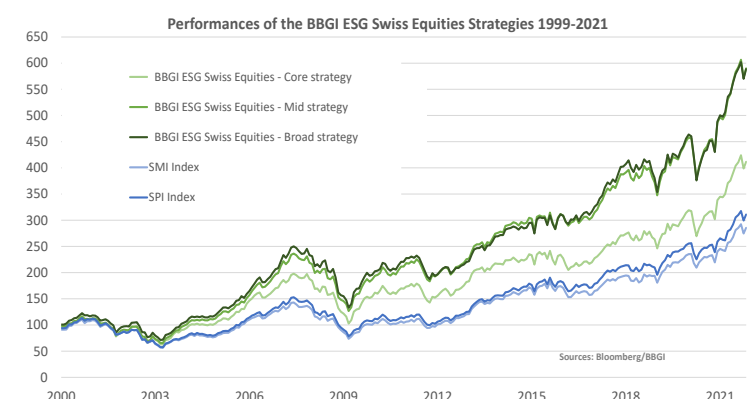
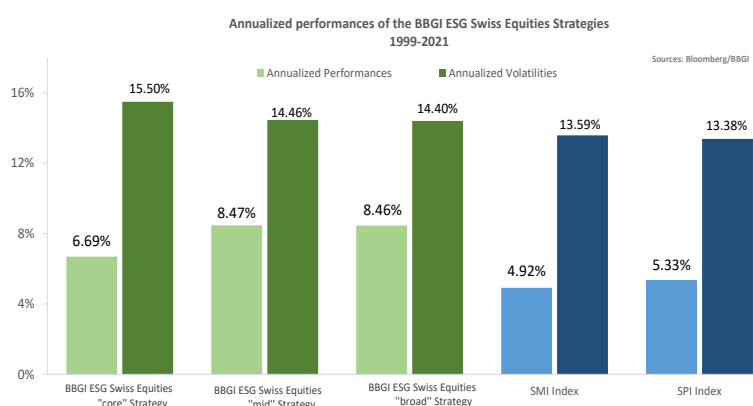
Development of the indices :

The Swiss stock market recovered in October and erased some of the big declines seen in the previous month. The index of the largest Swiss stocks (SMI) gained +4.00%, while its more widespread counterpart (SPI) did slightly less well, but still climbed +3.78%.

The real economy is still stable. In our country, the leading indicators are still highly positive, despite slight declines. The manufacturing PMI fell from 68.1 to 65.4 points, but still indicates a solid level of growth. The KoF economic barometer remained at a comfortable level of a 110-points in October. The consumer price index has increased very slightly since July (+0.3%) and is currently +1.2% above its level of the previous year at the same period.

As for the BBGI ESG Swiss Equities indices, their performances are back in positive territory. Indeed, the « core » index comprising the 20 largest Swiss market capitalisations weighted according to their ESG ratings gained +3.19% in October. The « mid » index, which includes the 40 largest Swiss stock market capitalisations, also climbed this month, with an increase of +3.06%. The « broad » index, which includes up to 60 of Switzerland's largest market capitalisations, is the best performer, and has gained an interesting +3.24%. Since the beginning of the year, all of the BBGI ESG Swiss Equities strategies have generated returns higher than +17%.

On the sidelines of COP26, a study published by Natixis IM reveals that the attraction for ESG investments is constantly expanding, as the US\$1.6 trillion already invested in 2020 continues to increase. The majority of investors surveyed (60%) believe that it is not only up to governments to implement change, but also to corporations and the private sector. The study shows that the stereotypes regarding sustainable investments are slowly beginning to disappear. In particular, the generally received idea that this type of strategy should be adopted to the exclusion of a key consideration for the investor, namely the returns generated, is now only supported by 20% of people surveyed, compared with 64% in 2017. This is demonstrated in both, short- and long-term periods by our BBGI ESG Swiss Equities indices which are constantly outperforming the Swiss benchmark indices (SMI and SPI).



The systematically diversified strategies of the BBGI ESG Swiss Equities Indices have generated annualized returns of +6.69% to +8.47% since 1999 to date.

The composition of our indices is available upon request