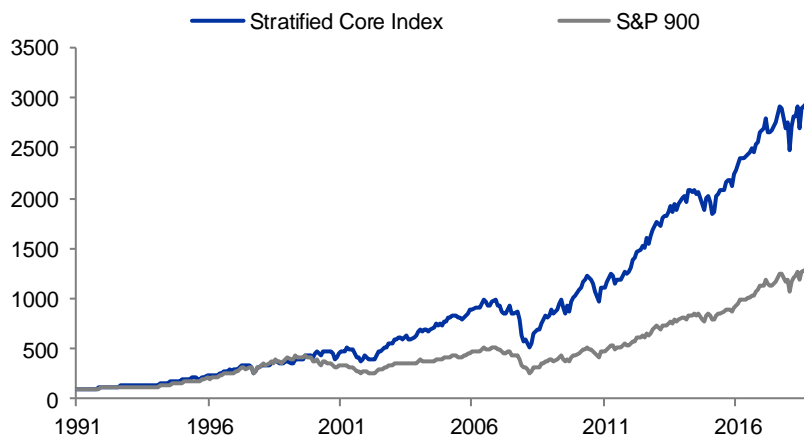


## The Syntax Approach

Syntax Stratified Indices™ use a patented investment technology to diversify the most widely followed indices. Stratified Weight Indices address the related business risk concentrations that frequently occur in capitalization-weighted indices. The goal is to deliver an unbiased return that is representative of all the business opportunities in the market, not just the largest ones.

The Syntax Stratified Core Index comprises the exact same constituents and rebalancing schedule as the S&P 900, the only difference is the weighting scheme applied. The result is better diversification.

## Performance: Growth of \$100



## Index Information

Ticker Symbol:	SYCORE
Total Return Ticker:	SYCORETR
Benchmark:	S&P 900
# Constituents:	906
Inception Date:	12/27/16
Rebalancing Freq.:	Quarterly
First Index Value:	12/20/91

## Key Points

- Same stocks as S&P 900
- Stratified stock weights
- Diversified business performance
- Calculated by S&P Dow Jones Indices

## Index Return (%)

	YTD	3Q19	1Y	3Y	5Y	7Y	10Y	Since 12/20/91
<b>Stratified Core Index</b>	<b>18.2</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>12.8</b>	<b>13.3</b>	<b>13.3</b>
S&P 900	20.4	1.6	3.8	13.1	10.7	13.2	13.2	10.1
S&P 900 Eq. Weight	18.2	-0.2	-0.3	9.1	8.4	12.0	12.6	11.9

Total return, gross of dividends, not including fees (periods greater than one year have been annualized). As of September 30, 2019.

## About Syntax

Syntax, LLC is an index provider and financial analytics company based in New York. Syntax offer a suite of Stratified Benchmark Indices which reweight the most widely-used benchmarks, including the S&P 500, S&P 400, and MSCI EAFE using the Stratified Weight methodology. Syntax also provides Stratified Sector Indices, Stratified Thematic Indices, custom index solutions, and investment decision support tools.

## Annual Returns (%)

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
<b>Stratified Core Index</b>	<b>-8.1</b>	<b>17.5</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>-2.7</b>	<b>13.6</b>	<b>36.5</b>	<b>17.9</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>24.4</b>	<b>47.0</b>
S&P 900	-4.9	21.4	12.6	1.1	13.4	32.5	16.2	1.8	16.0	27.3
S&P 900 Eq. Weight	-9.3	14.3	19.0	-3.7	12.0	35.8	17.8	-0.8	24.6	49.4

## Index Statistics

	Beta	Div. Yld.	P / E Ratio	P / B Ratio	Turn over
<b>Stratified Core Index</b>	<b>1.07</b>	<b>1.95</b>	<b>18.4</b>	<b>2.98</b>	<b>35.6</b>
S&P 900	1.00	1.89	21.7	4.54	3.5
S&P 900 Eq. Weight	1.12	2.53	18.6	3.10	33.9

	Vol.	Sharpe Ratio	Track. Err.	Upside Capture	Down. Capture
<b>Stratified Core Index</b>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>0.93</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>106.0</b>	<b>107.5</b>
S&P 900	12.7	1.00	-	-	-
S&P 900 Eq. Weight	14.7	0.85	4.1	106.5	112.1

## Sector Allocation & Concentration

	Stratified Sector weight	Cap-wtd Sector weight	Stratified Top 10 weight	Cap-wtd Top 10 weight
Financials	12.5	13.7	19.3	48.6
Energy	12.4	8.1	31.0	48.6
Industrials	12.5	12.9	15.5	32.3
Info. Tools	12.5	15.4	27.8	77.9
Information	12.4	22.6	18.3	56.7
Consumer	12.8	7.1	22.7	57.9
Food	12.6	6.6	42.8	73.7
Healthcare	12.2	13.4	28.8	47.7
<b>Index</b>			<b>6.6</b>	<b>20.2</b>

\* Risk statistics use monthly data over last ten years.

\* FIS sector classifications and weights as of September 30, 2019.

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