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#### Wilshire Consulting



#### Monthly Valuation Analysis

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- 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

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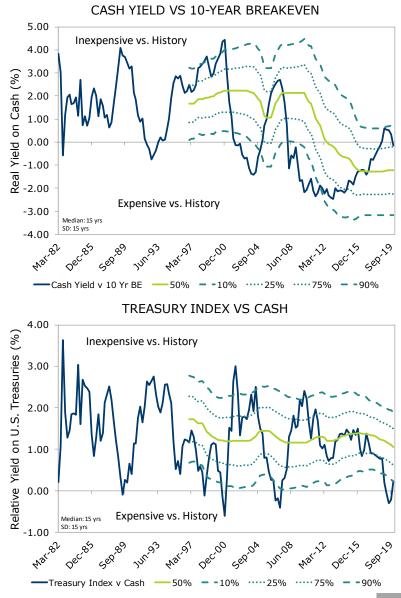




#### Wilshire Consulting CASH AND TREASURY BONDS

- Real yield on cash is again below zero
  - 3-month Treasury = 1.57%;
    Breakeven inflation = 1.72%
  - Yield on 10-year TIPS is still positive (0.14%) after falling below zero for the first time since 2013

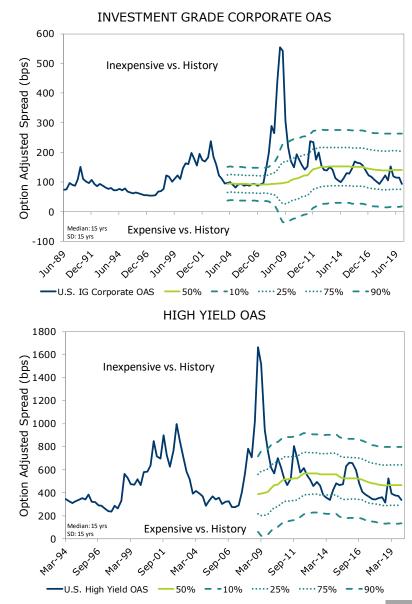
- Spread between the broad Treasury market index and cash has turned positive
- Yield curve is mostly upward sloping (no longer inverted); short-term rates have fallen with longer rates rising



### Wilshire Consulting RELATIVE FIXED INCOME YIELDS

• Spread versus Treasuries on the investment grade index is below its 15 year historical median, at the 31%-percentile outcome

 Spread on high yield bonds is below the historical median, currently at the 31%percentile outcome

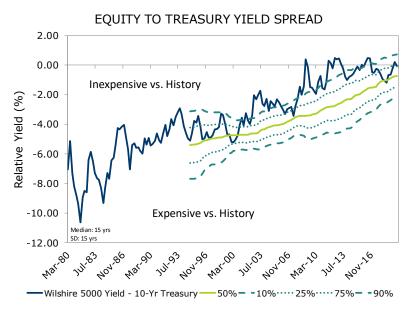


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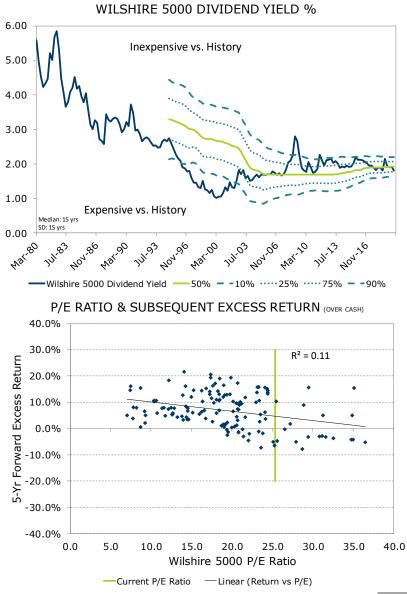


#### Wilshire Consulting U.S. EQUITY VALUATIONS

- Distribution of historical dividend yield is tight; current observation at the 31%percentile outcome
- Spread (discount) between the dividend yield and Treasuries has decreased as yields have fallen through the years



