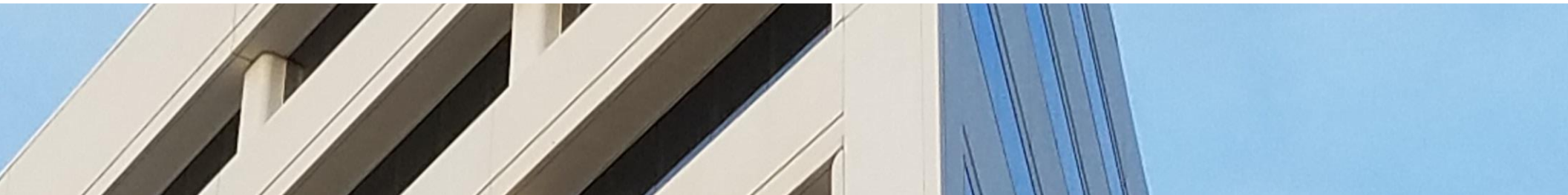




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## Monthly Valuation Analysis

September 2020

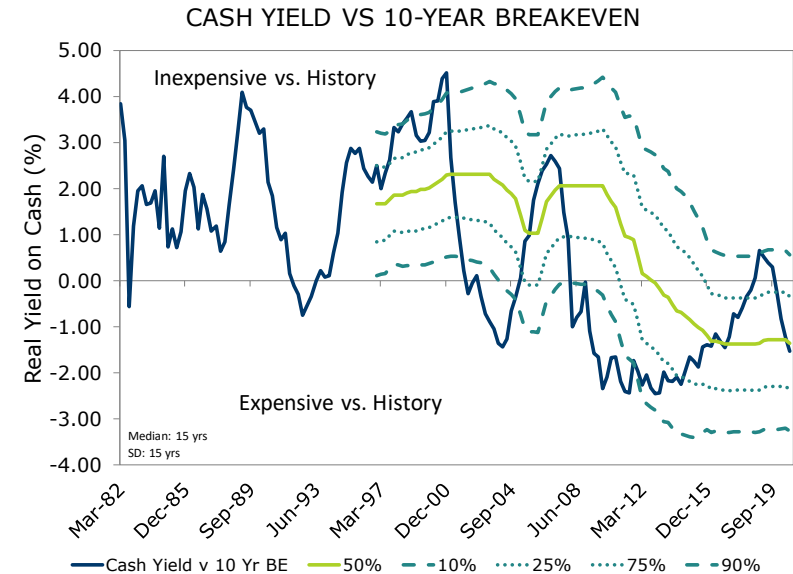
# INTRODUCTION

- 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

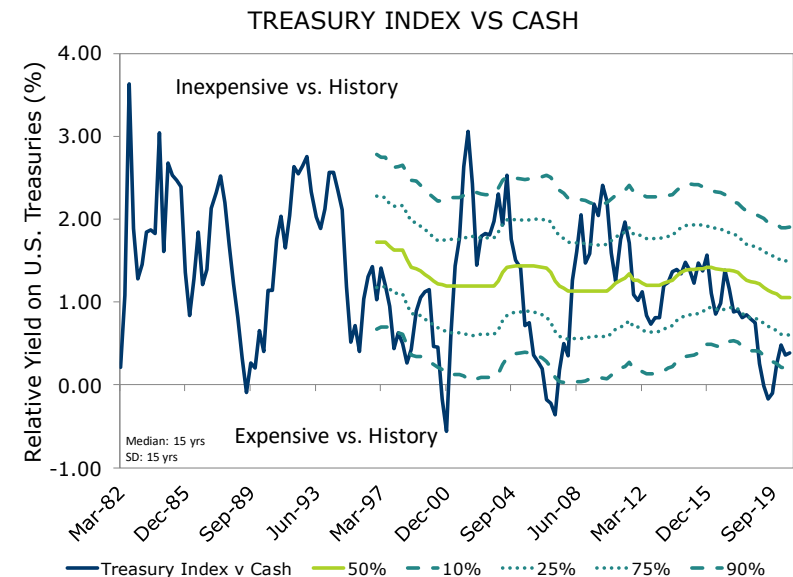


# CASH AND TREASURY BONDS

- Real yield on cash is again below zero
  - 3-month Treasury = 0.10%;  
Breakeven inflation = 1.63%
  - Yield on 10-year TIPS is negative at -0.95%



- 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 steeper than it has been in two years

