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debate on  
contemporary  
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portfolio  
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## Emerging trends in portfolio construction

Speaker

**Bryce James**, CEO, Smart Portfolios

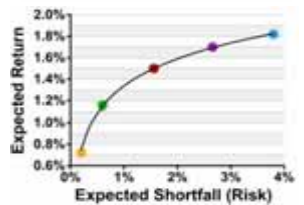
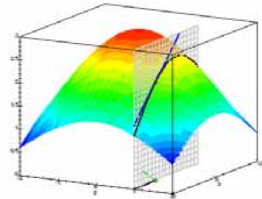
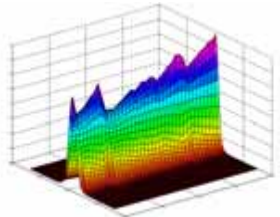
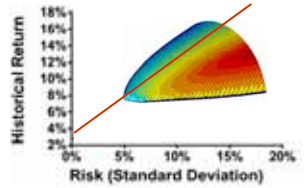
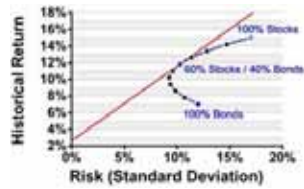
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# Smart Portfolios, LLC

- **The Company:**

Organized in April, 2002 as Asset Labs, LLC, the firm specialized in building custom trading algorithms and performance measurement software solutions.

The company was registered as an RIA in 2004 to exclusively manage assets using Extreme Value Theory (and its application to asset allocation - Dynamic Portfolio Optimization).

DPO was created through a collaboration of world renowned scientists who have formulated, designed and implemented the most advanced asset allocation solution available in the market today.

- **Mission:** To Power Financial Independence

- **Goal:** SWAN: To enable investors to 'Sleep Well at Night'

- **Objective:** Provide investors optimized risk-adjusted investment performance

- **Headquarters:** Seattle, WA

# Covered in this Presentation



**What is Asset Allocation?**



**Flaws in Modern Portfolio Theory**



**Upgrading Modern Portfolio Theory**



**Portfolio Diversification**



**Portfolio Optimization**



**Portfolio Management**

# Part 1

## What is Asset Allocation?

### Examining:

- Why Asset Allocation is Important
- Asset Allocation vs. Portfolio Optimization
- Portfolio Optimization Attributes
- Portfolio Optimization Process

# Why is Asset Allocation Important?

“91.5%\* of the Variation in Quarterly Returns are due to Asset Allocation”

\* Brinson, Hood, Beebower , *Financial Analyst Journal* '86 (93.6% of quarterly variation)

\*\* Brinson, Beebower & Singer, *Financial Analyst Journal* '91, '94 (91.5% of quarterly variation)

\*\*\* Ryan Labs, *Research Journal*, '03

Correct allocation between stocks, bonds, and cash over 10 years yielded three times the annual returns over the typical balanced fund

\* *Hamilton Johnson Study of the 1980's*

For 62% of the 401(k) plans (similar to Super-Annuation), the types of choices offered are inadequate, and that over a 20-year period this makes a difference in terminal wealth of over 300%

\* *Elton, Gruber, & Blake, The Adequacy of Investment Choices Offered by 401(k) Plans, 12/04'*

**100 – Your Age = Equity % ≠ A Prudent Asset Allocation Mix**

# Portfolio Optimization

## A Mathematical Approach to Asset Allocation

**Portfolio Optimization** - the quantitative process of calculating the optimal capital weightings for a basket of investments that gives highest return for the least risk.

Key Attributes of Portfolio Optimization Solution:

1. Measuring Risk
2. Measuring Expected Return
3. Diversifying Assets
4. Managing the Data

(Time Periods, Clean Data, Accurate Data)  
- Static vs. Dynamic Model Features



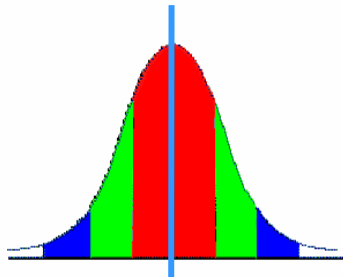
# A Scientific Approach to Portfolio Optimization

## Optimization Process using Modern Portfolio Theory (MVO)

- 1. Run a Univariate Model**
  - Measure Risk (Variance) & Return (Mean Variance) of each security using a Normal Distribution of daily frequencies
- 2. Run a Bivariate Model**
  - Deploy dependency algorithms (Correlation) to determine optimal set of assets through a Correlation Matrix
- 3. Run Multivariate Model**
  - Process additional securities to optimize portfolio

### Univariate Model

**Normal Distribution**  
(Risk & Return)



### Bivariate Model

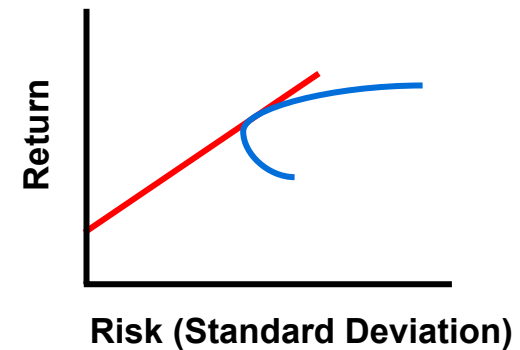
**Correlation Matrix**  
(Diversification)

	A	B	C	D
A	1.0	.23	.78	-.41
B		1.0	.36	.19
C			1.0	-.28
D				1.0



### Multivariate Model

**Efficient Frontier**  
(Portfolio Optimization)



# Part 2

## Flaws in Modern Portfolio Theory

### Examining:

- 'Style Box' Investing
- Data Handling & Integrity
- Dynamic Markets
- Processing Power
- Wall Street Myths

# What is the Best Asset Mix Today?

## Annual Returns by Asset Class – 1994 to 2003

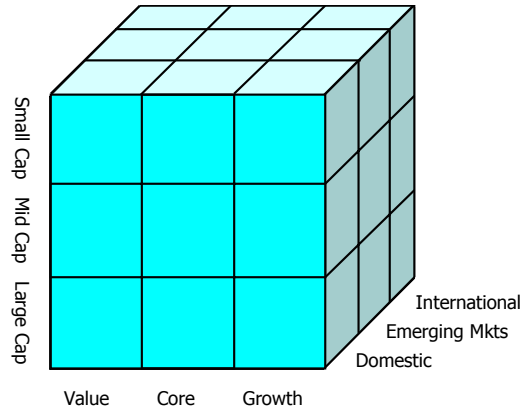
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Is banking your financial future on historical returns, risk, beta, and correlation really prudent?

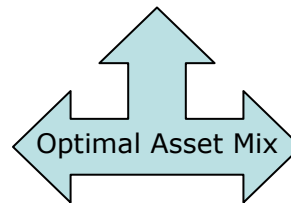
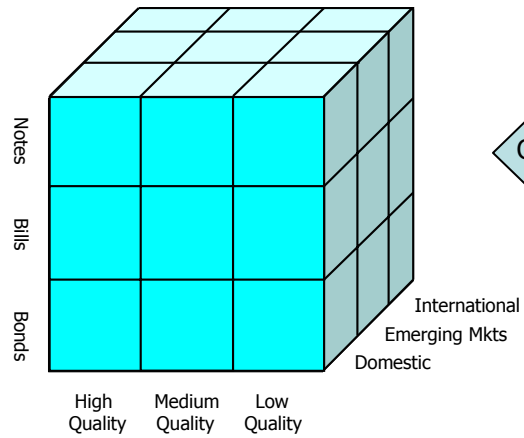
# Style Box Investing Is Difficult

What is the Best Mix to Reduce Risk & Enhance Returns?

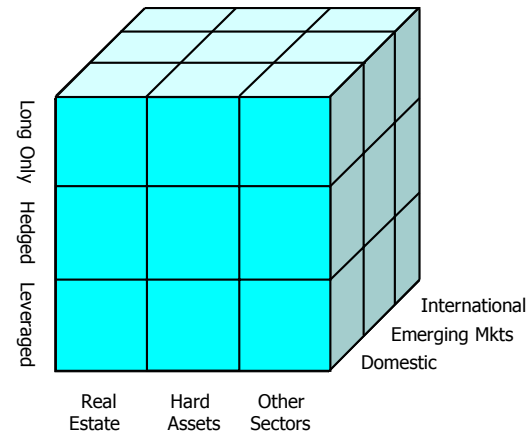
### Core Equity Sectors



### Core Fixed Income Sectors



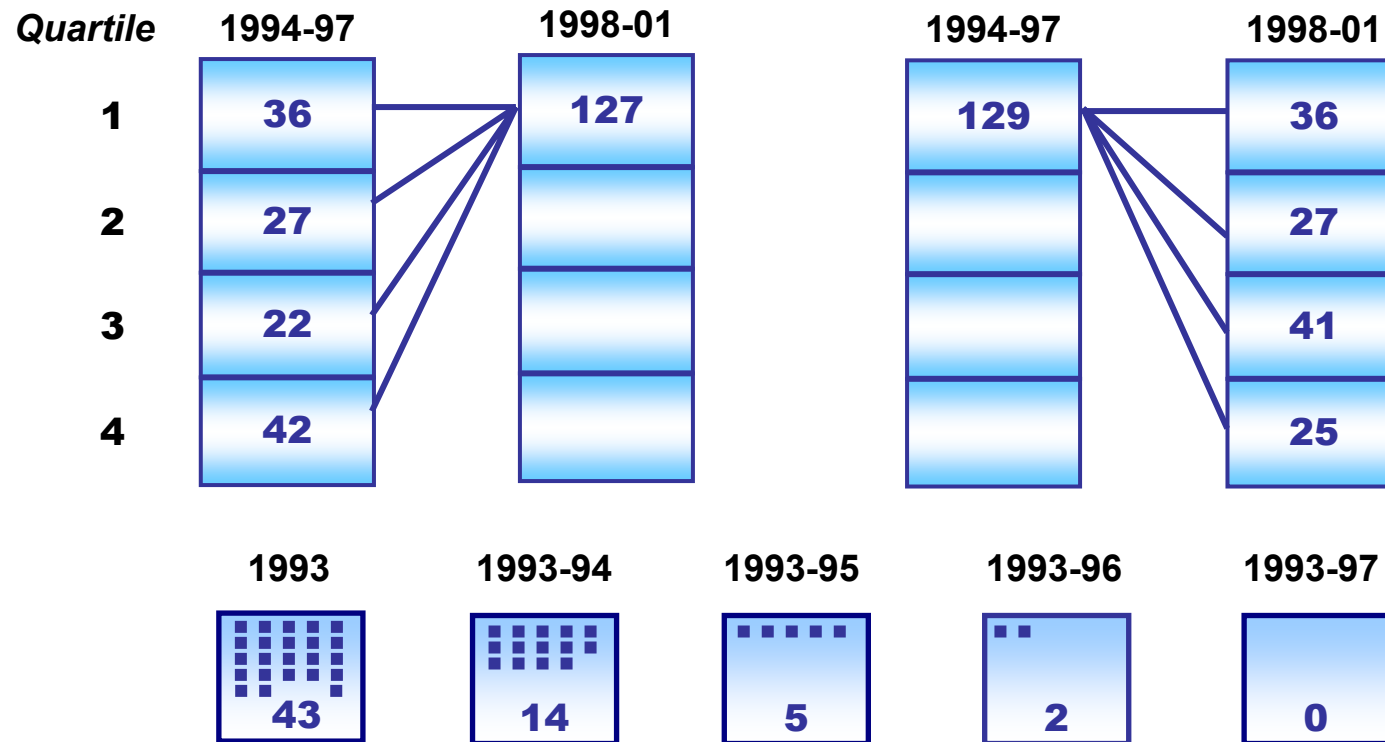
### Core Alternative Sectors



# Style Rotation of Money Managers

Where did first quartile Managers come from?

Where did first quartile Managers go?



Source: Portfolio Analytics, Ltd.

1998 Study by Fama & French found that only 10% of a stocks performance in one 8 year period could be attributed to how it did the previous 8 years. The effect was weaker, yet still significant on shorter periods of 3 to 5 years. Thus, there is a high risk of underperforming using this method using long term data; whereas, short-term trading (monthly) actually increased the probability of success.

# The Efficient Frontier & Historical Data

Most Investment Models Rely on Historical Trends

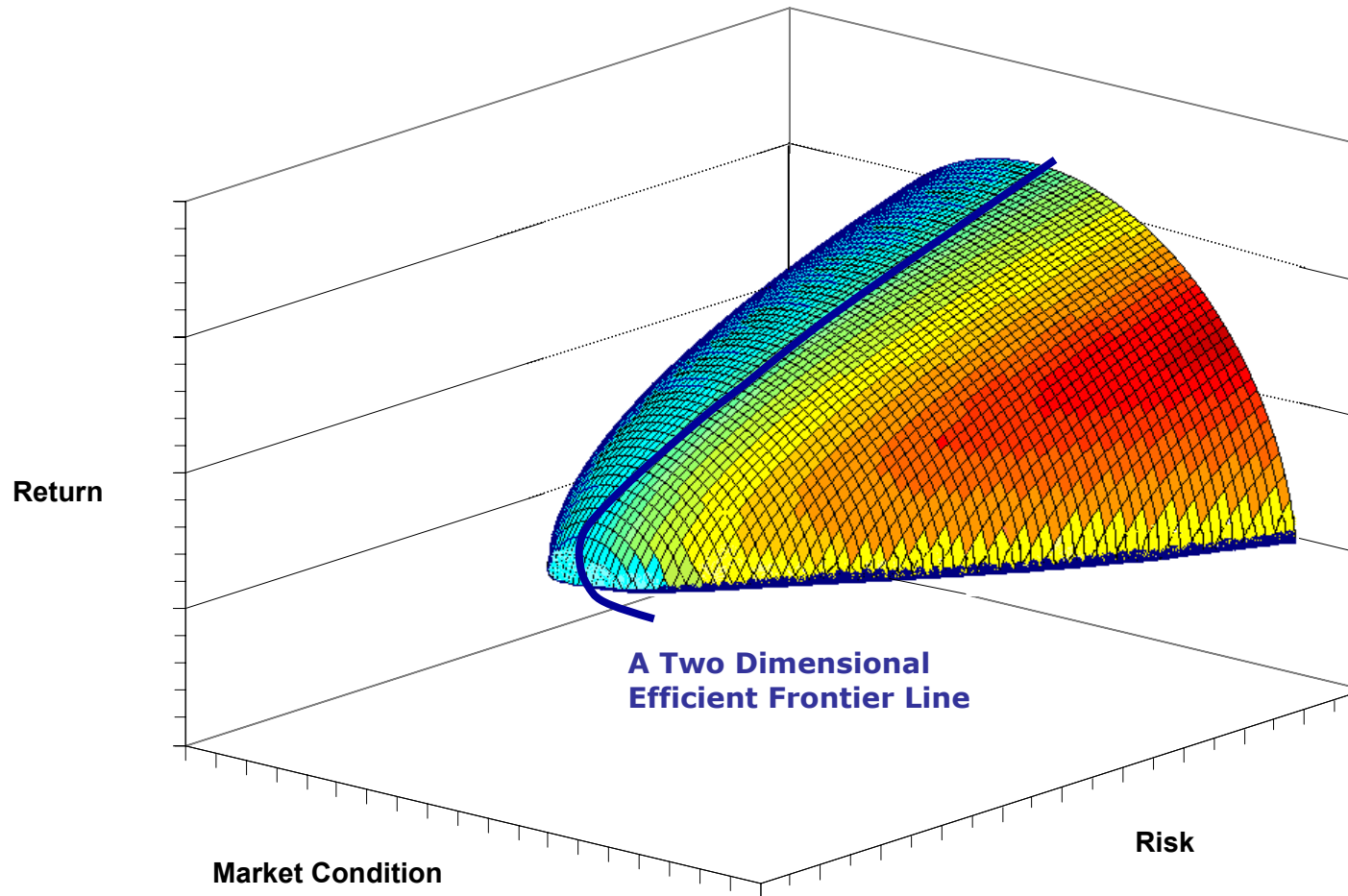
Changes in Long -Term Cycles Heavily Impacts Performance (Recession Risk)



Using Historical Earnings falsifies Estimated Earnings: A 2004 optimization using MVO estimated equity returns of 11% versus actual estimated returns on the U.S. market of 6%

# The Efficient Frontier

Is the Efficient Frontier really Two Dimensional?

