





Adding a custom index to the Price Indexer feature of StockOpter Pro

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Follow these steps to add an index to the PI 

1. Gather historical prices for the range of years desired.
 - a. This data is available from a number of sources for free. Generally I use Yahoo.com.
 - b. The data you need must generally be calculated from the raw historical price information. Specifically, once you download the price info into Excel (an automated feature on Yahoo), you will need to calculate the % change in price from December-to-December for all years you wish to include in the index. For example, the closing price on December 1995 minus the December close 1994 divided by the December 1994 close gives you the % change for 1995.
 - c. Save the results as a separate Excel workbook.
2. Once you've calculated the annual price changes for the years in question, you will need to copy and paste them into the SOPro workbook you are going to use for your models.
 - a. To do this, open the SOPro workbook you are using
 - b. Go to the PriceIndices  worksheet and click Add Index on the toolbar.
 - c. Go to File/Open on the menu and open your annual price changes workbook.
 - d. Copy and paste historical % change numbers from this workbook into the PriceIndices  worksheet of SOPro. Alternatively, you can manually enter this information on the blank line by transcribing the numbers from one workbook to the other.
3. Go to a case sheet and open the PI . The new index should now be available for application on the case sheet.