Introducing the BNP Paribas Momentum Multi Asset 5 Index

Index Highlights

The BNP Paribas Momentum Multi Asset 5 Index (the “BNPP Momentum 5 Index”) is a Rules-Based Index that seeks to measure the value of a hypothetical exposure to a range of asset classes and geographic regions based on 3 core principles: Diversification, Dynamic Allocation and Risk Control.

The BNPP Momentum 5 Index’s objective is to provide exposure to a diverse range of asset classes ranging from developed and emerging equity/bond markets, to energy, gold and US real estate. As each asset class may behave differently depending on market cycles, diversification may potentially improve the index risk-return profile versus exposure to a single asset class, such as US equities.

Seeking to adapt to changing market conditions, the BNPP Momentum 5 Index is rebalanced on a daily basis according to a proprietary rules-based methodology that aims to select up to 8 out of a universe of 14 components with the best recent risk adjusted positive performance to be weighted using a “risk parity” approach that generally results in higher exposure to components with lower historical volatility and lower exposure to those with higher historical volatility.

The BNPP Momentum 5 Index also includes a risk control mechanism that aims to maintain the realized volatility of the performance of the index at a 5% target, with the goal of reducing volatility during unstable market periods.

The BNPP Momentum 5 Index is an “Excess Return Index” meaning that the index level reflects the performance of any index components that are ETFs in excess of 3-month USD LIBOR and inclusive of the value that would be derived from the reinvestment of any dividends and distributions by the issuer of any such ETFs and, with respect to components that are linked to futures contracts, the index level will not take into account any money market interest.

The BNPP Momentum 5 Index levels are net of rebalancing and replication fees and incorporate an annual fee of 0.50% charged on a daily basis.

Universe of components used to determine the Index

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1 The components not selected will be weighted at zero or reduced to the lowest weight possible in accordance with each component’s limitation on its daily weight change.
2 The components’ maximum weights are as follows: each Equity ETF 25% Japan Equity Futures Index 25% each Commodity Futures Index 25% each Bond Futures Index 50% High Yield Corporate Bond ETF 25% EM Bond ETF 15% and US Real Estate ETF 25% Leverage is allowed and the cost of borrowing is zero. Minimum weight is 0% for each component. On a daily basis the absolute change in weight differs for each component but cannot be greater than 5%.

Definitions

A Rules-Based Index is an index where the weightings of the components are determined following a pre-defined algorithmic set of rules and proprietary formulas.

Risk parity allocation targets an equal distribution of risk, usually defined as volatility, across all the selected components of the portfolio.

ETF is a Exchange Traded Fund that tracks an index, a commodity or a basket of assets and is traded similar to a common stock.

Volatility is the amount of price variation in an asset or security. High volatility means the price moves up and down in wide ranges over a period of time. Low volatility means that the price does not change as dramatically, but rather changes at a more gradual pace.

LIBOR (London InterBank Offered Rate) is a benchmark interest rate that banks typically charge each other for short-term loans. It can be used as basis to calculate interest rates on several types of loans.
The universe of components used to determine the composition of the BNPP Momentum 5 Index includes ETFs and futures indices that have been selected with the objective of providing exposure to instruments that are both liquid and representative of the market.

**Asset Class**

The BNPP Momentum 5 Index’s universe of components aims to reflect the performance of a variety of asset classes, all possibly behaving differently in diverse market cycles. This can potentially yield favorable risk-adjusted returns.

**Geography**

The universe of components taken into account to form the BNPP Momentum 5 Index seeks to be representative of different geographic zones, which may lead to more stable returns in the long term.

**Level of risk**

The BNPP Momentum 5 Index components’ universe consists of assets with varying risk levels. Riskier asset classes tend to include developed and emerging equity markets, energy and precious metals commodities, while less risky asset classes tend to include several types of bonds with different durations and other debt instruments.

**Definitions**

A Futures contract is an agreement to make and receive a cash payment based on changes in the price of a particular commodity or financial instrument at a pre-determined date in the future. Some of the components compiling the BNPP Momentum 5 Index are Index Futures, which track the performance of certain futures contracts.

**Liquidity** describes the degree to which an asset or security can be quickly bought or sold in the market without affecting the asset’s price.

An Index consisting of a portfolio selected from a diverse universe of 14 components

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Step-by-Step Composition of the BNPP Momentum 5 Index

Dynamic Allocation

The BNPP Momentum 5 Index is a momentum-based index that seeks to capitalize on positive market price trends based on the supposition that positive market price trends may continue.

On a daily basis, the BNPP Momentum 5 Index is rebalanced according to 2 main principles:

- Aims to select up to 8 out of the universe of 14 components\(^1\) with the best risk adjusted recent positive performance
- Risk parity allocation granting the same risk contribution to the selected components, aiming for a stable and diverse composition\(^1\)

Step 1: Selection of up to 8 components\(^1\)

The BNPP Momentum 5 Index first calculates the average momentum score\(^2\) of each component within the universe, taking into account 2 factors:

- Performance over the past 6 months
- Volatility: an increase in the underlying short term volatility versus the long term volatility would reduce its momentum score

The BNPP Momentum 5 Index then selects up to 8 components with the highest positive average momentum score\(^2\)

Step 2: Risk Parity Allocation

The selected components are given an equal Volatility Budget\(^3\), according to the risk parity weighting approach.

