### Undergraduate Student Investment Management Fund

**Semi-Annual Presentation** 

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## Team Introduction

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## Investment Thesis



## Graphical Representation of Equity as a Call Option

Equity of a firm with debt in its capital structure is analogous to a call option on the written assets of a firm.



Black, Fischer, and Myron Scholes, 1973, "The Pricing of Options and Corporate Liabilities", *Journal of Political Economy* 81, 637–654. & Merton, Robert C., 1974, "On the Pricing of Corporate Debt: The Risk Structure of Interest Rates", *Journal of Finance* 29, 449–470.

## Call Option Replicated

A call option can be rewritten using a portfolio of stocks (assets), put options on the underlying stocks (assets), and risk-free bonds to provide an identical payoff.

	$S_T < x$	$S_T > x$
Call Option	0	S <sub>T</sub> - x
	$S_T < x$	$S_T > x$
Stock (Assets)	S <sub>T</sub>	S <sub>T</sub>
Put Option	x - S <sub>T</sub>	0
Risk Free Borrowing		
		S <sub>T</sub> - x

Equity = Assets + Put Option - Safe Debt



### **Investment Thesis**

Eisdorfer, Goyal, and Zhdanov hypothesize that if investors do not value the default option, misvaluation can occur.

**High Default Option** 

**Low Default Option** 

Traditional Valuation (e.g. DCF)

Misvalued

**Appropriate Valuation** 

Valuation with Default Option

**Appropriate Valuation** 

Appropriate Valuation

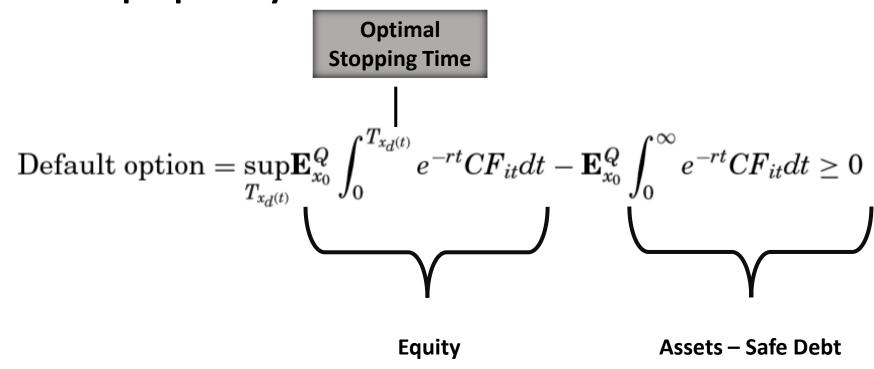
## Valuation of Equity in the Model

There are two components to valuing equity within the model, 1) value to the equity holders (if they were to operate into perpetuity), 2) value of default option.

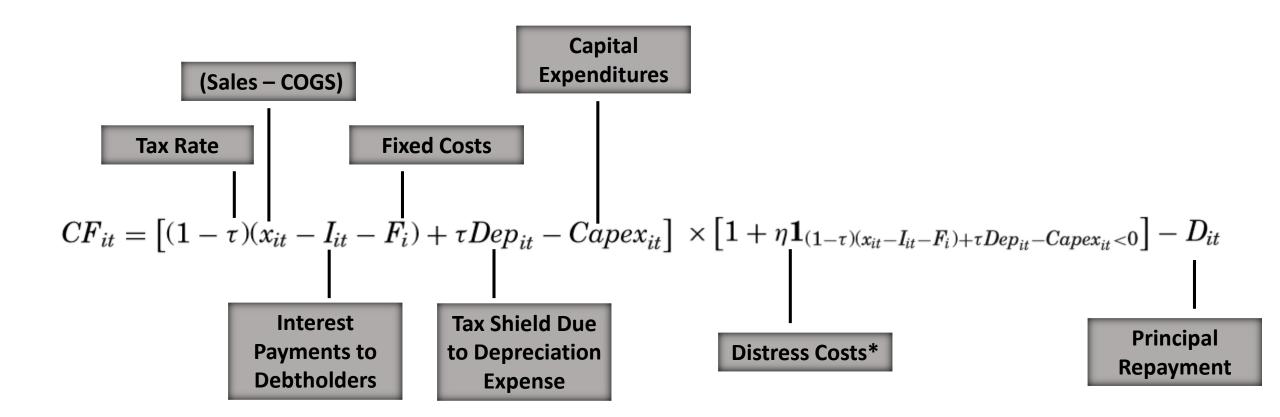
Value of Equity = Value to Equity Holders + Value of Default Option

## Value of Default Option

The default option can be deconstructed into two parts: 1) discounting the cash flows of a firm until an optimal stopping time, 2) discounting the cash flows of a firm into perpetuity.



## Value of Default Option Continued



Eisdorfer, Goyal, and Alexei Zhdanov, 2019, "Equity Misvaluation and Default Options", The *Journal of Finance 74*, 845–898.

\*Incurred when a firm incurs negative cash flows.

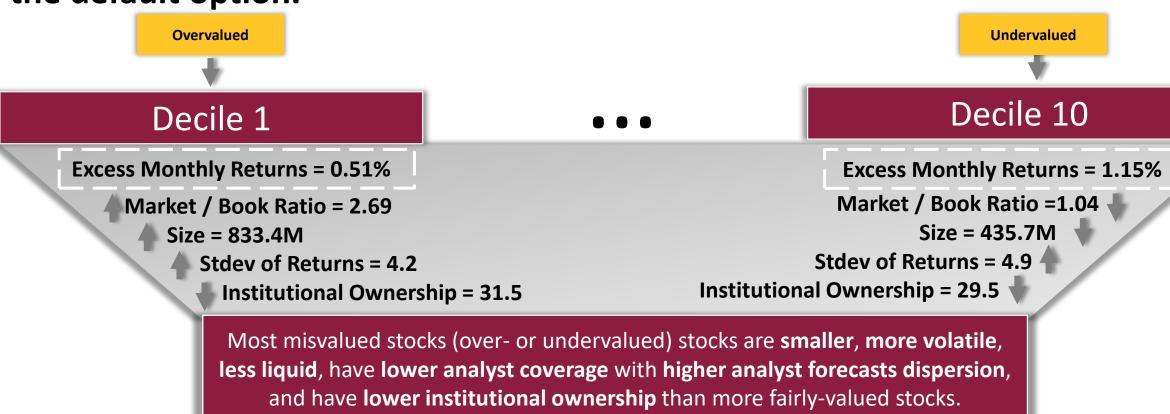


## Comparing Model Value to Market Value

Stocks are sorted into deciles according to the ratio of the equity value implied by the valuation model to the actual equity value.

