



## Monthly Performance Report - March 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. HSBC and San Francisco based asset manager EquBot have developed the AI Powered US Equity Index 5 ("AiPEX5"), a risk controlled, excess return index. AiPEX5 is comprised of approximately 250 U.S. publicly traded companies, selected monthly based on a 3-step equity selection process that utilizes objective artificial intelligence techniques to dynamically select the underlying constituents. The investment process is intended to provide growth through a variety of market conditions.

### Index Return Summary: Historical & Simulated\*



### Index Overview

Website: [aipex.gbm.hsbc.com](http://aipex.gbm.hsbc.com)

Bloomberg Ticker: AiPEX

Geographical Focus: United States

Launch Date: 08/09/2019

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	0.59%
YTD	1.61%
1Y	9.44%
3Y	2.79%
5Y	6.25%
10Y	5.75%
10Y Annualized Volatility	5.95%
10Y Sharpe Ratio	0.97
Cumulative Return	152.72%

### Top 10 Holdings: As of 31/03/2021

	Index Weight(%)	Sector
APPLE INC	2.8%	Electronic Technology
LOWES COS INC	1.7%	Retail Trade
ROKU INC	1.4%	Consumer Durables
SALESFORCE.COM INC	1.4%	Technology Services
ZOOM VIDEO COMMUNICATIONS INC	1.4%	Technology Services
INTEL CORP	1.3%	Electronic Technology
ELI LILLY & CO	1.2%	Health Technology
NVIDIA CORP	1.1%	Electronic Technology
PROGRESSIVE CORP	1.1%	Finance
D R HORTON INC	1.0%	Consumer Durables
<b>Total</b>	<b>14.4%</b>	

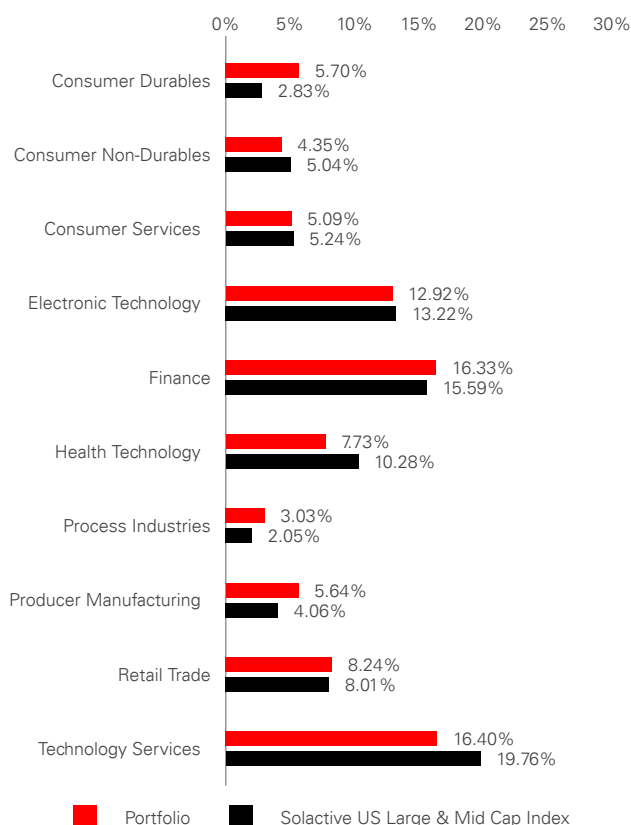
### Annual Index Performance: Historical & Simulated\*

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%

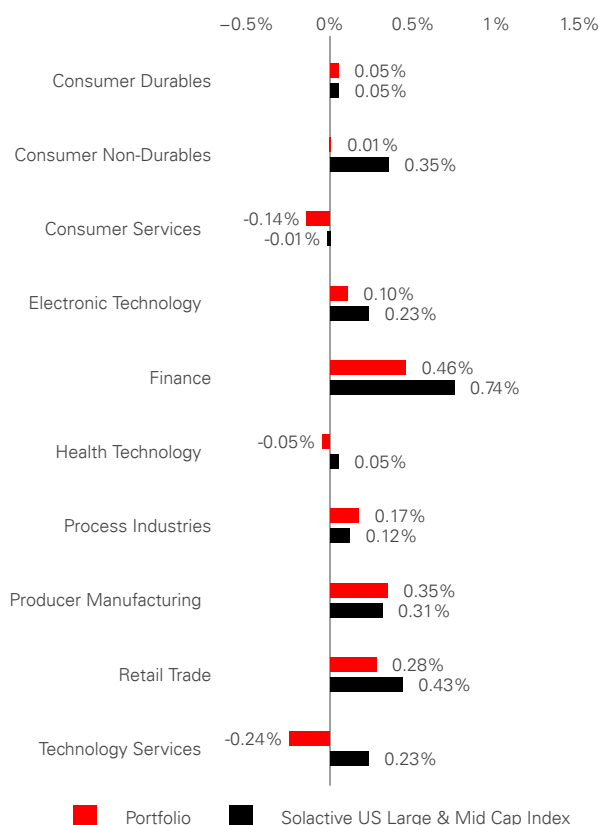
Source: Solactive, EquBot, HSBC, Bloomberg, from 04/30/2004 to 03/31/2021. The graph and tables above set forth the hypothetical back-tested performance of the Index from April 30, 2004 through August 9, 2019 and actual index performance thereafter. See the risk factors and "Use of Simulated Returns" herein.

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## Top 10 Sector Allocations



## Contributions to Return



## Daily Risk Control Allocation - Historical & Simulated\*

	As of 31/03/2021	3Y Average	5Y Average	10Y Average
Equity Portfolio	27.67%	35.60%	45.09%	42.93%
Cash	72.33%	64.40%	54.91%	57.07%

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