

EQUITY US DEFI
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INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The objective of the THEAM Quant Equity US DEFI is to increase the value of its assets over the medium term by being exposed to a dynamic basket of equities from the U.S., the components of which are chosen using a systematic selection method based on a fundamental analysis of companies.

STRATEGY

DEFI (Diversified Equity Factor Investing) is a suite of equity, multi-factor indices designed to offer balanced exposure to 4 core equity factors: **Value, Quality, Momentum and Low Volatility**. We selected these factors because :

- they are the most persistent factors driving equity returns over the long term,
- they are well balanced in terms of being driven by both **fundamental metrics** such as Valuation or Cash Flows and **investor cognitive** biases such as trending or high beta stocks,
- they offer an interesting mix of **defensive** and **pro-cyclical** features.

The fund aims to capture the positive risk premia exhibited by these 4 factors.

Exposure to each stock in the DEFI portfolio is calibrated such that each of the 4 factors contributes equally to the overall risk of the portfolio (measured in terms of alpha dispersion vs the benchmark), while maintaining a target tracking error.

This construction framework is derived from an article co-authored by members of the BNP Paribas Asset Management Research team and published in the Journal of Asset Management.

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PERFORMANCE

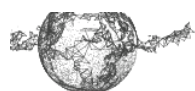
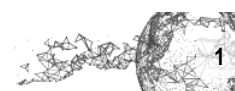
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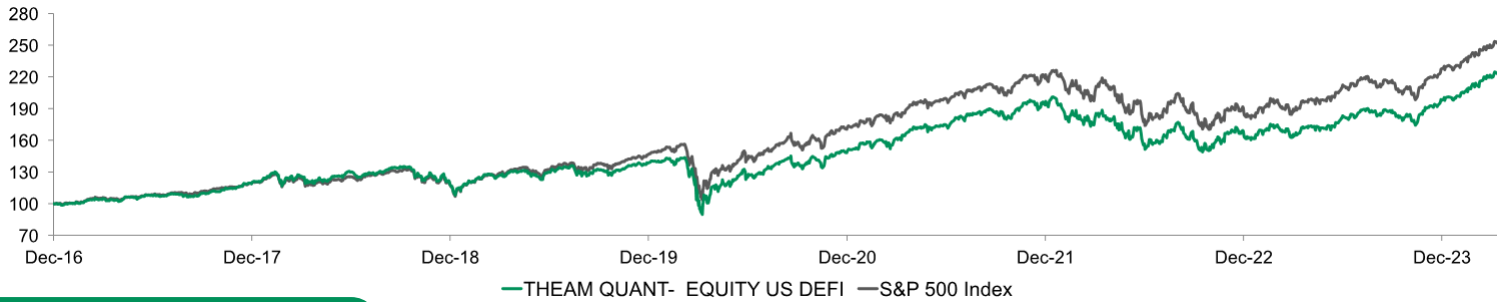
| Dec 16 - Mar 24 | THEAM QUANT- EQUITY US DEFI | S&P 500 Index |
|--|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Performance 1 month | 3.64% | 3.18% |
| Cumulative Performance Year To Date | 12.24% | 10.44% |
| Annualised Performance Since Start Date | 11.80% | 13.66% |
| Annualised Sharpe Ratio Since Start Date | 0.61 | 0.71 |
| Annualised Volatility Since Start Date | 19.47% | 19.13% |
| Max Drawdown Since Start Date | -37.49% | -33.83% |

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S&P 500 Index refers to the SPTR500N Index. Source: Bloomberg. Past performance is not an indicator of future performance.

