
A Different Way to Invest

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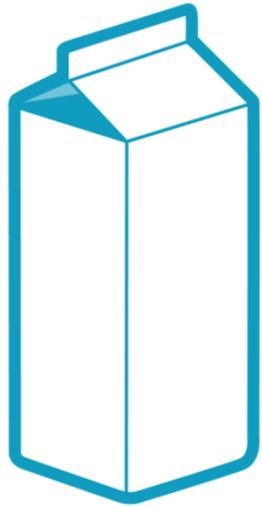
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Why Invest?

Your Money Today Will Likely Buy Less Tomorrow

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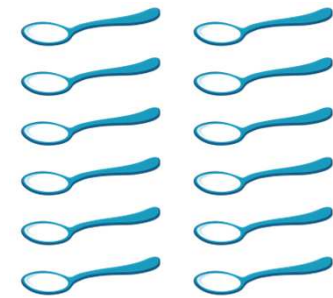
\$0.16 = Quart of milk

1969



\$0.16 = 2 Cups of milk

2019



\$0.16 = 12 Tablespoons of milk

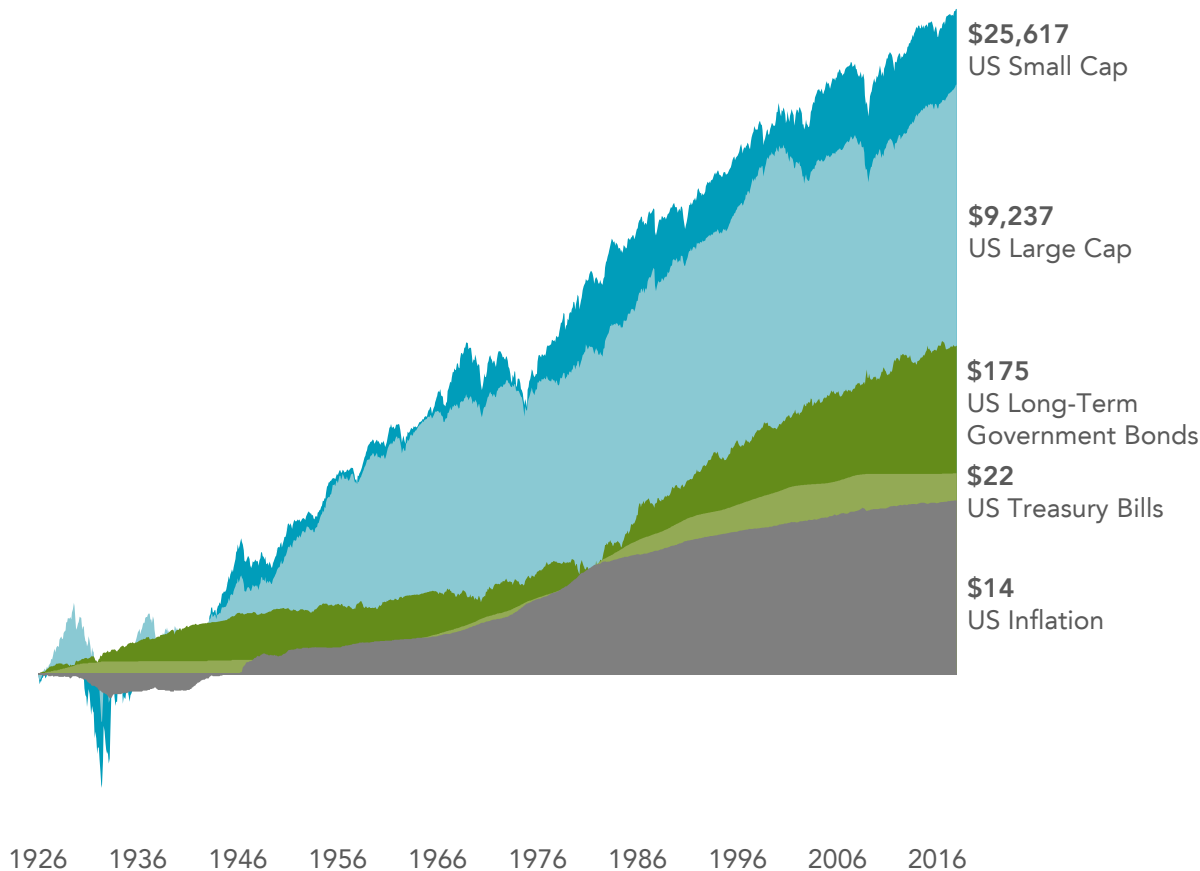
Investing means taking risks.

Not
investing means taking risks,
too.

Let Markets Work for You

Growth of a Dollar, 1926–2019 (compounded monthly)

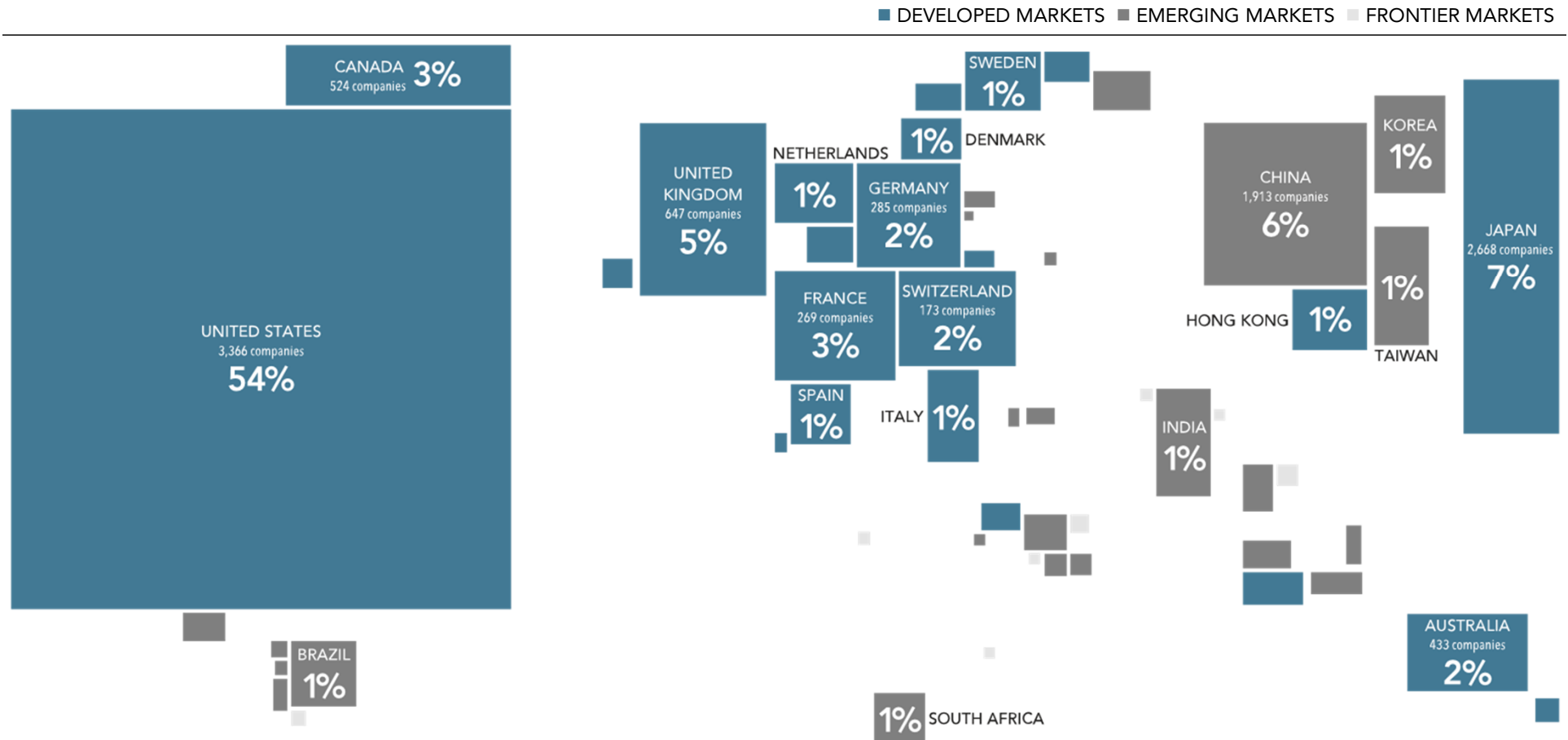
The financial markets have rewarded long-term investors. People expect a positive return on the capital they supply, and historically, the equity and bond markets have provided growth of wealth that has more than offset inflation.



