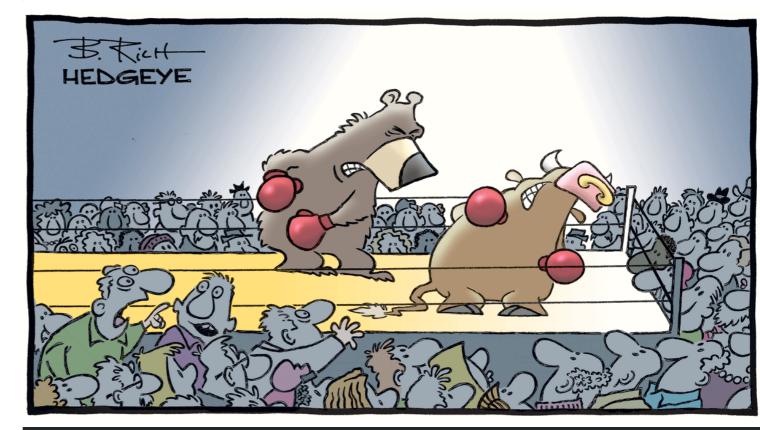
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## HEDGEYE'S CURRENT MARKET OUTLOOK

New Year; Same Process

Updated: February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021





#### **MACRO THEMES**

USA #Quad2

Global #Quad2

Short Deflation/Duration

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### Q1 2021 Macro Themes

### USA #Quad2

Aided by easy money from the Fed and generous fiscal support from Congress, the US economy is set to enter its third consecutive quarter of #Quad2 here in 1Q21E. While sequential momentum has waned in recent weeks due to covid restrictions, we don't believe GROWTH, INFLATION, and/or PROFITS can slow fast enough in JAN-FEB to offset the massive accelerations we're going to see in all three starting in MAR. In the presentation, we'll detail how investors should setup to take advantage of these trending **Positive RoC** realities.

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### Global #Quad2

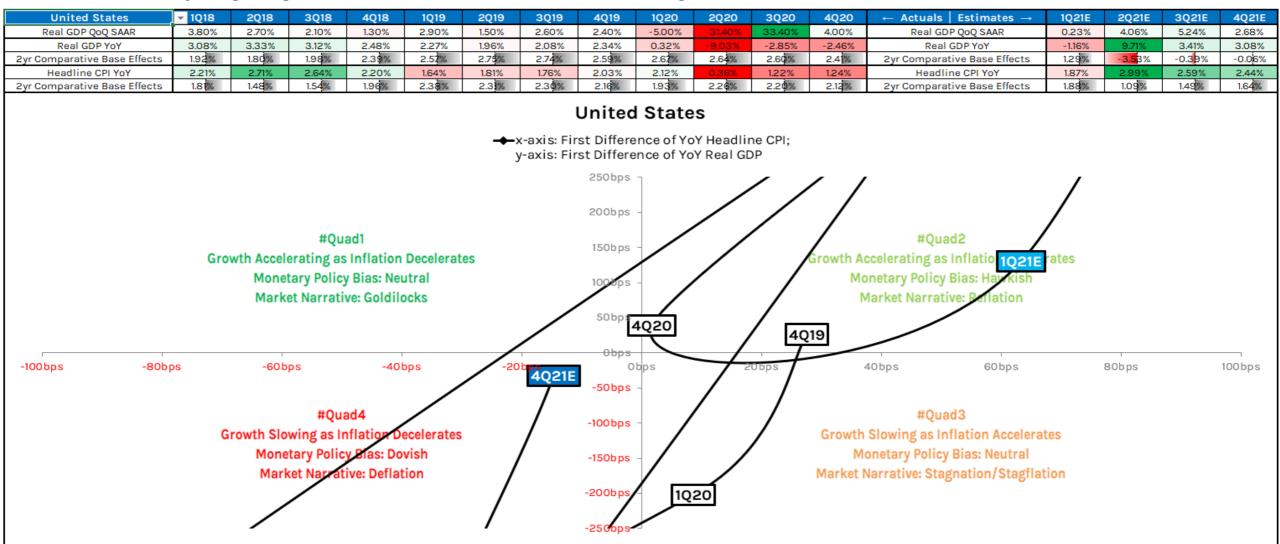
The "cheap money + fiscal support + easy comps = #Quad2" equation is not just a US phenomenon. Indeed, #Quad2 represents the modal outcome for the 96% of the ~50 countries and economic blocs we maintain GIP Models for in 1Q21E. That setup is explicitly bearish for the US dollar and bullish for assets priced in US dollars, globally. In the presentation, we'll detail which geographies offer investors the best risk/reward setups from here.

### Short Deflation/Duration

While the Fed has no plans to tighten monetary policy (at the margins) anytime soon, that doesn't mean #TheMachine has no plans to sell duration risk in the coming months. Indeed, Global #Quad2 means the long ends of the Bund, OAT, Gilt, JGB, etc. curves all backing up simultaneously and we don't think the Treasury curve will be immune to such selling pressure. In the presentation, we'll how the evolving POLICY mix – both domestically and globally – is likely to contribute to the ongoing breakout in INFLATION expectations we anticipated all the way back in early June.

### What Are The Quads?

Our GIP Model is a quantitatively oriented, regime-based framework that helps investors proactively prepare for volatility phase transitions within and across asset classes by triangulating the three factors that matter most to Macro Risk Management – i.e. GROWTH, INFLATION, and POLICY.



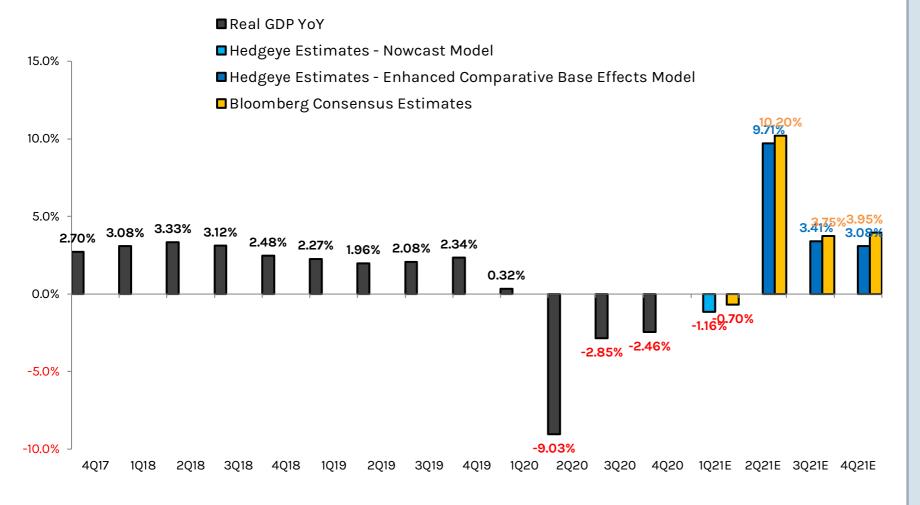
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### **US Real GDP YoY Projections**

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We use two distinct models to forecast the YoY growth rate of Real GDP and the combination of the two allows us to develop both a highly accurate real-time assessment of near-term economic momentum, as well as a high-probability scenario for where growth is likely to trend over the NTM.

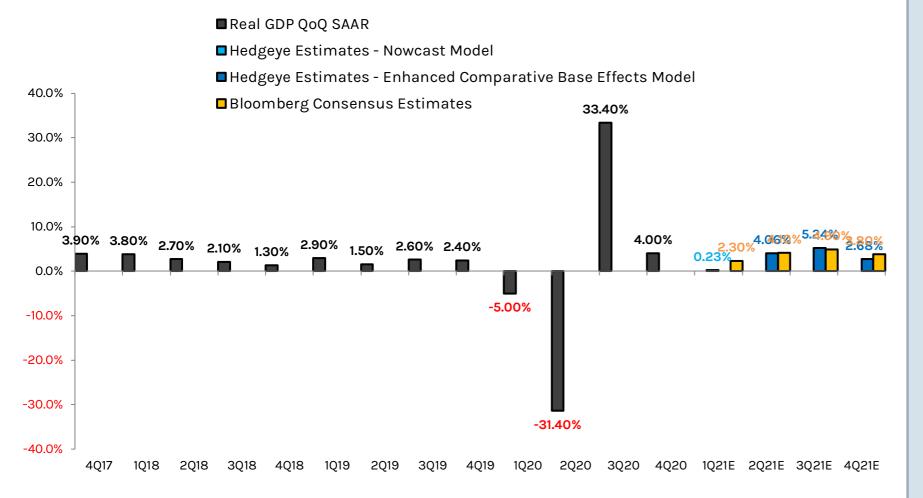
Intra-quarter, we employ a stochastic nowcasting framework that anchors on nonlinear interpolation to relay rate of change signals from the individual features of the dynamic factor model to the base rate. In out-quarters where highfrequency data has yet to be reported, we employ a Bayesian Inference process that adjusts each of the preceding forecasted base rates inversely and proportionally to changes in the base effects.

All told, our US GDP nowcast model has an average absolute forecast error of 47bps and an 90% success rate in terms of accurately projecting the rate of change of GROWTH.

### **US Real GDP QoQ SAAR Projections**

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One differentiating factor of our forecasting process is that we aim to solve for where the economy is trending on a **Full Investing Cycle** basis, rather than trying to identify super short-term economic momentum.

Our rigorous study of financial market history suggests the latter to be little more than noise in the context of making accurate intermediate-to-long-term investment decisions.

As such, we are comfortable departing from the [perceived] "best" practices of economist consensus by interpolating our QoQ SAAR forecasts from our forecasted YoY growth rates. Macroeconomic Theory  $\neq$ Macro Risk Management.

