



# CAP Scan

## Equity Factors, Sectors & Stock Picks

September 24, 2021

The current equity market is in the midst of a transformation where LT Growth exposure is less likely to perform, and exposure to other factors is preferred.

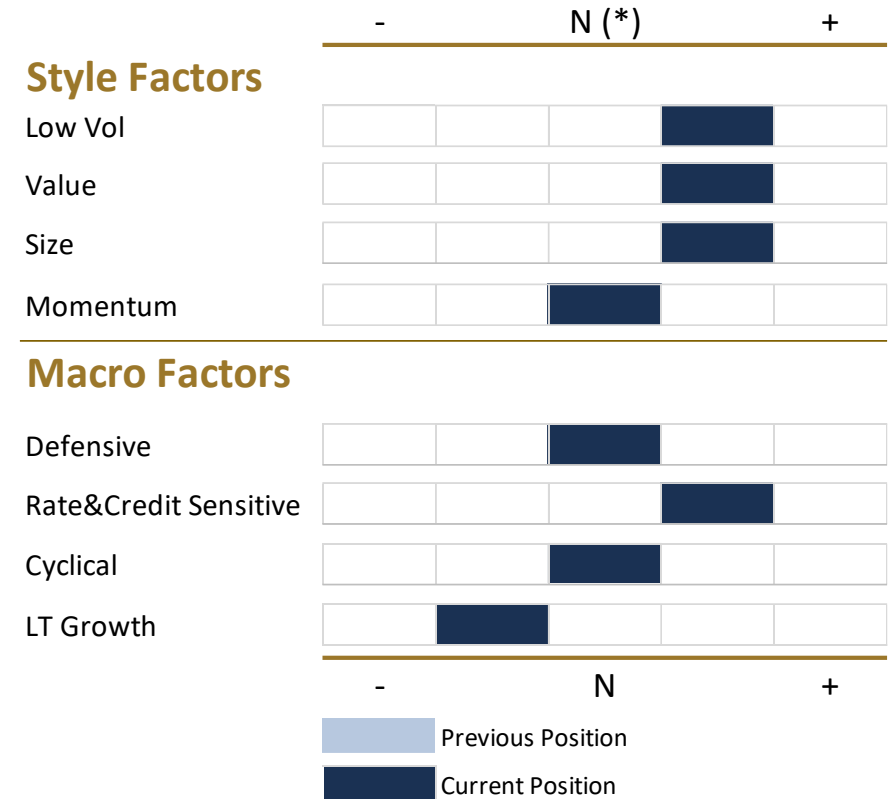
In CAP, we are currently adding equity exposure to the factors:

Value  
Rate&Credit Sensitive  
Low Vol  
Size

The strategy is unchanged from last month.

□ In CAP's investment process, we use factor allocation as the first step when building an equity portfolio. Earlier, we preferred sectors, but as GICS 11 sectors generally are very diverse and heterogeneous, we find it easier to allocate via factors as a first step, sectors/industries as a 2nd step, and stock picks as the final step.

**Equity Factor Allocation**



(\*) (-) Underweight positions: <-25%, <-10%  
 (+) Overweight positions : >+10%, >+25%  
 (N) Neutral position : >-5%, <+5%

Long-only investment cases in Late-September 2021:

- Telecom
- Semiconductors
- Real Estate
- Russell2000 (Size)
- Materials (NEW)

Removed: Financials, Autos&Parts, Durable Consumption (all back to Neutral)

- Our sector and industry universe is not complete. All the sectors/industries that we use hold a factor profile. If we have not been able to identify a satisfactory factor profile, we will not take positions in the specific industry/industry group.
- We have deliberately excluded the Energy (fossil fuel) sector from our investment universe. Instead, we have created a new group of stocks called New Energy. This cross-GICS sector group of stocks holds some of the same characteristics as the GICS Energy sector. Still, New Energy holds a Growth-Momentum profile when it comes to its factor profile, while 'Old' Energy is a (deep) Value sector.

**\*) Total DREX: The score framework's suggested allocation:**  
 (-) Underweight positions: <-25%, <-10% ,  
 (+) Overweight positions : >+10%, >+25%,  
 (N) Neutral position : > -5%, < +5%

**\*\* Factors (CAP):** LTG: Long Term Growth, C: Cyclical, D: Defensive, RCS: Rate&Credit Sensitive, MOM: Momentum, LV: Low Vol, V: Value, S: Size

Sector Allocation - DREX Score Card					
Sectors&Industries (GICS) **)	Total DREX*)		Total return in pct. (EUR)		
	-	N	1 Mth	3 Mth	YTD
<b>Communication(LTG) **)</b>			0.9%	7.5%	28.1%
Media&Entertainment (MOM, LTG)			1.3%	9.8%	34.9%
Telecom (LV, D, RCS)			-0.9%	-0.9%	7.2%
<b>Consumer Discretionary(MOM, C, LTG)</b>			3.6%	4.8%	18.3%
Auto&Parts (MOM, C)			7.1%	5.9%	21.3%
Consumer Durables & App (V, C, LTG, MOM)			0.9%	4.8%	18.6%
Hotel&Leisure (RCS)			3.8%	2.8%	15.6%
Retailing (MOM, LTG)			3.2%	4.9%	18.1%
<b>Consumer Staples(LV, D, RCS)</b>			-1.8%	3.1%	12.1%
Food&Beverage&Tobacco(LV, D, RCS)			-1.5%	1.0%	12.6%
Household&Personal Prod. (LV, D)			-1.5%	2.1%	6.1%
<b>Financials(V, C, RCS)</b>			-0.1%	5.6%	30.3%
Banks (V, C, RCS)			0.9%	3.7%	31.8%
Div.Financials (V, C, RCS)			-0.4%	8.0%	34.6%
Capital Markets (RCS)			1.2%	8.2%	37.6%
<b>Healthcare(D, LTG)</b>			-2.6%	7.5%	21.9%
Biotech (I)			-0.9%	9.9%	22.7%
Pharmaceuticals (D)			-7.8%	1.8%	15.2%
Healthcare Equipment (LV, D, LTG)			1.8%	13.9%	26.7%
Healthcare Services (D)			-1.0%	5.9%	25.6%
<b>Industrials (V, C, RCS)</b>			0.3%	4.4%	19.6%
Capital Goods (V, C, RCS)			0.3%	4.3%	20.0%
Commercial Services (LV, LTG, RCS)			2.5%	12.7%	26.2%
Transportation (V, C)			-0.9%	-0.4%	13.9%
Trans.Infrastructure (RCS)			2.7%	-0.9%	2.5%
Rail&Road (V, C)			-3.0%	-2.7%	6.4%
Infrastructure (ETF)(RCS)			-2.6%	1.6%	16.2%
<b>Information Technology(MOM, LTG)</b>			0.9%	11.2%	25.5%
Software (MOM, LTG)			-0.3%	14.5%	30.1%
Comm.Equipment (LTG)			-2.8%	8.6%	32.5%
Semiconductors & Equip. (LTG)			6.0%	13.2%	38.6%
<b>Materials (V, C)</b>			-2.0%	1.2%	14.4%
Gold (D)			0.6%	-15.1%	-0.1%
<b>Real Estate(LV, D, RCS)</b>			-1.0%	4.8%	28.2%
<b>Utilities (LV, D, RCS)</b>			-5.4%	2.9%	9.3%
New Energy(MOM, LTG)			-1.5%	7.5%	4.5%
Water (ETF)(I)			-0.9%	10.8%	24.4%
<b>Segments</b>			1 Mth	3 Mth	YTD
<b>Nasdaq 100 (MOM, LTG)</b>			1.1%	10.2%	25.2%
<b>Russell2000 (S, C, LTG)</b>			2.7%	1.0%	15.9%
<b>MidDAX (S, MOM, C, LTG)</b>			-1.0%	3.7%	16.0%

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# Factor Allocation - Conclusions

- ❑ We have not changed our Factor strategy since early August.
- ❑ We stay Neutral in **Defensive/Cyclical**, as we have not yet received a sign that a rotation into Defensive is on the cards. At the same time, we find the Cyclical Factor ‘too late to harvest’.
- ❑ The high inflation underpins **Momentum**. Still, we hold the factor in Neutral due to the weaker business cycle.
- ❑ Both **Value, Low Vol**, and the macro factor **Rate&Credit Sensitive** continue in OW. However, Value appears to take the lead with a rising probability harvest score.
- ❑ **Size** is also in an OW position, as inflation and relative growth to Large caps are tailwinds.
- ❑ The still lower real rates have contributed to the continued positive performance **for LT Growth**. A weaker Digital economy, ‘priced to perfection’ and risk of higher rates keep the harvest probability lower than other factors. We keep our UW position despite the short-term loss it has coursed.

Performance			
Factor	Total return in pct. (EUR)		
	1 Mth	3 Mth	YTD
Cyclical	-0.1%	0.9%	15.8%
Defensive	-3.8%	-2.0%	9.1%
LT Growth	1.6%	11.7%	25.0%
Credit Sensitive	0.7%	2.7%	20.1%
Low Vol	-2.5%	4.5%	13.4%
Momentum	2.6%	8.3%	14.0%
Value	-0.8%	2.6%	20.3%
Size	2.5%	4.8%	23.3%
World	-1.4%	4.7%	19.8%

Equity Factor Allocation			
Benchmark Weight	-	N (*)	+
<b>Style Factors</b> <b>55%</b>			
Low Vol 20%			█
Value 15%			█
Size 10%			█
Momentum 10%		█	
<b>Macro Factors</b> <b>45%</b>			
Defensive 15%		█	
Rate&Credit Sensitive 5%			█
Cyclical 5%		█	
LT Growth 20%	█		

- N +

█ Previous Position  
█ Current Position

## CAP Factor Benchmark vs MSCI World

Our Eight Factor Benchmarks



— CAP-M Factor Portfolio - SAA  
 ..... MSCI World - ESG Enhanced (TR, UCITS ETF, EUR)

Risk Profile(*)	MSCI World (EUR)	CAP Factor Benchmark (EUR)
Return (total, EUR)	8.2%	<b>8.9%</b>
Ann. Standard Deviation	17.60%	<b>14.2%</b>
Ann. Sharpe Ratio	0.3	<b>0.43</b>
Maximum Drawdown	58.50%	<b>47.2%</b>
Monthly Value at Risk (95%)	-7.80%	<b>-6.2%</b>
Monthly Expected Shortfall (95%)	-11.30%	<b>-8.5%</b>
Bond Correlation	-0.23	<b>-0.21</b>
Stock Correlation	1.00	<b>0.89</b>

(\*\*) Based on weekly data since 1997

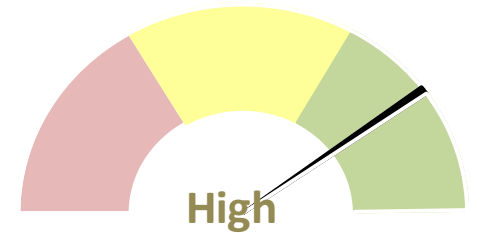
## Possible to harvest a premium?

