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A Building Block of Failure: A Dearth of Free Cash Flow Do the Opposite: The Technical Indicator, Model and Portfolio Performance

No Free Cash Flow + *Little Growth* = *Trouble*

- We're in the process of comprehensively updating our failure model for the first time in 13 years. One of its key building blocks is a normalized free cash flow yield measure, that takes into account both the history of margins and top-line growth. The backward-looking window used to compute the normalized yield varies from four to ten years depending on the sector. Stocks bereft of free cash flow have underperformed the market by almost (9) percentage points per year in the Bretton Woods II era and by almost (7) points in the past five years. With the system awash in cash flow, those without it have been at a distinct disadvantage.
- We believe we can improve upon what we've been doing by combining metrics that assess recent cash flow production with our normalized yield framework. Those include incremental margins, an assessment of the latest quarter's output versus the prior trend and a surprise model. If the shorter-term data shows an erosion it adds to the bear case, to the tune of (100) to (200) basis points. Appendix 1 on page 13 presents a short list of companies with worrying characteristics.

Do the Opposite, Like George Costanza

- Another component of our failure model is our technical indicator, that was inspired by George Costanza, a character from the sitcom Seinfeld. In a memorable episode, he decides that every decision he's ever made has been wrong, and therefore the opposite would have to be right. As a test, he introduces himself to a woman by saying "My name is George. I'm unemployed and I live with my parents." It works, and the woman immediately agrees to date him. Like George our technical indicator does the opposite, using some widely-followed technical tools, such as relative strength, a stochastic oscillator and Bollinger Bands, in a contrarian fashion. The idea is that a pop in the technicals provides an opportunity to escape stocks that are vulnerable.
- While the power of the indicator has degraded in recent years, it still looks additive to our failure model. The analyses of Bollinger Bands, based on 20-day moving averages, have however remained a significant source of alpha. We're likely to incorporate data that measures shorting activity into the next version of failure methodology, as it's synergistic with the technical signals.

Model and Portfolio Performance

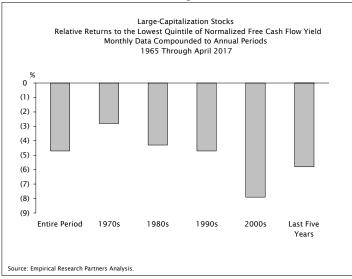
- Our U.S. regime indicator shifted to a neutral stance in late-January after almost a year of recommending a value tilt. That change in opinion has proved to be painfully correct and half the value premium of 2016 has been given back this year. Blame a weak quarter of economic growth and a reversal of expectations for a Trump stimulus. The Big Growers, the 75 large-cap issues with the very best growth characteristics, led by +11.5 percentage points in the first-four months of the year. While our weighting scheme has been tilted away from valuation, the exposure to it was still large enough to cause our domestic models to lag. Our international, world and global models have performed as expected. Our failure frameworks have added only a little value so far this year.
- Our Distrusted Fifty portfolio, our favorite for a neutral regime like this one, leads the S&P 500 by +2.7 percentage points this year. Our more diversified portfolios have performed close to their benchmarks, with value faring best and growth worst. It has all come down to the weight of Big Growers in the benchmark. Exhibits 23 through 30 that begin on page 9 present the latest changes and the complete portfolios.

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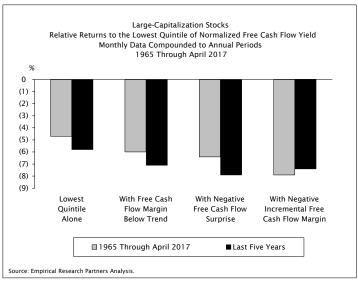
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Conclusions in Brief

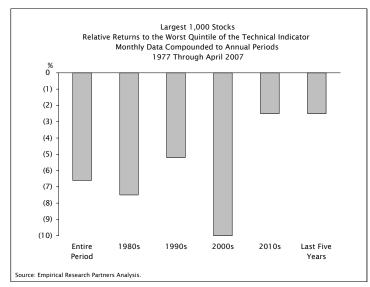
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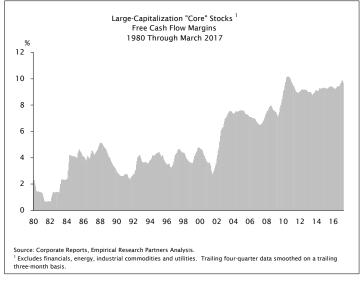


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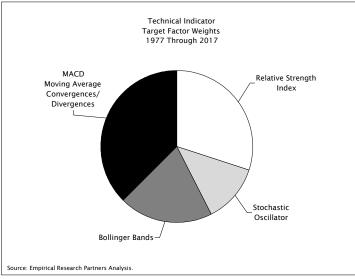


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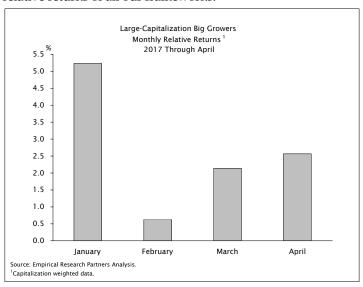




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Big Growers have, as expected, rebounded, influencing the relative returns of all our frameworks:

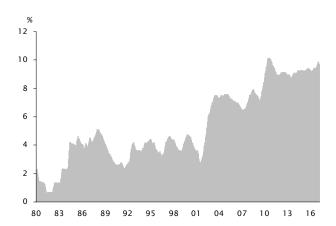


The Building Blocks of Failure: A Dearth of Free Cash Flow

No Free Cash Flow, Little Growth = Trouble

For the better part of 15 years the average company has generated more cash flow than it knows what to do with. That's apparent in a chart of the free cash flow margins for the core of the market, that've not only been high, but rising, throughout the entirety of the Bretton Woods II era, that began in 2001 (see Exhibit 1). The market's real free cash flow yield has averaged 3.7% over that period, and it's now (100) basis points lower than that, comparable to where it was back in 2007 (see Exhibit 2). The level tells us that investors have been skeptical about the sustainability of the unprecedented margins for the better part of two decades.

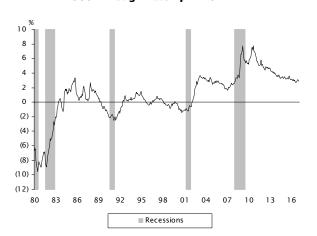
Exhibit 1: Large-Capitalization "Core" Stocks
Free Cash Flow Margins
1980 Through March 2017



Source: Corporate Reports, Empirical Research Partners Analysis.

'Excludes financials, energy, industrial commodities and utilities. Trailing four-quarter data, smoothed on a trailing three-month basis.

Exhibit 2: Large-Capitalization "Core" Stocks¹ Real Free Cash Flow Yields² 1980 Through Late-April 2017



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Corporate Reports, National Bureau of Economic Research. Empirical Research Partners Analysis.

¹Excludes financials, energy, industrial commodities and utilities; capitalization-weighted data.
²Computed using the core CPI.

When most companies are awash in cash flow those without it are at a decided disadvantage. A key construct we've long used in our failure modeling is a normalized free cash flow yield, that takes account of the trends in margins and revenue growth. To compute it we start with the revenues reported by the company in the prior four quarters. We then grow them at the top-line growth rate experienced in the past, that's based on a backward-looking window that can vary from four to ten years, depending on the sector. The average window used in the calculation is five years, it's shortest in the energy and technology sectors and longest in pharmaceuticals/biotech, consumer staples and industrial commodities. We apply the average free cash flow margin seen in that period to the out-year revenue number and create a yield by dividing by the stock's current capitalization.