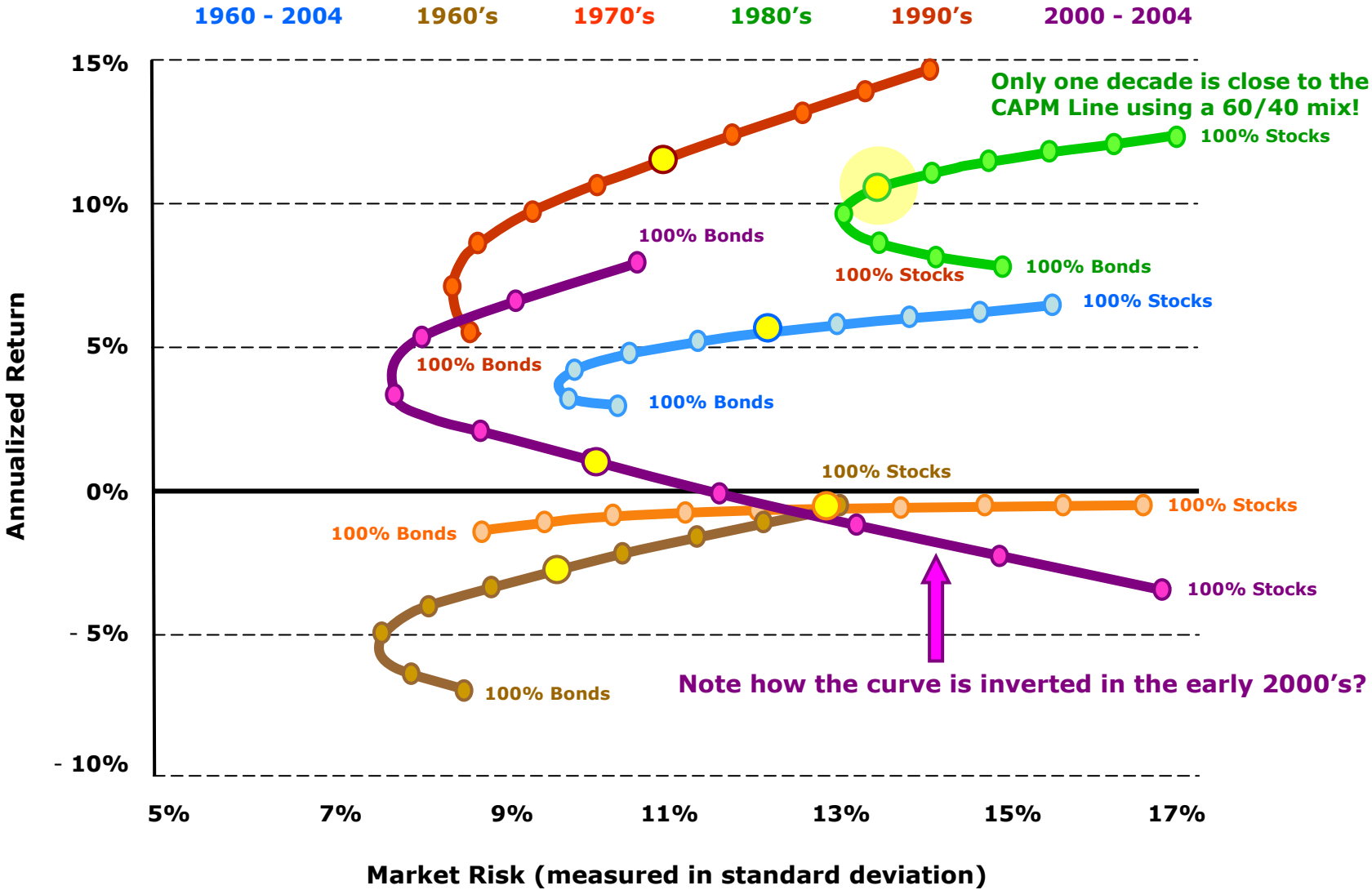


Market Condition  
(Recession Risk)

Adding a Third Dimension

# The Efficient Frontier

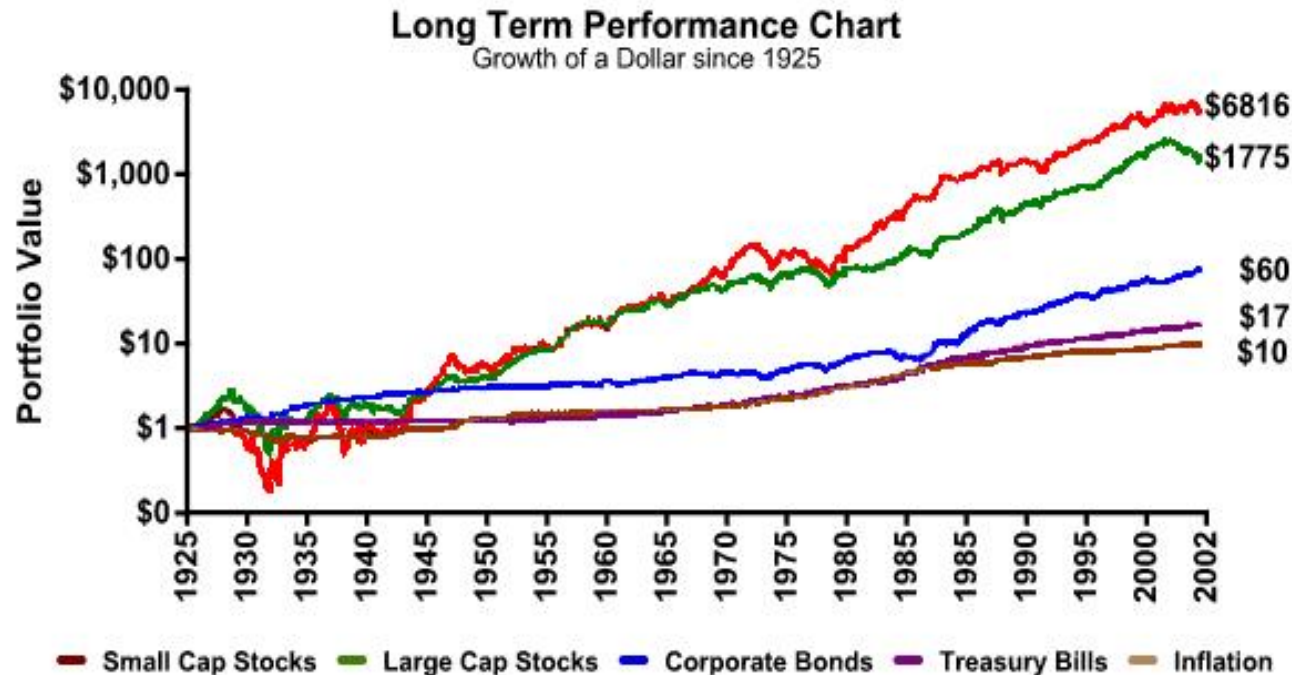
## By Decade





# Importance of Data

Garbage In – Garbage Out



## In 1992, Ron Ryan Challenged the Accuracy of Ibbotson Data

Ryan Labs, Pension & Investments, December 7, 1992

“Today, however, only a very naïve investor would use our 20-year constant maturity series as a benchmark for evaluating a diversified bond portfolio.”

“Mr. Ryan makes a valid point in suggesting an asset allocator could be fooled by the Ibbotson data into underweighting in bonds. This is a danger only if the asset allocator literally believes the disappointing historical return on long-term bonds will be repeated. Again, this is a naïve view.”

Laurence B. Siegel & Scott L. Lummer  
Ibbotson & Associates, Pension & Investments, January 11, 1993

# Part 3

## Upgrading Modern Portfolio Theory

Eugene Fama, the most outspoken academic advocate for the efficient market hypothesis, in his paper, "Capital Markets II," rejected the random walk model and promoted the idea that expected returns vary with time.

~ *William Jahnke, June 2004*

Journal of Financial Planning

# Are we Ready for an Upgrade?

- The Capital Asset Pricing Theory is ready for a makeover
- "Tail risk" is ignored by Mean-Variance Analysis
- Mean-Variance Analysis is wrong to assume that all investors have the same beliefs about the market and the relationship among different assets
- Mean-Variance Analysis ignores taxes, transaction costs and illiquidity
- The (new) approach doesn't rely on a normal distribution

**~ William Sharpe, 2006**

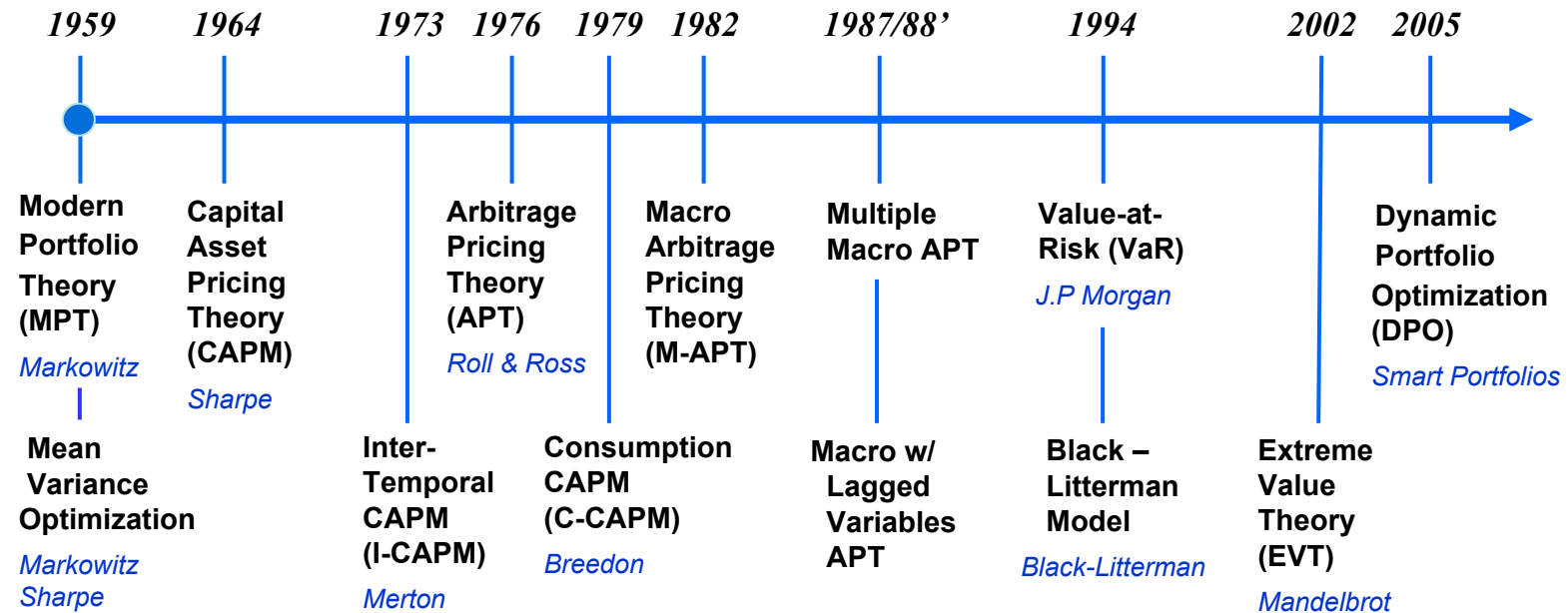
Nobel Memorial Prize in Economics in 1990  
Creator of the Capital Asset Pricing Model  
Co-creator of Modern Portfolio Theory

Source: Joel Chernoff, Investment News, 11-9-2006  
"Sharpe rethinks the capital asset pricing model"

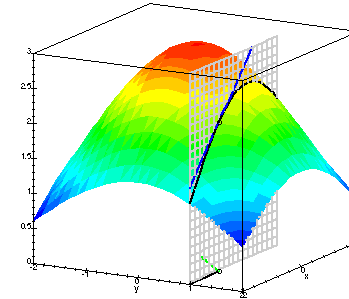
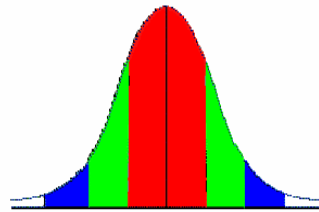
# Evolution of Portfolio Optimization Solutions

## Timeline of Optimization Models

Static Models ← → Semi-Static → Dynamic Models



# Investing: Then vs. Now



## Asset Allocation

1959

2002 - Today

**Theory:**

Methodology:

Risk:

Return:

Diversification:

Data Distribution:

Model Features:

**Modern Portfolio Theory**

Mean Variance Optimization

Standard Deviation

Mean Variance

Linear Correlation

Normal Distribution

Static

**Extreme Value Theory**

Dynamic Portfolio Optimization

Expected Shortfall w/ Student - $t$

Monte Carlo Modeling w/ GARCH

Copula-based Dependence

Heavy-Tailed Student- $t$  Distribution

Dynamic: Generalized Auto-Regressive  
Conditional Heteroscedasticity (GARCH)

# Formula 1 Racing: Then vs. Now



## **Specs:**

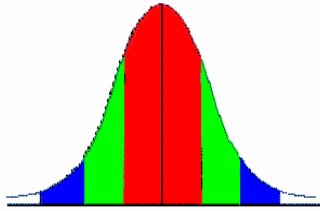
### **Ferrari 1959 - 256 F1**

Type:	Type 155/59 V6
Cylinders:	2474 cm <sup>3</sup>
Injection system:	Dual Carburetors
Timing Gear:	DOHC 2 Valves per Cylinder
Chassis:	Aluminum
Transmission:	528/B 5-Speed Manual
Suspension:	Double Wishbones (front) Axle (rear) w/Coil Spring & Co-Axial Telescopic Dampers
Brakes:	Front Disc, Rear Drums
Wheels:	16"

### **Ferrari 2006 - F2006**

Ferrari Type 053, V10, cylinder block aluminum
2,997 cm <sup>3</sup>
Magneti Marelli digital electronic injection
Pneumatic distribution, 40 valves
Carbon-fiber and honeycomb composite
Ferrari longitudinal gearbox. Limited-slip differential. Semiautomatic sequential electronically controlled gearbox, 7 gears + rev.
Independent suspension, push-rod activated torsion springs front and rear
Ventilated carbon-fiber ABS disc brakes
13"

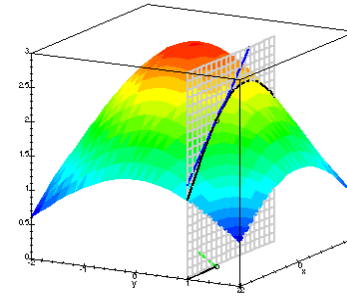
# Investing: Then vs. Now



## Old Asset Allocation Technology (MPT)

**MPT (from 1959) falsely assumes:**

- 1) Markets are static and don't change
- 2) Securities follow Normal Distributions
- 3) Past performance predicts future results



## New Asset Allocation Technology (EVT)

**EVT correctly assumes:**

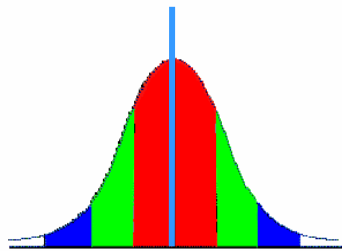
- 1) Markets are dynamic, constantly changing
- 2) Securities follow Stable Distributions
- 3) Market activity predicts future results

The 'Smart' method capitalizes on advanced mathematics, higher computer power, and state-of-the-art portfolio modeling to increase returns and reduce risk.