### Misvaluation in Returns

The model indicates that the misvaluation picked up by our model is related to the default option.





# Implementation



### Portfolio Construction Process Overview

Source
accounting and
return data from
Bloomberg and
CRSP/Compustat,
respectively

Matlab Code Returns Model Equity Value Calculate:

Model Equity Value
Current Equity Value

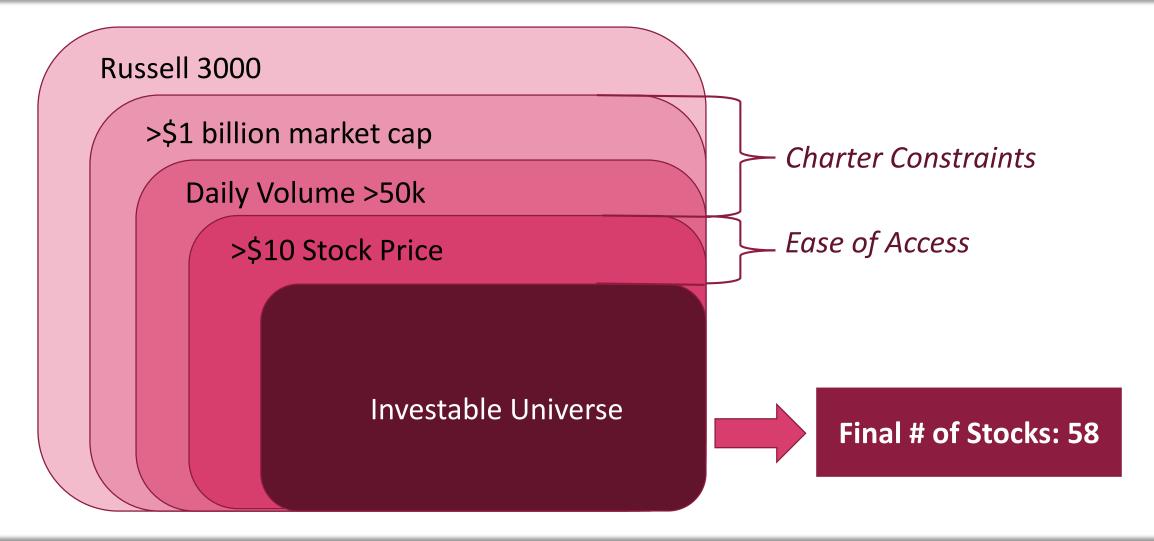
Trim the
Bottom and
Top 2% of the
Ratios

Sort Ratios into
Deciles and Invest
in 10<sup>th</sup> Decile

\*CRSP/Compustat till 2018, supplemented with Bloomberg for current info



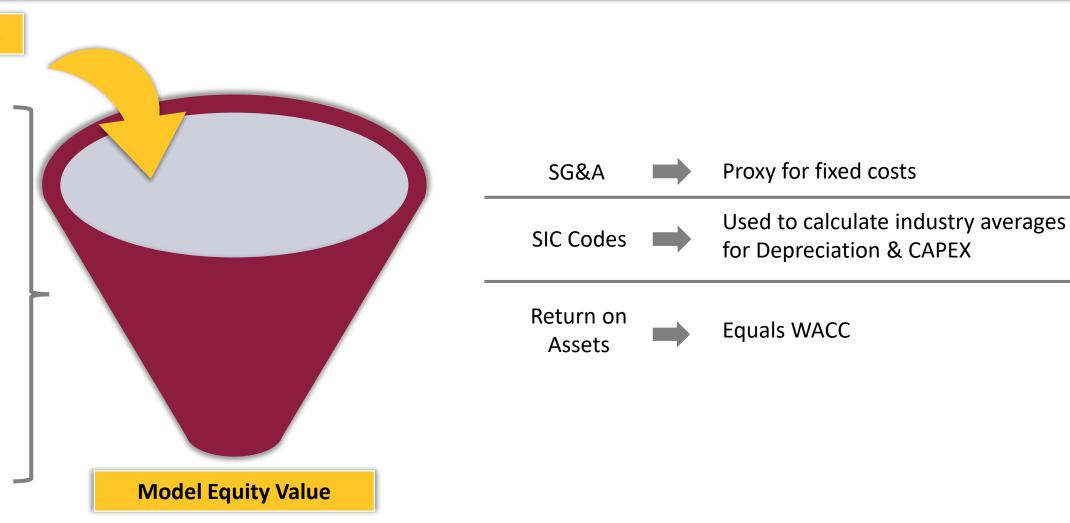
## Filtering for Investible Universe



## Portfolio Construction: Inputs & Assumptions

#### **Model Inputs**

- Current liabilities
- Long-term liabilities
- Revenue
- Fixed Costs
- Volatility
- Risk-free rate
- COGS
- WAAC
- CAPEX
- Depreciation
- Leverage
- SIC Code



## Decile Details and Construction





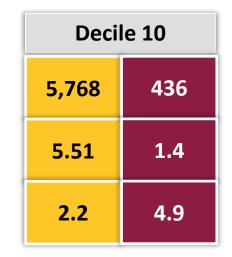
Size

Market-to-Book

**Stdev of Returns** 

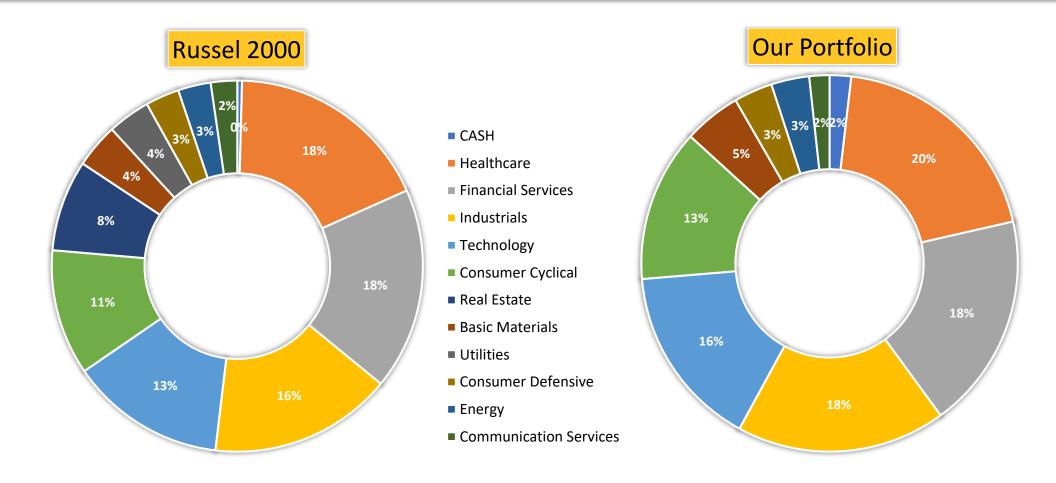
Decile 1		
21,419	833	
12.50	2.69	
2.3	4.2	

