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*Performance figures on Industry and Country Level commented by Dr. Jan-Carl Plagge, Head of Research, STOXX Ltd.*

## Retail sector is top performer – 3 Top/Low STOXX Indices on Industry Level\*

<b>1-Mth Performance TOP</b> (Nov. 2017)	EUR	USD
STOXX GLOBAL 1800 RETAIL INDEX	4.46 %	6.92 %
STOXX GLOBAL 1800 FINANCIAL SERVICES INDEX	1.44 %	3.83 %
STOXX GLOBAL 1800 TELECOMMUNICATIONS INDEX	0.93 %	3.30 %

<b>1-Mth Performance LOW</b> (Nov. 2017)	EUR	USD
STOXX GLOBAL 1800 BASIC RESOURCES INDEX	-2.16 %	0.14 %
STOXX GLOBAL 1800 TECHNOLOGY INDEX	-1.36 %	0.96 %
STOXX GLOBAL 1800 CONSTRUCTION & MATERIALS INDEX	-1.27 %	1.06 %

<b>1-Yr Performance TOP</b> (Dec. 2016 – Nov. 2017)	EUR	USD
STOXX GLOBAL 1800 TECHNOLOGY INDEX	24.93 %	40.42 %
STOXX GLOBAL 1800 CHEMICALS INDEX	17.78 %	32.39 %
STOXX GLOBAL 1800 FINANCIAL SERVICES INDEX	15.79 %	30.14 %

<b>1-Yr Performance LOW</b> (Dec. 2016 – Nov. 2017)	EUR	USD
STOXX GLOBAL 1800 OIL & GAS INDEX	-8.29 %	3.08 %
STOXX GLOBAL 1800 MEDIA INDEX	-2.89 %	9.15 %
STOXX GLOBAL 1800 TELECOMMUNICATIONS INDEX	-1.52 %	10.69 %

Source: STOXX Limited

“In November, the retail sector gained 4.46% in euro and 6.92% in US dollar terms. This was in part driven by the Thanksgiving week. U.S. retail sales between Thanksgiving Day and Cyber Monday jumped to all-time highs this year, according to the National Retail Federation.”

“After being top performer in October the technology sector decreased slightly by 1.36% in November. However, it is still the strongest performing sector over one year with a gain of 24.93% in euro and 40.42% in US dollar terms.”

\*(Ranking is based upon performances in EUR)

## Scandinavian stock markets are struggling – 3 Top/Low STOXX Indices on Country Level\*

1-Mth Performance TOP (Nov. 2017)	EUR	USD	Local
STOXX LUXEMBOURG TOTAL MARKET INDEX	1.67 %	4.06 %	1.67 %
STOXX JAPAN TOTAL MARKET INDEX	0.74 %	3.10 %	1.54 %
STOXX USA TOTAL MARKET INDEX	0.60 %	2.96 %	2.96 %

1-Mth Performance LOW (Nov. 2017)	EUR	USD	Local
STOXX SWEDEN TOTAL MARKET INDEX	-5.22 %	-2.99 %	-3.43 %
STOXX NORWAY TOTAL MARKET INDEX	-5.08 %	-2.84 %	-1.56 %
STOXX DENMARK TOTAL MARKET INDEX	-4.03 %	-1.77 %	-4.02 %

1-Yr Performance TOP (Dec. 2016 – Nov. 2017)	EUR	USD	Local
STOXX ITALY TOTAL MARKET INDEX	34.67 %	51.38 %	34.67 %
STOXX AUSTRIA TOTAL MARKET INDEX	33.63 %	50.20 %	33.63 %
STOXX DENMARK TOTAL MARKET INDEX	23.73 %	39.07 %	23.77 %

1-Yr Performance LOW (Dec. 2016 – Nov. 2017)	EUR	USD	Local
STOXX ISRAEL TOTAL MARKET INDEX	-14.35 %	-3.73 %	-12.27 %
STOXX CANADA TOTAL MARKET INDEX	1.04 %	13.56 %	8.81 %
STOXX LUXEMBOURG TOTAL MARKET INDEX	3.08 %	15.86 %	3.08 %

Source: STOXX Limited

“Due to the economic policy of Japans’ Prime Minister Shinzo Abe to raise productivity, drive innovation and trade, the STOXX Japan Total Market Index is again one of the top 3 performers in November. With a gain of 0.74% in euro and 3.10% in US dollar terms, it continued the positive trend.”

“The Scandinavian markets performed weakly in November: The STOXX Sweden Total Market Index decreased 5.22% and the Norwegian 5.08% in euro terms. One driver of this drop is the weak currency of both countries caused by the raising concerns about a real estate crash in the European North.”

\*(Ranking is based upon performances in EUR)

## Index of the Month

### STOXX® Europe 600 Technology Index

The STOXX® Europe 600 Technology Index is one of 19 Supersector indices based on the broad European benchmark index STOXX Europe 600. For component selection, companies are categorized according to their primary source of revenue. Using the Industry Classification Benchmark, The STOXX® Europe 600 Technology Index includes well known firms with global reach such as SAP, Infineon Technologies and Logitech International.

In the past year, the STOXX® Europe 600 Technology Index has gained more than 30% due to the constantly increasing demand for products such as semiconductors and business software. This makes it the top performer among 19 industries in the STOXX® Europe 600 Index. The supersector indices are designed to allow investors sector rotation strategies, i.e. to use the differing cyclical development of the industries to increase returns.

For more information on the STOXX® 600 Europe Technology Index please read our Pulse Online article “[Europe’s Tech Stocks Add to Industry’s Global Rally](#)”.