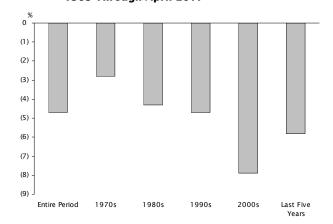
Large-cap stocks that rank in the lowest quintile of our normalized free cash flow yield metric have underperformed the large-cap market by almost (5) percentage points per annum over the last 50+ years, and by a point more than in the last five (see Exhibit 3). The fact that they've continued to lag even as many other anomalies have disappeared isn't surprising, because widespread corporate prosperity has caused the bar to move up over time. Exhibit 4 presents the upper bound in yields for the stocks that rank in the bottom group. In the 1980s and 1990s it was around zero, meaning that the worst-ranked stocks were entirely bereft of free cash flow, while in the past two cycles a yield less than 2% would put a stock in the worst cohort. Companies not generating any free cash flow at all on a normalized basis at all have performed badly throughout this era (see Exhibit 5). That's because most companies offered a combination of mediocre top-line growth and impressive free cash flow generation.

Looking for Confirmation in the Latest Results

We wondered if the companies that had historically generated little free cash flow did even worse if their production of it was wanting lately. To investigate that hypothesis we divided the stocks that populate the bottom quintile of normalized free cash flow yield into buckets based on three measures: their recent growth rate in cash flow relative to the prior five-year trend, cash flow surprises versus an expected value based on the five-year trajectory, and,

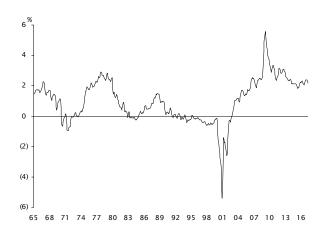
their latest quarterly incremental margin. We found that there was something to be gained by combining the longand shorter-term perspectives, and the combination with negative incremental margins produced the most provocative results, generating almost (8) percentage points of alpha per annum (see Exhibit 6). In recent years the benefit was greater than that seen before, a result that's consistent with the corporate sector's strong cash flow dynamic. The market has cared about what you've done for me lately.

Exhibit 3: Large-Capitalization Stocks
Relative Returns to the Lowest Quintile of
Normalized Free Cash Flow Yield
Monthly Data Compounded to Annual Periods
1965 Through April 2017



Source: Empirical Research Partners Analysis

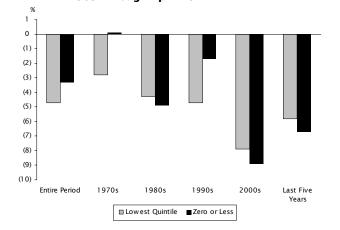
Exhibit 4: Large-Capitalization Stocks Lowest Quintile of Normalized Free Cash Flow Yield Cut-Off to Rank in that Quintile¹ 1965 Through Late-April 2017



Source: Empirical Research Partners Analysis.

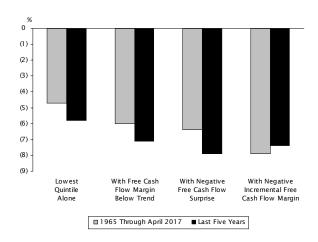
Data smoothed on a trailing three-month basis.

Exhibit 5: Large-Capitalization Stocks
Relative Returns to the Lowest Quintile of
Normalized Free Cash Flow Yield
and Those With Yields of Zero or Less
Monthly Data Compounded to Annual Periods
1965 Through April 2017



Source: Empirical Research Partners Analysis.

Exhibit 6: Large-Capitalization Stocks
Relative Returns to the Lowest Quintile of
Normalized Free Cash Flow Yield
Monthly Data Compounded to Annual Periods
1965 Through April 2017



Source: Empirical Research Partners Analysis.

Conclusion: Free Cash Flow Dynamics are Exploitable

Over the long run generating free cash flow has been better than not doing so, and in the past 15 years, when those margins were generally rising, that's been especially the case. Companies with little cash flow generation and a weak growth trajectory often turned out to be failure candidates, and the odds of that categorization turning out to be right increased if the recent results suggested that things were taking a turn for the worse.

We expect that the normalized free cash flow calculation will remain a cornerstone of the forthcoming Version 2.0 of our failure model. It looks like there's something to be gained by adding incremental margins and perhaps some of our other measures of cash flow production into the mix. Appendix 1 on page 13 presents a short list of companies that show up as having poor normalized free cash flow yields where the recent trends in cash flow generation are problematic.

The Building Blocks of Failure Modeling: The Technical Indicator

Do the Opposite, Like George Costanza

In a memorable episode of the sitcom Seinfeld, George Costanza decides that every decision he's ever made has been wrong, and therefore the opposite would have to be right. He resolves to do the complete opposite of whatever he would normally do. For example, he introduces himself to a woman by saying "My name is George, I'm unemployed and I live with my parents." It works, and the woman immediately agrees to date him.

Inspired by George's success, a decade ago we developed a technical indicator that takes some widely-held trading rules-of-thumb and effectively does the opposite.¹ It's shorter-term in nature than everything else we do, trying to provide insights as to what's likely to happen over a short horizon. A relative strength index, computed over 14 days, a stochastic oscillator, formed over the same period, and Bollinger Bands, based on 20-day moving averages, are all used in a contrarian fashion. MACD, the moving average convergence/divergence, that's based on the difference between the short- and longer-term exponential moving averages, is used in its literal form (see Exhibit 7). The basic idea is that overuse of these widely-followed technical aides has not only degraded their returns, and in some circumstances the signals they send are in fact perverse. That premise has held up and our technical indicator has added value, although less in the post-Crisis years than before (see Exhibit 8). Most of the components have shown degradation in performance, with Bollinger Bands, that captures only stocks breaching their moving averages, the notable exception (see Exhibits 9 through 12).

Exhibit 7: The Technical Indicator Target Factor Weights 1977 Through 2017

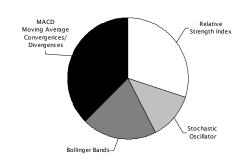
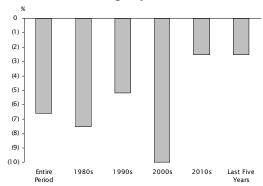


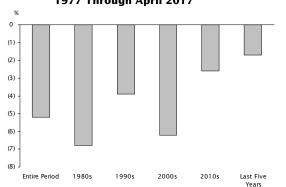
Exhibit 8: The Top 1,000 Stocks Relative Returns to the Worst Quintile of the Technical Indicator Monthly Data Compounded to Annual Periods 1977 Through April 2017



Source: Empirical Research Partners Analysis.

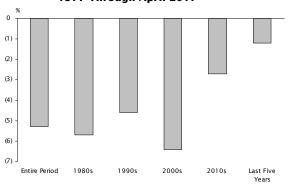
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Exhibit 10: The Top 1,000 Stocks
Relative Returns to the Worst Quintile of the
Stochastic Oscillator Indicator
Monthly Data Compounded to Annual Periods
1977 Through April 2017



Source: Empirical Research Partners Analysis.

¹Stock Selection: Research and Results February 2007. "Changes to Our Failure Methodology."

Exhibit 11: The Top 1,000 Stocks
Relative Returns to the Worst Quintile of the
Bollinger Band Indicator
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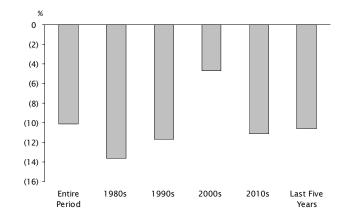
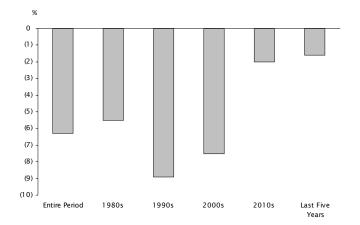


Exhibit 12: The Top 1,000 Stocks
Relative Returns to the Worst Quintile of the
MACD Indicator
Monthly Data Compounded to Annual Periods
1977 Through April 2017



Source: Empirical Research Partners Analysis.