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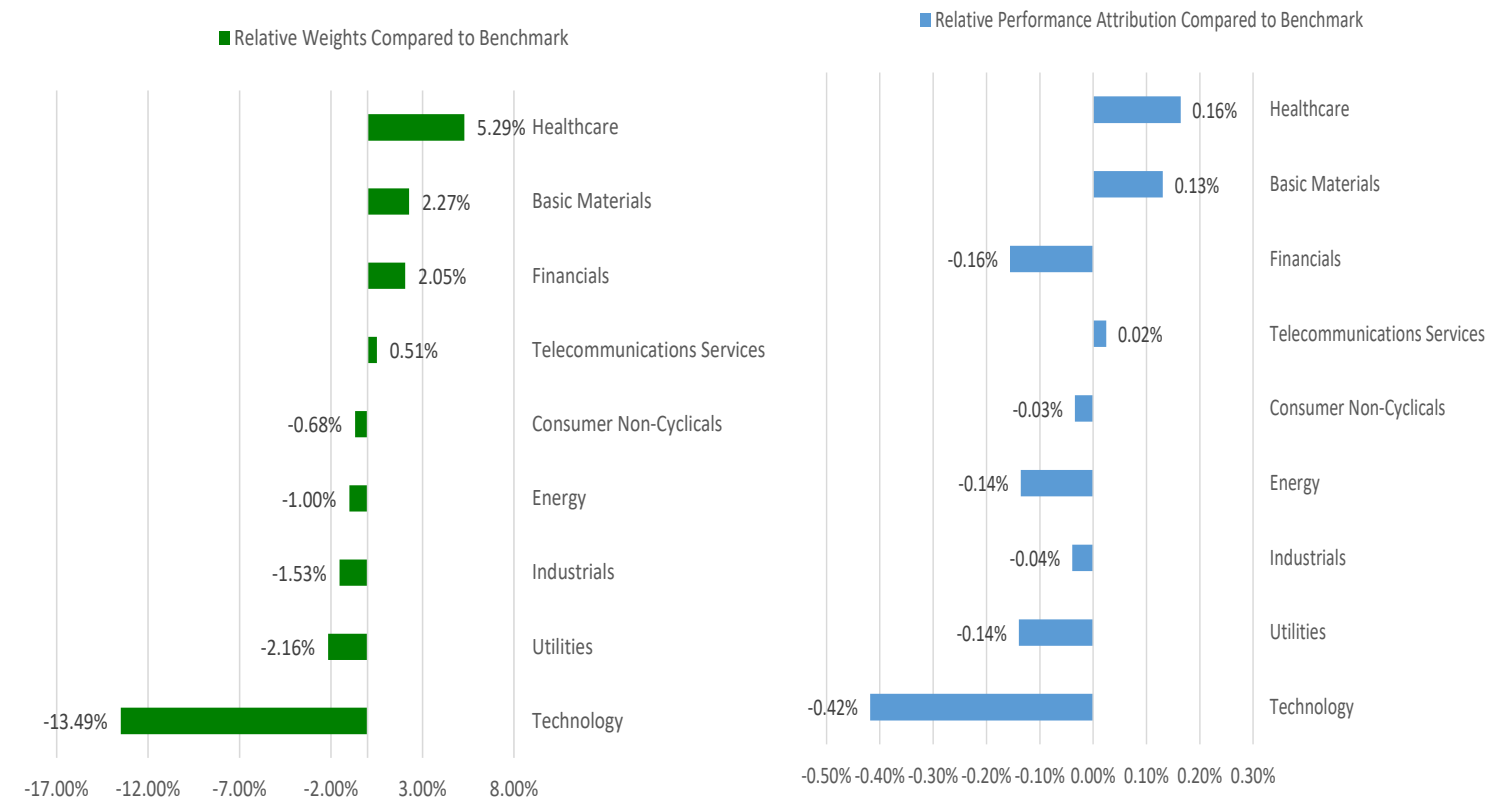
MONTHLY COMMENTARY

MACRO BACKGROUND

For the month of March, the fund posted a positive return of +3.64%, outperforming its benchmark (by +0.46%).

PERFORMANCE BREAKDOWN

- Our selections within the Cyclical Consumer Goods & Services and Healthcare sectors outperformed those of the benchmark (+5.3 % versus +0.6 % and +2.6 % versus +2.3 % respectively), which was magnified by our stronger over allocation (resp. +8.7 % and +5.3 %).
- Conversely, our selection within the Technology sector underperformed that of the benchmark (-0.4 %), a loss limited by our stronger relative under allocation (-13.5 %).
- Within the Financials sector, stock picking underperformed that of the S&P 500 Index (-2.1 %).
- Lastly, our strategy was not exposed to the Utilities sector (versus 2.2 %), which outperformed than the S&P 500 Index (by +3.3 %).
- A sector analysis shows a rise of 0.5 % and 0.4 % for the Healthcare and the Financials sectors (weighted at 17.8 % and 12.2 % respectively). On the contrary, Technology and Industrials fell by 1.5 % and 0.6 % (weighted at 25.7 % and 6.5 % respectively).



