

# QFAI AI RISK SIGNAL

Leveraging 7 years of live delivery



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# CRITICAL KNOW-HOW & ALPHA-SEEKING DRIVE...

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- Adjunct Professor at Imperial College London since 2005. Creator of the master of Risk Management and Financial Engineering and in charge of the course 'Machine Learning in Finance'.



# 7 YEARS: A STEADY MATURATION PROCESS...

Taking the time to ramp-up and really polish a suite of services, signals and strategies.

**2005:**

Dr. Arnaud de Servigny co-launches the master of Risk Management and Financial Engineering at Imperial College London.

**2021:**

Agreement with Citigroup to partner in the US Fixed Index Annuity insurance business, delivery of Long-only strategies on US Large Caps and delivery of Long-only strategies on US Large Caps.

**2023:**

Official Launch of the largest suite of AI indices, with Merqube in the US and Market Neutral Long-Short daily Paper-Trading.

**2024:**

Launch of Market-Neutral AI Multi-Strategy real track.

**2018:**

Launch of the EquityEdge-Tech AI Regime Signals.

**2015:**

Start of Company

**2020:**

Launch of the Single Stock US / Europe EquityEdge-Tech platform, delivering forward-looking AI performance ratings on each stock.

**2022:**

Official Launch of a first index targeting SP500+500bps with Merqube.

**2010:**

Robot to trade horseraces on Betfair relying on AI Random-Forest.

Pre-2018

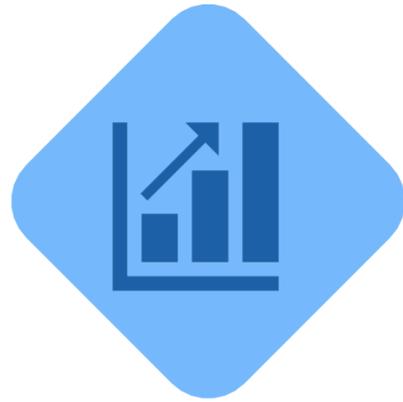
Post-2018



# INTUITION



# A FOCUS ON INVESTOR PREFERENCES...



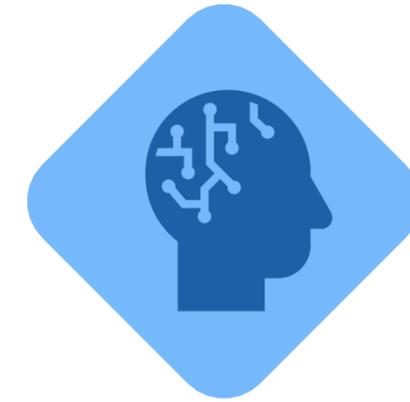
**ASSET PRICE**

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**CASHFLOWS**  
Fundamentals

*Company Specific*



**DISCOUNT FACTOR**  
**Investor Preferences**

*Company  
Comparative*

# A CLEAR VISION...

01

Assessing Market Risk means capturing the Dynamics of the Risk Appetite of Investors.

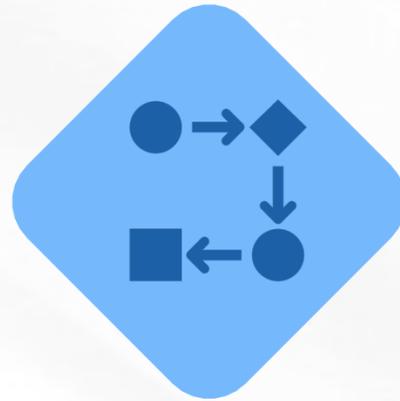
02

Market Risk detection is the result of TOP-DOWN (index level) and BOTTOM-UP (single stock level) analyses.

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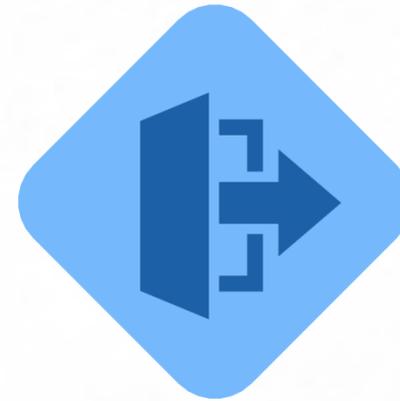
**Understanding the Dynamics of Investor Preferences has been a blind spot.**