In USD. US Small Cap is the CRSP 6–10 Index. US Large Cap is the S&P 500 Index. Long-Term Government Bonds is the IA SBBI US LT Govt TR USD. Treasury Bills is the IA SBBI US 30 Day TBill TR USD. US Inflation is measured as changes in the US Consumer Price Index. CRSP data is provided by the Center for Research in Security Prices, University of Chicago. S&P data © 2020 S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC, a division of S&P Global. All rights reserved. Long-term government bonds and Treasury bills data provided by Ibbotson Associates via Morningstar Direct. US Consumer Price Index data is provided by the US Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics. Indices are not available for direct investment. Their performance does not reflect the expenses associated with the management of an actual portfolio. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

There's a World of Opportunity in Equities

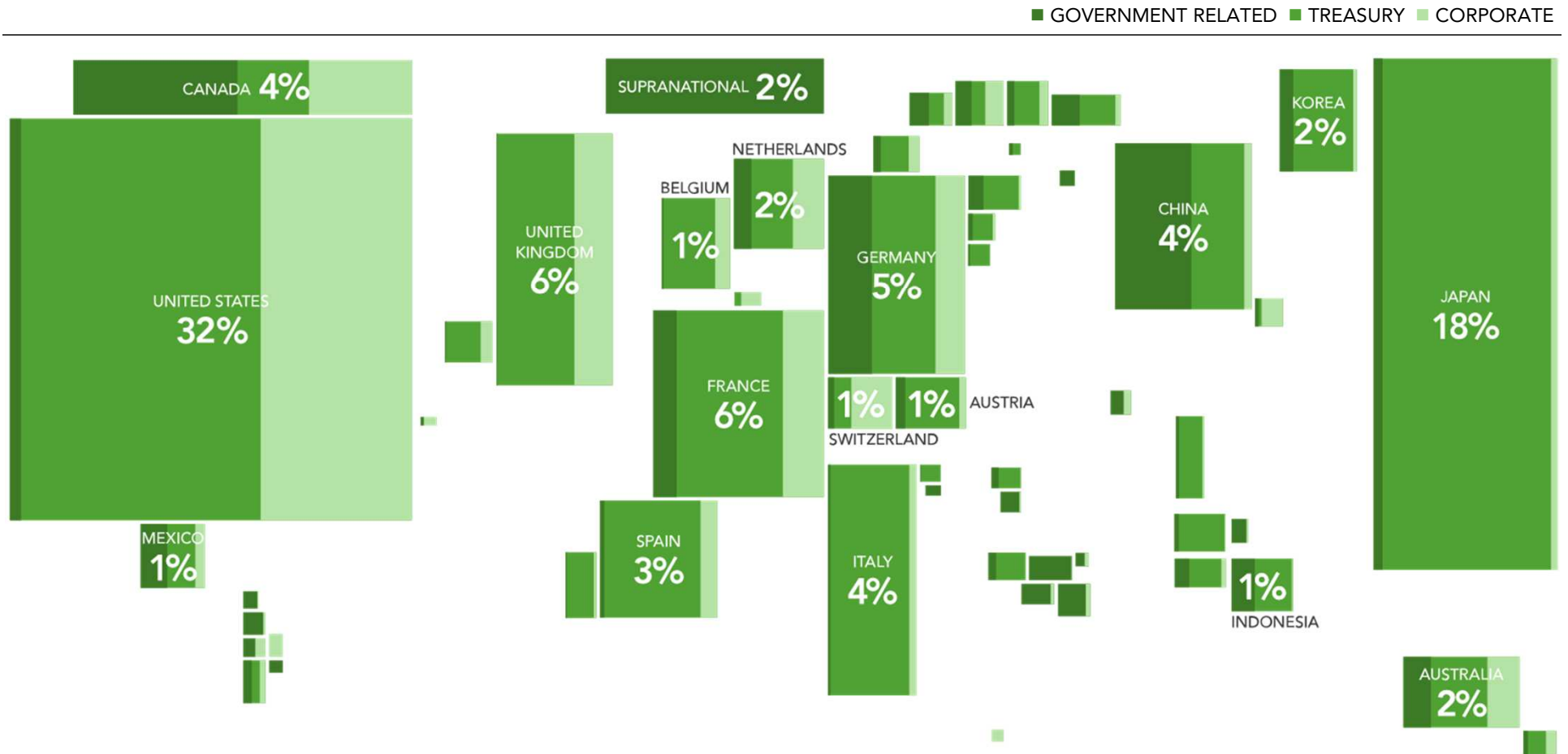
Percent of world market capitalization as of December 31, 2019



In US dollars. Market cap data is free-float adjusted and meets minimum liquidity and listing requirements. Dimensional makes case-by-case determinations about the suitability of investing in each emerging market, making considerations that include local market accessibility, government stability, and property rights before making investments. China market capitalisation excludes A-shares, which are generally only available to mainland China investors. Many nations not displayed. Totals may not equal 100% due to rounding. For educational purposes; should not be used as investment advice. Data provided by Bloomberg.

There's a World of Opportunity in Fixed Income

Percent of global investment grade bond market as of December 31, 2019



How Do Many People Invest?

They Try to Predict the Future



“I have a proven system for picking winning stocks.”

“That sector will continue advancing through next year.”

“The market is primed for a retreat.”

They Act on Impulse

“I can’t take this bear market—
I’m getting out!”



“Everyone’s making money—I want
a piece of the action.”

They Bet their Savings on Tips and Hunches



"I heard it on cable news.
I'd better sell!"

"I got a hot tip from my neighbor.
It's a slam dunk."

"My friend works in the industry—
he's got the inside scoop."

They Are Swayed by the Media

“The Death of Equities”

Business Week, 08/13/1979

**“The Crash of ’98
Can the US Economy Hold Up?”**

FORTUNE, 09/28/1998

**“Retire Rich – A Simple
Plan to Have it All”**

FORTUNE, 08/16/1999

**“How to Reach
\$1 Million”**

Money, 08/2012

What Have We Learned?

Many of the Greatest Advancements in Finance Have Come from Academia

1952
**Diversification
and
Portfolio Risk**

HARRY MARKOWITZ
Nobel Prize in
Economics, 1990

1966
**Efficient Markets
Hypothesis**

EUGENE FAMA
Nobel Prize in
Economics, 2013

1984
**Term Structure
of Interest Rates**

EUGENE FAMA

2012
Profitability

ROBERT NOVY-MARX
EUGENE FAMA
KENNETH FRENCH

1964
**Single-Factor
Asset Pricing
Risk/Return Model**

WILLIAM SHARPE
Nobel Prize in
Economics, 1990

1981
The Size Effect

ROLF BANZ

1992–1993
**Value Effect
and Multifactor
Asset Pricing Model**

EUGENE FAMA
KENNETH FRENCH

Together, We Know More Than We Do Alone



Participants were asked to estimate the number of jelly beans in a jar.