# The Evolution from Static to Dynamic Optimization

## 1. Calculate Risk & Return

Normal Distribution  
(Risk & Return)



## 2. Diversify Assets

### Static Optimization Process

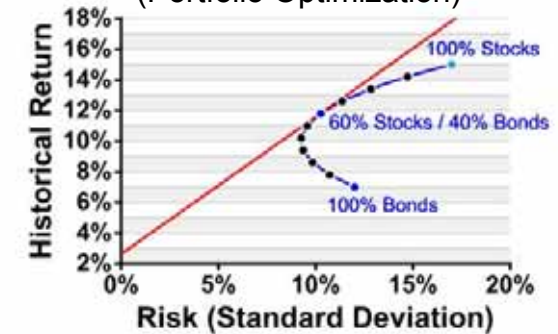
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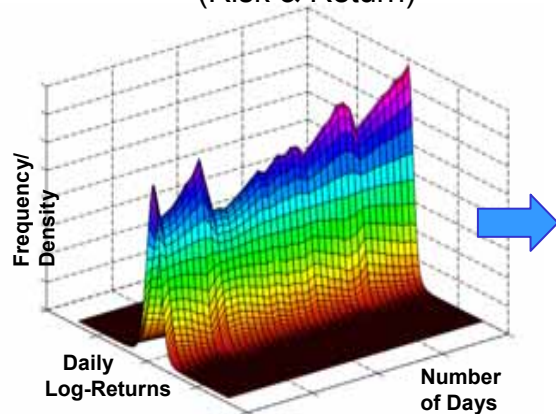


## 3. Optimize Portfolio

Efficient Frontier  
(Portfolio Optimization)

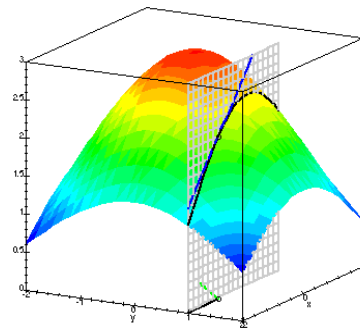


Stable-t Distribution  
(Risk & Return)

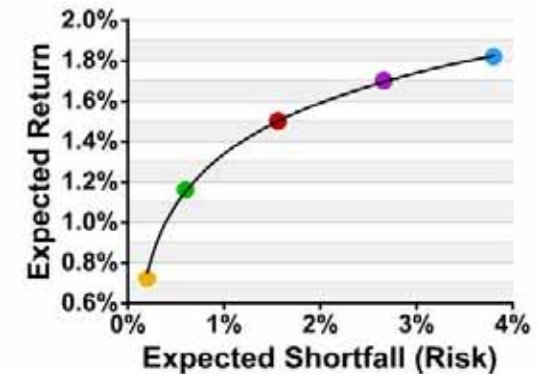


### Dynamic Optimization Process

Dependency Model  
(Diversification & Forecasting)



Expected Loss/Gain  
(Portfolio Optimization)





# What is Risk?

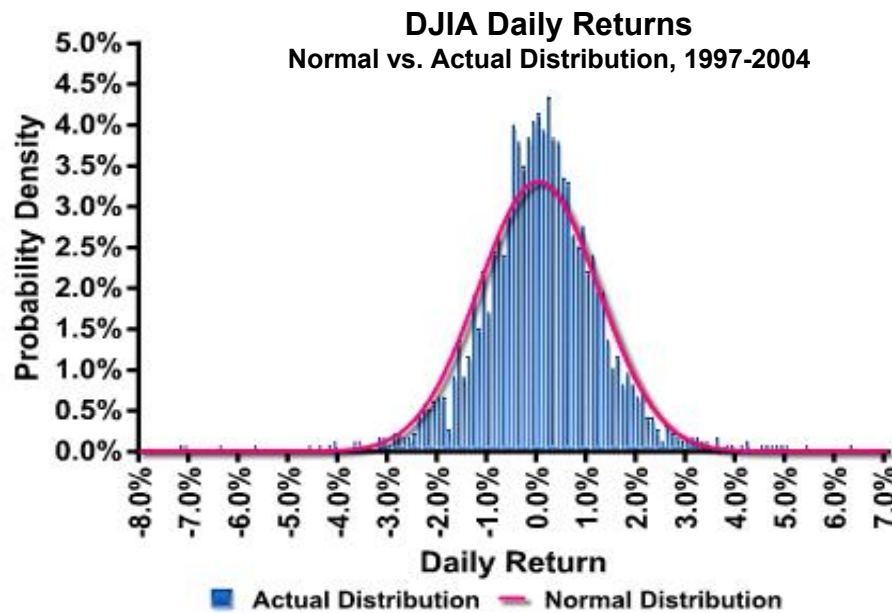
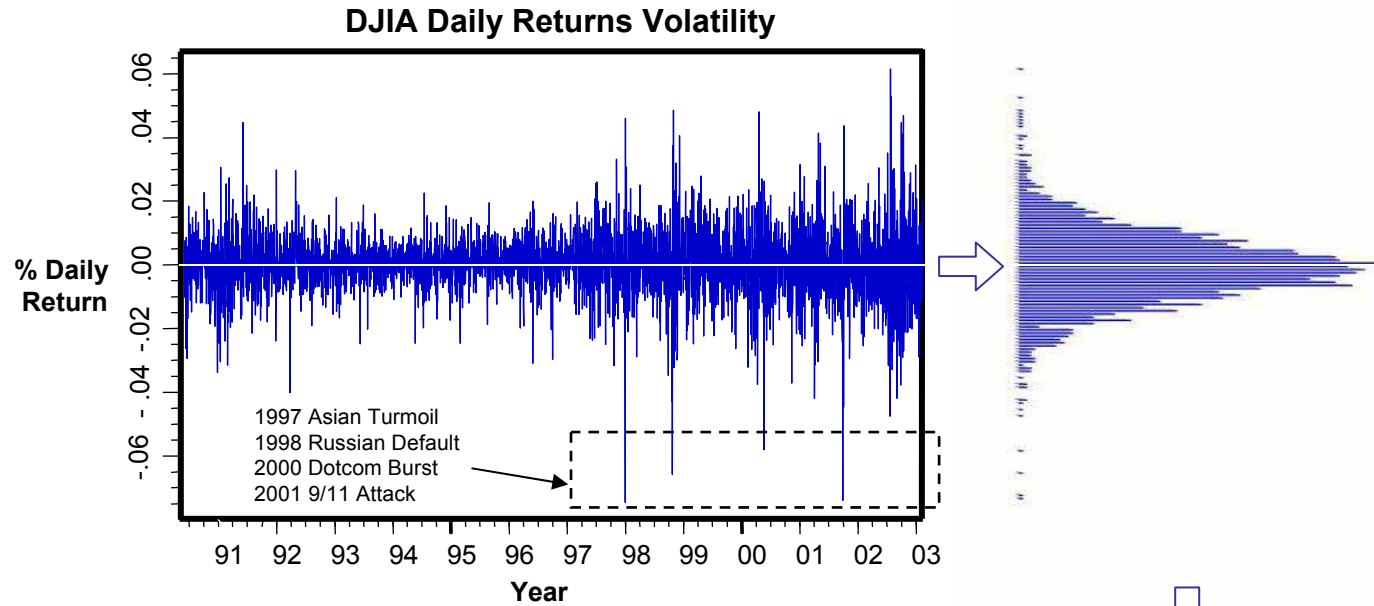
*Risk is the odds of losing money!*

## How can you Measure Investment Risk?

Standard Deviation  
Semi-Variance  
Value at Risk (VaR)  
Expected Shortfall (ES)

# Measuring Investment Risk

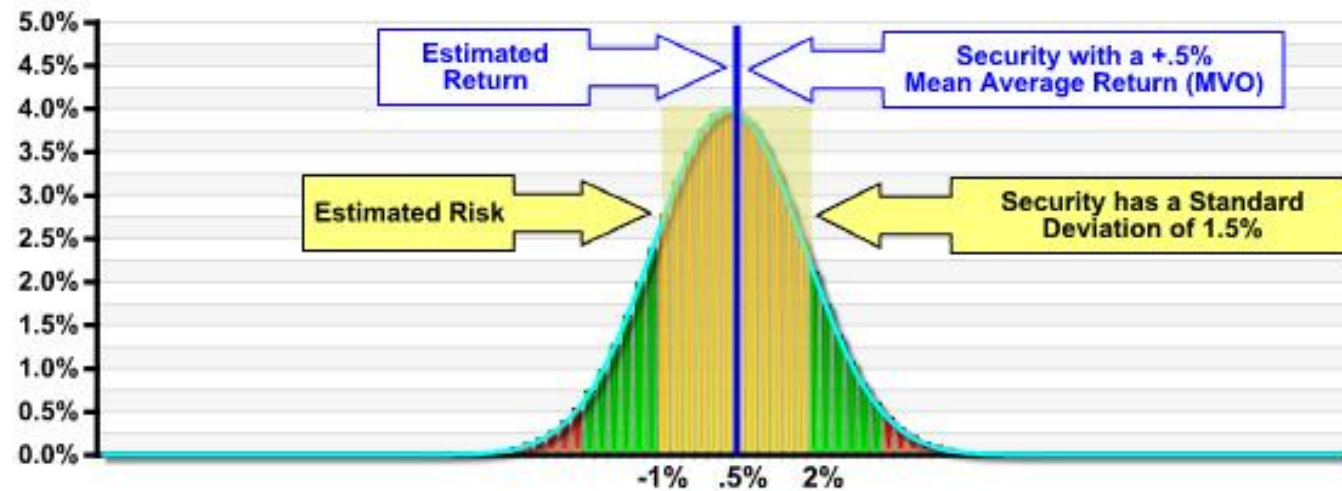
## Creating a Frequency Distribution



Frequency  
Distribution  
with a  
Normal  
Distribution

# Wall Street's Measure of Risk & Return

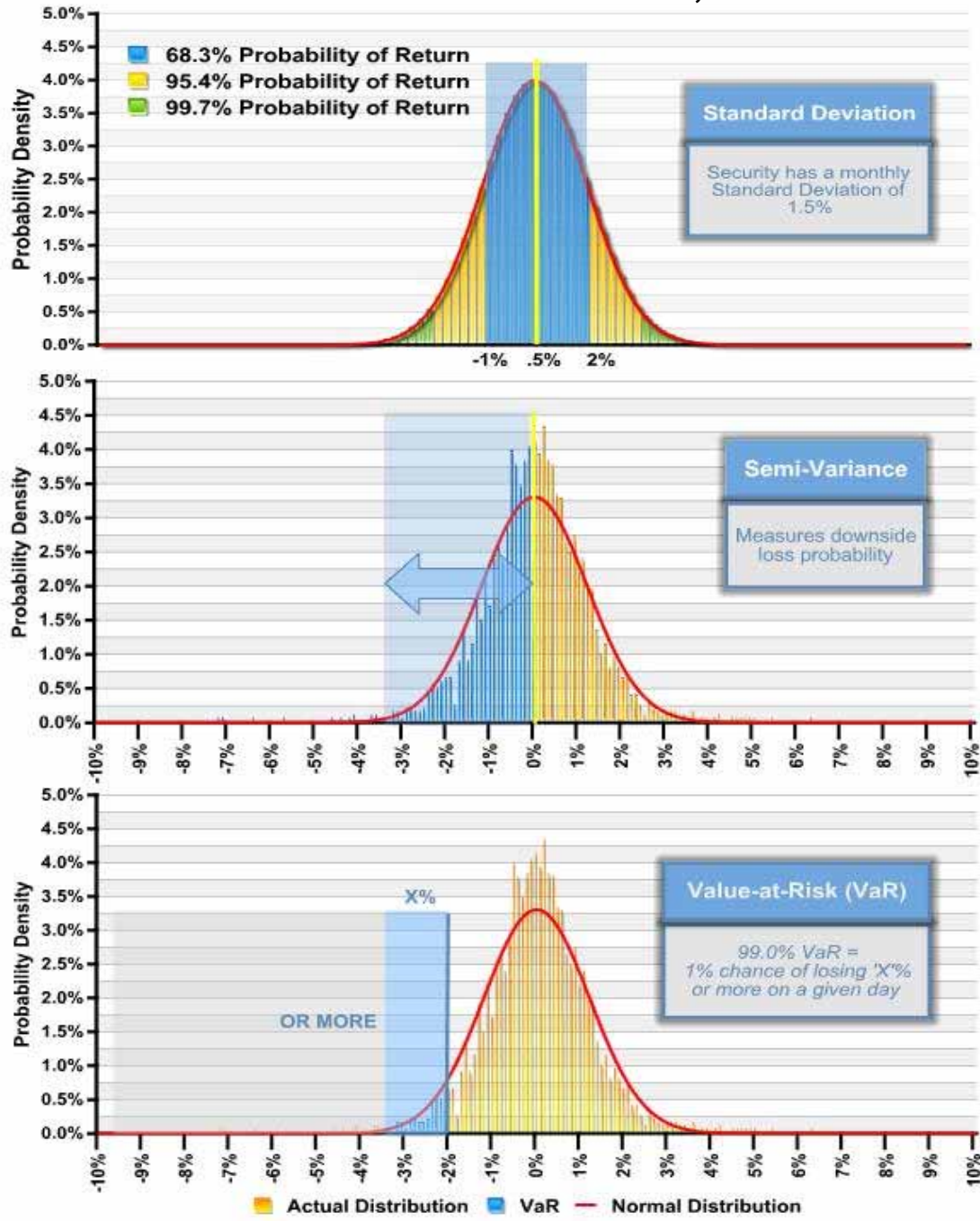
**Measuring Risk & Return**  
Modern Portfolio Theory with Mean Variance Optimization



■ 68.3% Probability of Return   ■ 95.4% Probability of Return   ■ 99.7% Probability of Return

# 3 Ways to Calculate Risk & Return

## Normal Distribution of the DJIA, 1997-2004



1952

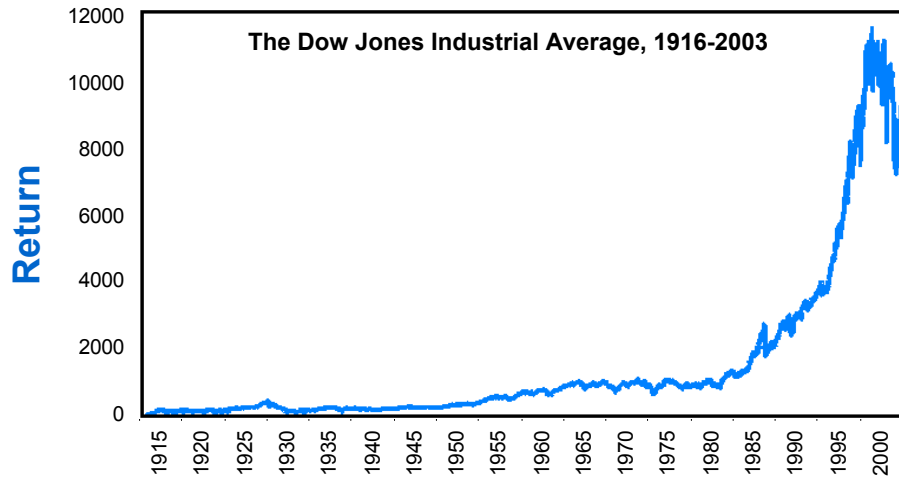
1970's

1993

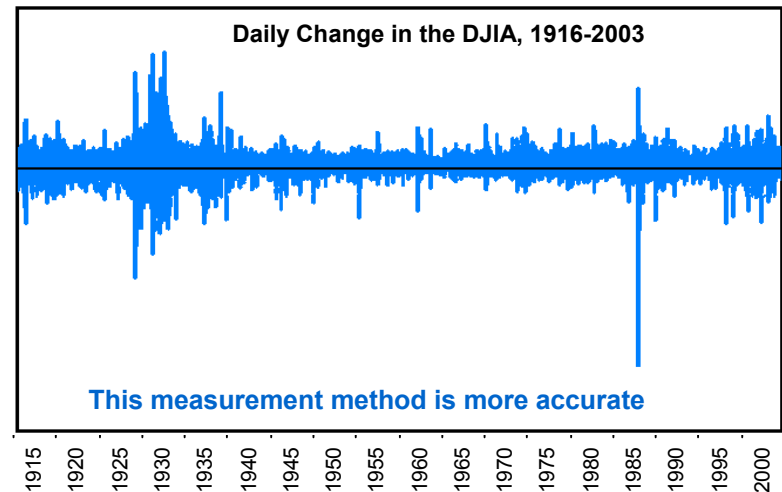
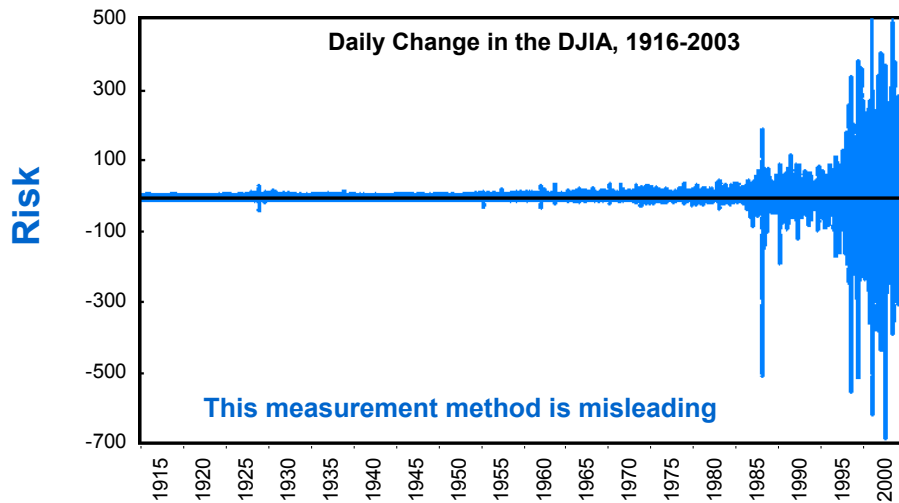
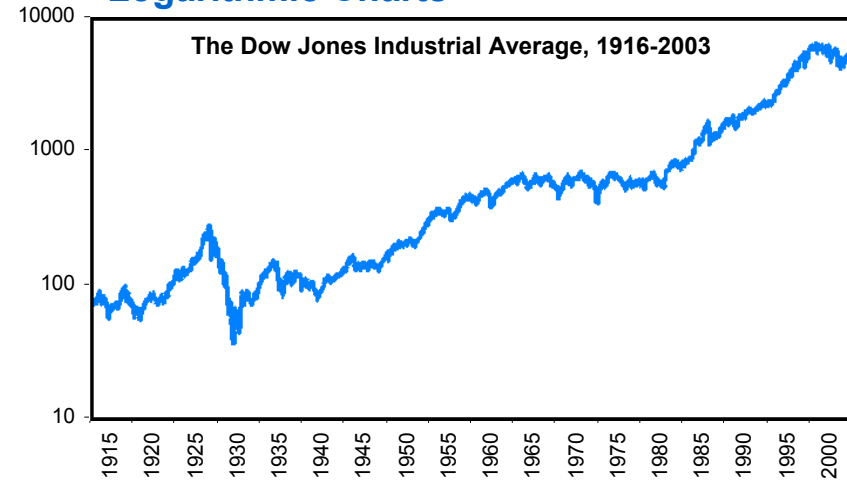
# Variations in Data Distributions

There are Many Ways to Calculate the Distribution of Data (Linear, Brownian, etc.)