# A BROAD & ADVANCED AI TOOLKIT...



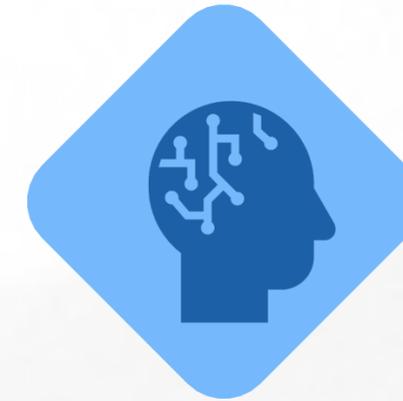
## Data Transformation

- Wavelets
- Variational Auto-encodur
- Spectral Decomposition



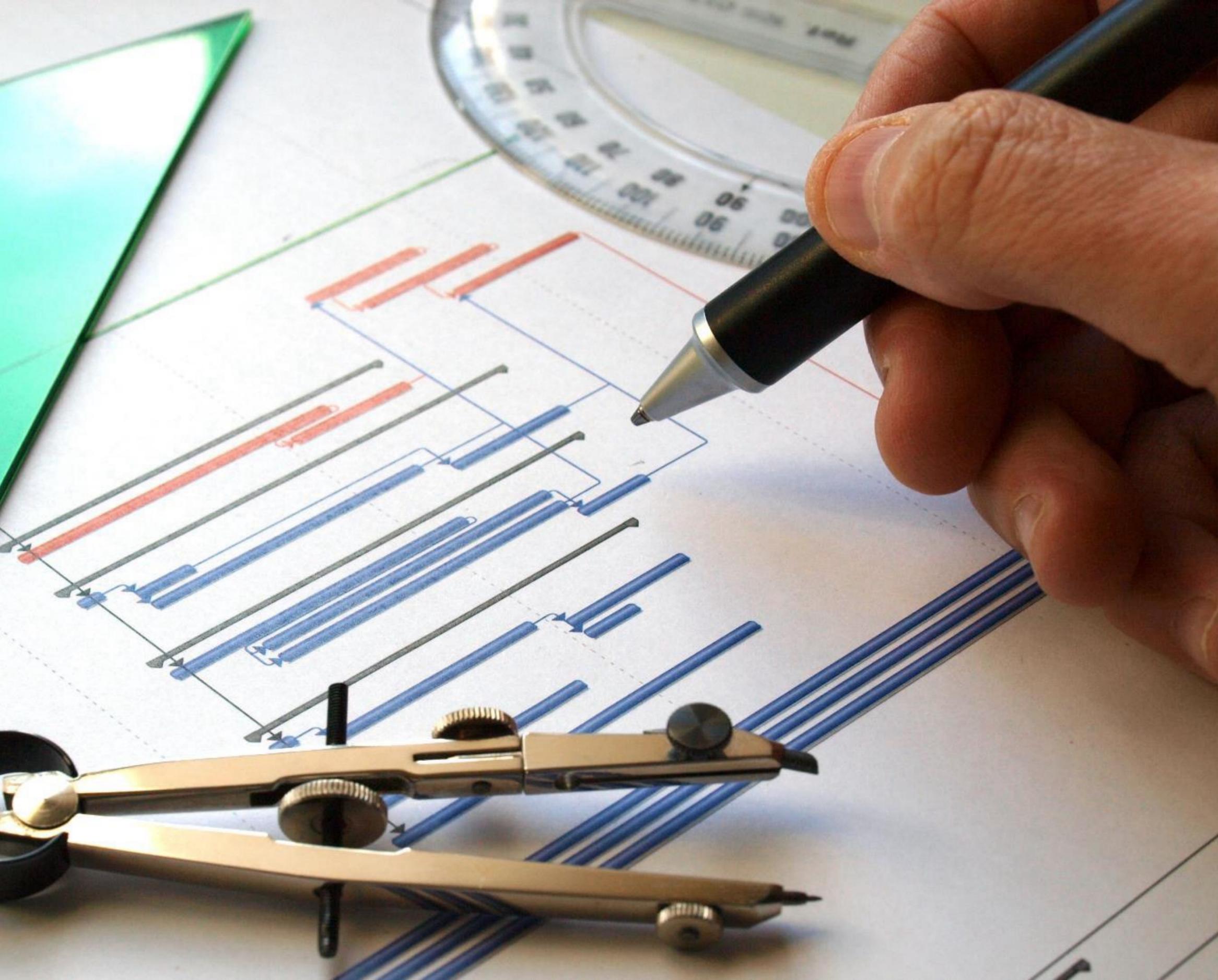
## Bayesian Approaches

- Naïve Bayes
- Bayesian Graphical models
- HMM



## Deep Learning Approaches

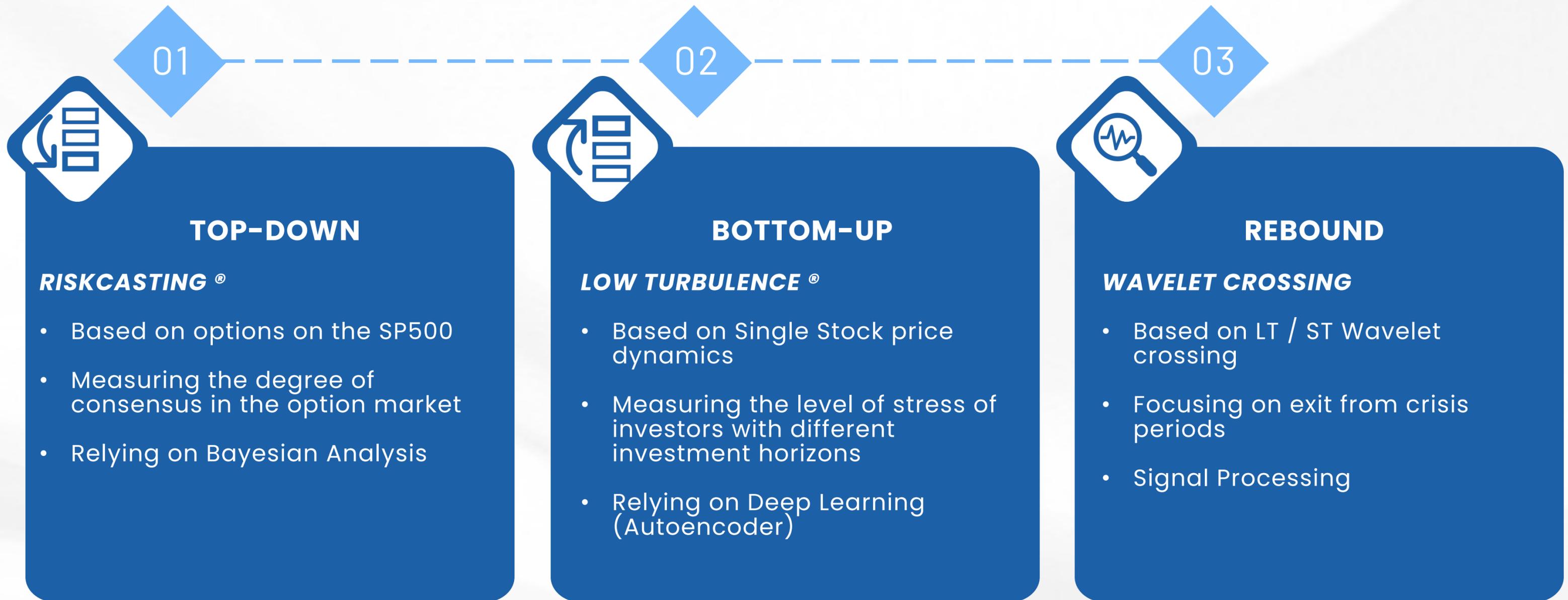
- LSTM Preprocessing
- Attention models
- Transformers