Range: 409-5,365

Average: 1,653

Actual: 1,670

Markets Integrate the Combined Knowledge of All Participants



The market is an effective information-processing machine. Millions of participants buy and sell securities in the world markets every day, and the real-time information they bring helps set prices.

What is the Best Way to Invest?

There Are Differing Approaches

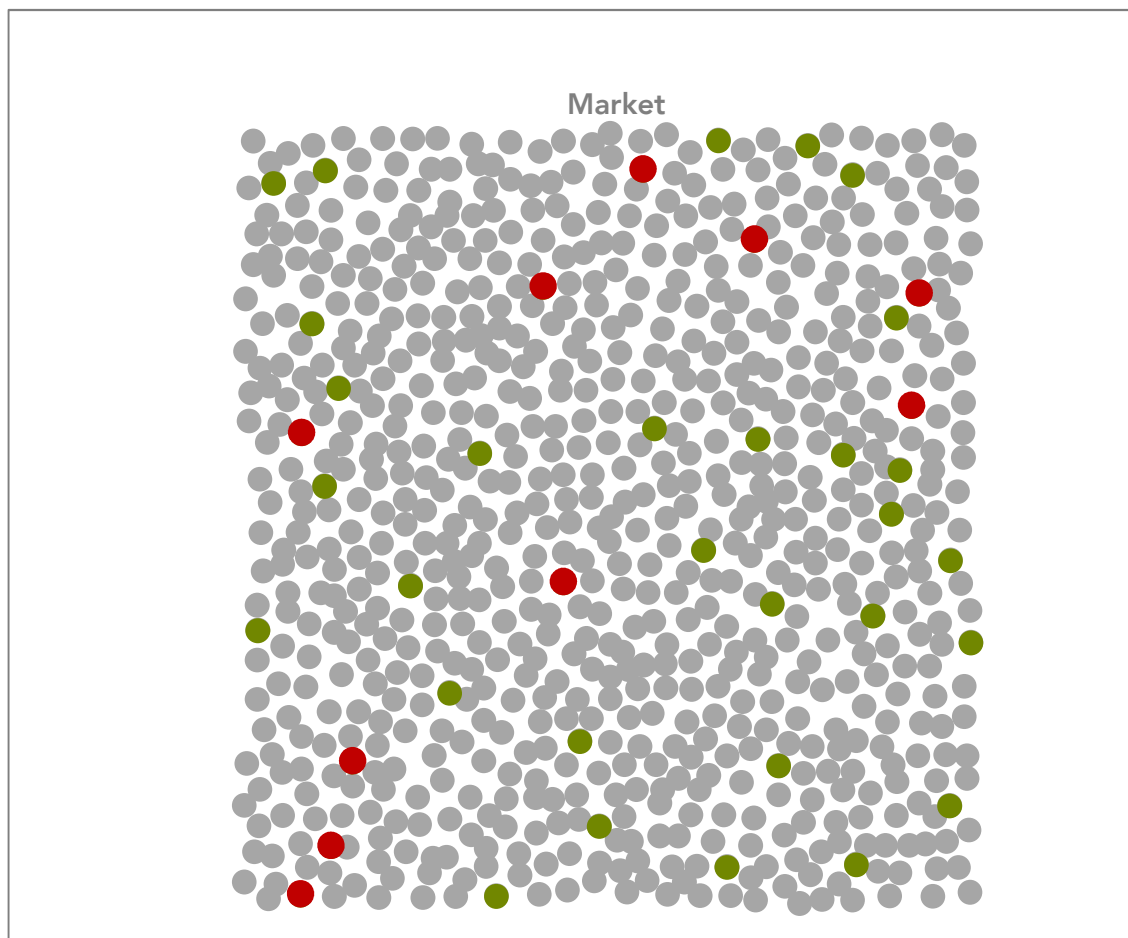
CONVENTIONAL MANAGEMENT

Attempts to identify mispricing in securities

Relies on forecasting to select “undervalued” securities or time markets

Generates higher expenses, trading costs, and risks

The Conventional Approach Attempts to Outguess the Market



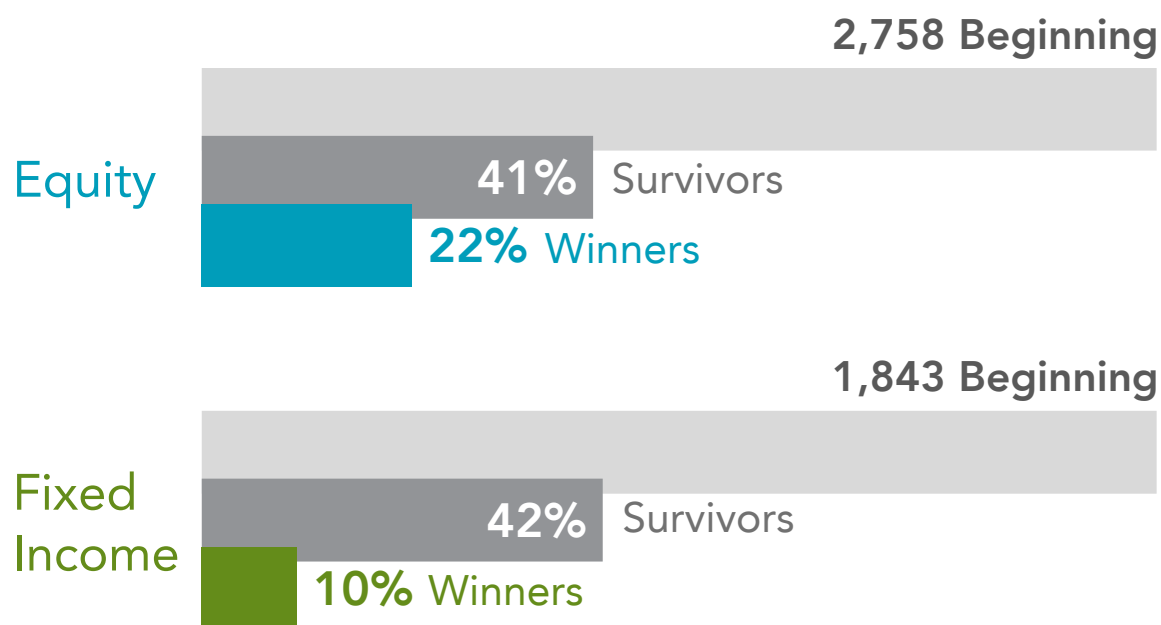
Buys a selection of individual securities manager thinks will outperform.

Sells securities when deemed overvalued.

Can lead to high turnover and excess costs.

Conventional Attempts to Outguess the Market Have Low Odds of Success

US-Based Mutual Fund Performance, 2000–2019



The market's pricing power works against mutual fund managers who try to outperform through stock picking or market timing. As evidence, only 22% of US equity mutual funds and 10% of fixed income funds have survived and outperformed their benchmarks over the past 20 years.