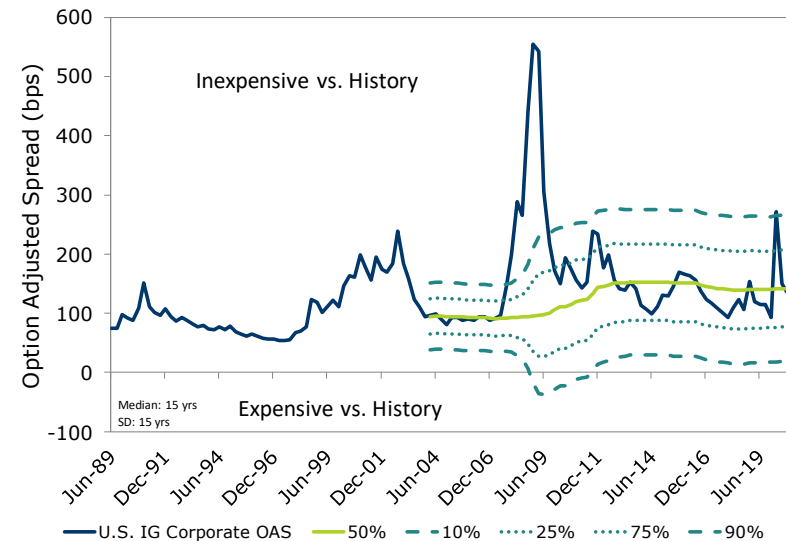


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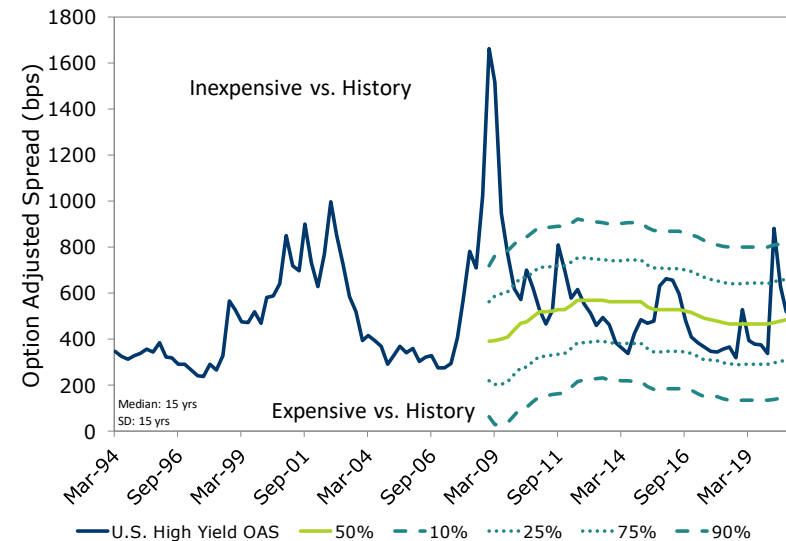
# RELATIVE FIXED INCOME YIELDS

- Spread versus Treasuries on the investment grade index spiked during the first quarter but has since tightened; currently at the 47%-percentile outcome versus its 15-year history
- Spread on high yield bonds has exhibited a similar pattern and is currently at the 55%-percentile outcome

INVESTMENT GRADE CORPORATE OAS



HIGH YIELD OAS

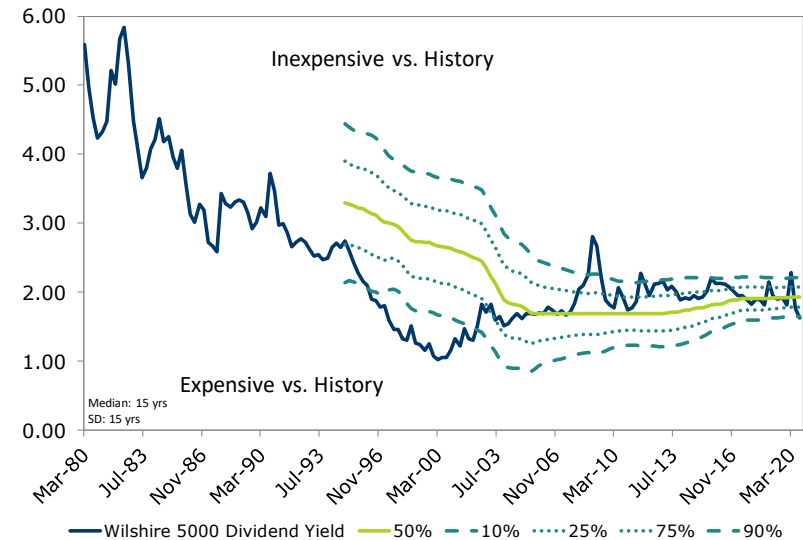


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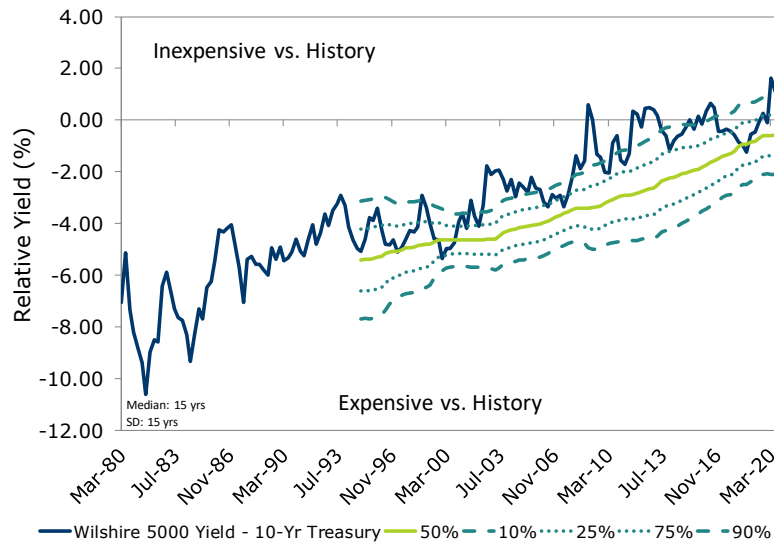
# U.S. EQUITY VALUATIONS

- Distribution of historical dividend yield is tight; current observation at the 8%-percentile outcome
- Spread (discount) between the dividend yield and Treasuries has decreased as yields have fallen through the years

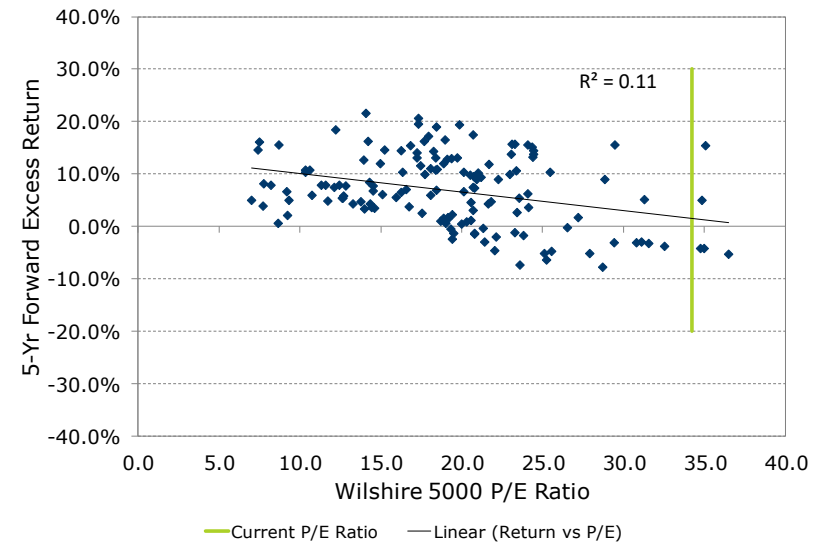
WILSHIRE 5000 DIVIDEND YIELD %



EQUITY TO TREASURY YIELD SPREAD



P/E RATIO & SUBSEQUENT EXCESS RETURN (OVER CASH)