# THE APPROACH



# COMBINING THREE DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES...

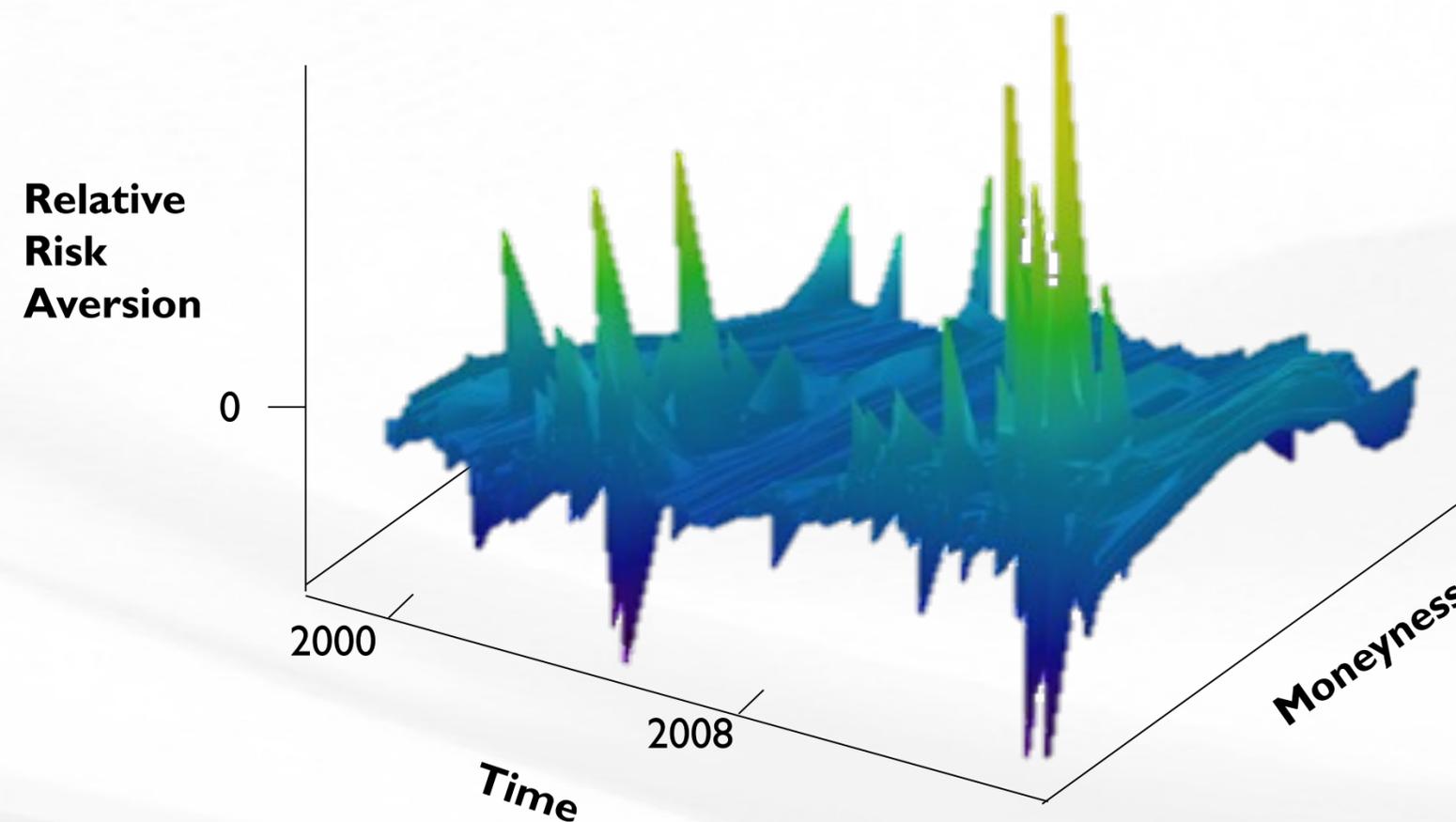


# ...RISKCASTING®



15000 options on the SP500 are analysed daily to understand the evolution of the degree of consensus among investors @ different levels of Moneyness and Maturity

**CRISIS PERIODS CORRESPOND TO RISK AVERSION SPIKES:** in this case periods associated with 2000 and 2008 display very clear signals



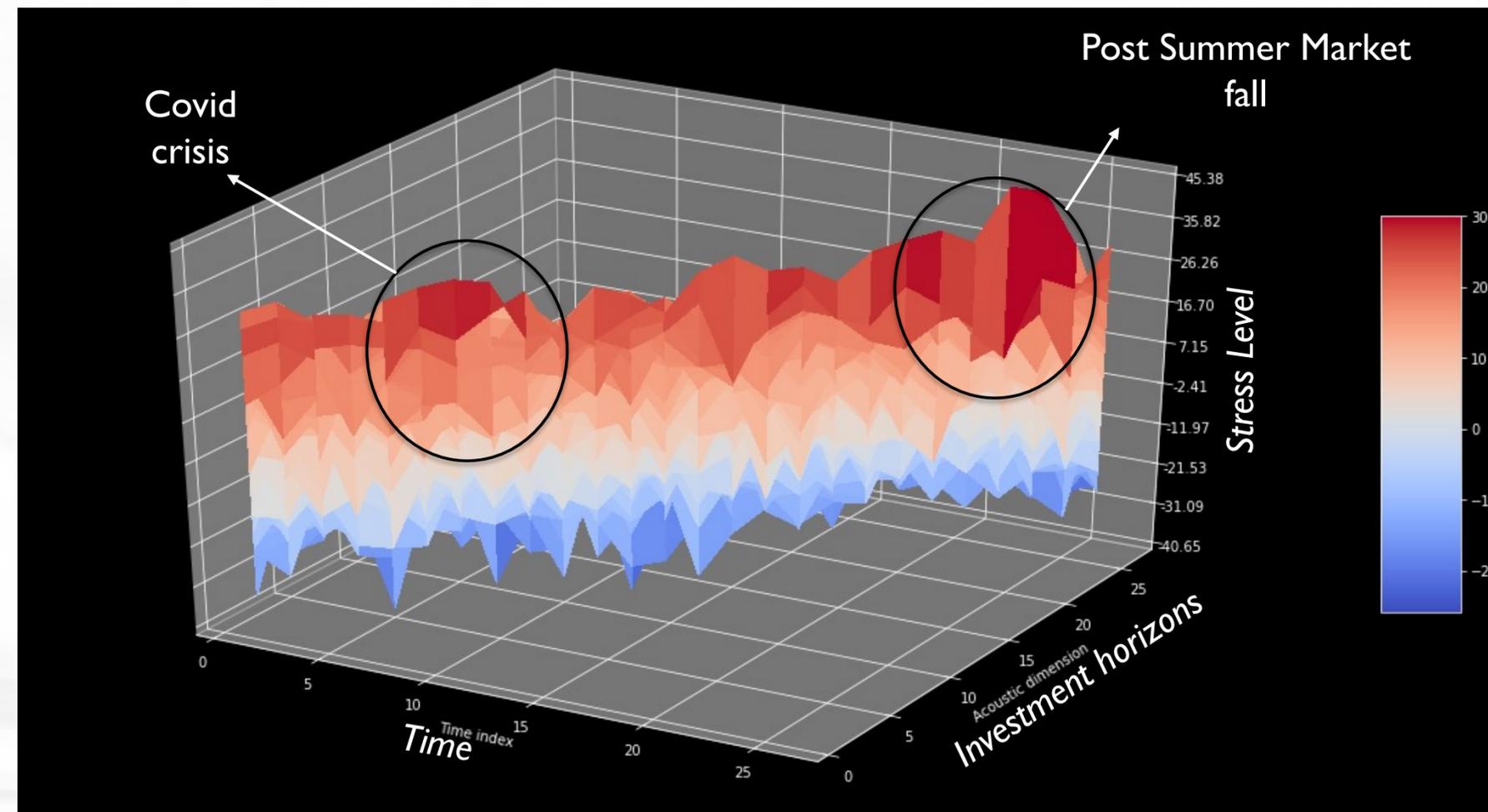
*Relative risk aversion surface (maturity 30 days) on the SP500 between 2000 and 2015 : Spikes indicate crisis periods (early 2000, 2008 are highly visible)*