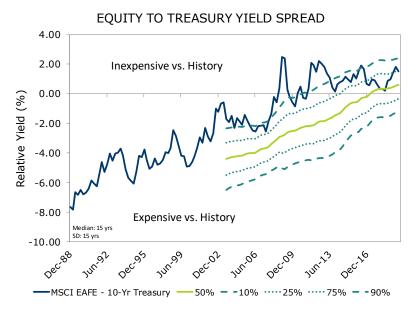
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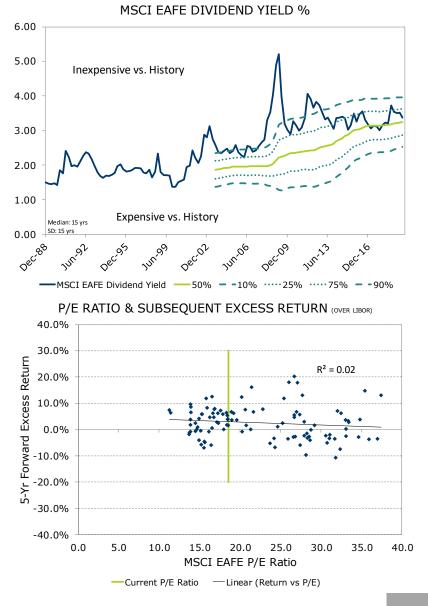


#### Wilshire Consulting DEVELOPED MARKET VALUATIONS

- Dividend yield is above the 15-year median; at the 59%-percentile outcome
- Spread between Developed Equity and the 10-Year Treasury has been narrowing



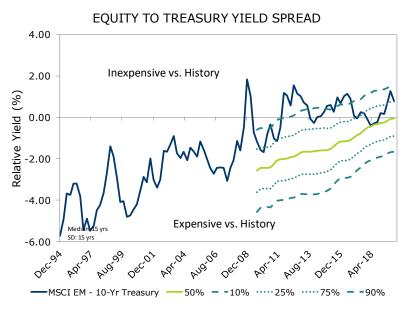
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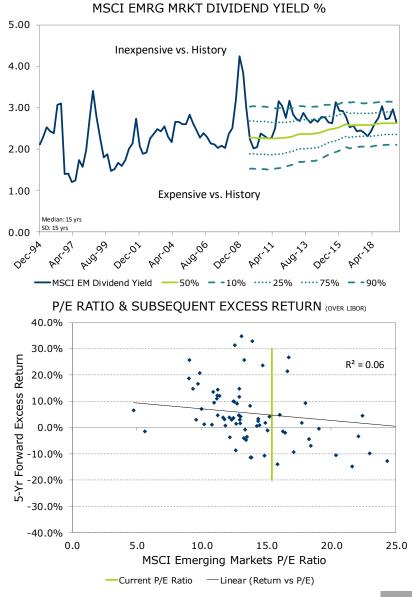


### Wilshire Consulting EMERGING MARKET VALUATIONS

- Current dividend yield above its 15-year median; at the 51%-percentile outcome
- Spread between Emerging Market Equity and the 10-Year Treasury has been narrowing

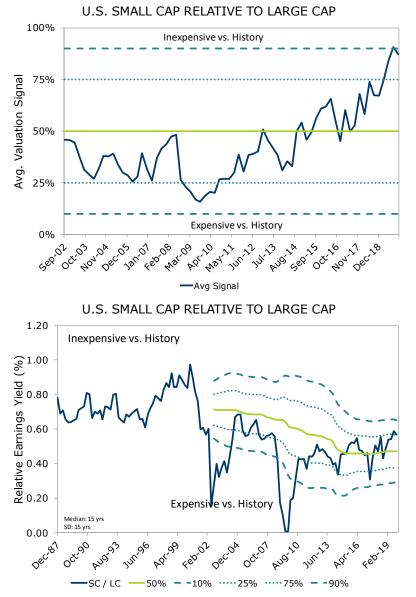


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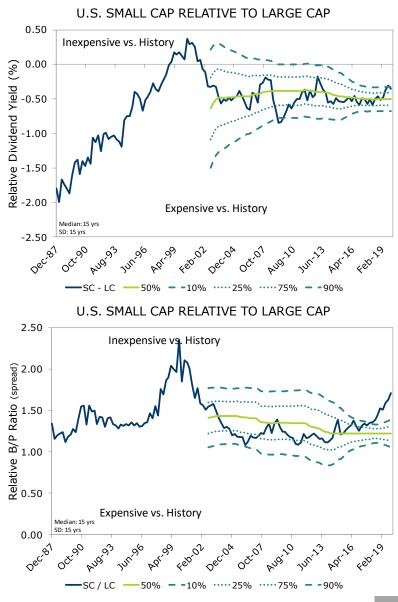




