

## Goldman Sachs Grand Prix Index

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Introduction

#### The Index at a Glance

**Objective** 

The Index is designed to provide exposure to a long only portfolio consisting of an underlying equity component and an underlying bond component.

**Approach** 

The Index adjusts its exposure between an equity asset and a bond asset based on a risk parity allocation and certain market signals, including calendar based signals and price patterns, as well as a daily risk control feature.

**Holdings** 

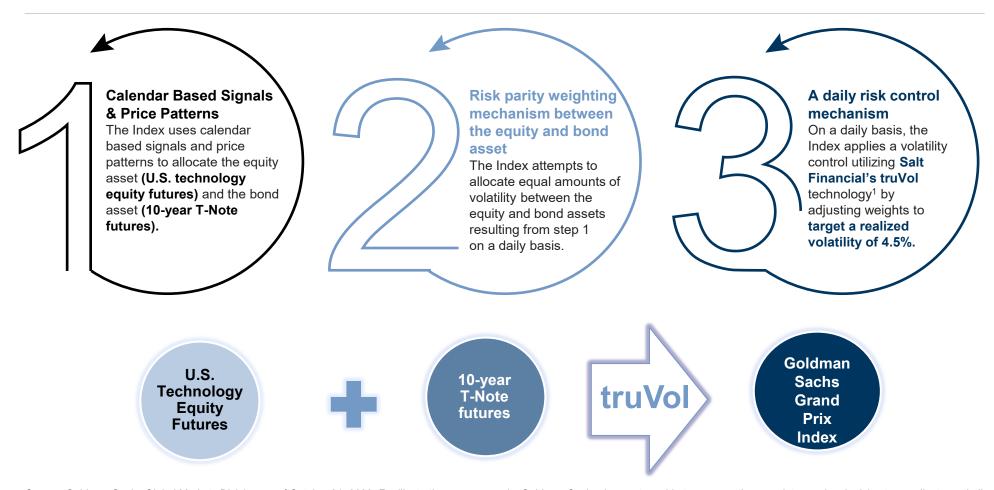
An index of U.S. technology equity futures (equity asset) and an index of U.S. Treasury futures (bond asset).

Please see "Selected Risk Factors" in the disclosures for a summary of certain risks associated with the Goldman Sachs Grand Prix Index.



### **Index Overview**

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# Calendar Based Signals & Price Patterns

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#### **Market Signals Calculated for Equity Asset**



**Turn of Month Signals:** due to monthly rebalancings and allocations from different market participants, the equity markets may mean revert towards the end of the month and outperform during the first few days of the following calendar month. A "mean reversion signal" and "long" signal are each calculated for the equity asset to account for this turn of month period.



**FOMC Signal:** On average, the Fed has historically not disappointed the markets, so the Index will increase the weight of the equity asset on the day prior to, and the day of, the scheduled release of a statement by the FOMC to announce monetary policies.



**Equity Option Expiry Signal:** due to option market-making flows during the last week of trading for monthly equity options, equity markets may trend during such weeks, and the Index will increase the weight of the equity asset on relevant days accordingly.



**Short-Term Mean Reversion Signal**: investors may overreact to new information, and taking a short-term contrarian view in equity markets has historically provided strong performance. Based on this assumption, if the short-term returns of the equity asset are positive, the weight of the equity asset is decreased, and if the short-term returns are negative, the weight of the equity asset is increased, subject to specified caps and floors.

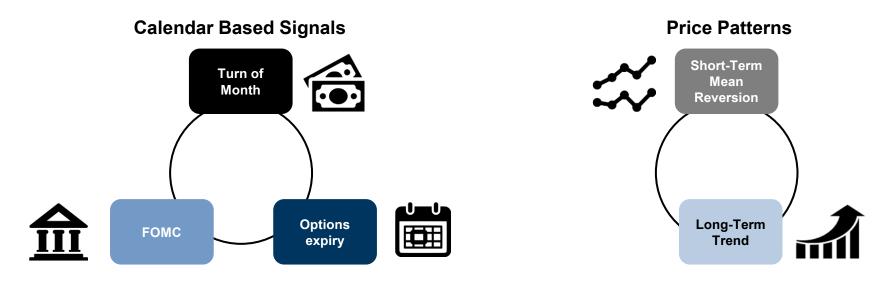


**Long-Term Trend Signal:** equity markets may trend over longer periods of time (several months to several years). Based on this assumption, if the long-term returns of the equity asset are positive, the weight of the equity asset is increased, and if the long-term returns are negative, its weight is decreased, subject to specified caps and floors.

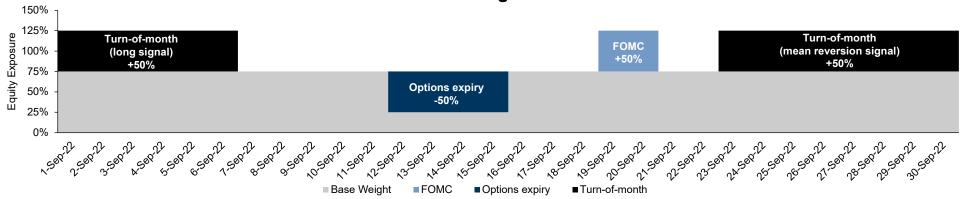


# Calendar Based Signals & Price Patterns

Constructing 5-Factor Equity Portfolio



#### Calendar Based Signals in Action

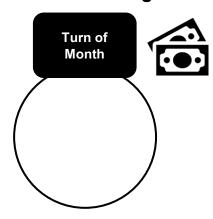




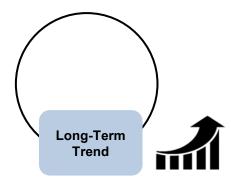
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Constructing 2-Factor Bond Portfolio