**Based on Bayesian Inference**

# ...LOW TURBULENCE®

An analysis of the level of stress of investors per investment horizon

**CRISIS PERIODS CORRESPOND TO RED SPIKES:** in this case the focus is on the Covid crisis in 2020



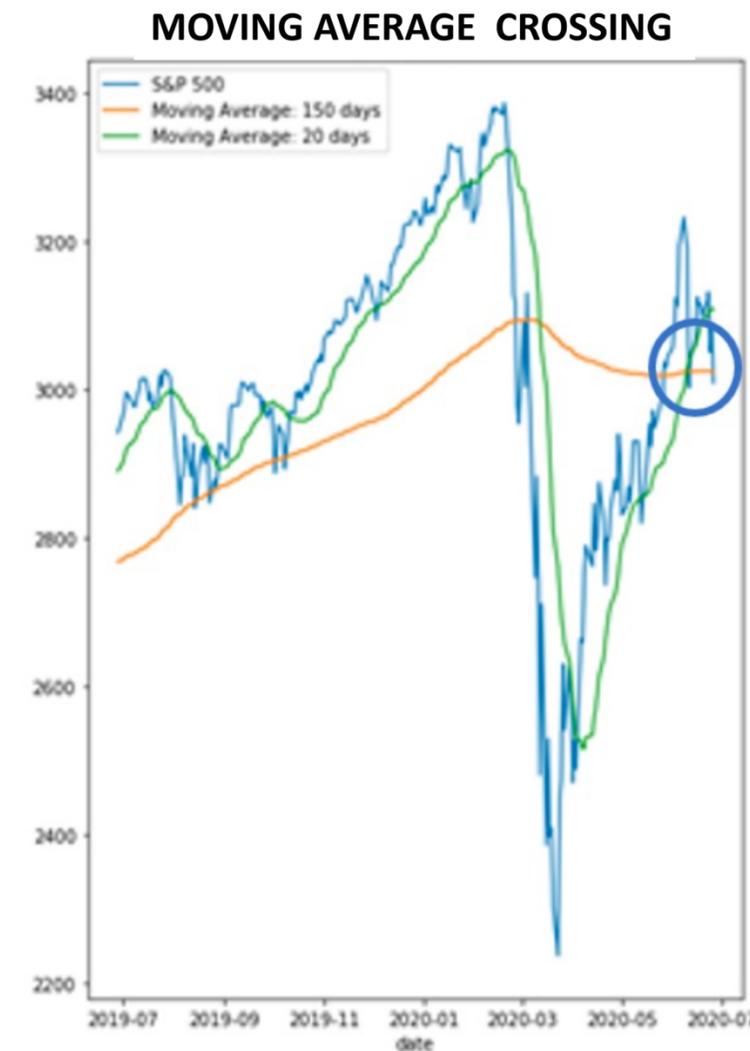
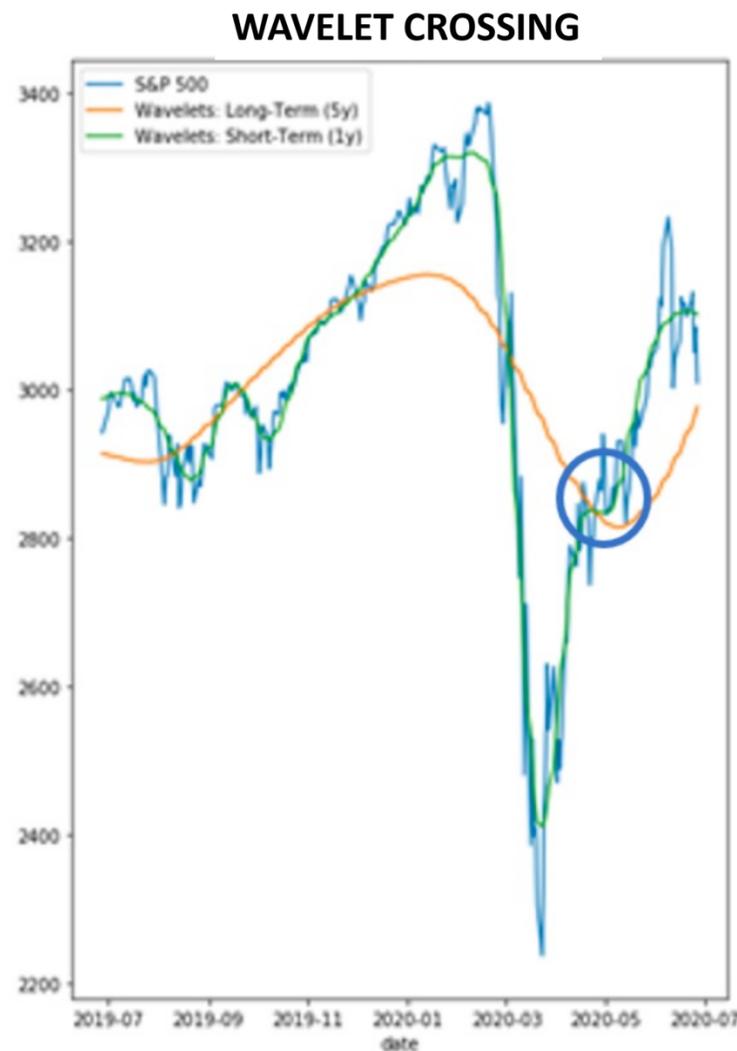
Each sector is screened to identify the investment appetite of investors. A concatenation is then operated to obtain a measure of the level of market turbulence. A high level of turbulence leads to high volatility and negative returns.

