# Undergraduate Student <br> Investment Management Fund 

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## Asymmetric Arbitrage

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Overpriced Securities

+ Unable to Short
=
Negative Expected Return

Underpriced Securities

+ Unable to Long =
Positive Expected Return

Mispricing \& Idiosyncratic Volatility


## Simple Average Ranking Construction



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## Idiosyncratic Volatility (IVOL) \& Mispricing

- Market variance unattributed to variance of market return of iShares Russell 3000 ETF
- Magnitude of mispricing much greater amongst securities with high IVOL as a result of arbitrage risk



## Strategy Implementation

## Charter Constraints

| $1{ }^{\text {st }}$ Criterion |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Firms domiciled in the U.S. | $2^{\text {nd }}$ Criterion |  |  |
|  | Market Cap > \$1B | $3^{\text {rd }}$ Criterion |  |
|  |  | Long Only Portfolio | $4^{\text {th }}$ Criterion |
|  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Maximum of $10 \%$ in one company and $25 \%$ in one secto |

# Investment Process 



## Rebalance Process - Hold


(10)

## Market Cap Weights



## Portfolio Returns - Benchmarks



## Sector Comparison - Financials



# Portfolio Returns - Financials 



Financials - Alternate Gross Profit Calculations

| Real Estate | $\frac{\text { (Revenue - Adjusted Operating Expenses + Depreciation) }}{\text { Total Assets }}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| Insurance | $\frac{\text { (Investment Income + Net Premiums - Total Claims + Underwriting Expense) }}{\text { (Investable Assets + Accounts Receivable) }}$ |
| Investment (Banks,etc.) | $\frac{\text { Net Interest Income }}{\text { Total Investable Assets }}$ |

## Sector Comparison



Weight


Consumer Staples


Energy

Contributed Return


## Sector Comparison




## Worst Performers

$\underset{\substack{\text { Sally } \\(-17.6 \%)}}{\substack{\text { Beauty Holdings } \\-0.4 \%}}$

Consol Energy (-17.6\%)

## -0.5\%

## QEP Resources Inc

(-21.1\%)
-0.5\%
-0.7\%

Our Experiences

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Moving Forward

# Underperforming Securities 

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## Anomalies

## Consol Energy Inc. (CNX)



## Las Vegas Sands (LVS)



## Nordstrom (JWN)



# Sally Beauty Holdings (SBH) 



## Anomaly Correlations

| Anomaly | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) | (9) | (10) | (11) | (12) |
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| Panel A. Correlations: long minus short |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (1) Failure Porbability | 1.00 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (2) Oshlon's O (distress) | 0.47 | 1.00 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (3) Net stock issues | 0.27 | 0.20 | 1.00 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (4) Composite equity issues | 0.20 | 0.11 | 0.43 | 1.00 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (5) Total accruals | 0.15 | 0.08 | 0.15 | 0.11 | 1.00 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (6) Net operating assets | 0.09 | 0.16 | 0.22 | 0.10 | 0.26 | 1.00 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (7) Momentum | 0.62 | 0.18 | 0.22 | 0.25 | 0.15 | 0.14 | 1.00 |  |  |  |  |  |
| (8) Gross profitabilit | 0.36 | 0.34 | 0.21 | 0.01 | 0.12 | 0.13 | 0.19 | 1.00 |  |  |  |  |
| (9) Asset growth | 0.09 | 0.03 | 0.36 | 0.22 | 0.22 | 0.36 | 0.17 | -0.01 | 1.00 |  |  |  |
| (10) Treturn on assets | 0.58 | 0.41 | 0.16 | 0.01 | 0.03 | 0.02 | 0.31 | 0.38 | -0.03 | 1.00 |  |  |
| (11) Investment-to-assets | -0.02 | -0.01 | 0.19 | 0.12 | 0.34 | 0.32 | 0.08 | -0.08 | 0.51 | -0.08 | 1.00 |  |
| (12) Combination | 0.77 | 0.52 | 0.52 | 0.39 | 0.42 | 0.42 | 0.68 | 0.43 | 0.44 | 0.56 | 0.35 | 1.00 |
| Panel B. Excess returns |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Long leg (mean) | 0.94 | 0.51 | 0.70 | 0.62 | 0.72 | 0.71 | 1.11 | 0.69 | 1.00 | 0.64 | 0.91 | 0.76 |
| Short leg (mean) | -0.01 | -0.19 | 0.07 | 0.20 | 0.13 | 0.06 | -0.45 | 0.29 | 0.04 | -0.34 | 0.15 | -0.01 |
| Long minus shirt (mean) | 0.95 | 0.70 | 0.63 | 0.42 | 0.58 | 0.65 | 1.56 | 0.40 | 0.96 | 0.98 | 0.75 | 0.77 |
| Long leg (t-statistic) | 3.97 | 2.18 | 3.66 | 3.47 | 2.54 | 2.98 | 3.81 | 3.20 | 3.82 | 2.56 | 3.65 | 3.57 |
| Short leg (t-statistic) | -0.01 | -0.51 | 0.27 | 0.79 | 0.40 | 0.22 | -1.23 | 1.33 | 0.14 | -0.88 | 0.57 | -0.05 |
| Mong minus short (t-statistic) | 2.55 | 2.83 | 5.11 | 2.59 | 3.11 | 4.41 | 5.45 | 2.45 | 5.34 | 3.53 | 5.22 | 6.91 |
| Panel C. Benchmark-adjusted returns |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Long leg (mean) | 0.39 | 0.21 | 0.20 | 0.02 | 0.26 | 0.25 | 0.63 | 0.43 | 0.22 | 0.38 | 0.17 | 0.28 |
| Short leg (mean) | -1.16 | -0.93 | -0.46 | -0.41 | -0.34 | -0.51 | -1.14 | -0.23 | -0.44 | -0.90 | -0.37 | -0.60 |
| Long minus shirt (mean) | 1.55 | 0.13 | 0.66 | 0.43 | 0.61 | 0.76 | 1.77 | 0.66 | 0.66 | 1.28 | 0.54 | 0.87 |
| Long leg (t-statistic) | 3.39 | 3.37 | 3.87 | 0.29 | 1.85 | 2.27 | 4.95 | 4.42 | 1.76 | 4.40 | 1.59 | 7.66 |
| Short leg (t-statistic) | -4.53 | -6.17 | -4.62 | -3.85 | -2.24 | -4.75 | -5.11 | -2.19 | -3.93 | -4.29 | -3.30 | -7.07 |
| Mong minus short (t-statistic) | 5.00 | 7.13 | 5.96 | 3.18 | 3.09 | 4.98 | 5.82 | 4.30 | 3.94 | 5.48 | 3.78 | 9.38 |