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A Synergy with Other Market Reaction Signals

We examined how the technical indicator has interacted with the other market reaction gauges used in our failure model: high arbitrage risk, high correlation in returns to downside moves in the market and the worst stock price trends, along with the model itself. The pieces work together synergistically, and the technical signal, a sign that others see opportunity where we see risk, helps confirm the message of the other components (see Exhibit 13).

In the forthcoming revision of the failure model, the first major one in 13 years, we're going to take advantage of work we've done on the effects of stock ownership by institutions and hedge funds, as well as the activity of short sellers, and incorporate some of them into our overall framework. For example, we've found that an elevated days-to-cover ratio and a vulnerable technical profile have been a potent combination (see Exhibit 14).

Exhibit 13: The Top 1,000 Stocks
Relative Returns to the Worst Quintile
of the Technical Indicator
Depending on Other Market Reaction Signals
Monthly Data Compounded to Annual Periods
1977 Through April 2017

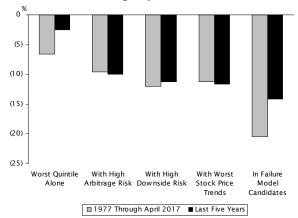
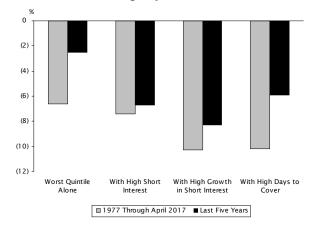


Exhibit 14: The Top 1,000 Stocks
Relative Returns to the Worst Quintile
of the Technical Indicator
Depending on Shorting Activity
Monthly Data Compounded to Annual Periods
1977 Through April 2017



Source: Empirical Research Partners Analysis.

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Conclusion: Finding Failure, the Best Use for Quantitative Tools

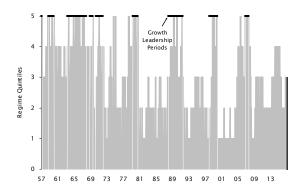
We've long thought that quantitative tools were better suited to finding losers than winners. That's because there are many ways to win and only a few ways to fail, and investors are slow to react to evidence that decisions they've made are wrong. They also underestimate the corrosive effects of controversy on the returns of high-expectation stocks. We expect that the forthcoming Version 2.0 of our failure model will represent a meaningful improvement over its predecessor.

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Regime Change and Its Consequences

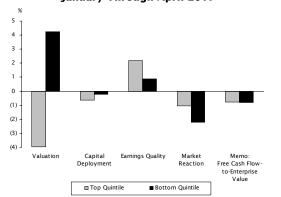
Our U.S. regime indicator shifted to a neutral stance in late-January after almost a year of recommending a value tilt (see Exhibit 15).² The latest change in its forecast has proven to be painfully correct, and half the premium generated by lowly-valued issues in 2016 was surrendered in the first-four months of this year (see Exhibit 16). As we discussed in some recent research, this year's pattern echoes those of the past, and is in part attributable to seasonality in the economic data.³ In this expansion GDP growth in the first quarter has been noticeably weaker than that in the other three, and the BEA has acknowledged there are problems with its seasonal adjustment process.

Exhibit 15: The U.S. Equity Market
Regime Indicator Quintiles
(5=Growth-Driven Dynamic; 1=Valuation-Driven Dynamic)
1957 Through April 2017



Source: Empirical Research Partners Analysis.

Exhibit 16: U.S. Large-Capitalization Stocks Relative Returns of the Top and Bottom Quintiles of Our Super Factors¹ Monthly Data Compounded January Through April 2017

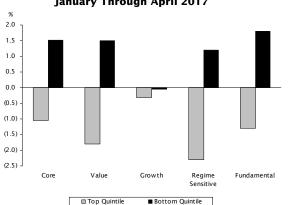


Source: Empirical Research Partners Analysis.

'Equally-weighted data

Although our stock selection models have in recent months been tilted away from valuation, nevertheless their exposures have been large enough to prevent them from overcoming the headwind it created (see Exhibit 17). Of the two super factors that took on additional weight when the regime changed to neutral, only earnings quality added value so far this year. Paying attention to stock price trends, as captured in our market reaction framework, has proved useless, as the market once again abruptly changed its scenario. As expected, the Big Growers have rebounded strongly after a poor performance in 2016, leading the market by +11.5 percentage points (see Exhibit 18).

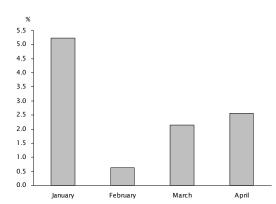
Exhibit 17: U.S. Large-Capitalization Stock Selection Models Relative Returns of the Top and Bottom Quintiles' Monthly Data Compounded January Through April 2017



Source: Empirical Research Partners Analysis.

¹Equally-weighted data.

Exhibit 18: Large-Capitalization Big Growers Monthly Relative Returns ¹ January Through April 2017



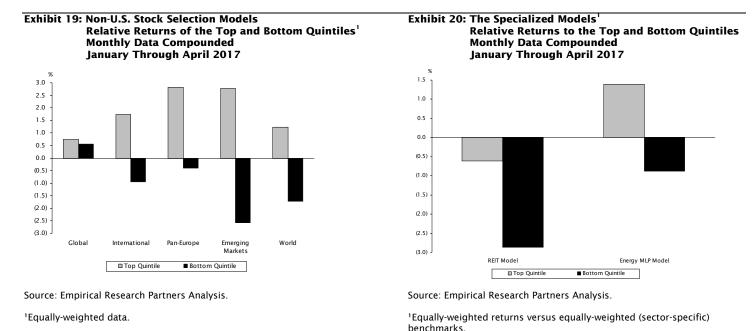
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²Stock Selection: Research and Results January 2017. "Regime Change from Value-Tilted to Neutral."

³Stock Selection: Research and Results April 2017. "The Curse of Q1: Residual Seasonality."

Our non-U.S. models haven't suffered nearly as much as our domestic ones and have performed more-or-less as expected (see Exhibit 19). Our specialized frameworks that pick among REITs and Energy MLPs have been a mixed bag (see Exhibit 20).



After a great 2016 our failure models have gone nowhere this year, with most adding only a little value (see Exhibit 21). The one focused on the emerging world has performed best, while the small-cap U.S. variant has given back about a fifth of the (31) percentage points of alpha it generated last year.

Portfolio Performance and Changes

The Distrusted Fifty has been the best performing of our recommended portfolios, topping its benchmark, the S&P 500, by more than +2.7 percentage points (see Exhibit 22). Once again good stock selection in the technology sector sourced much of its alpha. The other portfolios have generated returns close to those of their benchmarks and the GARP(y) bias of the growth portfolio proved to be a detriment given the strong rebound in the Big Growers. Exhibits 23 through 30 present changes to, and the holdings of, our managed portfolios.