Our Probability Score for the Low Vol Factor remains in solidly positive territory, but recent performance has not followed suit. Risk appetite, driven by liquidity and solid GDP, is still too high (see p.7) for the factor to perform. Our Probability Score suggests, however, an overweight position driven by higher inflation, a weaker Digital economy, and a likely weakening in global trade in the coming months.

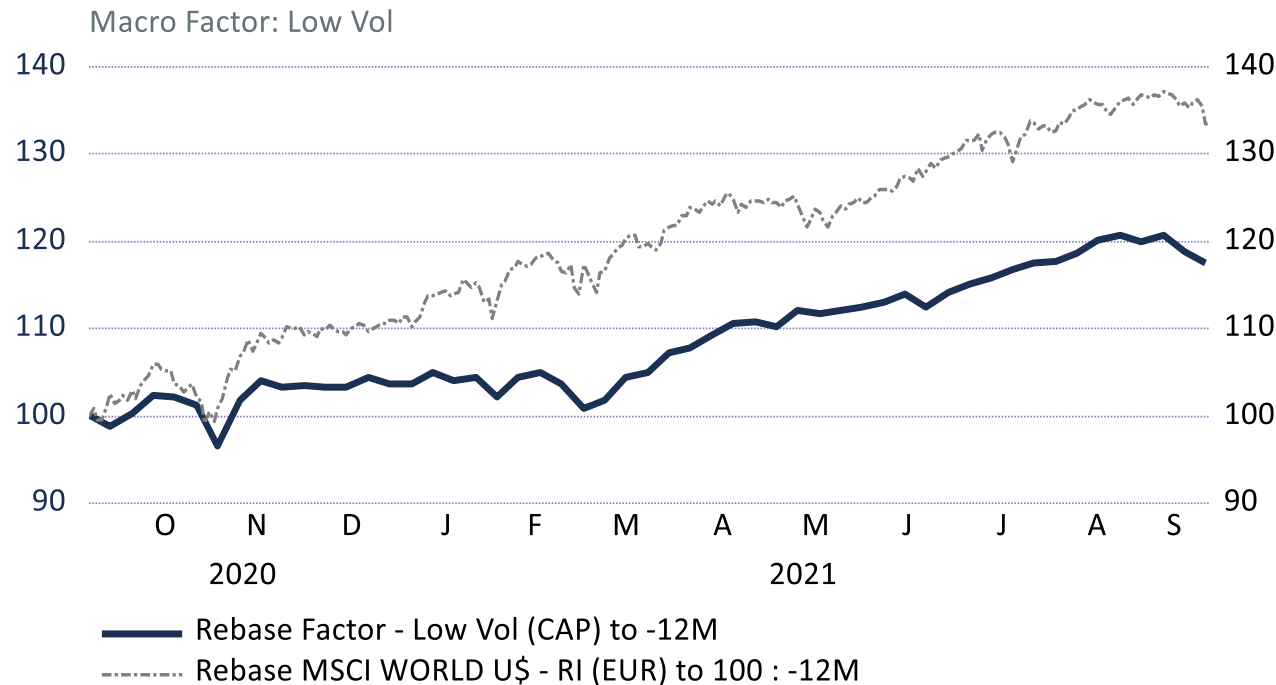
Our preferred Segment/Sector/Industries: **Telecom, Real Estate, Food&Beverage**

Our preferred stock picks: **Telekom Austria AG, Merck KGaA, Abbott Laboratories, Koninklijke Ahold Delhaize NV & Beiersdorf AG**

## Harvest Probability



## Factor Performance



Source: Refinitiv Datastream

## Factor Details

	22-Sep	-1m	-3m	-1y	ytd
<b>Performance</b>	Index	Change in %			
Total return	701	-2.5%	4.5%	17.4%	13.4%
Relative return	100	-2.7%	-1.7%	-12.8%	-7.5%
<b>Possible to harvest a premium?</b>	22-Sep	-1m	-3m	-1y	boy
Drift model(+6 mth F: 9.07%) - pct. an.	6.5%	7.9%	5.4%	-7.7%	-10.1%
Pulse model - pct. an.	-0.8%	1.1%	11.2%	3.0%	-2.9%
Probaility Score (*)	1.0	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3

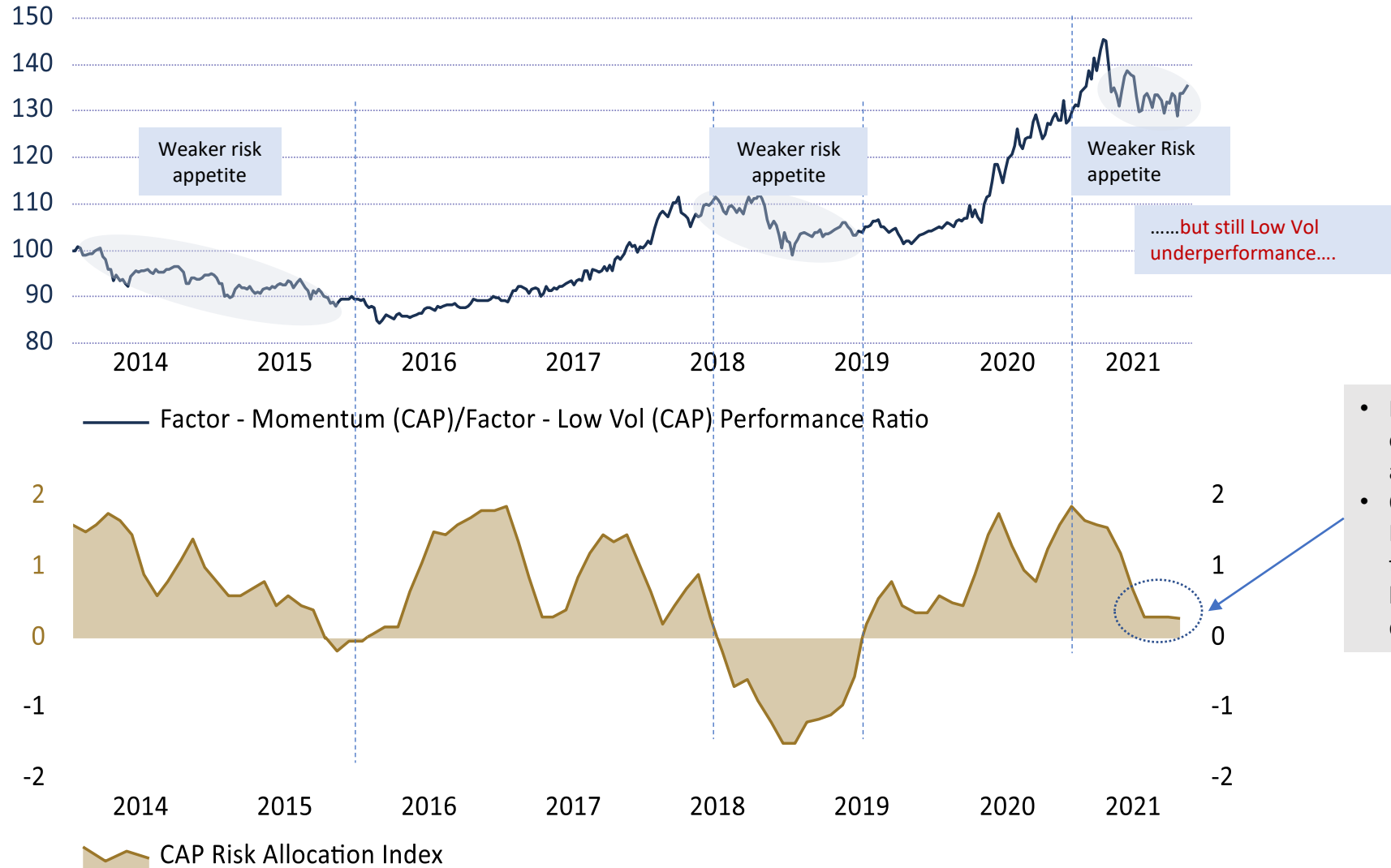
(\*) Positive or negative expected premium ? (score: -2 to +2)

### Risk Profile(\*\*)

Factor Premium - average	1.1%
Ann. Standard Deviation	12.7%
Ann. Sharpe Ratio	0.4
Maximum Drawdown	45.5%
Monthly Value at Risk (95%)	-5.1%
Monthly Expected Shortfall (95%)	-7.7%
Bond Correlation	-0.14
Stock Correlation	0.77
Balance Correlation	0.71

## Momentum vs Low Vol

& CAP Risk Allocation Index



- Low Vol. is a play on weaker risk appetite.
- Our Risk Allocation Index indicates that we are heading in that direction!

# Momentum

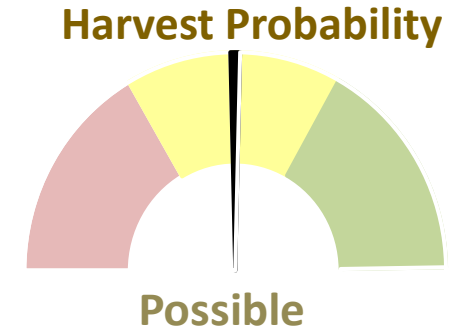
## Possible to harvest a premium?

Our Score for the Momentum Factor has deteriorated significantly over the last three-month period. As a result, our score suggests that harvesting the premium is uncertain.

Higher Inflation and (still) solid Chinese economic expansion are positives. But the weaker digital economy and potentially weaker global trades are likely obstacles to performance in the coming months. As a result, we anticipate higher real rates over the next 12 months. Moreover, if risk appetite subsides over the coming weeks and months, rotation out of Momentum should be expected (see p.7).