Based on a Variational Autoencoder + Unsupervised Learning

# ...REBOUND

The use of Wavelet crossing instead of Moving-Average crossing enables us to capture recovery periods earlier on.

**EXIT FROM THE 2020 CRISIS SIGNALLED BY WAVELET CROSSING:** the blue circle signals the capture of the Rebound signal



*The idea is to capture the moment when the ST investors sees things the LT investors do not yet.*

**Based on a Wavelet decomposition of the SP500**

# THE BENEFIT OF COMBINING FILTERS...

01

## TOP-DOWN

RiskCasting<sup>®</sup>

- GOOD to flag **entries** in crises

02

## BOTTOM-UP

Low Turbulence<sup>®</sup>

- GOOD to flag **entries** in crises
- GOOD to flag **exits** from crises

03

## REBOUND

Rebound

- GOOD to flag **exits** from crises

Regime  
Delivery

## REDUNDANCY

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## ROBUSTNESS

- First Benefit: confirming the concordant signals
- Second Benefit: Being prudent on discordant signals



# THE RISK SIGNALS



# A RISK REGIME SIGNAL BASED ON A CLEAR SET OF RULE...

The Risk Regime Signal may go in three directions:

Majority of forward-looking GICS sector Signals in RISK-ON: (Positive Return & Low Volatility)  
**OVERWEIGHT**

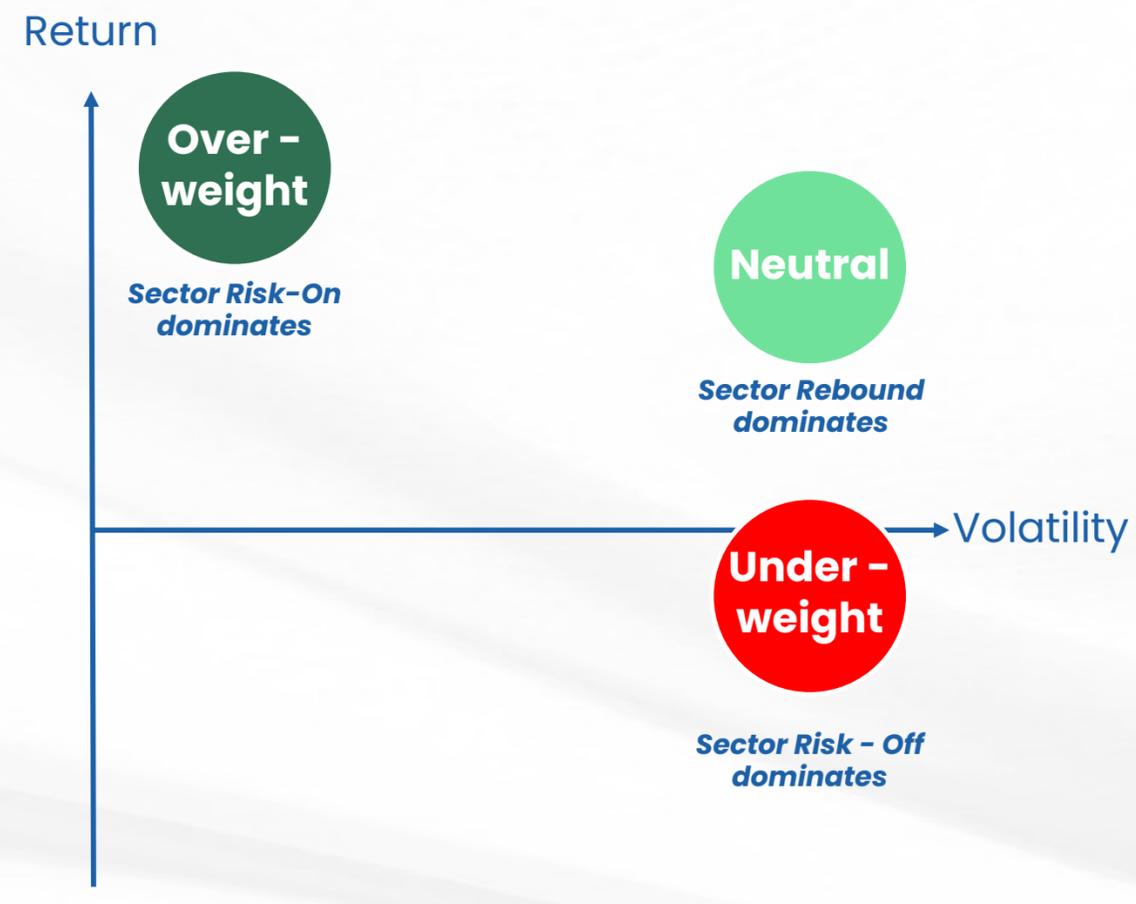
Majority of forward-looking GICS sector Signals in REBOUND: (Positive Return & High Volatility)  
**NEUTRAL**

Majority of forward-looking GICS sector Signals in RISK-OFF: (Negative Return & High Volatility)  
**UNDERWEIGHT**

# ...CORRESPONDING TO A DECISIVE SEGMENTATION

The objective is to obtain a meaningful signal.