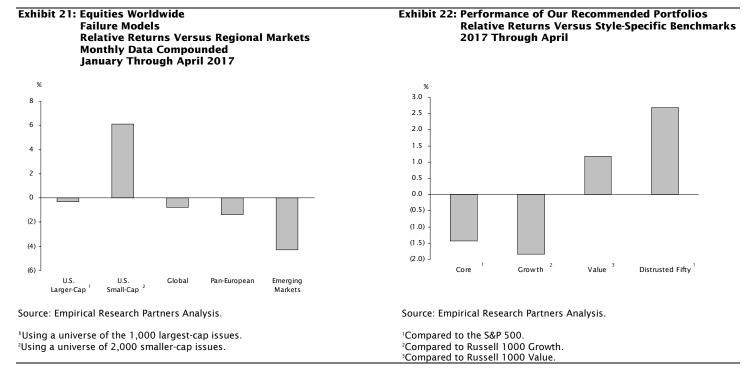


Exhibit 23: Changes to the Distrusted Fifty As of End-April 2017

C. whol	6	Price at	Recent	Market Capitalization	Particula
Symbol	Company	Inclusion	Price	(\$ Billion)	Rationale
Additions					
BEN	FRANKLIN RESOURCES INC	\$43.11	\$43.11	\$24.2	Attractive
CVS	CVS HEALTH CORP	82.44	82.44	87.5	Attractive
LBTYK	LIBERTY GLOBAL PLC GLOBAL GP	34.61	34.61	35.3	Attractive
Deletions					
BBBY	BED BATH & BEYOND INC	\$67.34	\$38.75	\$5.7	Better opportunity elsewhere
TDG	TRANSDIGM GROUP INC	259.46	246.73	13.2	Loss in model rank
WDC	WESTERN DIGITAL CORP	18.87	89.07	25.7	Appreciation
Source: Emp	pirical Research Partners Analysis.				

Exhibit 24: The Distrusted Fifty

Large-Capitalization Growth Stocks With High Reinvestment Rates Discounting Relatively Low Secular Earnings Growth Sorted by Capitalization
As of End-April 2017

				Q	uintile Ranl	s (1=Best;	5=Worst)							
					Super F	actors						Implied		
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		Price at	Recent	Capital	Earnings Quality	Market		Growth Model	Forward- P/E	Rate of Earnings	Earnings Growth	Growth/ Reinvestment	Cash Flow	Market Capitalization
Symbol	Company	Inclusion	Price	Deployment			Valuation	Rank	Ratio	Reinvestment	Rate	Rate	Yield	(\$ Billion)
AAPL	APPLE INC	\$13.24	\$143.65	3	4	1	2	2	15.8 x	25 %	+4.8 %	19 %	7.0 %	\$754.9
GOOGL	ALPHABET INC	298.80	924.52	2	2	3	3	2	27.3	15	14.1	94	4.4	639.9
MSFT	MICROSOFT CORP	41.23	68.46	1	2	3	2	1	21.6	8	6.1	77	5.4	529.0
WFC	WELLS FARGO & CO	32.42	53.84	3	na	4	1	3	12.8	7	1.9	27	na	269.0
CMCSA	COMCAST CORP	27.33	39.19	2	2	2	2	1	20.0	12	6.3	54	5.4	186.2
PM	PHILIP MORRIS INTERNATIONAL	42.70	110.84	5	1	2	4	4	22.8	5	6.9	NM	4.2	172.2
TSM	TAIWAN SEMICONDUCTOR MFG CO	16.75	33.07	2	3	3	2	2	14.8	14	2.8	20	3.8	171.5
UNH PEP	UNITEDHEALTH GROUP INC	74.70	174.88	2	5 3	2	2	2	17.9 22.1	13	5.5	41	6.5 4.4	168.6 162.0
IBM	PEPSICO INC IBM CORP.	82.15 119.33	113.28 160.29	2	5	5	1	3	11.6	20 40	5.7 (2.2)	29 NM	8.2	150.6
MMM	3M CO	77.21	195.83	3	2	4	3	4	22.0	22	5.9	27	4.3	117.0
BA	BOEING CO	74.78	184.83	í	2	i	2	i	19.8	59	4.7	8	8.1	112.0
ABBV	ABBVIE INC	55.65	65.94	i	2	3	1	i	12.0	52	1.1	2	6.2	105.1
GILD	GILEAD SCIENCES INC	20.12	68.55	1	2	5	1	1	8.4	59	(0.6)	NM	17.7	89.8
AVGO	BROADCOM LTD	32.35	220.81	5	5	1	4	5	15.0	NM	4.4	NM	3.4	88.6
CVS	CVS HEALTH CORP	82.44	82.44	1	5	4	1	1	14.1	9	3.8	40	9.2	87.5
AGN	ALLERGAN PLC	229.32	243.86	1	1	5	3	2	15.2	NM	4.4	NM	5.4	81.7
ACN	ACCENTURE PLC	31.89	121.30	3	4	3	3	3	20.2	33	6.7	20	5.6	80.2
TXN	TEXAS INSTRUMENTS INC	59.28	79.18	2	1	4	4	1	20.2	19	6.2	32	5.5	79.2
AXP	AMERICAN EXPRESS CO	20.04	79.25	1	na	2	3	3	13.9	20	4.2	21	na	70.9
ADBE	ADOBE SYSTEMS INC	27.81	133.74	3	1	1	5	1	33.9	18	18.6	104	3.4	66.2
BIIB	BIOGEN INC TIX COMPANIES INC	67.38 16.34	271.21 78.64	4 2	2	5 4	2	2	13.1 18.8	34 37	4.4 6.3	13 17	5.3 5.1	58.0 50.8
TJX ITW	ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS	63.12	138.09	2	2	2	4	2	21.8	26	6.2	24	4.2	50.8 47.9
HAL	HALLIBURTON CO	55.14	45.88	2	5	4	5	5	46.9	NM	11.1	NM	(5.4)	39.8
COF	CAPITAL ONE FINANCIAL CORP	42.77	80.38	2	na	3	í	í	10.6	6	(1.0)	NM	na	38.8
MAR	MARRIOTT INTERNATIONAL INC	69.75	94.42	5	4	í	4	5	24.0	46	5.8	13	3.8	36.5
ESRX	EXPRESS SCRIPTS HOLDING CO	74.58	61.34	í	4	5	i	2	8.8	20	(0.4)	NM	0.1	36.4
EBAY	EBAY INC	25.75	33.41	i	i	4	i	ī	16.7	85	6.9	8	6.0	36.2
LBTYK	LIBERTY GLOBAL PLC GLOBAL GP	34.61	34.61	2	1	4	2	1	186.1	20	18.6	94	9.4	35.3
STT	STATE STREET CORP	29.97	83.90	1	na	1	1	1	14.2	7	4.2	57	na	32.0
HCA	HCA HOLDINGS INC	81.95	84.21	2	1	4	1	1	11.4	39	(0.4)	NM	9.3	31.2
MCK	MCKESSON CORP	182.39	138.29	2	4	5	1	3	12.0	22	4.4	20	20.4	29.3
TEL	TE CONNECTIVITY LTD	74.62	77.37	4	1	2	2	1	16.6	17	4.8	28	6.5	27.5
BEN	FRANKLIN RESOURCES INC	43.11	43.11	1	na	3	1	2	15.3	11	4.2	39	na	24.2
DFS	DISCOVER FINANCIAL SERVICES INC	43.74	62.59	1	na	4	1	2	10.4	17	(0.9)	NM	na	24.0
LRCX MCO	LAM RESEARCH CORP	82.66 28.63	144.85	1 2	2	1 2	4	1 2	14.1 22.4	14 NM	5.9	43 NM	6.5 4.9	23.8 22.6
DG	MOODY'S CORP DOLLAR GENERAL CORP	73.39	118.32 72.71	3	4	5	1	4	14.8	18	6.8 4.4	24	5.3	20.0
CHKP	CHECK POINT SOFTWARE TECHNOLOGIES INC	34.41	104.01	4	2	2	3	3	20.2	21	10.3	50	5.0	18.2
TROW	PRICE (T. ROWE) GROUP	65.36	70.89	2	na	4	í	3	13.4	14	1.7	12	na	17.1
ADS	ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP	152.77	249.63	ī	3	2	i	ī	13.4	20	4.4	22	14.8	14.3
WAT	WATERS CORP	47.00	169.89	2	2	1	4	2	23.3	24	12.3	51	3.9	13.6
CTXS	CITRIX SYSTEMS INC	55.49	80.94	2	2	3	1	1	17.5	23	7.7	34	7.5	12.7
WYNN	WYNN RESORTS LTD	137.30	123.01	2	2	1	4	1	26.2	NM	7.3	NM	(2.0)	12.5
WYN	WYNDHAM WORLDWIDE CORP	61.65	95.31	1	1	1	1	1	15.4	48	4.0	8	7.7	9.9
SNI	SCRIPPS NETWORKS INTERACTIVE	63.97	74.72	3	1	4	1	1	13.8	32	4.4	14	9.0	9.7
JAZZ	JAZZ PHARMACEUTICALS PLC	143.63	159.28	1	3	4	2	2	14.3	23	5.9	26	6.1	9.6
VRSN	VERISIGN INC	56.47	88.92	1	2	4	1	1	22.3	39	10.3	26	7.1	9.1
FFIV	F5 NETWORKS INC	118.56	129.13	3	3	5	1	3	15.5	30	6.9	23	8.2	8.3
Average									21.1 x	25 %	5.6 %	22 %	6.2 %	
All Other	Large-Cap Stocks								18.6 x	5 %	6.6 %	120 %	3.6 %	
Source:	Empirical Research Partners Analy	/sis.												