#### **Calendar Based Signals**



#### **Price Patterns**



### **Turn-of-Month Signal**

■ The Index will increase the weight of the bond asset for the last 3 days of the month (+100% exposure)

### **Long-Term Trend Signal**

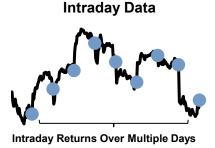
If the long-term returns of the bond asset are positive, the Index will increase the weight of the bond asset and if the long-term returns are negative, the Index will decrease the weight of the bond asset (daily exposure to bonds is equal to the exponentially-weighted moving average performance, up to +/- 100%)



## Risk Control Mechanism

truVol Risk Control Engine (RCE)

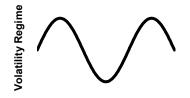
- The Index utilizes truVol Risk Control Engine (RCE), a patentpending technology adapted from prior academic research and determined and designed by Salt Financial Indices LLC.¹
- Powered by higher frequency returns (i.e., intraday data) to aim for increased accuracy and responsiveness as compared to traditional risk control mechanisms that use only daily prices.



Leverages a **realized volatility** model (high frequency returns) for more responsive forecasting.

Objective: Respond faster to market events, aiming for lower and more stable index volatility.

#### **Dynamic Risk Scalars**



Uses a **short-term volatility trend indicator** to adjust equity exposure up or down by 20%.

Objective: Use the reduction in volatility from intraday data to seek higher returns.



Reacts to spikes in intraday volatility by **adjusting its exposure that same day**.

Objective: React to sharp increases in market volatility faster while still rebalancing daily at the close of trading

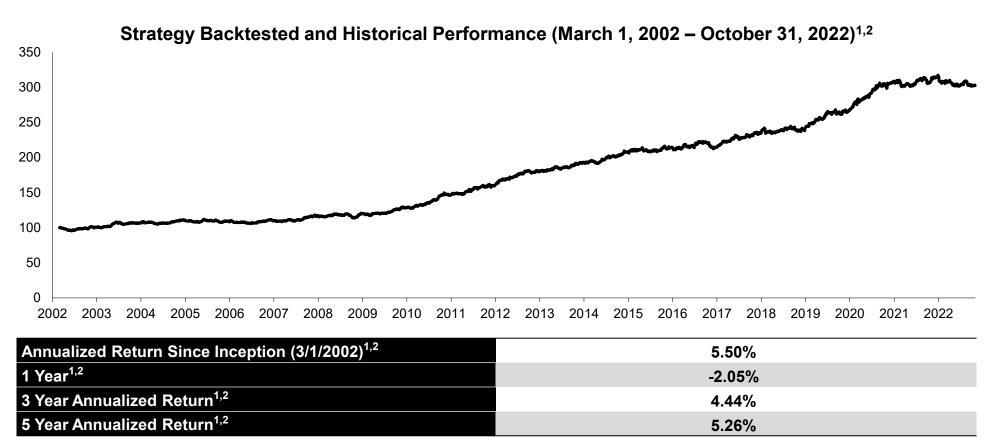
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Strategy Backtested and Historical Performance



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The Index has a very limited performance history. The Index will only be calculated live from the Live Date and as such, there will be no historical live performance data available in respect of it prior to that time.

Past performance or hypothetical past performance of the Index is no guide to future performance. The actual performance of the Index in the future may bear little relation to the historical performance or hypothetical historical past performance of the Index.

The Index deductions, including the Component Servicing Cost Rate and Component Rebalancing Cost Rate applicable to each Index Component, as well as the Index deduction rate, will have a negative impact on the Index performance. Such deductions may offset, in whole or in part, any increases in the return of the Index Components.

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Depending on the application of the factors that impact the weights of the Index Components, the Index may have a leverage as high as 200%. Leverage means that the Index will have increased exposure to changes, which may be positive or negative, in the levels of the Index Components, magnifying the volatility and risk that the performance of the Index will be adversely affected should the value of the Index Components decrease. In other conditions the Index may have no exposure to either of the Index Components, or all of its exposure to only one Index Component.

No assurance can be given that the Index will achieve its volatility target of 4.5%, as the Index's volatility control mechanisms either rely on backward-looking historical volatility (which may not be replicated) or estimations of future volatility (which may not reflect actual future volatility). In addition, the Index may be slow to rebalance allocations or reduce exposure to Index Components following a sudden increase in volatility. All of these factors may cause the performance of the Index to be adversely and disproportionately affected by the poor performance of one or more Index Components.

The Market Signals, volatility control mechanisms, and risk parity allocation mechanism may each generate significant turnover within the Index which will impact performance due to the resulting embedded rebalancing costs and therefore negatively impact Index performance.

The Index's Market Signals may not perform as expected should market environments change, and such signals' effectiveness may wane or disappear over time. If the effectiveness of the Market Signals wanes or disappears, the changes to the Index Component weights will no longer reflect the underlying assumptions of such signals and the performance of the Index may suffer.

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## Selected Risk Factors Continued

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In the event that a Market Disruption Event occurs with respect to the Equity Proxy Asset, the whole Index will be disrupted, even if a Market Disruption Event has not occurred with respect to either Index Component. The value of the Index will not be published on any day on which a Market Disruption Event occurs.

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