Decile 5		
9,828	2,034	
3.85	1.96	
2.1	2.9	



Paper data an average of 1983 – 2012, our data a snapshot of October 2019

## Sector Weighting Comparison



## Rebalancing

#### Pull Latest Data

We will pull the most updated data on Bloomberg as companies' report financial information.

#### **Avoid Bankrupt Companies**

We will have a dedicated team to monitor that the securities are not under bankruptcy.

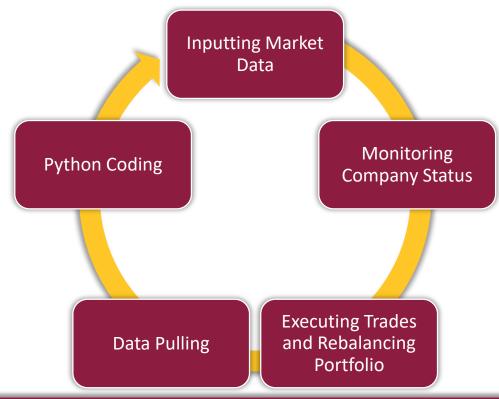
#### Rebalance Accordingly

We shall rebalance our portfolio monthly using equal weights.



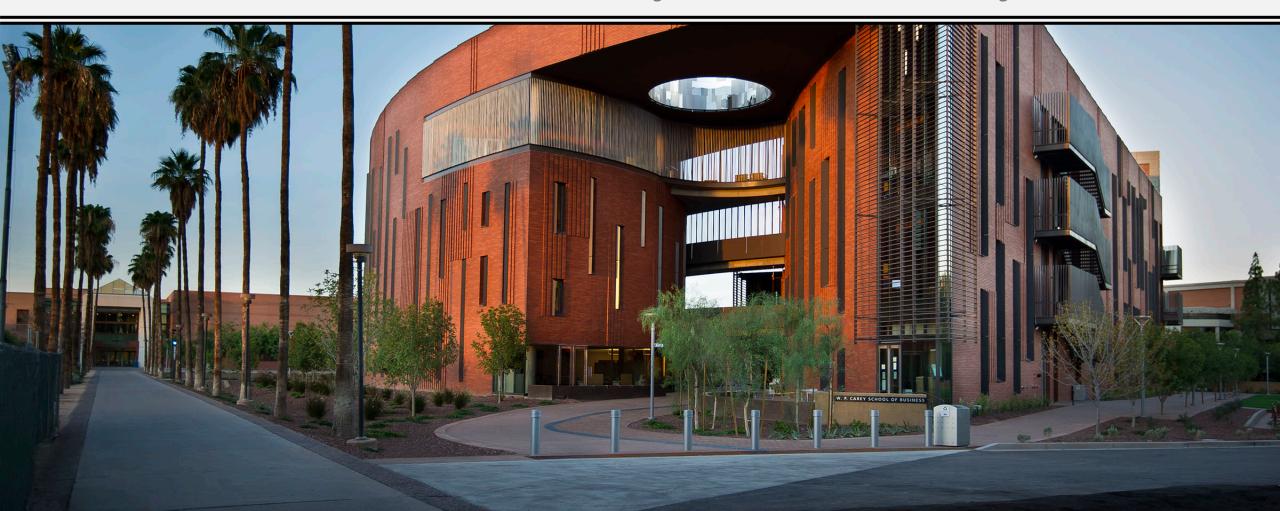
### **Task Allocation Process**

Each team member will rotate positions throughout the semester. This will ensure all team members are exposed to every aspect of the investment process.



## **Semi-Annual Presentation**

Friday, December 6th, 2019 Team B - Undergraduate Student Investment Management Fund



#### **Team Introduction**



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## Investment Thesis

#### **Investment Thesis**



#### An event-based portfolio capturing abnormal returns around dividend distribution

Predictable Corporate Distributions & Stock Returns
by Bessembinder & Zhang (BZ)

**Dividend Month Premium** by Solomon & Hartzmark (SH)

Forecasting
Corporate Distribution
Announcement Date

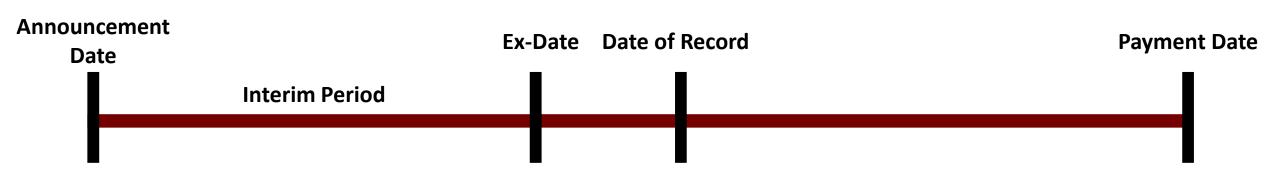
Abnormal Returns on Announcement Day Focuses on Interim Period

