

## WILSHIRE ASSOCIATES

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Monthly Valuation Analysis

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# Wilshire Consulting INTRODUCTION



- Analysis includes current valuation levels versus historical norms within and among various asset classes
- Results rely on historical data (i.e. current price levels are compared to historical observations)
- Historical time period used to calculate average observation is the past 15 years ending the most recent quarter-end
- Most exhibits include a 'median' line along with breakpoints calculated assuming a normal distribution of outcomes:
  - Conditions are expressed as probabilities with the low end (1%) implying an "expensive" situation and the high end (99%) as "inexpensive" versus history
  - +/- 0.67 standard deviations represents the 75/25% outcomes
  - +/- 1.28 standard deviations represents the 90/10% outcomes
- Yields, including dividend yield for equities, have been used throughout to create a consistent comparison when comparing one asset class to another

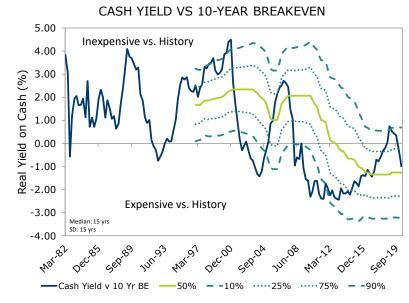




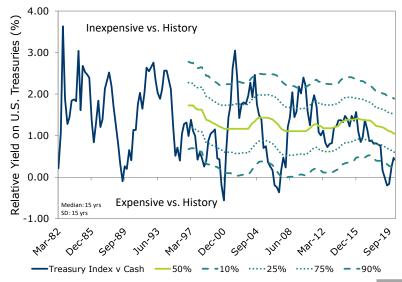
### CASH AND TREASURY BONDS

- Real yield on cash is again below zero
  - 3-month Treasury = 0.09%;
     Breakeven inflation = 1.07%
  - Yield on 10-year TIPS is negative (-0.43%); low for the past decade was in 2012 (-0.87%)

- Spread between the broad Treasury market index and cash is again positive (0.42%)
- Although yields have fallen dramatically in 2020, the curve is at least upward sloping across all maturities



#### TREASURY INDEX VS CASH

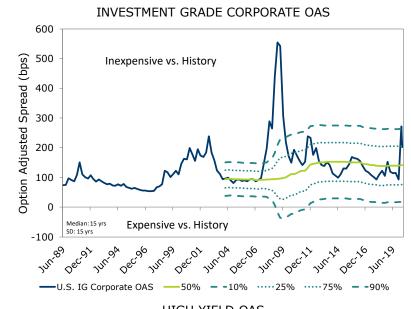


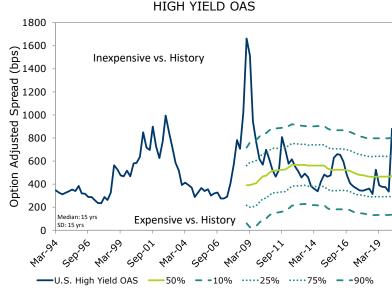
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### RELATIVE FIXED INCOME YIELDS

 Spread versus Treasuries on the investment grade index spiked during the first quarter but has since tightened; currently at the 74%-percentile outcome versus its 15-year history

 Spread on high yield bonds has exhibited a similar pattern and is currently at the 85%-percentile outcome

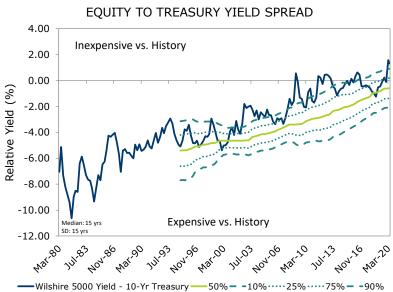


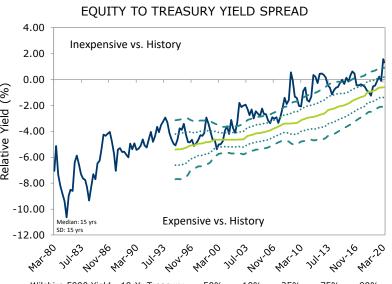


## U.S. EQUITY VALUATIONS



- Distribution of historical dividend yield is tight; current observation at the 56%percentile outcome
- Spread (discount) between the dividend yield and Treasuries has decreased as yields have fallen through the years

