# Morningstar's Best Ideas for 2016 and Beyond

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### Morningstar Overview and Philosophy

- > Provide financial information to individuals, advisors, and institutions
- ➤ We believe our competitive edge comes through bottom-up research; we have a huge database of information
- Currently have 300 analysts worldwide, focusing on stocks, mutual funds, ETFs, and fixed income
- ➤ We're best known for our fund and stock research, but research on bonds, asset allocation and retirement planning are growing emphases.
- > Equity philosophy: Bottom up, with a focus on quality and valuation
- ➤ Fund philosophy: Also bottom up, because past returns aren't predictive. Agnostic on index v. active debate

#### **Ground Rules for Best Ideas**

Investors can successfully employ an element of opportunism in their portfolios, provided they:

- > Are operating with a sensible long-term asset-allocation mix
- Regularly rebalance ("tactical lite")
- Focus on what they can control (bottom-up security selection) rather than what they can't (macro factors)
- Swim against the tide when initiating new positions in their portfolios

#### Let's Get Oriented: Market Fair Value

#### **Top News**

#### U.S. Stocks Eke Out Small Gains, Snap 3-Day Slump

Oil Settles Under \$32 for the First Time in More Than 12 Years

#### Alcoa Reports 18% Drop in Revenue

Lululemon Shares Pop on Improved Earnings Outlook

Shire Agrees to Acquire Baxalta in \$32 Billion Deal

OECD Leading Indicators Point to Steadying China Growth

#### **Upcoming Earnings and Data Releases**

Monday Earnings: Alcoa

Tuesday Earnings: CSX

Wednesday Data: Fed Beige Book

Thursday Earnings: Intel, JPMorgan

Thursday Data: Initial Jobless Claims

Friday Earnings: BlackRock, Citigroup, Wells Fargo

Friday Data: Retail Sales, Producer Price Index, Empire

Manufacturing, Industrial Production, UMich Consumer Sentiment

#### **Popular Stock Quotes**

Apple

ExxonMobil

Berkshire Hathaway

AT&T

Walt Disney



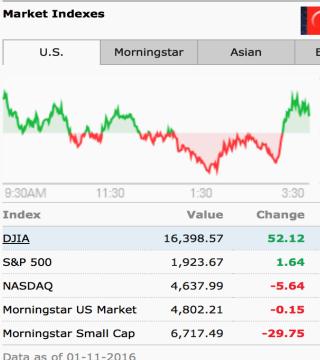
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#### **Stock Market Updates**

- Running Commentary
- Story Stocks
- Up/Downgrades
- Gainers/Losers/Most Active



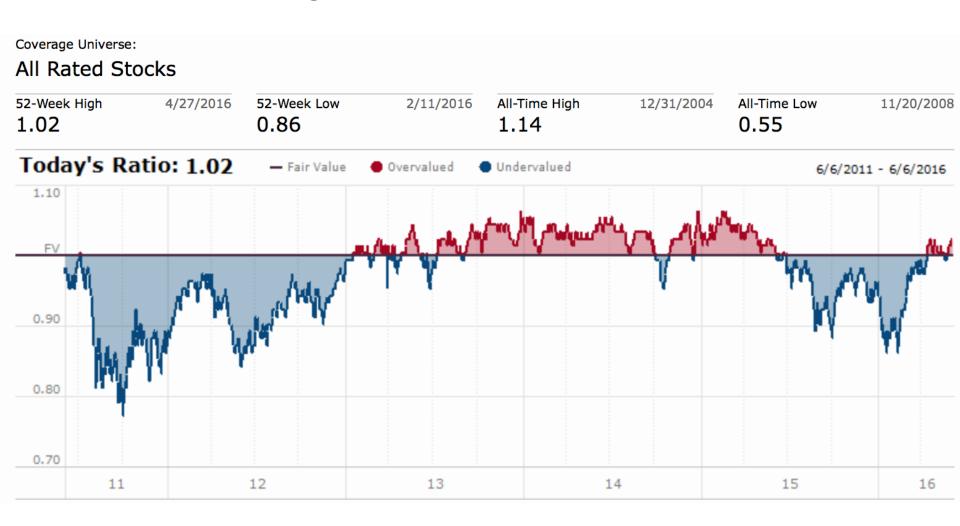
 See Morningstar's Market Fair Value Chart



Data as of 01-11-2016

The **Fidelity OneQ ETF** closely tracks the Nasdaq Composite Index, one of the most widely watched benchmarks in the world.

