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## US INNOVATIVE LEADERS 5 INDEX

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### INTRODUCING THE INDEX

The US Innovative Leaders 5 Index ("the Index") is a rules-based Index aiming to generate positive returns by providing exposure to 50 stocks of leading companies that are positioned at the forefront of innovation by investing extensively in innovative fields.

Based on the focus of their patents, US companies are grouped into six key innovation themes that are likely to drive economic growth in the coming years. The themes were selected as they potentially have higher growth prospects, and could significantly impact and disrupt the market.

In addition, the Index has a risk control mechanism, aiming to stabilize performance during changing and less stable market conditions.

### INDEX FEATURES

#### INNOVATION MAPPING

In order to retrieve the relevant data regarding the innovativeness of a company, the US Innovative Leaders 5 Index leverages the analysis of millions of patents to detect companies that are involved in 1 of 25 chosen innovative fields based on six key themes.

#### INNOVATIVE STOCK SELECTION

Out of companies with a large to medium sized market capitalization, the Index selects 50 US companies based on their investment in innovative fields. The objective is to provide exposure to companies that can disrupt their market and potentially outperform their peers through innovation. On a quarterly basis, the Index rebalances the selection to reflect the companies' changing levels of innovativeness based on the number of patents they hold in the innovative fields.

#### RISK CONTROL

Finally, seeking to control risk exposure, the Index first creates a blended portfolio with 10-Year US Treasuries and then aims to maintain the annualized volatility level around 5% by increasing or decreasing exposure to the components or a hypothetical cash position. In this way, the Index aims to reduce the impact of severe market drawdowns during changing market periods and stabilize returns.<sup>1</sup>

**The US Innovative Leaders 5 Index is an excess return index – performance is net of rebalancing and replication fees and a maintenance fee of 0.50% per annum is deducted on a daily basis.<sup>2</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> Based on the realized volatility, the US Innovative Leaders 5 Index may be partially or wholly uninvested, and will not earn interest or any other return with respect to that cash position. <sup>2</sup> The US Innovative Leaders 5 Index is an "Excess Return Index" - returns are derived from changes in level of its components (known as "price return") in excess of 3-month USD LIBOR and profit and loss gained from rolling from one futures contract to another (known as "roll return"). Unlike Total Return Indices, it does not derive returns based on interest earned on cash or other collateral deposited in connection with the purchase of future contracts (known as "collateral return").

INDEX STATISTICS

As of December 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2025						
	1Y	2Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	Since Start Date
Return p.a.	1.96%	1.00%	1.79%	-1.31%	2.81%	4.10%
Volatility p.a.	4.94%	4.99%	4.92%	5.06%	5.13%	5.06%
Sharpe Ratio	0.40	0.20	0.36	-	0.55	0.81

Source: BNP Paribas From May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2004. All numbers and figures are annualized.

INDEX OVERVIEW

Bloomberg Ticker	BNPIUIL5 Index
Calculation Agent	BNP Paribas Arbitrage SNC
Index Sponsor	BNP Paribas
Index Type	Excess Return <sup>3</sup>
Index Launch Date	January 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2020
Index Start Date	May 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2004