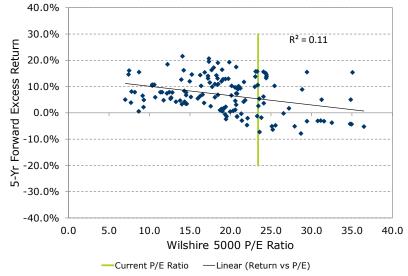




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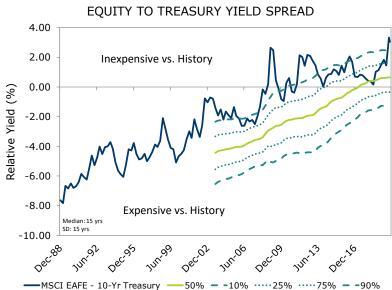


Data sources: Wilshire Atlas, Bloomberg

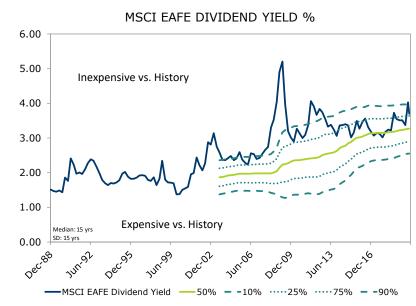
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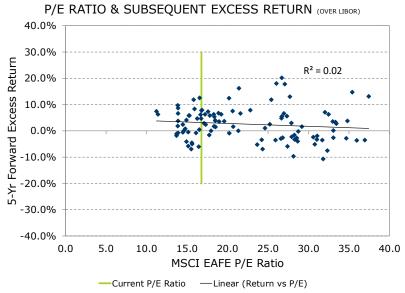
### DEVELOPED MARKET VALUATIONS

- Dividend yield is above the 15-year median; at the 78%-percentile outcome
- Spread between Developed Equity and the 10-Year Treasury has been narrowing









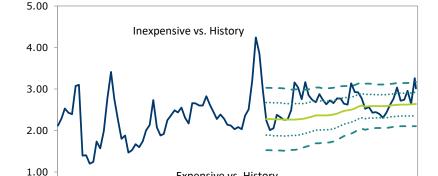
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### EMERGING MARKET VALUATIONS

- Current dividend yield is above its 15-year median; at the 82%-percentile outcome
- Spread between Emerging Market Equity and the 10-Year Treasury has been narrowing

#### **EQUITY TO TREASURY YIELD SPREAD** 4.00 Inexpensive vs. History 2.00 Relative Yield (%) 0.00 -4.00 Expensive vs. History -6.00 ....25%

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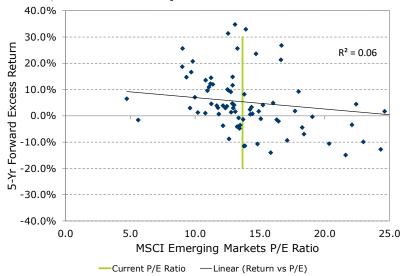


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Expensive vs. History

Median: 15 yrs



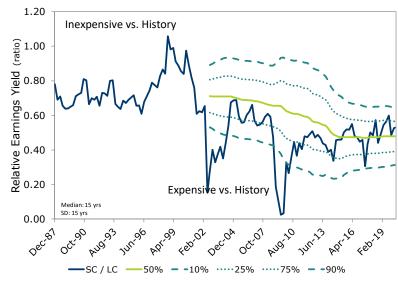
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### RELATIVE U.S. EQUITY: SIZE