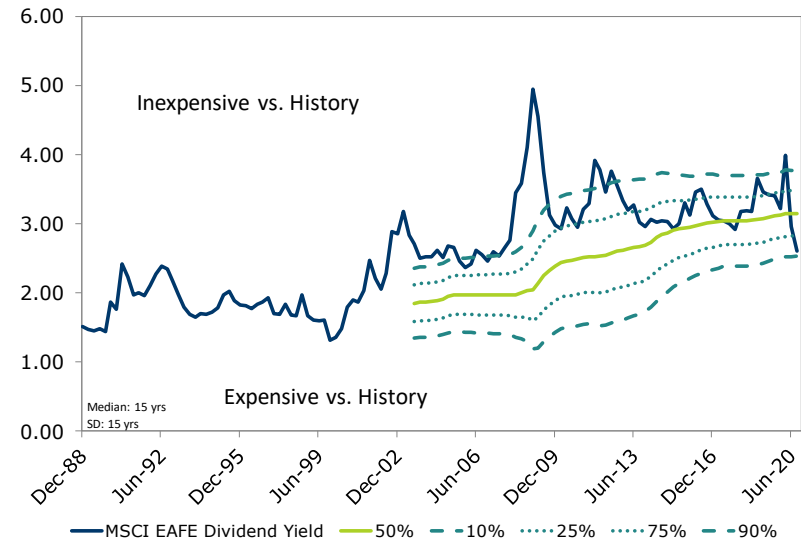


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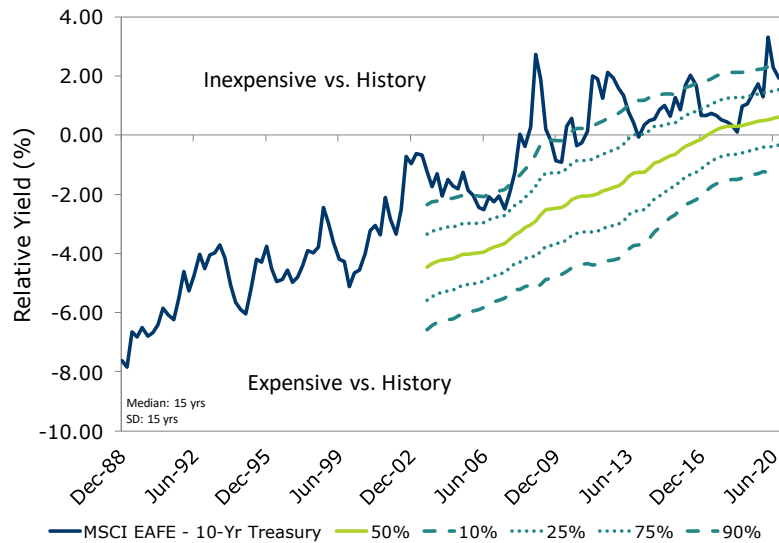
# DEVELOPED MARKET VALUATIONS

- Dividend yield is below the 15-year median; at the 13%-percentile outcome
- Spread between Developed Equity and the 10-Year Treasury has been narrowing

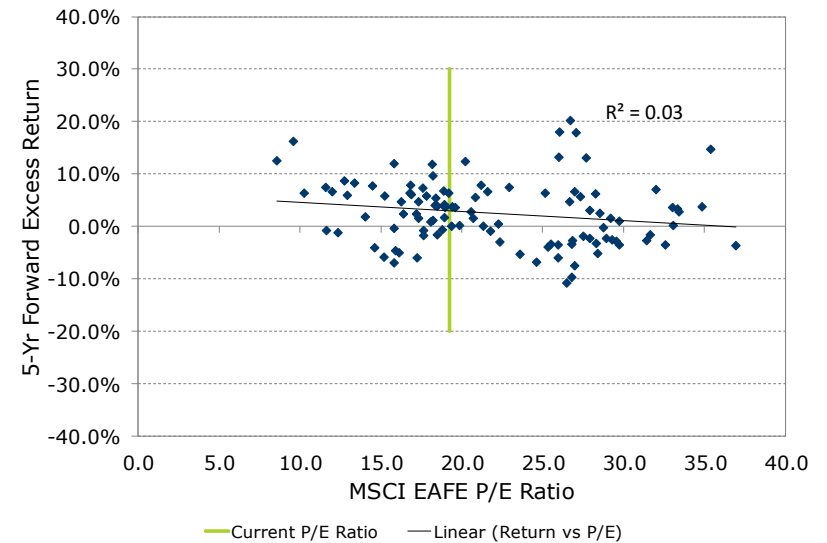
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EQUITY TO TREASURY YIELD SPREAD



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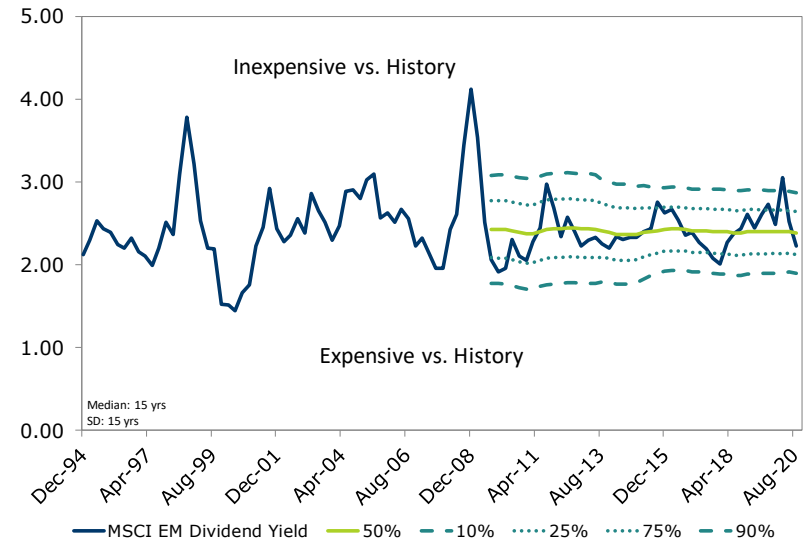


