

# WILSHIRE ASSOCIATES

#### 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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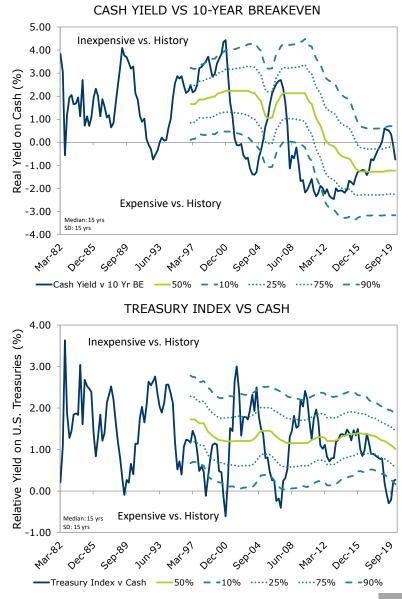




#### Wilshire Consulting CASH AND TREASURY BONDS

- Real yield on cash is again below zero
  - 3-month Treasury = 0.30%;
    Breakeven inflation = 1.04%
  - Yield on 10-year TIPS is negative (-0.17%) but has generally been positive since 2013

- Spread between the broad Treasury market index and cash is again positive (0.28%)
- Although yields have fallen dramatically in 2020, the curve is at least upward sloping across all maturities

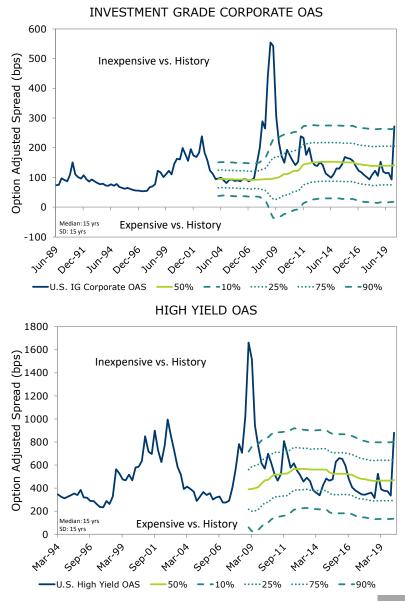




#### Wilshire Consulting RELATIVE FIXED INCOME YIELDS

• Spread versus Treasuries on the investment grade index spiked during the quarter and is at the 91%-percentile outcome versus its 15-year history

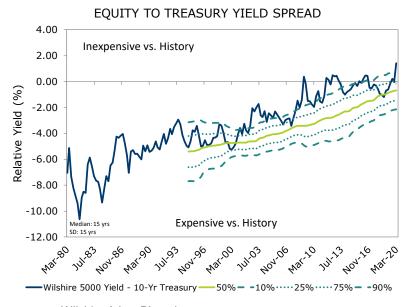
 Spread on high yield bonds is also at an extreme versus history, currently at the 94%-percentile outcome



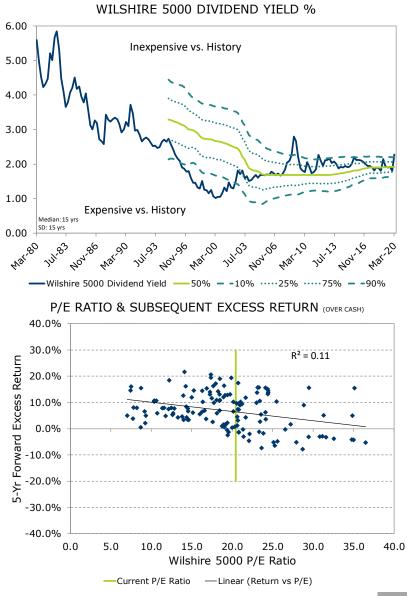


#### Wilshire Consulting U.S. EQUITY VALUATIONS

- Distribution of historical dividend yield is tight; current observation at the 95%percentile outcome
- Spread (discount) between the dividend yield and Treasuries has decreased as yields have fallen through the years