Exhibit 25: Changes to Our Large-Capitalization Core Portfolio As of End-April 2017

Symbol	Company	Suggested Weight	Price at Inclusion	Price at 04/28/17	Rationale
Additio				, ,	
DVA FDC	DAVITA INC FIRST DATA CORP	1.4 % 1.4	\$69.01 15.62	\$69.01 15.62	Attractive Attractive
Increas	ing Weights				
С	CITIGROUP INC		\$44.91	\$59.12	Moved from WFC
	Was	1.7 %			
	Now	3.0			
MS	MORGAN STANLEY		27.21	43.37	Moved from WFC
	Was	1.2 %			
	Now	2.0			
VRSN	VERISIGN INC		64.75	88.92	Moved from MRVL
	Was	1.2 %			
	Now	2.0			
CVS	CVS HEALTH CORP		75.86	82.44	Moved from ENR
	Was	0.9 %			
	Now	1.9			
Deletio					
WFC	WELLS FARGO & CO	2.0 %	\$33.07	\$53.84	Moved to C and MS
WDC	WESTERN DIGITAL CORP	1.0	29.52	89.07	Appreciation
MRVL	MARVELL TECHNOLOGY GROUP LTD	0.8	15.21	15.02	Moved to VRSN
AN	AUTONATION INC	0.6	63.28	42.00	Loss in model rank
WPPGY	WPP PLC	0.5	47.31	107.10	Better opportunity elsewhere
Declini	ng Weights				
LYB	LYONDELL BASELL INDUSTRIES NV		\$67.53	\$84.76	Better opportunity elsewhere
	Was	2.7 %			
	Now	2.0			
TRV	TRAVELERS COS INC		49.52	121.66	Appreciation
	Was	2.2 %			r.r.
	Now	1.0			

Source: Empirical Research Partners Analysis.

Exhibit 26: The Large-Capitalization Core Portfolio Benchmarked to the S&P 500 As of End-April 2017

ymbol	Company	Weight	Price at	Price 04/28/17	S&P 500 Weight	Symbol	Company	Weight	Price at	Price 04/28/17	S&P 500 Weight
YCLICA		Weight	merasion	04/20/17	Weight		H-ORIENTED (Cont.)	Weight	meiasion	04/20/17	Weight
	er Durables and Apparel						Care Equipment and Services				
EA	LEAR CORP	1.9 %	\$109.51	\$142.66		ANTM	ANTHEM INC	3.0 %	\$75.58	\$177.89	
M	GENERAL MOTORS CO	0.9	36.14	34.64		UNH	UNITEDHEALTH GROUP INC	2.5	37.16	174.88	
CAU	FIAT CHRYSLER AUTOMOBILES NV	0.8	7.96	11.37		DVA	DAVITA INC	1.4	69.01	69.01	
T	GOODYEAR TIRE & RUBBER CO	0.6	32.24	36.23		SYK	STRYKER CORP	1.3	49.25	136.37	
NE	SONY CORP	0.6	30.88	34.52		CAH	CARDINAL HEALTH INC	1.1	35.27	72.59	
ACE	FERRARI NV	0.5	41.55	75.20		HCA	HCA HOLDINGS INC	0.9	81.95	84.21	
,,,,,,		5.3 %		75.20	2.5 %		ner more me	10.3 %	01.55	0	5.1
anital F	quipment	3.5 %			2.5 /0	Retail N	Media and Other Consumer Cyclicals	10.5 %			3.1
A	BOEING CO	1.7 %	\$74.78	\$184.83		TIX	TIX COMPANIES INC	1.8 %	\$10.84	\$78.64	
OC	NORTHROP GRUMMAN CORP	1.2	62.51	245.96		COST	COSTCO WHOLESALE CORP	1.3	41.94	177.52	
ON	HONEYWELL INTERNATIONAL INC	1.1	27.16	131.14		M	MACY'S INC	1.2	61.47	29.22	
PR	SPIRIT AEROSYSTEMS HOLDINGS	0.9	54.55	57.16		H	HYATT HOTELS CORP	1.0	54.82	55.50	
BI	CHICAGO BRIDGE & IRON CO	0.3	22.51	30.08		WYN	WYNDHAM WORLDWIDE CORP	1.0	85.03	95.31	
DI	CHICAGO BRIDGE & IRON CO	5.3 %	. 22.31	30.06	6.9 %	WIIN	WINDHAM WORLDWIDE CORP	6.3 %	63.03	93.31	11.5
	sial Campiana	3.3 %			6.9 %	C	au Stanlas	0.5 %			11.5
	cial Services	1.2.0/	£20.62	6110 22			ner Staples	2.2.0/	642.16	6110.04	
1CO	MOODY'S CORP	1.2 %	\$28.63	\$118.32	0.0.0/	PM CVS	PHILIP MORRIS INTERNATIONAL	2.2 %		\$110.84	
	Lee 193	1.2 %			0.8 %		CVS HEALTH CORP	1.9	79.27	82.44	
	Il Commodities		*****	****		PEP	PEPSICO INC	1.1	95.34	113.28	
YB	LYONDELLBASELL INDUSTRIES NV	2.0	\$67.53	\$84.76		EPC	EDGEWELL PERSONAL CARE CO	0.5	58.34	71.49	
		2.0 %			2.7 %	ENR	ENERGIZER HOLDINGS INC	0.5	22.62	59.23	
ranspo								6.1 %			8.9
AL	UNITED CONTINENTAL HOLDINGS INC	0.7%	\$22.38	\$70.21		OTHER					
		0.7 %			2.3 %	Financia					
ROWTH	-ORIENTED					JPM	JPMORGAN CHASE & CO	3.8 %	\$46.90	\$87.00	
echnolo	ogy					C	CITIGROUP INC	3.0	51.19	59.12	
ISFT	MICROSOFT CORP	4.2 %	\$52.15	\$68.46		COF	CAPITAL ONE FINANCIAL CORP	2.6	52.59	80.38	
LW	CORNING INC	3.3	20.51	28.85		PNC	PNC FINANCIAL SERVICES GROUP INC	2.4	66.75	119.75	
APL	APPLE INC	3.2	63.25	143.65		MS	MORGAN STANLEY	2.0	34.02	43.37	
LNX	XILINX INC	2.3	35.08	63.11		GS	GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC	2.0	120.49	223.80	
SM	TAIWAN SEMICONDUCTOR MFG CO	2.1	9.16	33.07		AIG	AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL GROUP	1.4	59.39	60.91	
LEX	FLEX LTD	2.0	10.12	15.46		BAC	BANK OF AMERICA CORP	1.3	35.40	23.34	
RSN	VERISIGN INC	2.0	74.26	88.92		CFG	CITIZENS FINANCIAL GROUP INC	1.2	26.77	36.71	
CN	ACCENTURE PLC	1.9	50.25	121.30		TRV	TRAVELERS COS INC	1.0	49.52	121.66	
DC	FIRST DATA CORP	1.4	15.62	15.62		DFS	DISCOVER FINANCIAL SVCS INC	1.0	59.41	62.59	
EL	TE CONNECTIVITY LTD	1.3	40.96	77.37		LM	LEGG MASON INC	0.4	62.76	37.38	
BAY	EBAY INC	1.1	24.57	33.41		Livi	EEGG WASON INC	22.1 %	02.70	37.30	17.8
U	MICRON TECHNOLOGY INC	0.7	33.19	27.67		Energy		22.1 /0			17.0
PE	HEWLETT PACKARD ENTERPRISE	0.4	13.50	18.63		COP	CONOCOPHILLIPS	1.6 %	\$44.00	\$47.91	
PQ.	HP INC	0.4	14.98	18.82		HES	HESS CORP	1.5	67.69	48.83	
PQ	HP INC	26.0 %	14.96	10.02	20.8 %	OXY	OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM CORP	1.1	91.75	61.54	
		20.0 %			20.8 %	MPC					
	euticals & Biotechnology	21.0/	621.70	622.02			MARATHON PETROLEUM CORP	1.0	20.00	50.94	
FE	PFIZER INC	2.1 %	\$21.76	\$33.92		NBL	NOBLE ENERGY INC	0.8	39.46	32.33	
NJ	JOHNSON & JOHNSON	2.0	50.87	123.47		APA	APACHE CORP	0.5	97.66	48.64	
MGN	AMGEN INC	1.5	132.53	163.32		CHK	CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORP	0.2	25.64	5.26	
GN	ALLERGAN PLC	1.0	229.32	243.86		MDR	MCDERMOTT INTL INC	0.2	17.28	6.54	
ILD	GILEAD SCIENCES INC	0.9	97.21	68.55				7.0 %			7.2
		7.6 %			8.1 %		nmunication Services				
						None					
								0.0 %			2.5
						Utilities	•				
						None					
								0.0 %			2.9
						TOTAL		100.0 %			100.0