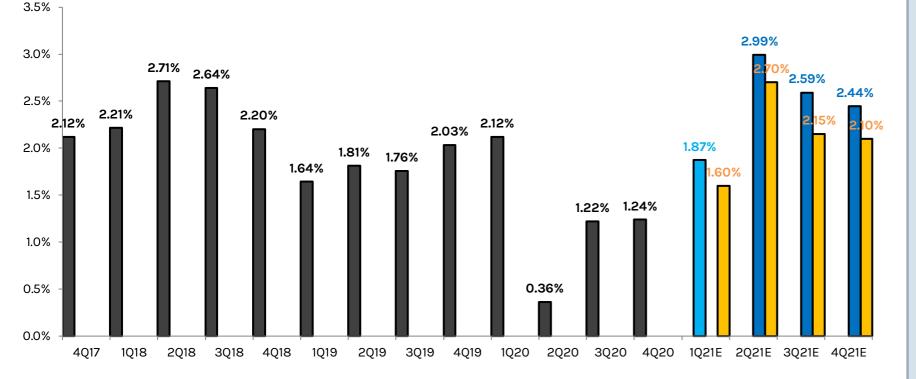
### **US Headline CPI YoY Projections**

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#### **United States**

- Headline CPI YoY
- Hedgeye Estimates Nowcast Model
- Hedgeye Estimates Comparative Base Effects Model





We use two distinct models to forecast the YoY growth rate of Headline CPI and the combination of the two allows us to develop both a highly accurate real-time assessment of near-term inflation momentum, as well as a high-probability scenario for where inflation is likely to trend over the NTM.

Intra-quarter, we employ a stochastic nowcasting framework that anchors on nonlinear interpolation to relay rate of change signals from the individual features of the dynamic factor model to the base rate. In out-quarters where highfrequency data has yet to be reported, we employ a Bayesian Inference process that adjusts each of the preceding forecasted base rates inversely and proportionally to changes in the base effects.

All told, our US CPI nowcast model has an average absolute forecast error of 21bps and an 78% success rate in terms of accurately projecting the rate of change of INFLATION.

### **US Real GDP Nowcast Model**

Each of the following 30 features backtests as statistically significant with respect to predicting the rate of change of Real GDP growth and each feature's contribution to the overall signal is dynamically re-trained each quarter according to the relative strength of its first difference regression with the dependent variable.

HEDGEYE US NOWCAST MODEL SUMMARY	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	4Q20	1Q21	Δ
Real PCE YoY (1)	2.43	2.34	2.55	2.44	2.33	2.58	2.30	2.06	3.02	2.69	2.61	-4.69	-16.53	-9.64	-4.58	-3.61	-2.94	-1.95	-1.90	-2.65	-3.28	-	-	-	-2.61	-	-
Real Disposable Personal Income YoY (14)	2.39	2.05	1.85	1.58	1.79	2.02	1.81	2.10	0.83	1.55	2.01	0.63	16.67	11.10	8.92	9.41	5.24	5.71	4.80	2.84	3.33	-	-	-	3.66	-	-
Personal Savings Rate % of DPI (6)	7.5	7.3	7.1	7.0	7.3	7.3	7.2	7.5	7.2	7.6	8.3	12.9	33.7	24.7	19.0	18.5	15.0	14.4	13.6	12.9	13.7	-	-	-	13.4	-	-
Headline Retail Sales YoY (9)	3.86	2.90	3.44	3.57	4.30	3.71	3.09	3.32	5.65	4.87	4.48	-5.59	-19.86	-5.55	2.23	2.70	3.61	6.09	5.44	3.68	2.90	-	-	-	4.01	-	-
Retail Sales Control Group YoY (13)	3.86	3.45	4.97	4.83	4.97	4.32	4.05	2.50	6.29	3.70	4.01	6.32	-7.46	1.50	7.01	7.76	8.66	10.29	9.55	8.71	6.36	-	-	-	8.20	-	-
Auto Sales YoY (11)	-3.93	2.91	-0.46	0.84	2.23	-1.21	-5.43	-1.78	-4.57	1.45	1.63	-35.03	-47.68	-29.42	-24.57	-13.67	-10.49	-4.94	-2.05	-9.01	-2.57	-1.25	-	-	-4.55	-1.25	3.30
MBA Mortgage Purchase Index YoY (24)	5.56	5.11	8.16	6.21	5.97	10.50	9.34	11.00	9.05	9.09	10.61	-2.10	-29.85	-1.13	15.98	17.46	26.46	22.26	22.95	20.54	24.68	14.18	-	-	22.72	14.18	-8.55
Total Employees On Nonfarm Payrolls YoY (7)	1.41	1.26	1.24	1.26	1.24	1.32	1.30	1.40	1.34	1.39	1.62	0.38	-13.50	-11.66	-8.55	-7.52	-6.59	-6.25	-5.93	-5.90	-6.15	-6.31	-	-	-5.99	-6.31	-0.32
Aggregate Hours Worked YoY (2)	1.11	0.97	0.94	0.68	0.95	1.32	1.01	1.10	0.75	0.80	1.62	-0.78	-14.01	-10.89	-8.01	-6.71	-5.78	-5.16	-4.83	-4.53	-5.05	-4.40	-	-	-4.80	-4.40	0.41
Aggregate Labor Income YoY (4)	4.46	4.30	4.38	4.09	4.43	4.43	4.26	4.42	3.72	3.87	4.66	2.72	-6.99	-4.94	-3.44	-2.29	-1.39	-0.62	-0.52	-0.21	0.10	0.75	-	-	-0.21	0.75	0.96
Monthly Initial Jobless Claims YoY (3)	-4.20	-2.23	2.48	-3.12	0.75	0.12	-0.82	-5.95	4.62	-7.12	-7.20	1075.85	2245.45	1024.38	574.43	509.26	373.87	382.26	293.17	231.63	203.60	228.08	-	-	242.80	228.08	-14.72
Bloomberg Consumer Comfort Index (12)	60.3	60.2	62.3	64.2	62.0	62.6	62.7	59.2	62.2	66.1	65.3	60.9	43.8	36.0	40.9	44.1	44.3	48.7	47.3	48.8	47.3	44.3	-	-	47.8	44.3	-3.5
Industrial Production YoY (8)	0.71	1.73	1.02	0.40	0.30	-0.18	-0.81	-0.42	-0.81	-0.85	-0.24	-4.70	-16.26	-15.72	-10.50	-6.58	-6.55	-6.28	-4.97	-5.41	-3.58	-	-	-	-4.65	-	-
Capacity Utilization (5)	77.8	77.8	77.7	77.4	77.8	77.4	77.0	77.6	77.2	76.9	76.9	73.6	64.2	64.8	68.9	71.8	72.3	72.3	73.0	73.4	74.5	-	-	-	73.7	-	-
Durable Goods New Orders YoY (22)	-1.66	-3.96	-4.41	0.38	-3.27	-5.73	-1.61	-3.95	-3.27	-3.62	1.62	-18.64	-30.29	-18.64	-12.42	-4.50	-4.54	-1.62	0.22	4.26	1.88	-	-	-	2.12	-	-
Core Capital Goods New Orders YoY (28)	2.25	0.84	0.49	-3.29	0.10	-0.12	-0.74	3.43	1.67	0.56	0.97	-2.63	-7.25	-4.34	-2.34	0.55	3.52	5.68	7.17	7.45	8.73	-	-	-	7.78	-	-
Factory Orders YoY (18)	0.84	-1.29	-2.25	0.48	-1.75	-3.28	-1.31	-1.16	0.29	-0.55	0.53	-12.43	-22.74	-16.08	-10.40	-6.01	-5.47	-3.74	-2.53	-0.18	-0.83	-	-	-	-1.18	-	-
Manufacturing & Trade Inventories YoY (26)	5.29	5.29	5.10	4.77	4.01	3.39	2.83	2.62	1.87	0.77	-0.16	-0.48	-2.25	-4.80	-5.75	-5.88	-5.45	-4.55	-3.88	-3.23	-	-	-	-	-3.56	-	-
Nonresidential Construction Spending YoY (30)	4.93	4.38	5.12	5.85	5.24	8.88	8.34	11.18	9.05	7.75	5.78	4.30	-0.10	0.83	1.41	-0.17	-2.11	-4.40	-2.83	-4.21	-4.84	-	-	-	-3.96	-	-
Residential Construction Spending YoY (29)	-7.78	-7.49	-4.63	-2.27	0.99	1.66	4.00	6.33	9.80	11.72	13.40	12.15	6.10	1.81	3.34	6.24	11.67	11.94	16.93	18.30	20.75	-	-	-	18.66	-	-
ISM Manufacturing PMI (23)	53.6	52.2	51.3	51.0	48.4	48.3	48.3	48.2	47.7	51.1	50.3	49.7	41.7	43.1	52.2	53.7	55.6	55.7	58.8	57.7	60.5	58.7	-	-	59.0	58.7	-0.3
ISM Non-Manufacturing PMI (15)	55.6	56.2	55.0	54.2	55.8	52.9	54.6	53.9	55.6	55.9	56.7	53.6	41.6	45.4	56.5	56.6	57.2	57.2	56.2	56.8	57.7	58.7	-	-	56.9	58.7	1.8
NFIB Small Business Optimism Index (20)	103.5	105.0	103.3	104.7	103.1	101.8	102.4	104.7	102.7	104.3	104.5	96.4	90.9	94.4	100.6	98.8	100.2	104.0	104.0	101.4	95.9	-	-	-	100.4	-	-
Exports YoY (10)	-1.32	-1.01	-1.55	-0.07	-0.15	-1.87	-1.83	-0.42	1.22	-0.56	-0.65	-12.54	-28.86	-32.44	-24.77	-19.29	-17.51	-15.00	-13.60	-12.74	-10.18	-	-	-	-12.17	-	-
Imports YoY (16)	0.67	3.09	1.58	0.12	0.03	-2.87	-4.98	-3.63	-3.08	-2.39	-4.27	-11.03	-22.08	-24.26	-19.82	-11.31	-8.45	-6.41	-3.11	0.45	-0.23	-	-	-	-0.96	-	-
Rail Traffic YoY (17)	-2.42	-5.54	-4.59	-5.53	-5.04	-6.38	-7.91	-7.71	-9.38	-6.22	-6.74	-10.09	-20.91	-20.61	-14.29	-8.19	-5.95	-1.44	1.71	2.45	4.92	4.76	-	-	3.03	4.76	1.73
Headline CPI YoY (25)	2.00	1.79	1.65	1.81	1.75	1.71	1.76	2.05	2.29	2.49	2.33	1.54	0.33	0.12	0.65	0.99	1.31	1.37	1.18	1.17	1.36	-	-	-	1.24	-	-
PCE Deflator YoY (27)	1.62	1.49	1.46	1.53	1.52	1.39	1.43	1.44	1.64	1.88	1.84	1.34	0.48	0.54	0.92	1.01	1.24	1.35	1.19	1.12	1.28	-	-	-	1.20	-	-
Core PCE Deflator YoY (21)	1.69	1.60	1.71	1.74	1.87	1.72	1.74	1.58	1.62	1.75	1.87	1.65	0.93	1.01	1.14	1.26	1.43	1.53	1.41	1.37	1.45	-	-	-	1.41	-	-
M2 Money Supply YoY (19)	4.07	4.27	4.54	5.00	5.06	5.51	6.26	6.89	6.49	6.71	7.26	10.70	17.20	21.87	22.90	23.39	23.19	24.18	23.89	24.84	25.36	26.23	-	-	24.70	26.23	1.53