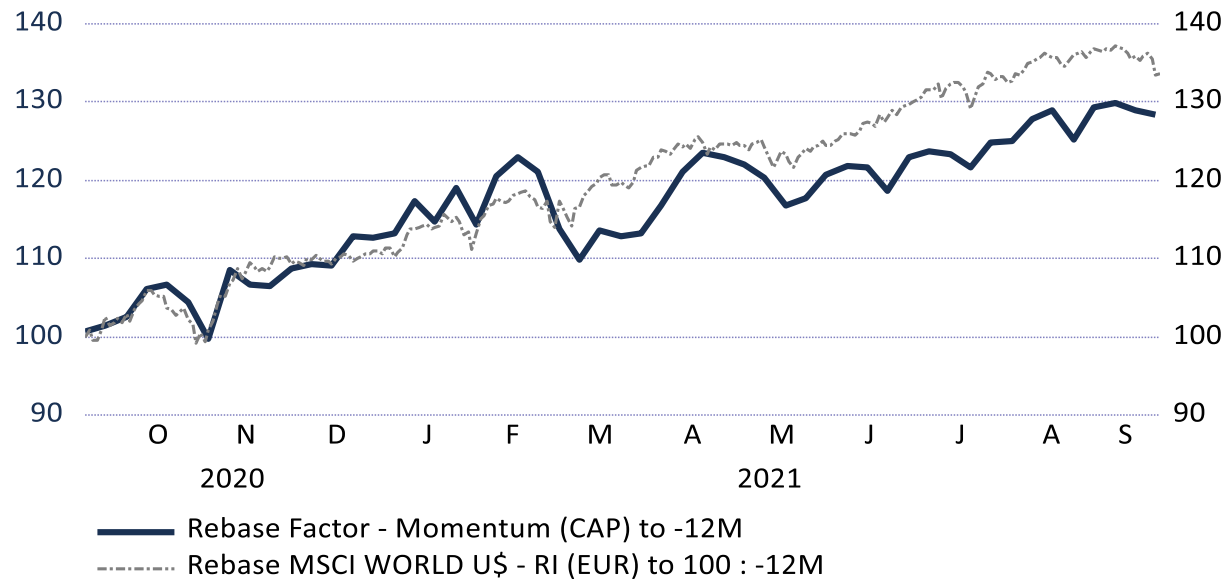
Our preferred Segment/Sector/Industries: **Semiconductors**.

Our preferred stock picks: **Applied Materials Inc, Janus Henderson Group PLC**



## Factor Performance

Macro Factor: Momentum



Source: Refinitiv Datastream

## Factor Details

	22-Sep	-1m	-3m	-1y	ytd
<b>Performance</b>	Index	Change in %			
Total return	1322	2.6%	8.3%	27.5%	14.0%
Relative return	189	2.4%	1.8%	-5.3%	-7.0%
<b>Factor Premium ( pct. an.)</b>	8-May	-1m	-3m	-1y	boy
Drift Model(+6 mth F: 5.02%)	7.4%	7.6%	8.0%	13.1%	17.2%
Pulse Model	0.3%	2.3%	8.5%	7.5%	0.6%
Position	-1.0	-1.0	0.5	1.0	0.0
Score (*)	0.0	1.3	1.6	1.5	1.3

(\*) Positive or negative expected premium ? (score: -2 to +2)

<b>Risk Profile(**)</b>	
Factor Premium - average	3.4%
Ann. Standard Deviation	17.7%
Ann. Sharpe Ratio	0.45
Maximum Drawdown	52.9%
Monthly Value at Risk (95%)	-7.2%
Monthly Expected Shortfall (95%)	-10.5%
Bond Correlation	-0.17
Stock Correlation	0.69
Balance Correlation	0.6



## Possible to harvest a premium?

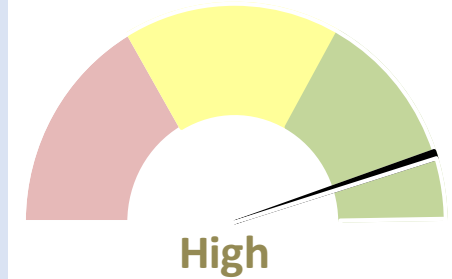
Our Score for the Value Factor has increased in recent months. Our score suggests that investors can harvest a value premium and should hence overweight the factor.

The Value factor is still receiving positive pulse support from global GDP, CPI, and commodities prices. In addition, a bit higher Real rate increase has also been a tailwind factor. As credit conditions are still favorable, the rate environment appears a 'sweet spot'. The outlook for the Value factor would further brighten, if real interest rates moved higher. (see p.10)

Our preferred Segment/Sector/Industries: **Financials, Materials, Transportation, and Rail&Road**

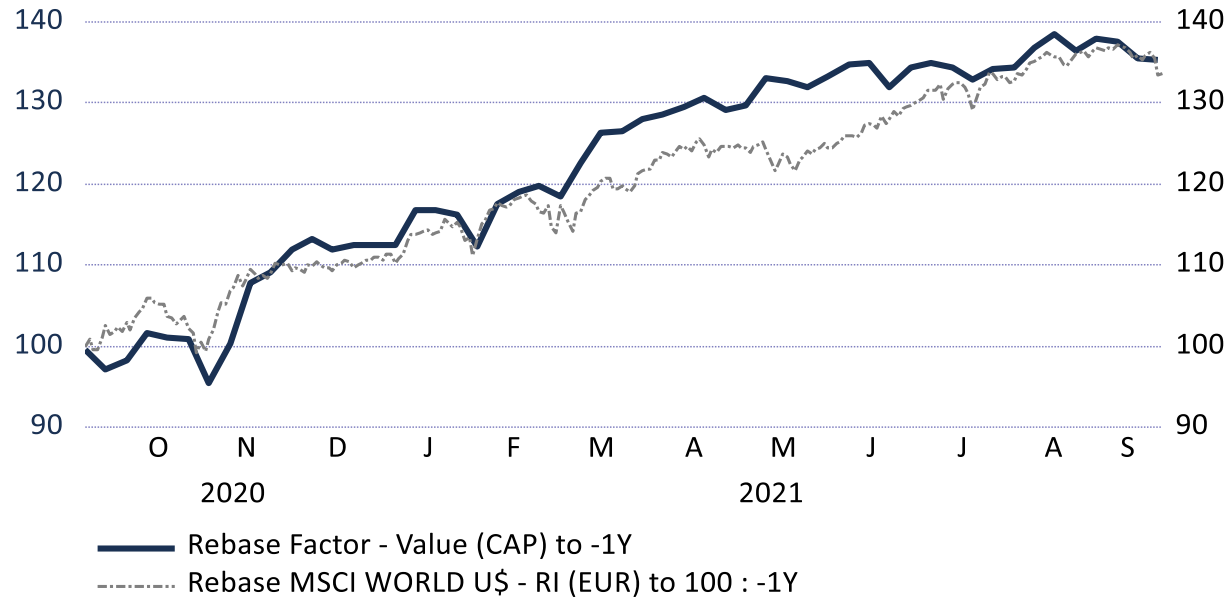
Our preferred stock picks: **Anglo American PLC, Deutsche Post AG, NN Group NV, Raiffeisen Bank International AG**

## Harvest Probability



## Factor Performance

Macro Factor: Value



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## Factor Details

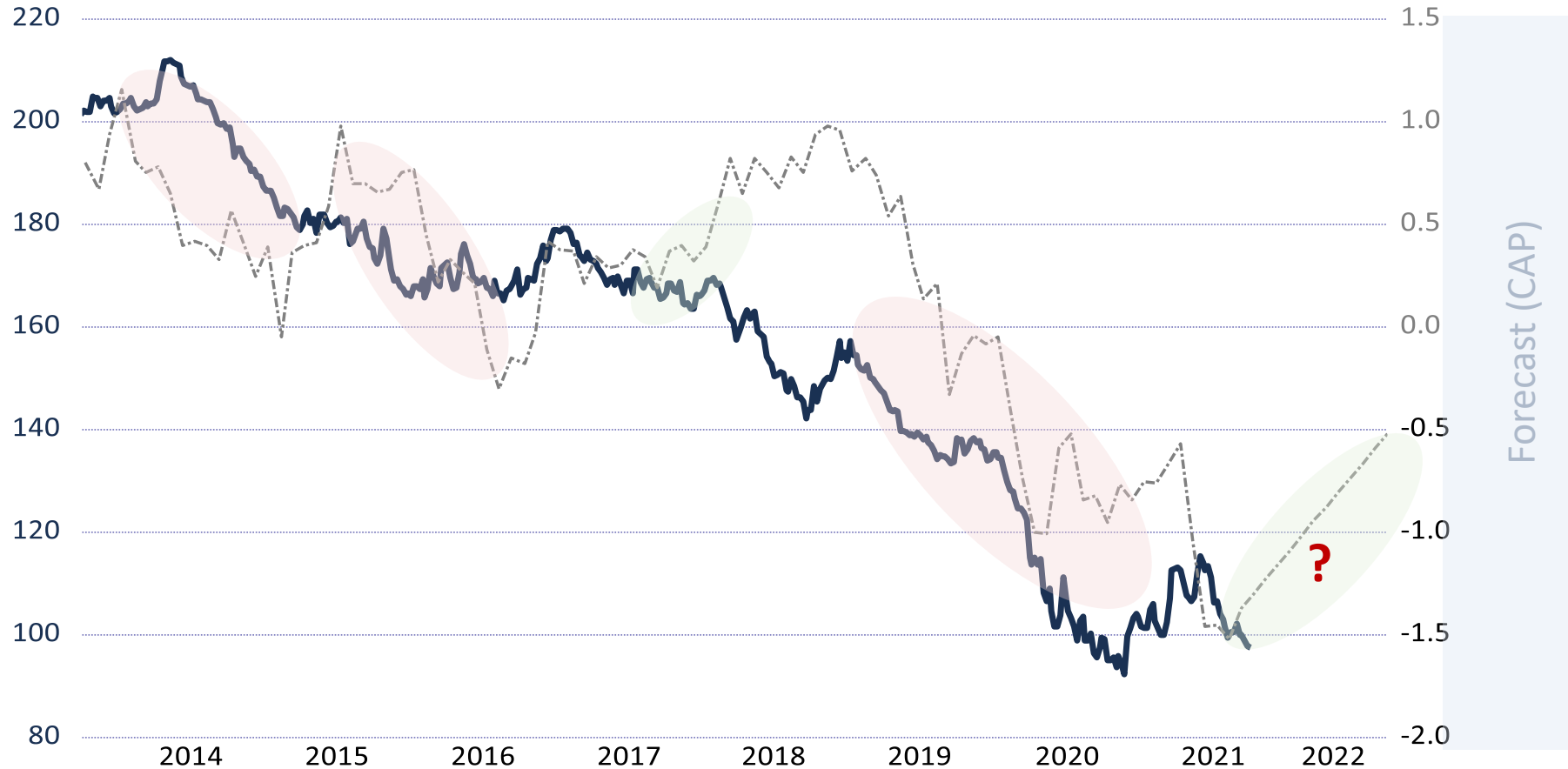
	22-Sep	-1m	-3m	-1y	ytd
<b>Performance</b>	Index	Change in %			
Total return	561	-0.8%	2.6%	35.8%	20.3%
Relative return	80	-1.0%	-3.5%	0.9%	-1.8%
<b>Possible to harvet a premium?</b>	22-Sep	-1m	-3m	-1y	boy
Drift Model(+6 mth F: 3.5%) - pct. an.	5.4%	6.7%	8.7%	-12.5%	-11.5%
Pulse Model - pct. an.	0.0%	3.6%	4.6%	8.1%	0.4%
Probaility Score (*)	1.7	1.8	1.7	0.0	-0.7

(\*) Positive or negative expected premium ? (score: -2 to +2)

<b>Risk Profile(**)</b>	
Factor Premium - average	-0.6%
Ann. Standard Deviation	17.7%
Ann. Sharpe Ratio	0.24
Maximum Drawdown	59.6%
Monthly Value at Risk (95%)	-7.5%
Monthly Expected Shortfall (95%)	-11.4%
Bond Correlation	-0.28
Stock Correlation	0.84
Balance Correlation	0.78

## Value vs LT Growth

& OECD Real rate incl. CAP Forecast



— Factor - Value (CAP)/Factor - LT Growth (CAP) Performance Ratio  
 - - - - Real Rate (OECD) incl. 12 mth forecast (RH Scale)

- The lower real rates are essential to understand the long-term underperformance of Value to Growth.
- We anticipate a partial reversal of real rates, which should lift Value to Growth performance

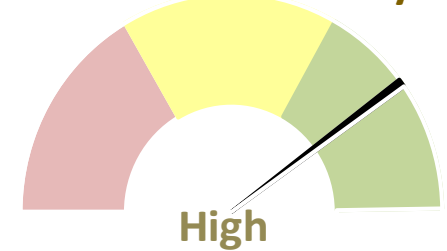
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## Possible to harvest a premium?