### Our Global Coverage Universe = 2% Overvalued as of 6/06/16



## But star ratings by investment style box reveals more nuance on that number

- > % of stocks within a given style box with 4 or 5 stars
  - ➤ Large Value: 40% (cheapest square of style box currently)
  - ➤ Large Blend: 24% (second-cheapest square)
  - ➤ Mid Growth: 16% (most expensive square)

### Wide Moats Are the Cheapest of the Three Moat Bands Currently



Wide economic moat examples (13% of coverage universe) include Altria, BlackRock, Alphabet (Google), Harley-Davidson, Amazon.com.

### **Narrow Moats: Slightly More Expensive**



Narrow economic moat examples include Citigroup, Coach, Whole Foods. Within our coverage universe, 44% of companies have narrow moats.

### No Moats Most Expensive of All



Examples of companies with *no* economic moats include Allstate, Dick's Sporting Goods, Honda Motor, Panera Bread, Southwest Airlines. (43% of stocks in our coverage universe do not have moats.)

#### The Sector Lens: Another View of Valuations

**Economically Sensitive** (1.06)

Communications Svc.

P/FV: 1.02

Energy P/FV: 1.28

Industrials: 1.02

Technology: 1.03

Cyclical (0.95)

Basic Materials: 1.17

**Consumer Cyclical** 

P/FV: 0.93

**Financial Services** 

P/FV: 0.87

Real Estate 1.01

Defensive (1.05)

Consumer Defensive

P/FV: 1.08

Utilities P/FV: 1.07

Health P/FV: 0.98

Data as of 6/6/16.

Sector Valuation graph available on Stocks cover page.

#### Takeaways for U.S. Equity Investors

- Stocks dropped below fair value earlier this year, but our coverage universe is now fairly valued.
- Value stocks, not surprisingly, look cheaper to our analysts than do growth stocks
- ➤ Undervaluation in small-, mid-, and large-cap value stocks
- Large value currently the cheapest style box; mid-growth the most expensive
- High-quality names (wide-moat) are cheaper than lesser-quality companies (no and narrow moat)
- But many traditional defensive names (wide moats, low uncertainty ratings) aren't cheap today; quality-conscious investors need to be selective

### **Best Ideas for Quality-Conscious Equity Investors**

4 or 5 stars (low market valuations relative to our estimates of fair value), wide moats, and low uncertainty ratings (10 as of 6/6/16)

Allergan AGN (5 stars) Amgen AMGN

Magellan Midstream Partners MMP Merck MRK

Nestle NSRGY Novartis NVS Pfizer PFE

Pfizer PFE Procter & Gamble PG

Roche Holdings RHHBY (5 stars) Spectra Energy LP SEP

# **Best Ideas for Investors with Longer Time Horizons, Higher Risk Capacities**

4 or 5 stars, wide moats, and *high* uncertainty ratings (7 as of 6/6/16)

Banco Santander Chile

Blackstone Group BX

Harley Davidson HOG

Jones Lang LaSalle JLL

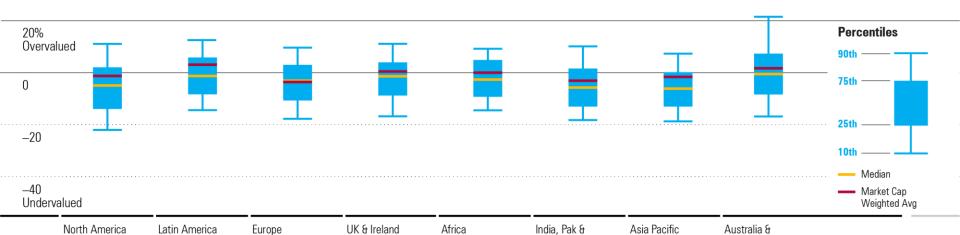
Polaris Industries PII

The Swatch Group SWGAY

### Best Ideas for U.S. Equity-Fund Investors: Large Caps

- ➤ Large-value stocks still looks (relatively) cheap right now; if you're rebalancing or putting money to work, tip your portfolio toward them.
- ➤ Top large-cap funds with an emphasis on valuation:
  - > AMG Yacktman YACKX
  - Dodge & Cox Stock DODGX
  - ➤ Diamond Hill Large Cap DHLAX
  - Oakmark OAKMX and Oakmark Select OAKLX
  - > Vanguard Dividend Growth VDIGX