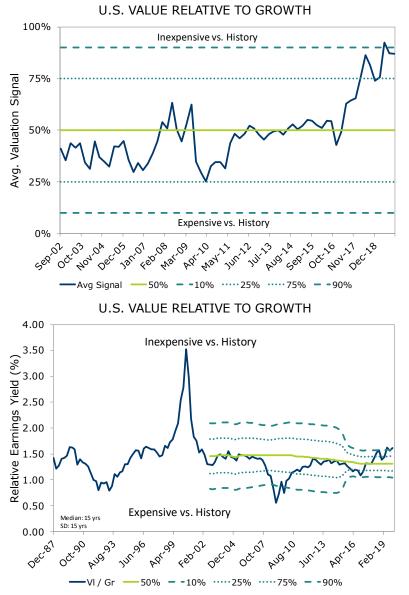
#### Wilshire Consulting RELATIVE U.S. EQUITY: SIZE



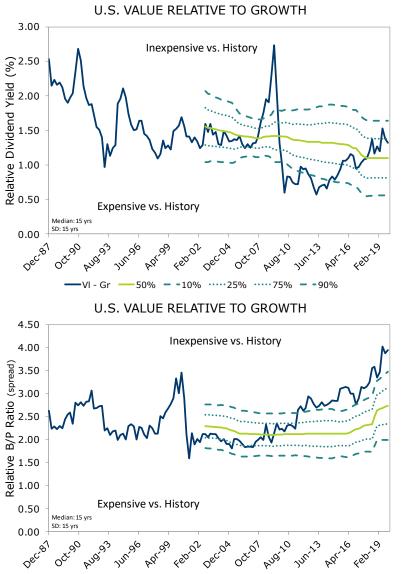
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#### Wilshire Consulting RELATIVE U.S. EQUITY: STYLE



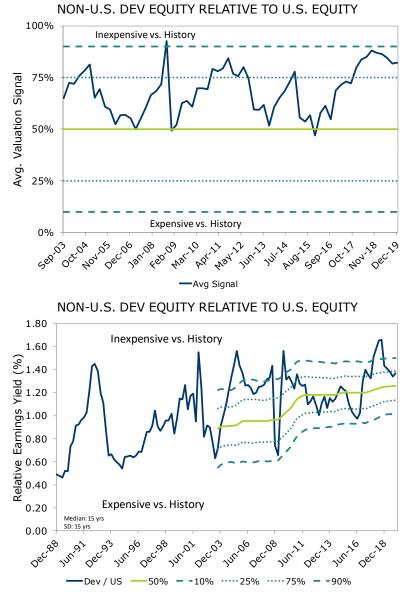
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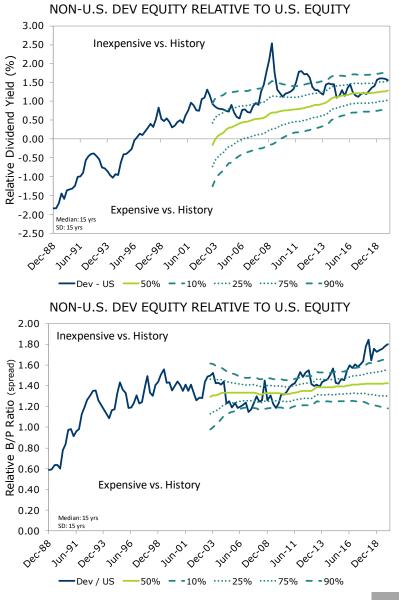
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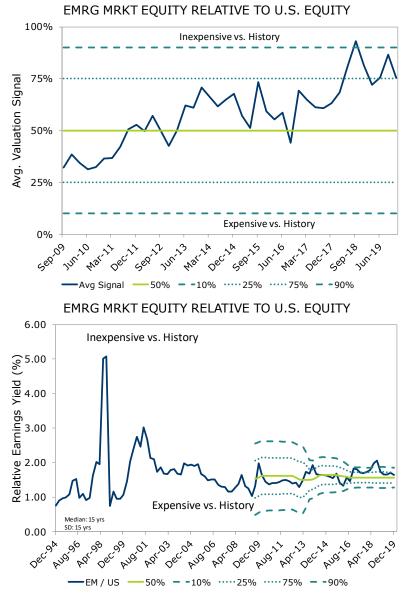




