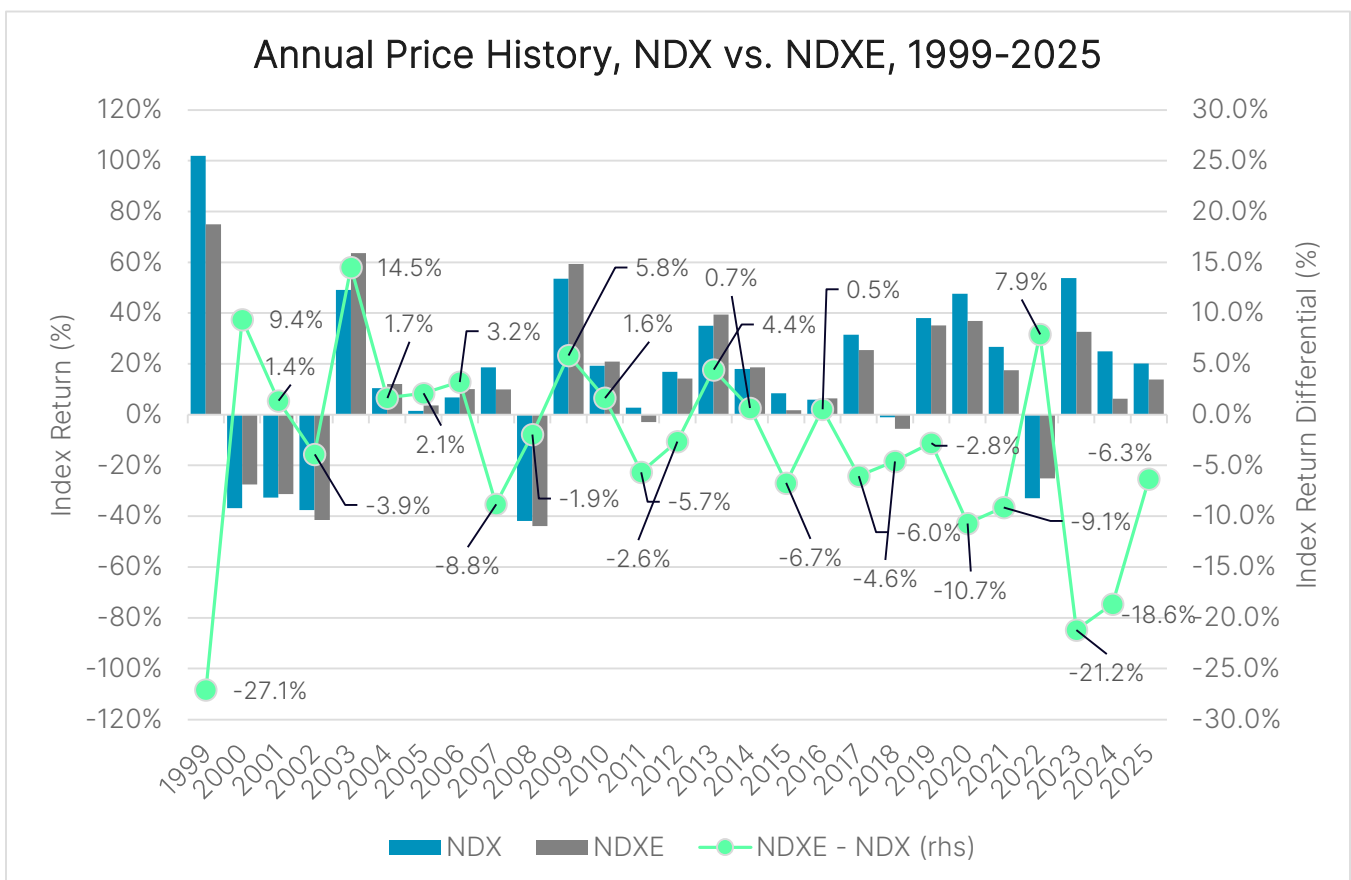


# Nasdaq-100 Equal Weighted™ Index: 2025 Update

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The Nasdaq-100 Equal-Weighted™ Index (NDXE™) offers investors an alternative to the Nasdaq-100 Index® (NDX®) Index by reducing concentration risk through equal weighting of its components. This approach provides exposure to innovation-driven companies with less dominance from mega-cap stocks and sectors like technology.

