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Monthly Valuation Analysis

August 31, 2020

# 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

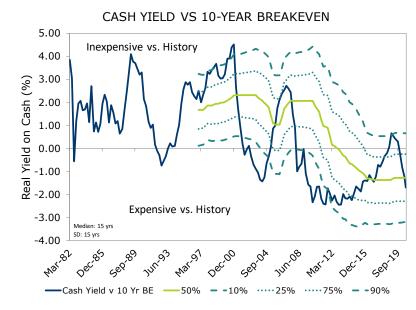




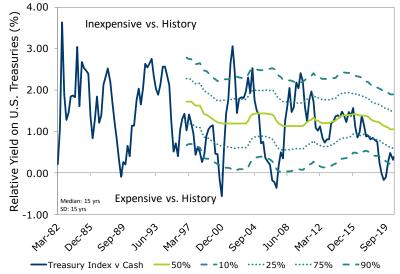
## CASH AND TREASURY BONDS

- Real yield on cash is again below zero
  - 3-month Treasury = 0.10%;
     Breakeven inflation = 1.81%
  - Yield on 10-year TIPS is negative (-1.10%); first time below -1% since their inception

- Spread between the broad Treasury market index and cash is again positive (0.39%)
- Although yields have fallen dramatically in 2020, the curve is at least upward sloping and steepened during August



#### TREASURY INDEX VS CASH

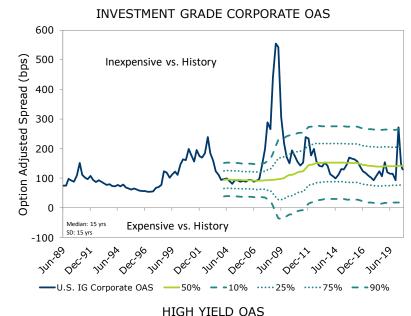


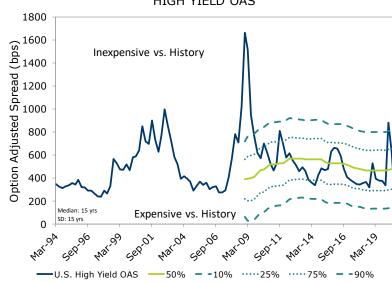
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## RELATIVE FIXED INCOME YIELDS

 Spread versus Treasuries on the investment grade index spiked during the first quarter but has since tightened; currently at the 45%-percentile outcome versus its 15-year history

 Spread on high yield bonds has exhibited a similar pattern and is currently at the 50%-percentile outcome

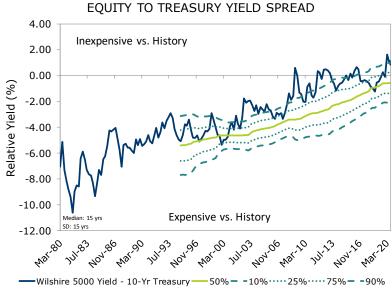


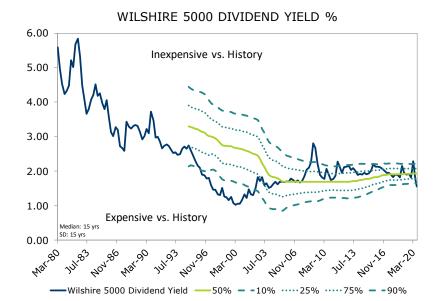


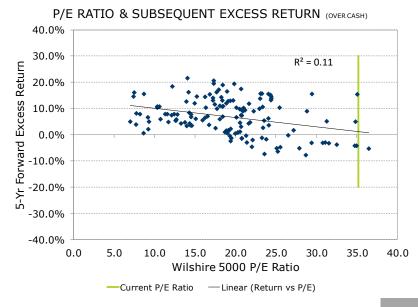
## U.S. EQUITY VALUATIONS



- Distribution of historical dividend yield is tight; current observation at the 4%percentile outcome
- Spread (discount) between the dividend yield and Treasuries has decreased as yields have fallen through the years