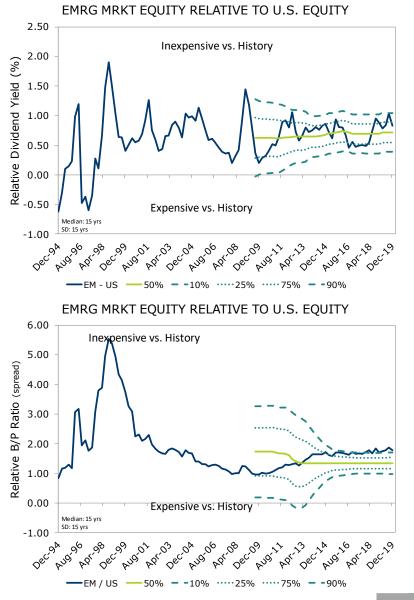




#### Wilshire Consulting GLOBAL EQUITY: EMERGING



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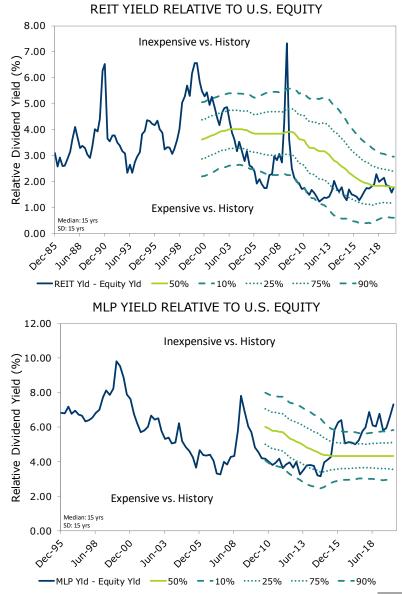




#### Wilshire Consulting RELATIVE YIELD ON REAL ASSETS

- REIT yields typically run higher than the earnings yield for the broad equity market
- Current relative yield at the 50%-percentile outcome

- MLP prices have been quite volatile for the past few years
- Current relative yield is at the 99%percentile outcome



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#### Wilshire Consulting SUMMARY



- Yield spread on the broad Treasury index is again positive versus 3-month Treasuries
- Credit spreads are below the 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	-0.15	-1.23	0.72	76%	
U.S. TREASURIES	Relative Yield to Cash	0.23	1.06	(1.26)	10%	
U.S. IG CORPORATE	Spread to Treasuries	93	140	(0.49)	31%	
U.S. HIGH YIELD	Spread to Treasuries	336	466	(0.50)	31%	
U.S. EQUITY	Dividend Yield	1.81	1.92	(0.50)	31%	
NON-U.S. DEV EQUITY	Dividend Yield	3.37	3.25	0.22	59%	
NON-U.S. EMRG MRKT	Dividend Yield	2.64	2.63	0.04	51%	
U.S. REITs	Relative Yield to Eqty	1.78	1.78	0.00	50%	
MLPs	Relative Yield to Eqty	7.31	4.35	2.54	99%	
SMALL V LARGE	Relative Yield	-0.35	-0.50	1.07	86%	
VALUE V GROWTH	Relative Yield	1.32	1.10	0.53	70%	
NON-U.S. DEV V U.S.	Relative Yield	1.56	1.28	0.75	77%	
EMRG MRKT V U.S.	Relative Yield	0.83	0.72	0.46	68%	

### Wilshire Consulting 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 -0.5%, above its median of -0.9%
    - Spread is tighter than normal (with 78% 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:									
DECEMBER 31, 2019	INFLATION	CASH	TREASURY	CORE	HIGH	REITs	MLPs	U.S.	NON-U.S.	EMRG
DECEMBER 31, 2019	INFLATION	CASH	INLASUNI	BONDS	YIELD	NEI IS	IVILF S	STOCKS	DEV	MRKT
CASH	76%		90%	89%	78%	74%	22%	79%	71%	71%
TREASURY	48%	10%		78%	71%	51%	9%	50%	46%	44%
CORE BONDS	42%	11%	22%		68%	44%	4%	40%	38%	35%
HIGHYIELD	27%	22%	29%	32%		13%	2%	19%	18%	18%
REITs	54%	26%	49%	56%	87%		1%	50%	35%	37%
MLPs	98%	78%	91%	96%	98%	99%		99%	99%	99%
U.S. STOCKS	65%	21%	50%	60%	81%	50%	1%		23%	32%
NON-U.S. DEV	69%	29%	54%	62%	82%	65%	1%	77%		56%
EMRG MRKT	72%	29%	56%	65%	82%	63%	1%	68%	44%	