

Periodic Table of Investment Returns

The Periodic Table of Investment Returns visually depicts annual returns for various asset classes, ranked from best to worst performing.

Risk and return characteristics of asset classes and styles can change in unpredictable ways. An asset class or style that was successful for the past ten years is no more likely than others to be successful in the next ten. Many complex factors determine what asset classes and styles will lead and lag in any given market cycle.

As seen in the table, some asset classes tend to have low or even negative correlation. That means when one goes up, the other goes down. Strategic diversification across asset classes, styles, geographic regions, and investment philosophies has historically been a successful way to mitigate risk and help control drawdown in bear markets as well as participate during bull markets. Diversification also helps avoid unnecessary concentration in any one asset class, style, stock, etc., which can have negative, long-lasting consequences.

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Best	MSCI EM 34.00	MSCI EM 32.14	MSCI EM 39.42	BBgBarc 1-5 Yr Treasury 8.83	MSCI EM 78.51	Russell 2000 Growth 29.09	BBgBarc Municipal 10.70	Russell Mid Cap Value 18.51	Russell 2000 Growth 43.30	Russell Mid Cap Value 14.75	Russell 1000 Growth 5.67	Russell 2000 Value 31.74	MSCI EM 37.28	BBgBarc US TBill 1-3 Mo 1.82	Russell 1000 Growth 36.39	Russell 1000 Growth 38.49	S&P 500 Yr Treasury 28.71	BBgBarc US TBill 1-3 Mo 1.52	Russell 1000 Growth 42.68	Russell 1000 Growth 33.36	MSCI ACWI Ex USA 5.23
	MSCI ACWI Ex USA 16.62	MSCI ACWI Ex USA 26.65	MSCI ACWI Ex USA 16.65	BBgBarc US Agg Bond 5.24	Russell Mid Cap Growth 46.29	Russell Mid Cap Growth 26.38	BBgBarc US Agg Bond 7.84	MSCI EM 18.22	Russell Mid Cap Growth 35.74	S&P 500 Yr Treasury 13.69	BBgBarc Municipal 3.30	Russell Mid Cap Value 20.00	Russell 1000 Growth 30.21	BBgBarc 1-5 Yr Treasury 1.51	Russell Mid Cap Growth 35.47	Russell Mid Cap Growth 35.59	Russell Mid Cap Value 28.34	BBgBarc 1-5 Yr Treasury -5.47	S&P 500 Yr Treasury 26.29	S&P 500 Yr Treasury 25.02	MSCI EM 2.93
	Russell Mid Cap Value 12.65	Russell 2000 Value 23.48	Russell 1000 Growth 11.81	BBgBarc US TBill 1-3 Mo 1.77	MSCI ACWI Ex USA 41.45	Russell Mid Cap Value 24.75	Bal. 60/40S&P- AGG 4.69	Russell 2000 Value 18.05	Russell 2000 Value 34.52	Russell 1000 Growth 13.45	S&P 500 Yr Treasury 1.38	Russell 1000 Value 17.34	MSCI ACWI Ex USA 27.19	BBgBarc Municipal 1.28	S&P 500 Yr Treasury 31.49	Russell 2000 Growth 34.63	Russell 2000 Value 28.27	Russell 1000 Value -7.54	Russell Mid Cap Growth 25.87	Russell Mid Cap Growth 22.10	BBgBarc US Agg Bond 2.78
	Russell Mid Cap Growth 12.10	Russell 1000 Value 22.25	MSCI ACWI Growth 11.66	BBgBarc Municipal -2.47	Russell 1000 Growth 37.21	Russell 2000 Value 24.50	BBgBarc 1-5 Yr Treasury 3.38	Russell 1000 Value 17.51	Russell 1000 Growth 33.48	Russell 1000 Growth 13.05	Bal. 60/40S&P- AGG 1.28	S&P 500 Yr Treasury 11.96	Russell Mid Cap Growth 25.27	BBgBarc US Agg Bond 0.01	Russell 2000 Growth 28.48	S&P 500 Yr Treasury 18.40	Russell 1000 Growth 27.60	BBgBarc Municipal -8.53	MSCI ACWI Growth 22.20	MSCI ACWI Growth 17.49	Russell 1000 Value 2.14