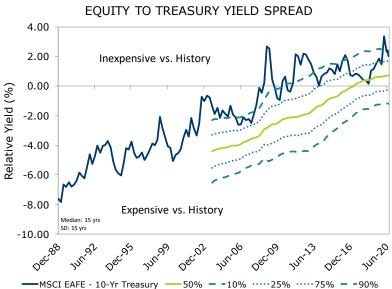


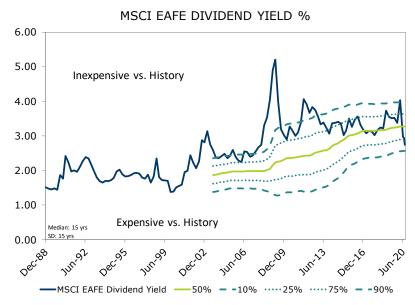
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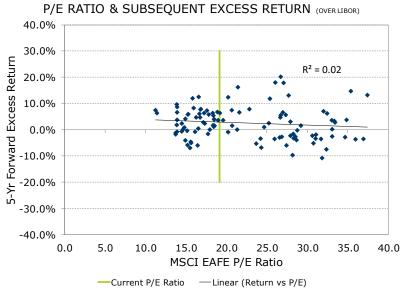
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## DEVELOPED MARKET VALUATIONS

- Dividend yield is below the 15-year median; at the 17%-percentile outcome
- Spread between Developed Equity and the 10-Year Treasury has been narrowing





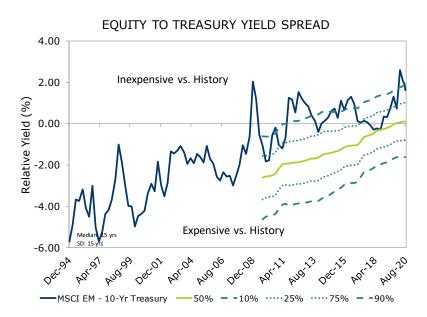


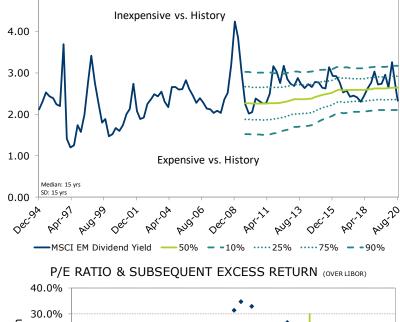


### EMERGING MARKET VALUATIONS

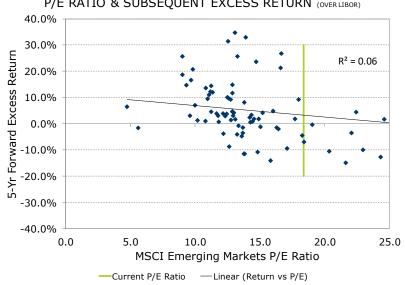
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- Current dividend yield is below its 15-year median; at the 23%-percentile outcome
- Spread between Emerging Market Equity and the 10-Year Treasury has been narrowing





MSCI EMRG MRKT DIVIDEND YIELD %



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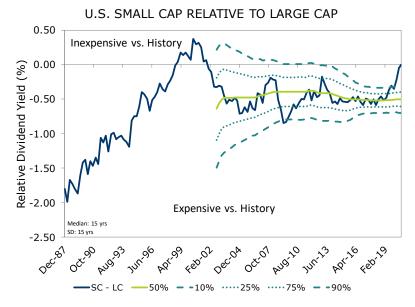
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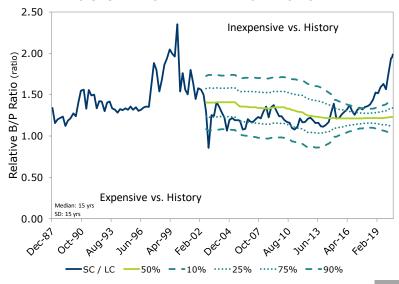