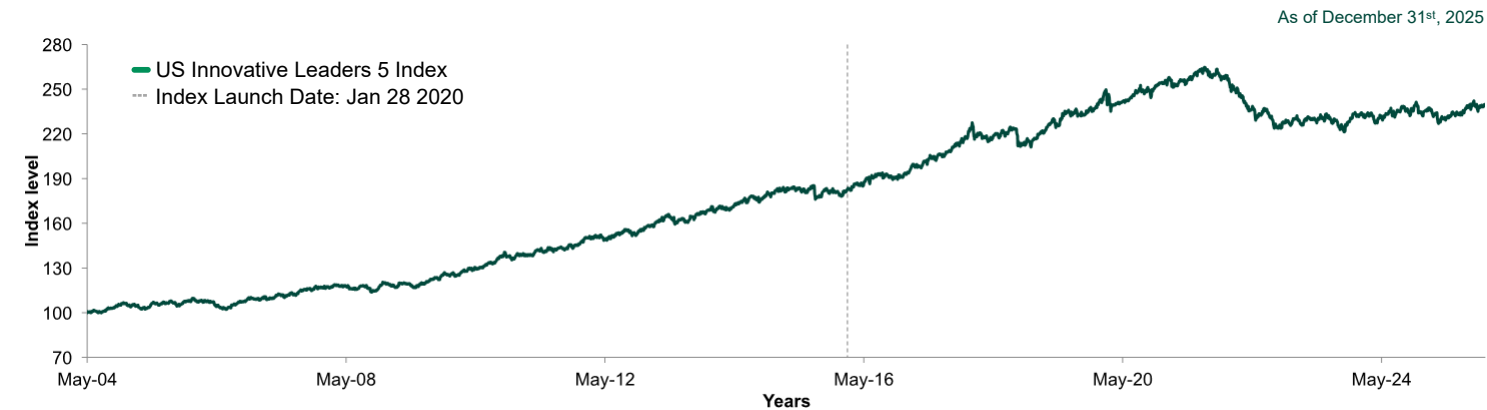
SELECTION OF STOCKS

Bank of America Corp	2.50%	Comcast Corp	2.44%	Visa Inc	2.07%	Meta Platforms Inc	1.75%	Okta Inc	1.52%
Wells Fargo Co	2.50%	Alphabet Inc	2.43%	eBay Inc	2.06%	Dell Technologies Inc	1.72%	International Business Machines Corp	1.49%
AT&T Inc	2.50%	Roku Inc	2.38%	Electronic Arts Inc	2.01%	NVIDIA Corp	1.71%	Palo Alto Networks Inc	1.46%
JPMorgan Chase Co	2.50%	Walmart Inc	2.28%	GE Vernova LLC	2.00%	QUALCOMM Inc	1.71%	Accenture PLC	1.46%
Allstate CorpThe	2.50%	Verizon Communications Inc	2.26%	Palantir Technologies Inc	1.99%	Intuitive Surgical Inc	1.71%	CrowdStrike Holdings Inc	1.45%
Intel Corp	2.50%	Apple Inc	2.23%	Microsoft Corp	1.88%	Cisco Systems Inc	1.68%	Akamai Technologies Inc	1.44%
PayPal Holdings Inc	2.50%	Micron Technology Inc	2.19%	Oracle Corp	1.82%	Salesforce Inc	1.67%	ServiceNow Inc	1.43%
Tesla Inc	2.50%	Rockwell Automation Inc	2.18%	Mastercard Inc	1.81%	Uber Technologies Inc	1.62%	Snap Inc	1.42%
Amazon.com Inc	2.49%	American Express Co	2.14%	Honeywell International Inc	1.77%	Adobe Inc	1.61%	Intuit Inc	1.36%
Baker Hughes Co	2.44%	General Aerospace Co	2.13%	Boeing CoThe	1.76%	Charter Communications Inc	1.59%	Twilio Inc	1.14%

Source: Bloomberg, BNP Paribas as of September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Data Computing & Processing	Artificial Intelligence	Internet of Things
Automotive Innovation	Healthcare Innovation	Robotics

INDEX PERFORMANCE



Source: BNP Paribas from May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2004. Past performance is not an indicator of future performance. The US Innovative Leaders 5 Index is based on Hypothetical Past Performance Data ("PPD") prior to January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Because the US Innovative Leaders 5 Index did not exist prior to this date, all retrospective levels provided in the graph and table above are simulated and must be considered illustrative only. The presentation of hypothetical data reflects the deduction of fees and charges. These simulations are the result of estimates made by BNP Paribas at a given moment on the basis of the parameters selected by BNP Paribas, certain assumptions that may or may not hold in future periods, of market conditions at this given moment and of historical data, which should not be used as guidance, in any way, of the future results of the US Innovative Leaders 5 Index.

<sup>3</sup> In addition to the annual fee, the Index level is net of BNP Paribas' replication and rebalancing costs associated with the Index. Furthermore, since the Index is an excess return Index, its level reflects the performance of any Index components in excess of 3-month USD LIBOR and inclusive of the value that would be derived from the reinvestment of any dividends and distributions by the issuer of any index components and, with respect to components that are linked to futures contracts, the Index level will not take into account any money market interest.



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# SELECTED RISKS AND CONSIDERATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE INDEX

## The US Innovative Leaders 5 Index levels are based on the values of synthetic assets and liabilities.

The US Innovative Leaders 5 Index only calculates the exposure to a dynamic, hypothetical portfolio that tracks the excess returns of the underlying components and is purely synthetic. There is no actual portfolio of assets to which any person makes any investment or has any ownership interest.

## No recommendation.

BNP Paribas makes no recommendation as to the suitability for investment of the US Innovative Leaders 5 Index or any products or strategies based partly or wholly on US Innovative Leaders 5 Index. You should reach a decision after careful consideration with your advisors.

## Strategies relying on the levels of the US Innovative Leaders 5 Index may not be successful.

There is a risk that the rules-based methodology of the US Innovative Leaders 5 Index does not meet its stated objectives, including meeting its annualized target volatility of 5%, resulting in underperformance of the components that comprise the Index.