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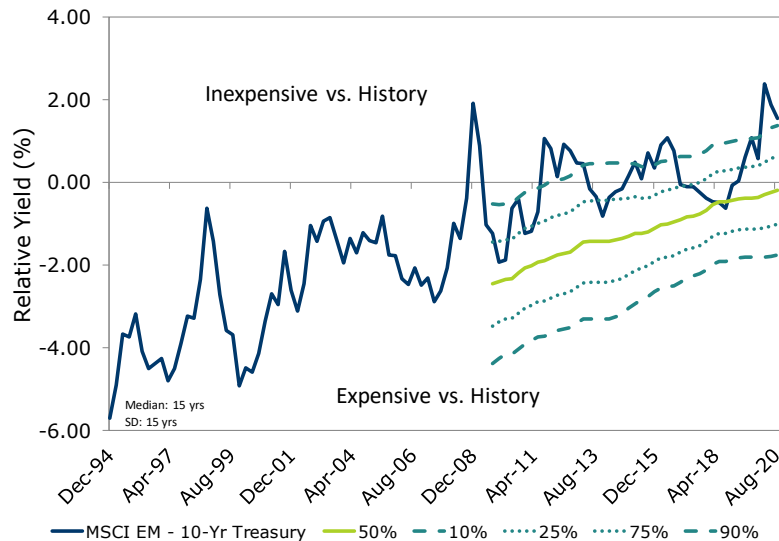
# EMERGING MARKET VALUATIONS

- Current dividend yield is below its 15-year median; at the 34%-percentile outcome
- Spread between Emerging Market Equity and the 10-Year Treasury has been narrowing

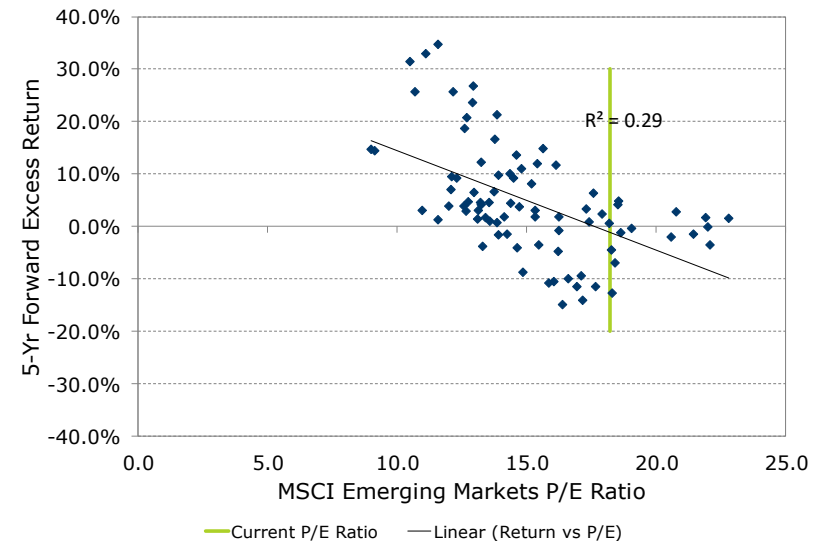
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EQUITY TO TREASURY YIELD SPREAD



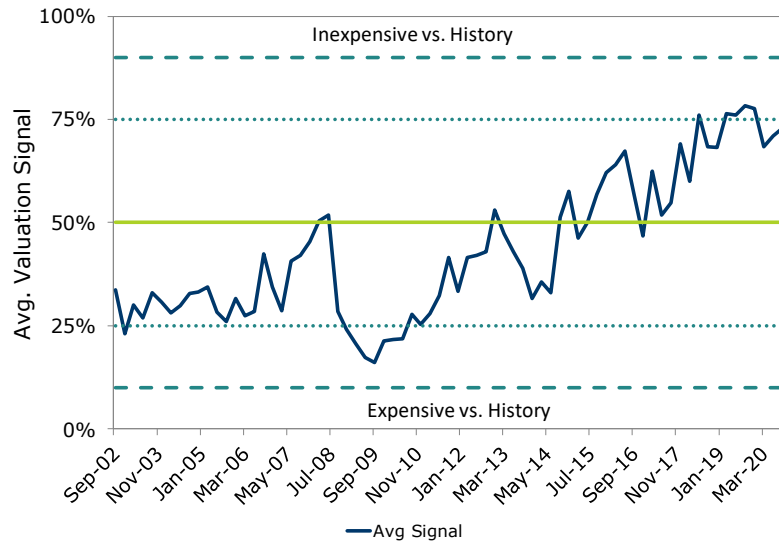
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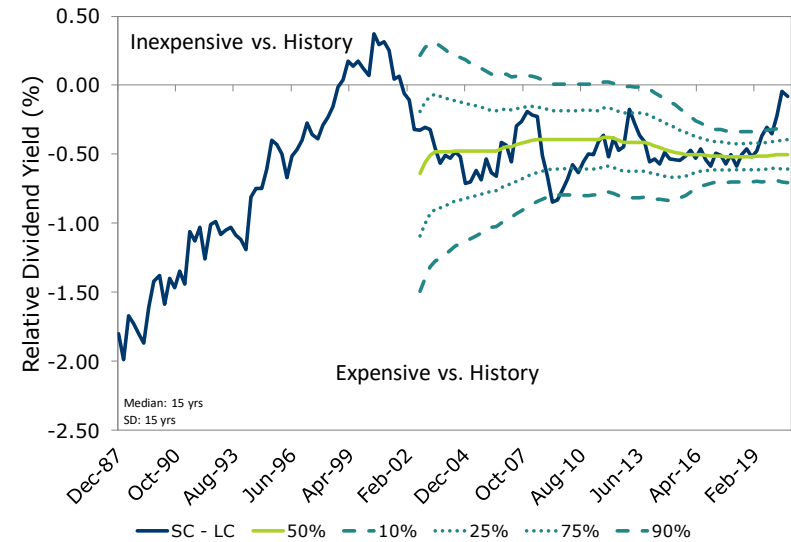
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# RELATIVE U.S. EQUITY: SIZE