U.S. SMALL CAP RELATIVE TO LARGE CAP





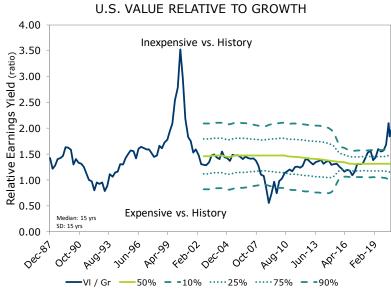
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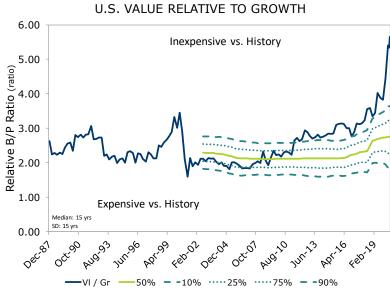
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## RELATIVE U.S. EQUITY: STYLE



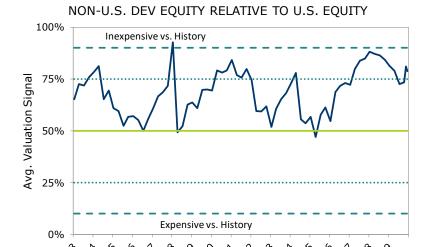




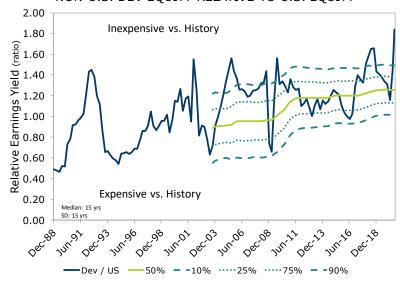


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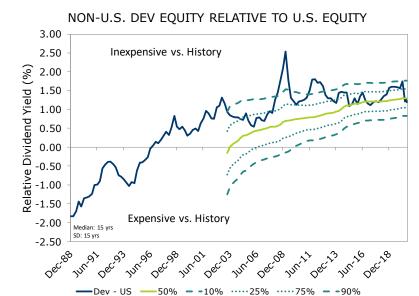
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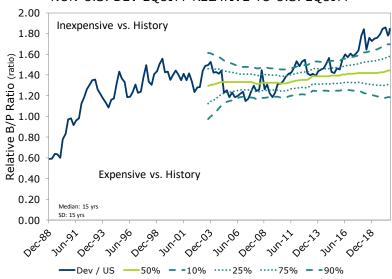
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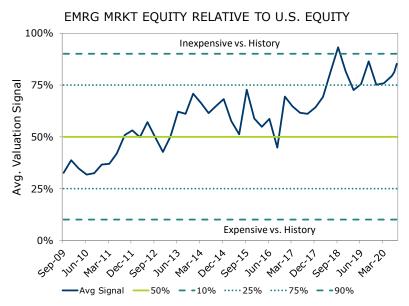


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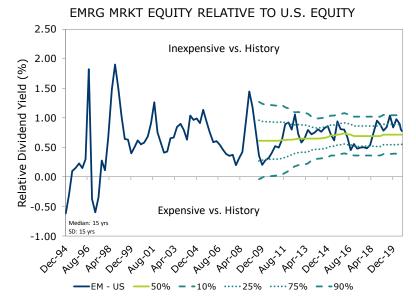
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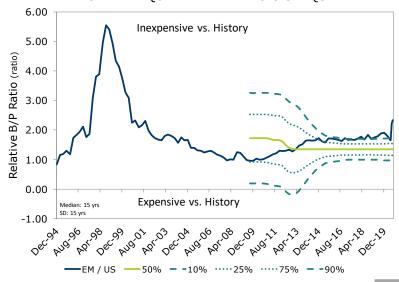
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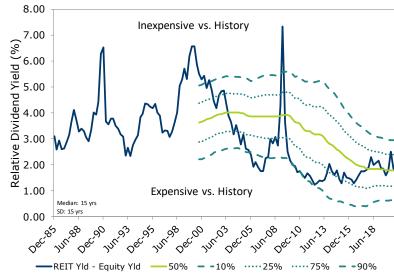
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### RELATIVE YIELD ON REAL ASSETS