**NDX outperformed NDXE in 2025 but the gap narrowed considerably vs. 2023/2024** : NDX outperformed NDXE by 6.3% in 2025 which is a much smaller delta relative to the previous two years but still above the longer-term average of 3.1%. This was driven by a combination of the slightly higher hit rate and smaller contribution from the top 10 that is discussed below. Over the last 3, 5 and 10 years, NDX has outperformed NDXE by 70.4%, 54.6% and 220.2% respectively. See table below. (Source: Nasdaq).

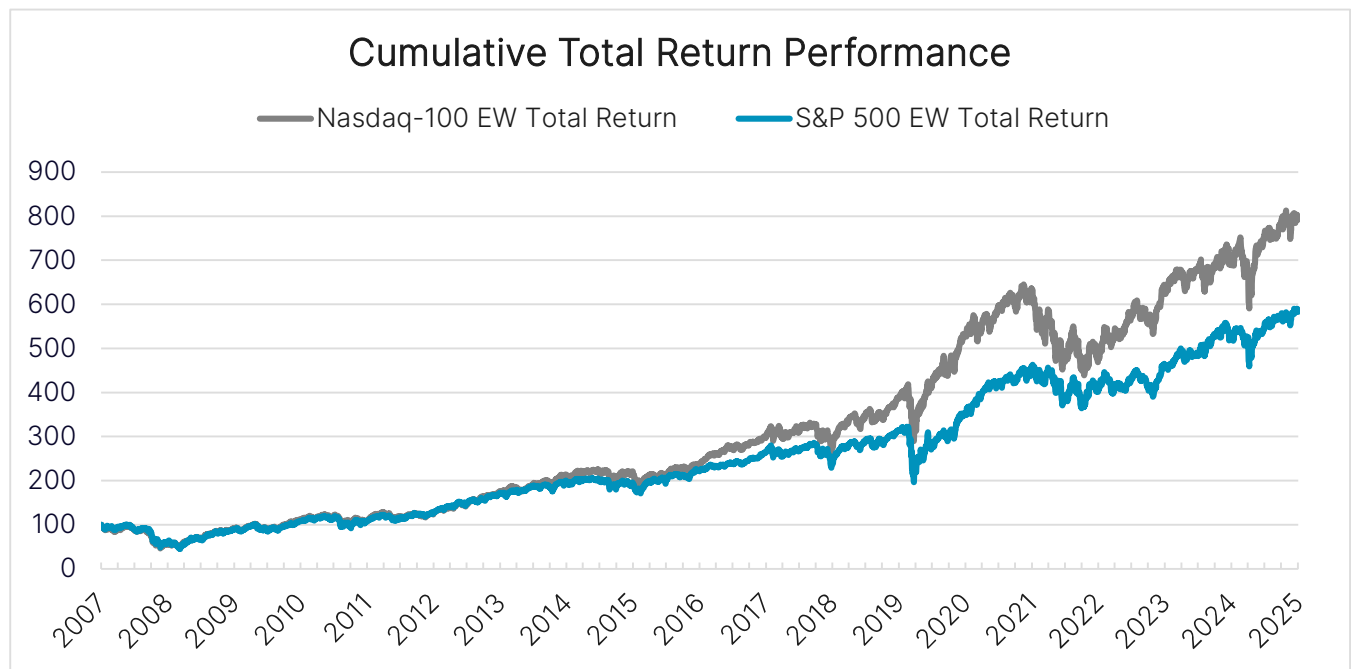


| Time Period | NDX     | XNDX    | NDXE    | NETR    | SPXEW   | SPX     | NDX-NDXE |
|-------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|
| 1 Year      | 20.17%  | 21.02%  | 13.87%  | 14.99%  | 11.43%  | 17.88%  | 6.3%     |
| 3 Years     | 130.81% | 136.34% | 60.46%  | 65.37%  | 43.39%  | 86.11%  | 70.3%    |