This approach differs from the more standard Equal Weight allocation by:

- increasing exposure to less volatile components
- reducing exposure to more volatile components

For illustrative purposes only and assuming 8 components are selected to be weighted using the risk parity approach.

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\(^1\) Components not selected will be weighted at zero or reduced to the lowest weight possible in accordance with each component’s limitation on its daily weight change.

\(^2\) The index uses an averaged momentum score, which aims at avoiding large discrepancies in the expected returns estimation from one day to the next.

\(^3\) The weight of each component is determined by the ratio of its volatility budget and its long term volatility such that each component contributes the same level of risk to the index.
On a daily basis, the BNPP Momentum 5 Index targets an annualized realized volatility of 5% utilizing a set of rules that seek to manage short term volatility in changing market conditions. If the index's realized volatility exceeds/is lower than the 5% target volatility rate on any day, the BNPP Momentum 5 Index will reduce/increase its exposure to each component and may rebalance it with exposure to a non-remunerable hypothetical cash position. Based on its realized volatility, the BNPP Momentum 5 Index may be partially or wholly unexposed to any of its components and will not earn interest or any other return with respect to the hypothetical cash position.\(^1\)

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\(^1\) If the sum of the weights of the components comprising BNPP Momentum 5 Index is not greater than or equal to 100%, the index will be wholly or partially exposed to a hypothetical cash position that earns no interest or return, so that the aggregate weight of the components and the hypothetical cash position will be equal to 100%.
Index Level and Past Hypothetical Portfolios Weightings (Actual and Hypothetical Simulations)

The charts below show an analysis of the back-tested levels of the BNPP Momentum 5 Index. The BNPP Momentum 5 Index was launched on January 27th, 2017. The prior performance shown is simulated.


Source: Bloomberg, BNP Paribas from December 31st 2002 to July 31st 2020. Past performance is not an indicator of future performance. The BNPP Momentum 5 Index is based on Hypothetical Past Performance Data ("HPP") prior to January 27th, 2017. Because the BNPP Momentum 5 Index did not exist prior to this date, all retrospective levels provided in the graph and table above are simulated and must be considered illustrative only. The presentation of hypothetical data reflects the deduction of fees and charges. These simulations are the result of estimates made by BNP Paribas at a given moment on the basis of the parameters selected by BNP Paribas, certain assumptions that may or may not hold in future periods, of market conditions at this given moment and of historical data, which should not be used as guidance, in any way, of the future results of the BNPP Momentum 5 Index.

In addition to the annual fee, the BNPP Momentum 5 Index level is net of BNP Paribas’ replication and rebalancing costs associated with the index. Furthermore, since the index is an excess return index, its level reflects the performance of any index components that are ETFs in excess of 3-month USD LIBOR and inclusive of the value that would be derived from the reinvestment of any dividends and distributions by the issuer of any such ETFs and, with respect to components that are linked to futures contracts, the index level will not take into account any money market interest.
Selected Risks and Considerations Associated with the Index

The BNPP Momentum 5 Index levels are based on the values of notional assets and liabilities. The BNPP Momentum 5 Index only calculates the exposure to a dynamic, hypothetical portfolio that tracks the excess returns of the underlying components and is purely notional. There is no actual portfolio of assets to which any person makes any investment or has any ownership interest.

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Strategies relying on the levels of the BNPP Momentum 5 Index may not be successful.

There is a risk that the rules-based methodology of the BNPP Momentum 5 Index does not meet its stated objectives, including meeting its annualized target volatility of 5%, resulting in underperformance of the components that comprise the index.

There are risks associated with an index methodology that attempts to replicate a momentum-based investment strategy.

The calculation of the BNPP Momentum 5 Index employs a mathematical model intended to replicate what is known as a momentum-based investment strategy, which seeks to capitalize on positive market price trends based on the supposition that positive market price trends may continue. This momentum-based strategy underlying the methodology of the BNPP Momentum 5 Index is different from a strategy that seeks long-term exposure to a hypothetical portfolio consisting of constant components with fixed weights. Because the value of the BNPP Momentum 5 Index is intended to replicate the performance of the momentum-based investment strategy, these risks could also affect indirectly the performance of any product or strategy based partly or wholly on the levels of the BNPP Momentum 5 Index. BNP Paribas reserves the right to amend or adjust the BNPP Momentum 5 Index methodology from time to time and accepts no liability for any such amendment or adjustment. BNP Paribas is not under any obligation to continue the calculation, publication or dissemination of the BNPP Momentum 5 Index and accepts no liability for any suspension or interruption in the calculation thereof. Neither BNP Paribas nor any of its affiliates accepts any liability in connection with the publication or use of the level of the BNPP Momentum 5 Index at any given time. This is neither an offer to sell securities or other instruments nor a solicitation of an offer to buy securities or other instruments, nor shall it be deemed to provide investment, tax, accounting or other advice.