### Arithmetic Charts



### Logarithmic Charts



\* The Misbehavior of Markets, Mandelbrot

# Outliers are the Reality of Risk



Rather than being a risk-taker as such, I consider myself and my climbing peers to be risk-controllers, and we just enjoy being in this situation and keeping risk at a reasonable level.

- Alex Lowe

Arguably the best climber ever  
(Died in an avalanche in Tibet, October 5, 1992)

Much of the real world is controlled as much by the “tails” of distributions as by means or averages: by the exceptional, not the mean; by the catastrophe, not the steady drip; by the very rich, not the “middle class.” We need to free ourselves from “average” thinking.

- Philip Anderson

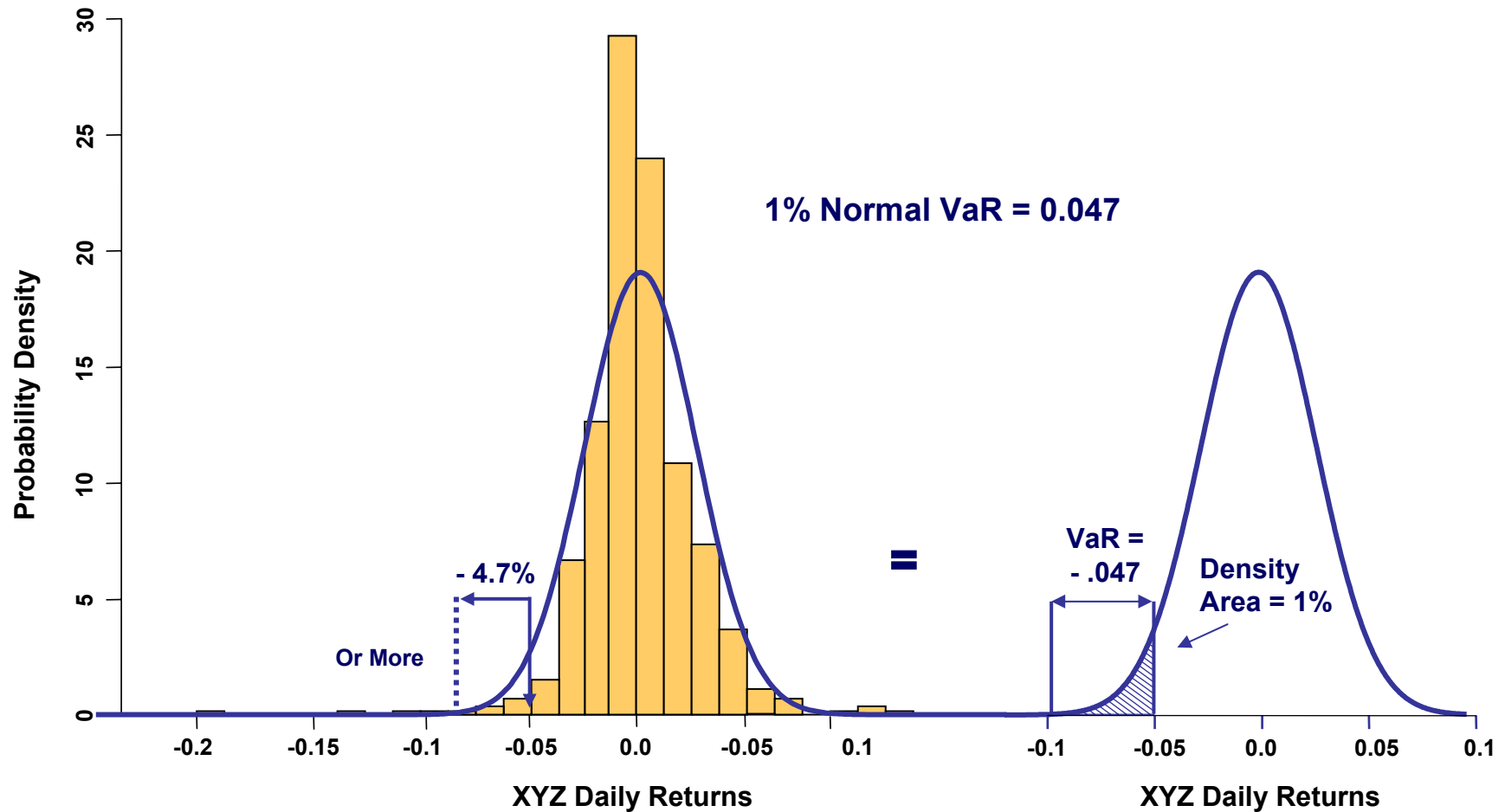
Nobel-prize-winning physicist

Life is nothing but Fat-tails

- Eugene Fama

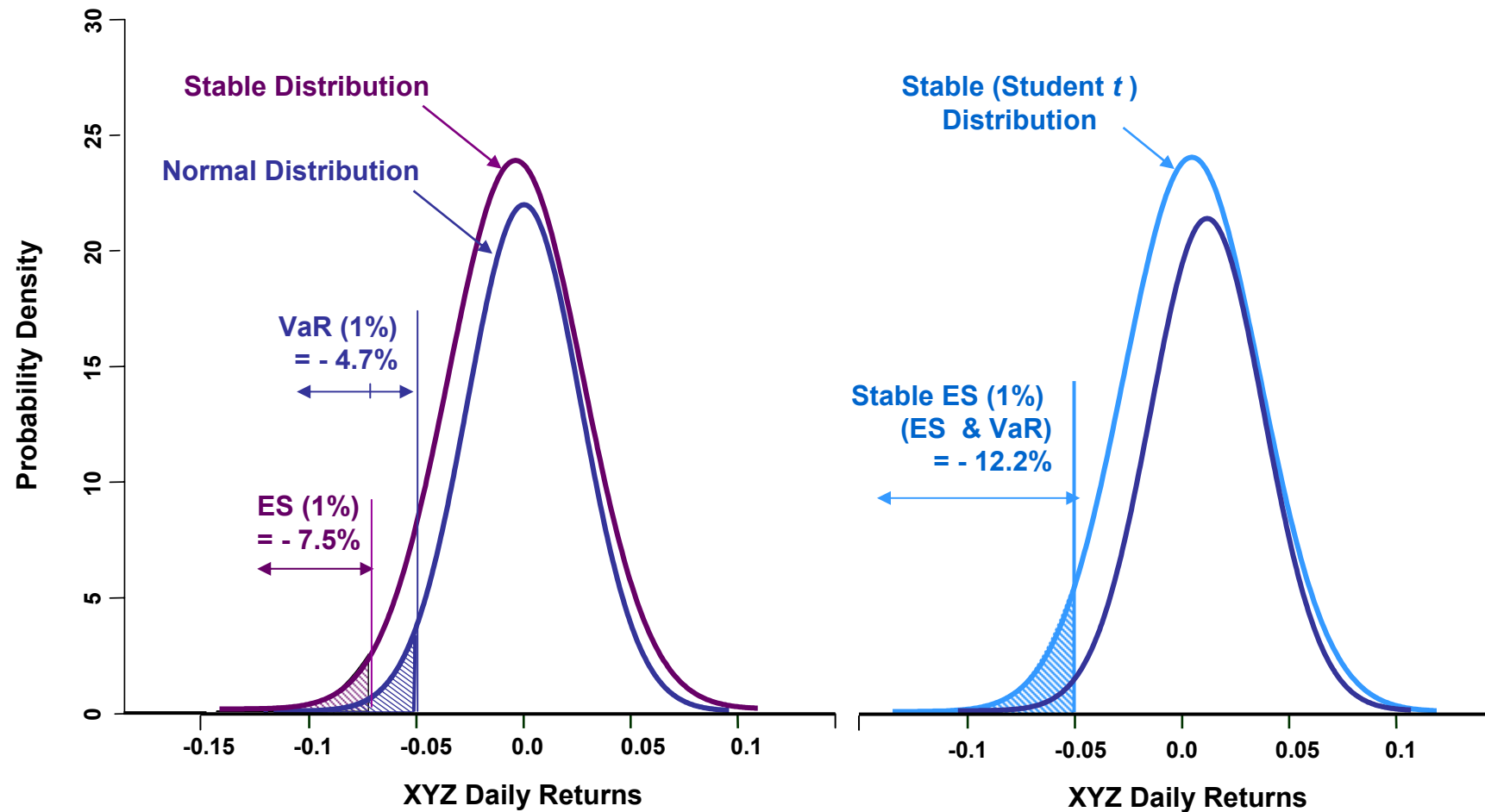
# Value-at-Risk (VaR) with a Normal Distribution