| 5 Years     | 95.91%  | 103.76% | 41.31%  | 48.27%  | 64.60%  | 96.16%  | 54.6%    |
| 10 Years    | 449.71% | 503.77% | 229.54% | 264.49% | 202.61% | 298.27% | 220.2%   |

Source: Nasdaq

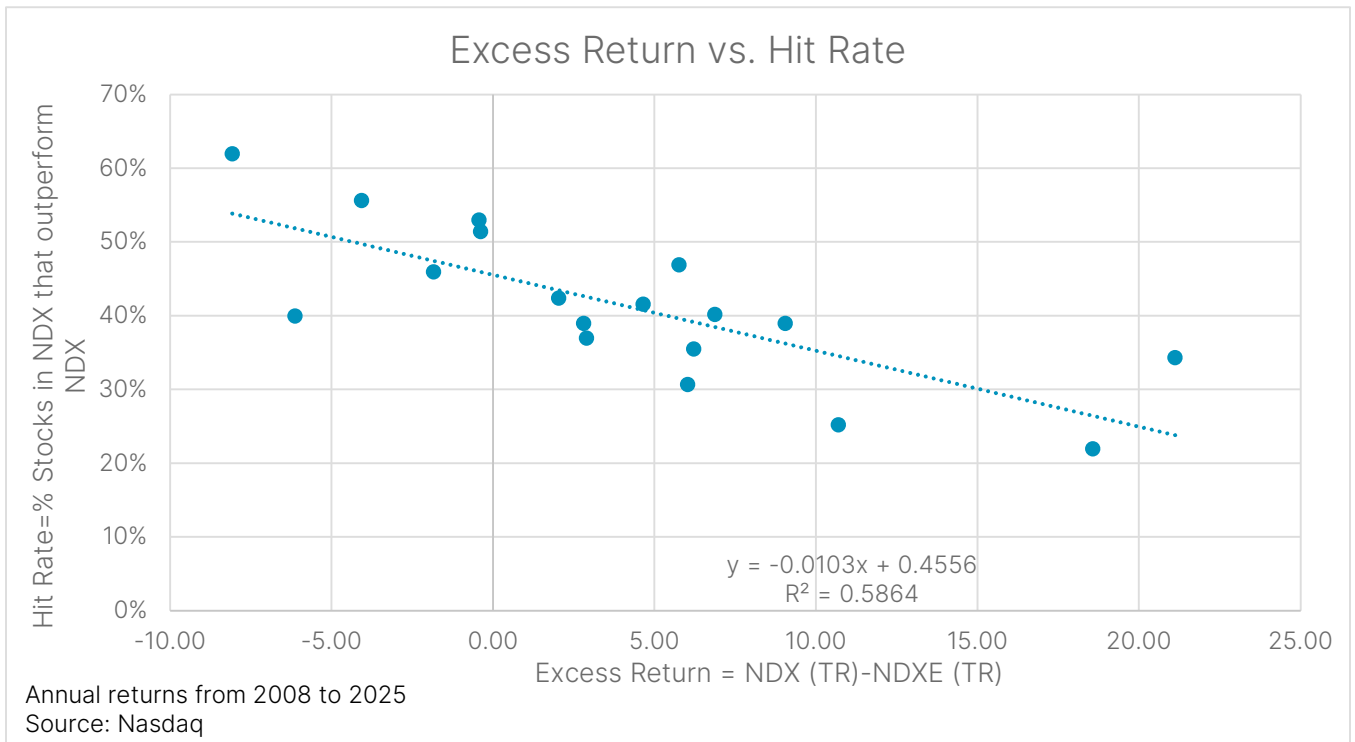
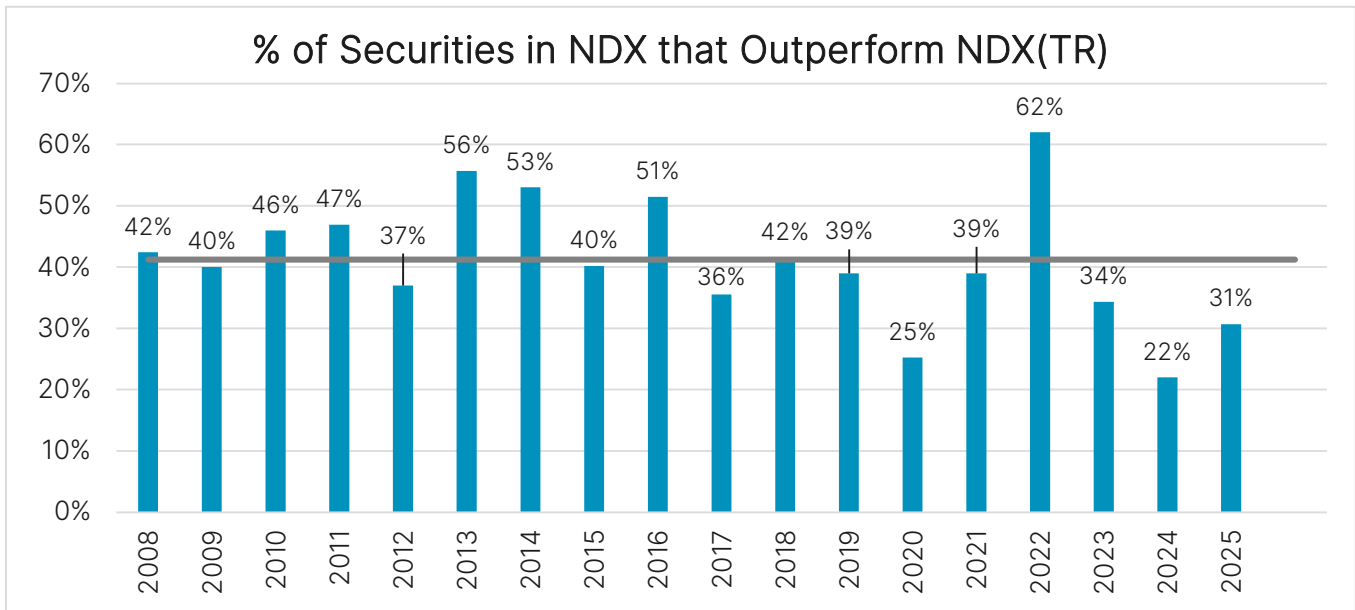
NDX=Nasdaq-100 Index®  
 XNDX=Nasdaq-100 Total Return™  
 NDXE=Nasdaq-100 Equal Weighted™  
 NETR=Nasdaq-100 Equal Weighted Total Return™  
 SPXEW=S&P 500 Equal-Weighted Index  
 SPX=S&P 500

