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QUARTERLY INDEX REBALANCING: SOLACTIVE BERYLLS LEANVAL AUTOMOBILITY LEADERS 100 INDEX ISIN: DE000SL0D0S2

PERFORMANCE OVERVIEW



Return (USD)	AUTO100	Benchmark		Active return	
Keturn (OSD)	Index	Sector*	Market [#]	Sector	Market
Last 3 months	4.8%	2.5%	-2.2%	2.3%	7.0%
Since inception (30.07.2021)	-11.4%	-16.5%	-11.0%	5.1%	-0.4%
YTD	-15.5%	-18.6%	-14.8%	3.1%	-0.7%
Last 12 months	-11.4%	-16.5%	-11.0%	5.1%	-0.4%
Since index start (31.12.2018)	69.2%	28.1%	47.1%	41.1%	22.1%
Year 2021	21.7%	16.2%	17.8%	5.5%	3.9%
Key risk figures					
Volatility (36 months)	19.8%	26.7%	18.3%		
Value-at-Risk (95%, 12 months)	-34.1%	-49.4%	-28.0%		
Maximum Drawdown (36 months)	-38.4%	-42.8%	-34.4%		

*iShares Electric Vehicles and Driving Technology UCITS ETF #Morningstar Global Index

Background information

Few things shape modern life as much as individual mobility. Be it as an expression of freedom and individuality, or as an economic driver. To reflect this, we have developed the **Solactive Berylls LeanVal Automobility Leaders 100 Index** – the AUTO100. It tracks the performance of the 100 most relevant publicly listed automobility players worldwide.

By design, the AUTO100 covers the industry's entire value chain – from vehicle manufacturers and suppliers, to dealer groups, and providers of mobility services or infrastructure.

Rebalancing updates

There are several major effects impacting the global capital markets.

Global economy is suffering due to ongoing COVID lockdowns, especially in China, leading to disruptions in the supply chains, shortage of semiconductor and other shortcomings in resources. Nevertheless, the sector is benefiting from recent increases in domestic demand and expansion in the US and Europe.

Besides, the ongoing war in Ukraine has major impacts not only on Europe but also on several industries worldwide. Gas cut-offs and further increases in energy prices as well as a general uncertainty about the outcome of the Russian invasion led to a bearish capital market trend.

Finally, inflation is still rising and many central banks, including ECB recently increased interest rates as countermeasures.







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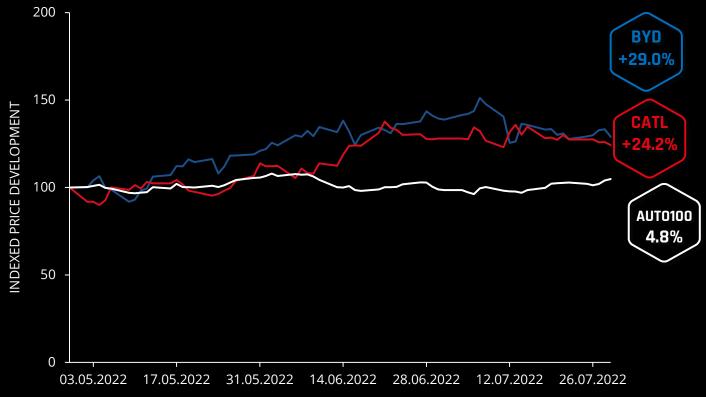
Although the AUTO100 actively limits the weight of individual components to 2.5%, there are some stocks pushing the overall performance:

Last quarter, among the best performing stocks was BYD **Company Ltd.**, one of China's largest privately owned enterprises. They have successfully expanded their renewable energy solutions globally with operations in over 50 countries and regions. BYD currently operates in the four core fields of Automotive, Electronics, New Energy, and Rail Transit among the industry leaders in the energy and transportation sectors. Q1/2022 presented strong growth in revenue and operating profit at BYD. Remarkably, unit sales increased by 315% (641,350 EVs) during H1/2022, in contrast to 154,579 EVs in H1/2021. Lastly, BYD recently announced expansion plans to begin offering passenger

EVs in Germany and Sweden, where sales are expected to begin in 10/2022 followed by deliveries in Q4/2022.