Risk Managers Replacement for Standard Deviation



# Expected Shortfall (ES) with a Stable- $t$ Distribution

Expected Shortfall is the average value of returns that fall below VaR

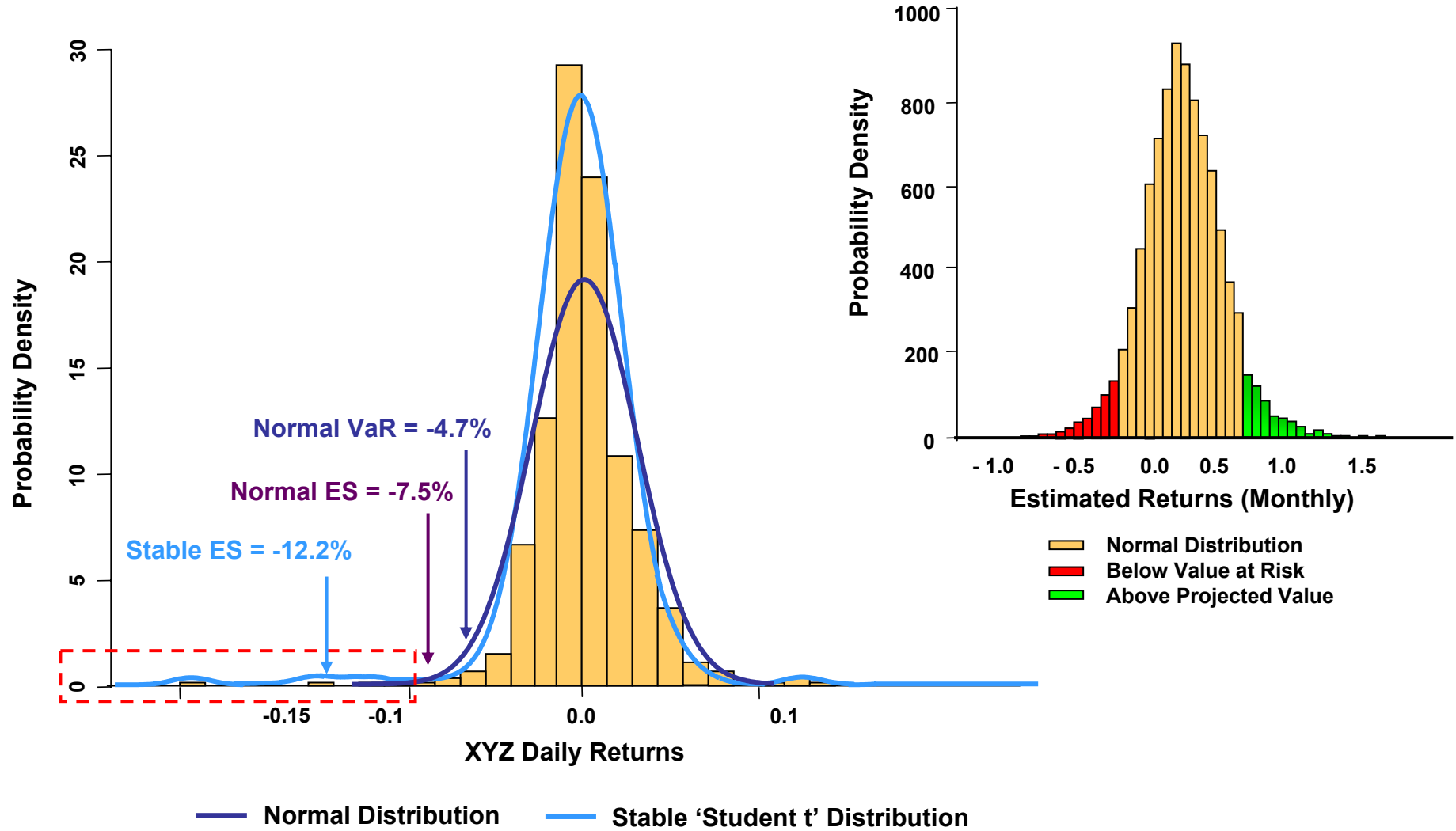


$t$  = Student  $t$  Distribution



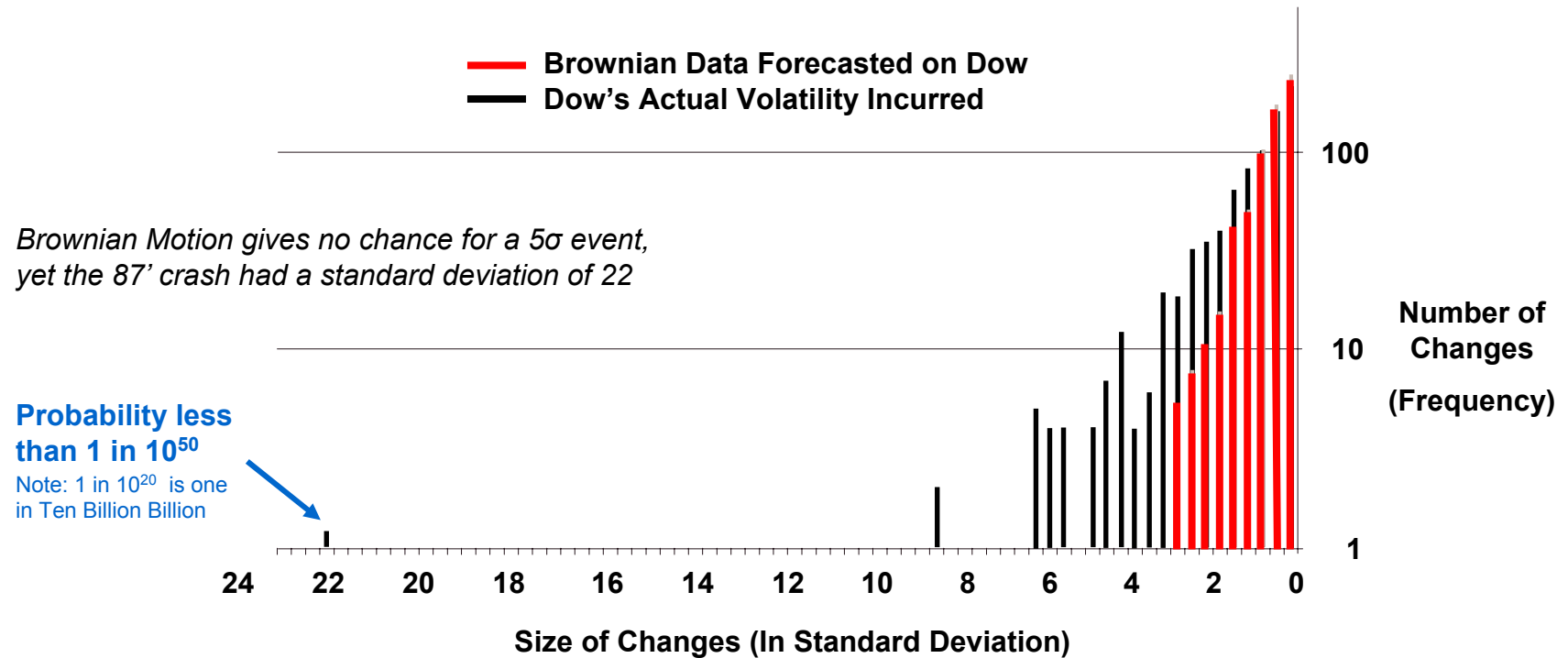
# Comparing Risk Metrics

99% Stable ES versus Normal VaR and Normal ES



# Brownian Motion Miscalculates Risk

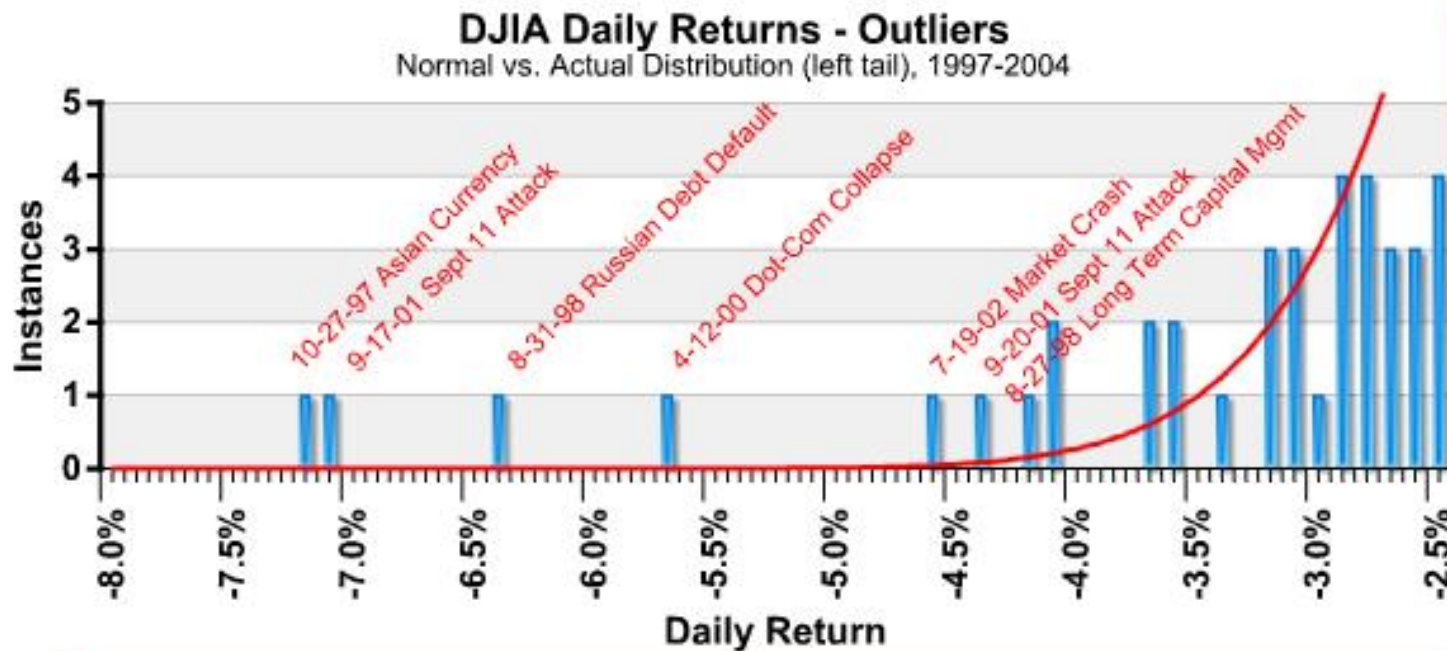
Comparing the Dow and the Efficient Theory Model



Large changes of more than 5 std. dev. From average occur 2000 times more often than expected.  
1 in every 3-4 years vs. 1 every 7000 years.

\* The Misbehavior of Markets, Mandelbrot

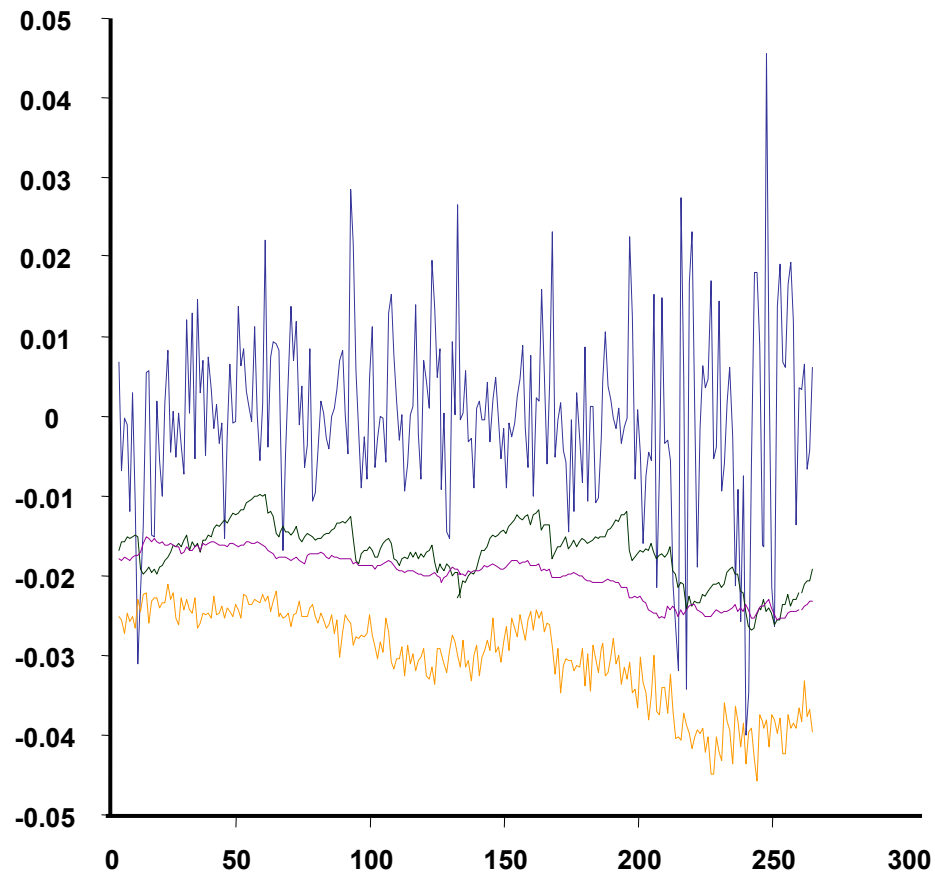
# Normal Distributions Poorly Estimate Risk



<u>Date</u>	<u>Dow</u>	<u>Loss Probability</u>
10-27-1997	- 7.18%	1 in 50 Billion
8-27-1998	- 4.1%	1 in 20 Million, or 1 in 100,000 years of daily trading
8-31-1998	- 6.4%	3 outliers in 1 month = 1 in 500 Billion years
July 2002		3 steep falls in 7 days of trading, odds: 1 in 4 Trillion

# Managing Portfolio Risk

1% Normal VaR (Green Line) vs. Historical VaR (Plum Line) vs. Stable ES (Gold Line)  
over a period of 260 Trading Days



## Violations:

- 12** Exceedances for Normal VaR
- 9** Exceedances for Historical VaR
- 1** Exceedance for ES

- Observed Portfolio Returns
- Normal 99% VaR
- Historical 99% VaR
- Stable 99% ES

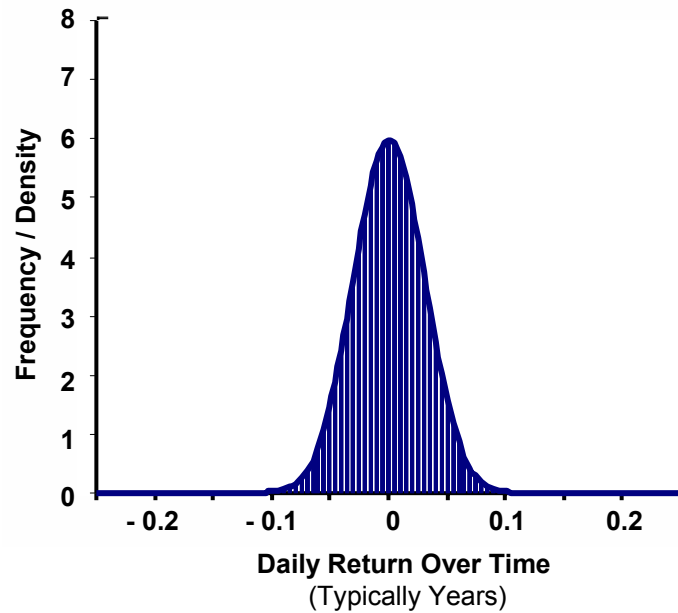
# Forecasting Risk & Return

## Static vs. Dynamic Risk Models

### Static Historical Distribution

(Daily Arithmetic Returns)

Examples: VaR, Semi-Variance,  
Standard Deviation, Normal ES

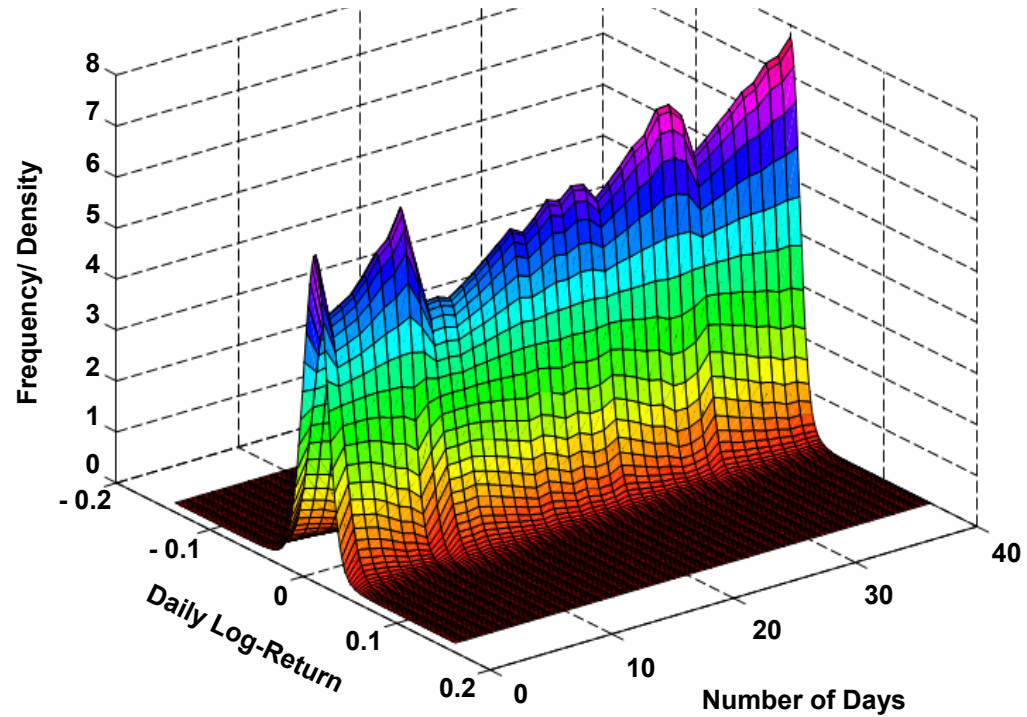


Static is comparable to the  
'Farmers' Almanac Forecast'

### Dynamic Empirical Distribution

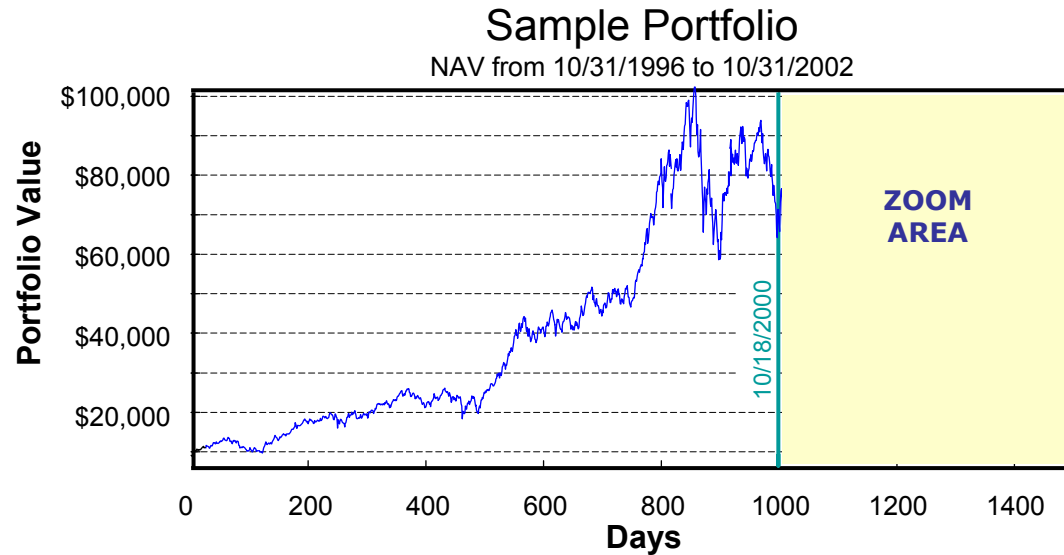
(Daily Log>Returns)

Example: Stable ES



Dynamic is comparable to  
a 'Doppler Radar' Forecast

# Measuring Portfolio Downside Risk

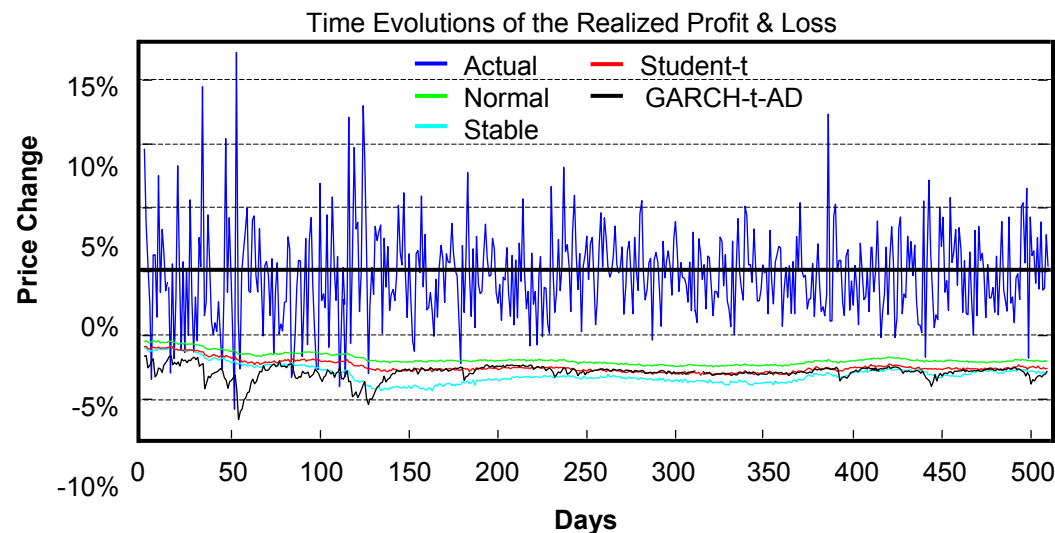


## Sample Portfolio Value

NAV on 10/18/00	\$75,760,718
NAV on 10/31/02	\$19,770,392
Minimum Value	\$15,882,960
Maximum Value	\$86,560,739
Standard Deviation	\$1,593,360