Our Probability Score for the Size Factor Return has eased off a bit in recent months. Still, we expect investors to be able to harvest a Size premium.

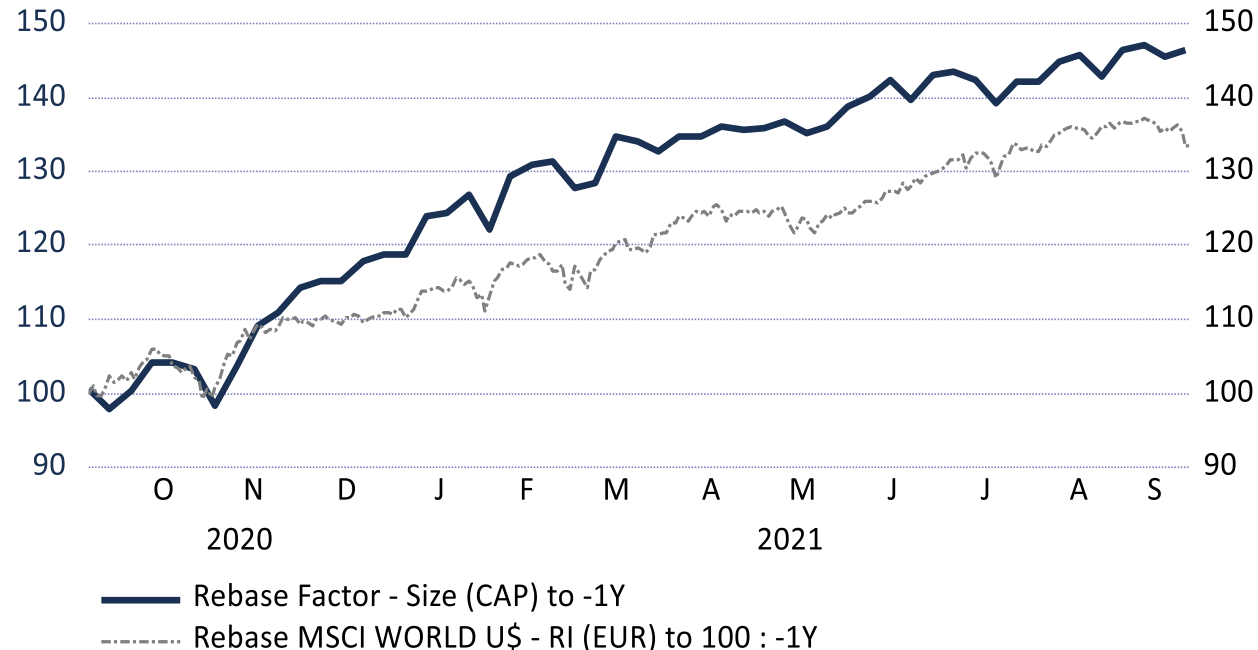
Both the weaker Digital economy and the stronger commodities price trend are short-term supportive factors. Also, the higher consumer inflation trend supports Small Cap performance. In the coming months, slow down in global Trade & GDP are return headwinds (see p.12). A tailwind factor that few yet have acknowledged is that the downtrend in growth differential between Small / Large caps appears to have stopped (see p.13). If correct, it will be a tailwind for the Size factor going forward. Our preferred segment has shifted from MDAX to now **Russell 2000**.

## Harvest Probability



## Factor Performance

Macro Factor: Size



## Factor Details

	23-Sep	-1m	-3m	-1y	ytd
<b>Performance</b>	Index	Change in %			
Total return	615	2.5%	4.8%	45.7%	23.3%
Relative return	88	2.3%	-1.4%	8.2%	0.6%
<b>Possible to harvest a premium?</b>					
Drift Model(+6 mth F: 1.88%) - pct.	5.8%	6.5%	9.0%	-9.9%	-7.3%
Pulse Model - pct. an.	1.4%	3.2%	-0.1%	9.8%	2.9%
Probability Score (*)	1.0	1.0	1.7	0.0	-0.3

(\*) Positive or negative expected premium ? (score: -2 to +2)

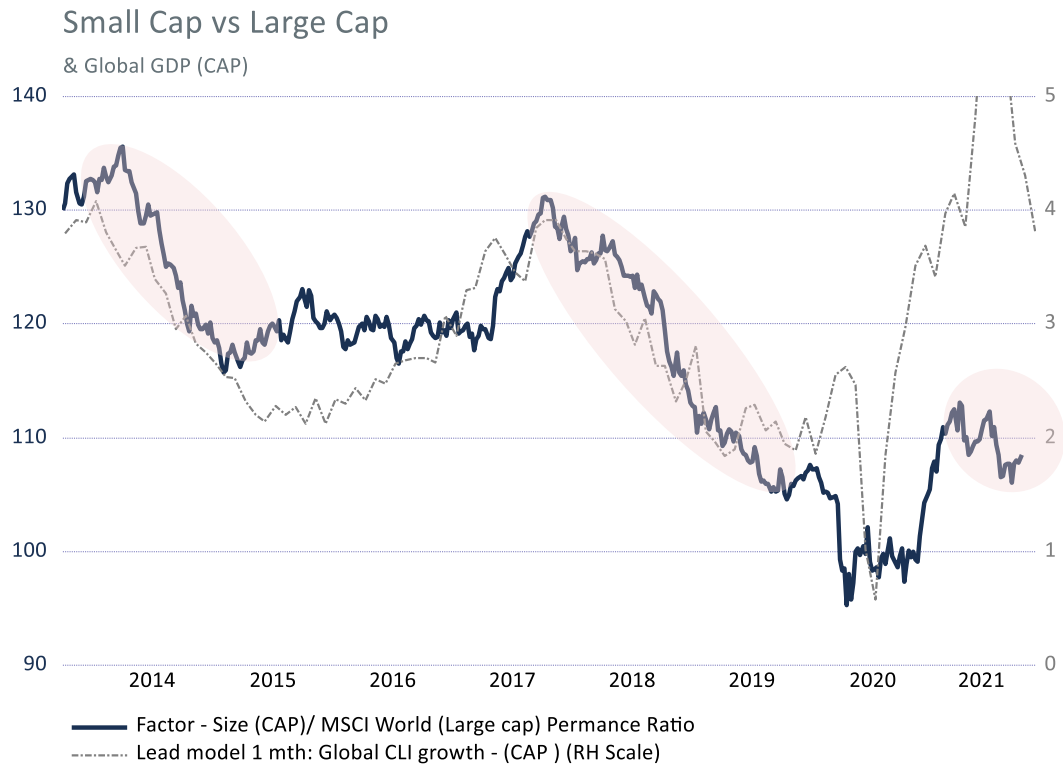
### Risk Profile(\*\*)

Factor Premium - average	-0.2%
Ann. Standard Deviation	18.5%
Ann. Sharpe Ratio	0.24
Maximum Drawdown	56.5%
Monthly Value at Risk (95%)	-7.8%
Monthly Expected Shortfall (95%)	-11.6%
Bond Correlation	-0.28
Stock Correlation	0.82
Balance Correlation	0.74

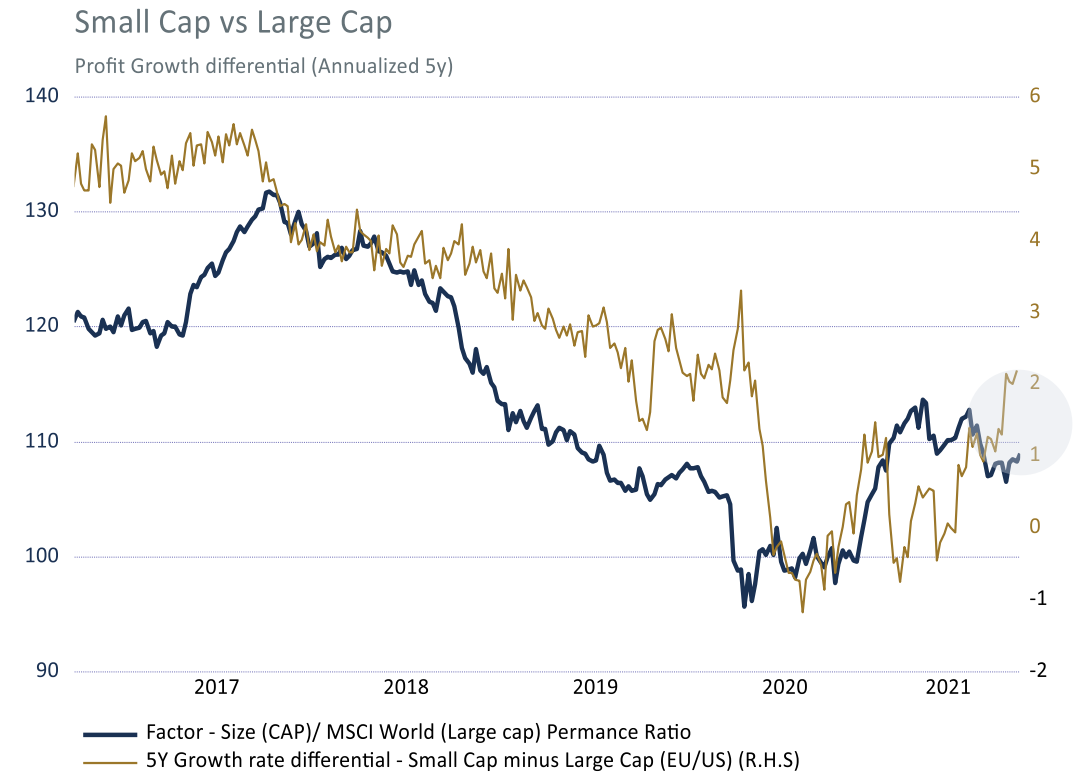
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- In the coming months, one of the most significant obstacles for Size performance is likely to be the softer business cycle.