	MSCI ACWI 10.84	MSCI ACWI 20.95	Russell Mid Cap Growth 11.43	Bal. 60/40S&P- AGG -22.06	MSCI ACWI 34.63	MSCI EM 18.88	Russell 1000 Growth 2.64	MSCI ACWI Ex USA 16.83	Russell Mid Cap Value 33.46	Russell Mid Cap Growth 11.90	BBgBarc 1-5 Yr Treasury 0.92	Russell 2000 Growth 11.32	MSCI ACWI 23.97	Russell 1000 Growth -1.51	Russell Mid Cap Value 27.06	MSCI EM 18.31	Russell 1000 Value 25.16	Russell Mid Cap Value -12.03	Russell 2000 Growth 18.66	Russell 2000 Growth 15.15	BBgBarc 1-5 Yr Treasury 2.04
	Russell 1000 Value 7.05	Russell Mid Cap Value 20.22	BBgBarc 1-5 Yr Treasury 8.16	Russell 2000 Value -28.92	Russell 2000 Growth 34.47	Russell 1000 Growth 16.71	S&P 500 Yr Treasury 2.11	MSCI ACWI 16.13	Russell 1000 Value 32.53	Bal. 60/40S&P- AGG 10.62	BBgBarc US Agg Bond 0.55	MSCI EM 11.19	Russell 2000 Growth 22.17	Bal. 60/40S&P- AGG -2.35	MSCI ACWI 26.60	MSCI ACWI 16.25	MSCI ACWI 18.54	BBgBarc US Agg Bond -13.01	Bal. 60/40S&P- AGG 17.67	Bal. 60/40S&P- AGG 15.04	BBgBarc US TBill 1-3 Mo 1.04
Performance	Russell 1000 Growth 5.26	S&P 500 Yr Treasury 15.79	Russell 2000 Growth 7.05	Russell 1000 Value -36.85	Russell Mid Cap Value 34.21	Russell 1000 Value 15.51	Russell 1000 Value 0.39	S&P 500 Yr Treasury 16.00	S&P 500 Yr Treasury 32.39	BBgBarc Municipal 9.05	BBgBarc US TBill 1-3 Mo 0.03	Bal. 60/40S&P- AGG 8.31	S&P 500 Yr Treasury 21.83	S&P 500 Yr Treasury -4.38	Russell 1000 Value 26.54	Bal. 60/40S&P- AGG 14.73	Bal. 60/40S&P- AGG 15.86	Russell 2000 Value -14.48	MSCI ACWI Ex USA 15.62	Russell 1000 Value 14.37	BBgBarc Municipal -0.22
	S&P 500 4.91	Russell 2000 Growth 13.35	BBgBarc US Agg Bond 6.97	S&P 500 Yr Treasury -37.00	S&P 500 Yr Treasury 26.46	S&P 500 Yr Treasury 15.06	BBgBarc US TBill 1-3 Mo 0.07	Russell Mid Cap Growth 15.81	MSCI ACWI 22.80	BBgBarc US Agg Bond 5.97	Russell Mid Cap Growth -0.20	MSCI ACWI 7.86	Bal. 60/40S&P- AGG 14.21	Russell Mid Cap Growth -4.75	Russell 2000 Value 22.39	MSCI ACWI Ex USA 10.65	Russell Mid Cap Growth 12.73	Bal. 60/40S&P- AGG -15.79	Russell 2000 Value 14.65	Russell Mid Cap Value 13.07	MSCI ACWI -1.32
	Russell 2000 Value 4.71	Bal. 60/40S&P- AGG 11.12	Bal. 60/40S&P- AGG 6.22	Russell 1000 Value -38.44	Russell 2000 Value 20.58	MSCI ACWI 12.67	Russell Mid Cap Value -1.38	Russell 1000 Growth 15.26	Bal. 60/40S&P- AGG 17.56	Russell 2000 Growth 5.60	Russell 2000 Growth -1.38	Russell Mid Cap Growth 7.33	Russell 1000 Value 13.66	Russell 1000 Value -8.27	Bal. 60/40S&P- AGG 22.18	BBgBarc US Agg Bond 7.51	MSCI ACWI Ex USA 7.82	MSCI ACWI Ex USA -16.00	Russell Mid Cap Value 12.71	Russell 2000 Value 8.05	Bal. 60/40S&P- AGG -1.45