The typical Risk / Return profile expected per Regime

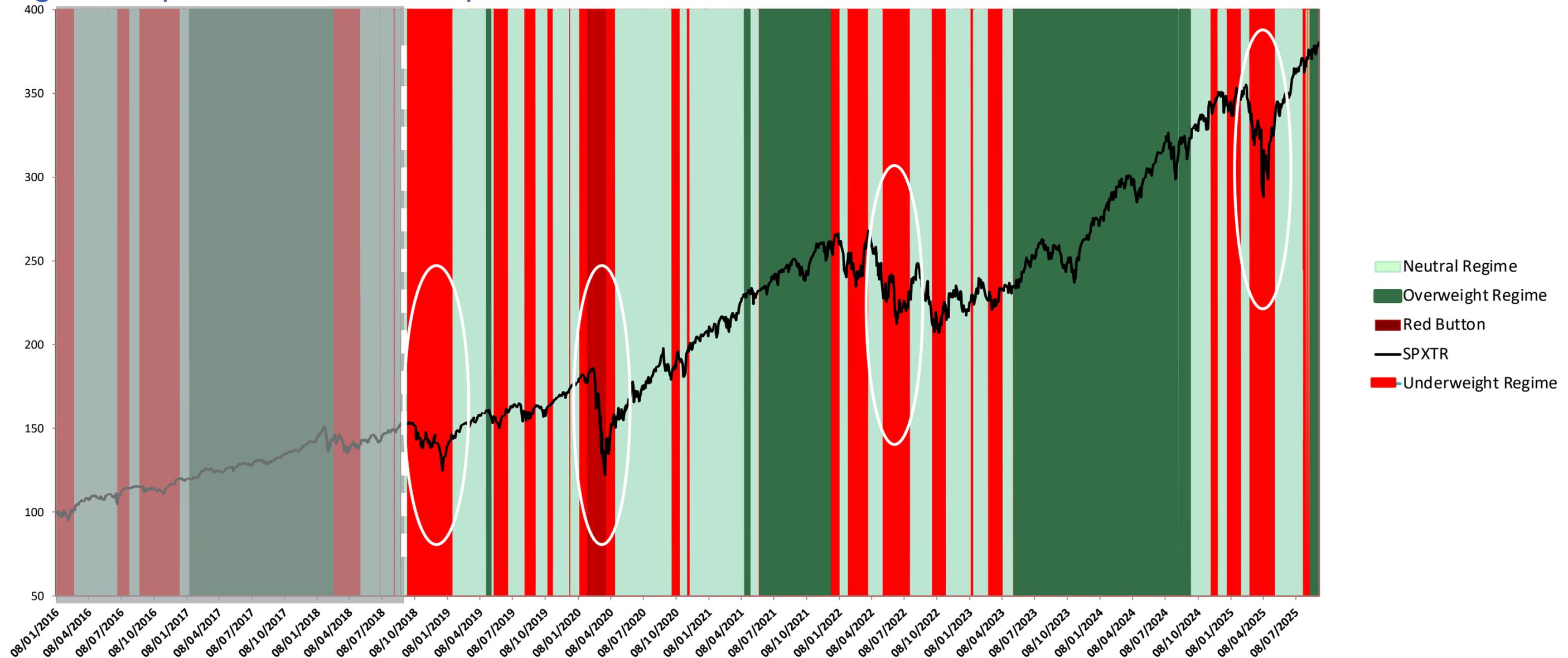


# ...TO OFFER AN "ACTIONABLE MESSAGE"



The objective is to obtain a steady signal (live since the start of 2018. The greyed period before is fyi).

A good capture of Drawdown periods



# COMPLEMENTED BY a 'RED BUTTON' Indicator...



Counting the number of stocks obtaining real market traction

# Stocks with positive Investor Sentiment = 100%

Crash Threshold (15%)

# Stocks with positive Investor Sentiment = 0%



- Each stock is assessed from a Risk Appetite perspective. When there are too few of them which generate true investor interest, we are getting close to a '**Market Run**', hence the necessity to press the Red Button.

- By evaluating how far we are from the Crash Threshold, we can derive a **market shock probability** indicating the level of Tail risk

Probability	Risk Level
< 10%	<b>Low</b>
< 40%	Medium
≥ 40%	<b>High</b>



# ...TO TARGET MARKET CRASHES

A tool dedicated to extreme events.

The Covid crisis corresponded to the last time the signal was triggered. It ended on 2020/03/23



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# Practical Results



# THE FOUR BENEFITS OF RISK SIGNALS...

01

## **RISK / RETURN differentiation:**

Forward-Looking Equity Regimes correspond to different profiles

- Impact on expected return & volatility
- Impact on Drawdowns
- Some real perspective as signals live since 2018

Information Granularity to make decisions along 4 differentiated states (Overweight, Neutral, Underweight, Red Button)

02

## **TAIL RISK management:**

Dual approach to tail risk: regimes + Red Button

- Helping to size the level of Risk Management decisions to have a meaningful impact

Helping to build asymmetrical payoffs on core indices

03

## **ASSET ALLOCATION signal:**

An equity signal telling us when to move away from equities

- It does not tell which more defensive asset classes to use but when to use them.

Challenging Investment Committees to depart from Momentum

04

## **STYLE rotation:**

Switching from more aggressive styles and sectors to more defensive ones according to the Risk Regime Signal

- Quality Growth is usually an interesting style, but not always

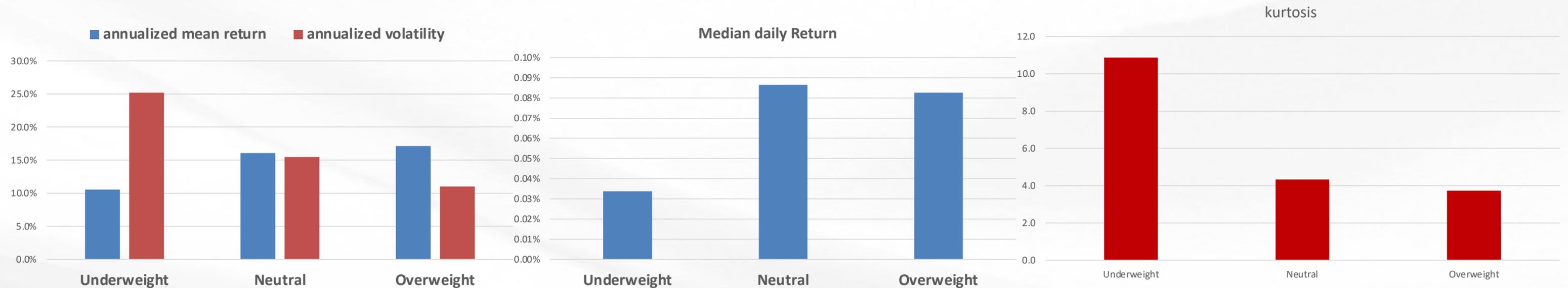
Top-Down decisions on Style / Sector allocations

# A CLEAR DIFFERENTIATION AMONG RISK REGIMES...



Looking at the Risk / Return differentiation of the Regime Signal ex post

We can observe the expected differentiation across the 3 regimes, with much higher Tail Risk (Kurtosis) in the 'Underweight' Regime .