## Correlation of performances among the underlying components may reduce the levels of the US Innovative Leaders 5 Index.

Performances among the underlying components may become highly correlated from time to time. High correlation during periods of negative returns among underlying components representing any one sector or asset type that have a substantial weighting in the US Innovative Leaders 5 Index could have a material adverse effect on the levels of the US Innovative Leaders 5 Index, which could in turn negatively affect the performance any product or strategy based partly or wholly on the levels of the US Innovative Leaders 5 Index.

## Legal and regulatory regimes may affect the US Innovative Leaders 5 Index, its components or its sub-components.

The US Innovative Leaders 5 Index and its components (and sub-components thereof) are subject to legal and regulatory regimes in various regions and, in some cases, in other countries that may change in ways that could negatively affect the US Innovative Leaders 5 Index or its components (or sub-components thereof). Changes to the applicable legal or regulatory regimes may have a negative impact on the US Innovative Leaders 5 Index level. The components (or sub-components thereof) of the Index that are traded on one or more public exchanges are subject to the rules of the relevant exchange.

## The US Innovative Leaders 5 Index has limited historical information.

The US Innovative Leaders 5 Index is launched on January 28<sup>th</sup> 2020. The performance shown prior to this date is hypothetical past performance, based on hypothetical back-tested information. This brochure also contains certain performance data based on back-testing, i.e., calculations of the hypothetical levels of the US Innovative Leaders 5 Index as if it had actually existed during a defined period of time, and may in certain circumstances contain simulated performance levels where the US Innovative Leaders 5 Index has recently been established or issued. For time periods prior to the launch of any component included in the Index, back-testing uses alternative performance information derived from a proxy with similar asset exposure, rather than performance information for the relevant component. Further, you must note that such analysis is based on a number of working assumptions that may not be capable of duplication in actual trading terms. Unlike actual performance records, hypothetical or simulated performances, returns or scenarios may not necessarily reflect certain market factors such as liquidity constraints, fees and transaction costs and must be considered as illustrative only. Actual historical or back-tested past performance does not constitute an indication of future results. The actual performance of the US Innovative Leaders 5 Index may bear little relation to its hypothetical historical results.

## The US Innovative Leaders 5 Index has limited public information.

The US Innovative Leaders 5 Index is a custom Index developed by BNP Paribas, the Index Sponsor. There is limited information relating to the US Innovative Leaders 5 Index that is publicly available. In addition, publicly available information on the US Innovative Leaders 5 Index, its methodology and its components is limited.

## The US Innovative Leaders 5 Index's daily volatility control mechanism may result in a lower Index level and the actual volatility of the US Innovative Leaders 5 Index may not equal its target volatility.

The US Innovative Leaders 5 Index's daily volatility control allows the US Innovative Leaders 5 Index to dynamically adjust the value of the hypothetical exposure to the portfolio the Index is based on, 10-Year US Treasuries and any cash component, depending on the volatility environment. However, the risk control overlay might limit overall levels of the US Innovative Leaders 5 Index in rising equity markets and may provide imperfect, limited protection in falling equity markets, particularly against sudden, large equity losses. No assurance can be given that the US Innovative Leaders 5 Index methodology will achieve its target volatility goals or that products or strategies based partly or wholly on the levels of the US Innovative Leaders 5 Index will outperform any alternative investment.

## The closing levels of the US Innovative Leaders 5 Index will include the deduction of an Annual Fee.

The closing level of the US Innovative Leaders 5 Index includes a deduction from the aggregate values of its components of an annual fee equal to 0.50% per annum. As a result of this deduction, the value of the US Innovative Leaders 5 Index will trail the value of a hypothetical identical portfolio from which no such amount is deducted.

## The closing level of the US Innovative Leaders 5 Index is net of BNP Paribas' replication and rebalancing costs.

The closing Level of the US Innovative Leaders 5 Index is net of BNP Paribas' replication and rebalancing costs associated with the Index. As a result of these costs, the value of the US Innovative Leaders 5 Index could trail the value of a hypothetical identical portfolio from which no such amount is deducted.

## The US Innovative Leaders 5 Index is an excess return Index.

In general, returns from investing in futures contracts are derived from three sources: (1) changes in the price of such futures contracts (known as the "price return"), (2) profit or loss realized when rolling from a futures contract with one expiry date to another futures contract with a different, generally later, expiry date (known as the "roll return") and (3) interest earned on the cash (or other) collateral deposited in connection with the purchase of such futures contract (known as the "collateral return"). The components of the US Innovative Leaders 5 Index that seek to track futures contracts generate "excess returns", meaning the sum of the price return and roll return with respect to the underlying components. As a result, with respect to the US Innovative Leaders 5 Index's underlying components that seek to track futures contracts, an investment in an instrument linked to the US Innovative Leaders 5 Index will not generate the same returns that would be obtained from investing directly in future contracts that underlie such underlying components because the collateral return is not used in calculating the "excess return" Index.