Exhibit 27: Changes to Our Large-Capitalization Value Portfolio As of End-April 2017

		Suggested	Price at	Price at	
Symbol	Company	Weight	Inclusion	04/28/17	Rationale
Addition	s				
ADS	ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP	1.0 %	\$249.63	\$249.63	Attractive
VBA	WALGREENS BOOTS ALLIANCE INC	1.0	86.54	86.54	Attractive
ncreasir	ng Weights				
AAPL	APPLE INC		\$63.25	\$143.65	Attractive
	Was	2.9 %			
	Now	3.4			
MTM	ANTHEM INC		67.93	177.89	Attractive
	Was	2.4 %			
	Now	3.0			
2	CITIGROUP INC		46.66	59.12	Attractive
	Was	2.1 %			
	Now	3.0			
BAC	BANK OF AMERICA CORP		27.96	23.34	Attractive
	Was	1.4 %			
	Now	2.5			
Deletion	s				
AIG	AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL GROUP	1.9 %	\$57.07	\$60.91	Moved to C and BAC
:	FORD MOTOR CO	1.0	14.03	11.47	Better opportunity elsewhere
Declining	g Weights				
_YB	LYONDELLBASELL INDUSTRIES NV		\$67.57	\$84.76	Better opportunity elsewhere
	Was	3.1 %			
	Now	2.0			
VFC	WELLS FARGO & CO		27.52	53.84	Moved to C and BAC
	Was	3.1 %			
	Now	2.0			

Exhibit 28: The Large-Capitalization Value Portfolio

Source: Empirical Research Partners Analysis.

Benchmarked to the Russell 1000 Value Index
As of End-April 2017

			Drice at	Drice at	Benchmark				Price at	Price at	Benchmark
Symbol	Company	Weight	Price at	04/28/17	Weight	Symbol	Company	Weight	Inclusion	04/28/17	Weight
CYCLIC		Weight	IIICIUSIOII	04/20/17	Weight		H-ORIENTED CONT.:	Weight	merasion	04/20/17	Weight
	mer Durables & Apparel						Care Equipment & Services				
GM	GENERAL MOTORS CO	1.5 %	\$40.03	\$34.64		ANTM	ANTHEM INC	3.0 %	\$90.73	\$177.89	
GT	GOODYEAR TIRE & RUBBER CO	1.0	32.24	36.23		UNH	UNITEDHEALTH GROUP INC	2.5	51.21	174.88	
DLPH	DELPHI AUTOMOTIVE PLC	1.0	67.17	80.40		HCA	HCA HOLDINGS INC	1.9	51.26	84.21	
LEA	LEAR CORP	1.0	142.65	142.66		MCK	MCKESSON CORP	1.2	41.55	138.29	
SNE	SONY CORP	0.9	21.26	34.52				8.6 %			5.8 %
FCAU	FIAT CHRYSLER AUTOMOBILES NV	0.8	7.96	11.37			Media, and Other Consumer Cyclicals				
RACE	FERRARI NV	0.5	31.53	75.20		М	MACY'S INC	1.2 %	\$27.01	\$29.22	
	. F	6.7 %			2.7 %	WYN	WYNDHAM WORLDWIDE CORP	1.0	85.03	95.31	
	l Equipment					SNI	SCRIPPS NETWORKS INTERACTIVE	1.0	75.84	74.72	
BA	BOEING CO	1.7 %	\$74.78 53.15	\$184.83		WPPGY	WPP GROUP PLC	0.9 0.8	45.81	107.10	
HON NOC	HONEYWELL INTERNATIONAL INC NORTHROP GRUMMAN CORP	1.6 1.5	57.77	131.14 245.96		DISCA	DISCOVERY COMMUNICATIONS INC	4.9 %	_ 29.10	28.78	6.1 %
DOV	DOVER CORP	0.8	21.80	78.88		Concus	ner Staples	4.9 %			0.1 %
DOV	DOVER CORP	5.6 %	_ 21.80	70.00	7.4 %	PEP	PEPSICO INC	1.7 %	\$89.89	\$113.28	
Comm	ercial Services & Supplies	3.0 %			7.4 %	MO	ALTRIA GROUP INC	1.6	15.67	71.78	
None	ercial services a supplies					PM	PHILIP MORRIS INTERNATIONAL	1.6	34.66	110.84	
None		0.0 %	-		0.7 %	WBA	WALGREENS BOOTS ALLIANCE INC	1.0	86.54	86.54	
Indust	rial Commodities	0.0 /0			0.7 /0	EPC	EDGEWELL PERSONAL CARE CO	1.0	52.69	71.49	
LYB	LYONDELLBASELL INDUSTRIES NV	2.0 %	\$67.57	\$84.76		ENR	ENERGIZER HOLDINGS INC	0.9	20.43	59.23	
IP	INTERNATIONAL PAPER CO	1.1	33.83	53.97		2.111	ENERGIZER FIGEBIRGS INC	7.7 %		33.23	7.7 %
CE	CELANESE CORP	1.0	85.99	87.04		OTHER:					
TCK	TECK RESOURCES LTD	0.4	35.69	20.74		Financi					
		4.4 %			3.4 %	C	CITIGROUP INC	3.0 %	\$50.37	\$59.12	
Transp	orts					JPM	JPMORGAN CHASE & CO	2.9	43.89	87.00	
DAL	DELTA AIR LINES INC	1.7 %	\$13.54	\$45.44		BAC	BANK OF AMERICA CORP	2.5	25.90	23.34	
UAL	UNITED CONTINENTAL HOLDINGS INC	1.4	22.38	70.21		MS	MORGAN STANLEY	2.3	34.72	43.37	
		3.1 %	-		1.1 %	TRV	TRAVELERS COS INC	2.3	47.55	121.66	
GROW	TH-ORIENTED:					PNC	PNC FINANCIAL SERVICES GROUP INC	2.0	64.26	119.75	
Techno	ology					WFC	WELLS FARGO & CO	2.0	27.52	53.84	
AAPL	APPLE INC	3.4 %	\$76.33	\$143.65		DFS	DISCOVER FINANCIAL SERVICES INC	1.9	45.94	62.59	
MSFT	MICROSOFT CORP	3.1	47.54	68.46		VOYA	VOYA FINANCIAL INC	1.2	41.14	37.38	
CHKP	CHECK POINT SOFTWARE TECHNOLOGY	2.4	52.75	104.01		HIG	HARTFORD FINANCIAL SERVICES	1.2	24.26	48.36	
GLW	CORNING INC	2.3	17.14	28.85		COF	CAPITAL ONE FINANCIAL CORP	1.0	41.44	80.38	
TSM	TAIWAN SEMICONDUCTOR MFG CO	2.2	8.86	33.07				22.2 %			25.3 %
ADBE	ADOBE SYSTEMS INC	2.2	32.62	133.74		Energy					
IBM	INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORP	1.4	110.29	160.29		NBL	NOBLE ENERGY INC	2.4 %	\$34.58	\$32.33	
EBAY	EBAY INC	1.3	20.39	33.41		DVN	DEVON ENERGY CORP	1.7	49.14	39.49	
ADS	ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP	1.0	249.63	249.63		CVX	CHEVRON CORP	1.6	83.39	106.70	
MU	MICRON TECHNOLOGY INC	0.7	33.19	27.67		HES	HESS CORP	0.9	67.69	48.83	
HPE	HEWLETT PACKARD ENTERPRISE	0.5	8.63	18.63		OXY	OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM CORP	0.9	56.03	61.54	
PYPL	PAYPAL HOLDINGS INC	0.5	10.09	47.72		APA	APACHE CORP	0.7	49.32	48.64	
HPQ	HEWLETT-PACKARD CO	21.4 %	9.57	18.82	13.2 %	MPC	MARATHON PETROLEUM CORP	0.6 8.8 %	45.49	50.94	11.2 %
Pharm	aceuticals & Biotechnology	∠1.4 %			13.2 70	Telecor	nmunications	0.0 %			11.2 /0
PFE	PFIZER INC	2.0 %	\$22.41	\$33.92		CTL	CENTURYLINK INC	0.9	\$28.98	\$25.67	
BIIB	BIOGEN IDEC INC	1.8	67.38	271.21		CIL	CENTORIENK INC	0.9 %	_ \$20.50	\$23.07	4.4 %
AMGN	AMGEN INC	1.3	84.65	163.32		Utilities	•	0.5 /6			7.7 /0
TEVA	TEVA PHARMACEUTICALS	0.5	60.70	31.58		None					
ILVA	12.7.1.1. MARGEO HORES	5.6 %	- 00.70	31.30	6.4 %	HOIIC		0.0 %	-		4.7 %
		3.0 %			/0				_		
						TOTAL		100.0 %			100.0 %