# A STRONG TACTICAL ALLOCATION INSTRUMENT ...



Catering for the expectation to mitigate risks

The approach consists in being exposed to 75% of the S&P500 when the signal is Underweight, 100% when it is Neutral, 125% when it is Overweight and 0% during the Red-Button periods.

The Impact of the EquityEdge signals on the S&P500 (Blue: SP500+Regimes ; Green: SP500)



	EE	SPXtr
R	17.68%	12.64%
V	15.21%	18.23%
R/V	1.16	0.69

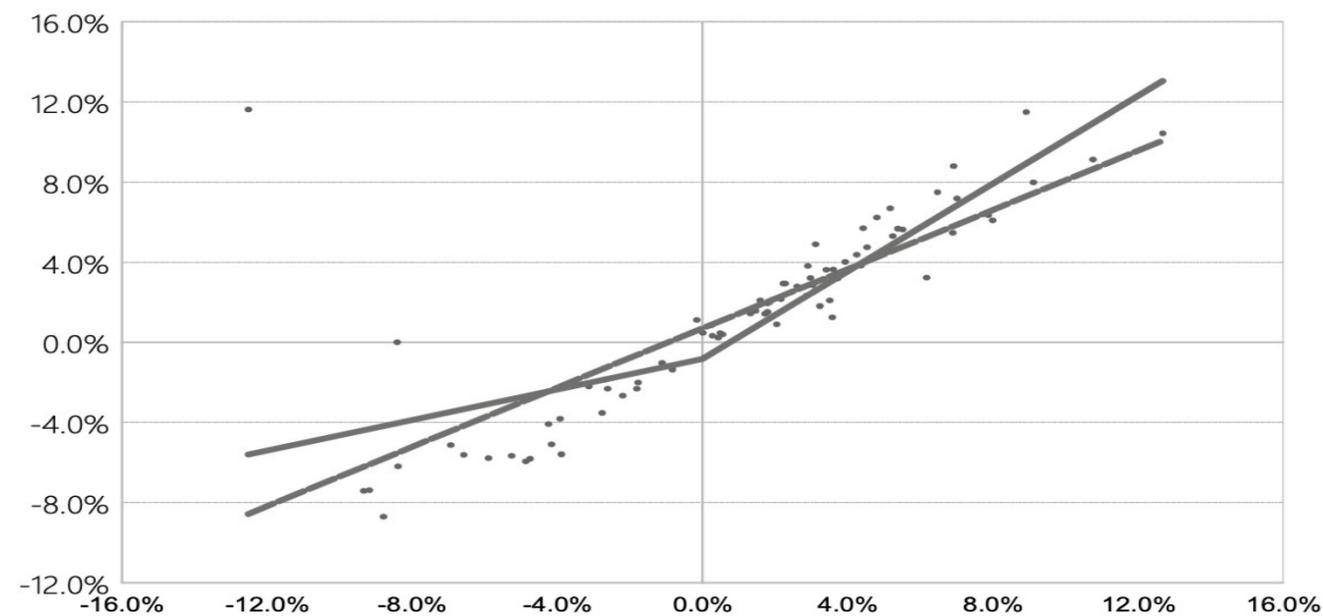
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# DELIVERING A QUASI CALL OPTION ON THE S&P500...



A beta of 38% versus the S&P500 on the negative side and 110% on the positive side

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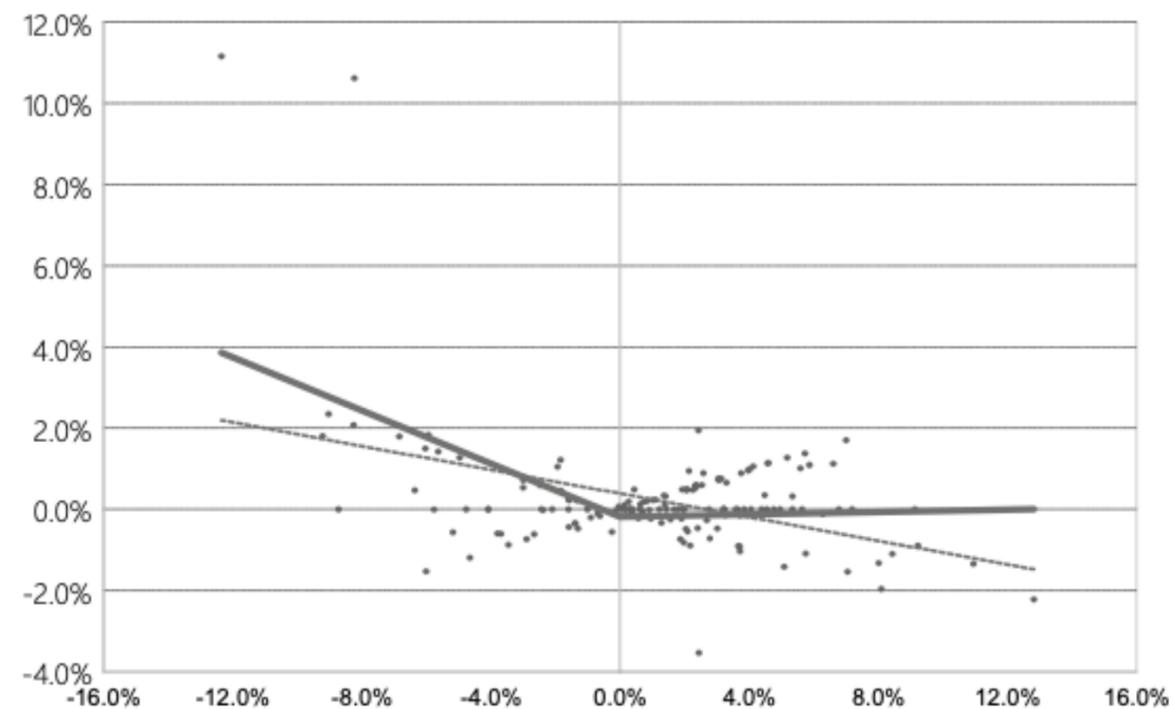
Linear		Piecewise	
Alpha	0.70%	Alpha	-0.84%
Beta	0.74(11.8)	Bull Beta	1.10(9.3)
Annualised Alpha	8.69%	Bear Beta	0.38(3.2)
		Annualised Alpha	-9.58%
RSquare	0.65	Correlation	0.81
		Tracking Error	10.65%

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# OVERLAY AS A PUT PROTECTION...

