

AiPEX

AI Powered US Equity Index



Monthly Performance Report - August 2021

About AiPEX

The AI Powered US Equity Indexes are the first and only rules-based equity strategies to use IBM Watson's Artificial Intelligence ("AI") capabilities to turn data into investment insight. AiPEX is a risk controlled, excess return index, developed by HSBC and EquBot Inc. AiPEX is comprised of publicly traded companies, selected using objective artificial intelligence techniques to dynamically create the portfolio on a monthly basis.

Index Return Summary: Historical & Simulated*



Index Overview

Website: aipex.gbm.hsbc.com

Bloomberg Ticker: **AiPEX Index**

Geographical Focus: **United States**

Launch Date: **8/9/2019**

Type of Return: **Excess Return**

Index Sponsor: **EquBot, Inc.**

Index Calculation Agent: **Solactive AG**

Index Fee: **0.50% per year**

Index Performance: Historical Simulated*

1 Month	1.03%
YTD	4.63%
1Y	6.84%
3Y	6.25%
5Y	36.58%
10Y	87.58%
10Y Annualized Volatility	5.85%
10Y Sharpe Ratio	1.07
Cumulative Return	160.24%

Top 10 Holdings: As of 8/31/2021

	Index Weight(%)	Sector
FACEBOOK INC	1.7%	Technology Services
COSTAR GROUP INC	1.3%	Technology Services
PROCTER & GAMBLE CO	1.2%	Consumer Non-Durables
CSX CORP	1.0%	Transportation
DOMINION ENERGY INC	1.0%	Utilities
WALMART INC	1.0%	Retail Trade
SALESFORCE.COM INC	0.9%	Technology Services
CONSTELLATION BRANDS INC CL A	0.9%	Consumer Non-Durables
STARBUCKS CORP	0.9%	Consumer Services
MCKESSON CORP	0.8%	Distribution Services
Total	10.6%	

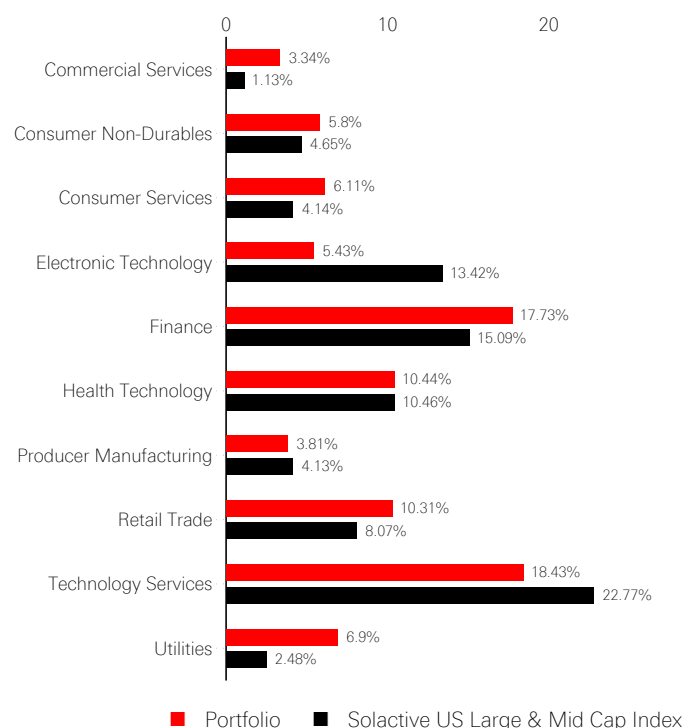
Annual Index Performance: Historical & Simulated*

2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
5.1%	0.2%	4.8%	8.1%	-5.3%	12.7%	9.1%	-0.1%	5.2%	19.7%	6.2%	-0.1%	6.0%	17.4%	-2.2%	6.1%	3.7%

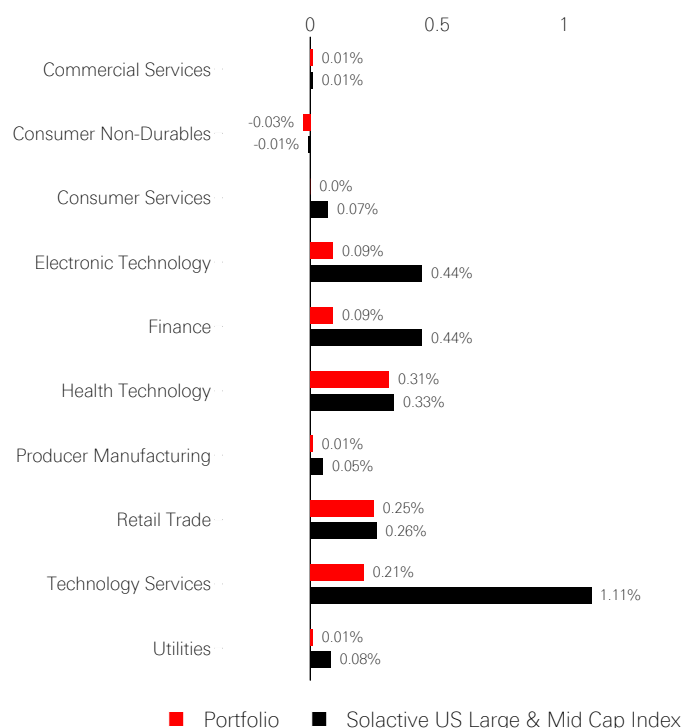
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Top 10 Sector Allocations



Contributions to Return



Daily Risk Control Allocation - Historical Simulated*

	As of 8/31/2021	3Y Average	5Y Average	10Y Average
Equity Portfolio	45.76%	34.41%	44.42%	42.99%
Cash	54.24%	65.59%	55.58%	57.01%

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