The sample includes funds at the beginning of the 20-year period ending December 31, 2019. Each fund is evaluated relative to its respective primary prospectus benchmark as of the end of the evaluation period. Surviving funds are those with return observations for every month of the evaluation period. Winner funds are those that survived and whose cumulative net return over the period exceeded that of their respective primary prospectus benchmark. Loser funds are funds that did not survive the period or whose cumulative net return did not exceed that of their respective primary prospectus benchmark. Where the full series of primary prospectus benchmark returns is unavailable, non-Dimensional funds are instead evaluated relative to the Morningstar category index assigned to the fund's category at the start of the evaluation period. US-domiciled, USD-denominated, non-Dimensional open-end mutual fund data is provided by Morningstar. Equity fund sample includes the Morningstar historical categories: Diversified Emerging Markets, Europe Stock, Foreign Large Blend, Foreign Large Growth, Foreign Large Value, Foreign Small/Mid Blend, Foreign Small/Mid Growth, Foreign Small/Mid Value, Global Real Estate, Japan Stock, Large Blend, Large Growth, Large Value, Mid-Cap Blend, Mid-Cap Growth, Mid-Cap Value, Miscellaneous Region, Pacific/Asia ex-Japan Stock, Real Estate, Small Blend, Small Growth, Small Value, World Large Stock, and World Small/Mid Stock. Fixed income fund sample includes the Morningstar historical categories: Corporate Bond, High Yield Bond, Inflation-Protected Bond, Intermediate Core Bond, Intermediate Core-Plus Bond, Intermediate Government, Long Government, Muni California Intermediate, Muni California Long, Muni Massachusetts, Muni Minnesota, Muni National Intermediate, Muni National Long, Muni National Short, Muni New Jersey, Muni New York Intermediate, Muni New York Long, Muni Ohio, Muni Pennsylvania, Muni Single State Intermediate, Muni Single State Long, Muni Single State Short, Muni Target Maturity, Short Government, Short-Term Bond, Target Maturity, Ultrashort Bond, World Bond, and World Bond-USD Hedged. See Dimensional's *Mutual Fund Landscape 2020* for more detail. Index data provided by Bloomberg Barclays, MSCI, Russell, FTSE Fixed Income LLC, and S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC. Bloomberg Barclays data provided by Bloomberg. MSCI data © MSCI 2020, all rights reserved. Frank Russell Company is the source and owner of the trademarks, service marks, and copyrights related to the Russell Indexes. FTSE fixed income indices © 2020 FTSE Fixed Income LLC. All rights reserved. S&P data © 2020 S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC, a division of S&P Global. All rights reserved. Indices are not available for direct investment. Their performance does not reflect the expenses associated with management of an actual portfolio. There is no guarantee investment strategies will be successful. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

There Are Differing Approaches

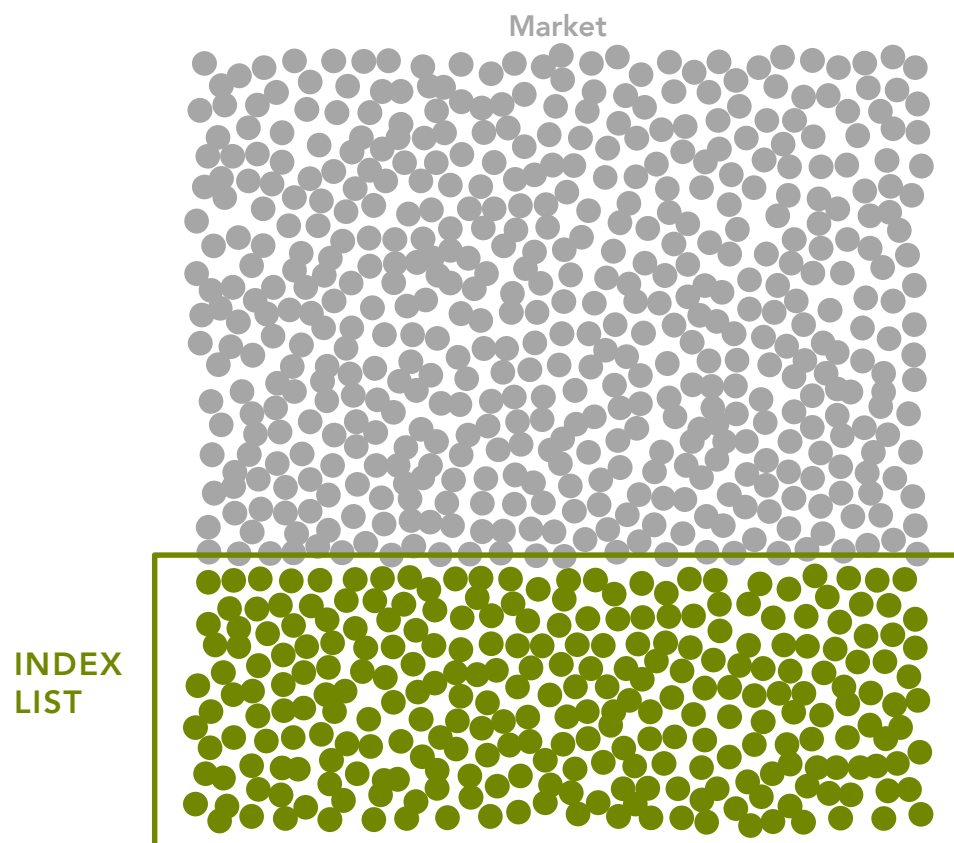
INDEXING

Allows commercial index to determine strategy

Attempts to match index performance, restricting which securities to hold and when to trade

Prioritizes low tracking error over higher expected returns

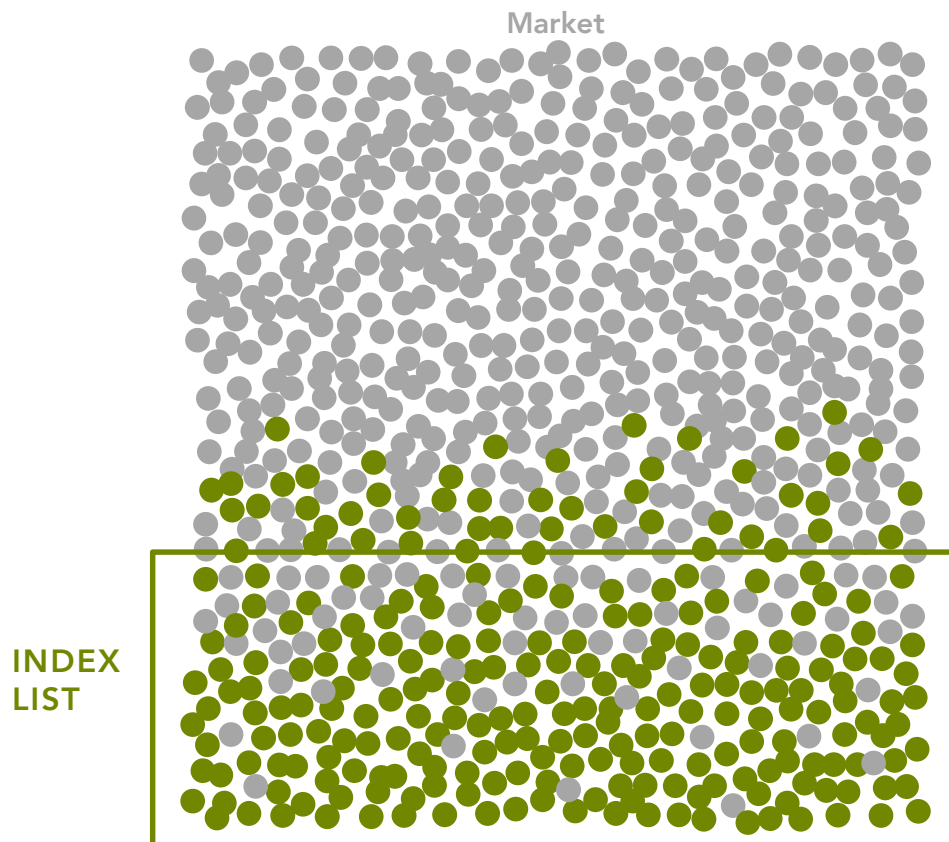
The Indexing Approach Attempts to Match the Returns of a Commercial Benchmark



Holds a basket of securities represented in the index.