A beta of -33% versus the S&P500 on the negative side and 1% on the positive side

The approach consists in being exposed to -25% of the S&P500 when the signal is Underweight, 0% when it is Neutral, 25% when it is Overweight and -100% during the Red-Button periods.



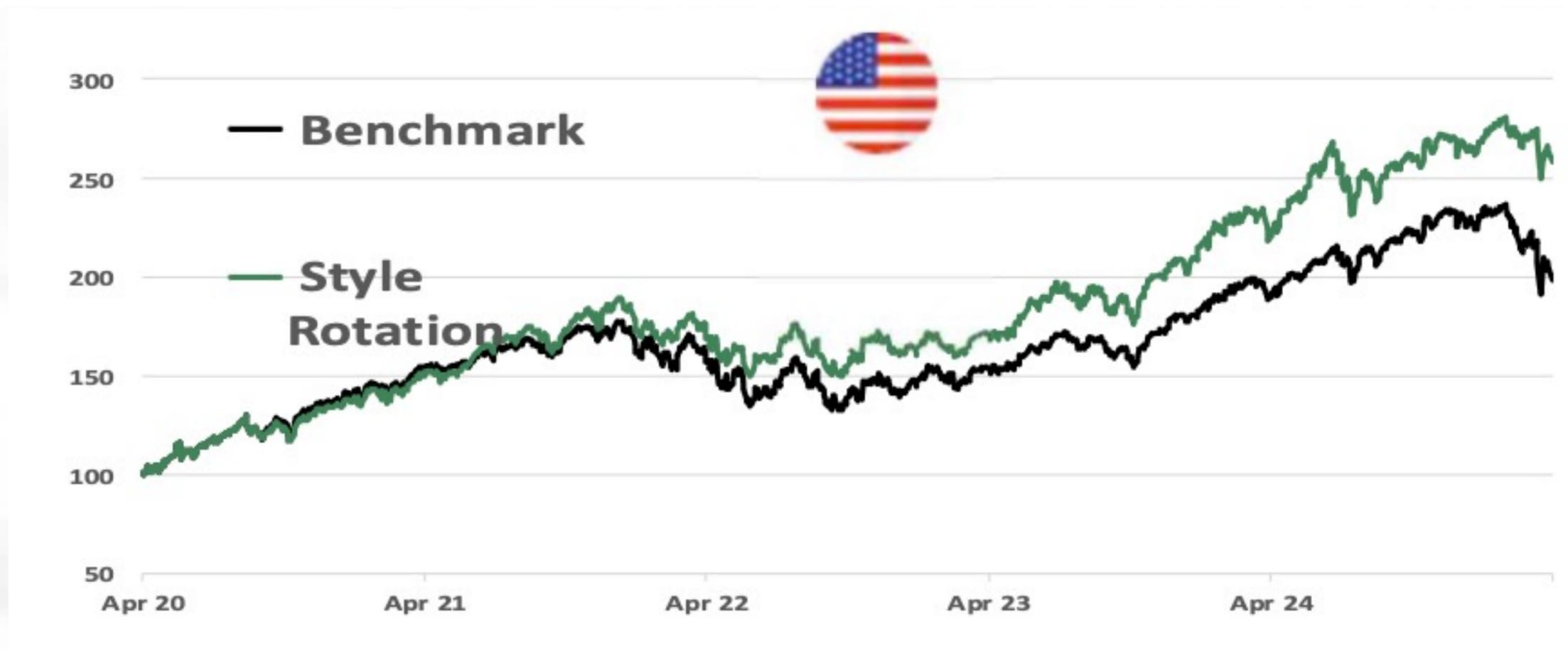
Linear		Piecewise	
Alpha	0.39%	Alpha	-0.18%
Beta	-0.15(-5.6)	Bull Beta	0.01(0.3)
Annualised Alpha	4.76%	Bear Beta	-0.33(-6.7)
		Annualised Alpha	-2.16%

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# A SIGNAL TO CONSIDER FOR STYLE ROTATION...

This Style Rotation brings 0.2 additional Sharpe Ratio over 5 years

Overweight periods are invested in the Nasdaq, Neutral periods in the SP500 and Underweight period in the MSCI Low Volatility index. The benchmark is the S&P500.



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**DELIVERY**



# TWO DELIVERY FORMATS...

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9am NYT/15pm UKT/16pm CET

## EquityEdge for CIOs – AI Risk Signals

27/06/2024

**Red Button** (Probability of an equity shock tomorrow)

27/06/2024	US	Europe
Probability	0.1 %	0.2 %
Risk Level	Low	Low
Last High Date	23/03/2020	30/03/2020

A shock is likely when the Risk Level is:

Risk Level	Probability
Low	< 10 %
Medium	< 40 %
High	≥ 40 %

**Equity Regimes** (Overweight/Neutral/Underweight signal)

Equity Allocation Signal	
US	EU
Overweight	Overweight
For 386 days	For 426 days

**Style Rotation** (Growth/Regional Benchmark/Low Beta favoured factor)

Style Rotation Signal	
US	Europe
Growth	Growth
For 386 days	For 426 days

Sharpe (Indicative Performance)	
US	Europe
0,70	0,54
Regional Benchmark	Style Rotation
0,94	0,50

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## SECTORS

Identification of Risk-On / Risk-Off / Rebound regimes per sector and style

Sector Regimes

**Sectors US**

- Com. Services: On
- Cons. Discretionary: On
- Cons. Staples: On
- Energy: On
- Financials: On
- Health Care: On
- Industrials: On
- Info. Tech.: On
- Materials: On
- Utilities: Off

**Styles US**

- Growth: On
- Value: On

## REGIMES

Risk Appetite Monitor for tomorrow

**Overweight**  
For 386 days

US Equities (last 5 years)

**RED BUTTON**  
Probability of an equity shock

Probability	Risk Level
0.1 %	Low

Tail Risk

## SENTIMENT

Overall risk measure per geography

Investor Sentiment : Rating

AAA

Investor Sentiment : Outlook

Stable

Market Turbulence

62.8 %

- The daily mail sent in the afternoon and the EquityEdge-Tech platform

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