- Where to find Long-Term growth? Investors hold Small Caps due to presumed higher growth. However, in many years the growth differential to Large Cap has decreased. Now it appears to rise again.



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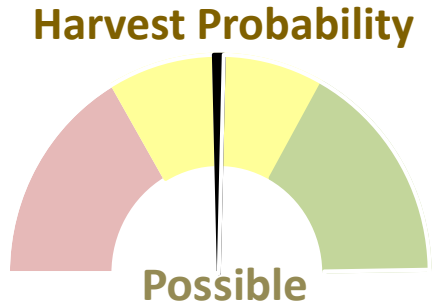
## Possible to harvest a premium?

Our Score for the Defensive Factor is stable and suggests a Neutral Position.

In contrast to Cyclical, the defensive factor depends on the slow down to become more solid for the factor to perform. Thus, more substantial signs of a slow down (like OECD PMI below 55) will, in our view, trigger a significant rotation into defensives. For now, however, the (still) strong GDP cycle is an obstacle to this factor's performance.

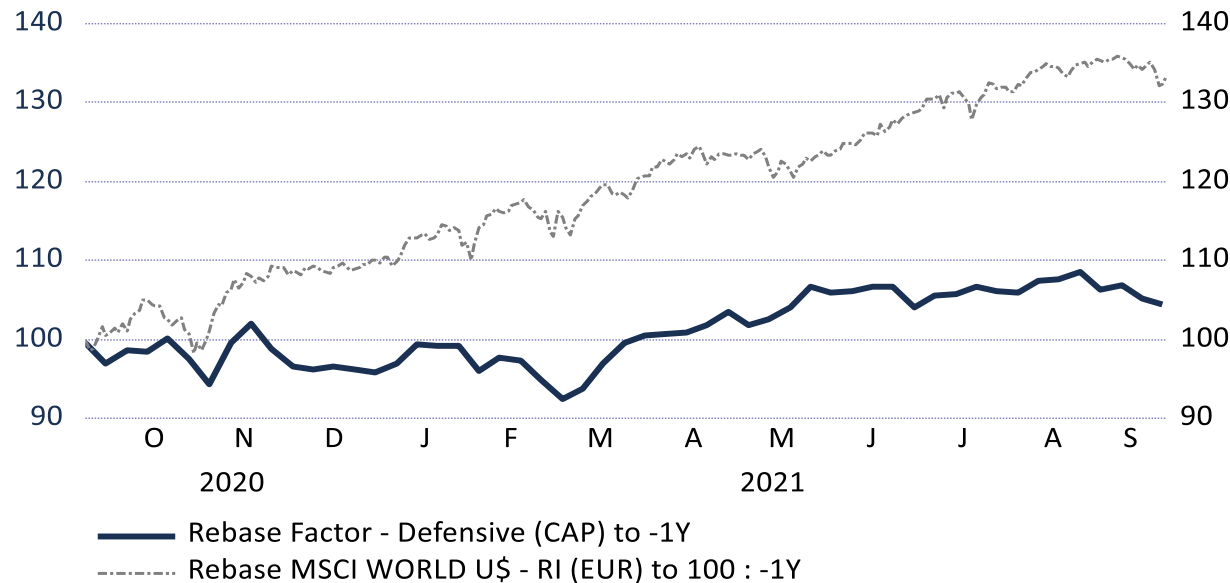
Our preferred Sector/Industries: **Telecom, Pharmaceuticals, Food&Beverage**

Our preferred stock picks: **Novo Nordisk A/S, British American Tobacco PLC &**



## Factor Performance

Macro Factor: Defensive



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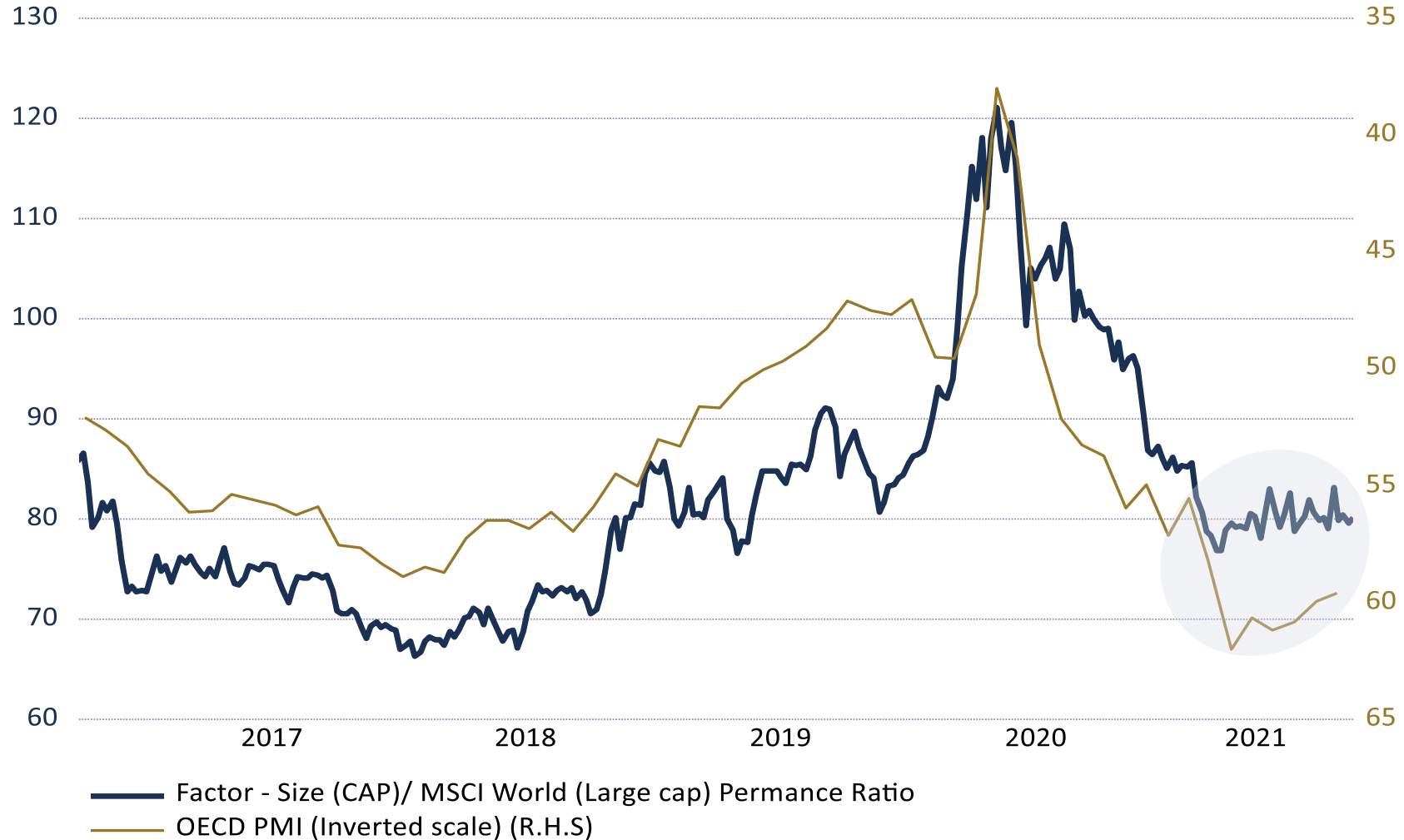
	23-Sep	-1m	-3m	-1y	ytd
<b>Performance</b>	Index	Change in %			
Total return	611	-3.8%	-2.0%	4.9%	9.1%
Relative return	88	-3.9%	-7.8%	-22.0%	-11.0%
<b>Possible to harvest a premium?</b>	23-Sep	-1m	-3m	-1y	boy
Drift (+6 mth F: 11.89%) - pct. an.	5.8%	5.4%	-0.7%	11.2%	5.0%
Pulse - pct. an.	-2.4%	-1.7%	4.7%	-2.4%	-2.8%
Probability Score (*)	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.3

(\*) Positive or negative expected premium ? (score: -2 to +2)

<b>Risk Profile(**)</b>	
Factor Premium - average	0.9%
Ann. Standard Deviation	15.0%
Ann. Sharpe Ratio	0.31
Maximum Drawdown	34.8%
Monthly Value at Risk (95%)	-5.1%
Monthly Expected Shortfall (95%)	-6.8%
Bond Correlation	-0.04
Stock Correlation	0.67
Balance Correlation	0.64

## Defensives vs. Cyclical

& OECD PMI



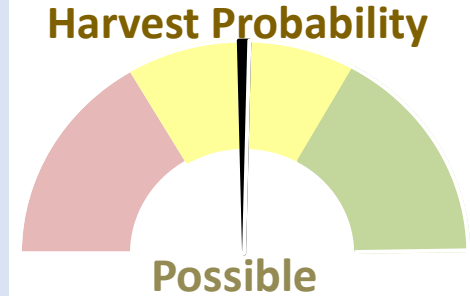
- If PMIs trend down, it is a sign that the Defensive factor can again be harvested.
- PMIs are currently stable at a high level. This makes investors hold on to their Cyclical bets with no reason to rotate into defensives.
- Harvesting of either Cyclical or Defensive premia seems currently quite uncertain.

## Possible to harvest a premium?

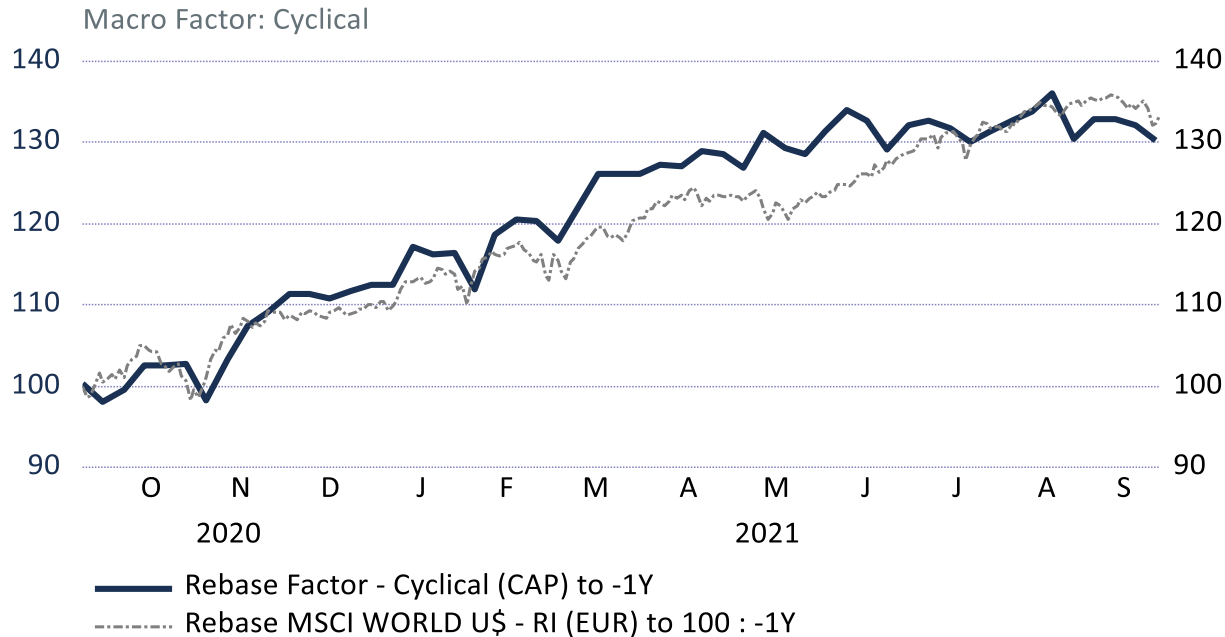
Our Score for the Cyclical Factor has deteriorated in recent months and is now suggesting a Neutral Position. The current CPI inflation puls (3 mth. effects) is negative, while easy credit is a positive. Both global economy and global trade are still tailwind factors, although less so than three months ago. Further slow down is likely to be a key obstacle for the Cyclical factor in the coming months.

