How smart is Smart Beta?

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Presentation overview



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Traditional indices

Passive investment options

Potential higher weighting to overvalued shares and underweighting shares that could offer good value

Market cap weighted index

Liquidity risk in small cap shares – equally weighted index

Equally weighted index



25% -20% -15% -10% -5% -0% -Share A Share B Share C Share D

Passive compared to active management

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The debate



Global exchange-traded fund market

Continues to grow compound annual growth rate at 24%



Source: <u>globalxetfs.com</u> (Citing sources from Bloomberg, Morningstar and Statista.com)

Quick survey

What is the percentage split between active vs passive assets under management ?





Global exchange-traded fund market

Demand for alpha



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Source: Visualcapitalist.com

Definitions

Different definitions based on your source of information

Shares weighted according to investment styles

Source: smartbetafieldguide.com



Term first coined by Towers Watson. Characteristics should include:

- Transparency
- Systematic methodology

Lower risk, as overvalued shares with higher market cap will have not have high weighting in the index

Smart beta concept

The best of both worlds

Passive investing

Market return Low fees

Smart Active

beta

management

Rules-basedActive managementLower feesHigher fees

Growing interest

Increasing adoption rates



Source: FTSE Russell. Global smart beta surveys of asset owners, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018

A growing trend

- 1195 Smart beta exchange-traded funds (ETFs) in the US market with total assets under management of about \$1.5 trillion
- Strong market share gains since 2010
- Five-year CAGR of smart beta ETFs was 32% compared to 21% for cap-weighted funds



Smart beta factors

Most common factors of smart beta exchange-traded funds

Momentum

Shares that have done well continue to outperform

Quality

Strong balance sheet and high return on equity



Value

Share prices trading below book value

Low volatility

Least volatile shares to outperform over long periods

Source: Momentum Investments

Smart beta factors

Returns over investment cycles



Source: Momentum Investments

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Multi-factor

Smoothing investment returns

Construction

- Allocation to factor portfolios or share selection based on different factors
 Benefits
- Diversification between different factors
- Smoother return profile compared to single factors

Momentum



Multi-factor

Growing number of portfolios and assets under management



Source: Morningstar direct data at 30 April 2018

Retirement fund adoption: 127 retirement fund investment managers surveyed in 20 countries



Source: EFT stream.com, CREATE research

Investment returns

Momentum Trending Equity Fund since inception compared to the Capped FTSE/JSE Shareholder-weighted Index



Sources: Morningstar and Momentum Investments

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Investment returns

Momentum Value Equity Fund since inception compared to the Capped FTSE/JSE Shareholder-weighted Index



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Multi-factor simulation

Smoothing investment returns



	Value	Quality	Momentum	Mulitfactor
Tracking error	4.60%	3.60%	4.10%	3.90%
Access historical return	0.38%	1.34%	1.21%	1.25%

Sources: Research affiliates, CRSP/Compustat and Worldscope/Datastream



Smart beta fees positioned between active and passives portfolios



Source: Morningstar – Annual fund fee study

Investment flows

Lower fees attract inflows



Source: Morningstar – Annual US fund fee study

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A 'BETA' way to your investment goal



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