### Foreign Stocks: They Must Be Cheap, Right?



Top 10 Lowest-Valued Countries (Market Cap Weighted)

Top 10 Highest-Valued Countries (Market Cap Weighted)

New Zealand

Middle East

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Country	Over/Undervalued by (%)	Uncertainty Rating	Number of Companies	Country	Over/Undervalued by (%)	Uncertainty Rating	Number of Companies
Iraq	-17.7	Very High	23	Argentina	9.2	High	48
Spain	-12.8	High	111	Russia	7.0	High	115
Switzerland	-11.5	High	180	Mexico	6.8	High	76
Saudi Arabia	-10.4	High	147	New Zealand	6.0	Medium	84
Egypt	-9.8	Very High	150	Netherlands	5.4	Medium	81
Qatar	-8.1	High	37	Portugal	4.9	High	21
Hong Kong	-7.0	High	1,038	Chile	3.8	Medium	75
United Arab Emirates	-6.8	High	55	Denmark	3.3	High	112
Peru	<b>-</b> 5.9	High	24	Indonesia	3.0	High	366
Bangladesh	<b>–</b> 5.7	Very High	271	Malaysia	2.6	High	503

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### **Foreign Stock Takeaways**

- ➤ Although U.S. market has outperformed, N. American stocks don't appear to be significantly more expensive than many overseas markets currently
- ➤ Foreign-currency depreciation explains a lot of the poor returns experienced by U.S. investors in unhedged foreign investments
- Some of the larger names in foreign markets look somewhat expensive (median stocks look more attractive than cap-weighted averages)
- ➤ Emerging markets may be attractive, but investors may want to look beyond capitalization-weighted indexes (see median v. cap-weighted valuations in Latin America, Asia-Pacific)

#### **Best Ideas for International Fund Investors**

- ➤ Morningstar favorite core, value-leaning international funds include:
  - > Harbor International HIINX
  - > American Funds EuroPacific Growth AEPGX
  - Vanguard International Value VTRIX
- Morningstar's favorite emerging markets funds include:
  - > American Funds New World NEWFX
  - DFA Emerging Markets DFEMX
  - ➤ Harding Loevner Emerging Markets HLEMX
  - > T. Rowe Price Emerging Markets Stock PRMSX

#### What Should Be on Bond Investors' Radar?

- Recognize vulnerability of longer-term bonds in the face of rising interest rates
- Run through a duration stress test: Duration minus SEC yield = approximate loss in a one-year period in which interest rates rose by one percentage point
- Match duration to your time horizon
- Use credit-sensitive bonds to augment, not supplant, high-quality bonds

#### **Best Ideas for Bond Investors**

- Keep quality high, delegate to an active manager with a flexible strategy
- Morningstar's favorite funds for time horizons of five years or more:
  - > Harbor Bond HABDX
  - Metropolitan West Total Return MWTRX
  - Dodge & Cox Income DODIX
  - Vanguard Total Bond Market Index VBMFX
- > Favorite short-term funds:
  - > Fidelity Short-Term Bond FSHBX

#### **Best Ideas for Personal Finance: Mind Tax Efficiency**

- ➤ Go Roth: IRA conversion is a great opportunity for those with long time horizons or affluent retirees; also consider Roth 401(k) contributions/conversions if eligible
- Consider "backdoor Roth" contributions/conversions, but be careful if you own Traditional IRA assets
- Manage for tax efficiency: ETFs, traditional index funds, taxmanaged funds, individual stocks
- Mind asset location: Hold tax-inefficient assets like REITs, high-yield bonds, and TIPS inside of a tax-sheltered account
- Check to see if munis offer better after-tax return than comparable taxable bond funds. (Favorite firm for munis: Fidelity.)

### Best ideas for Personal Finance: Don't Forget about Inflation!

- Add inflation protection when inflation isn't splashed on the front page of your newspaper
- ➤ Inflation is a particularly big threat for retirees, who have a large share of their portfolios in fixed-rate investments and are no longer working/eligible for COLA
- > TIPS can help hedge against inflation
- ➤ Favorite TIPS funds: Vanguard Inflation-Protected Securities VIPSX, Vanguard Short-Term Inflation-Protected Securities VTIPX, Harbor Real Return HARRX
- ➤ Commodities and especially stocks are also reasonable ways to hedge. Also: Bank-loan funds, precious metals equities, commodities

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