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### OUR MACRO PROCESS

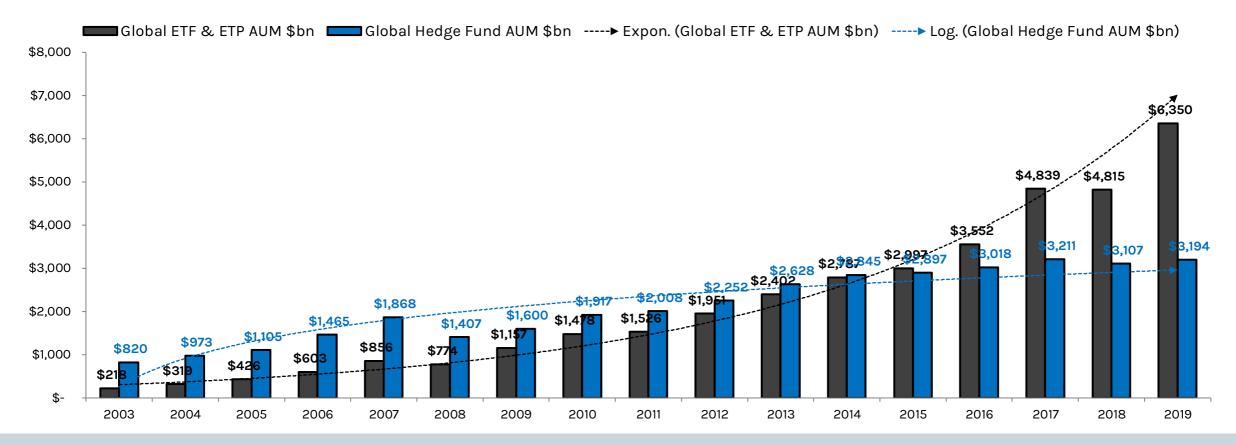


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### The Investment Landscape Has Evolved Tremendously

Stock-picking has given way to factor-picking and it's our job as investors to embrace this sea change, rather than fight it.

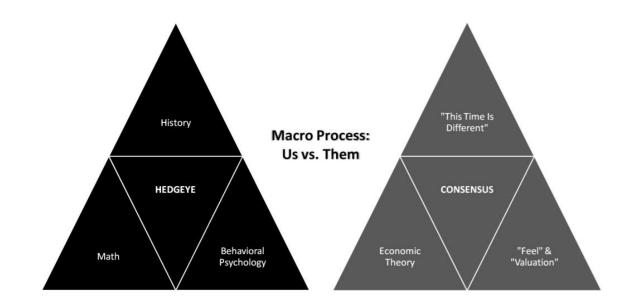


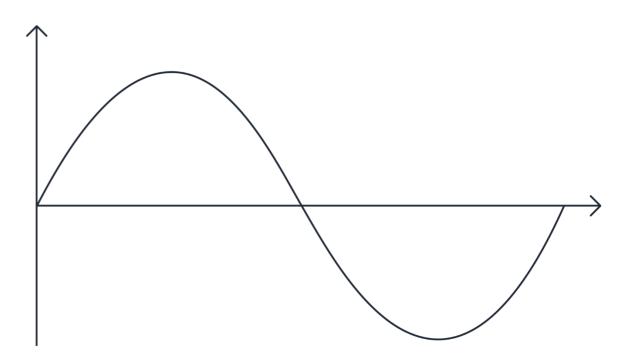
#### Skate To Where The Puck Is Going Within Asset Management

AUM in listed ETFs and ETPs surpassed \$6 trillion globally as of YE 2019, topping global hedge fund assets by over \$3 trillion. Moreover, BlackRock anticipates ETF/ETP AUM to double to \$12 trillion over the next 5 years. Regardless of whether you agree with this projection, you must agree that the proliferation of factor-based index investing and the concentration of hedge fund AUM at market-neutral platforms has made financial markets more sensitive to Macro risks than ever before. For example, JPM estimates systematic trading accounts for over 90% of US equity trading volume. Are your research and risk management processes equipped to compete for alpha in this new regime?

### ... So We Evolved Alongside It







#### WE ARE DIFFERENTIATED FROM THE HERD

Macroeconomic Research and Global Macro Risk Management are two very different fields. We specialize in the latter, incorporating key lessons from behavioral finance such as Prospect Theory and Bayesian Inference into our analysis. We don't "feel" anything with regards to the markets or the economy; if we can't contextualize it with math, we don't have a view on it.

#### ... BECAUSE WE FOCUS ON THE FACTS

Rate of change accelerations and decelerations are facts, not opinions, and our process is focused on contextualizing these facts, rather opining on the validity of absolute levels of growth, inflation, and/or policy. This focus helps us consistently spot inflections in the performance of key factor exposures, across asset classes, 3-6 months ahead of investor consensus.

