Active vs. Passive Equity Investments

Index Funds, Mutual Funds, ETFs, Hedge Funds



Exhibit 1: Percentage of Active Funds Outperformed by Comparable Index

Source: S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC, SPIVA Australia Mid-Year 2016 Scorecard. Data as of June 30 2016. Chart is provided for illustrative purposes. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. It is not possible to invest directly in an index.

Exhibit 2: Percentage of U.S. and Global Indices That Outperformed Comparable Active Funds



Source: S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC, SPIVA U.S. Mid-Year 2016 Scorecard. Data as of June 30, 2016. Chart is provided for illustrative purposes. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. It is not possible to invest directly in an index.

Exhibit 3: Performance Persistence of U.S. Active Funds Over 5 Consecutive 12-Month Periods



results.



Exhibit 5: Average Fees of Open-End Active Funds Versus ETFs

Source: S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC, Morningstar. Data as of Sept. 30, 2016. U.S. equities: Only open-end funds (excluding index and leveraged funds) and ETFs classified in the U.S. large-, mid-, and small-cap categories are included in the universe. Australian equities: Only open-end funds (excluding index and leveraged funds) and ETFs classified in the Australian large- and mid-, & small-cap categories are included in the universe. Figures for the U.S. are averages of funds' latest annual report net expense ratios. Figures for Australia are averages of funds' latest maximum management fees. Chart is provided for illustrative purposes.

A brief history of Hedge Funds (1990-2017)

- Classical Period (1990-1999)
 Steady linear growth of number of funds, performance very superior to index
- Modern Period (2000-2007)
 Exponential growth of #funds, performance not much better than index. Proliferation of quant funds.
- Post-modern Period (2008-2017)
 Modest to no growth in #funds. Performance inferior to index. Consolidation of assets in fewer, large, HFs.

3. Number of funds in the industry



Since a peak in 2007, we see a steady number of hedge funds. This confirms with the previous graph 2, and combined with graph 1 means the funds are managing more money on average.

1. estimated AUM and asset flow



this graphs shows a general upward trend except for the 2007-2008 financial crisis

Hedge Fund Creation & Liquidation





this graph shows a proportional trend of fund established over fund liquidated, exhibiting a trend of market saturation/skill saturation, since after the year 2010

The concept of AUM-weighted returns

Imagine that each dollar is invested for 1 year and that we record the return for that year.

The impact of AUM on performance can be modeled as the average annual return of a dollar invested since the beginning of HFs.

Mathematically, this is the AUM-weighted return.

$$AUMWR(n) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} AUM(i) \times R(i)}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} AUM(i)}$$

Comparing HF returns with Indexing returns



Blue: S&P500 : 11%

Red: AUM-weighted returns

Regression analysis: AUMWR vs log(AUM)

Source	SS	df	MS	Number of obs	=	26
				F(1, 24)	=	18.81
Model	.034307363	1	.034307363	Prob > F	=	0.0002
Residual	.043763881	24	.001823495	R-squared	=	0.4394
				Adj R-squared	=	0.4161
Total	.078071245	25	.00312285	Root MSE	=	.0427

\UMweighte~n	Coef.	Std. Err.	t	P> t	[95% Conf.	Interval]
logAUM _cons	0294629 .3242558	.0067926	-4.34 7.32	0.000	0434821 .2327941	0154437 .4157176

Performance of top 20 US HFs in 2016

Fund	PNL (B)	AUM (B)	NET RET (%)	GROSS PNL (EST, B)	FEE (EST, MM)
Elliott	3.3	31.3	10.5%	4.9	1,608
Baupost	2.7	31	8.7%	4.2	1,450
Caxton	0.5	8	6.3%	0.8	325
Farallon	1.2	19.3	6.2%	2.0	783
King Street	1.1	19	5.8%	1.9	750
DE Shaw	1.2	27	4.4%	2.2	975
Appaloosa	0.7	15.8	4.4%	1.3	570
Citadel	1	24	4.2%	1.9	850
Bridgewater	4.9	117.8	4.2%	9.1	4,170
Two Sigma	1.1	32	3.4%	2.2	1,075
Och Ziff	1.1	33.5	3.3%	2.2	1,113
Milennium	1.1	34.4	3.2%	2.2	1,135
Brevan H	0.5	16.7	3.0%	1.0	543
Moore	0.4	13.6	2.9%	0.8	440
SAC/P72	0.1	11.1	0.9%	0.4	303
Tudor	0	9.1	0.0%	0.2	228
Lone Pine	-0.1	26.3	-0.4%	0.5	633
Viking	-0.6	27.8	-2.2%	0.0	556
Soros	-1	28	-3.6%	-0.4	560
Paulson	-3	9.8	-30.6%	-2.8	196
TOTAL	16.2	535.5		34.5	Billions 18.26