Abnormal Returns on Ex-Day



#### **Dividend Distribution Timeline**

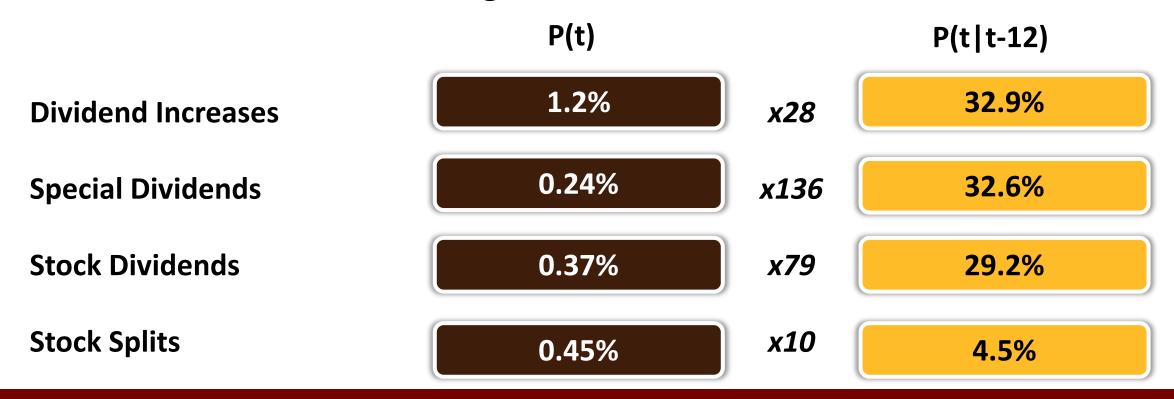






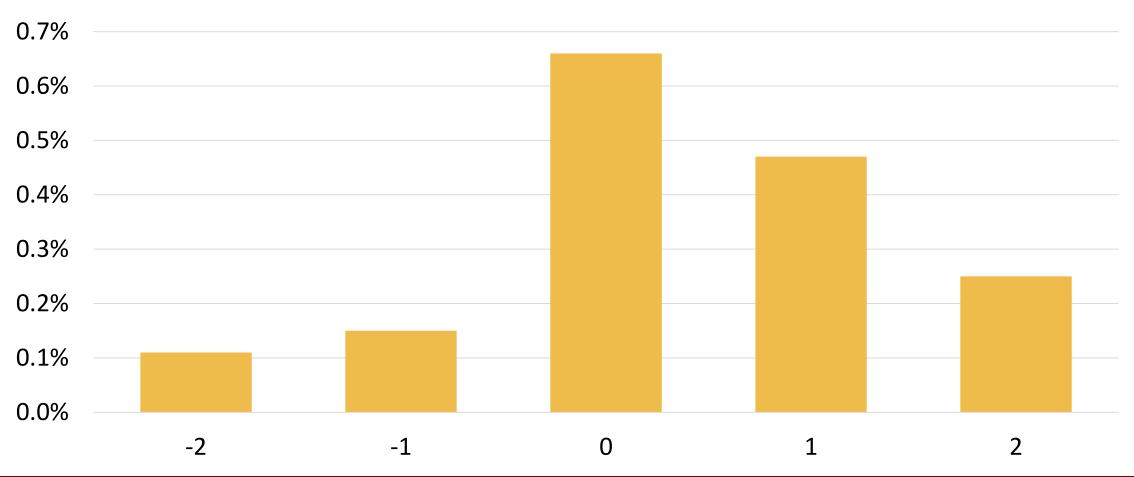
# Purchasing stocks with high estimated probabilities of distribution events generates significant abnormal returns