Our preferred Industries: **Materials, Autos&Parts, Transportation and Rail&Road**

Our preferred stock picks: **Compagnie Generale des Etablissements Michelin SCA, Volkswagen AG**



## Factor Performance



Source: Refinitiv Datastream

## Factor Details

	23-Sep	-1m	-3m	-1y	ytd
<b>Performance</b>	Index	Change in %			
Total return	436	-0.1%	0.9%	29.9%	15.8%
Relative return	62	-0.3%	-5.1%	-3.5%	-5.5%
<b>Possible to harvest a premium?</b>	23-Sep	-1m	-3m	-1y	boy
Drift (+6 mth F: -0.39%) - pct. an.	5.4%	6.5%	10.9%	-9.6%	-6.5%
Pulse - pct. an.	0.0%	-5.0%	-6.7%	15.1%	3.1%
Probability Score (*)	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	-1.7

(\*) Positive or negative expected premium ? (score: -2 to +2)

<b>Risk Profile(**)</b>	
Factor Premium - average	-1.1%
Ann. Standard Deviation	19.8%
Ann. Sharpe Ratio	0.17
Maximum Drawdown	59.9%
Monthly Value at Risk (95%)	-9.0%
Monthly Expected Shortfall (95%)	-12.5%
Bond Correlation	-0.26
Stock Correlation	0.91
Balance Correlation	0.81

## Possible to harvest a premium?

Our Harvest probability Score for the LT Growth Factor has recovered somewhat compared to three months ago. Still, investors should not expect to harvest a growth premium despite the recent positive performance. The current crude and final goods inflation puls (3mth chg.) is modestly negative for the Growth factor. Still, the main short-term headwind comes from the recovery of the analog economy compared to the digital one. Slow down in e-commerce sales to total sales is a proxy for this. Weaker GDP and global trade cycle are likely headwinds for the factor in the coming months. Excessive 5Y forward growth expectations for global stocks are likely to dampen performance in coming months and years (see p.17). Still, the timing of the next downturn for analysts' Long-term profit expectations is difficult to predict.

Our preferred Industries are **Consumer Durables, New Energy, Media&Entertainment.**

Our preferred stock picks: Vivendi SE, Tetra Tech inc, LG Electronics Inc

## Harvest Probability



## Factor Performance



## Factor Details

	23-Sep	-1m	-3m	-1y	ytd
<b>Performance</b>	Index	Change in %			
Total return	1298	1.6%	11.7%	37.9%	25.0%
Relative return	186	1.4%	5.1%	2.4%	2.0%
<b>Possible to harvest a premium?</b>	23-Sep	-1m	-3m	-1y	boy
Drift (+6mth F: 1.27%) - pct. an.	-1.9%	-1.9%	-3.2%	21.6%	23.8%
Pulse - pct. an.	4.0%	3.3%	-0.9%	-1.0%	3.5%
Proability Score (*)	-0.3	-0.5	-1.3	0.0	1.3

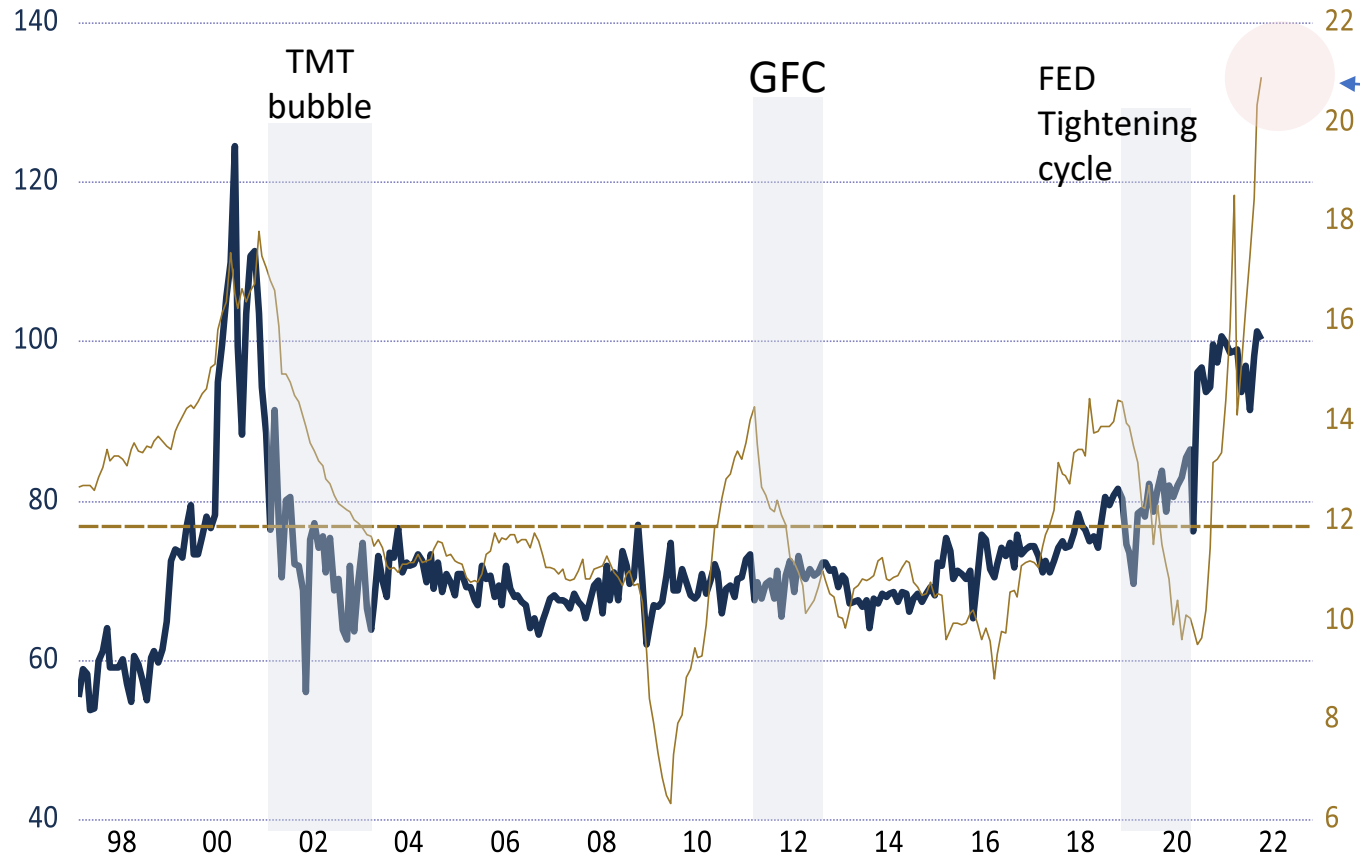
(\*) Positive or negative expected premium ? (score: -2 to +2)

<b>Risk Profile(**)</b>	
Factor Premium - average	3.0%
Ann. Standard Deviation	22.2%
Ann. Sharpe Ratio	0.34
Maximum Drawdown	72.5%
Monthly Value at Risk (95%)	-9.7%
Monthly Expected Shortfall (95%)	-13.4%
Bond Correlation	-0.18
Stock Correlation	0.75
Balance Correlation	0.69



## LT Growth to Total Market

& Long term EPS expectations



- According to IBES, consensus analyst expectations for average LT EPS growth (5y) was in Sep 2021 20.9% (annualized)!

- Has growth outlook never been any brighter? Really!
- The issue is not IF growth expectations come down but how and when!!

— Factor - LT Growth to MSCI WORLD Performance Ratio  
— 5Y forward EPS growth expectations (IBES, annualized) - MSCI World  
- - - 5Y EPS exp. - Long-term average

Source: Refinitiv Datastream

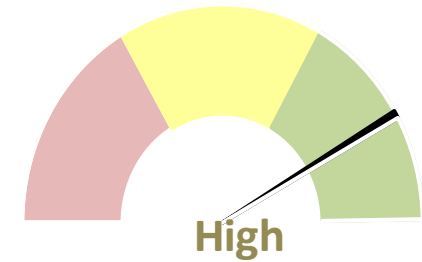
## Possible to harvest a premium?

Our Rate & Credit Sensitive score remains positive, suggesting that investors will be able to harvest a premium. Strong backing from attractive credit conditions and a favorable analog economy is tailwind drivers. Solid economic growth conditions are supportive as well. In the coming months, likely higher real rates will be a positive driver factor.

Our preferred Sectors are **Financials, Real Estate**.