### Quarterly Expected Values By GIP Model Quad Regime HEDGEYE

Hedgeye Macro US GIP Model Backtest		EV by Q	uadran	t		Shall	ow GDP	Δ		Deep	GDP $\Delta$		Fe	d Easing			Fed Or	Hold		Fed	l Tighter	iing		Quad	d 1 Prior		Qua	d 2 Prior		Quad 3	Prior		Quad	4 Prior		G	Global Qu	uad
Exposure	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	- 4	1	2	3	4	1 2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	11 12	13	14	21 22	23 24	31	32	33 34	41	42	43	44	1	2	3 4
S&P 500 INDEX (SPY)	6.8%	2.9%	1.0%	-1.4%	4.8%	2.3%	6 3.19	% 5.0%	% 9.2%	6 1.2%	-3.7%	6.6%	0.1% 7.2	% 1.2%	-3.8%	3.7%	-0.4%	-0.8%	-0.2%	6.7% 2.	.9% 3.	3% 0.	.9% 1	15.1% 2.3%	1.8%	-1.7%	3.7% 3.5%	4.0% -19.6	6 3.6%	0.7%	-2.0% -1.1%	7.9%	6.5%	4.7%	1.2% 4	4.6% 2	2.5% 4	4.0% -0.9%
Communication Services (XLC)	7.0%	-1.4%	0.7%	0.1%	8.7%	-1.7%	4.59	% 6.8%	6.39	6 -4.8%	-6.2%	3.7% 10	0.0% 4.2	% 2.6%	-2.6%	2.0%	-5.2%	-2.2%	3.5%	7.9% -1.	.8% 3.3	2% 1.0	0% 1	17.1% -2.3%	6 0.5%	1.1%	5.0% -0.9	5.4% -17.0	6 4.0%	-2.4%	-1.6% 1.9%	6.8%	1.7%	2.7%	-0.3% 1	1.7% 1.	1.9% 2	2.9% 0.2%
Consumer Cyclical (XLY)	8.4%	3.2%	1.1%	-0.3%	4.8%	2.1%	2.19	6.0%	% 13.2	8 2.1%	-2.0%	5.4% 10	0.8% 7.2	% -0.25	6 -1.5%	5.9%	-0.9%	1.3%	-0.3%	7.3% 4.	.6% 2.	5% 1.	2% 2	20.2% 3.9%	2.6%	-2.0%	2.7% 5.4%	0.4% -19.3	6 2.4%	-2.5%	-1.1% -1.3%	11.7%	3.7%	4.4%	4.8% 5	5.8% 2	2.4% 5	5.1% -0.1%
Consumer Non-Cyclical (XLP)	4.9%	1.3%	0.8%	1.8%	1.4%	-1.8%	6 1.69	% 8.29	7.39	4.3%	0.4%	1.0% 6	.2% 4.4	% 1.1%	-0.3%	3.4%	-1.1%	0.9%	8.0%	4.7% 1.3	3% 0.	2% 0.	.0% 1	2.8% 2.2%	0.7%	2.2%	3.5% 0.35	6 <mark>-1.9%</mark> -12.7	6 1.2%	2.1%	0.7% 4.3%	5.3%	0.4%	3.8%	0.8% 2	2.2% 0	.6% 4	4.3% 1.6%
Energy (XLE)	6.3%	3.0%	1.8%	-3.8%	3.9%	3.3%	6 6.49	% 1.5%	6 7.09	6 -2.5%			.1% 9.5	% 5.9%	-9.8%	2.8%	1.7%	-4.2%	2.0%	9.0% -1	. <mark>6%</mark> 6.3		.4%	5.9% -0.9%	3.7%	-6.7%	2.1% 3.7%	2.8% -50.5	6.4%	7.2%	-2.0% -0.39	9.2%	3.9%	6.9%	0.8% 4	4.7% 2	2.7% 3	3.8% -3.1%
Financials (XLF)	6.2%	3.0%	0.1%	-1.4%	3.3%	0.5%							.3% 7.8		6.2%	3.4%	2.7%		2.1%	5.8% -1	. <mark>5%</mark> 3.	_		16.2% 1.0%		-0.7%	1.9% 6.5%		6 1.1%	-3.4%	-5.7% -0.39		7.5%	3.6%			-	1.8% -1.4%
Health Care (XLV)	6.3%	2.4%	0.8%	0.6%	5.7%		_	_		_	-1.9%		.8% 7.7		-1.7%	4.0%	-2.7%				.8% 0.			0.9% 0.7%		0.8%	4.6% 0.7%			5.7%	-1.8% 3.1%	6.5%	7.7%	2.7%				3.6% 2.6%
Industrials (XLI)	7.2%	3.4%	1.1%	-1.8%	4.7%	0.1%	2.95		_		-3.3% -		.6% 8.7				0.5%						_	14.6% 3.5%		-3.7%	5.2% 3.69		% 4.2%	1.9%	-2.0% -0.8%	_	4.8%	6.1%				3.9% -1.5%
Information Technology (XLK)	9.0%	5.4%	2.5%	-2.6%	6.8%	8.3%	6.65			6 1.1%	-5.4% -	0.0% 13	8.6% 8.7		-4.1%	3.7%	0.2%	0.6%			0% 6.3		8% 2	3.2% 3.8%		-3.9%	5.6% 5.6%		_	3.2%	-1.0% -6.8%	9.1%	13.6%	7.1%			4.4% €	6.1% -1.5%
Materials (XLB)	7.3%	2.8%	0.6%	-0.5%	3.7%		_					_	.9% 7.8	_		6.5%	1.2%		_	7.3% -0	.2% 3.		_	0.8% 6.9%		-5.9%	4.0% 1.9%		6 3.8%	-2.6%	-2.9% 1.8%	10.3%	5.0%	4.8%			_	3.6% -1.9%
REITS (XLRE)	4.0%	0.2%	0.2%	0.9%	3.0%	-1.1%		_	6.7%				.6% 4.4			-	-2.1%		6.0%	4.4% -0	.8% 2.	_	_	5.9% 2.5%		6.3%	-0.6% -0.15		_	-1.5%	0.7% -0.4%	7.9%	-1.6%	2.3%		5.2% -0		1.6% -0.6%
Utilities (XLU)	3.5%	-1.1%	4.0%	1.3%	5.5%	-3.7%	\$ 5.39		6 1.7%	0.1%		_	.4% 3.2				-5.3%		5.7%		.4% 6.			4.4% -0.2%		7.1%	1.2% -3.0	<mark>6 12.9%</mark> -13.5		2.0%	1.9% 3.7%	1.9%	-2.6%	5.4%	-3.4% 1			2.2% 2.9%
Growth (IWF)	7.4%	4.2%	1.2%	-2.2%	4.9%	4.2%						8.5% 10	0.3% 8.0		-4.2%		-0.4%	-0.7%			.5% 3.	_	8% 1	18.1% 3.4%			4.0% 5.39		6 3.3%	1.4%	-2.0% -3.9%	8.4%	7.6%	4.9%			3.2% 4	4.9% -1.5%
Value (IWD)	6.4%	1.8%	1.0%	-0.7%	4.7%	0.3%						_	3.1% 7.3				-0.2%		3.0%	6.6% -0	.9% 4.			12.6% 1.7%			3.1% 2.5%		_	-1.1%	-2.3% 1.1%	7.9%	5.4%	4.7%		-		3.1% -0.5%
Cyclicals (RSP)	8.0%	3.9%	1.2%	-2.8%	5.3%	3.8%		_		6 0.7%			.0% 9.6	% 2.3%	_	3.9%	-0.1%	-1.9%			.4% 5.3			8.8% 2.5%			3.3% 5.8%		_	-1.1%	-3.5% -4.1%	9.8%	9.7%	5.2%				4.2% -2.2%
Defensives (DEF)	6.0%	2.3%	1.0%	-0.1%	4.4%					_	-2.3%	3.7% 7	.7% 5.6	_	_			0.0%	2.1%		.9% 3.			12.6% 2.6%			3.7% 2.1%	3.0% -17.0	63%		-0.9% 1.1%	6.7%	3.4%	4.5%				3.9% 0.2%
High Beta (SPHB) Low Beta (SPLV)	4.5%	5.0%	1.2%	-4.0%	3.8%	3.6%	4.95 2.35		% 14.15 % 5.59	6 0.2% 6 3.0%	0.3%	1.1% 4	.8% 4.2	7% 2.7% % 0.7%	_	2.8%	-1.1% -0.8%	1.1%	6.8%		3% 6. .6% 3.		.6% 1 9% 8	8.0% 3.4%			3.2% 9.3% 2.7% 0.0%	3.7% -19.0	6 3.6%	0.9%	1.5% 4.0%		12.8%	8.3%				3.7% -3.3% 3.4% 1.7%
Momentum (MTUM)	9.1%	4.1%	1.6%	2.2%	5.2%	5.4%				6 3.0% % 2.4%	-4.1% -	_	.8% 4.4	_		5.3%	-0.8%	-0.4%	-2.2%		6% 5.	_		8.0% 3.4% 19.5% 4.2%		2.8%	4.6% 6.0%	3.4% -13.8	_		1.5% 4.0%	8.4%	3.7%	6.3%				4.7% -1.3%
Quality (QUAL)	7.3%	4.1%	1.7%	-3.0%	6.0%	1.3%			_				.3% 7.0		_		0.1%		2.2%		.7% 3.			19.5% 4.2%		-1.5%	4.8% 2.9%		_		-1.3% 0.7%		5.7%	5.2%				4.7% -1.3%
Dividend Yield (SDY)	6.8%	1.8%	0.8%	1.7%	4.5%	-0.3%	_	_	% <u>9.2</u> 7			_	.2% 6.7			4.3%	-0.2%		_	6.8% -0	.5% 2.			3.3% 3.2%	_		3.4% 1.8%		× 4.0%	-1.0%	0.0% 3.7%	8.4%	3.4%	4.0%			1.7% 4	4.2% 1.0%
Size (OEF)	6.9%	3.1%	1.1%	-1.7%	4.8%	3.1%			_				.4% 6.8	_			-0.3%		-0.2%		.8% 3.	_		15.5% 2.0%		-2.3%	4.1% 3.85		_	1.3%	-1.7% -1.3%	7.8%	7.0%	3.8%				4.3% -1.2%
Secular Growth (QQQ)	7.8%	6.0%	2.6%	-2.7%	8.0%	9.8%	6.25		_			9.0% 1	2.6% 9.7	_		1.2%	-0.8%	-0.4%			3% 7.	-	-	8.2% 3.2%		-3.6%	6.0% 8.75	11.0% -10.3	_	1.8%	-1.0% -6.3%	7.8%	11.8%	8.0%			4.7% 5	5.4% -2.9%
Mid-Caps (MDY)	7.5%	4.0%	1.7%	-0.9%	4.1%	2.6%				× 1.5%			.3% 9.7			5.1%	1.0%				3% 6.			8.3% 3.1%		-1.3%	1.8% 6.4%		_		-1.6% -1.5%	9.8%	5.6%	5.3%				4.2% -0.8%
Small-Caps (IWM)	6.8%	4.9%	0.5%	-1.2%	5.3%	5.2%	259		× 10.65	% 0.5%		8.6% 8	11% 110	× 20%	-3.2%	4.9%	1.3%		0.0%		_	_		3.3% 4.2%		-0.7%	1.1% 7.1%	4.2% -30.6	% 3.2%	-0.9%	-2.2% -2.6%	10.5%	9.5%	5.3%			3.2% 3	3.9% -1.8%
BARCLAYS AGG (AGG)	1.2%	0.7%	0.9%	2.3%	1.5%	0.8%	6 0.35	% 1.9%	6 1.42	1.5%	1.7%	3.3% 1	5% 0.9	% 1.0%		1.4%	0.8%	1.2%	3.0%		.2% 0.3	_		1.0% 1.0%		2.2%	1.1% 0.35		1.8%	1.0%	1.0% 2.6%	11%	0.3%	0.2%	1.9% 1	13% 0		0.8% 2.1%
Leveraged Loans (BKLN)	2.3%	1.8%	0.6%	0.6%	1.9%	1.2%	_	_			-1.1%	5.2% 2	.8% 2.8		-3.2%	1.3%	1.2%	-0.3%	1.5%					2.7% 2.0%		-0.2%	0.5% 1.8%			1.2%	-0.6% -1.5%	3.7%	2.4%	1.6%		3.3% 1.		0.4% 0.1%
BDCs (BIZD)	6.3%	5.7%	-1.3%	-0.3%	5.3%			% 5.6%	_	4 10.6%	-3.7%		3.1% 10.	7% -3.0	× -15.42	6 1.3%	1.7%		5.4%		4% 2.3		_	3.9% 3.8%		-0.2%	-2.0% 8.52	7.1% -44.8	% 2.1%	0.6%	-4.2% -2.0%	11.7%	6.1%	4.2%	18.1%			0.8% -4.4%
Preferreds (PFF)	1.9%	2.6%	-0.3%	-0.5%	2.1%	2.8%			_	6 3.6%	_		.1% 2.4	% 0.7%	-6.1%	0.4%	2.0%	-1.2%	2.4%		0% -0.		_	3.3% 3.3%		-0.6%	0.8% 2.5%		% 2.0%	-0.8%	-1.4% 0.0%	2.5%	4.3%	-0.1%	5.7% 2			1.0% -1.4%