#### **Predicting distribution events**

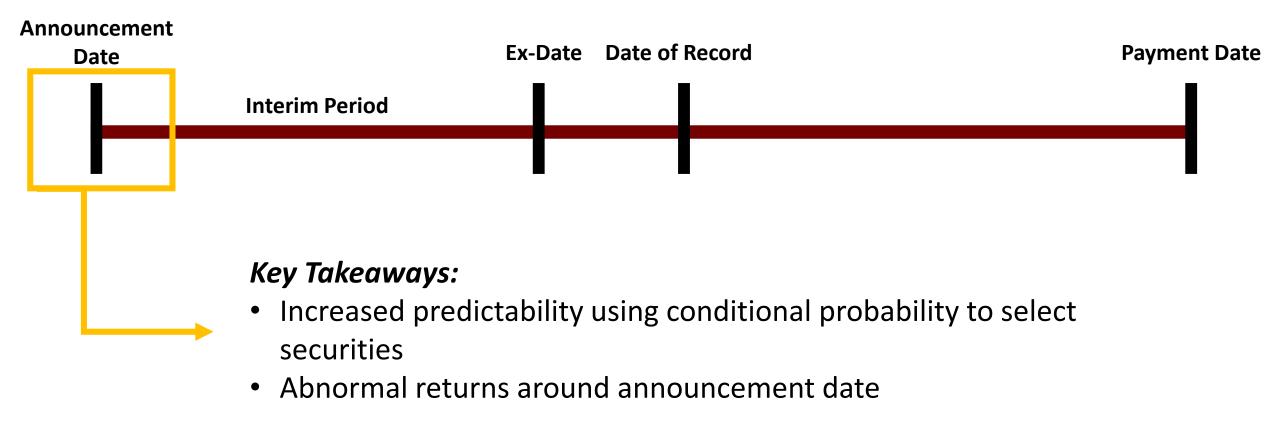




# Daily Stock Returns around Dividend Increase Announcement





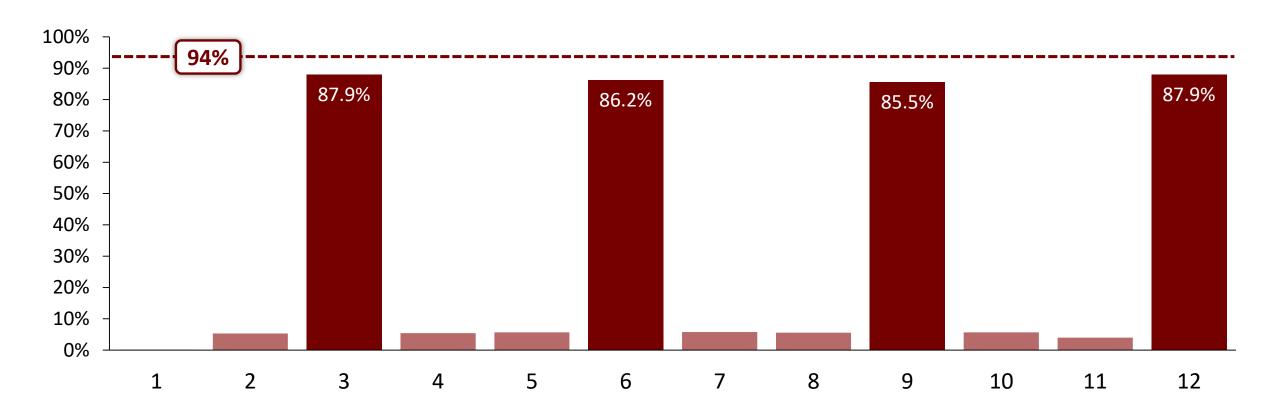




#### SH – Strategy



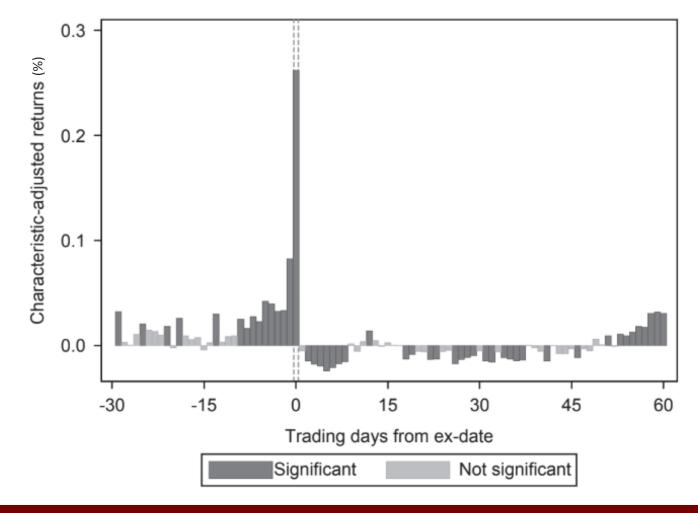
# Purchasing stocks in months with high estimated probabilities of dividend distribution generates significant abnormal returns



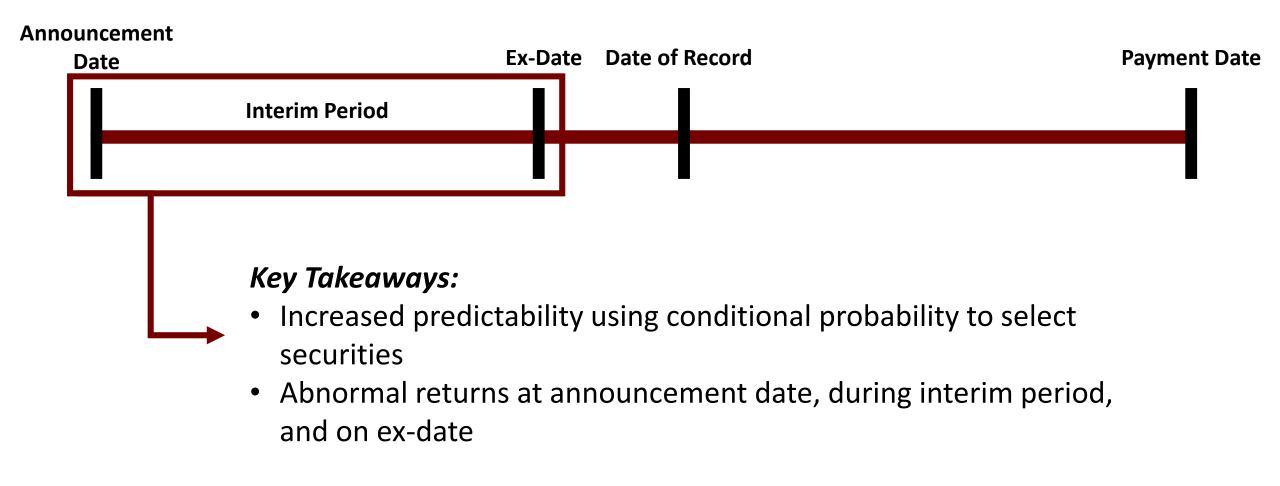




#### Daily characteristic-adjusted returns around ex-dividend date

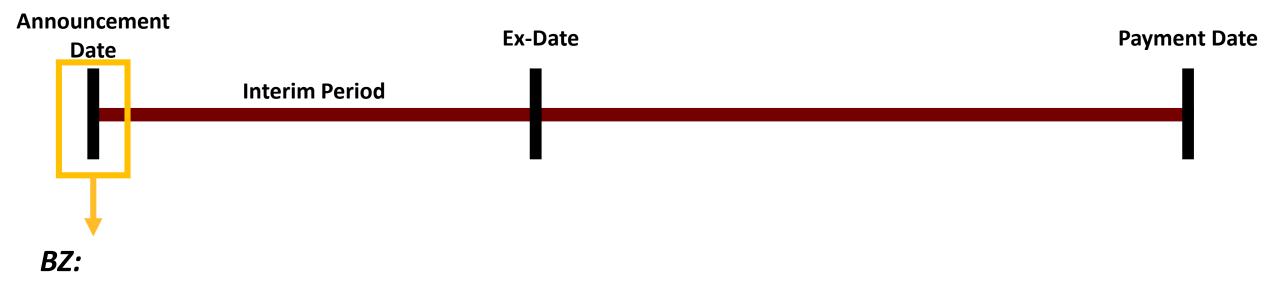






### **Combined Strategy**





Predict announcement date

Capture announcement date abnormal returns

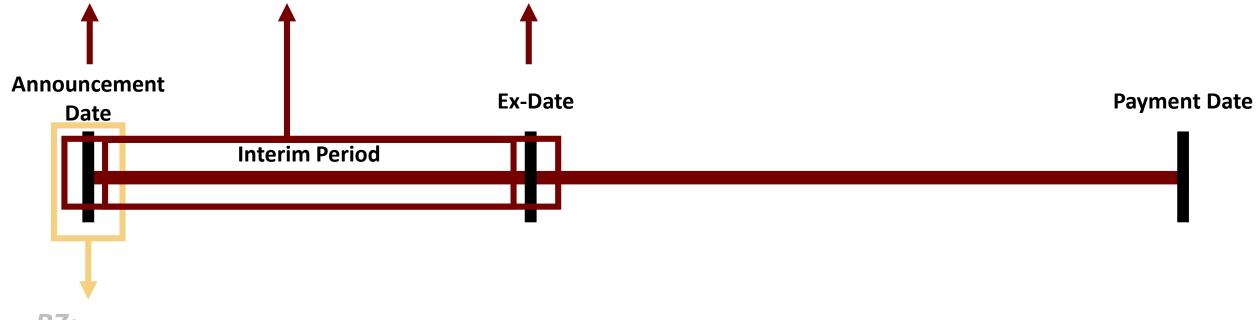


#### **Combined Strategy**



#### SH:

- Predict dividend distribution
- Capture announcement date, interim period, and ex-date abnormal returns