Buys and sells the same securities at the same time as all other funds tracking the index.

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Six months later:

Securities have moved in and out of the index's targeted range

As a result, your investment may have drifted from what you intended.

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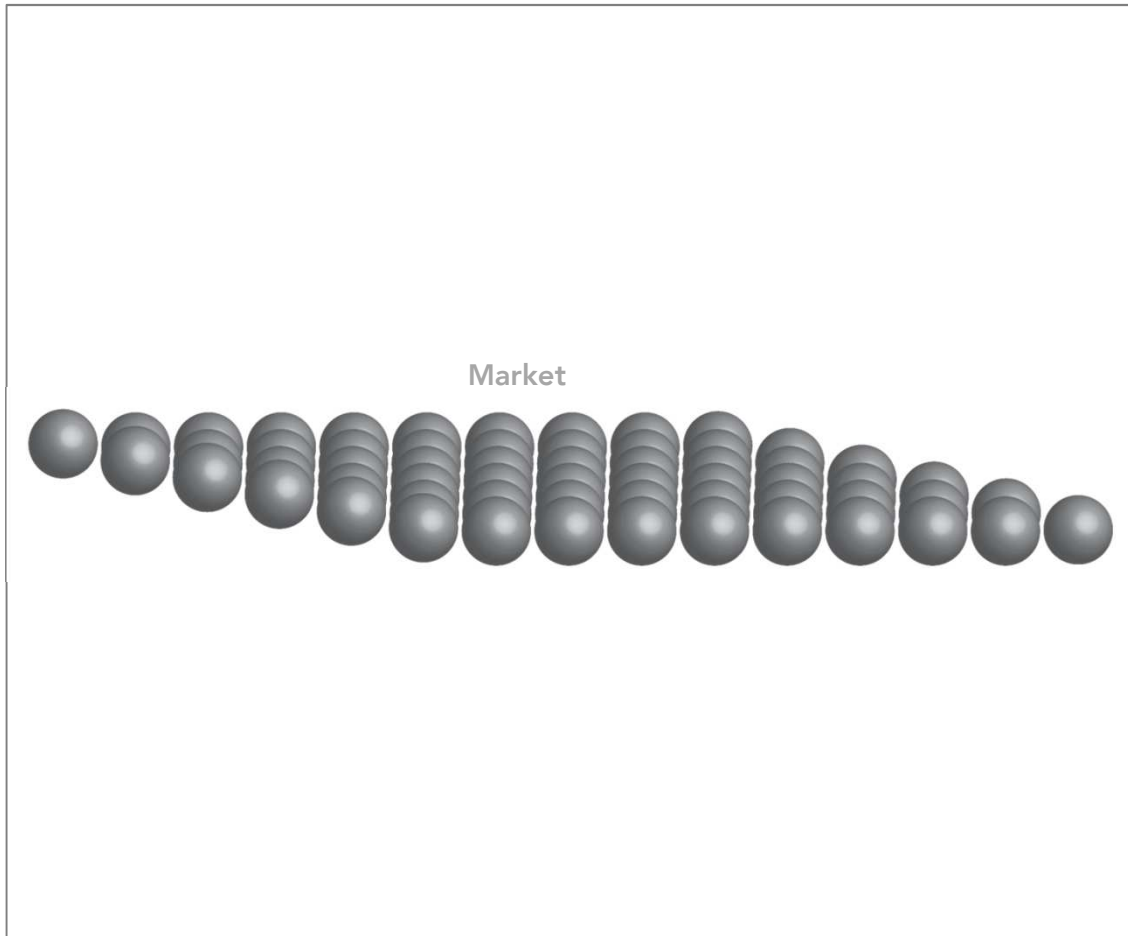
DIMENSIONAL

Gains insights about markets and returns from academic research

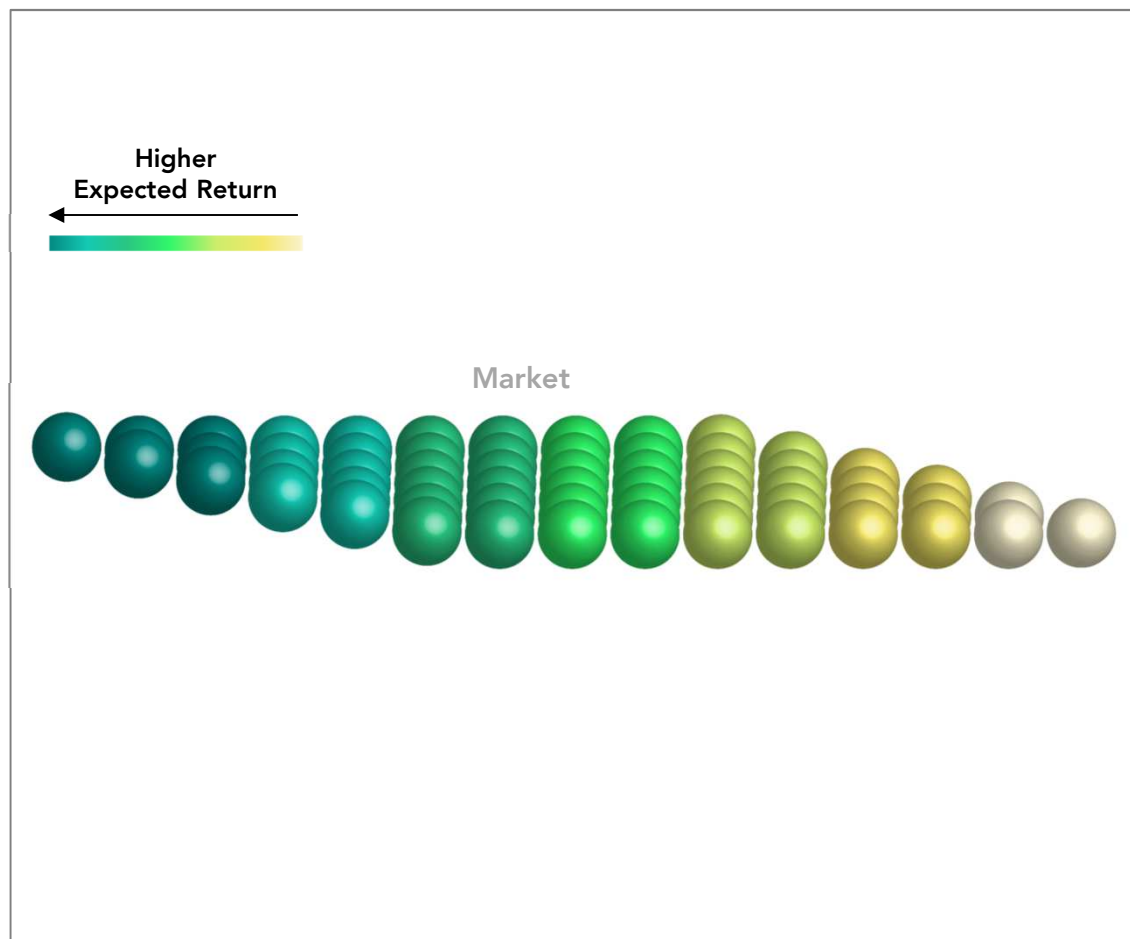
Structures portfolios along the dimensions of expected returns