IG Credit (LQD)	2.0%	0.9%	0.7%	2.5%	2.2%	0.9%	_						.6% 1.8		1.7%	1.6%	0.9%		3.4%		.0% 0.	_	_	2.4% 1.2%	_	2.2%	1.3% 0.6%			0.9%	0.4% 2.9%	2.2%	1.1%	0.3%		2.3% 0		0.7% 2.0%
HY Credit (HYG)	3.4%	1.7%	0.8%	1.3%	3.1%	0.7%	6 1.69	% 2.49	% 5.1%	2.7%	-1.4%	4.9% 3	.9% 4.1	% 2.1%	-2.4%	2.8%	0.4%	-0.2%	1.7%	3.4% 1.0	0% 0.	3% 5.	.7%	4.7% 1.9%		0.3%	1.7% 1.5%	1.9% -12.7		0.6%	-0.6% -0.5%	4.7%	4.1%	1.8%	6.0% 3	3.6% 2	2.3% 0	0.7% 0.7%
Convertibles (CWB)	5.6%	6.3%	0.0%	0.4%	5.4%	5.6%	1.89	% 3.49	% 9.09	6.7%	-4.4%	7.7% 7	.9% 8.9	% 1.7%	-5.0%	2.9%	3.6%		1.8%	4.9% 6.	.6% 2.	s% 3.	.4% 1	0.0% 7.0%		-1.5%	1.7% 6.0%	5.8% -13.4	6 3.7%	4.5%	-3.9% -0.9%	8.9%	7.3%	3.4%	11.0%	5.9% 4.	1.0% 1	1.7% 0.2%
EM USD Debt (EMB)	3.2%	1.4%	1.9%	1.8%	0.8%	1.6%	3.19	6 1.49	6.09	6 2.2%	-0.4%	0.2% 2	.5% 3.2	% 2.8%	-2.1%	3.5%	-0.2%	1.0%	3.4%	3.8% 1.	7% 2.	5% 5.	.6% 8	8.4% 0.9%	0.8%	1.7%	1.7% 1.6%	7.0% -9.5	-0.8%	1.1%	1.0% 1.7%	4.6%	2.6%	2.0%	3.5% 4	4.4% 2	2.3% 1.	1.8% 0.5%
EM Local Currency Debt (EMLC)	1.6%	1.8%	0.7%	-0.5%	2.2%	0.4%	5.69	% -0.6	% 2.29	3.8%	-3.5%	6.6%	.5% 4.4	% 2.7%	-3.5%	-1.4%	0.1%	-1.0%	0.5%	5.6% -1	.2% 3.4	1% 2.	.6%	8.7% 2.5%	1.3%	-0.9%	-2.1% 0.2%	6.8% -7.65	1.6%	5.4%	-0.8% -0.9%	1.8%	3.6%	3.4%	2.7% 3	3.8% 2	2.1% 0	0.7% -1.4%
1-3yr Treasurys (SHY)	0.6%	0.5%	0.7%	1.2%	0.8%	0.7%	6 0.49	% 0.5%	% 0.49	0.8%	1.2%	2.1% 0	.8% 0.3	% 0.7%	1.6%	0.6%	0.7%	0.8%	1.3%	0.2% 0.	.6% 0.4	1% 0.	.7% (	0.4% 0.6%	0.7%	0.8%	0.7% 0.4%	1.1% 2.89	0.8%	1.0%	0.6% 1.3%	0.5%	0.2%	0.1%	1.3% 0	0.6% 0	.5% (	0.6% 1.2%
5-10yr Treasurys (IEF)	1.1%	0.4%	1.1%	2.9%	1.6%	0.6%	6 -0.2	% 2.49	6 0.85	6 1.7%	3.1%	5.5% 1	.4% 0.1	% 1.1%	3.5%	1.5%	0.9%	1.7%	4.0%	0.1% 0.	.0% -0.	1% 1.3	3% (	0.8% 0.7%	0.3%	3.5%	1.4% 0.2%	1.8% 8.7%	2.4%	0.9%	2.0% 3.8%	0.3%	-0.6%	-0.4%	0.6%	0.7% 0	.4% C	0.9% 3.0%
10-20yr Treasurys (TLT)	1.3%	-0.1%	1.4%	4.1%	1.5%	0.2%	6 -0.4	% 4.29	% 1.0%	1.6%	4.2%	7.9% 1	.7% -0.	0.9%	4.9%	2.0%	0.8%	2.5%	5.9%	-0.3% -0	.5% 0.3	3% 1.	9% (	0.4% 0.0%	0.1%	5.7%	1.7% -0.2	6 2.7% 15.3	3.2%	0.7%	2.8% 5.3%	0.2%	-1.8%	-0.3%	0.0% 0	0.9% 0	.2% 1	1.0% 4.1%
25+ Year Treasurys (EDV)	1.4%	-0.8%	1.8%	5.6%	1.4%	-0.1%	6 -1.09	% 6.3%	6 1.1%	1.2%	6.5% 1	2.6% 2	.0% -2.	0.89	6 8.2%	3.1%	0.5%	3.5%	8.1%	-1.5% -1.	.0% 0.3	3% 0.	.6% -	-1.0% -1.3%	-0.9%	8.2%	2.7% -0.6	3.3% <b>22.7</b>	4.5%	0.6%	4.3% 8.6%	-0.3%	-2.3%	-0.4%	-2.1% 0	).9% <mark>-</mark> (	0.3% 1	1.4% 5.3%
0-5yr TIPS (STIP)	0.5%	0.8%	1.1%	0.6%	0.4%	0.6%	6 1.1%	6 0.69	% 1.0%	1.4%	0.6% -	0.6%	.8% 1.2	% 1.6%	-1.3%	0.1%	0.4%	0.6%	1.3%	0.4% 0.	.8% 0.	3% 1.	6%	1.1% 1.1%	1.4%	0.5%	0.3% 0.5%	0.7% -0.7	0.4%	1.1%	1.1% -0.1%	0.5%	0.7%	0.6%	2.7% 0	0.8% 0	0.9% 0	0.9% 0.4%
5-10yr TIPS (TIP)	0.8%	1.5%	1.5%	1.7%	0.2%	1.6%	_	_	_	\$ 3.0%	1.6%	.0% 0	.6% 1.8			1.2%	1.5%	1.1%	3.3%	0.6% 1.			_	2.2% 2.1%		2.2%	0.5% 1.1%	0.9% 1.4%	1.1%	1.7%	2.0% 0.7%	0.5%	0.8%	0.6%	3.3% 1	1.6% 0	_	1.4% 1.5%
MBS (MBB)	0.9%	0.8%	1.0%	2.0%	1.0%	1.0%	0.79	% 1.49	6 1.1%	1.4%	1.8%	3.0%	.8% 1.1	% 1.2%	2.0%	1.4%	0.7%	1.3%	2.3%	0.3% 0.	.5% 0./	1% 1.8	8% (	0.7% 1.1%	0.9%	1.8%	1.0% 0.35	1.6% 2.89	1.0%	1.3%	1.2% 2.2%	0.8%	0.7%	0.5%	1.9%	1.1% 0	0.6% 0	0.9% 1.9%
Munis (MUB)	1.6%	0.6%	0.7%	1.9%	1.6%	0.7%	6 0.59	% 1.6%	6 2.09	6 1.5%	1.2%	2.1% 1	.9% 0.9	% 0.6%	0.9%	1.4%	0.7%	1.1%	2.8%	1.3% 0.	.2% 0.3	3% 2.	.6%	1.9% 0.8%	6 0.4%	1.9%	1.1% 0.5%	1.7% -0.6	1.9%	0.8%	0.8% 2.2%	1.5%	0.2%	0.2%	2.0% 1	1.6% 0		0.8% 1.9%
Taxable Munis (BAB)	2.2%	0.1%	1.9%	2.4%	1.5%	0.4%	_	% 3.05	% 3.79	6 1.6%	3.6%	0.6% 1	.7% 0.6	% 1.8%	0.8%	2.6%	-0.5%	_	4.7%	2.5% 0.		\$% 2.	_	3.9% -0.3%	6 0.3%	3.0%	1.7% 0.05	1.7% 1.2%	1.8%	1.5%	3.0% 2.0%	2.0%	-0.2%	4.5%		3.8% 0	.4% 1	1.5% 1.8%
CRB Index (DBC)	1.3%	4.8%	1.7%	-4.2%	0.6%	4.1%			% 1.5%	5.6%	-4.3% -	11.4% -0	0.6% 5.1		-12.49	6 0.2%	3.4%		2.0%		.4% 3.4			0.4% 5.3%		-6.0%	-0.3% 4.39		% 2.1%	6.5%	-2.0% -2.5%	2.5%	2.0%	1.6%				1.1% -4.1%
CRB Raw Index	1.0%	3.7%	-0.3%	-0.9%	0.9%	2.6%			% 1.49	4.4%		4.4%	1.1% 5.0		_	1.4%	3.4%		-0.3%		.7% -1.		_	3.3% 6.5%		-1.9%	0.0% 2.8%		_	1.9%	-1.5% -1.6%	2.1%	2.5%	-2.8%		3.6% 3		0.5% -2.7%
CRB Foodstuffs Index (DBA)	-0.3%	2.6%	1.8%	-1.1%	1.4%	-1.6%	6 1.09	% -0.7	_	6.6%	1.1% -	3.5%	3.9% 4.6		-4.9%	1.4%	1.3%	-1.4%		3.8% 2.		_		4.5% 5.0%	4.5%	-0.5%	-2.6% 1.8%			2.7%	1.0% -3.9%	-0.6%	-2.1%	-1.6%	2.8% 1	.0% 2		1.4% -1.5%
Bloomberg Energy Index (BNO)	6.6%	10.8%	5.1%	-8.8%	3.7%			% -6.13	<mark>%</mark> 12.03		-7.2% -		.2% 6.2		-24.79	2.4%	7.3%	-2.7%	-1.8%	12.1% 20		_		-1.7% 8.6%	12.8%	-16.8%	-1.9% 7.9%		% 7.0%	23.4%	0.9% -6.1%	14.7%	3.1%	6.3%	2.1% 1	1.4% 9		1.2% -4.3%
Bloomberg Precious Metals Index (DBP)	2.4%	4.9%	1.0%	1.4%	3.7%	4.5%						1.2% -	1.2% 8.4			_	1.3%				.2% 2.3			8.2% 6.8%		1.3%	0.4% 1.9%			7.7%	-2.6% 4.0%	3.7%	5.8%	-0.2%				1.9% 0.9%
Silver (SLV)	5.0%	2.8%	-0.3%	3.2%	7.2%	1.8%	-0.15				-6.8%	1.6%	1.1% 6.7				-1.2%		7.5%		3% -3			8.7% 9.3%	1.9%	3.2%	-0.9% -1.7%	2.5% -21.7		1.6%	-1.4% 6.9%	11.8%	3.7%	-5.2%				1.3% -0.9%
Bitcoin (GBTC)	70%	49%	226%	71%	77%	8%	988	% 1139			-26%		6% 57		6 127%	55%	89%	4%	48%	38% -1	6% 20			14% 38%		-9%	154% 81%	13% -9%	58%	39%	354% 199%	28%	-11%	200%				280% 32%
WTI Crude Oil (USO)	6.7%	9.9%	3.3%	-6.1%	2.2%	10.4%	6 10.4	-3.15	% 10.25	_	-7.4% -	0.170	0.1% 10.3	2% 9.7%	-21.59	0.0%	7.5%	-2.7%	-1.9%	9.0% 12	.7% 5.	2% 10	.7% -	-5.1% 5.3%		-17.0%	-0.2% 11.79	-0.8% -66.5	10.9%	14.7%	-1.7% -4.1%	13.0%	6.4%	1.4%	8.1% 12			1.9% -5.5%
Natural Gas (UNG)	2.2%	5.2%	5.8%	-2.9%	-0.4%	-0.3%		% 1.7%	_			0.5%	.1% -3.	76 12.19	-17.6%	12.2%	3.5%	-4.7%	31.7%	6.0% 15	.9% 15.	s% -8		21.7% 7.7%		-2.4%	10.5% 1.0%		6 1.3%	14.1%	-0.4% 14.7%	5.1%	-3.3%	20.1%				1.1% 0.3%
Base Metals (DBB)	3.7%	5.3%	-0.4%	-0.9%	3.3%	_	_			_	-4.1%		.0% 8.9			6 1.1%	3.5%				.9% 4.	76 9. 197	_	9.2% 8.6%	0.4%	-3.3%	-0.1% 3.85		_	4.2%	-2.4% -2.2%			-0.4%				1.5% -4.3%
Copper (CPER)	5.1%	6.0%	0.5%	-0.1%	1.9%	4.3%	-		_	_	-4.1% -		.4% 10.	2.3%	-12.59	6 1.4%	5.2%		2.7%		.6% 7.3	5% 13		8.9% 9.8%	2.5%	2.5%	1.2% 3.5%		-	6.3%	-2.1% -4.6%	7.0%	4.6%	-1.0%	5.9% 9	2.6% 2	2.0% 3	3.5% -2.6%
US Dollar Index (UUP)	-0.7%	-0.8%	-0.2%	1.7%	-2.8%	-1.8%	6 -1.05		_	0.3%		0.5% -	.3% -0.	-1.99	2.7%	0.7%	-1.3%		0.7%		.1% -0.			4.0% -3.5%	-0.4%		0.5% 1.6%			-1.1%	0.3% 1.2%		-1.9%	-1.7%	1.0%	.0% -		0.9% 1.9%
Gold (GLD)	2.2%	2.4%	2.3%	1.9%		2.0%	_			_		2.1%	1.9% 4.2	_	_	5.4%								3.0% 6.8%		1.2%	1.7% -1.7%	2.0% 3.9%		4.7%	1.4% 2.6%	_		3.5%		3.2% 2		
EM FX (CEW)	0.3%	-0.3%	-0.4%	-2.1%	1.7%	-1.7%	1.5%	6 -2.4	% 0.29	-0.6%	-3.5%	4.2% -0	0.5% 1.8	% 1.2%	-5.5%	-0.1%	-0.8%	-2.2%	-0.8%	1.8% -2	.5% 0.4	1% 1.3	2% (	6.0% 0.1%	-0.2%	-1.9%	-1.6% -1.35	1.8% -12.9	6 0.2%	0.3%	-1.8% -1.9%	0.3%	0.9%	1.3%	-1.0% 0	J.5% C	0.7% -0	-0.7% -2.7%