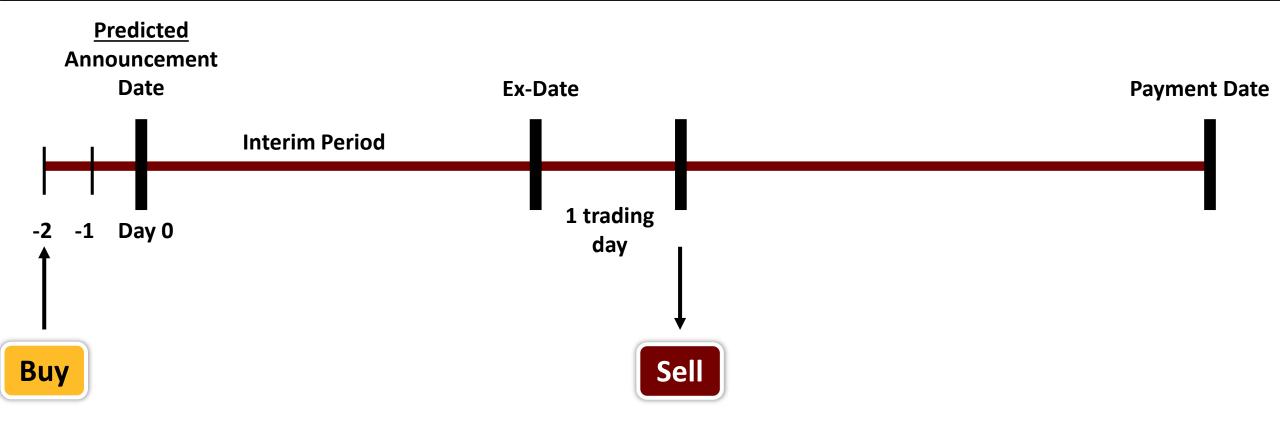
#### BZ:

- Predict announcement date
- Capture announcement date abnormal returns



#### Strategy Timeline to Be Implemented

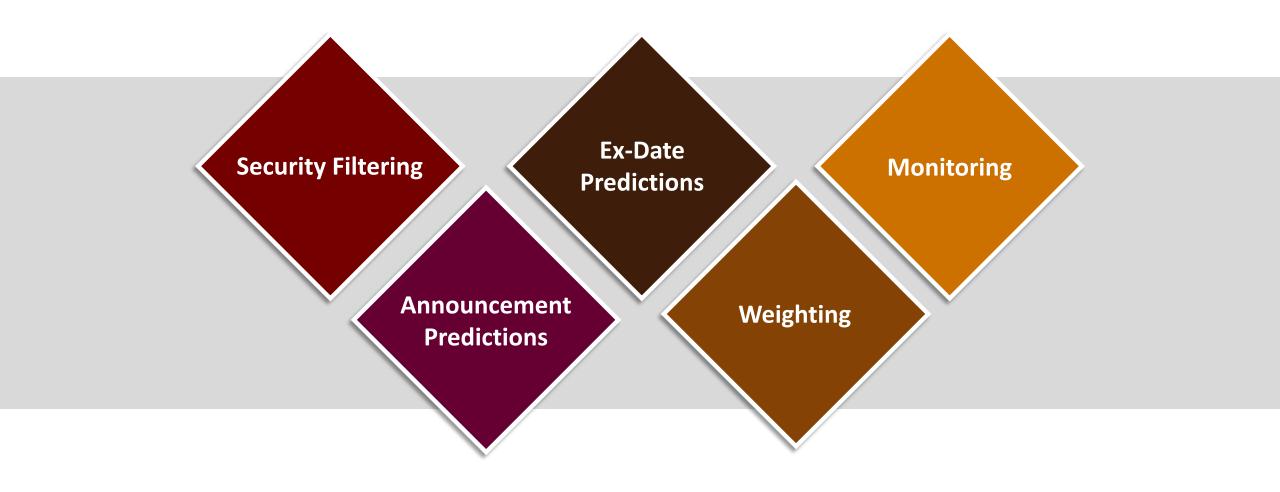




# Strategy Implementation

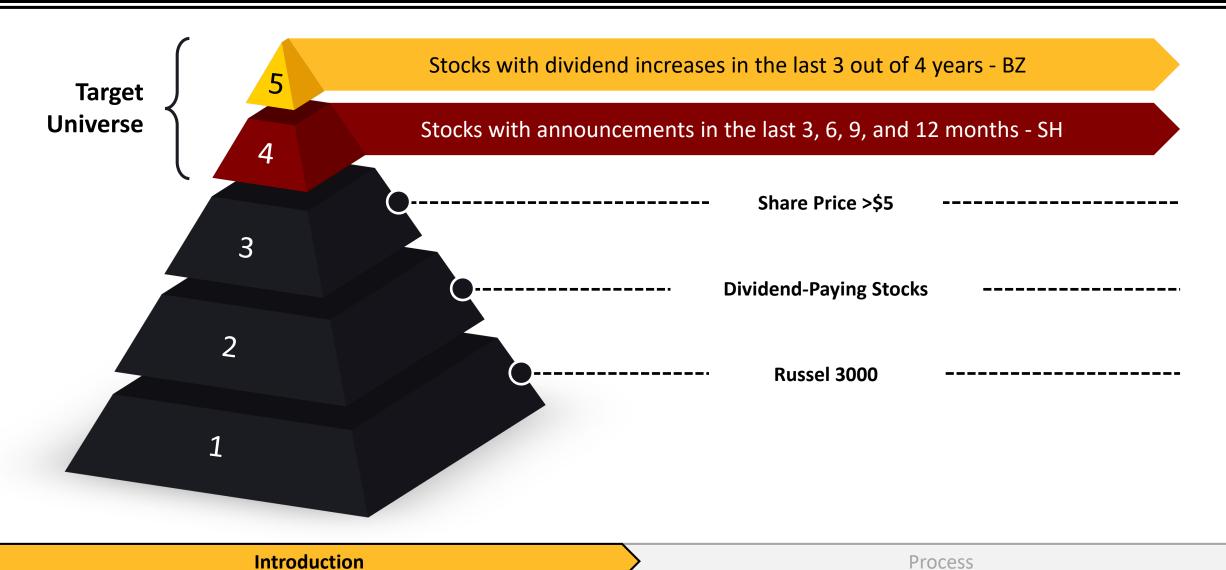
#### Implementation Overview





## **Security Filtering**





# Security Filtering - SH



**Process** 



Cocurity ID		Nove	mber			January					March			
Security ID	M – 3	M – 6	M – 9	M – 12		M – 3	M – 6	M – 9	M – 12		M – 3	M – 6	M – 9	M – 12
22103	1	1	1	1		0	0	0	0			0	0	0
10932	0	0	0	0		1	1	1	1			0	0	0
10252	0	0	0	0	,	0	0	0	0			1	1	1
90454	0	0	0	0		1	1	1	1			0	0	0
11884	1	1	0	0	,	0	0	0	0			0	0	1
89841	1	1	1	1		0	0	0	0			0	0	0
57809	1	1	1	0		0	0	0	0			0	0	0
= Buy List	= W	atch List												