Adds value by integrating research, portfolio management, and trading

We See the Market in a Different Dimension

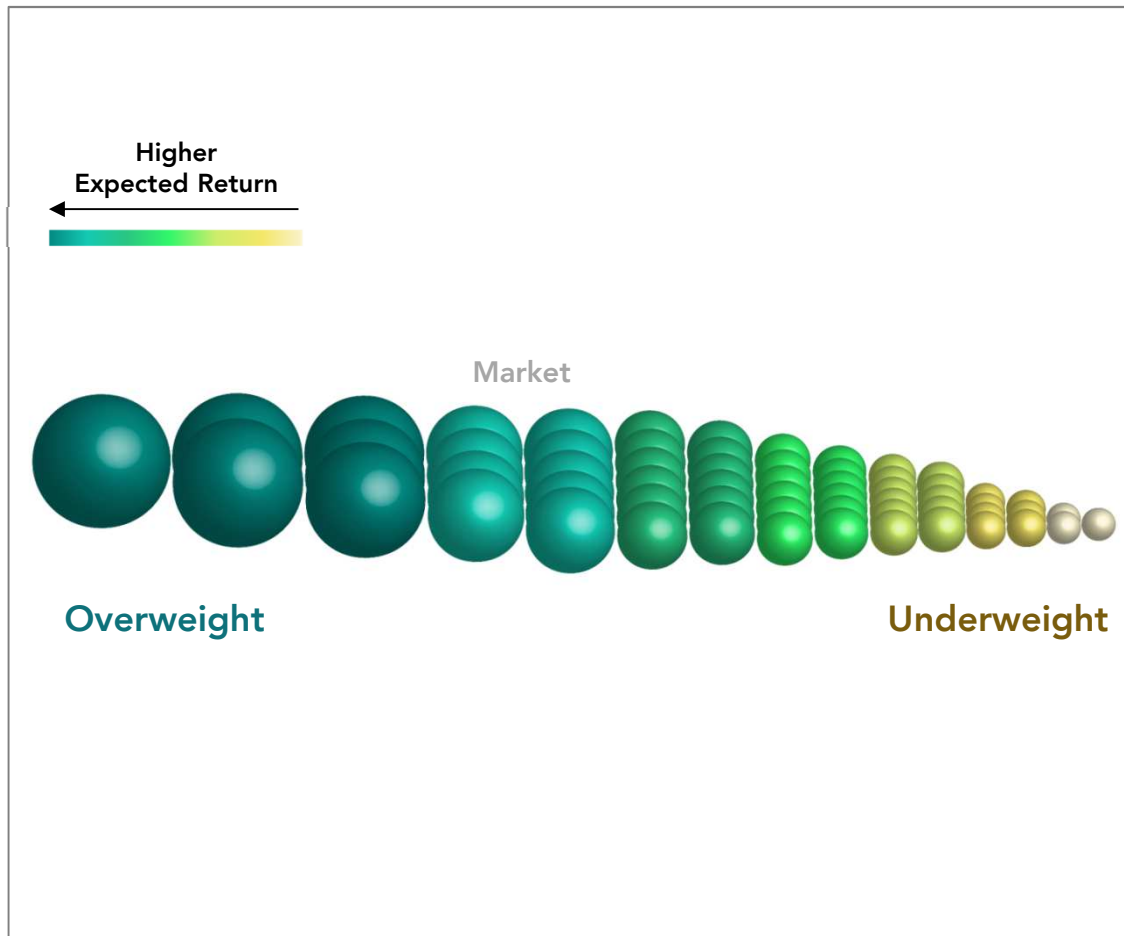


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Decades of academic research and rigorous testing help us identify relevant dimensions that point to [differences in expected returns](#).

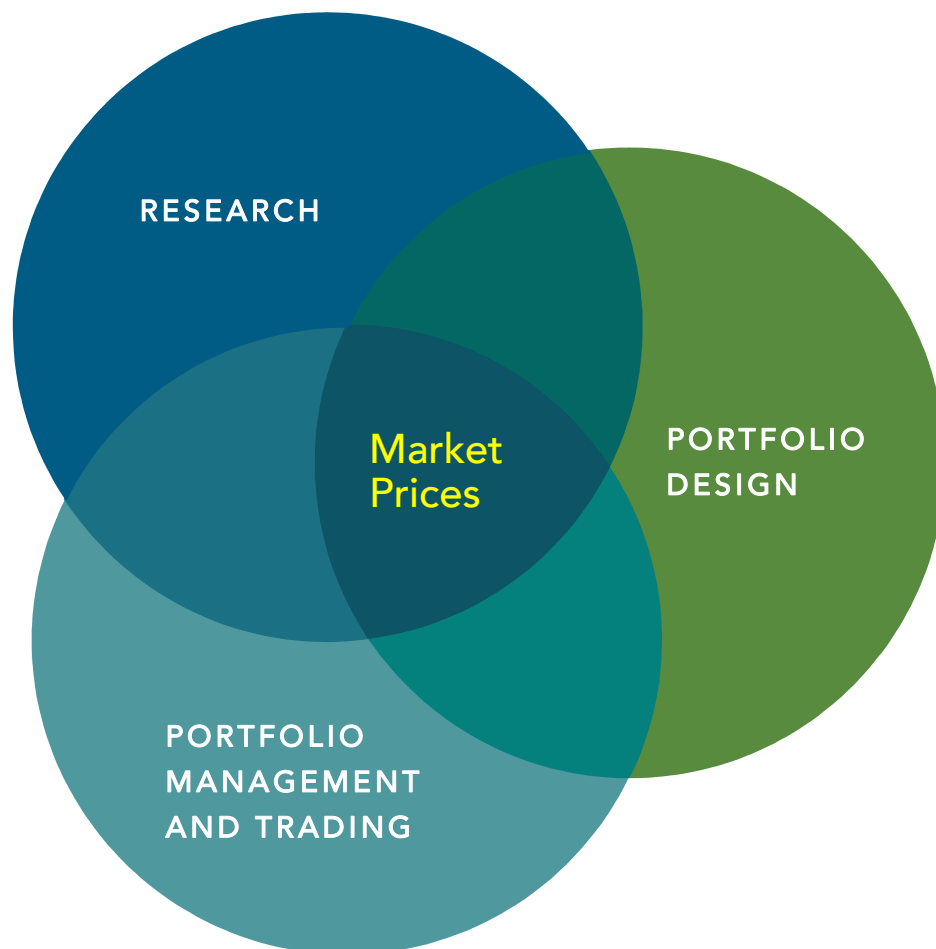
Dimensional Structures Portfolios Along Dimensions of Expected Returns



Within well-diversified portfolios, we **emphasize** areas of the market with higher expected return potential.

An Integrated Approach to Investing

We stay focused on seeking higher expected returns to add value over benchmarks and peers



Research

Use information in current market prices and fundamental data to identify systematic differences in expected returns among securities.

Portfolio Design

Target dimensions of expected returns while considering the interactions among premiums, diversification, and costs.

Portfolio Management and Trading

Use current market prices to maintain a daily focus on premiums and balance tradeoffs. Create flexibility in trading to pursue favorable execution prices.

Balancing Investment Tradeoffs

Dimensional designs strategies to reduce the total cost of pursuing expected returns

INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY

A



B



CONDITIONS

Broad diversification and patient, flexible trading lead to **lower turnover and costs**.