**NDXE outperforms S&P 500 Equal Weight:** Since 2007, NDXE has delivered superior total and annualized returns compared to the S&P 500 Equal-Weighted Index (SPXEW), despite several periods of underperformance. NDXE has outperformed 56% of calendar years since 2007 including by 2.44% in 2025 (Source: Nasdaq, Factset).

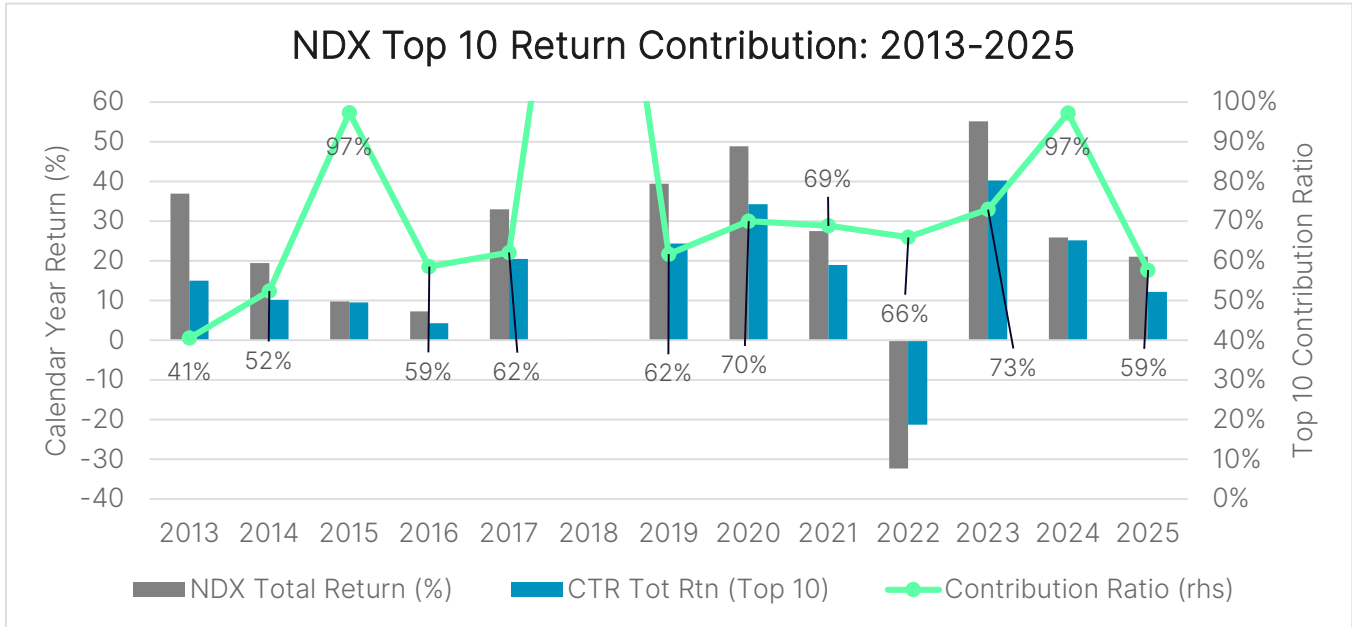


**Performance breadth is low:** The percentage of NDX names outperforming the cap-weighted index rebounded in 2025 to 31% but is still below its long run average, indicating that few stocks drive overall