— Start of Back-Testing Period

## 99% VaR Estimates for a Portfolio



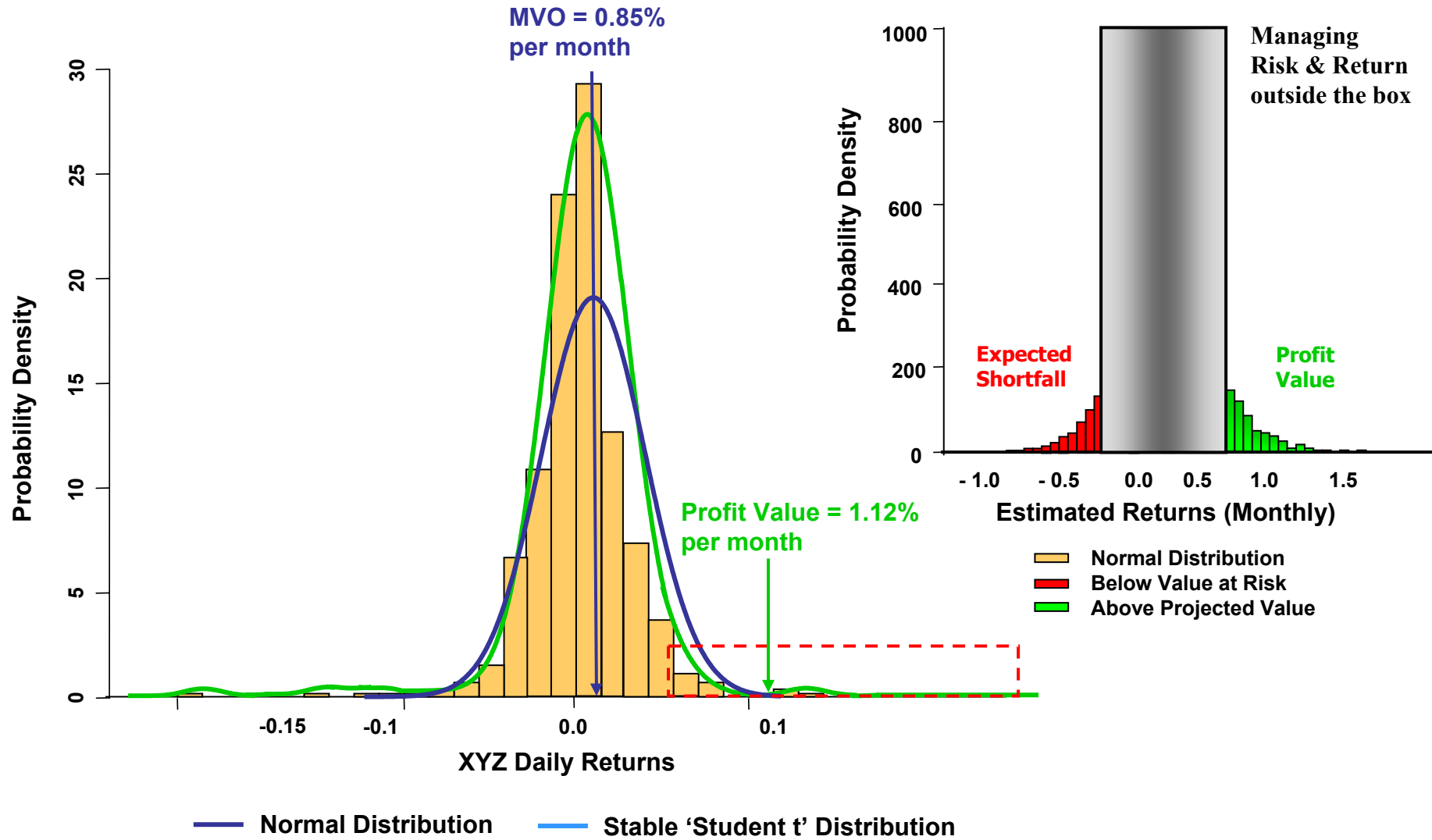
## Sample Portfolio

Model	99%-VaR	99.5%-VaR
Normal	17	13
Historical	16	10
Student-t	13	4
Stable	10	3
GARCH-t-MLE	6	2
GARCH-t-AD	5	1
Kupiec Test	2-10	1-6
Basle Test	0-9a	

Results based on 500 days of back-testing

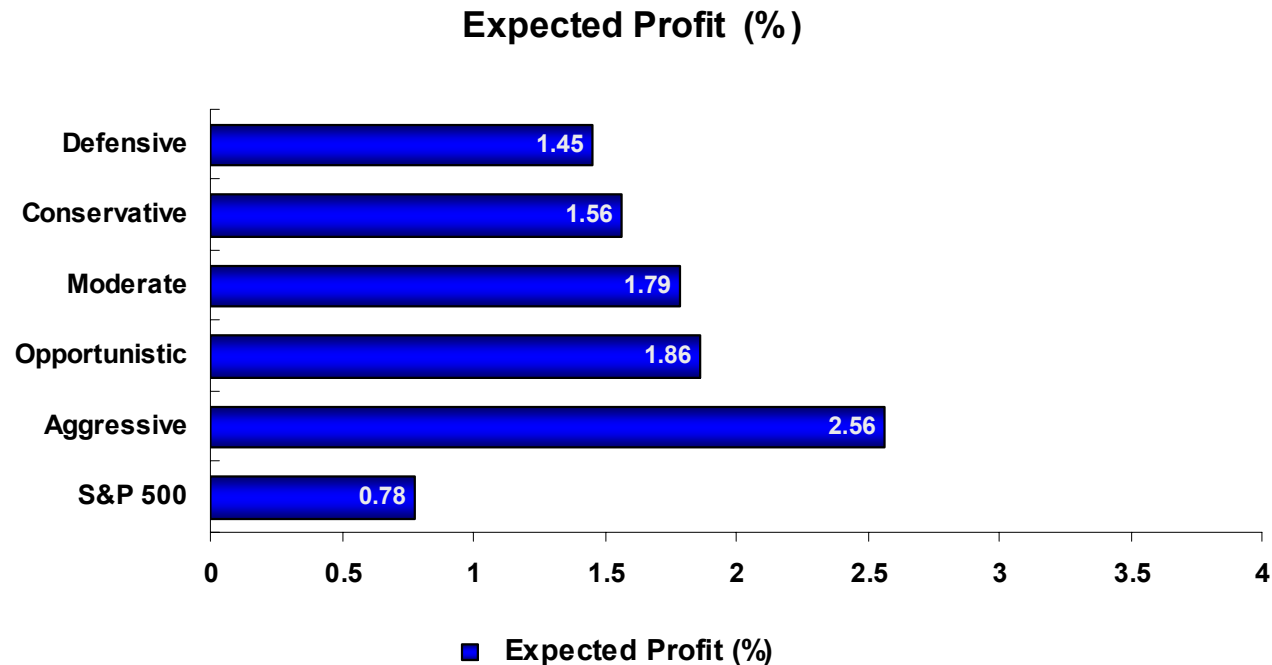
# Comparing Return Metrics

99% Stable Profit Value versus MVO



# Return Measured with Profit Value

99% Stable ES



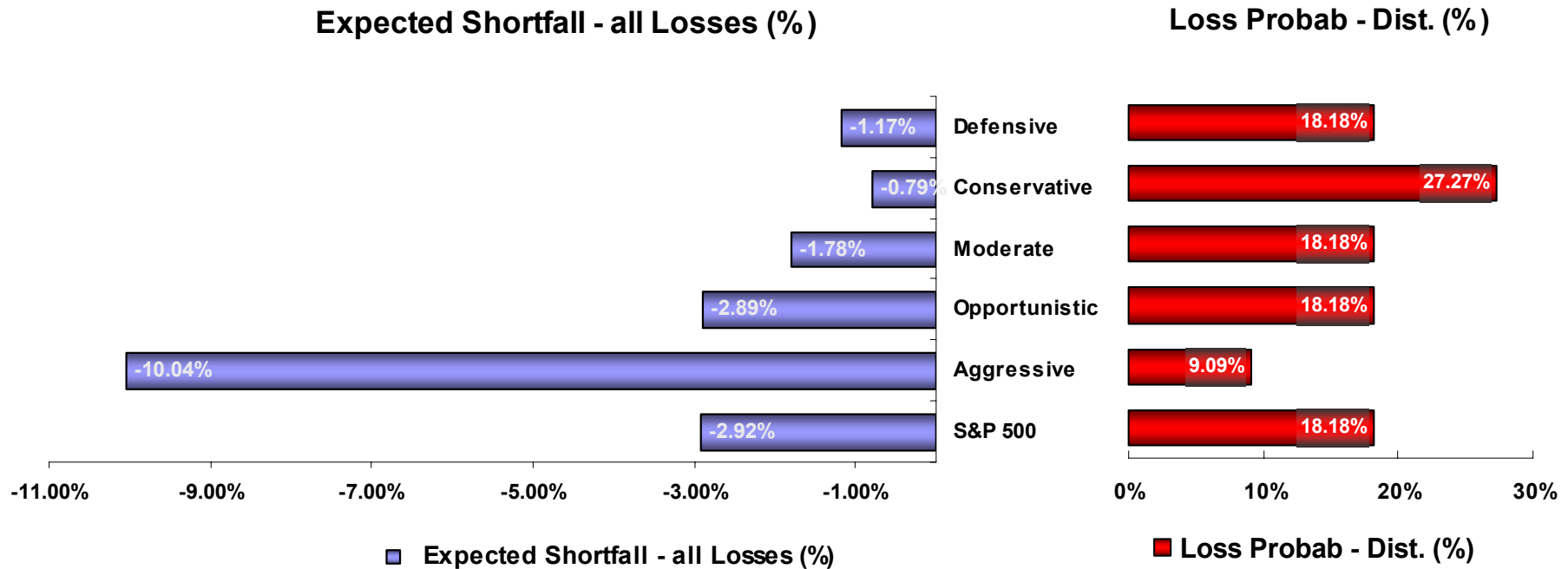
**Profit-Value** ( $PV\alpha$ ) is defined as a negative number that measures the portfolio's profit that would be exceeded with probability  $(1.0 - \alpha)$  in future market realizations over a given time horizon. This number is expressed in dollar terms. This ratio is the polarization of VaR (because it is the opposite side of the distribution) and therefore maintains the same drawbacks as VaR. Similarly, a new metric called **Expected Profit** ( $EP\alpha$ ) is needed to capture the potential gain missed in **Gaussian** models; the opposite of Expected Shortfall. Expected Profit measures the expected profit of the portfolio beyond the specified  $PV\alpha$  level.

Value-at-Risk and Expected Shortfall can be set at different risk levels, such as:  $\alpha = 0.95, 0.99, 0.995$ . The values are obtained from the different simulations.



# Risk Measured with Expected Shortfall

99% Stable ES



**Value-at-Risk (VaR)** describes risk more accurately than Standard Deviation and Semi-Variance by means of estimating the minimum loss at a specific probability level. This is more intuitive than Variance or Standard Deviation ( $\alpha$ ) because the risk is expressed in dollar terms. The main drawback of VaR has been that it only describes a minimum amount of loss and therefore does not specify how big the expected loss could be. To measure how big the loss could be it is necessary to switch from a **Normal (Gaussian) Distribution** to a **Stable 'Student-t' Distribution**; this also improves the accuracy of the expected loss. Under this methodology you can measure beyond VaR using Expected Shortfall (ES). **Expected Shortfall (ES)** is the average value of total losses beyond a define probability level. It not only measures the minimum loss, but the amount of expected loss beyond VaR.

# Part 4

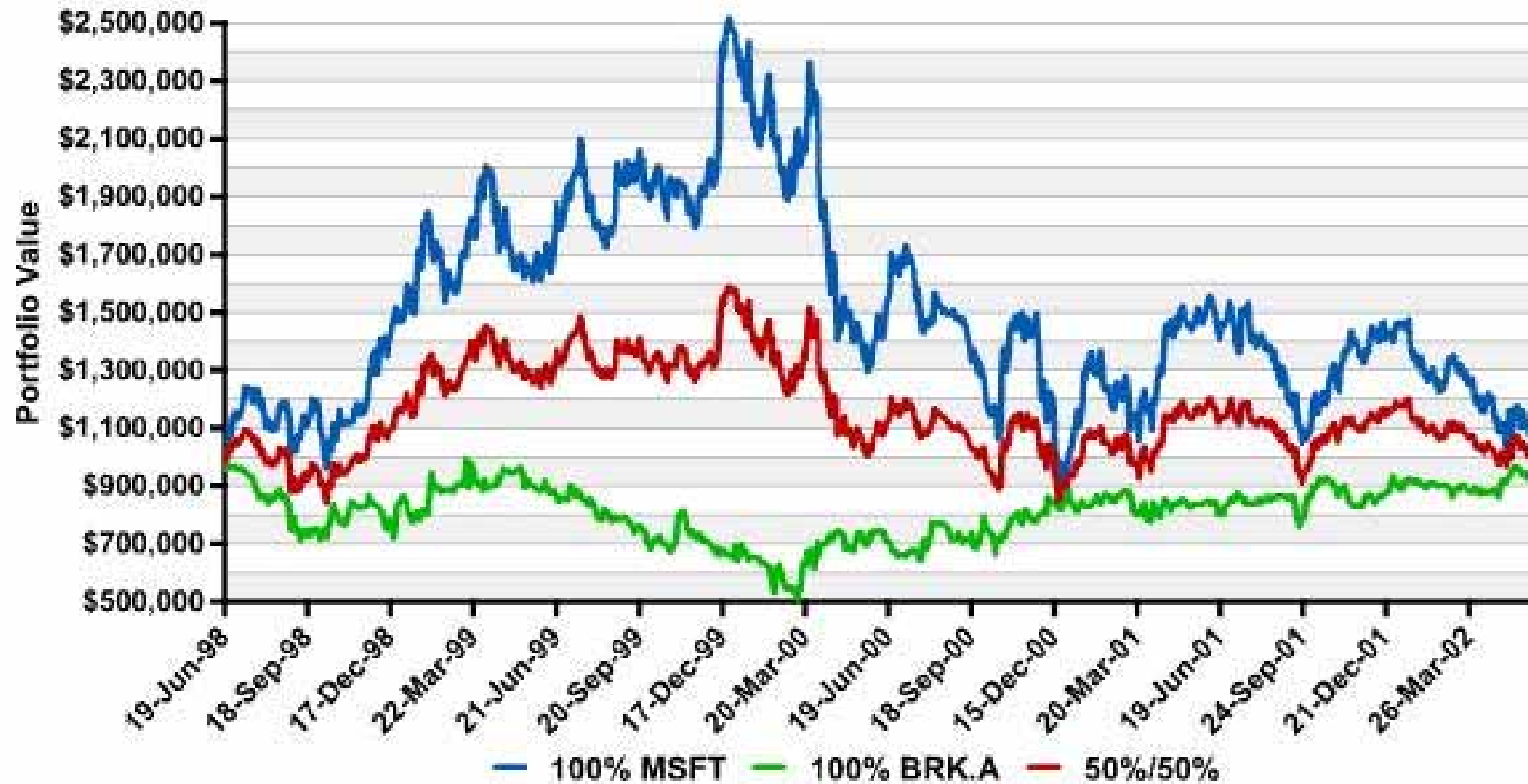
## Portfolio Diversification & Forecasting

Between 1952 and 1959 Harry Markowitz determined risk could be reduced and returns enhanced through the diversification of assets with less than perfect correlation

Correlation is the relationship between two or more securities  
Linear Correlation is one of many forms of Dependency models