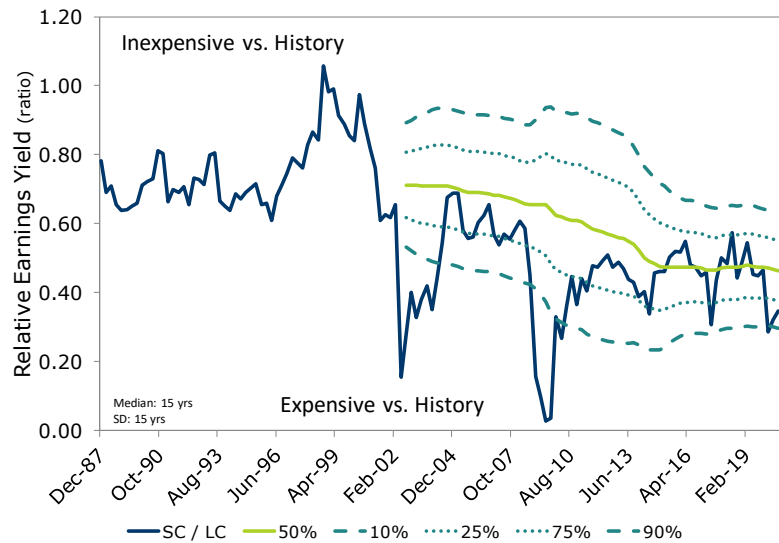
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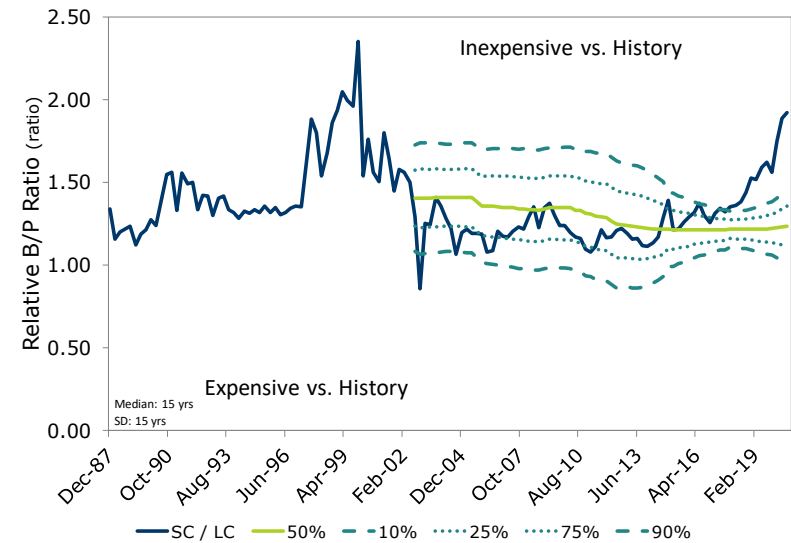
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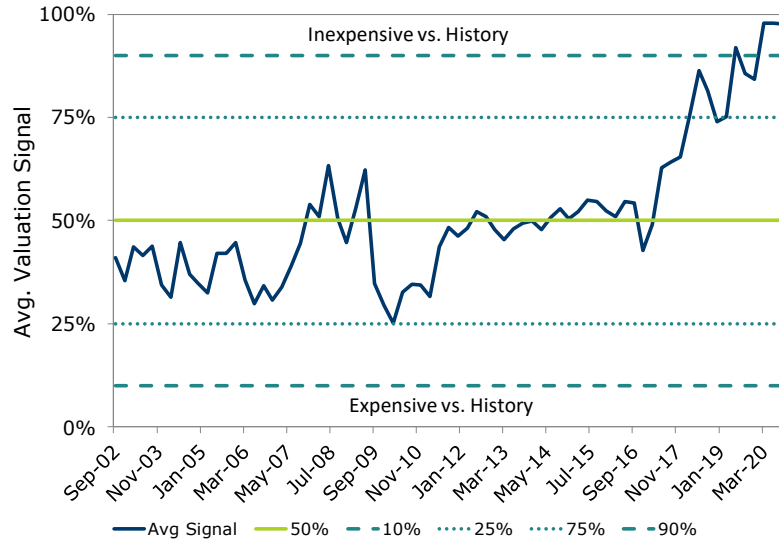
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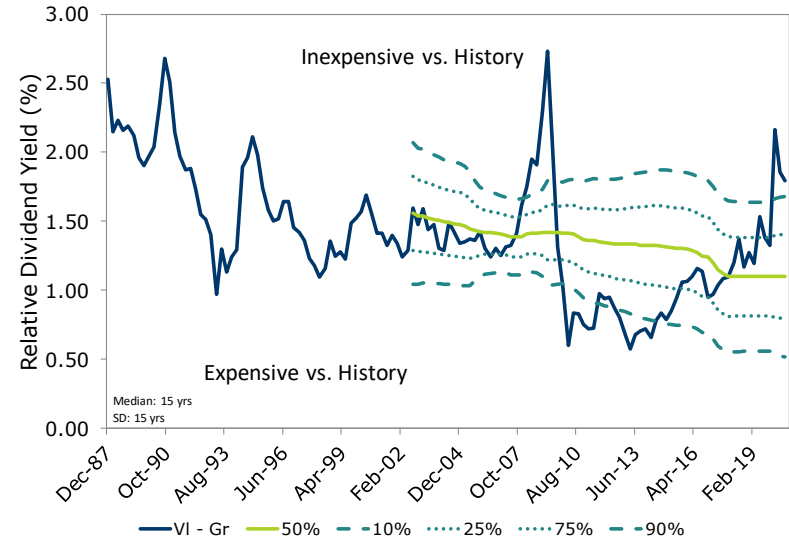


