## **Eurozone Bonus Builder Bond**

# **Investment Rationale**

## 1. Key Investment Risk & Return Considerations

The table below describes the key Investment Risk and Investment Return characteristics that Financial Brokers should consider when recommending this Bond to retail investor clients:

Feature	Description		
Investment Theme	Eurozone Equities		
	Benchmark Index: EuroStoxx 50 Index (SX5E Index)		
Rationale for Theme	EuroStoxx 50 Index is the most recognised Benchmark Index of Eurozone shares		
	Indices provide a broad, passive exposure to the largest companies in a		
	particular region (the Eurozone in this case)		
Potential Bonuses	Potential 6.30% bonus each year if the Index is at or above 90% of its		
	initial level at the end of each year. The potential bonuses are rolled up		
	and paid at Maturity.		
	Memory Feature: If any potential bonus is missed, it can be caught up if		
	the conditional return level (at or above 90% of initial level) is exceeded		
	at the end of any subsequent year		
	Maximum Return: 25.20%		
Investment Risk Level	Medium to High		
SRI	5		
Capital Protection	None		
	This Bond is Full Capital at Risk		
	If the Index has fallen at the Final Valuation Date, investors will lose 1%		
	for every 1% decline in the value of the Index on the Final Valuation Date		
Investment Term	4 Years (Medium)		
Unique Features	Bonus Builder: 6.30% bonus if Index is at or above 90% of its initial level		
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Product Compromises	No Capital Protection: Investors can lose some or all of the amount		
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	<b>Opportunity Cost:</b> Capital Returns or Investment Income could be higher		
	if invested in a concentrated portfolio of shares or risky assets rather		
	than an Index		

	Bonuses capped at 6.30% per year and Bond return is capped at 25.20%. Capital Returns could be higher if invested without a performance cap or with unlimited investment returns.
Liquidity	Yes
Taxation	Capital Gains Tax (CGT) in the case of Personal and Company Investors
	Exempt for Pension & Post Retirement Schemes

## 2. Investment Rationale in more detail

The investment rationale for investing in the Bond and in this Index can be summarised as follows:-

- Bonus Builder Feature: Potential 6.3% bonus each year if the Index is at or above 90% of its initial level at the end of each year. If the Index has risen or fallen by up to -10% at the end of each year, the bonus of 6.3% is payable. The potential bonuses are rolled up and paid at Maturity.
- Memory Feature: If any potential bonus is missed, it can be caught up if the conditional return level (at or above 90% of initial level) is exceeded at the end of any subsequent year.
- Investing in the Eurozone
- Investing in equities as a Long Term Investment and investing in the EuroStoxx 50 Index

## Equities as a Long Term Investment

Although investing in equities (shares) involves a degree of investment risk and there will be volatile periods along the way, in the long term, equities tend to outperform other assets like bonds, property, cash etc. By adopting a medium term approach, equity investors can mitigate the risks and short term volatility associated with stock market investment while benefiting from the long term capital growth potential that stock markets can provide.

Stock Market Indices provide a broad representative portfolio of investments in multiple companies or shares. Indexes are often used as benchmarks to gauge the movement and performance of market segments or geographic regions. Investors generally use Indexes as a basis for diverse or passive investing. The EuroStoxx 50 Index is a benchmark Index of Eurozone shares.

## The EuroStoxx 50 Index

The EuroStoxx 50 Index tracks the Eurozone's supersector leaders, resulting in a diversified and liquid portfolio of 50 Eurozone shares. The index's weighting is based on free-float market capitalisation, with a maximum weight of 10 percent per constituent.

The blue-chip benchmark underlies more than 25 billion euros in ETF assets, while futures and options on the index are the most actively traded equity index derivatives on Eurex. More than 160,000 structured products are linked to the EuroStoxx 50 Index.

Source: <u>https://stoxx.com/index/sx5e/</u> Infographic : https://stoxx.com/wpcontent/uploads/2024/05/STOXX\_European\_Equities\_Infographic\_202404.pdf Index Fact Sheet: https://stoxx.com/index/sx5e/?factsheet=true (April 2025)

Warning: The Index is a Price Return Index. Dividends or income distributed by the Index constituents will not be re-invested in this Index nor distributed to investors.

## Index Sector and Country Weightings

Supersector weighting (top 10)		Country weighting	
	<ul> <li>16.2% Technology</li> <li>14.6% Industrial Goods and S</li> <li>13.5% Banks</li> <li>9.8% Consumer Products and</li> <li>8.3% Insurance</li> <li>6% Health Care</li> <li>4.3% Utilities</li> <li>4% Chemicals</li> <li>4% Automobiles and Parts</li> <li>4% Energy</li> </ul>	-	37.9% France 29.3% Germany 12.5% Netherlands 8.6% Spain 8.2% Italy 1.8% Finland 1.7% Belgium

Source: https://stoxx.com/index/sx5e/?factsheet=true (April 2025)

#### Index Top 10 Holdings

Company	Supersector	Country	Weight
SAP	Technology	Germany	7.252%
ASML HLDG	Technology	Netherlands	6.386%
SIEMENS	Industrial Goods and Services	Germany	4.228%
ALLIANZ	Insurance	Germany	3.914%
LVMH MOET HENNESSY	Consumer Products and Services	France	3.463%
SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC	Industrial Goods and Services	France	3.272%
TOTALENERGIES	Energy	France	3.233%
DEUTSCHE TELEKOM	Telecommunications	Germany	3.166%
SANOFI	Health Care	France	3.135%
AIR LIQUIDE	Chemicals	France	2.907%

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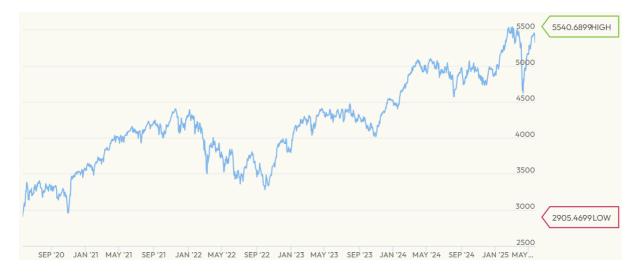
#### Index Past Performance

The Index has had an annualised returns of 12.1% over the last 5 years. This table outlines the Index's annualised returns over the last 1, 3 and 5 years:

Annualized return (%)				
1Y	3Y	5Y		
4.9	10.9	12.1		

Source: https://stoxx.com/index/sx5e/?factsheet=true (April 2025)

## Index Past Performance Chart



This chart illustrates the performance of the Index over the past 5 years:

#### Source: https://stoxx.com/index/sx5e/?factsheet=true (26 May 2020 to 23 May 2025)

#### Warning: Past Performance is not a reliable guide to future performance.

## 3. Warnings

Warning: If you invest in the Bond you may lose some or all of the money you invest.

Warning: The value of your investment may go down as well as up.

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