

## BofA Global MegaTrends Index

#### **General Information**

ASSET CLASS	Multi-Asset
BLOOMBERG TICKER	BOFAMEG7 Index
CURRENCY	USD
RETURN TYPE	Excess Return
VOLATILITY TARGET	7%
BASE DATE	01-Jun-2006
LIVE DATE	17-Apr-2023

### **Index Components**

Equities	Weight
MSCI Equally Weighted Robotics, Digital Economy, Millennials, and Disruptive Technology	25.1%
Fixed Income	Weight
Merrill Lynch 10-year US Treasury Futures (MLT1US10)	74.9%

Exposure data is before basket leverage. Source: BofA Securities, Bloomberg, Data as of May 31, 2025. The Index was created on April 17, 2023. Weights for the Index before April 17, 2023 represent hypothetical data determined by retroactive application of a back-tested model, itself designed with the benefit of hindsight. Actual weightings will vary, perhaps materially, from the weightings set forth herein.

#### **Index Overview**

BofA Global MegaTrends Index (the "Index") is designed to tap into global innovation and longterm growth trends and use the latest technology to manage risk.

Targeting tomorrow's market leaders: The BofA Global MegaTrends Index allocates to a basket of four live, equally weighted indices created by MSCI. MSCI makes selections for the indices from the MSCI All Country World Investable Market Index, concentrating on four future-focused areas — robotics, the digital economy, millennials and disruptive technology. Natural language processing (NLP) is used to systematically select stocks; this process enables the applicable MSCI index to efficiently search for a set of relevant words.

**Employ smart diversification:** In addition to the basket of four equally weighted MSCI thematic indices, the Index includes a bond component made up of a rolling 10-year U.S. Treasuries Index and a stop-loss mechanism. The inclusion of the bond component aims to reduce exposure to equity market drawdowns and maintain the 7% volatility target. The bond component includes an embedded stop-loss mechanism designed to guard against rising rates.

**Leverage next-generation volatility control:** BofA Global MegaTrends Index applies Salt Financial's TruVol risk control engine. truVol® uses market prices from multiple points during the trading day to create a fuller picture of historical volatility and trends, seeking to reduce risk and improve index stability.

### **Back-tested & Actual Index Performance**

June 1, 2006 – May 31, 2025

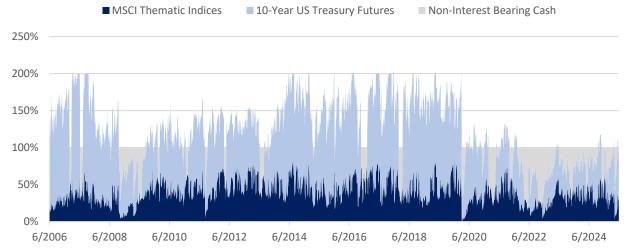


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### Back-tested & Actual Index Weights<sup>1</sup>





### Back-tested & Actual Monthly Performance<sup>1</sup>

Source: BofA Securities, Bloomberg (December 31, 2006 – May 31, 2025)

As of:	YTD Return	YTD Return 1yr Return		3yr CAGR	5yr CAGR	10yr CAGR	
5/31/2025	-5.22%	-4.13%	-0.26%	1.35%	1.70%	6.68%	

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
2025	0.41%	-0.62%	-2.68%	-2.46%	0.05%								-5.22%
2024	0.98%	1.22%	0.79%	-3.39%	2.51%	2.55%	-0.56%	0.69%	1.70%	-3.00%	0.70%	-0.82%	3.21%
2023	2.94%	-0.91%	4.19%	0.66%	3.29%	1.09%	1.13%	-0.49%	-3.70%	-1.59%	3.43%	2.27%	12.68%
2022	-4.13%	-0.71%	-2.00%	-3.97%	-0.45%	-3.19%	2.67%	-3.64%	-3.82%	1.63%	2.66%	-1.70%	-15.75%
2021	0.05%	0.34%	0.15%	1.74%	-0.16%	2.40%	1.48%	1.39%	-3.97%	2.65%	0.71%	1.04%	7.93%
2020	4.01%	-0.06%	2.46%	1.37%	1.70%	1.46%	2.19%	3.58%	-1.00%	-1.78%	2.87%	1.04%	19.16%
2019	2.59%	0.64%	3.83%	2.85%	-1.05%	4.13%	0.32%	2.04%	-1.30%	1.99%	2.37%	0.46%	20.41%
2018	3.22%	-1.34%	0.87%	-1.86%	1.97%	-0.77%	0.28%	2.82%	-1.68%	-3.73%	1.96%	-0.11%	1.41%
2017	3.07%	2.83%	1.51%	2.85%	3.79%	-1.21%	1.85%	2.21%	-1.16%	3.62%	-0.53%	-0.50%	19.73%
2016	1.25%	0.41%	2.94%	-1.59%	0.75%	2.12%	3.87%	0.07%	0.01%	-0.90%	-0.97%	0.22%	8.33%
2015	4.22%	0.57%	-0.23%	0.28%	-0.27%	-2.79%	1.86%	-1.32%	0.79%	3.04%	-0.46%	-0.09%	5.55%
2014	0.14%	2.38%	-2.08%	-0.14%	3.61%	0.96%	-1.04%	3.23%	-1.11%	3.62%	2.86%	-0.18%	12.71%
2013	0.93%	1.48%	0.95%	1.65%	-0.41%	-1.15%	2.02%	-0.57%	3.33%	2.04%	0.98%	-0.02%	11.73%
2012	3.64%	2.78%	1.21%	0.01%	-1.01%	1.26%	0.63%	1.52%	0.62%	-1.63%	1.46%	0.40%	11.32%
2011	2.02%	-0.27%	-0.11%	3.72%	1.60%	-1.35%	1.98%	-2.30%	-0.75%	2.85%	-0.19%	1.10%	8.43%
2010	-1.01%	3.48%	2.68%	1.56%	-1.05%	0.36%	3.73%	-1.03%	4.94%	1.93%	-0.95%	-0.40%	14.91%
2009	-2.59%	-2.39%	3.99%	0.29%	1.86%	0.51%	3.21%	2.25%	2.66%	-0.02%	4.45%	-0.71%	14.05%
2008	-0.53%	0.70%	1.77%	-1.15%	-0.46%	-0.62%	0.04%	1.93%	-3.62%	-2.64%	4.94%	2.69%	2.78%
2007	-1.24%	-0.23%	-0.37%	1.90%	-2.19%	-1.63%	3.27%	3.45%	2.37%	2.98%	2.75%	-0.52%	10.80%

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#### VOLATILITY CONTROL

The Index's "volatility control" mechanism may reduce the appreciation potential of the Index and may not achieve the target volatility. The volatility control mechanism allows the Index to dynamically adjust the level of the hypothetical exposure to the Index Components, depending on the volatility environment. When the Index's exposure to the Index Components is greater than 100%, any negative performance of the Index Components will be magnified and the level of the Index may decrease significantly. In addition, if the volatility control mechanism causes exposure to the Index Components to be less than 100%, the difference will not be hypothetically invested in Index Components and will earn no hypothetical return. There can also be no assurance that Index will achieve its target volatility of 7% and the actual realized volatility of the Index may be greater or less than the target volatility, which may affect the level of the Index.

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