Data Source: Bloomberg

### Highest/Lowest Expected Values By Quad Regime

#### **Quad 1: Goldilocks**

#### **Best Asset Classes:**

Equities, Credit, Commodities, FX

#### Worst Asset Classes:

Fixed Income, USD

#### **Best Equity Sectors:**

Tech, Consumer Discretionary, Materials, Industrials, Telecom

#### Worst Equity Sectors:

Utilities, REITS, Consumer Staples, Financials, Energy

#### **Best Equity Style Factors:**

High Beta, Momentum, Leverage, Secular Growth, Mid Caps

#### Worst Equity Style Factors:

Low Beta, Defensives, Value, Dividend Yield, Small Caps

#### **Best Fixed Income Sectors:**

BDCs, Convertibles, HY Credit, EM \$ Debt, Leveraged Loans

#### Worst Fixed Income Sectors:

TIPS, Short Duration Treasurys, MBS, Treasury Belly, Long Bond

#### **Quad 2: Reflation**

**Best Asset Classes:** 

Commodities, Equities, Credit, FX

#### Worst Asset Classes:

Fixed Income, USD

#### **Best Equity Sectors:**

Tech, Consumer Discretionary, Industrials, Energy, Financials

#### Worst Equity Sectors:

Telecom, Utilities, REITS, Consumer Staples, Health Care

#### **Best Equity Style Factors:**

Secular Growth, High Beta, Small Caps, Cyclical Growth, Momentum

#### Worst Equity Style Factors:

Low Beta, Dividend Yield, Value, Defensives, Size

#### **Best Fixed Income Sectors:**

Convertibles, BDCs, Preferreds, Leveraged Loans, HY Credit

#### Worst Fixed Income Sectors:

Long Bond, Treasury Belly, Munis, MBS, IG Credit

#### **Quad 3: Stagflation**

#### **Best Asset Classes:**

Gold, Commodities, Fixed Income

#### Worst Asset Classes:

Credit

#### **Best Equity Sectors:**

Utilities, Tech, Energy, Industrials, Consumer Discretionary

#### **Worst Equity Sectors:**

Financials, REITS, Materials, Telecom, Consumer Staples

#### **Best Equity Style Factors:**

Secular Growth, Momentum, Mid Caps, Low Beta, Quality

#### **Worst Equity Style Factors:**

Small Caps, Dividend Yield, Value, Defensives, Size

#### **Best Fixed Income Sectors:**

Munis, EM \$ Debt, Long Bond, TIPS, Treasury Belly

#### Worst Fixed Income Sectors:

BDCs, Preferreds, Convertibles, Leveraged Loans, HY Credit

#### **Quad 4: Deflation**

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#### **Best Asset Classes:**

Fixed Income, Gold, USD

#### Worst Asset Classes:

Commodities, Equities, Credit, FX

#### **Best Equity Sectors:**

Consumer Staples, Utilities, REITS, Health Care, Telecom

#### Worst Equity Sectors:

Energy, Tech, Industrials, Financials, Materials

#### **Best Equity Style Factors:**

Low Beta, Dividend Yield, Quality, Defensives, Value

#### Worst Equity Style Factors:

High Beta, Momentum, Leverage, Secular Growth, Cyclical Growth

#### **Best Fixed Income Sectors:**

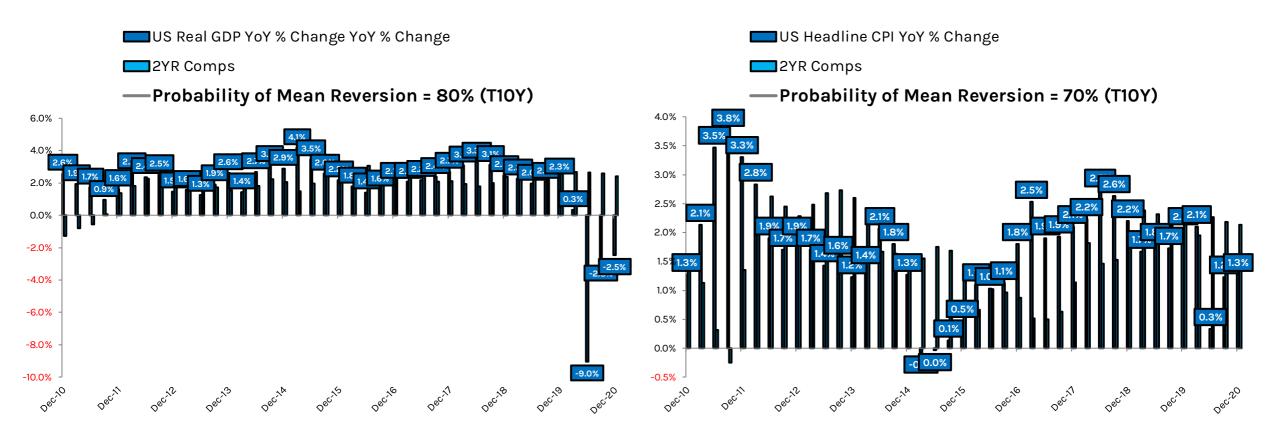
Long Bond, Treasury Belly, IG Credit, Munis, MBS

#### Worst Fixed Income Sectors:

Preferreds, EM Local Currency, BDCs, Leveraged Loans, TIPS

Source: Hedgeye GIP Model Market History Backtests. Quarterly expected values since 1Q98. Bloomberg data. Total Return indices. ETF exposures in ().

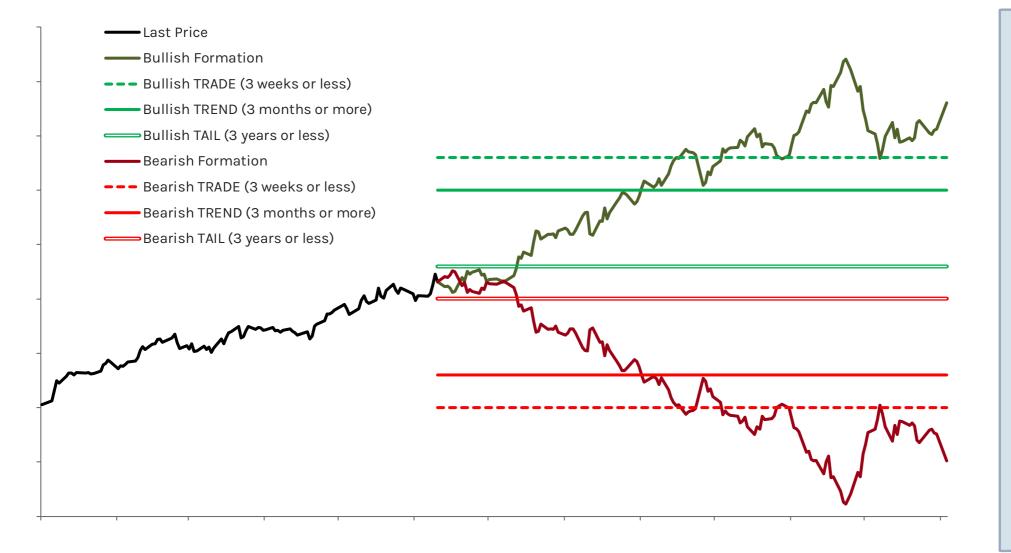
Base Effects Matter Because GDP and CPI Are More Or Less Stationary Processes When Analyzed On A YoY Rate Of Change Basis



Using the US economy as an example, the sign of the first difference of 2yr base effects explains INFLECTIONS in GROWTH and INFLATION 80% and 70% of the time, respectively. Moreover, easing or steepening base effects perpetuate MOMENTUM in GROWTH and INFLATION 80% and 76% of the time, respectively. These figures are near the modal outcomes of the GROWTH and INFLATION backtests across the near-50 economies we maintain detailed GIP Models for – which means base effects matter a lot to projecting the probable path forward for any economy.