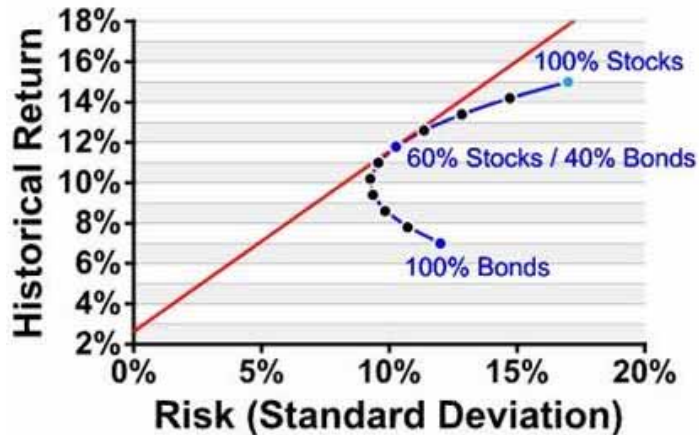
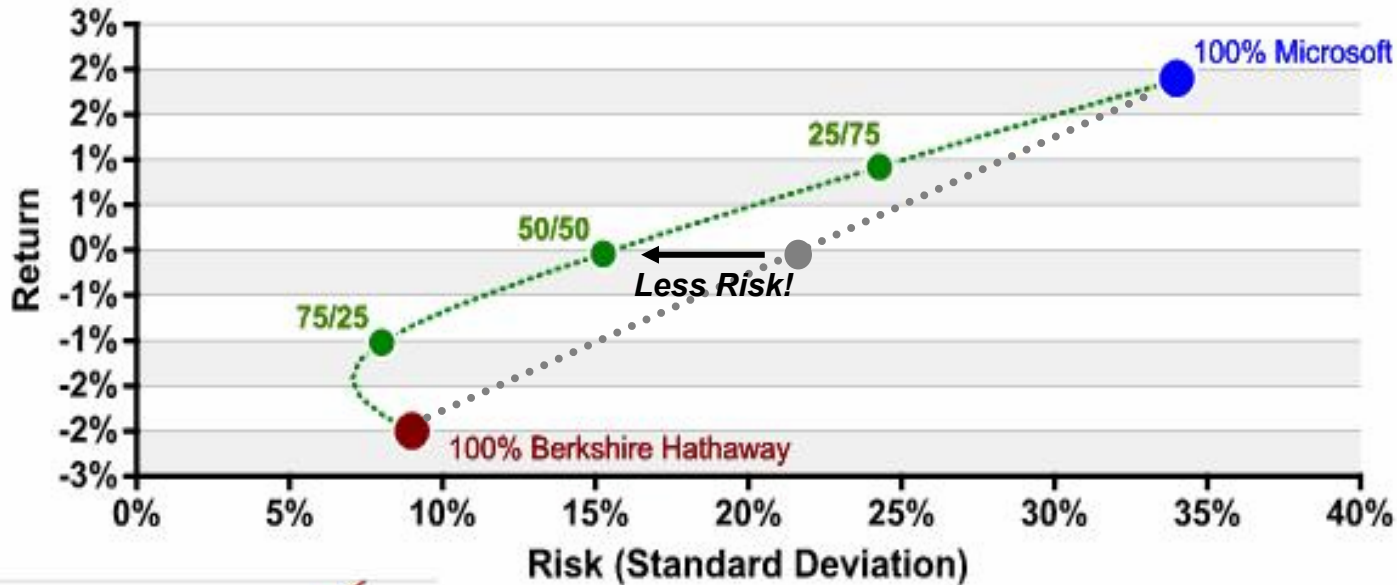
# Correlation Between Microsoft & Berkshire Hathaway

Daily Prices of Two Stocks with  $-0.47$  Correlation



# Diversification is the Secret Sauce

**The Power of Less Than 100% Correlation**  
Risk vs. Return for a Portfolio of Two Securities with -47% Correlation



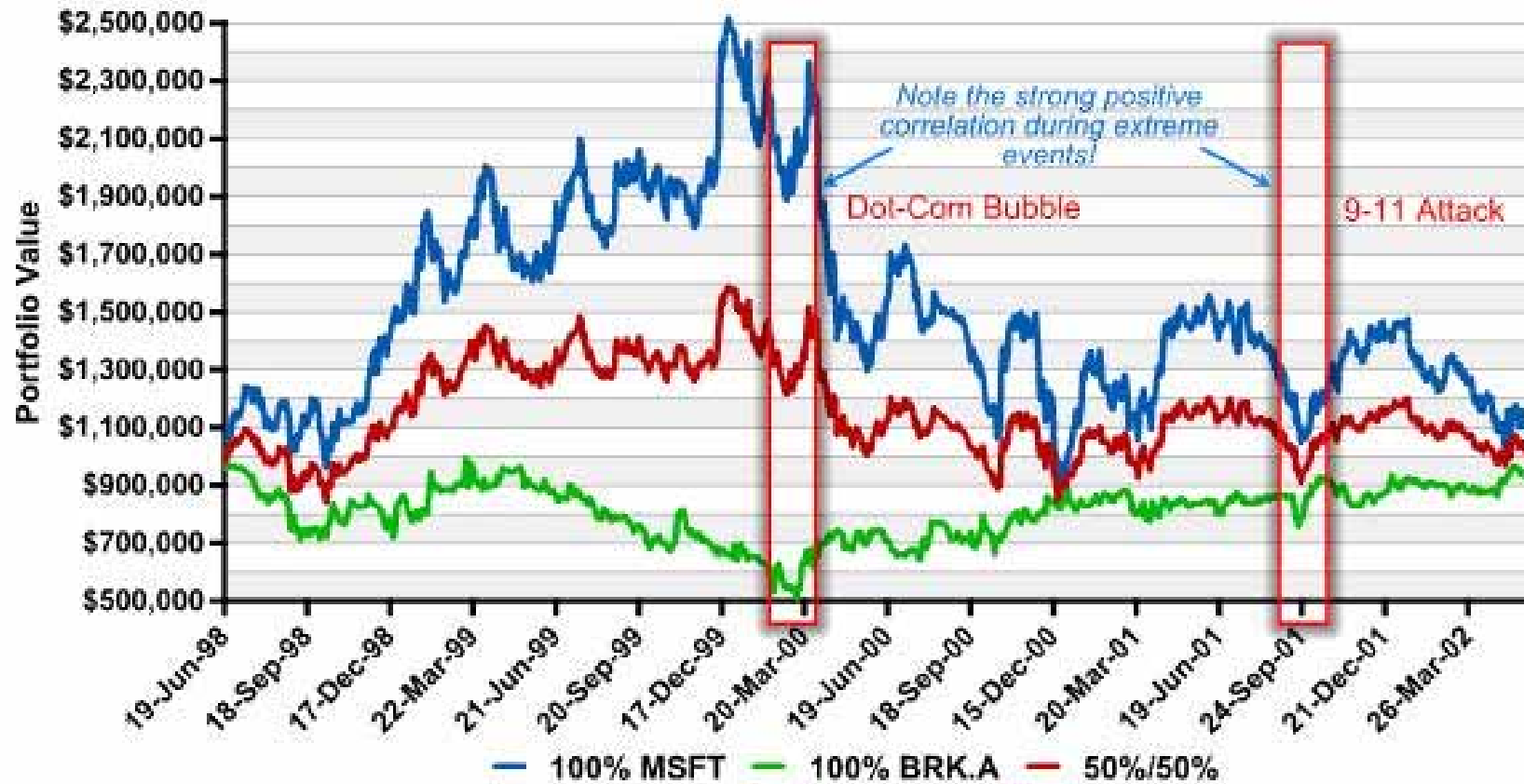
Risk (Standard Deviation)

--- -47% Correlation

Mixing less than perfectly correlated assets reduces risk and frequently enhances returns

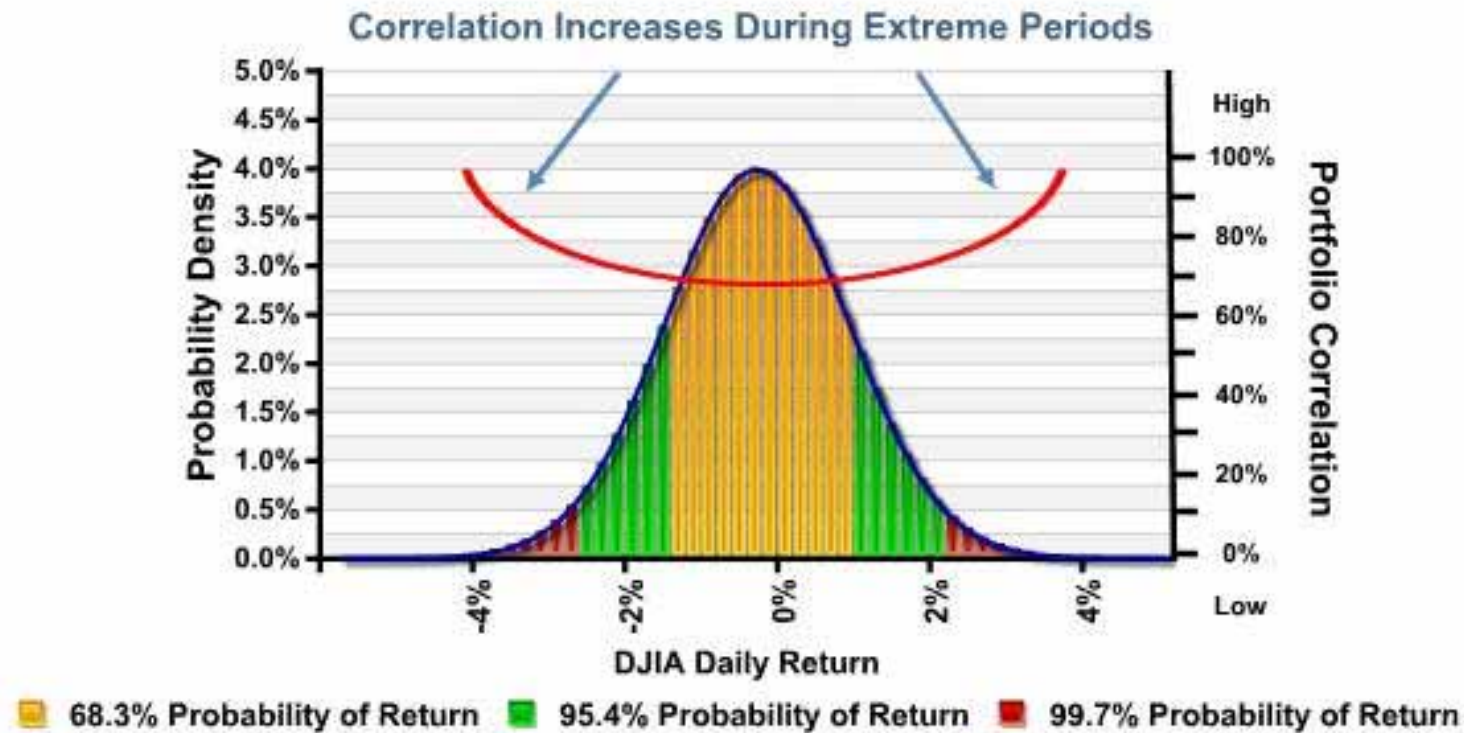
# The Weakness of Correlation during Outliers

Daily Prices of Two Stocks with  $-.47$  Correlation



# Correlation Between Securities Constantly Changes

Replacing Static Linear Correlation with Dynamic Copula Dependency

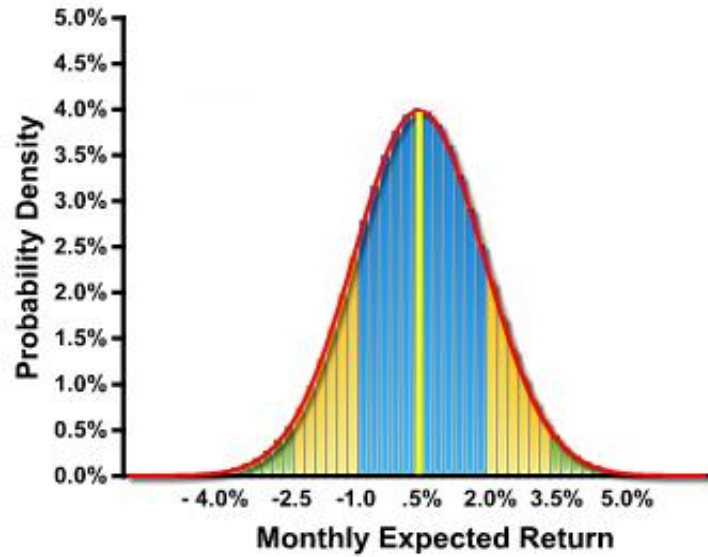


The inter-dependency between two securities is in a constant state of flux for most assets

# Measuring Dependencies

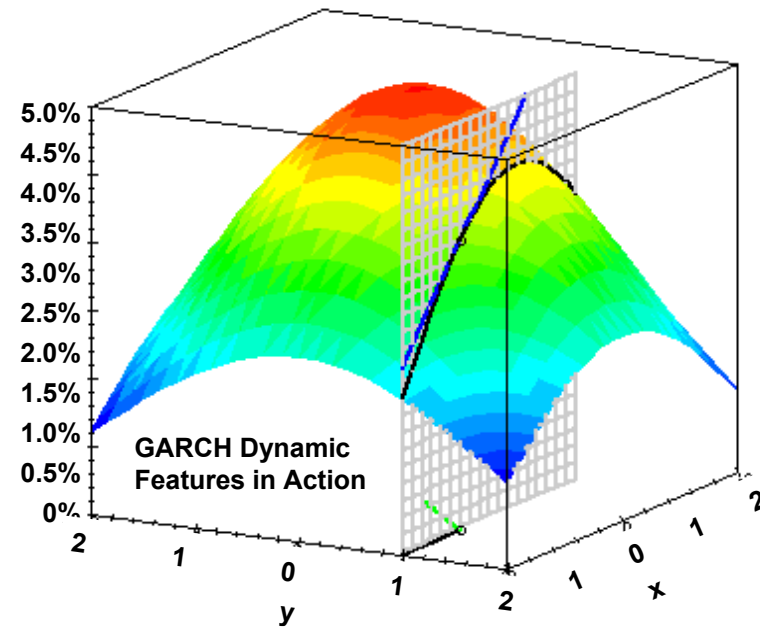
Static Linear Correlation vs. Dynamic Copula Dependency

## Linear Correlation



Reversion to a Mean Average Return

## Copula Dependency



Monte-Carlo Simulations

# Part 5

## Portfolio Optimization

### Combining Risk, Return, Correlation, & Stress-Testing

“Extreme Value Theory, borrowed from the insurance industry, is on the right track; it assumes prices vary wildly, with fat-tails that scale.”

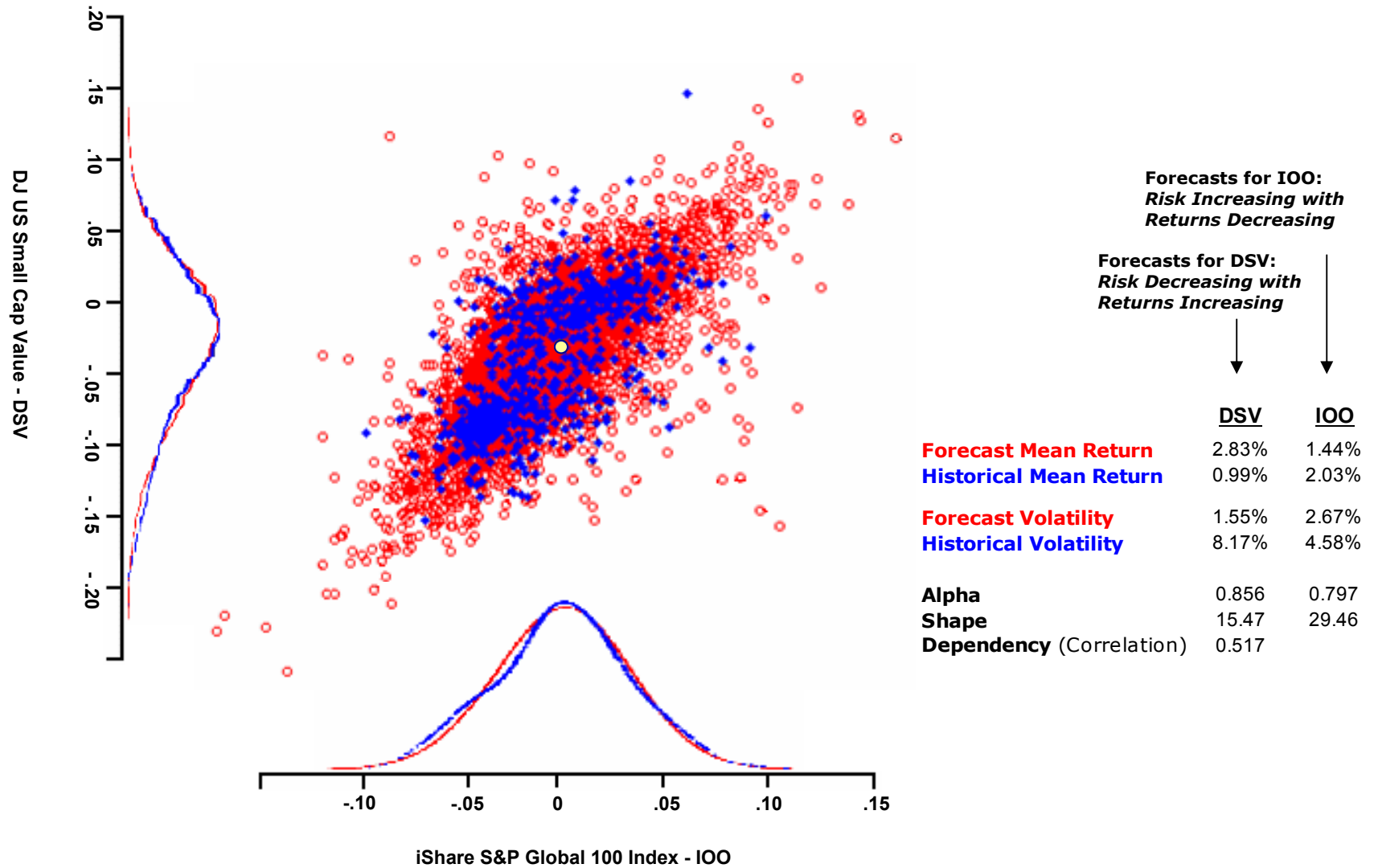
*Benoit Mandelbrot*

Inventor of Fractal Geometry, Sterling Professor at Yale University  
Wolf Prize in Physics, Japan Prize in Science & Technology  
The Misbehavior of Markets, Mandelbrot & Hudson, 2004