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## Security Filtering - BZ





November						
M – 12	M – 24	M – 36	M – 48			
1	1	1	1			

#### January

22103

90454

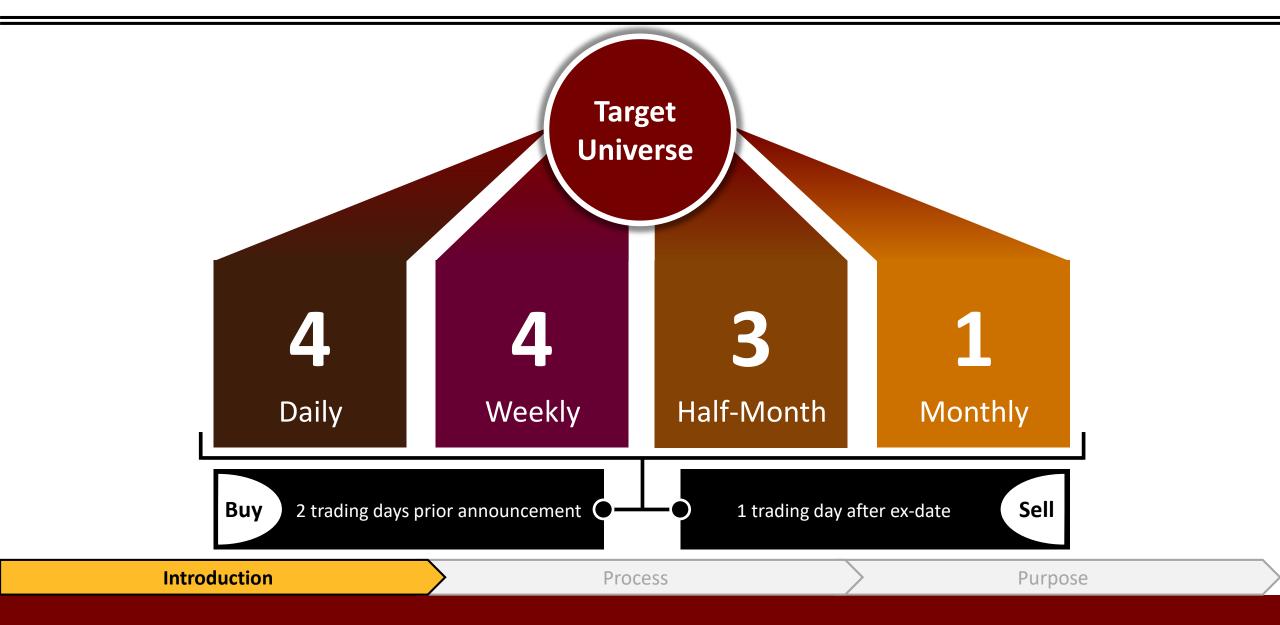
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**Process** 

## **Announcement Predictions**





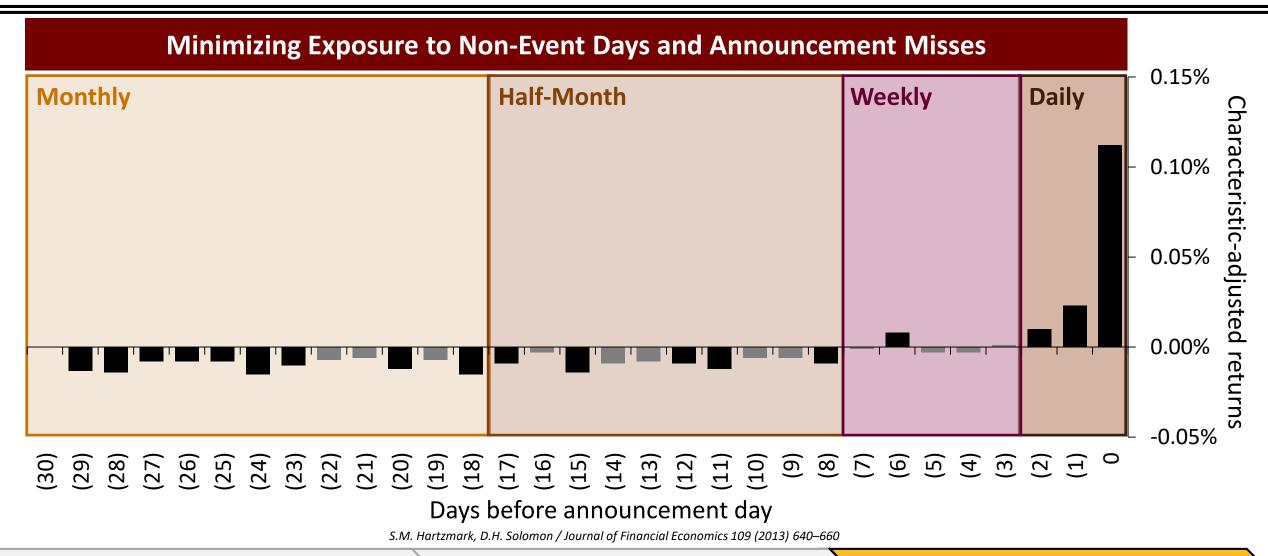
## **Announcement Predictions**



ConvitorID	Daily		Daily								Half-Month			
Security ID	M	Т	W	Th	F	1	2		3	4	5		H1	H2
22103		1												
10932											1			
10252				3								-		
90454												-		1
11884												_		
89841												_		
57809												-		
= Daily	= \	Weekly		= Half-	Month		= Mont	hly				-		
In	troductio	n					rocess						Purpose	<u> </u>