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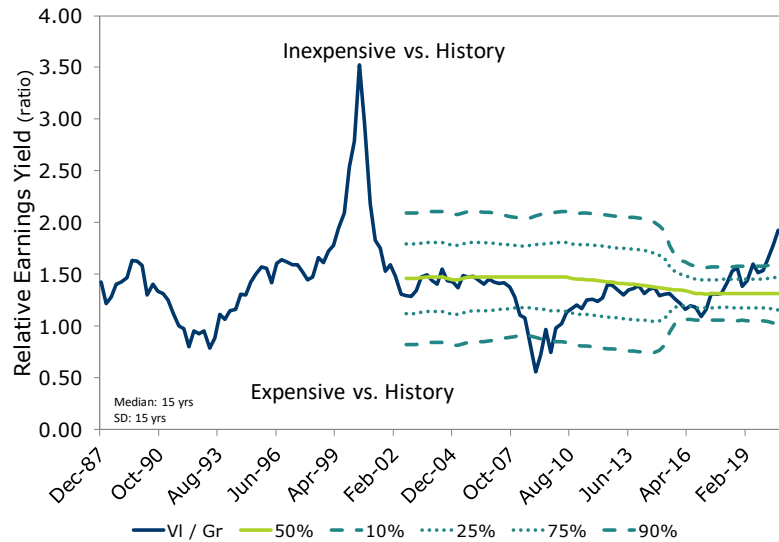
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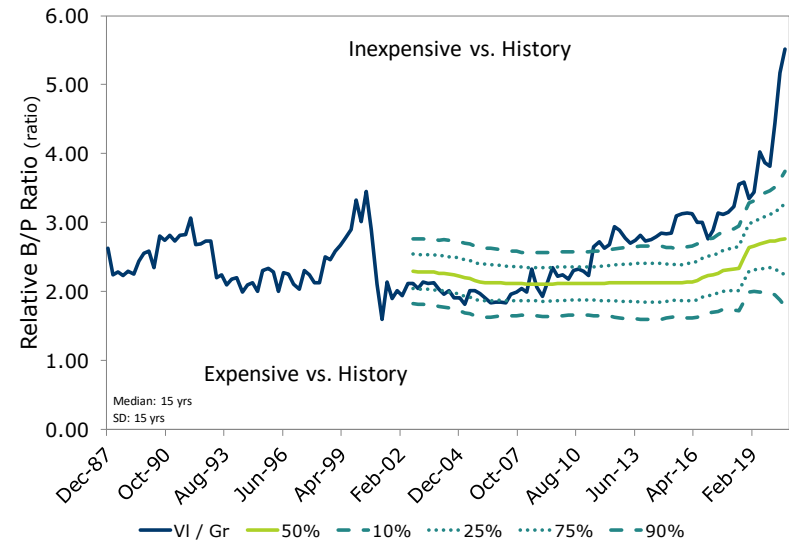
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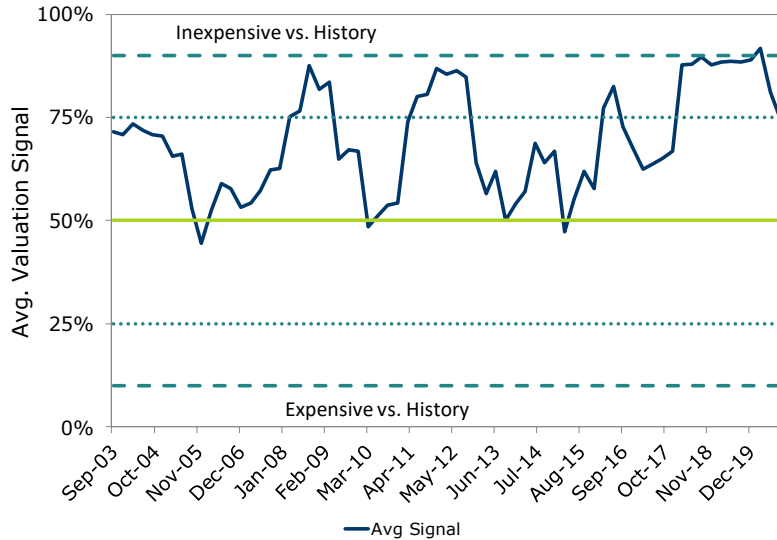