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The BNPP Momentum 5 Index has limited historical information.

The BNPP Momentum 5 Index is a new strategy, launched on January 27th 2017. The performance shown before that date is hypothetical past performance, based on hypothetical back-tested information. This brochure also contains certain performance data based on back-testing, i.e., calculations of the hypothetical levels of the BNPP Momentum 5 Index as if it had actually existed during a defined period of time, and may in certain circumstances contain simulated levels information where the BNPP Momentum 5 Index has recently been established or issued. For time periods prior to the launch of any ETF included in the Index, back-testing uses alternative performance information derived from a proxy with similar asset exposure, rather than performance information for the relevant ETF. Further, you must note that such analysis is based on a number of assumptions that may not be capable of duplication in actual trading terms. Unlike actual performance records, hypothetical or simulated performances, returns or scenarios may not necessarily reflect certain market factors such as liquidity constraints, fees and transaction costs and must be considered as illustrative only. Actual historical or back-tested past performance does not constitute an indication of future results. The actual performance of the BNPP Momentum 5 Index may bear little relation to its hypothetical historical results.

The BNPP Momentum 5 Index has limited public information.

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The BNPP Momentum 5 Index's daily volatility control mechanism may result in a lower index level and the actual volatility of the BNPP Momentum 5 Index may not equal its target volatility.

The BNPP Momentum 5 Index's daily volatility control allows the BNPP Momentum 5 Index to dynamically adjust the value of the hypothetical exposure to the portfolio the index is based on and any cash component, depending on the volatility environment. However, the risk control overlay might limit overall levels of the BNPP Momentum 5 Index in rising equity markets and may provide imperfect, limited protection in falling equity markets, particularly against sudden, large equity losses. No assurance can be given that the BNPP Momentum 5 Index methodology will achieve its target volatility goals or that products or strategies based partly or wholly on the levels of the BNPP Momentum 5 Index will outperform any alternative investment.

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The closing level of the BNPP Momentum 5 Index includes a deduction from the aggregate values of its components of an annual fee equal to 0.50% per annum. As a result of this deduction, the value of the BNPP Momentum 5 Index will trail the value of a hypothetical identical portfolio from which no such amount is deducted.

The closing level of the BNPP Momentum 5 Index is net of BNP Paribas' replication and rebalancing costs.

The Closing Level of the BNPP Momentum 5 Index is net of BNP Paribas' replication and rebalancing costs associated with the index. As a result of these costs, the value of the BNPP Momentum 5 Index could trail the value of a hypothetical identical portfolio from which no such amount is deducted.

The BNPP Momentum 5 Index is an excess return index.

In general, returns from investing in futures contracts are derived from three sources: (1) changes in the price of such futures contracts (known as the "price return"), (2) profit or loss realized when rolling from a futures contract with one expiry date to another futures contract with a different, generally later, expiry date (known as the "rollover") and (3) interest earned on the cash (or other) collateral deposited in connection with the purchase of such futures contract (known as the "collateral return"). The components of the BNPP Momentum 5 Index that seek to track futures contracts generate "excess returns", meaning the sum of the price return and rollover with respect to the underlying components. As a result, with respect to the BNPP Momentum 5 Index’s underlying components that seek to track futures contracts, an investment in an instrument linked to the BNPP Momentum 5 Index will not generate the same returns that would be obtained from investing directly in future contracts that underlie such underlying components because the collateral return is not used in calculating the "excess return" index.

With respect to each ETF included in the index, the index measures their performance plus dividends paid on such ETFs, less the interest rate. Increases in the level of the interest rate may offset in whole or in part increases in the levels of the index components that are ETFs.
Selected Risks and Considerations Associated with the Index

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Moreover, if the BNP Paribas Momentum 5 Index has a relatively high allocation to components that provide exposure to fixed-income assets, it will be particularly sensitive to factors that adversely affect the value of fixed-income instruments, such as increases in interest rates or declining perceptions of credit quality. A high allocation to components that provide exposure to fixed-income assets may also cause the BNP Paribas Momentum 5 Index to underperform a portfolio more heavily weighted with higher volatility assets under certain circumstances. For example, in an equity bull market that is accompanied by rising interest rates, a portfolio heavily weighted with components that provide exposure to fixed-income assets might decline in value as a result of the rising interest rates, while a portfolio more heavily weighted with components that provide exposure to equities would appreciate in value.

Other Key Risks:

- The BNP Paribas Momentum 5 Index involves daily rebalancing that is applied to the components. Changes in the value of the components may offset each other.
- The BNP Paribas Momentum 5 Index is subject to risks associated with non-U.S. markets.
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