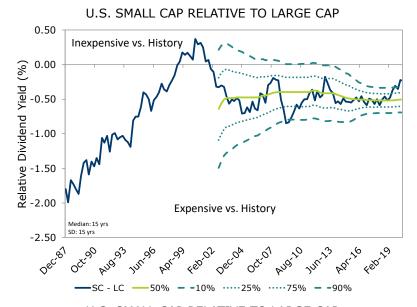




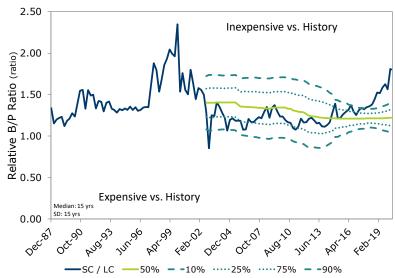
U.S. SMALL CAP RELATIVE TO LARGE CAP



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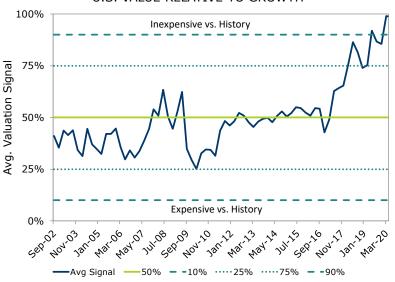
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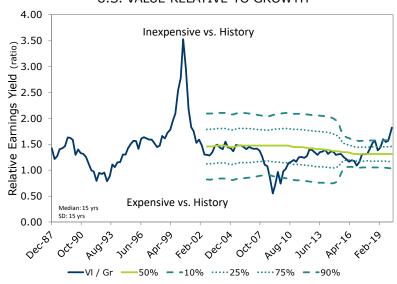
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### RELATIVE U.S. EQUITY: STYLE





#### U.S. VALUE RELATIVE TO GROWTH



#### Data source: Bloomberg



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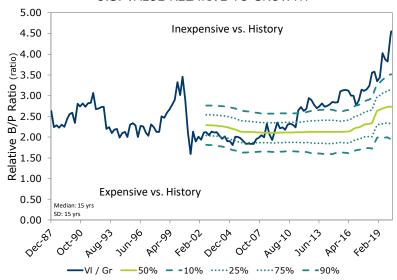
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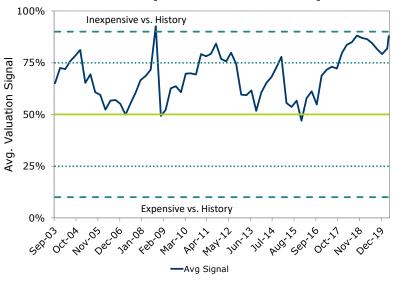
Expensive vs. History



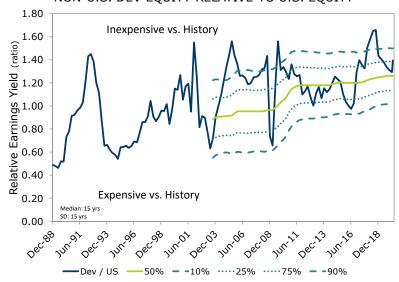


#### GLOBAL EQUITY: DEVELOPED

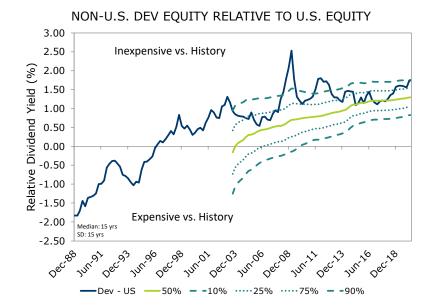




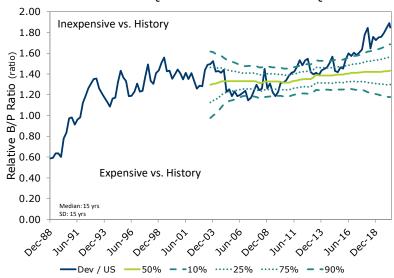
NON-U.S. DEV EQUITY RELATIVE TO U.S. EQUITY



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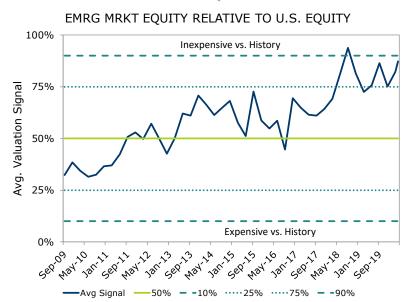


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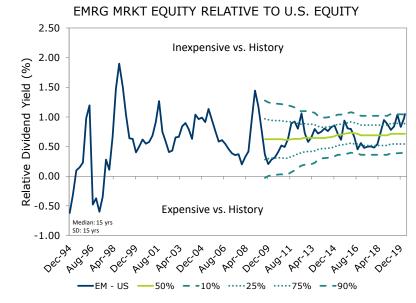
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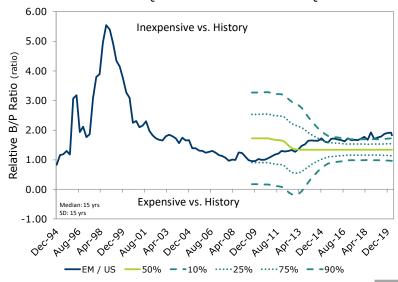
#### EMRG MRKT EQUITY RELATIVE TO U.S. EQUITY