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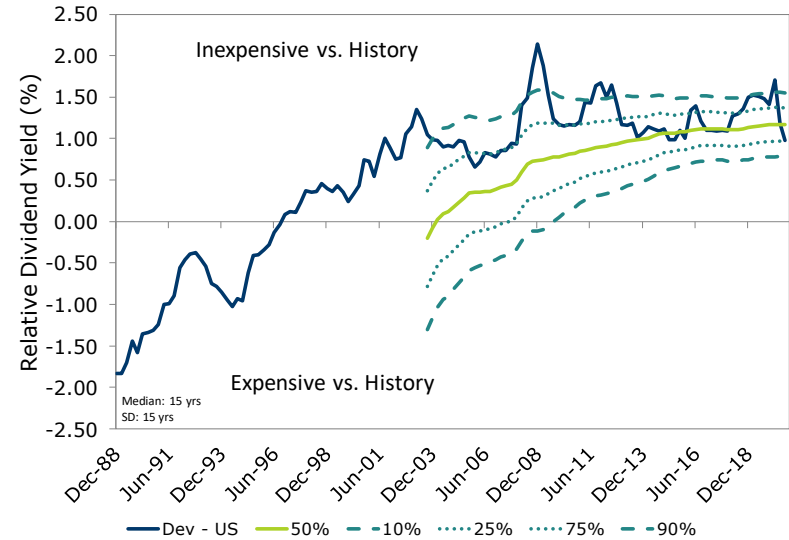
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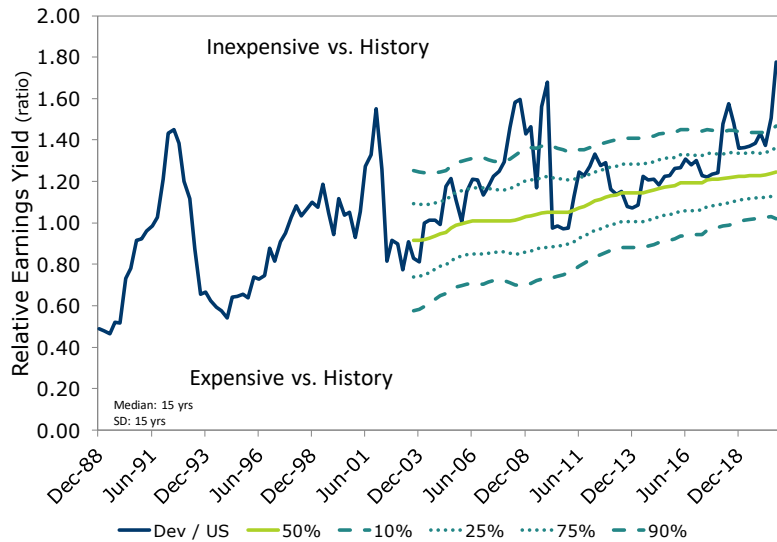
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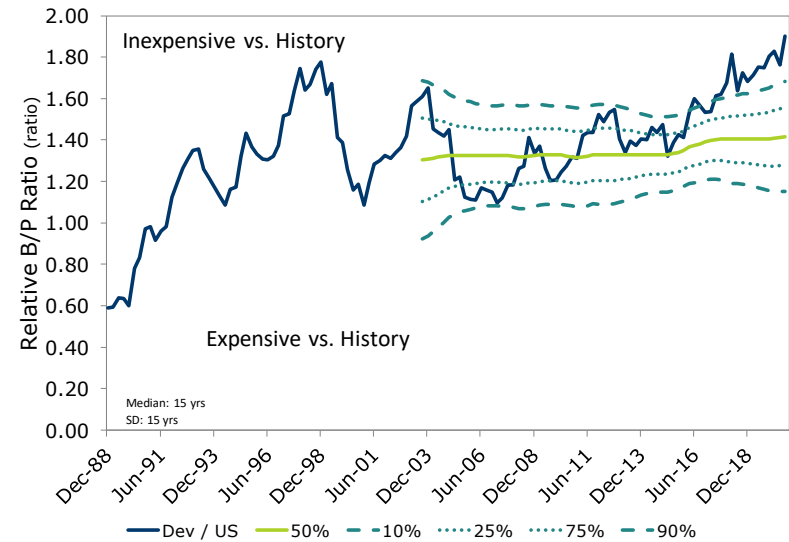
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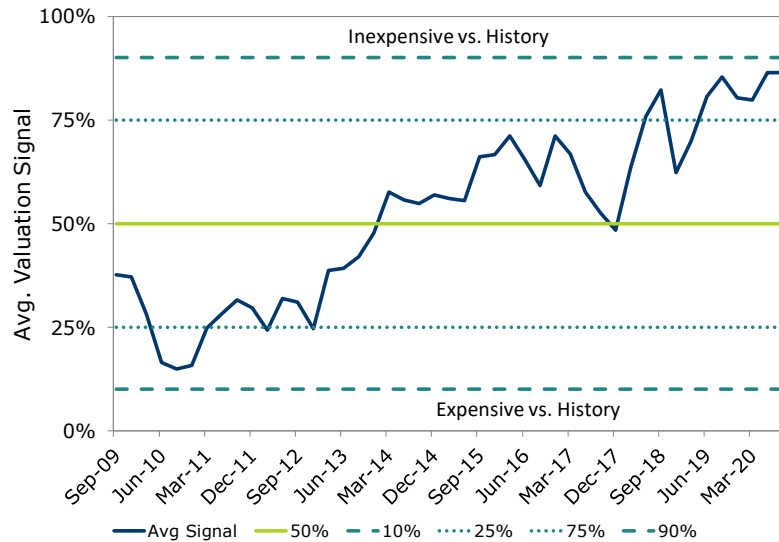
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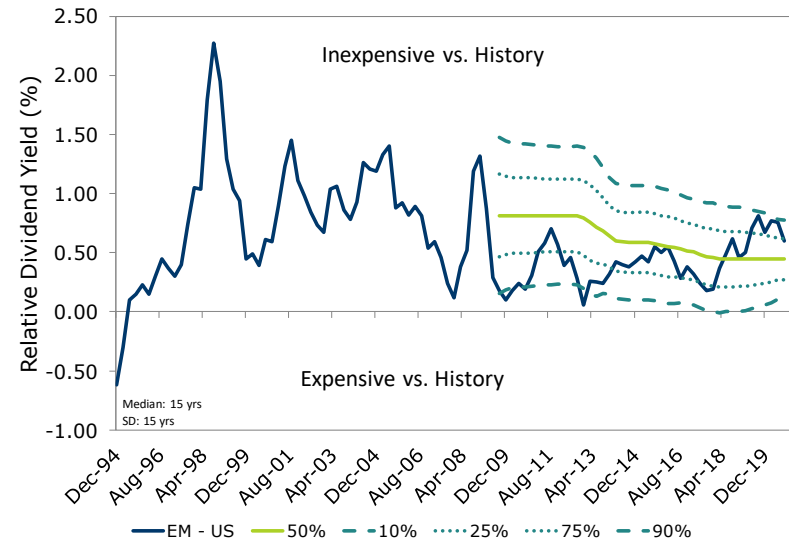
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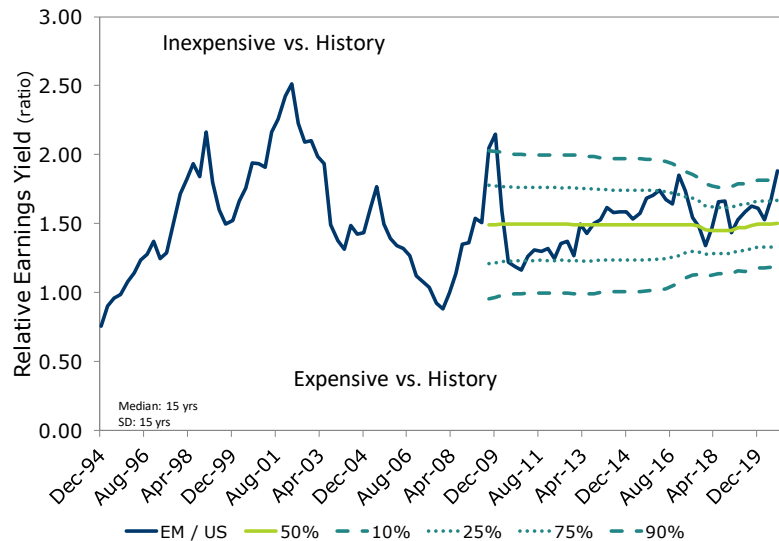
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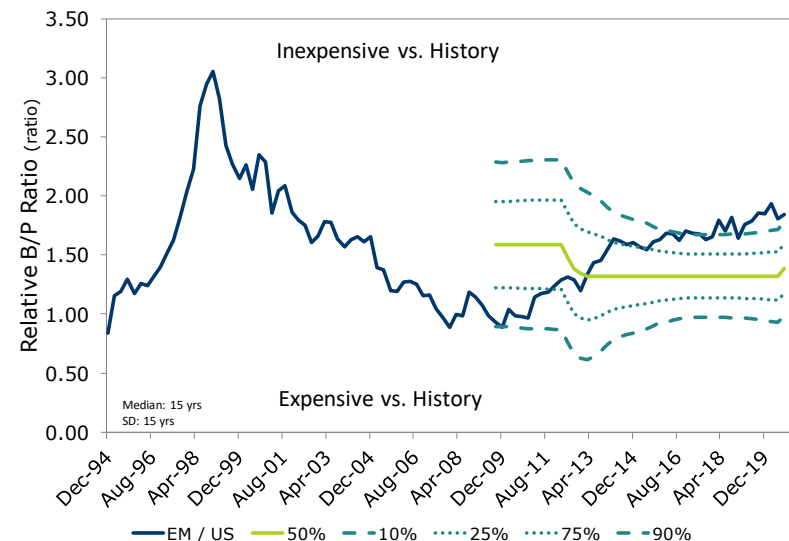
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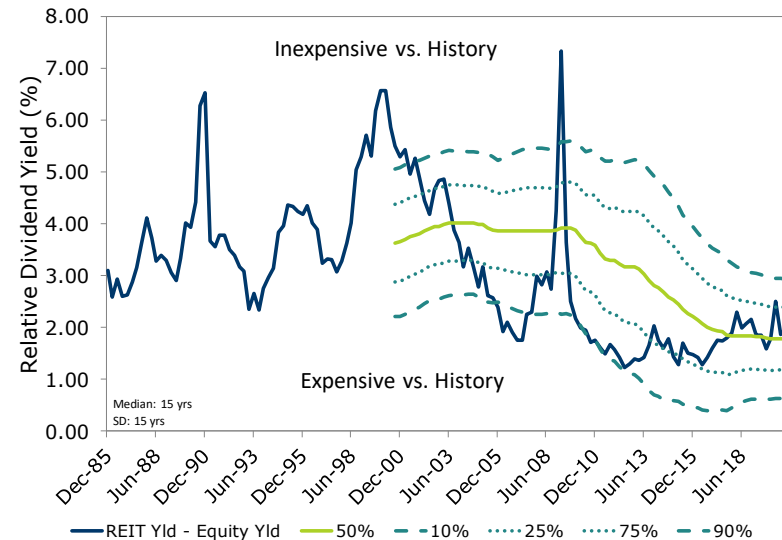
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# RELATIVE YIELD ON REAL ASSETS