The Quads Provide A Reliable Starting Point For Asset Allocation And Keith's Quantitative Signaling Overlay Confirms Market Direction And Helps Risk Manage Core Exposures

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Core to the process of selecting our core exposures is determining whether the ticker screens well from the perspective of Keith's proprietary risk management process, which employs PRICE, VOLUME and VOLATILITY as discrete factors in the calculus of levels that backtest well as critical momentum thresholds.

Assets where last price is greater than all three (in ascending order) are said to be in a "Bullish Formation" and all dips should be bought, insomuch that assets in the converse "Bearish Formation" should be repeatedly shorted on strength.

### A B Testing Process: Quantify Investor Consensus

Monitoring Sector and Style factor Performance allows us to quantitatively track the evolution of our Macro Themes. Additionally, MEASURING and MAPPING key data sets within the CFTC COT report removes the qualitative guesswork from the process of tracking and ultimately FADING crowded positioning.

	STYLE FACTOR PERFORMANCE*						
	FACTOR	1D % Chg	1W % Chg	1M % Chg	<b>3M</b> % Chg	<b>6M</b> % Chg	YTD % Chg
t	High Debt/EV	0.6%	5.4%	3.3%	29.4%	33.4%	6.9%
Debt	Low Debt/EV	0.4%	4.2%	2.3%	10.6%	18.8%	1.9%
sı	High Short Interest	0.7%	5.1%	4.5%	29.6%	29.5%	7.3%
S	Low Short Interest	0.6%	4.5%	1.2%	8.9%	17.0%	1.5%
BETA	High Beta	0.7%	8.0%	4.5%	35.2%	46.8%	8.0%
BE	Low Beta	0.3%	2.0%	1.5%	5.5%	6.9%	1.2%
VIELD	High Yield	0.4%	4.5%	2.5%	22.3%	19.9%	4.9%
YIE	Low Yield	0.5%	5.6%	3.7%	18.7%	30.2%	4.4%
MKT CAP	MCAP Bottom 25%	0.5%	5.0%	2.2%	25.6%	28.5%	5.5%
ΣÛ	MCAP Top 25%	0.4%	4.7%	2.4%	13.4%	20.3%	2.7%
Sales	Top 25% Sales Growth	0.7%	7.3%	4.1%	27.1%	32.1%	5.2%
Sa	Bottom 25% Sales Growth	0.4%	3.1%	1.1%	15.7%	18.3%	3.8%
EPS	Top 25% EPS Growth	0.6%	6.5%	3.4%	26.0%	30.7%	5.2%
Ē	Bottom 25% EPS Growth	0.7%	5.0%	2.7%	23.1%	26.6%	5.6%

\*Mean Performance of Top Quartile vs. Bottom Quartile, S&P500 Companies

Key \$USD Correlations	s*	*Days = Trading	g Days		52-Wk Rolling 30D Correlation								
METRIC	15D	30D	90D	120D	180D	High	Low	% Time Pos	% Time Neg				
SPX	0.08	0.48	-0.88	-0.91	-0.94	0.48	-0.93	6%	94%				
BRENT Oil	0.80	0.76	-0.84	-0.85	-0.75	0.76	-0.92	14%	86%				
CRB Index	0.62	0.74	-0.85	-0.85	-0.90	0.74	-0.99	20%	80%				
GOLD	-0.75	-0.84	0.26	0.38	-0.47	0.54	-0.98	22%	78%				
BTC	0.73	0.35	-0.80	-0.84	-0.76	0.35	-0.95	<u>6%</u>	<b>94%</b>				

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	METRIC	Latest	W/W Chg	3M Ave	6M Ave	1Y Ave	Max	Min	1Y	3Y	
	SPX (Index + E-mini)	(24,440)	(2,000)	(18,220)	14,355	(61,700)	247,179	(318,257)	0.34X	-0.51X	
S	VIX	(116,510)	20,138	(108,355)	(100,854)	(78,667)	92,913	(218,362)	-1.22X	-0.533	
EQUITIES	Russell 2000 (mini)	2,440	6,622	18,293	22,340	11,143	72,749	(88,708)	-0.42X	0.073	
Do la	Dow Jones (mini)	(5,669)	9,598	(12,809)	(9,143)	(9,422)	54,635	(28,732)	0.30X	-1.04X	
Ē	Nasdaq (mini)	29,906	(13,477)	18,522	(5,774)	7,670	47,085	(133,005)	0.66X	0.74X	
	Nikkei Index	(4,499)	(1,376)	(944)	(295)	(3,968)	14,214	(16,298)	-0.12X	0.013	
	10Y UST	150,257	47,828	67,262	73,886	43,121	165,292	(758,490)	1.15X	1.652	
\$	2Y UST	(211,121)	25,985	(234,144)	(248,699)	(230,282)	67,767	(421,551)	0.27X	-0.072	
RATES	5Y UST	(86,171)	(11,904)	(225,260)	(264,407)	(196,076)	65,383	(866,140)	0.93X	0.902	
3	UST Bonds	(208,340)	(22,295)	(192,311)	(198,517)	(147,328)	80,340	(241,003)	-0.94X	-1.962	
<b>H</b>	30D Fed Funds	(105,103)	(76,953)	43,487	119,715	237,138	488,558	(222,037)	-2.43X	-1.153	
	Eurodollar	335,235	(111,919)	529,905	553,881	262,991	2,134,274	(3,110,209)	0.12X	0.492	
	\$USD	(14,848)	(110)	(11,720)	(7,473)	(630)	43,033	(15,000)	-1.20X	-1.872	
ø	JPY	41,632	(4,143)	46,170	34,441	27,575	52,239	(117,731)	0.64X	1.302	
Ĥ	EUR	130,034	(33,787)	147,878	160,958	125,943	212,535	(123,765)	0.05X	1.122	
Ň	GBP	11,085	213	6,314	(926)	(3,451)	49,216	(107,406)	0.97X	0.962	
9	AUD	(3,647)	(3,585)	(4,671)	(803)	(12,394)	19,398	(74,181)	0.46X	1.212	
CURRENCIES	CAD	14,151	2,142	301	(10,972)	(17,251)	53,332	(67,121)	2.05X	1.10	
B	MXN	3,229	3,794	4,332	12,161	15,365	170,379	(21,903)	-0.30X	-1.072	
Ŭ	NZD	11,656	(3,110)	12,531	8,931	(256)	27,603	(42,544)	1.08X	1.29	
	CHF	14,410	4,277	12,063	13,163	9,751	17,848	(47,216)	0.92X	1.40	
	CRUDE OIL	536,642	(4,660)	545,784	522,107	521,099	769,743	332,714	0.31X	0.223	
	GOLD	105,841	(9,875)	120,446	127,805	153,362	292,066	(103,009)	-1.08X	-0.132	
	COPPER	67,481	(3,816)	72,367	65,648	32,225	80,564	(60,135)	0.85X	1.672	
	Natural Gas	29,814	17,942	17,056	34,286	(17,214)	71,340	(262,534)	0.57X	1.24	
	RBOB Gasoline	69,141	(18,850)	73,977	65,037	66,971	129,000	40,626	0.11X	-0.662	
	ULSD Heating Oil	19,019	1,193	16,789	12,019	5,448	50,485	(27,674)	1.06X	0.622	
	Silver	51,838	(2,726)	52,661	47,751	40,478	80,646	(30,158)	0.92X	0.81	
Ĕ	Platinum	29,994	686	25,908	18,790	19,256	69,306	(11,540)	0.96X	0.552	
E	Aluminum	163,475	(2,043)	159,713	159,128	159,128	165,518	153,927	0.91X	0.91	
COMMODITIES	Nickel	42,230	(365)	42,664	42,658	42,658	44,048	41,250	-0.56X	-0.56	
¥	Corn	513,216	(19,770)	476,347	358,193	110,672	557,581	(270,560)	1.51X	2.212	
2	Soybeans	206,532	377	230,072	232,519	139,819	270,935	(148,817)	0.64X	1.492	
8	Wheat	36,833	(3,276)	29,015	34,707	19,155	63,219	(69,231)	0.72X	0.96	
•	Live Cattle	99,862	3,741	73,981	69,999	54,355	183,134	19,421	2.23X	0.652	
	Lean Hogs	58,882	6,984	49,189	50,569	39,608	97,769	(11,151)	1.53X	0.91	
	Sugar	239,872	(11,414)	262,372	264,464	171,338	316,046	(205,161)	0.66X	1.552	
	Cotton	80,366	(3,900)	82,849	76,571	44,076	127,052	(37,827)	1.03X	0.94	
	Coffee	45,031	1,042	39,264	39,485	24,197	60,402	(106,651)		1.502	
	Cocoa	40,657	2,372	39,778	35,710	21,340	81,269	(31,483)	0.76X	0.64)	
	Orange Juice	810	(1,369)	2,149	610	472	5,540	(9,416)		0.822	

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### A B Testing Process: Measure & Map The Volatility of Volatility



#### Deliberately studying the VOLATILITY OF VOLATILITY leads to high-probability decision-making opportunities. TIMING matters.

