The Case for Tactical Equity

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PRO-ACTIVE RISK MANAGEMENT
About Newfound Research

We are dedicated to helping investors pro-actively navigate the risks of investing through industry-leading research and investment acumen.

We offer high conviction, systematically-managed tactical allocation strategies.

• Founded in August 2008
• Privately held and owned by Principals
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About Us

A Research-Driven Investment Process

We adhere to a philosophy of quantitative integrity, whereby an idea must not only be supported by empirical data but must also be grounded in sound theory. We seek to de-mystify the investment process through the consistent publication of transparent and original research reports.

Systematic Pursuit of Risk and Style Premia

We believe process consistency is paramount for long-term investment success and is best achieved through systematic approaches which help mitigate the behavioral biases that often lead to poor investment decisions.

Balancing Simplicity and Complexity with Thoughtful Design

Our portfolios are built around a holistic view of diversification which considers not only what a strategy invests in, but also how and when those decisions are made.
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RE-THINKING DIVERSIFICATION
Diversification is the Foundation of Risk Management

... But it's hard to allocate our way out of a bear market

Source: CSI Data and Newfound Research. Commodities=DBC; EM=EEM; EAFE=EFA; High Yield=HYG; S&P 500=SPY; REITs=VNQ.
Bonds De-Risk, Not Diversify

Source: Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. Analysis provided by Newfound Research. 1963 is the first year for the information presented because 1953 is the first date with monthly 10-year constant maturity interest rate data. Data is through 12/31/18.

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Diversification Goes Beyond Just *What* We Invest In

*How* we make investment decisions and *when* those decisions are made can have a profound impact on investment results.

*What are we investing in?*
- Asset class
- Geographic region

“*Correlation diversification***”

*When are we making the decisions?*

“*Opportunity Diversification***”

*How are we making the investment decisions?*

“*Payoff Diversification***”
“Risk Cannot Be Destroyed, Only Transformed”

In addition to diversifying across assets, investors should also diversify across *how* they manage risk.

- **Correlation-based hedges**
  - Long Treasuries
  - Trend-following
  - Alternative risk premia

- **Direct Hedge**
  - Tail risk hedging

**Most Effective**
- Sudden Drawdowns
- Trending Markets
- Non-Trending Markets
- Sudden Drawdowns

**Least Effective**
- Rising Interest Rates
- Reversal Markets
- Coincidental Drawdown
- Shallow Decline

Source: PIMCO
TACTICAL EQUITY STRATEGIES
What is Trend Equity?

Trend Equity allocates to equities when trends are positive and shifts to a position of safety (e.g. short-term U.S. Treasuries) when trends are negative.

These strategies seeking to participate meaningfully with long-term equity market growth while simultaneously seeking to side-step significant and prolonged market declines.

Source: Kenneth French Data Library. Calculations by Newfound Research. Trend following strategy is a 200-day simple moving average cross-over approach where the strategy holds a broad U.S. equity index when price is above its 200-day simple moving average and invests in the risk-free asset when price falls below. Not an actual strategy managed by Newfound. Returns are gross of all fees, including transaction fees, taxes, and any management fees. Returns assume the reinvestment of all distributions. Past performance is not a guarantee of future results.
Empirical Global Evidence

The black lines plot the ratio of the trend equity strategy versus a buy-and-hold approach.

We can see that trend equity tends to do well during significant drawdowns in the underlying country index, but sacrifices some returns during strong bull markets, similar to other risk management techniques.

Source: MSCI, Global Financial Data. Calculations by Newfound Research. Past performance is not an indicator of future results. Performance is backtested and hypothetical. Performance figures are gross of all fees, including, but not limited to, manager fees, transaction costs, and taxes. Performance assumes the reinvestment of all distributions.
Using Trend Equity to Complement a Core Allocation

By funding a trend equity allocation from both stocks and bonds, the strategy can serve as a tactical pivot, increasing exposure to equity beta during periods where positive trends are identified, and decreasing strategic exposure during periods where negative trends are identified.
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