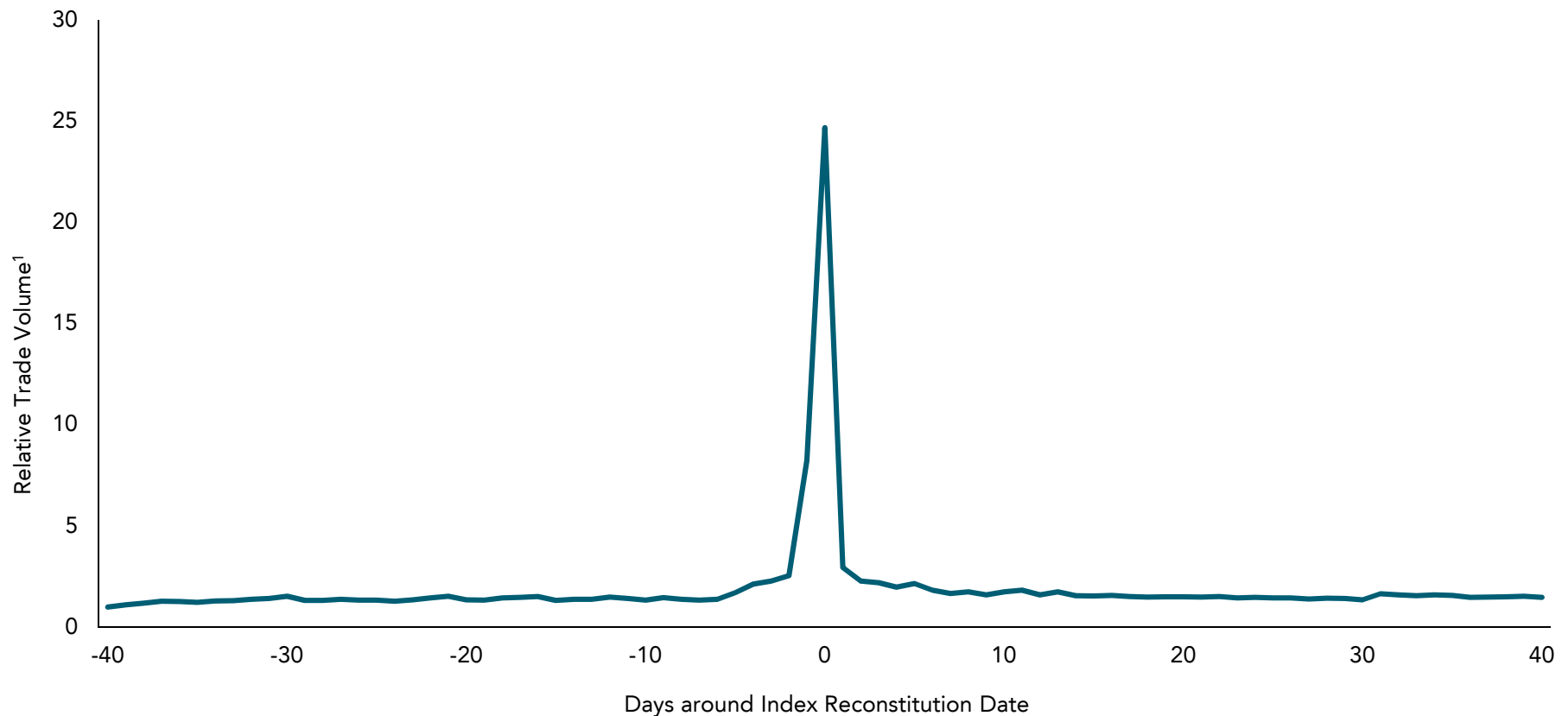
Concentrated holdings and urgent, inflexible trading result in **higher turnover and costs**.

- Two investment opportunities can have the same expected return but invite very different conditions.
- These conditions result in different costs, which impact net returns.

Forced Trading Can Raise Costs

Higher than normal trading activity around the reconstitution date can drive up costs

AVERAGE RELATIVE TRADE VOLUME OF SECURITIES ADDED TO OR DELETED FROM THE S&P 500 INDEX: 2014–2018



1. Relative Trade Volume = Trade volume on day X / Trade volume 40 days prior to the day the security was added to or deleted from the index.

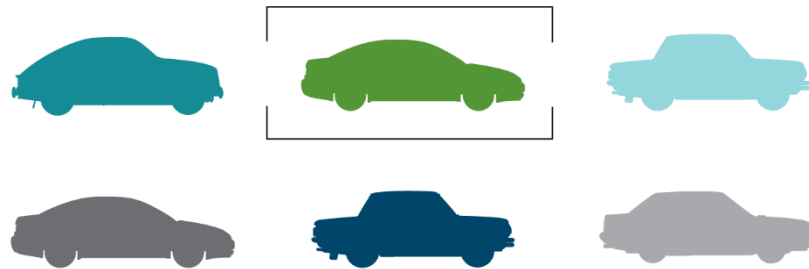
For all securities added to or deleted from the S&P 500 Index between 2014 and 2018, Dimensional calculated the relative trade volume of each security 40 days prior to, through 40 days after, the day such security was added to or deleted from the index. '0' is the date on which the security was added to or deleted from the index, or the index reconstitution date. Relative trade volume is calculated by dividing the trade volume for the day by the trade volume 40 days prior to the index reconstitution date. The chart shows the average of the relative trade volumes of all securities added to or deleted from the index and illustrates the spike in relative trade volume around the day that securities were added to or deleted from the index. Indices are not available for direct investment.

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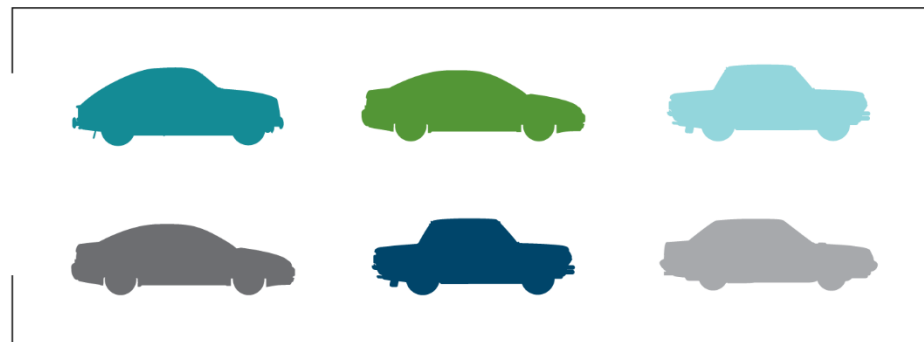
Source of trade volume: Bloomberg L.P.

Adding Value through Flexible, Patient Trading

"I want this one—today!"



"I'm flexible."



Focus on What You Can Control

- Create an investment plan to fit your needs and risk tolerance.
- Structure a portfolio along the dimensions of expected returns.
- Diversify globally.
- Manage expenses, turnover, and taxes.
- Stay disciplined through market dips and swings.

A financial advisor can offer expertise and guidance to help you focus on actions that add value. This can lead to a better investment experience.

Track Record After Fees

First full month ¹ through 12/31/2020	ANNUALIZED RETURN	
	Fund (%)	Benchmark (%)
US EQUITY		
US Micro Cap, since 1/82	11.54	10.55
US Small Cap, since 4/92	10.37	9.73
US Large Cap Value, since 3/93	9.71	9.43
US Small Cap Value, since 4/93	10.74	9.69
DEVELOPED ex US EQUITY		
International Small Company, since 10/96	7.11	6.63
International Small Cap Value, since 1/95	6.99	6.39
International Value, since 3/94	5.69	5.21
EMERGING MARKETS EQUITY		
Emerging Markets Small Cap, since 4/98	10.64	7.38
Emerging Markets Value, since 5/98	9.49	7.46
Emerging Markets, since 5/94	7.12	6.19
FIXED INCOME		
One-Year Fixed, since 8/83	4.39	4.05
Intermediate Government, since 11/90	6.07	5.62
Five-Year Global, since 12/90	4.96	4.45

1. Returns are annualized from the first full month and reflect compound returns and assume reinvestment of dividends and other earnings. Benchmark information available in the appendix.

See "Track Record Portfolios and Benchmarks" and "Standardized Performance Data and Disclosures" pages in the Appendix.

Portfolios shown are a representative sample of product offerings considered to be early examples and flagship strategies with more than 15 years of performance.