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## Portions of the US Innovative Leaders 5 Index may be effectively uninvested and earn no return.

The US Innovative Leaders 5 Index, on each day on which it is calculated, adjusts its exposure to its components in an attempt to maintain an annualized volatility of 5%. If the aggregate weight of the components is less than 100%, the US Innovative Leaders 5 Index will allocate exposure to a hypothetical cash position and/or a hypothetical position in 10-Year US Treasuries. As a result, the US Innovative Leaders 5 Index may underperform a similar index that provides 100% exposure to its components. The hypothetical cash position is an uninvested position that does not earn interest or any other return.

## The US Innovative Leaders 5 Index 's target volatility feature may reduce its appreciation potential.

Under normal circumstances, equity or commodity futures may exhibit significantly higher volatility than the target volatility of 5%. Accordingly, the "volatility control" mechanism of the US Innovative Leaders 5 Index may have the effect of skewing allocations among components in the US Innovative Leaders 5 Index toward components that provide exposure to fixed-income assets (which typically have lower volatility than components that provide exposure to equity or commodity futures) or to cash (which has zero volatility). Index components that typically have lower volatility may have lower return potential than components that typically have higher volatility, and any allocation to cash will earn no return at all.

Moreover, if the US Innovative Leaders 5 Index has a relatively high allocation to components that provide exposure to fixed-income assets, it will be particularly sensitive to factors that adversely affect the value of fixed-income instruments, such as increases in interest rates or declining perceptions of credit quality. A high allocation to components that provide exposure to fixed-income assets may also cause the US Innovative Leaders 5 Index to underperform a portfolio more heavily weighted with higher volatility assets under certain circumstances. For example, in an equity bull market that is accompanied by rising interest rates, a portfolio heavily weighted with components that provide exposure to fixed-income assets might decline in value as a result of the rising interest rates, while a portfolio heavily weighted with components that provide exposure to equities would appreciate in value.



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Certain criteria are systematically applied to the US Innovative Leaders 5 Index to exclude to determine eligibility of equity securities as Index Components. Criteria are based on corporate social responsibility principles and economic and trade sanctions. Application of these criteria may result in the exclusion of certain equity securities as Index Components. Data used to determine eligibility may be derived from one or more public sources or other sources deemed necessary or appropriate by the Index Sponsor. The exclusion of certain equity securities may have an unintended positive or negative impact on the performance of the US Innovative Leaders 5 Index. None of the BNPP Entities shall have any liability for the application of such criteria or any inaccuracies in such data or relevant information provided by third parties and shall not be responsible for any inaccuracies or errors in the Index Level resulting therefrom. Additional information regarding the relevant criteria is available from the Index Sponsor upon request.

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## The US Innovative Leaders 5 Index is subject to significant risks associated with futures contracts

Certain Index Components of the US Innovative Leaders 5 Index are futures contracts. The return of a futures contract depends on the price of the underlying asset referenced by the futures contract and a range of other factors, including, but not limited to, changing supply and demand relationships, interest rates, governmental and regulatory policies and policies of the exchanges on which futures contracts trade. The futures markets are subject to temporary distortions or other disruptions due to various factors, including the lack of liquidity in the markets, the participation of speculators and government regulation and intervention. These and other factors can cause the prices of futures contracts to be volatile, which could have an adverse effect on the US Innovative Leaders 5 Index.

## Negative Roll Returns Associated with Futures Contracts may Adversely Affect the Performance of the US Innovative Leaders 5 Index

Futures contracts, by their terms, have stated expirations. As futures contracts approach expiration, they are synthetically replaced by a futures contract with a later expiration. Excluding other considerations, if prices are higher in the distant expiration or delivery months than in the nearer expiration or delivery months, the notional purchase of the futures contract with the later expiration date would take place at a price that is higher than the price of the futures contract that is expiring, thereby creating a negative "roll return." Negative roll returns may have a negative effect on the US Innovative Leaders 5 Index. Because of the potential effects of negative roll returns, it is possible for the US Innovative Leaders 5 Index to decrease over time, even when the near-term or spot price of the underlying futures contract(s) is stable or increasing.

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## Other Key Risks:

- The US Innovative Leaders 5 Index involves daily rebalancing that is applied to the components. Changes in the value of the components may offset each other.
- BNP Paribas is the sponsor of the Equity Index and Bond Futures Index that underlie the US Innovative Leaders 5 Index.

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