#### **Announcement Predictions**





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### **Ex-Date Predictions**



1

Eliminate exposure to post ex-date losses

2

Maximize portfolio exposure to strategy

3

Reduce probability buy orders exceed cash

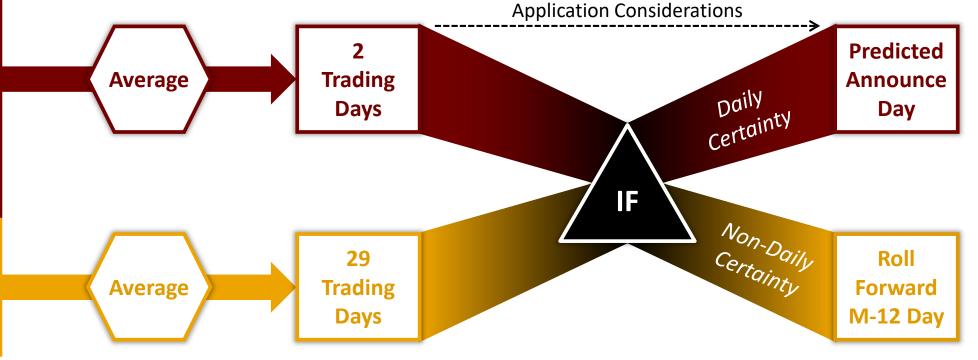
**Purpose** 

Process

#### **Ex-Date Predictions**



The model runs off of a **Trading Day Matrix**, ensuring buy, sell, and predicted announcement dates occur on active trading days.



**Process** 

Purpose

## Weighting



Increase performance by maximizing portfolio exposure to abnormal returns surrounding dividend events

Certainty	Rank	Base Weight
Daily	1	3.5%
Weekly	2	2.5%
Half-Month	3	1.5%
Monthly	4	1.5%

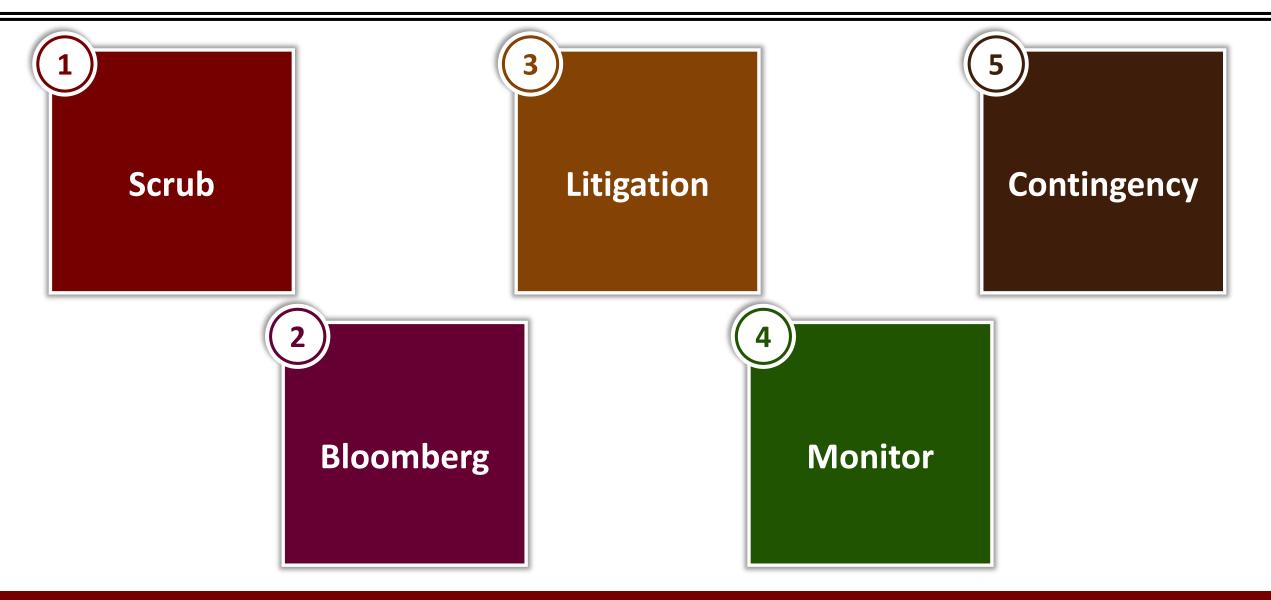
Increase	Rank	Add-On
Dividend Increase	1	0.5%
No Increase	2	0.0%

•	Certainty	Increase	Weight
	Daily	Yes	4.0%
	Daily	No	3.5%
	Weekly	Yes	3.0%
	Weekly	No	2.5%
	Half-Month	Yes	2.0%
	Half-Month	No	1.5%
	Monthly	Yes	2.0%
	Monthly	No	1.5%

Increase	Rank	Add-On
Dividend Increase	1	0.5%
No Increase	2	0.0%

## Monitoring





# Appendix

## Security Filtering - Purpose







probability of announcement in current month given announcements in the last 3, 6, 9 and 12 months



probability of dividend increase announcement in current month given announcements in the last 12, 24, and 36 months







abnormal returns on increase announcement day

Optimization 1>

## Bucket Breakdown by Month



**Buy List** 

December Certainty Increase Count Daily Yes Daily No Weekly Yes Weekly No 9 Half-Month Yes Half-Month No 9 Monthly Yes 0 Monthly No 4

	January	
Certainty	Increase	Count
Daily	Yes	9
Daily	No	37
Weekly	Yes	4
Weekly	No	39
Half-Month	Yes	21
Half-Month	No	94
Monthly	Yes	1
Monthly	No	18

	February	
Certainty	Increase	Count
Daily	Yes	1
Daily	No	30
Weekly	Yes	11
Weekly	No	39
Half-Month	Yes	9
Half-Month	No	49
Monthly	Yes	0
Monthly	No	36

Watch List

	March	
Certainty	Increase	Count
Daily	Yes	1
Daily	No	6
Weekly	Yes	4
Weekly	No	18
Half-Month	Yes	0
Half-Month	No	15
Monthly	Yes	0
Monthly	No	8

	April	
Certainty	Increase	Count
Daily	Yes	15
Daily	No	59
Weekly	Yes	7
Weekly	No	33
Half-Month	Yes	15
Half-Month	No	84
Monthly	Yes	1
Monthly	No	32

	May	
Certainty	Increase	Count
Daily	Yes	5
Daily	No	48
Weekly	Yes	11
Weekly	No	53
Half-Month	Yes	11
Half-Month	No	100
Monthly	Yes	1
Monthly	No	54