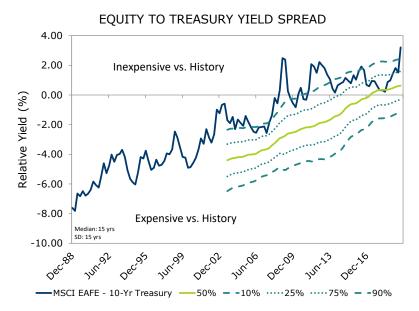
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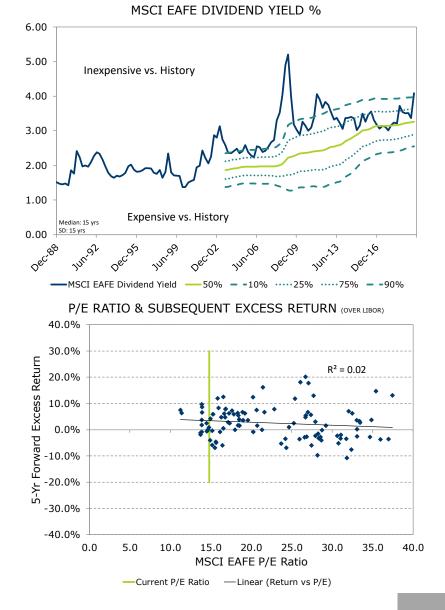




#### Wilshire Consulting DEVELOPED MARKET VALUATIONS

- Dividend yield is well above the 15-year median; at the 93%-percentile outcome
- Spread between Developed Equity and the 10-Year Treasury has been narrowing

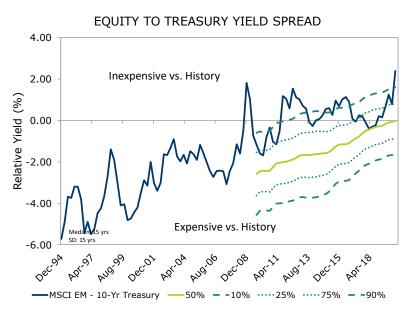


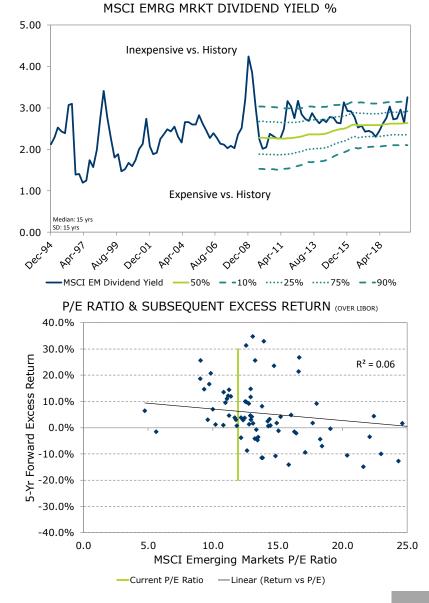




### Wilshire Consulting EMERGING MARKET VALUATIONS

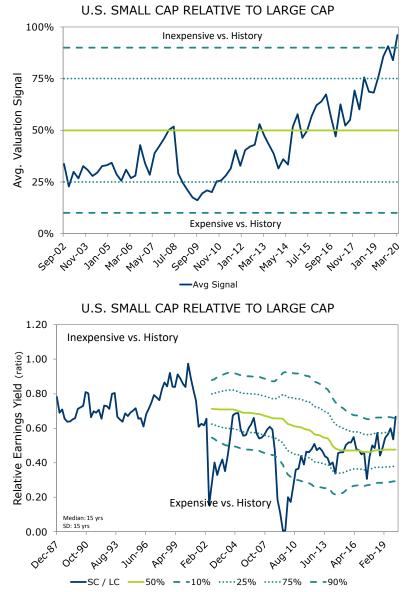
- Current dividend yield is well above its 15year median; at the 93%-percentile outcome
- Spread between Emerging Market Equity and the 10-Year Treasury has been narrowing