## Accruals

- Companies with low accruals have a higher expected future return
- Invest in companies with the lowest accrual portion of earnings
- Number of securities: 1,714

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\text { Accruals }=\frac{(\Delta C A-\Delta \text { Cash })-(\Delta C L-\Delta S T D-\Delta T P)-\Delta D e p)}{\text { Average Total Assets }}
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## Momentum

- "Winners continue to win and losers continue to lose."
- Ranked on compounded monthly returns during September 2015 to September 2016
- Number of securities: 2,757

Momentum $=\left(R_{t-1}\right)\left(R_{t-2}\right) \ldots\left(R_{t-13}\right)-1$

## Asset Growth

- Firms that have high asset growth are less likely to perform well in future
- Invest in firms with low asset growth
- Number of securities: 2,212


## Asset Growth $=\underline{\left(\text { Total } \text { Assets }_{\mathrm{t}}-\text { Total Assets }_{\mathrm{t}-1}\right)}$ Total Assets $_{\text {t-1 }}$

# Gross Profitability 

- Firms with high gross profit are expected to generate abnormally high future returns
- Invest in companies with high profitability
- Number of securities: 1,642
Total Assets


## Net Issuance

- Management tends to repurchase shares when stock is undervalued
- Invest in companies with lower net issuance
- Number of securities: 2,592

Net Issuance $=\ln (\text { Adj. Shares Outstanding })_{t}-\operatorname{In}(\text { Adj. Shares Outstanding })_{t-11}$

# Idiosyncratic Volatility (IVOL) 

- High IVOL indicates high expected returns
- Calculated for 60 trading days from August 26, 2016 to November 17, 2016
- Number of securities: 2,843

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R=\alpha_{i}+\boldsymbol{\beta}_{i}\left(R_{m k t^{-}} R_{i}\right)+\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{\mathrm{i}} \quad \text { IVOL }=\sum\left(\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{\mathrm{i}}\right)^{2}
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## Sector Attributions

| Sector | Weight (\%) |  |  |  | Contributed Return (\%) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Portfolio | WM | IWV | Custom | Portfolio | IWM | IWV | ustom |
| Consumer Discretionary | 20.53 | 12.33 | 12.58 | 21.88 | -0.46 | 0.68 | 1.33 | 1.44 |
| Consumer Staples | 5.93 | 2.91 | 8.28 | 6.54 | -0.58 | 0.12 | 0.89 | 0.15 |
| Energy | 12.1 | 3.56 | 6.49 | 6.73 | -1.85 | -0.31 | -0.3 | -0.07 |
| Financials | 1.73 | 19.35 | 15.18 | 6.6 | 0.02 | 1.44 | 1.28 | 0.5 |
| Healthcare | 4.51 | 12.69 | 13.17 | 6.13 | 0.45 | 0.93 | 1.04 | 0.72 |
| Industrials | 22.67 | 14.55 | 10.81 | 24.56 | 0.46 | 1.05 | 0.94 | 1.86 |
| Information Technology | 19.77 | 17.22 | 20.47 | 16.43 | 2.59 | 1.51 | 2.84 | 1.98 |
| Materials | 11.52 | 5.04 | 3.38 | 7.05 | 1.28 | 0.46 | 0.35 | 0.49 |


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