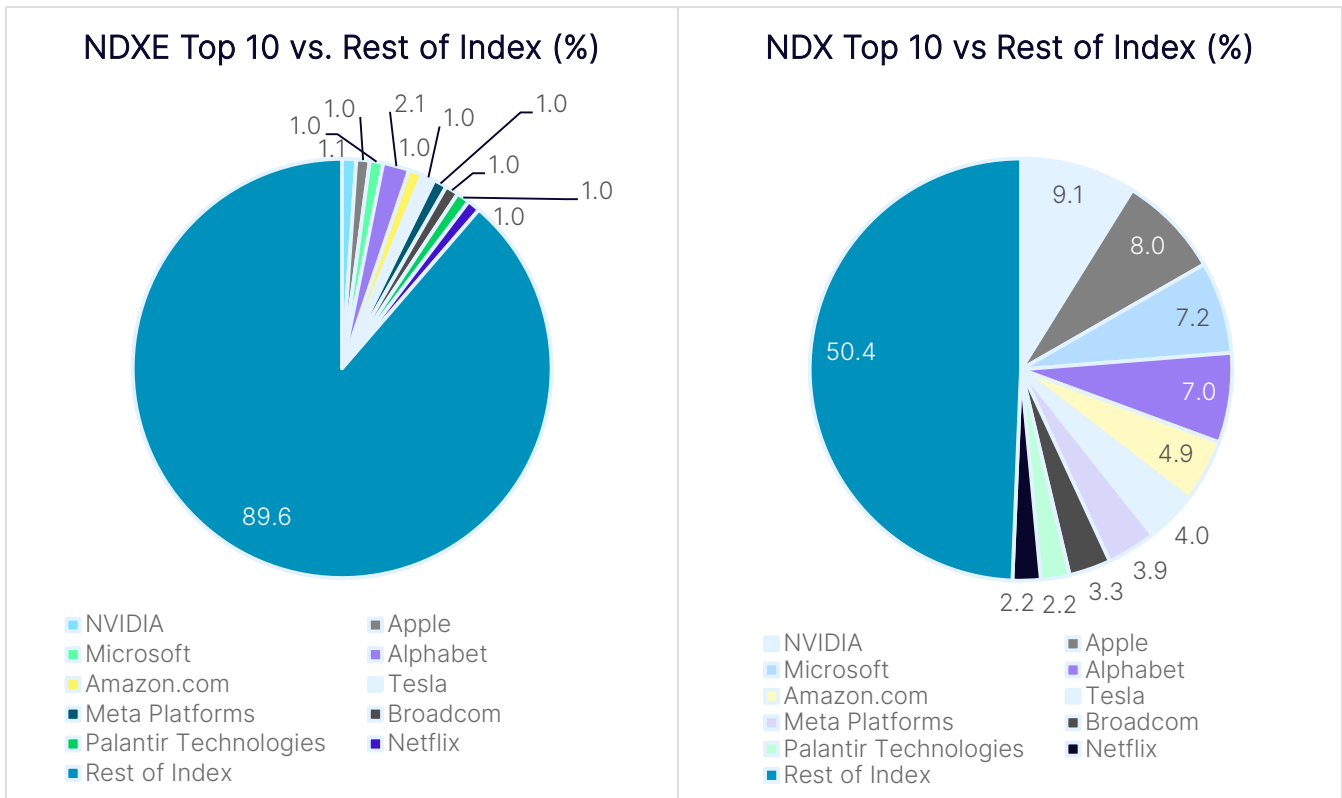
performance. Analyzing annual returns from 2008 to 2025, we see a strong negative correlation between this hit rate and the excess return of NDX over NDXE (Source: Nasdaq).



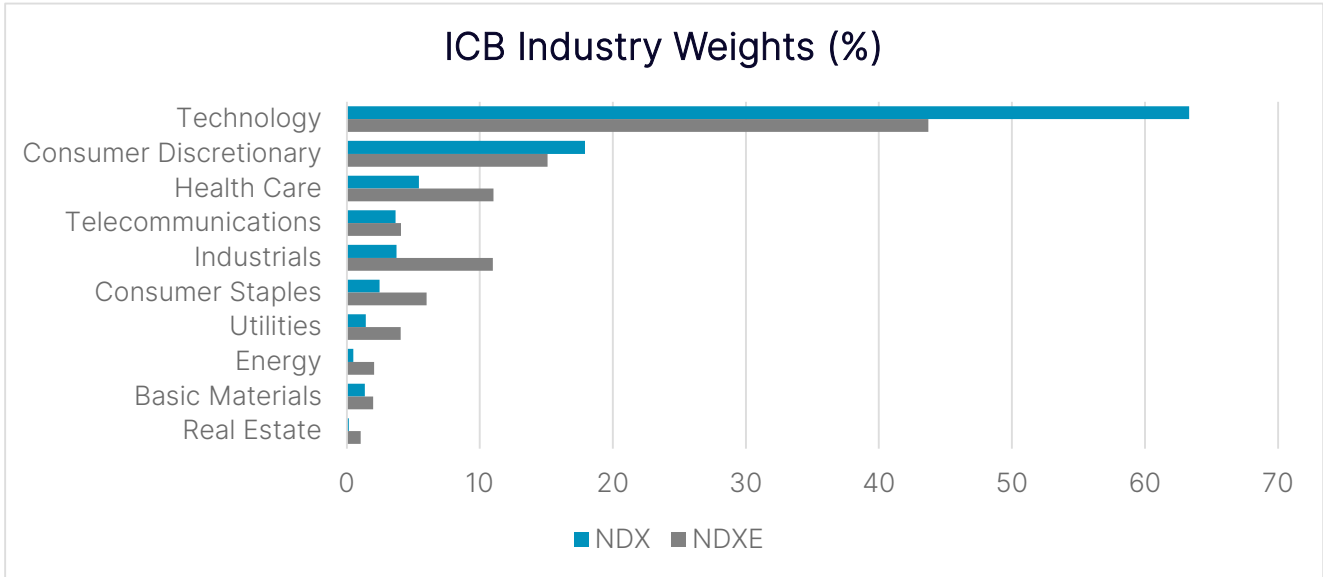
**NDXE reduces return concentration:** In 2025, the top 10 NDX companies contributed 59% of the index’s total return, a decrease from the previous year and below the average of 66% for the prior 10 years. The “Magnificent Seven” plus Broadcom (Nasdaq: AVGO) drove significant gains while NDXE’s return was more modest.