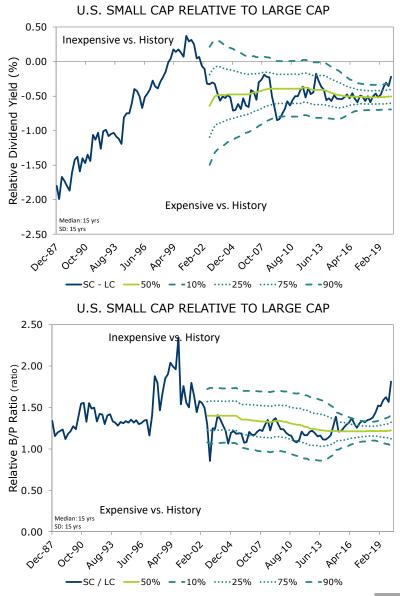




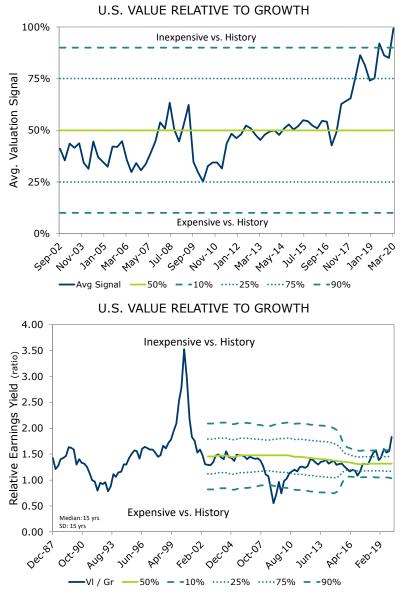


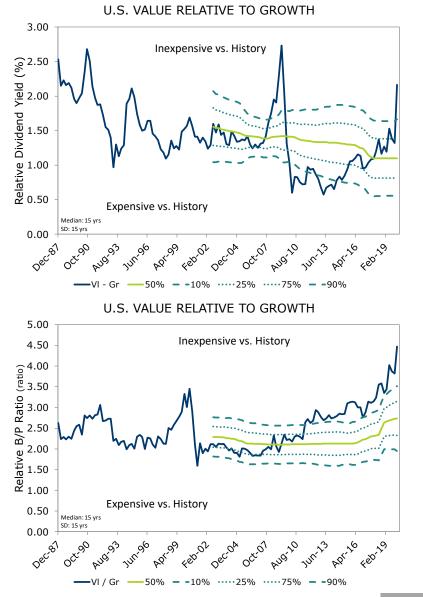
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#### Wilshire Consulting RELATIVE U.S. EQUITY: STYLE

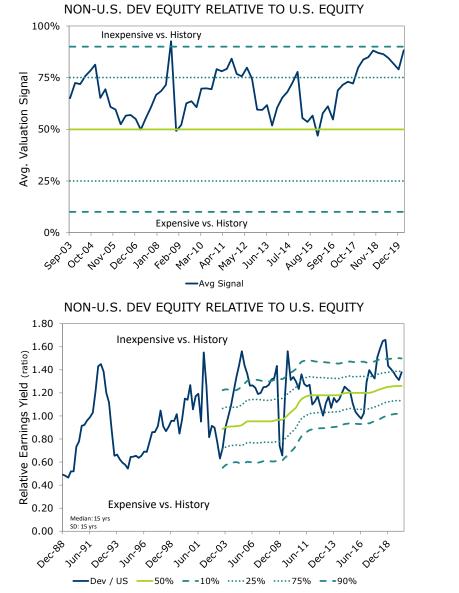




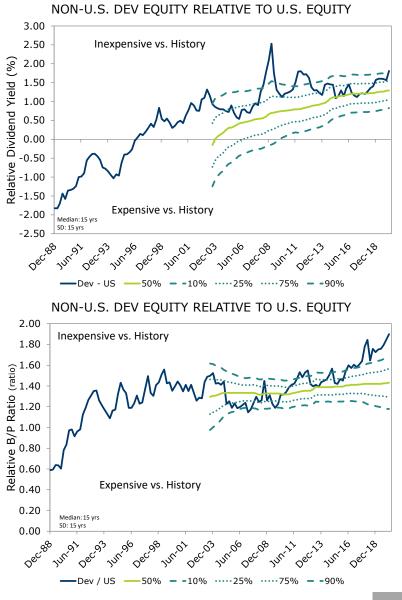




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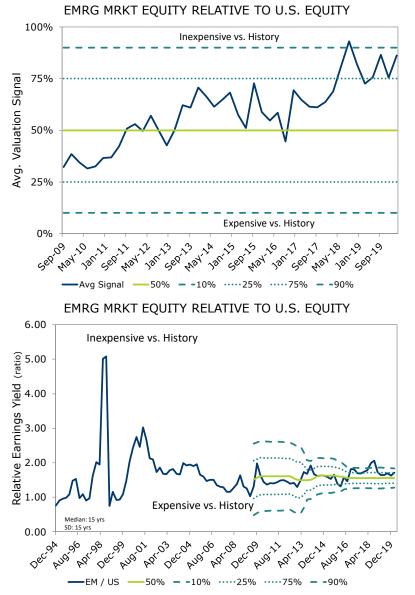