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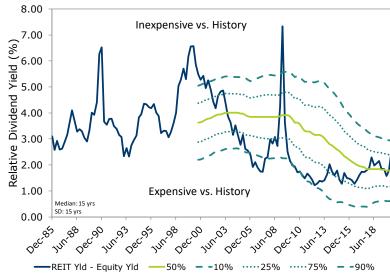
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#### RELATIVE YIELD ON REAL ASSETS

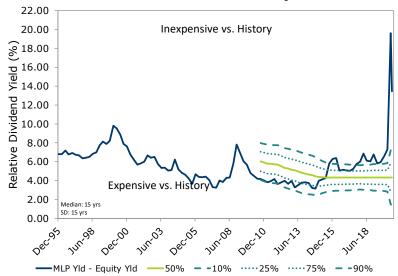
- REIT yields typically run higher than the earnings yield for the broad equity market
- Current relative yield at the 72%-percentile outcome

- MLP prices have been quite volatile for the past few years and are down big in 2020, although delivered a strong rebound in April
- Current relative yield is at the 100%percentile outcome

#### REIT YIELD RELATIVE TO U.S. EQUITY



#### MLP YIELD RELATIVE TO U.S. EQUITY



# Wilshire Consulting SUMMARY



- Real yield on cash is negative
- Credit spreads are above their historical medians
- Equity signals are yield-based only in the following exhibit
- Non-U.S. equity is Inexpensive versus U.S. stocks

ASSET CLASS	FACTOR	CURRENT	HISTORICAL MEDIAN	CURRENT FROM MEDIAN (SD)	CURRENT VALUATION %
CASH	Real Yield	-0.98	-1.26	0.18	57%
U.S. TREASURIES	Relative Yield to Cash	0.42	1.05	(0.94)	17%
U.S. IG CORPORATE	Spread to Treasuries	202	141	0.63	74%
U.S. HIGH YIELD	Spread to Treasuries	744	471	1.04	85%
U.S. EQUITY	Dividend Yield	1.96	1.93	0.16	56%
NON-U.S. DEV EQUITY	Dividend Yield	3.70	3.26	0.78	78%
NON-U.S. EMRG MRKT	Dividend Yield	3.01	2.64	0.90	82%
U.S. REITs	Relative Yield to Eqty	2.31	1.78	0.59	72%
MLPs	Relative Yield to Eqty	13.47	4.35	4.07	100%
SMALL V LARGE	Relative Yield	-0.23	-0.50	1.90	97%
VALUE V GROWTH	Relative Yield	1.97	1.10	1.98	98%
NON-U.S. DEV V U.S.	Relative Yield	1.74	1.30	1.20	89%
EMRG MRKT V U.S.	Relative Yield	1.05	0.72	1.31	90%



### CROSS-ASSET CLASS VALUATION

- Methodology: matrix below summarizes relative relationships among asset classes
  - 15 years of yield data is used for each AC
  - The difference in yield is calculated and the resulting percentile of each outcome is included in the matrix, for example:
    - » Current Treasuries to Core Bonds spread is -0.8%, above its median of -0.9%
    - » Spread is tighter than normal (with 56% probability) meaning that Treasuries are getting "inexpensive" relative to Core Bonds (which are getting "expensive")
- Relative yields on Non-U.S. markets are attractive versus U.S. Equity

AS OF	ASSET CLASS RELATIONSHIP RELATIVE TO EACH OF THE FOLLOWING:										
AS OF APRIL 30, 2020	INFLATION	CASH	TREASURY	CORE	HIGH	REITs	MLPs	U.S. STOCKS	NON-U.S.	EMRG	
· ·				BONDS	YIELD				DEV	MRKT	
CASH	57%		83%	76%	28%	33%	0%	46%	38%	34%	
TREASURY	28%	17%		56%	18%	11%	0%	15%	16%	11%	
CORE BONDS	32%	24%	44%		14%	8%	0%	15%	12%	9%	
HIGHYIELD	73%	72%	82%	86%		48%	0%	57%	54%	53%	
REITs	87%	67%	89%	92%	52%		0%	72%	51%	51%	
MLPs	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%		100%	100%	100%	
U.S. STOCKS	94%	54%	85%	85%	43%	28%	0%		11%	10%	
NON-U.S. DEV	93%	62%	84%	88%	46%	49%	0%	89%		49%	
EMRG MRKT	96%	66%	89%	91%	47%	49%	0%	90%	51%		