	Russell 2000 Growth 4.15	Russell Mid Cap Growth 10.66	S&P 500 Yr Treasury 5.49	Russell Mid Cap Value -38.44	Russell 1000 Value 19.69	Bal. 60/40S&P- AGG 12.13	Russell Mid Cap Growth -1.65	Russell 2000 Growth 14.59	Russell 2000 Ex USA 15.29	Russell 2000 Value 4.22	MSCI ACWI -2.36	Russell 1000 Growth 7.08	Russell Mid Cap Value 13.34	Russell 2000 Growth -9.31	MSCI ACWI Ex USA 21.51	BBgBarc Municipal 5.21	Russell 2000 Growth 2.83	S&P 500 Yr Treasury -18.11	Russell 1000 Value 11.46	MSCI EM 7.50	Russell Mid Cap Value -2.11
	Bal. 60/40S&P- AGG 4.00	Russell 1000 Growth 9.07	BBgBarc US TBill 1-3 Mo 4.78	Russell 2000 Growth -38.54	Bal. 60/40S&P- AGG 18.40	MSCI ACWI Ex USA 11.15	Russell 2000 Growth -2.91	Bal. 60/40S&P- AGG 11.31	BBgBarc US TBill 1-3 Mo 0.05	MSCI ACWI 4.16	Russell 1000 Value -3.83	MSCI ACWI Ex USA 4.50	Russell 2000 Value 7.84	MSCI ACWI -9.41	MSCI EM 18.44	Russell Mid Cap Value 4.96	BBgBarc Municipal 1.52	MSCI ACWI -18.36	MSCI EM 9.83	MSCI ACWI Ex USA 5.53	S&P 500 Yr Treasury -4.27
	BBgBarc Municipal 3.51	BBgBarc Municipal 4.84	BBgBarc Municipal 3.36	MSCI ACWI -42.19	BBgBarc Municipal 12.91	BBgBarc US Agg Bond 6.54	Russell 2000 Growth -5.50	BBgBarc Municipal 6.78	BBgBarc 1-5 Yr Treasury -0.14	BBgBarc 1-5 Yr Treasury 1.17	Russell Mid Cap Value -4.78	BBgBarc US Agg Bond 2.65	BBgBarc Municipal 5.45	Russell Mid Cap Value -12.29	BBgBarc US Agg Bond 8.72	Russell 2000 Value 4.63	BBgBarc US TBill 1-3 Mo 0.04	MSCI EM -20.09	BBgBarc Municipal 6.40	BBgBarc US Agg Bond 5.32	Russell Mid Cap Growth -7.12
	BBgBarc US TBill 1-3 Mo 3.00	BBgBarc US TBill 1-3 Mo 4.80	Russell 1000 Value -0.17	Russell Mid Cap Growth -44.32	BBgBarc US Agg Bond 5.93	BBgBarc 1-5 Yr Treasury 3.73	MSCI ACWI -7.35	BBgBarc US Agg Bond 4.21	BBgBarc US Agg Bond -2.02	BBgBarc US TBill 1-3 Mo 0.02	MSCI ACWI Ex USA -5.66	BBgBarc 1-5 Yr Treasury 1.02	BBgBarc US Agg Bond 3.54	Russell 2000 Value -12.86	BBgBarc Municipal 7.54	BBgBarc 1-5 Yr Treasury 4.38	BBgBarc 1-5 Yr Treasury -1.19	Russell 2000 Growth -26.36	BBgBarc US Agg Bond 5.53	BBgBarc 1-5 Yr Treasury 3.30	Russell 2000 Value -7.74
	BBgBarc US Agg Bond 2.43	BBgBarc US Agg Bond 4.33	Russell Mid Cap Value -1.42	MSCI ACWI Ex USA -45.53	BBgBarc 1-5 Yr Treasury 0.19	BBgBarc Municipal 2.38	MSCI ACWI Ex USA -13.71	BBgBarc 1-5 Yr Treasury 0.89	BBgBarc Municipal -2.55	MSCI EM -2.19	Russell 2000 TBill 1-3 Mo -7.47	BBgBarc US TBill 1-3 Mo 0.26	BBgBarc US TBill 1-3 Mo 0.82	MSCI ACWI Ex USA -14.20	BBgBarc 1-5 Yr Treasury 4.25	Russell 1000 Value 2.80	BBgBarc US Agg Bond -1.54	Russell Mid Cap Growth -26.72	BBgBarc US TBill 1-3 Mo 5.14	BBgBarc US Agg Bond 1.25	Russell 1000 Growth -9.97
Worst	BBgBarc 1-5 Yr Treasury 1.34	BBgBarc 1-5 Yr Treasury 3.75	Russell 2000 Value -9.78	MSCI EM -53.33	BBgBarc US TBill 1-3 Mo 0.15	BBgBarc US TBill 1-3 Mo 0.13	MSCI EM -18.42	BBgBarc US TBill 1-3 Mo 0.08	MSCI EM -2.60	MSCI ACWI Ex USA -3.87	MSCI EM -14.92	BBgBarc Municipal 0.25	BBgBarc 1-5 Yr Treasury 0.68	MSCI EM -14.58	BBgBarc US TBill 1-3 Mo 2.21	BBgBarc US TBill 1-3 Mo 0.54	MSCI EM -2.54	Russell 1000 Growth -29.14	BBgBarc 1-5 Yr Treasury 4.37	BBgBarc Municipal 1.05	Russell 2000 Growth -11.12

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