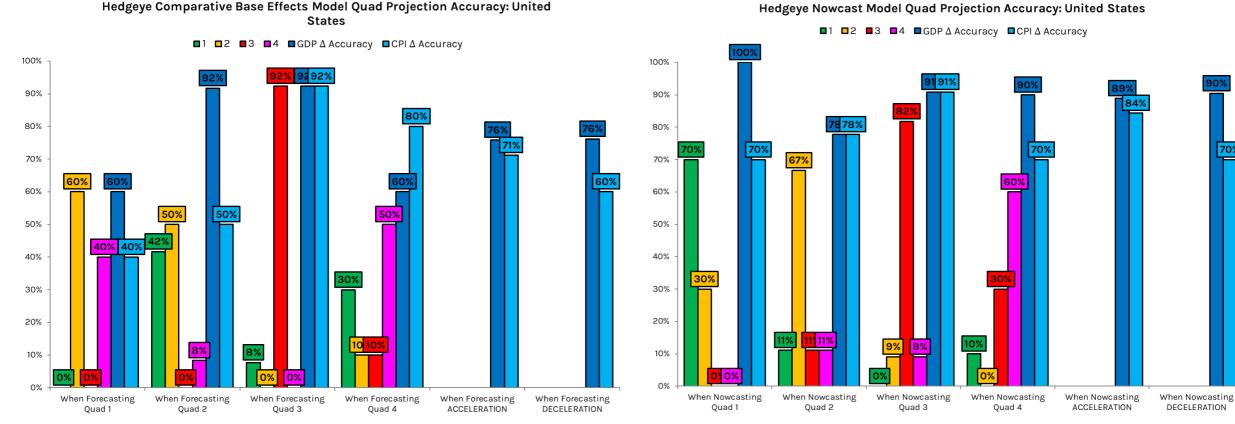
TIME WINDOW SETTING:		TOTAL RETURN	IVOL PREMIUM	DISCOUNT					REALIZED VOL	ATILITY TRE	NDS	IMPLIED VOLA	TILITY TREN	IDS
VOLATILITY_30D			IVOL PREM %						RVOL		PERCENTILE	IVOL		PERCENTILE
PUT_IMP_VOL_30D	TICKER	YTD %	IVOL / RVOL	Yesterday	1W Ago	1M Ago	TTM 7 Second	27-7 6		MM %	10YR	CURRENT	<b>MM</b> %	10YR
US EQUITIES	HCKER	TD %	CURRENT	resterday	IW Ago	IN Ago	TTM Z-Score	STI Z-Score	CORRENT		INTR	CORRENT	IVIIVI 70	IVIK
		13.05%	10%	10%	<b>63</b> %	26%	0.0	0.1	23.3	12%	83%	25.7	- <b>2</b> %	0/10/
I-Shares Russell 2000 ETF	INM US EQUITY	12.30%	3%	3%	26%	-3%	0.3	0.1	23.5 34.4	-13%	85%	35.4	-∡% -8%	84% 87%
Energy Sector SPDR ETF	XLE US EQUITY	7.12%	- <b>8</b> %	- <b>8</b> %	<b>55%</b>	-3% 124%	-0.7	-0.6	21.3	90%	83%	19.5	- <b>o</b> % - <b>22</b> %	<b>77%</b>
Consumer Discretionary Sector SPDR ETF	XLY US EQUITY	5.82%	- <b>o</b> % - <b>13</b> %	- <b>o</b> % -13%	<b>48</b> %	88%	-0.7	-0.6	21.3	68%	57%	19.5	-22%	40%
Communication Services SPDR ETF	XLC US EQUITY	5.62%	-13% -1%	-13% -1%	46% 70%	<b>70</b> %	-0.3	-0.3	20.9	46%	<b>57%</b>	20.7	-22% -15%	<b>40</b> %
Power Shares QQQ Trust ETF	QQQ US EQUITY	4.78%	-1% - <b>3</b> %	-1% - <b>3</b> %	35%		-0.3				80%	22.9		<b>78</b> %
Financials Sector SPDR ETF	XLF US EQUITY	4.78%	-3% 15%	- <b>3</b> % 15%	35% 73%	26% 52%	0.2	-0.3 0.2	23.5 20.6	17% 31%	77%	22.9	- <b>9</b> % - <b>1</b> %	82%
Technology Sector SPDR ETF	XLK US EQUITY	3.74%	-5%	-5%	23%		-0.1	-0.1		5%	71%	17.2	-1% - <b>17%</b>	
Vanguard Real Estate REIT ETF	VNQ US EQUITY	3.70%	-5% 3%	-5%	23% 82%	20% 63%	-0.1	-0.1	18.0 15.7	50%	71%	16.2	- <b>1</b> /%	69% 72%
SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust	SPY US EQUITY	3.70% 1.97%	22%	3% 22%	60%	66%	0.3	0.4	14.3	27%	<b>58%</b>	17.5	- <b>6</b> % - <b>7</b> %	<b>77%</b>
Health Care Sector SPDR ETF	XLV US EQUITY	1.57%	-7%	- <b>7</b> %	53%	<b>41%</b>	-0.4		22.9	27% 15%	80%	21.4	- <b>/</b> % - <b>24</b> %	73%
Materials Sector SPDR ETF	XLB US EQUITY		-7% -30%	-7% -30%	53% 10%		-0.4	-0.4 -1.0		15% 8%	86%			
Utilities Sector SPDR ETF	XLU US EQUITY	1.42%	-30% 12%	-30% 12%	94%	13%			19.3	8% 25%		13.6	-33% -14%	52%
Industrials Sector SPDR ETF	XLI US EQUITY	0.50%				<b>62%</b>	0.1	0.1	18.8		73%	21.0		78%
Consumer Staples Sector SPDR ETF	XLP US EQUITY	- <b>2.51</b> %	1%	1%	<b>47</b> %	<b>74</b> %	-0.4	-0.3	12.1	<b>21%</b>	60%	12.1	<b>-30</b> %	<b>58</b> %
INTERNATIONAL EQUITIES														
I-Shares China Large-Cap ETF	FXI US EQUITY	11.33%	-23%	-23%	-3%	6%	-0.7	-1.1	27.7	31%	<b>79</b> %	21.4	-4%	46%
I-Shares MSCI Emerging Markets ETF	EEM US EQUITY	8.84%	- <b>17</b> %	- <b>17</b> %	23%	<b>17</b> %	-0.7	-0.9	22.0	21%	73%	18.3	-14%	40%
Euro Stoxx 50 Index	SX5E INDEX	3.17%	11%	11%	45%	23%	0.4	0.4	15.1	<b>9</b> %	<b>41%</b>	16.8	-1%	46%
I-Shares MSCI Japan ETF	EWJ US EQUITY	2.50%	-6%	-6%	35%	11%	-0.4	-0.3	16.1	3%	<b>59</b> %	15.2	<b>-12%</b>	36%
CURRENCIES														
PowerShares US Dollar Index ETF	UUP US EQUITY	1.20%	<b>16</b> %	<b>16%</b>	<b>19</b> %	<b>50%</b>	-0.4	-0.2	6.1	10%	38%	7.0	<b>-15%</b>	35%
Currency Shares British Pound ETF	FXB US EQUITY	0.45%	-14%	-14%	-10%	<b>-11%</b>	-0.5	-0.9	7.9	- <b>16</b> %	43%	6.8	<b>-19%</b>	17%
Currency Shares Euro Trust ETF	FXE US EQUITY	<b>-1.47%</b>	-13%	<b>-13</b> %	-8%	8%	-1.0	-1.1	6.5	4%	31%	5.7	<b>-17</b> %	10%
Currency Shares Japanese Yen ETF	FXY US EQUITY	<b>-2.11%</b>	38%	38%	<b>92</b> %	<b>63</b> %	0.6	0.9	4.8	3%	<b>9</b> %	6.6	<b>-13%</b>	<b>18</b> %
COMMODITIES														
United States Oil Fund ETF	USO US EQUITY	15.69%	25%	25%	37%	34%	0.5	0.8	23.6	1%	35%	29.5	- <b>6</b> %	<b>48</b> %
PowerShares DB Agriculture Fund ETF	DBA US EQUITY	3.28%	<b>79</b> %	<b>79</b> %	<b>73</b> %	111%	0.3	1.1	10.7	17%	40%	19.2	-1%	85%
PowerShares DB Base Metals Fund ETF	DBB US EQUITY	0.52%	<b>499</b> %	<b>499</b> %	328%	20%	0.4	0.3	17.7	1%	<b>59</b> %	106.0	406%	89%
SPDR Gold Shares ETF	GLD US EQUITY	<b>-4.79</b> %	-11%	-11%	<b>6</b> %	23%	-0.6	-0.7	18.1	<b>19%</b>	77%	16.2	-14%	64%
FIXED INCOME														
I-Shares IBOXX HY Corporate Bond ETF	HYG US EQUITY	0.62%	26%	26%	<b>76</b> %	<b>72</b> %	0.0	0.3	3.4	4%	15%	4.3	-24%	13%
I-Shares J.P. Morgan USD EM Bond ETF	EMB US EQUITY	-1.15%	19%	19%	23%	62%	-0.3	0.1	5.1	21%	35%	6.0	-11%	30%
I-Shares 7-10 Year Treasury Bond ETF	IEF US EQUITY	-1.70%	39%	39%	56%	387%	-0.3	0.1	3.5	<b>-7</b> %	9%	4.9	-73%	20%
I-Shares IBOXX IG Corporate Bond ETF	LOD US EQUITY	-2.23%	14%	14%	27%	38%	-0.1	0.0	5.1	- <b>2</b> %	57%	5.8	-19%	55%
I-Shares 20+ Year Treasury Bond ETF	TLT US EQUITY	-6.04%	33%	33%	24%	3%	0.8	1.3	10.6	-12%	30%	14.0	14%	<b>67</b> %
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Alphabet	GOOGL US EQUITY	19.18%	-34%	-34%	27%	64%	-1.2	-1.1	37.5	88%	<b>92</b> %	24.9	- <b>24</b> %	<b>58</b> %
		8.89%	-34% -8%	-34% -8%	<b>29</b> %	49%	-0.3	-0.4	26.1	32%	70%	24.9	-24% - <b>19%</b>	<b>69</b> %
Microsoft	MSFT US EQUITY	3.22%	- <b>o</b> % - <b>13</b> %	- <b>o</b> % -13%	29%	<b>29%</b>	-0.5	-0.4	34.9	32% 14%	84%	30.3	-19% - <b>23</b> %	74%
Apple	AAPL US EQUITY	3.22% 2.92%	-13% -6%	-13% -6%	26% 67%	29% 74%	-0.5	-0.5	34.9 29.2	14% 33%	84% 55%	27.6	-23% -28%	44%
Amazon	AMZN US EQUITY	-1.85%	-6% -8%	-6% -8%	67% 25%	69%	-0.5	-0.5	29.2 34.1	33% 38%	60%	31.3	-28% -25%	44% 47%
Facebook	FB US EQUITY	-1.05%	-0%	-070	<b>∠</b> 3%	09%	-0.3	-0.3	34.1	30%	00%	21.3	-23%	4170
ata Source: CBOE, CME, Bloomberg														

### Measuring And Mapping The Quads With Precision Ex Ante Matters To Driving Ex Post Returns



US Comparative Base Effects Model Backtest

**US Nowcast Model Backtest** 



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