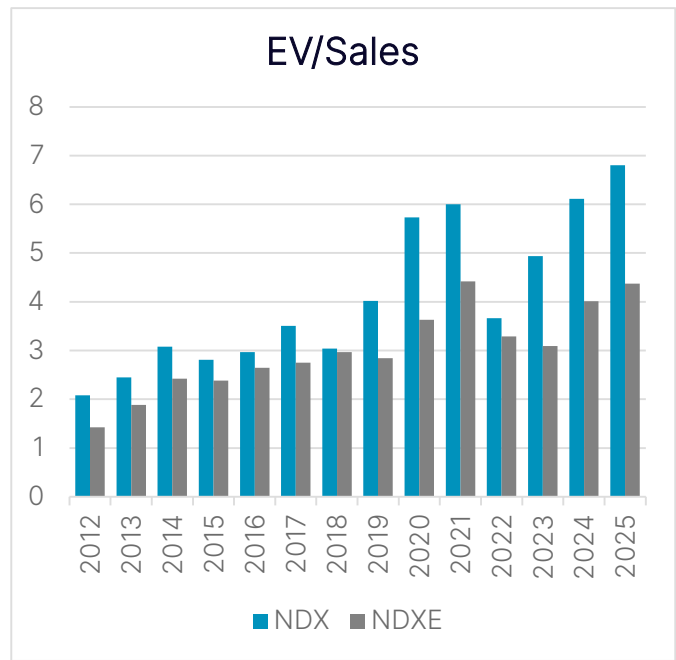
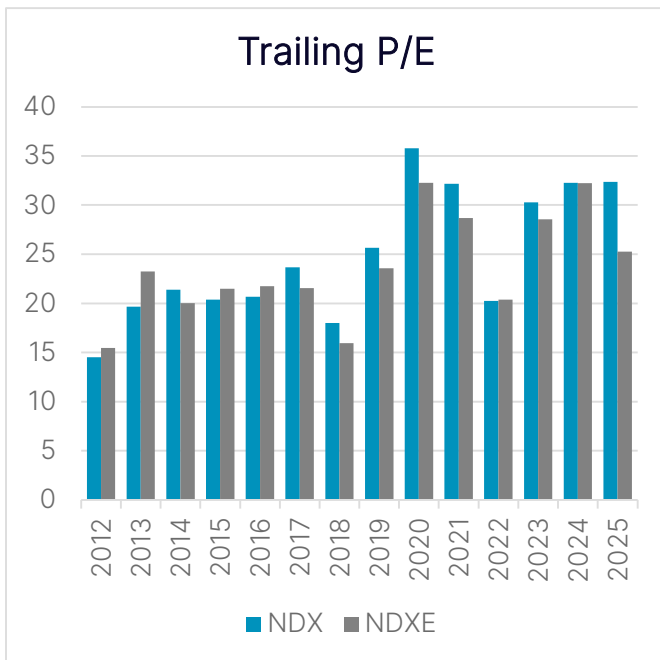
**NDXE reduces concentration risk:** NDXE has about 10% exposure to the 10 largest NDX mega caps compared to 50% for NDX with a much lower weighted average market cap of \$315 billion versus \$1,501 billion for NDX.