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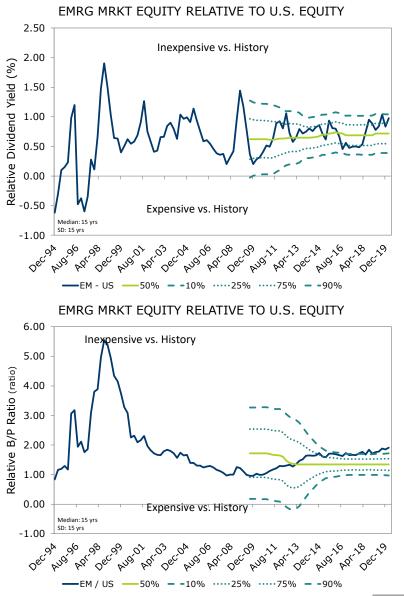




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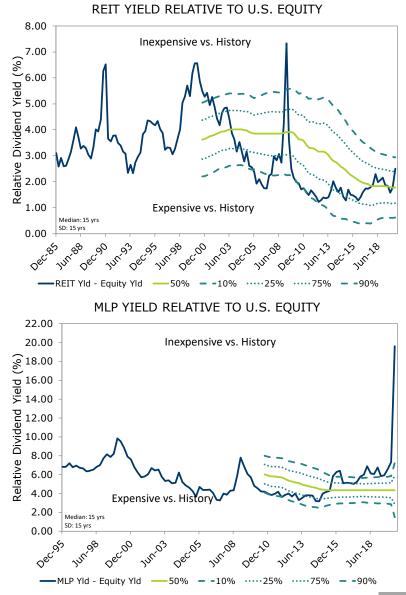




#### Wilshire Consulting RELATIVE YIELD ON REAL ASSETS

- REIT yields typically run higher than the earnings yield for the broad equity market
- Current relative yield at the 79%-percentile outcome

- MLP prices have been quite volatile for the past few years
- Current relative yield is at the 100%percentile outcome after a -61% sell-off during the past 12 months



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#### Wilshire Consulting SUMMARY

- Real yield on cash is negative
- Credit spreads are well above their historical medians; above the 90%-tile outcome
- 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	CURRENT FROM	CURRENT
ASSET CLASS		CORRENT	MEDIAN	MEDIAN (SD)	VALUATION %
CASH	Real Yield	-0.74	-1.23	0.33	63%
U.S. TREASURIES	Relative Yield to Cash	0.28	1.01	(1.12)	13%
U.S. IG CORPORATE	Spread to Treasuries	272	141	1.35	91%
U.S. HIGH YIELD	Spread to Treasuries	880	471	1.56	94%
U.S. EQUITY	Dividend Yield	2.28	1.93	1.62	95%
NON-U.S. DEV EQUITY	Dividend Yield	4.09	3.26	1.48	93%
NON-U.S. EMRG MRKT	Dividend Yield	3.26	2.64	1.49	93%
U.S. REITs	Relative Yield to Eqty	2.50	1.78	0.80	79%
MLPs	Relative Yield to Eqty	19.62	4.35	6.81	100%
SMALL V LARGE	Relative Yield	-0.22	-0.50	1.94	97%
VALUE V GROWTH	Relative Yield	2.16	1.10	2.42	99%
NON-U.S. DEV V U.S.	Relative Yield	1.81	1.30	1.39	92%
EMRG MRKT V U.S.	Relative Yield	0.98	0.72	1.02	85%

### 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 -1.0%, below its median of -0.9%
    - Spread is wider than normal (with 36% probability) meaning that Treasuries are getting "expensive" relative to Core Bonds (which are getting "inexpensive")
- Relative yields on Non-U.S. markets are attractive versus U.S. Equity

AS OF	ASSET CLASS RELATIONSHIP RELATIVE TO EACH OF THE FOLLOWING:									
MARCH 31, 2020	INFLATION	CASH	TREASURY		HIGH	REITs	MLPs	U.S. STOCKS	NON-U.S.	EMRG
			_	BONDS	YIELD				DEV	MRKT
CASH	63%		87%	72%	17%	27%	0%	44%	34%	32%
TREASURY	30%	13%		36%	8%	6%	0%	11%	11%	9%
CORE BONDS	41%	28%	64%		6%	6%	0%	14%	11%	9%
HIGHYIELD	86%	83%	92%	94%		66%	0%	73%	70%	70%
REITs	94%	73%	94%	94%	34%		0%	79%	56%	63%
MLPs	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%		100%	100%	100%
U.S. STOCKS	99%	56%	89%	86%	27%	21%	0%		8%	15%
NON-U.S. DEV	98%	66%	89%	89%	30%	44%	0%	92%		67%
EMRG MRKT	99%	68%	91%	91%	30%	37%	0%	85%	33%	