VGDEF Facts

Ticker
Price Return: VGDEF
Total Return: VGDEFT
Net Total Return: VGDEFN

Index Launch
August 30, 2024

Base Value
1,000 on September 08, 2017

Index Calculation
Every fifteen (15) seconds

Reconstitution Dates
Semi-Annually
(March/September)

Rebalancing Dates
Quarterly
(Mar/Jun/Sept/Dec)

Index Rules
Available at vettafi.com

Portfolio Characteristics

Number of Companies: 42
U.S. Companies: 23
Non-U.S. Companies: 19

Company Size by Market
Capitalization (millions):

Average:	$25,154
Median:	$10,943
Largest:	$161,040
Smallest:	$1,236

Annualized Return*:	12.98%
Annualized Volatility*:	19.55%
Information Ratio*:	0.66

Annualized performance and volatility are since inception, including back-test results prior to August 30, 2024

The VettaFi Global Defence Leaders Index tracks the market performance of companies, listed globally in selected exchange countries, that provide exposure to national defence industries of NATO and Major Non-NATO Ally countries.

The Case for Global Defence

1. **Global Defence Spending Increased by Geopolitical Tensions and Weapon Stock Depletion** - Global military spending has accelerated in response to global aggression around the world. An estimated $2.4 trillion was spent last year on global military expenditures, marking the largest annual rise in over a decade, with 23 of 32 NATO member countries now meeting 2% of GDP spending targets in 2024.[1]

2. **Need for Modernized Defence Solutions** - Companies exposed to global defence spending such as military aircraft, defence equipment, and future of defence technologies stand to benefit from increased spending levels and the need for modern defence solutions like autonomous vehicles, counter drone systems, and artificial intelligence.

3. **Global Growth Opportunity** - The global defense market is expected to grow to $616.3 billion in 2024 at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 7.1% and to grow to $772.5 billion in 2028 at a rate of 5.8%.[2] NATO members now account for more than 55% of the world's military expenditure.[3]

[1]*Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), NATO;* [2]*Business Research Company estimates, January 2024;* [3]*SIPRI*
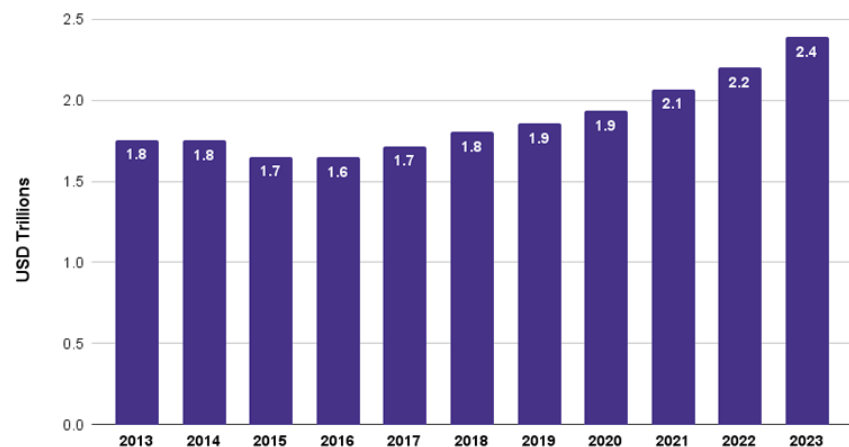
Performance of $1,000 invested

Performance Data

	3 Month	6 Month	YTD	1 Year	Annualized 3 Year	5 Year
Total Return	8.1%	16.6%	35.6%	46.7%	20.9%	13.5%
Net Total Return	8.0%	16.4%	35.2%	46.1%	20.4%	13.0%
Price Return	7.8%	15.7%	33.9%	44.5%	19.0%	11.6%

Global Military Expenditures


Source: SIPRI Military Expenditure Database

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Index fact sheet as of October 31, 2024

Top 10 Constituents

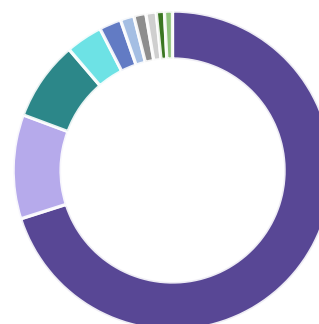| Company Name	Index Weight
PALANTIR TECHNOLOGIES INC	10.36%
SAFRAN SA	7.98%
RTX CORP.	7.72%
GENERAL DYNAMICS CORPORATION	7.53%
NORTHROP GRUMMAN CORPORATION	7.47%
LOCKHEED MARTIN CORPORATION	7.29%
BAE SYSTEMS PLC	6.98%
L3 HARRIS TECHNOLOGIES INC	6.79%
LEIDOS HOLDINGS INC	3.54%
BOOZ ALLEN HAMILTON HOLDING CORP.	3.35%
TOTAL	**69.01%**

Market Capitalization
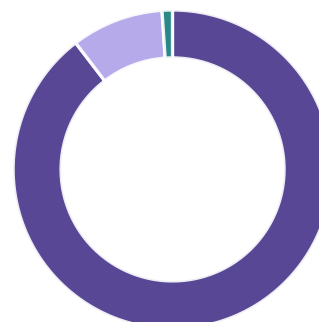
- Large-Cap 89.6%
- Mid-Cap 9.3%
- Small-Cap 1.1%

Sector Weightings
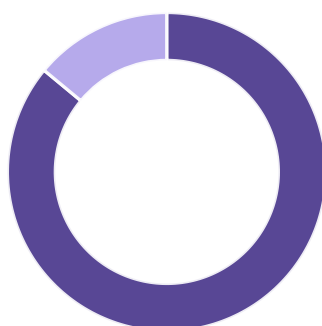
- Industrials 86.0%
- Technology 14.0%

Country Weightings

- United States 70.1%
- United Kingdom 8.1%
- South Korea 2.2%
- Norway 1.2%
- Israel 0.8%
- France 10.6%
- Germany 3.7%
- Italy 1.4%
- Sweden 1.0%
- Canada 0.8%

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