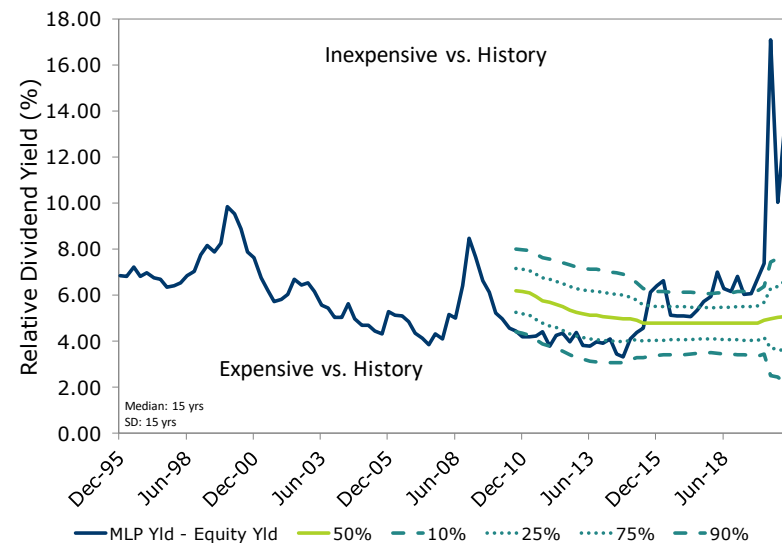
- REIT yields typically run higher than the earnings yield for the broad equity market
- Current relative yield at the 58%-percentile outcome

- MLP prices have been quite volatile for the past few years and are down in 2020
- Current relative yield is at the 100%-percentile outcome

REIT YIELD RELATIVE TO U.S. EQUITY



MLP YIELD RELATIVE TO U.S. EQUITY



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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 an “expensive” condition relative to their own history
- Small and Value stocks show as inexpensive versus their U.S. counterparts

ASSET CLASS	FACTOR	CURRENT	HISTORICAL MEDIAN	CURRENT FROM MEDIAN (SD)	CURRENT VALUATION %
CASH	Real Yield	-1.54	-1.36	(0.12)	45%
U.S. TREASURIES	Relative Yield to Cash	0.39	1.05	(1.00)	16%
U.S. IG CORPORATE	Spread to Treasuries	136	142	(0.06)	47%
U.S. HIGH YIELD	Spread to Treasuries	517	482	0.14	55%
U.S. EQUITY	Dividend Yield	1.62	1.93	(1.39)	8%
NON-U.S. DEV EQUITY	Dividend Yield	2.60	3.15	(1.13)	13%
NON-U.S. EMRG MKRT	Dividend Yield	2.22	2.38	(0.42)	34%
U.S. REITs	Relative Yield to Eqty	1.96	1.78	0.20	58%
MLPs	Relative Yield to Eqty	13.16	5.07	3.60	100%
SMALL V LARGE	Relative Yield	-0.08	-0.50	2.61	100%
VALUE V GROWTH	Relative Yield	1.79	1.10	1.52	94%
NON-U.S. DEV V U.S.	Relative Yield	0.98	1.17	(0.64)	26%
EMRG MKRT V U.S.	Relative Yield	0.60	0.45	0.60	73%

# 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 65% 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 SEPTEMBER 30, 2020	ASSET CLASS RELATIONSHIP RELATIVE TO EACH OF THE FOLLOWING:									
	INFLATION	CASH	TREASURY	CORE BONDS	HIGH YIELD	REITs	MLPs	U.S. STOCKS	NON-U.S. DEV	EMRG MRKT
CASH	45%		84%	80%	57%	47%	0%	54%	58%	49%
TREASURY	15%	16%		65%	48%	23%	0%	23%	33%	21%
CORE BONDS	16%	20%	35%		45%	17%	0%	20%	26%	14%
HIGH YIELD	36%	43%	52%	55%		19%	0%	33%	39%	30%
REITs	56%	53%	77%	83%	81%		0%	58%	65%	51%
MLPs	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%		100%	100%	100%
U.S. STOCKS	51%	46%	77%	80%	67%	42%	0%		74%	27%
NON-U.S. DEV	43%	42%	67%	74%	61%	35%	0%	26%		9%
EMRG MRKT	66%	51%	79%	86%	70%	49%	0%	73%	91%	