Another notable company was CONTEMPORARY AMPEREX **TECHNOLOGY COMPANY LIMITED** (CATL), specialized in the design, manufacture, and marketing of automotive battery systems products. CATL is currently China's largest power battery maker with almost a 50% market share, as well as being ranked first globally with a market share of approx. 35% in H1/2022. Revenue for Q1/2022 was up 154% to 48.69 billion yuan (Q1/21 19.17 billion yuan) due to strong demand for batteries in the electric vehicle sector. Furthermore, there are reports that CATL is looking to expand in North America as it seeks potential locations in Mexico for future battery factories which would serve both Tesla and Ford.

SELECTED TOP PERFORMERS OF LAST QUARTER (USD)



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COMPETITOR ANALYSIS



Compared to other indices/ETFs covering the automotive industry, the AUTO100 performs very well. Particularly during the market correction, the approach of a purposefully balanced weighting of shares and the consideration of detailed fundamental and strategic factors during index construction contributed to the AUTO100 outperformance. In addition, over time the AUTO100 has shown less volatility than its peers validating our approach of steadiness and reliability of the index.

In contrast, most competitor indices follow market capitalization-weighted approaches. Thus, (recently) they have been driven largely by the skyrocketing outperformance of very few individual stocks – such as Tesla. Over the

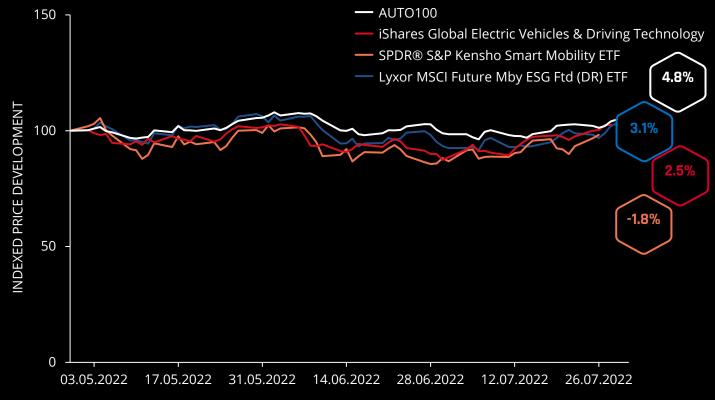
last couple of weeks, however, Tesla's stock experienced some major setbacks which also caused above-average downturns for comparable indices with high stakes in Tesla.

Other Auto indices simply filter for Global Industry Classification Standards (GICS) and thus fail to cover the entire industry or include companies that are not predominantly auto & mobility related.

AUTO100 is truly automobility!

We are convinced that our domainspecific and fundamental approach to assessing the quality of a stock allows us to draw accurate market comparisons, thereby selecting high-class individual stocks.

PERFORMANCE OF COMPETITIVE LANDSCAPE (USD)



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REBALANCING RESULTS

MOST NOTABLE CHANGES (NON EXHAUSTIVE)





The most recent quarterly rebalancing replaced eight constituents, or approx. 7.6% of the index. While players like Nio Inc. or Xpeng rejoined the index, other prominent stocks like AVIS Budget Group or Cargurus Inc. fell out of the index.

Prominent newcomer is **Mando Corp** a Korea based company engaged in the production and sale of automobile parts such as brakes, steering, and suspension systems. On 30 June, Mando concluded the acquisition of additional 10% shares in MMT (Mayson Mando Turkey), bringing its ownership in MMT to 60%.

A prominent dropout is **China Motor Corp**, a Taiwan based company principally engaged in the manufacture and sales of automobiles, as well as its related parts and components. They are currently Taiwan's second largest vehicle manufacturer. Their products include commercial vehicles, cars, recreational business vehicles, and electric vehicles. Due to a drop in revenues as well as EBIT the stock got under pressure and fell under the minimum required size of one billion euros in market cap, in order to stay in the index.

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Cargurus Inc.	Dealer	©ar©urus 🔶
China Motor Corporation	OEM	CMC
CIE Automotive SA	Supplier	CIE Automotive
Dana Inc.	Supplier	
KAR Auction Services Inc.	Dealer	GLOBAL
Shandong Linglong Tyre Co.	Supplier	LINGLONG TIRE

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