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VALUE INVESTING: WHAT HISTORY SAYS ABOUT FIVE-YEAR PERIODS AFTER VALUATION PEAKS

We are Talking About **Systematic** Value Investing

> Charlie, should we buy tech?

Warren Buffett

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What does history say about five-year periods after valuation peaks
Value Investing Post Internet Bubble: 1/1/2000 to 12/31/2004

Statistics Comparison

- SP500 INDEX
- US VALUE EBIT/TEV EW
- MSCI EAFE INDEX
- DEV. INTL VALUE EBIT/TEV EW

CAGR

-2.30%

-1.13%

27.66%

21.64%

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Value Investing Post GFC: 1/1/2009 to 12/31/2013

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Value has done well YTD, is the run over?

(Has the “value” of value dropped?)
The “Value” of Value is still at All-Time Levels

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98th percentile

Value Spread (Z-Score)

Jan-90 Jan-94 Jan-98 Jan-02 Jan-06 Jan-10 Jan-14 Jan-18 Jan-22

Value Spread (Z-Score)

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What do our Value indices look like now?

(Compared to the market)
Current Valuation Spreads are Large

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- Simulated Historical Performance: All returns are total returns and include the reinvestment of distributions (e.g., dividends).
- Index Characteristics Data Source: Characteristics are from FactSet and derived via the ETFs that track the respective indexes. Characteristics are holdings-weighted. The data for the performance and factor attribution analysis are from Alpha Architect and Solactive.
- The S&P 500 Index (SP500) is a capitalization-weighted index that measures the performance of the broad U.S. equity market.
- The MSCI EAFE Index (EAFE) is a capitalization-weighted index that measures the performance of developed market equities, excluding the U.S. and Canada.
- The MSCI World Index is a capitalization-weighted index that measures the performance of developed market equities.
- EBIT/TEV is defined as earnings before interest and taxes divided by total enterprise value.
- Momentum (2-12) is defined as the cumulative total return for the past 12 months, excluding the last (12th) month.
- Size is defined as the total market value of the company's listed equity.
- Return on assets is defined as net income divided by total assets.
- Compound annualized growth rate, or CAGR, is defined as the annualized growth of an initial investment to the ending investment value if you assume that the investment has been compounding over the time period.
- Standard Deviation: Sample standard deviation
- Downside Deviation: Sample standard deviation, but only monthly observations below 41.67bps (5%/12) are included in the calculation
- Sharpe Ratio (annualized): Average monthly return minus treasury bills divided by standard deviation
- Sortino Ratio (annualized): Average monthly return minus treasury bills divided by downside deviation
- Appraisal Ratio (annualized): CAPM regression intercept estimate divided by regression residual volatility
- Worst Drawdown: Worst peak to trough performance (measured based on monthly returns)
- Rolling X-Year Win %: Percentage of rolling X periods that a strategy outperforms
- Sum (5-Year Rolling MaxDD): Sum of all 5-Year rolling drawdowns
- Down %: The Down Number Ratio is a measure of the number of periods that the investment was down when the benchmark was down, divided by the number of periods that the benchmark was down. The smaller the ratio, the better
- Up %: The Up Number Ratio is a measure of the number of periods that the investment was up when the benchmark was up, divided by the number of periods that the benchmark was up. The larger the ratio, the better
- Tracking Error: Tracking Error is measured by taking the square root of the average of the squared deviations between the investment's returns and the benchmark's returns
- Negative Correlation: Correlation of returns relative to benchmark returns when the benchmark is negative
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