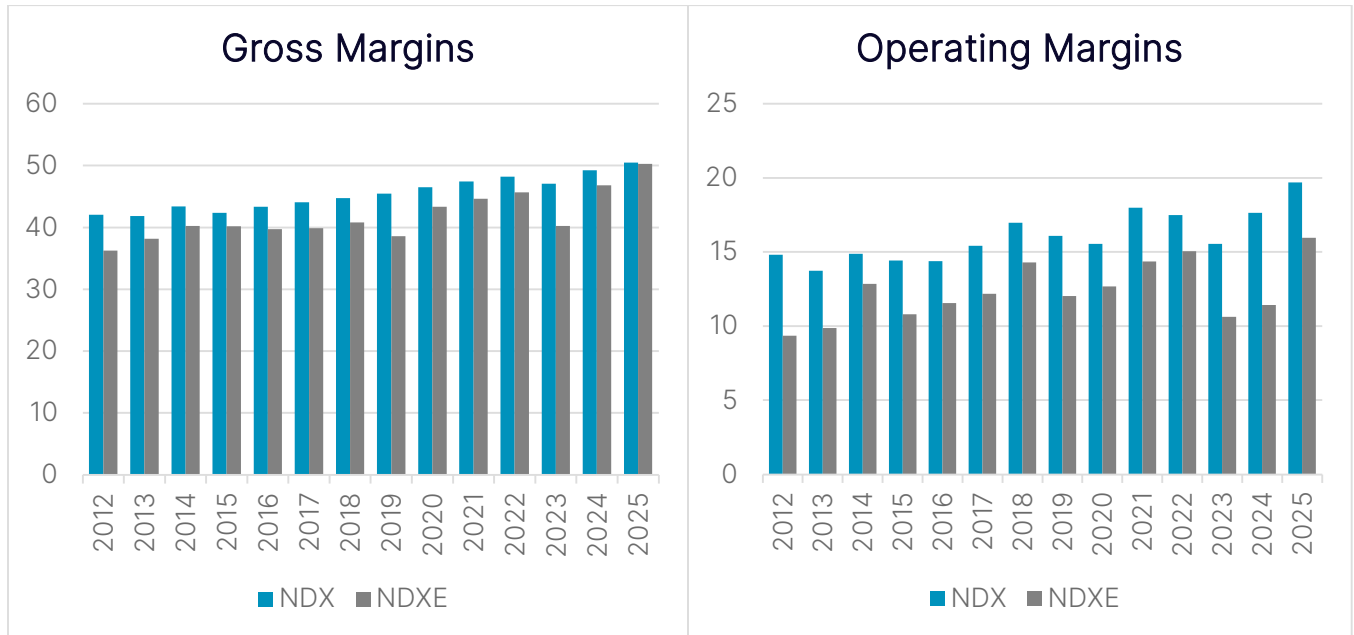


The ICB Industry weight in Technology for NDXE is 44% versus 63% in NDX. NDXE has higher weights in Health Care, Industrials and Consumer Staples.



**Compelling fundamental data:** Valuations are more attractive on metrics like trailing price-to-earnings and enterprise value-to-sales while maintaining comparable gross margins and improving profit margins. In 2025, NDXE achieved gross margins in-line with NDX at over 50% and profit margins increased from 11.4% in 2024 to almost 16% in 2025.





Sources: Nasdaq Global Indexes, FactSet, Bloomberg. All data is as of December 31, 2025.

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