Source: Empirical Research Partners Analysis.

¹The universe of eligible stocks is all large-cap issues.

Exhibit 29: Changes to Our Large-Capitalization Growth Portfolio As of End-April 2017

		Suggested	Price at	Price at	
Symbol	Company	Weight	Inclusion	04/28/17	Rationale
Addition					
CMCSA	COMCAST CORP	1.0 %	\$39.19	\$39.19	Attractive
CELG	CELGENE CORP	1.0	124.05	124.05	Attractive
BEN	FRANKLIN RESOURCES INC	1.0	43.11	43.11	Attractive
MA	MASTERCARD INC	1.0	116.32	116.32	Attractive
TMUS	T-MOBILE US INC	1.0	67.27	67.27	Attractive
Increasir	ng Weights				
AAPL	APPLE INC		\$13.24	\$143.65	Moved from NXPI
	Was	3.9 %			
	Now	4.5			
GOOGL	ALPHABET INC		239.41	924.52	Moved from FFIV
	Was	1.8 %			
	Now	2.5			
LBTYA	LIBERTY GLOBAL PLC GLOBAL GP		16.39	35.42	Attractive
	Was	1.4 %			
	Now	2.0			
Deletion	s				
TDG	TRANSDIGM GROUP INC	1.6 %	\$219.86	\$246.73	Better opportunity elsewhere
BCR	BARD (C.R.) INC	1.7	146.43	307.48	Acquired
FFIV	F5 NETWORKS INC	0.9	125.96	129.13	Loss in model rank
Declining	g Weights				
WFC	WELLS FARGO & CO		\$33.28	\$53.84	Moved to BEN
	Was	3.3 %			
	Now	2.0			
NXPI	NXP SEMICONDUCTORS NV		69.96	105.75	Acquired
	Was	2.4 %			
	Now	0.9			

Source: Empirical Research Partners Analysis.

Exhibit 30: The Large-Capitalization Growth Portfolio Benchmarked to the Russell 1000 Growth Index As of End-April 2017