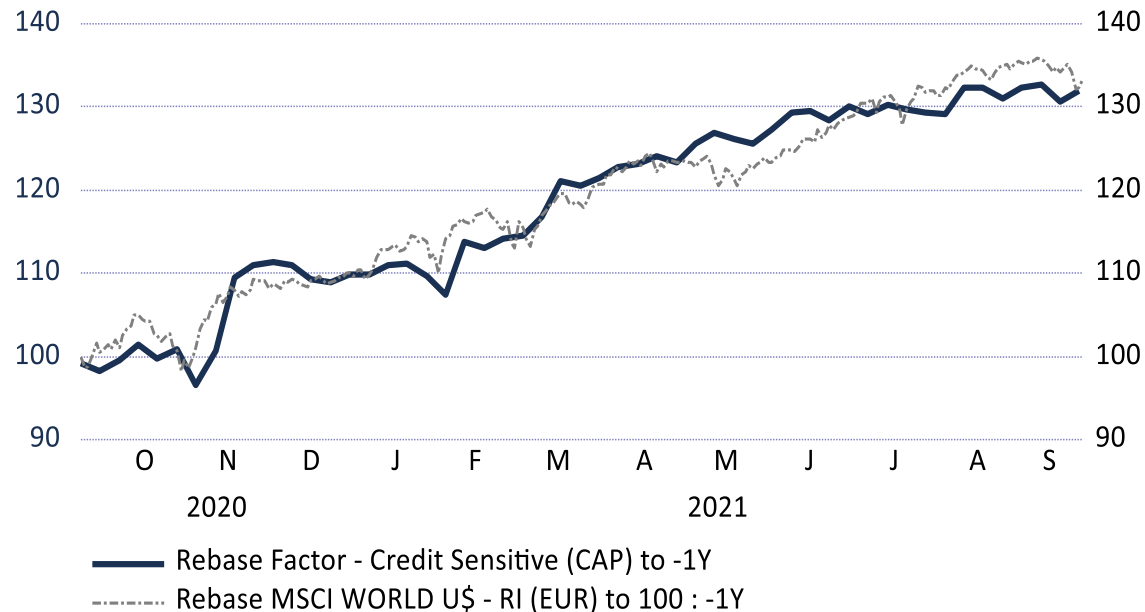
Our preferred stock picks: **Vonovia SE, Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB**

## Harvest Probability



## Factor Performance

Macro Factor: Credit Sensitive



Source: Refinitiv Datastream

## Factor Details

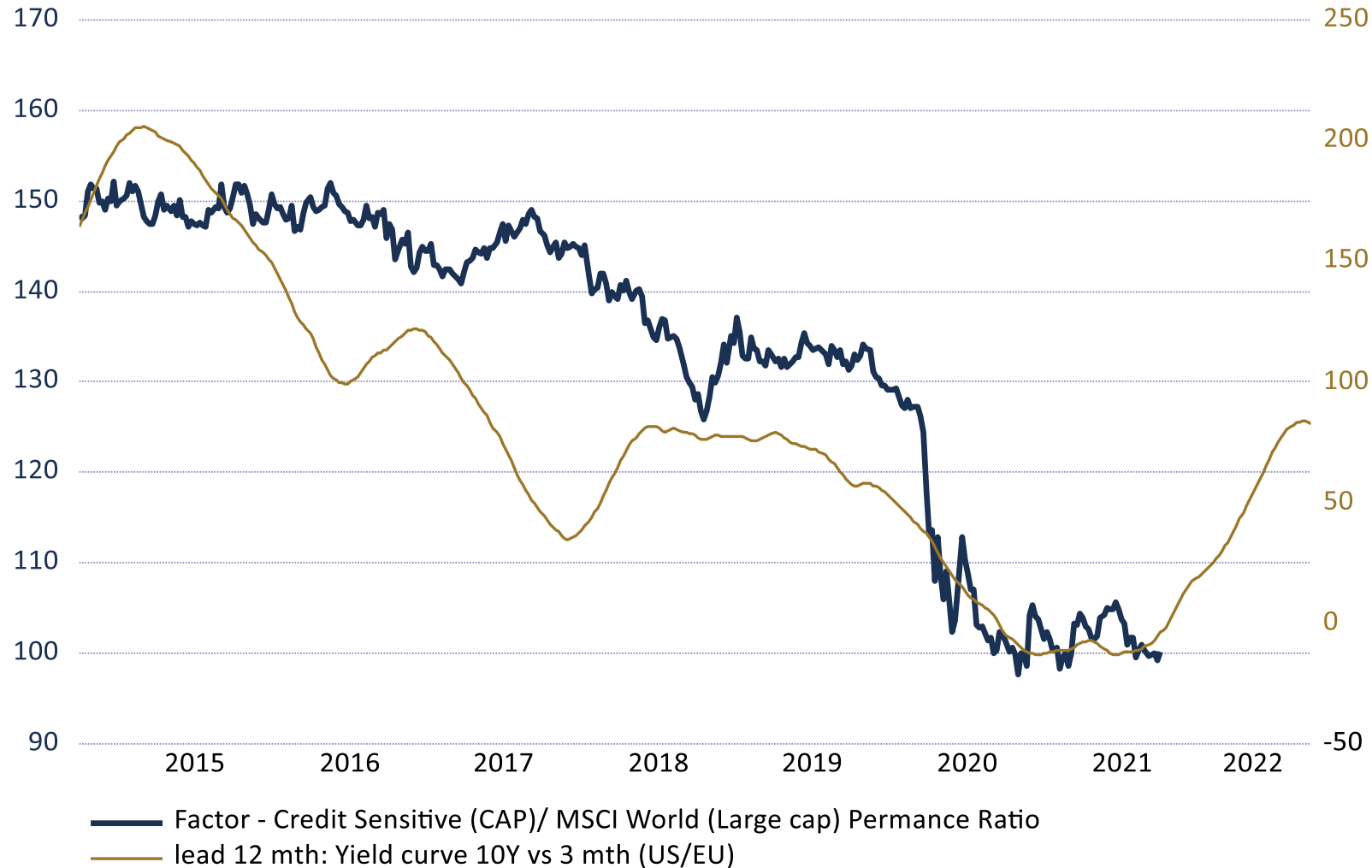
	23-Sep	-1m	-3m	-1y	ytd
<b>Performance</b>	Index	Change in %			
Total return	386	0.7%	2.7%	33.0%	20.1%
Relative return	55	0.6%	-3.4%	-1.2%	-2.0%
<b>Possible to harvest a premium?</b>	23-Sep	-1m	-3m	-1y	boy
Drift Model(+6 mth F: 3.6%) - pct. an.	6.2%	9.1%	13.0%	-18.0%	-17.8%
Pulse Model - pct. an.	0.0%	3.2%	13.2%	15.5%	-0.9%
Probability Score (*)	1.3	1.3	1.0	0.0	-1.3

(\*) Positive or negative expected premium ? (score: -2 to +2)

<b>Risk Profile(**)</b>	
Factor Premium - average	-1.5%
Ann. Standard Deviation	18.6%
Ann. Sharpe Ratio	0.14
Maximum Drawdown	68.2%
Monthly Value at Risk (95%)	-7.2%
Monthly Expected Shortfall (95%)	-12.4%
Bond Correlation	-0.19
Stock Correlation	0.87
Balance Correlation	0.78

## Credit Sensitive vs total market

& DM Yield curve



- For many years, a driver of the Rate & Credit Factor underperformance has been the down-trending carry/ flattening of the yield curves.
- It takes time to turn the tide, but a 12 mth. lead is now suggesting that the experienced curve steepening will soon underpin the Rate&Credit Sensitive factor.

Source: Refinitiv Datastream

# Sector/Industry Scorecard

Our key focus is to find sectors/Industries we can use in our long-only Equity allocation. In late September 2021:

- We have identified **Materials and Real Estate** as sectors with above average DREX scores when it comes to sectors.
- We have identified **Telecom & Semi-conductors** as Industry Groups with high DREX scores
- When it comes to segments, **Russell2000** holds an above-average score.
- Financials, **MDAX & Autos, Consumer Durables**, have all returned to average scores.

\*) DREX: Dynamic Return Expectations (CAP): Consists of four-pillar scores that add up to a Total-score. The Totals are key input behind our aggregated return expectation

\*\*) Factor sensitivity is mapped for each sector/Industry/Segment. LTG: Long Term Growth, C: Cyclical, D: Defensive, RCS: Rate&Credit Sensitive, MOM: Momentum, LV: Low Vol, V: Value, S: Size

\*\*\*) Total DREX: The score framework's suggested allocation:

- (-) Underweight positions: <-25%, <-10%
- (+) Overweight positions: >+10%, >+25%
- (N) Neutral position: > -5%, < +5%

Sector Allocation - DREX Score Card *)										Total return in pct. (EUR)					
Sectors&Industries (GICS)	Macro Support		Valuation		Earnings		Positioning		Total DREX ***)		1 Mth	3 Mth	YTD		
	-	N	+	-	N	+	-	N	+	-	N	+			
<b>Communication(LTG) (**)</b>													0.9%	7.5%	28.1%
Media&Entertainment (MOM, LTG)													1.3%	9.8%	34.9%
Telecom (LV, D, RCS)													-0.9%	-0.9%	7.2%
<b>Consumer Discretionary(MOM, C, LTG)</b>													3.6%	4.8%	18.3%
Auto&Parts (MOM, C)													7.1%	5.9%	21.3%
Consumer Durables & App (V, C, LTG, MOM)													0.9%	4.8%	18.6%
Hotel&Leisure (RCS)													3.8%	2.8%	15.6%
Retailing (MOM, LTG)													3.2%	4.9%	18.1%
<b>Consumer Staples(LV, D, RCS)</b>													-1.8%	3.1%	12.1%
Food&Beverage&Tobacco(LV, D, RCS)													-1.5%	1.0%	12.6%
Household&Personal Prod. (LV, D)													-1.5%	2.1%	6.1%
<b>Financials(V, C, RCS)</b>													-0.1%	5.6%	30.3%
Banks (V, C, RCS)													0.9%	3.7%	31.8%
Div.Financials (V, C, RCS)													-0.4%	8.0%	34.6%
Capital Markets (RCS)													1.2%	8.2%	37.6%
<b>Healthcare(D, LTG)</b>													-2.6%	7.5%	21.9%
Biotech ( )													-0.9%	9.9%	22.7%
Pharmaceuticals (D)													-7.8%	1.8%	15.2%
Healthcare Equipment (LV, D, LTG)													1.8%	13.9%	26.7%
Healthcare Services (D)													-1.0%	5.9%	25.6%
<b>Industrials (V, C, RCS)</b>													0.3%	4.4%	19.6%
Capital Goods (V, C, RCS)													0.3%	4.3%	20.0%
Commercial Services (LV, LTG, RCS)													2.5%	12.7%	26.2%
Transportation (V, C)													-0.9%	-0.4%	13.9%
Trans.Infrastructure (RCS)													2.7%	-0.9%	2.5%
Rail&Road (V, C)													-3.0%	-2.7%	6.4%
Infrastructure (ETF)(RCS)													-2.6%	1.6%	16.2%
<b>Information Technology(MOM, LTG)</b>													0.9%	11.2%	25.5%
Software (MOM, LTG)													-0.3%	14.5%	30.1%
Comm.Equipment (LTG)													-2.8%	8.6%	32.5%
Semiconductors & Equip. (LTG)													6.0%	13.2%	38.6%
<b>Materials (V, C)</b>													-2.0%	1.2%	14.4%
Gold (D)													0.6%	-15.1%	-0.1%
<b>Real Estate(LV, D, RCS)</b>													-1.0%	4.8%	28.2%
<b>Utilities (LV, D, RCS)</b>													-5.4%	2.9%	9.3%
New Energy(MOM, LTG)													-1.5%	7.5%	4.5%
Water (ETF)( )													-0.9%	10.8%	24.4%
<b>Segments</b>															
Nasdaq 100 (MOM, LTG)													1.1%	10.2%	25.2%
Russell2000 (S, C, LTG)													2.7%	1.0%	15.9%
MidDAX (S, MOM, C, LTG)													-1.0%	3.7%	16.0%