Performance for the portfolios is reported net of all advisory fees and includes reinvestment of dividends and other earnings. Performance data shown represents past performance and is no guarantee of future results. Current performance may be higher or lower than the performance shown. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. To obtain the most current month-end performance data, visit us.dimensional.com.

Appendix

Data Appendix

Conventional Investment Methods Have Low Odds of Success

Data Sample

US-domiciled, non-Dimensional open-end mutual fund data provided by Morningstar. Dimensional fund data is provided by the fund accountant. Beginning sample includes funds as of January 1, 2000. The number of beginning funds is 4,601 for the industry and 27 for Dimensional. Dimensional subadvised funds and funds whose access is or previously was limited to certain investors are also excluded. Index funds, load-waived funds and funds of funds are excluded from the industry sample.

Methodology

Surviving funds are those with return observations for every month of the sample period. Each fund is evaluated relative to its primary prospectus benchmark. Where the full series of primary prospectus benchmark returns is unavailable, non-Dimensional funds are instead evaluated relative to their Morningstar category index. Outperformers are funds that survived the 20-year period and whose cumulative net return over the period exceeded that of their respective benchmark. We aggregate funds with multiple share classes to the strategy level.

Morningstar Categories (Equity)

Equity fund sample includes the following Morningstar historical categories: Diversified Emerging Markets, Europe Stock, Foreign Large Blend, Foreign Large Growth, Foreign Large Value, Foreign Small/ Mid Blend, Foreign Small/Mid Growth, Foreign Small/Mid Value, Global Real Estate, Japan Stock, Large Blend, Large Growth, Large Value, Mid-Cap Blend, Mid-Cap Growth, Mid-Cap Value, Miscellaneous Region, Pacific/Asia ex-Japan Stock, Real Estate, Small Blend, Small Growth, Small Value, World Large Stock, and World Small/Mid Stock.

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Track Record Portfolios and Benchmarks

US Micro Cap benchmark is Russell 2000 Index.

US Small Cap benchmark is Russell 2000 Index.

US Large Cap Value benchmark is Russell 1000 Value Index.

US Small Cap Value benchmark is Russell 2000 Value Index.

International Small Company prospectus benchmark is MSCI World ex USA Small Cap Index (net dividends). Due to unavailability of returns data from inception date, performance is that of MSCI All Country World ex USA Small Cap Index (net dividends) from 10/96 to 12/98 and MSCI World ex USA Small Cap Index (net dividends) from 1/99 forward.

International Small Cap Value prospectus benchmark is MSCI World ex USA Small Cap Index (net dividends). Due to unavailability of returns data from inception date, performance is that of MSCI All Country World ex USA Small Cap Index (net dividends) from 1/95 to 12/98 and MSCI World ex USA Small Cap Index (net dividends) from 1/99 forward.

International Value benchmark is MSCI World ex USA Index (net dividends).

Emerging Markets Small Cap prospectus benchmark is MSCI Emerging Markets Index (net dividends). Due to unavailability of returns data from inception date, performance is that of MSCI Emerging Markets Index (gross dividends) from 4/98 to 12/98 and MSCI Emerging Markets Index (net dividends) from 1/99 forward.

Emerging Markets Value prospectus benchmark is MSCI Emerging Markets Index (net dividends). Due to unavailability of returns data from inception date, performance is that of MSCI Emerging Markets Index (gross dividends) from 5/98 to 12/98 and MSCI Emerging Markets Index (net dividends) from 1/99 forward.

Emerging Markets prospectus benchmark is MSCI Emerging Markets Index (net dividends). Due to unavailability of returns data from inception date, performance is that of MSCI Emerging Markets Index (gross dividends) from 5/94 to 12/98 and MSCI Emerging Markets Index (net dividends) from 1/99 forward.

One-Year Fixed has two prospectus benchmarks: ICE BofA 6-Month US Treasury Bill Index and ICE BofA 1-Year US Treasury Note Index. Performance shown is that of ICE BofA 6-Month US Treasury Bill Index because it is most representative of the portfolio. Outperformance is not guaranteed and may be lower when compared to the ICE BofA 1-Year US Treasury Note Index.

Intermediate Government benchmark is Bloomberg Barclays US Government Bond Index.

Five-Year Global benchmark is FTSE World Government Bond Index 1–5 Years (hedged to USD).

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Small and micro cap securities are subject to greater volatility than those in other asset categories.

International and emerging markets investing involves special risks such as currency fluctuation and political instability. Investing in **emerging markets** may accentuate these risks.

Sector-specific investments focus on a specific segment of the market, which can increase investment risks.

Fixed income securities are subject to increased loss of principal during periods of rising interest rates. Fixed income investments are subject to various other risks, including changes in credit quality, liquidity, prepayments, call risk, and other factors. **Municipal securities** are subject to the risks of adverse economic and regulatory changes in their issuing states.

Real estate investment risks include changes in real estate values and property taxes, interest rates, cash flow of underlying real estate assets, supply and demand, and the management skill and creditworthiness of the issuer.

Sustainability funds use environmental and social screens that may limit investment opportunities for the fund.

Commodities include increased risks, such as political, economic, and currency instability, and may not be suitable for all investors. The Portfolio may be more volatile than a diversified fund because the Portfolio invests in a smaller number of issuers and commodity sectors.

The fund prospectuses contain more information about investment risks.

Standardized Performance Data and Disclosures

	Symbol	AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS ¹ (%)					FEES AND EXPENSES ² (%)			
		1 Year	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception	Inception Date	Net Expense Ratio	Total (Gross) Expense Ratio	Management Fee	Management Fee after Fee Waiver
US Equity Portfolios										
US Large Cap Value Portfolio	DFLVX	-0.61	9.28	10.63	9.75	2/19/1993	0.22	0.32	0.19	0.09
US Micro Cap Portfolio	DFSCX	6.59	9.69	10.09	11.50	12/23/1981	0.44	0.44	0.41	0.41
US Small Cap Portfolio	DFSTX	11.17	10.13	10.31	10.24	3/19/1992	0.33	0.33	0.30	0.30
US Small Cap Value Portfolio	DFS VX	2.23	7.10	7.98	10.68	3/2/1993	0.39	0.39	0.36	0.36
Non-US Equity Portfolios										
Emerging Markets Portfolio	DFEMX	13.89	11.81	3.26	7.11	4/25/1994	0.35	0.45	0.29	0.19
Emerging Markets Small Cap Portfolio	DEMSX	13.80	10.09	3.74	10.83	3/5/1998	0.60	0.80	0.52	0.32
Emerging Markets Value Portfolio	DFEVX	2.73	9.72	0.53	9.28	4/1/1998	0.46	0.56	0.41	0.31
International Small Cap Value Portfolio	DISVX	0.81	5.27	5.49	6.99	12/29/1994	0.49	0.49	0.45	0.45
International Small Company Portfolio	DFISX	9.26	8.55	6.73	7.11	9/30/1996	0.44	0.44	0.30	0.30
International Value Portfolio	DFIVX	-2.14	5.01	2.88	5.72	2/15/1994	0.34	0.54	0.30	0.10
Fixed Income Portfolios										
Five-Year Global Fixed Income Portfolio	DFGBX	1.52	2.20	2.41	4.96	11/6/1990	0.26	0.26	0.22	0.22
Intermediate Government Fixed Income Portfolio	DFIGX	9.10	4.07	3.64	6.06	10/19/1990	0.12	0.12	0.09	0.09
One-Year Fixed Income Portfolio	DFIHX	0.62	1.34	0.91	4.38	7/25/1983	0.17	0.17	0.14	0.14

1. Performance information as of 12/31/20.

2. Fee and expense information as of the prospectus dated 02/28/21.

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