					Sector						Sector
Cl	Communication	14/-1-1-4		Price at	Benchmark	Combal	Communication	147 - 1 - 1 - 1	Price at	Price at	Benchmark
Symbol CYCLICAI	Company	Weight	inclusion	4/28/2017	Weight	Symbol	Company I-ORIENTED (Cont.)	Weight	Inclusion	4/28/2017	Weight
	er Durables and Apparel						are Equipment and Services				
None	Durables and Apparei					ANTM	ANTHEM INC	2.6 %	\$45.60	\$177.89	
		0.0 %	_		2.2 %	MDT	MEDTRONIC PLC	1.9	53.50	83.09	
Capital E	quipment	0.0 /0			2.2 /0	CAH	CARDINAL HEALTH INC	1.1	32.70	72.59	
BA	BOEING CO	2.3 %	\$67.85	\$184.83		ESRX	EXPRESS SCRIPTS HOLDING CO	0.6	31.52	61.34	
ITW	ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS	1.5	45.36	138.09				6.2 %			6.5 %
MMM	3M CO	1.3	160.62	195.83		Retail. M	ledia, and Other Consumer Cyclicals				
HON	HONEYWELL INTERNATIONAL INC	1.2	73.54	131.14		AMZN	AMAZON.COM INC	3.1 %	\$832.35	\$924.99	
		6.3 %	_		4.3 %	COST	COSTCO WHOLESALE CORP	3.0	42.02	177.52	
Commerc	cial Services					WYN	WYNDHAM WORLDWIDE CORP	2.1	75.63	95.31	
MCO	MOODY'S CORP	2.1 %	\$28.63	\$118.32		LBTYA	LIBERTY GLOBAL PLC	2.0	22.17	35.42	
		2.1 %	_		1.1 %	DISH	DISH NETWORK CORP	1.5	24.42	64.44	
Industria	l Commodities					SNI	SCRIPPS NETWORKS INTERACTIVE	1.4	75.84	74.72	
None						DIS	DISNEY (WALT) CO	1.4	110.37	115.60	
		0.0 %	_		2.1 %	CMCSA	COMCAST CORP	1.0	39.19	39.19	
Transpor	rtation					WYNN	WYNN RESORTS LTD	0.9	144.21	123.01	
ALK	ALASKA AIR GROUP INC	1.7 %	\$46.03	\$85.09				16.4 %			15.7 %
		1.7 %	_		2.1 %	Consum	er Staples				
GROWTH	-ORIENTED					PEP	PEPSICO INC	2.2 %	\$75.13	\$113.28	
Technolo	gy					MO	ALTRIA GROUP INC	1.4	15.52	71.78	
AAPL	APPLE INC	4.5 %	\$31.15	\$143.65		CL	COLGATE-PALMOLIVE CO	1.0	35.82	72.04	
MSFT	MICROSOFT CORP	4.2	33.64	68.46		WBA	WALGREENS BOOTS ALLIANCE INC	1.0	75.26	86.54	
GOOGL	ALPHABET INC	2.5	424.27	924.52		EPC	EDGEWELL PERSONAL CARE CO	0.7	67.22	71.49	
CHKP	CHECK POINT SOFTWARE TECHNOLOGY	1.8	58.12	104.01		ENR	ENERGIZER HOLDINGS INC	0.7	26.06	59.23	
FB	FACEBOOK INC	1.8	74.57	150.25				7.0 %			7.5 %
ADBE	ADOBE SYSTEMS INC	1.7	23.89	133.74		OTHER					
ACN	ACCENTURE PLC	1.7	42.54	121.30		Financia	ls				
TSM	TAIWAN SEMICONDUCTOR MFG CO	1.7	8.31	33.07		COF	CAPITAL ONE FINANCIAL CORP	2.2 %	\$59.23	\$80.38	
LRCX	LAM RESEARCH CORP	1.6	82.66	144.85		GS	GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC	2.2	123.55	223.80	
ADS	ALLIANCE DATA SYSTEMS CORP	1.6	211.25	249.63		WFC	WELLS FARGO & CO	2.0	33.28	53.84	
VMW	VMWARE INC -CL A	1.5	87.19	94.12		DFS	DISCOVER FINANCIAL SERVICES INC	1.8	46.38	62.59	
VRSN	VERISIGN INC	1.2	64.75	88.92		BX	BLACKSTONE GROUP LP	1.3	35.24	30.84	
TEL	TE CONNECTIVITY LTD	1.1	53.42	77.37		BLK	BLACKROCK INC	1.0	116.50	384.57	
WDC	WESTERN DIGITAL CORP	1.1	41.08	89.07		BRK.A	BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY	1.0	114,293.33	247,780.00	
STX	SEAGATE TECHNOLOGY PLC	1.0	11.29	42.13		BEN	FRANKLIN RESOURCES INC	1.0	43.11	43.11	
MA	MASTERCARD INC	1.0	116.32	116.32				12.5 %			10.6 %
NXPI	NXP SEMICONDUCTORS NV	0.9	69.96	105.75		Energy					
AKAM	AKAMAI TECHNOLOGIES INC	0.8	68.70	60.94		EOG	EOG RESOURCES INC	1.7 %	\$101.00	\$92.50	
MU	MICRON TECHNOLOGY INC	0.8	30.84	27.67		SLB	SCHLUMBERGER LTD	1.5	83.64	72.59	
		32.5 %			34.9 %	PSX	PHILLIPS 66	0.6	34.05	79.56	
								3.8 %			3.6 %
	euticals & Biotechnology						munications				
BIIB	BIOGEN INC	2.3 %	\$52.15			TMUS	T-MOBILE US INC	1.0	\$67.27	\$67.27	
JNJ	JOHNSON & JOHNSON	2.2	55.25	123.47				1.0 %			0.8 %
AGN	ALLERGAN PLC	2.0	229.32	243.86		Utilities					
GILD	GILEAD SCIENCES INC	1.7	20.12	68.55		None					
TMO	THERMO FISHER SCIENTIFIC INC	1.4	72.64	165.33				0.0 %			0.0 %
CELG	CELGENE CORP	1.0	124.05	124.05							
		10.6 %			8.5 %	TOTAL		100.0 %			100.0 %
Source:	Empirical Research Partners Ana	ılysis.									

Appendix 1: Large-Capitalization Stocks The Bottom Quintile of Normalized Free Cash Flow Yield Sorted by Composite Cash Flow Generation Score and Failure Model Ranks As of End-April 2017

			Quintiles (1=Best, 5=Worst)								
				Free Cash	Flow Generation	n Metrics	Composite	Memo:	Failure Model		
			Normalized	Incremental:	Free Cash	Free Cash	Cash Flow	Current	Decile Rank	Forward-	Market
			Free Cash	Free Cash	Flow Margin	Flow	Generation	Free Cash	(1=Best,	P/E	Capitalization
Symbol	Company	Price	Flow Yield	Flow Margin	Above Trend	Surprise	Score	Flow Yield	10=Worst)	Ratio	(\$ Billion)
KMX	CARMAX INC	\$58.50	5	5	5	5	5.0	5	10	14.9	x \$10.9
FANG	DIAMONDBACK ENERGY INC	99.84	5	5	5	5	5.0	5	10	30.2	9.8
RSPP	RSP PERMIAN INC	38.05	5	5	5	5	5.0	5	10	38.4	6.0
DHI	D R HORTON INC	32.89	5	4	5	5	4.5	4	10	11.8	12.4
DXCM	DEXCOM INC	77.96	5	4	4	4	4.0	5	10	NM	6.7
WDAY	WORKDAY INC	87.40	5	3	4	5	3.8	5	10	106.2	17.7
PE	PARSLEY ENERGY INC	29.79	5	5	1	4	3.8	5	10	52.7	8.2
WST	WEST PHARMACEUTICAL SVSC INC	92.03	5	4	3	4	3.8	5	10	33.6	6.7
CXO	CONCHO RESOURCES INC	126.66	5	5	1	3	3.5	5	10	104.1	18.8
MDLZ	MONDELEZ INTERNATIONAL INC	45.03	5	4	2	3	3.3	4	10	21.3	68.8
ASML	ASML HOLDING NV	131.85	5	2	5	4	3.3	4	10	29.7	58.0
TSLA	TESLA INC	314.07	5	5	1	2	3.3	5	10	NM	51.2
LILA	LIBERTY GLOBAL PLC LILAC GRP	21.47	5	3	3	na	3.0	5	10	25.2	35.3
NOK	NOKIA CORP	5.73	5	3	3	3	3.0	5	10	24.0	33.4
NOW	SERVICENOW INC	94.48	5	3	3	3	3.0	5	10	82.2	15.8
LEN	LENNAR CORP	50.50	5	2	4	4	3.0	2	10	11.9	11.8
HP	HELMERICH & PAYNE	60.64	5	4	5	5	4.5	4	9	NM	6.6
JCI	JOHNSON CONTROLS INTL PLC	41.57	5	5	3	4	4.3	5	9	15.4	39.0
CNQ	CANADIAN NATURAL RESOURCES	31.87	5	4	5	4	4.3	5	9	25.8	35.4
HDS	HD SUPPLY HOLDINGS INC	40.30	5	5	3	3	4.0	2	9	10.7	8.1
EGN	ENERGEN CORP	51.99	5	5	1	3	3.5	5	9	103.0	5.0
ECA	ENCANA CORP	10.70	5	5	5	4	4.8	5	8	38.0	10.4
TSRO	TESARO INC	147.59	5	5	5	4	4.8	5	8	NM	7.9
NFLX	NETFLIX INC	152.20	5	5	4	4	4.5	5	8	145.0	65.6
ADSK	AUTODESK INC	90.07	5	4	5	5	4.5	5	8	84.4	19.9
SQ	SQUARE INC	18.24	5	5	3	na	4.3	5	8	NM	6.7
SHOP	SHOPIFY INC	75.95	5	4	3	na	3.7	5	8	NM	6.8
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