# Macro Environment

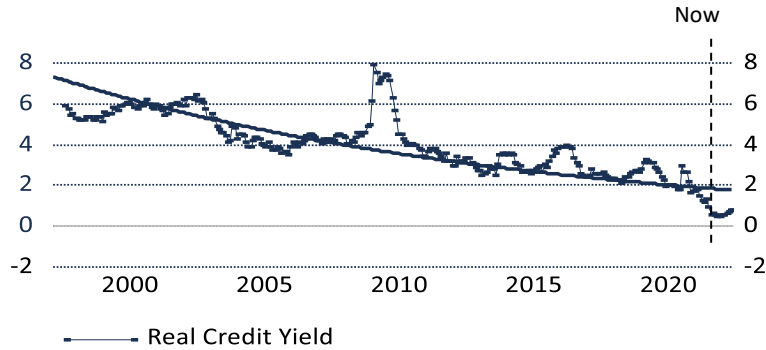
# Secular Trends behind Factor Drift performance

Our expectations for six key secular trend drivers of factor performance:

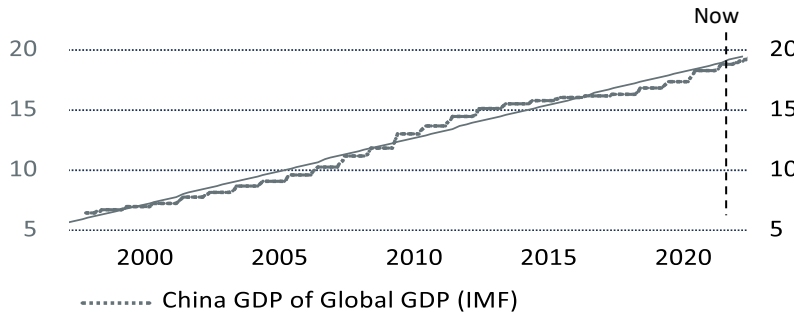
## Secular Trends

Dominating trends of the last 25 years

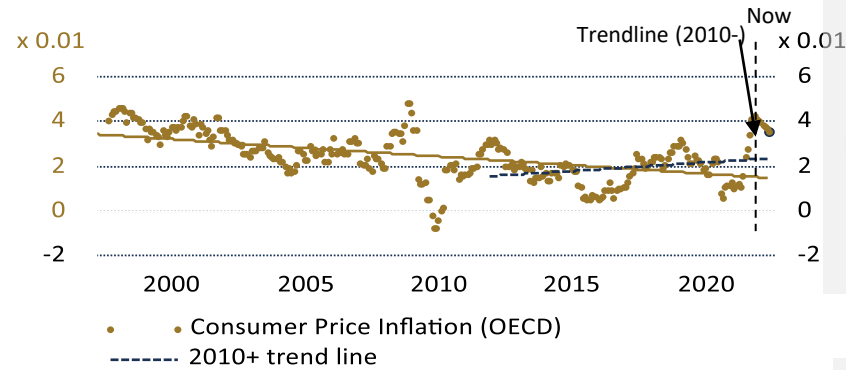
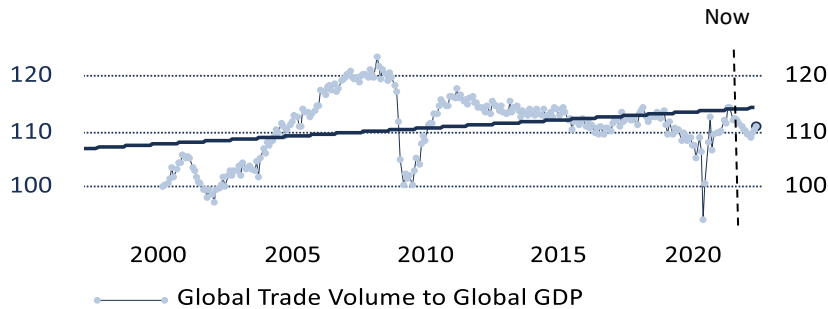
**Real Credit Rate Stabilization**  
 Now: Below trend and dropped 130 bps over 12 mth.  
 +6mth.: By end-Q1 2022, we expect the rate to be 25bps higher. On a y-o-y basis, the rate change -50bps.



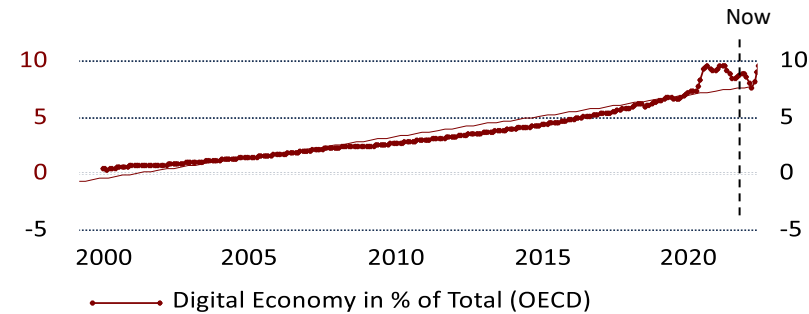
**China expansion at trend pace**  
 Now: Just Below trend.  
 +6mth.: China will stay close to trend and trend-growth



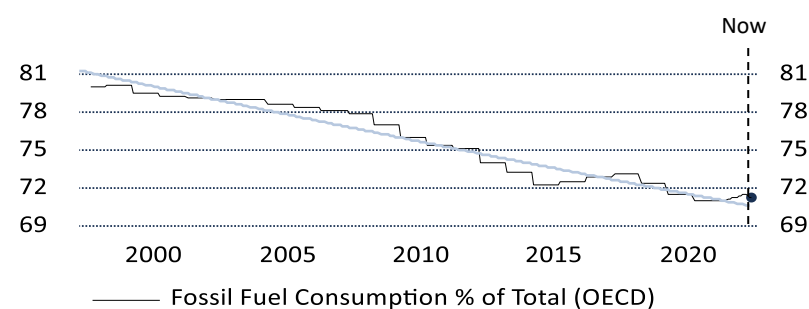
**Global trade slow-down**  
 Now: Has soared back to trend following re-opening.  
 +6mth. It has eased off in recent months and seen moving further below-trend growth.



**CPI Inflation above trend**  
 Now: Significantly above trend.  
 +6mth.: By end-Q1 2022, Inflation has dropped 100 bps – still above trend.  
 Note: Trend Inflation is measured from 2010



**Digital Slowdown**  
 Now: Slowing down on 'Analog' economic recovery  
 +6mth.: By end-Q1 2021, 'Digital' economic growth has reached a trough and returns to trend.



**Fossil Fuel Consumption downtrend**  
 Now: Above Trend  
 +6mth.: By end-Q1 2022, the downtrend is again followed.

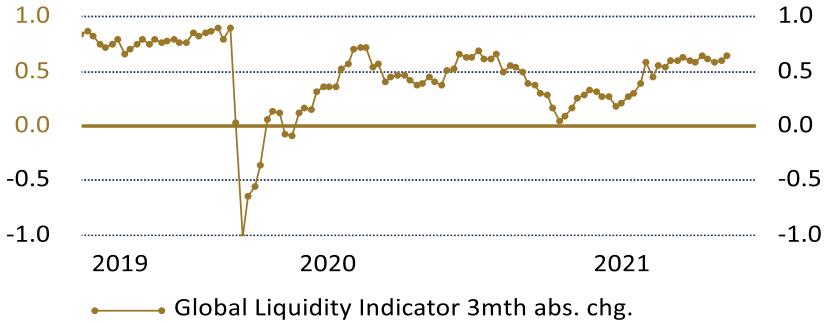
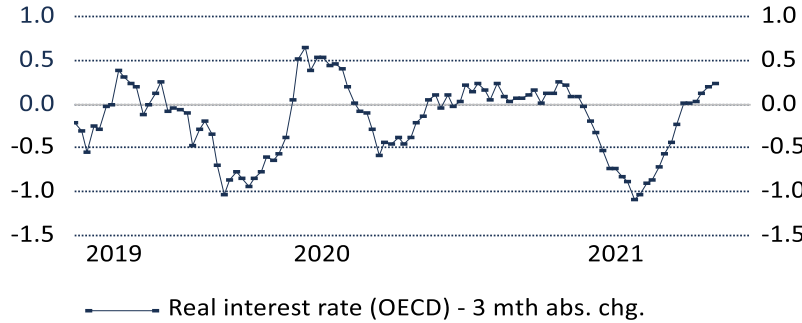
# Cyclical Trends behind Factor Pulse performance

The development for five 3mth. cyclical pulse drivers of factor performance:

## Pulse Factor Trends

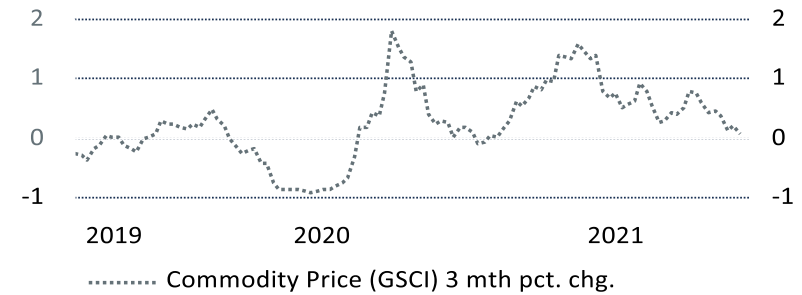
Dominating trends of the last two years

Real rate has risen marginally.

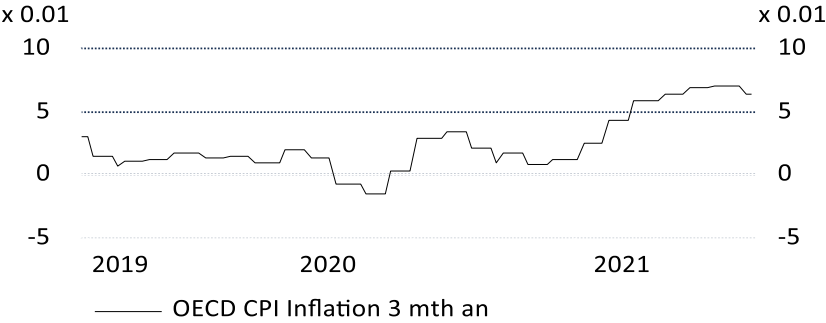


Liquidity continues to expand.

The pace for commodity price increases are slowing



GDP growth is slowing down



Inflation uptrend stabilizes!