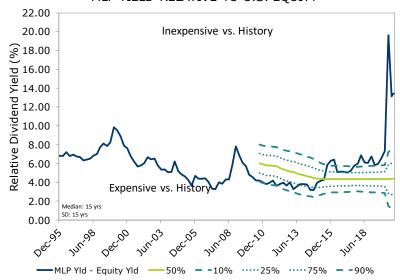
- REIT yields typically run higher than the earnings yield for the broad equity market
- Current relative yield at the 55%-percentile outcome

- MLP prices have been quite volatile for the past few years and are down in 2020, although prices are up since March
- 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 near their historical medians
- Equity signals are yield-based only in the following exhibit, and indicate and "expensive" condition relative to their own history
- Small and Value stocks show as inexpensive versus their U.S. counterparts

ASSET CLASS	FACTOR	CURRENT	HISTORICAL	CURRENT FROM	CURRENT
7,5321 627,53	77101011		MEDIAN	MEDIAN (SD)	VALUATION %
CASH	Real Yield	-1.70	-1.28	(0.28)	39%
U.S. TREASURIES	Relative Yield to Cash	0.39	1.05	(1.00)	16%
U.S. IG CORPORATE	Spread to Treasuries	129	142	(0.13)	45%
U.S. HIGH YIELD	Spread to Treasuries	477	478	0.00	50%
U.S. EQUITY	Dividend Yield	1.55	1.93	(1.72)	4%
NON-U.S. DEV EQUITY	Dividend Yield	2.74	3.26	(0.96)	17%
NON-U.S. EMRG MRKT	Dividend Yield	2.32	2.64	(0.75)	23%
U.S. REITs	Relative Yield to Eqty	1.89	1.78	0.12	55%
MLPs	Relative Yield to Eqty	13.45	4.37	3.67	100%
SMALL V LARGE	Relative Yield	-0.01	-0.50	3.19	100%
VALUE V GROWTH	Relative Yield	1.78	1.10	1.51	93%
NON-U.S. DEV V U.S.	Relative Yield	1.19	1.30	(0.30)	38%
EMRG MRKT V U.S.	Relative Yield	0.77	0.72	0.23	59%



## 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 -0.7%, above its median of -0.9%
    - » Spread is tighter than normal (with 67% probability) meaning that Treasuries are getting "inexpensive" relative to Core Bonds (which are getting "expensive")
- Relative yields on Emerging Markets are attractive versus developed market equities

AS OF	ASSET CLASS RELATIONSHIP RELATIVE TO EACH OF THE FOLLOWING:									
AS OF AUGUST 31, 2020	INFLATION	CASH	TREASURY	CORE BONDS	HIGH YIELD	REITs	MLPs	U.S. STOCKS	NON-U.S. DEV	EMRG MRKT
CASH	39%		84%	81%	62%	49%	0%	56%	57%	49%
TREASURY	11%	16%		67%	53%	25%	0%	24%	34%	23%
CORE BONDS	12%	19%	33%		50%	19%	0%	21%	26%	18%
HIGHYIELD	29%	38%	47%	50%		15%	0%	27%	29%	24%
REITs	47%	51%	75%	81%	85%		0%	55%	57%	45%
MLPs	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%		100%	100%	100%
U.S. STOCKS	36%	44%	76%	79%	73%	45%	0%		62%	41%
NON-U.S. DEV	36%	43%	66%	74%	71%	43%	0%	38%		16%
EMRG MRKT	49%	51%	77%	82%	76%	55%	0%	59%	84%	