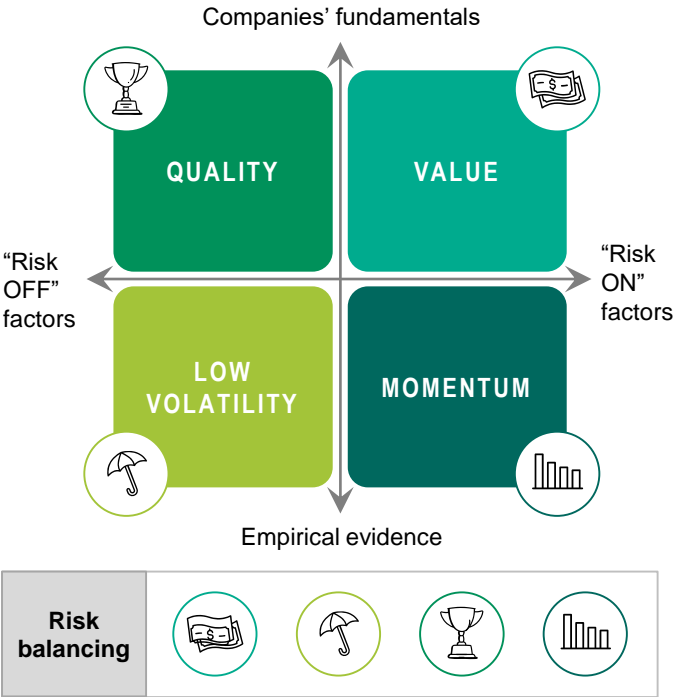
| | Low Volatility | Momentum | Quality | Value |
|-------------------------|----------------|----------|---------|--------|
| Factor Weights | 31.46% | 27.18% | 23.01% | 18.34% |
| Contribution per Factor | 2.56% | 3.88% | 2.66% | 4.19% |

Source: BNP Paribas. Past performance is not an indicator of future performance.



INVESTMENT PROCESS IN A NUTSHELL: THE ADDED VALUE EXPERTISE OF THE DEFI STRATEGY

EQUITY FACTORS



- I. Individual Factor Portfolios Definition**
The methodology includes a scoring of the eligible stocks, based on low correlated metrics used as indicators for each equity factor. A higher score means a higher weight in the individual factor portfolio, granted that sector and size biases are neutralized.
- II. Risk-Balanced Combination**
The individual factor portfolios are combined so that each factor contributes equally to the aggregate portfolio volatility. The equal risk contribution of each factor is achieved by analyzing the most balanced combination of individual stocks in the aggregate multi-factor portfolio.
- III. Portfolio construction**
The final portfolio is designed to target a market beta of 1 and an ex-ante tracking error of 3.5% with regards to the S&P 500 Index, while meeting liquidity and turnover investment constraints

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FUND CHARACTERISTICS AND RISKS

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|--------------------------|---|--|---|-------|
| Fund | THEAM QUANT- EQUITY US DEFI | | Capital protection | No |
| Management Company | BNP PARIBAS ASSET MANAGEMENT Europe | | Minimum Investment horizon | 5 |
| Comparative Index | S&P 500 (NR) USD | | Legal form | SICAV |
| Assets under Management | USD 8.31 million as of 28 March 2024 | | SRI Ranking (scale from 1 to 7)* | 5 |
| SFDR article | 6 – Sustainability Risks : This products integrates the analysis of sustainability risks in its investment process pursuant to article 6 of the EU regulation 2019/2088. | | | |
| Share | I ACC USD | | C ACC USD | |
| Launch date | 15 December 2016 | | 15 December 2017 | |
| ISIN code | LU1480598967 | | LU1542719536 | |
| Bloomberg code | TQUDIAU LX | | TQEQUDC LX | |
| Ongoing charges | 0.63% | | 1.46% | |
| Subscription / Exit fees | None / None | | 3.00% / None | |
| Minimum subscription | 100K \$ equiv | | No minimum | |
| Passporting | Belgium, Switzerland, Germany, France, United Kingdom, Italy, Luxembourg, Norway, Sweden | | Switzerland, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, Norway, Sweden | |

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Liquidity Risk: This risk arises from the difficulty of selling an asset at a fair market price and at a desired time due to lack of buyers.

Counterparty Risk: linked to the default of a counterparty on over-the-counter markets.

Risk related to the use of forward financial instruments: In order to achieve its investment objective, the UCITS makes use of forward financial instruments traded over-the-counter that allow it to replicate the performance of the strategy. These instruments may involve a series of risks that could lead to adjustments or even the early termination of the instrument, which may affect the net asset value of the UCITS.

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