# Distributions, Dependency, & Forecasting

Forecasting is Problematic with Normal Distributions and MVO (MPT)



# Part 6

## Portfolio Management

### Fund Selection & Portfolio Rebalancing

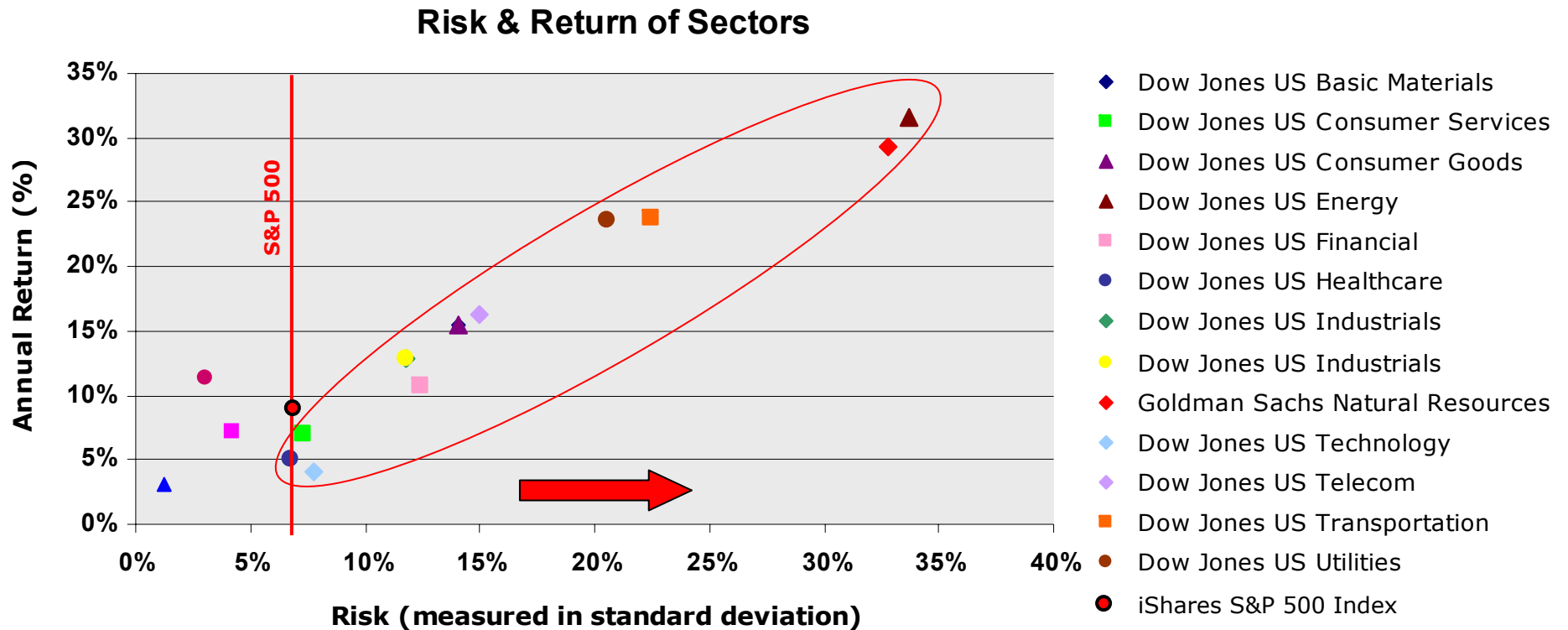
“If there is one message I’d like to pass on...it is this:  
Finance must abandon its bad habits and adopt a scientific method”

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# Reducing Risk Through Proper Fund Selection

Risk & Return of Dow Jones Sectors – 3 Years



Note the additional risk from sector investing!

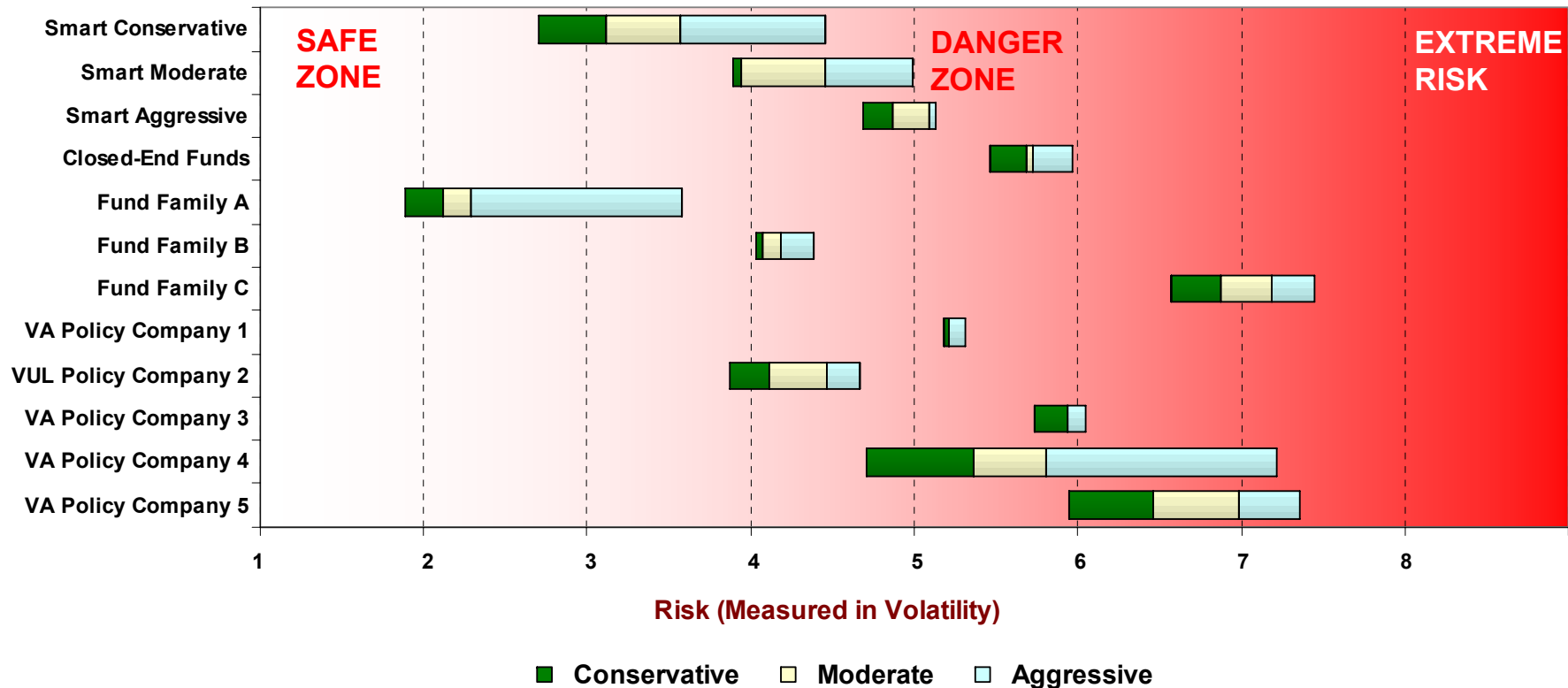
Is it possible to get below market risk when the sum of the parts are risky?

How do you know you have the proper assets and the correct combinations of assets?

# How Risky is Your Fund Universe?

Fund Universes from 1/17/2001 to 3/31/2006

## Overall Volatility of Optimized Fund Universes (at Conservative, Moderate, & Aggressive Risk Levels)



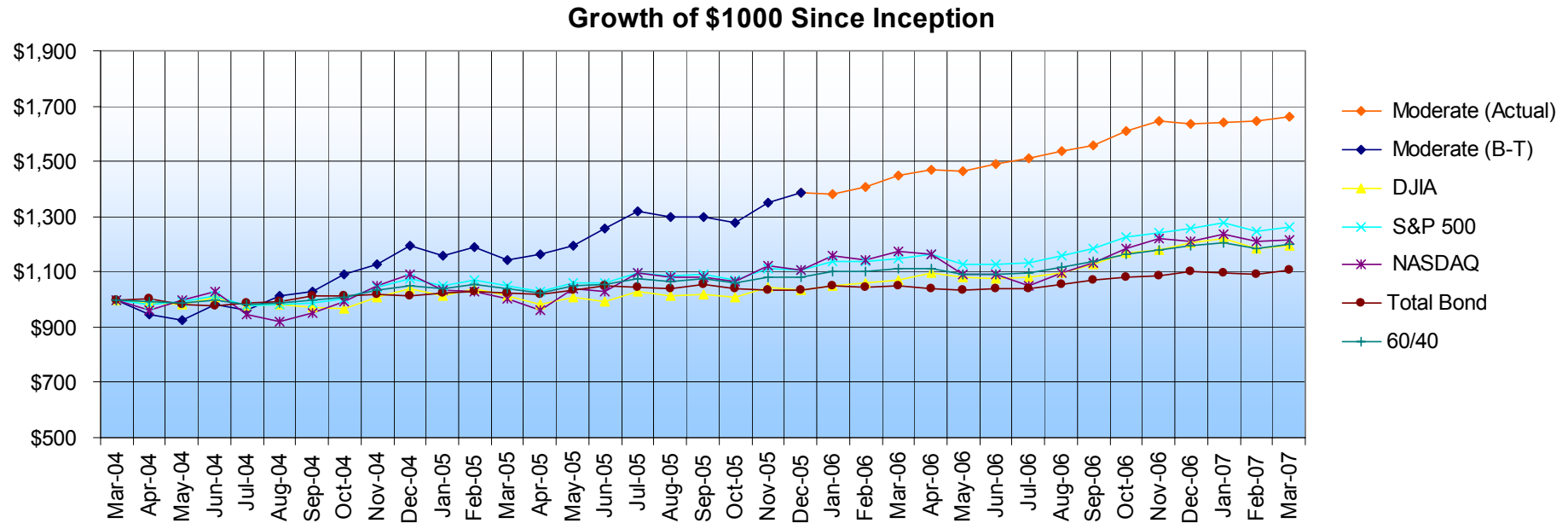
Are one of these your fund?

# Smart Strategies to Meet Client Risk Profiles

	<u>Risk Level</u>	<u>Strategies Offered by Smart Portfolios</u>
 <p><i>Least Risk</i></p> <p><i>Most Risk</i></p>	Class 1	
	Class 2	Mutual Funds
	Class 3	ETF, Mutual Funds, VUL and Variable Annuity Fund Families
	Class 4	ETF
	Class 5	
	Class 6	

# Class 3 – Mutual Funds

from March 2004 to April 2007

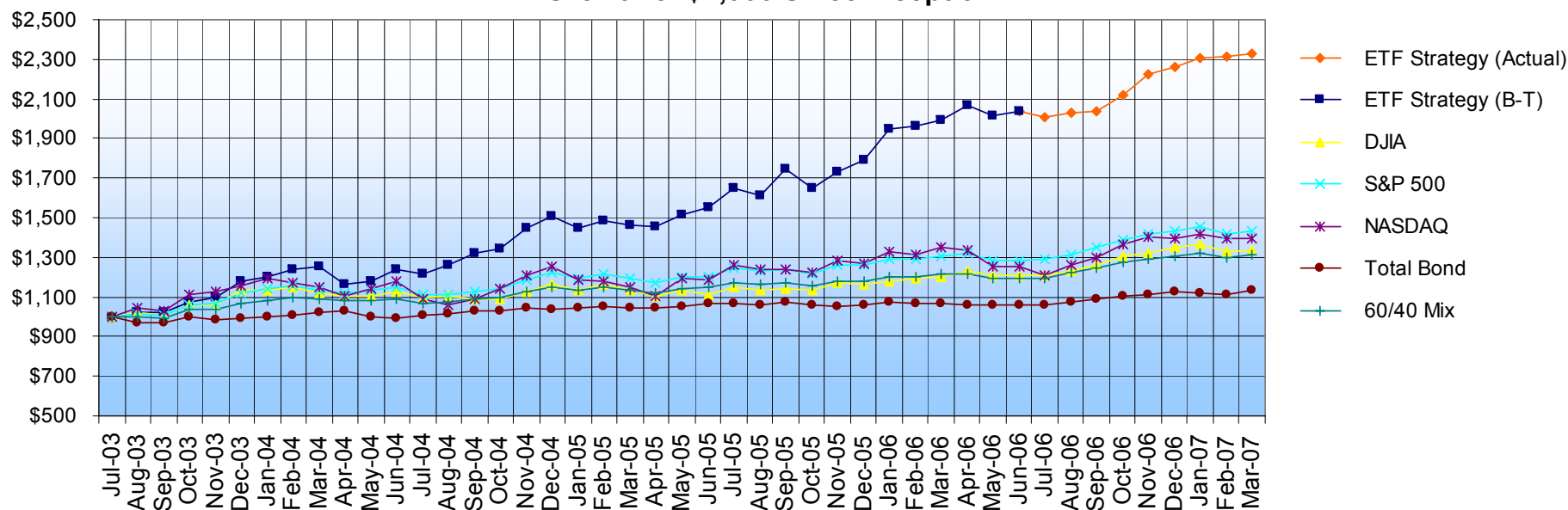


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# Class 4 – ETF

from July 2003 to April 2007

Growth of \$1,000 Since Inception



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# Fund Performance

## For the Day Ending 7/25/2007

Asset Allocation Fund

QTD Ending  
06/30/07

### Smart Portfolios Managed Portfolios

Class 3 – ETF (Moderate) <sup>1</sup>	-1.97%	
Class 4 - ETF (Aggressive) <sup>2</sup>	-3.23%	
Class 3 - Pacific Life Variable Universal Life <sup>3</sup>	-1.55%	
Class 3 - TIAA-CREF 9 Fund Universe	-0.43%	[35% RE, 22% Bond, 18.74% MM]
Class 3 - TIAA-CREF 18 Fund Universe	-0.82%	[21% RE, 17% Fixed Income, 21% MM]
Class 4 – SBL VA Fund Universe	-1.53%	

### Major Market Indices

S&P 500	-2.23%
DJIA (DJIA)	-2.26%
NASDAQ Composite	-1.84%
Russell 2000	-2.59%
DJ Wilshire 5000	2.31%

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# Fund Performance

## For Periods Ending 6/30/2007

Asset Allocation Fund	QTD Ending 06/30/07	YTD Ending 06/30/07	2006	2005	Since 2005	Start Date
<b>Smart Portfolios Managed Portfolios</b>						
Class 3 – ETF (Moderate) <sup>1</sup>	4.14%	9.04%	18.60%	6.18%	38.64%	1/3/2005
Class 4 - ETF (Aggressive) <sup>2</sup>	2.91%	6.12%	20.75%	n/a%	26.47%	1/3/2006
Class 3 - Pacific Life Variable Universal Life <sup>3</sup>	4.45%	6.06%	15.55%	14.32%	52.35%	4/4/2005
Class 3 - TIAA-CREF 9 Fund Universe	2.02%	5.68%	7.66%	9.37%	24.35%	1/3/2005
Class 3 - TIAA-CREF 18 Fund Universe	3.15%	6.77%	9.98%	15.69%	35.85%	1/3/2005
<b>Major Market Indices</b>						
S&P 500	6.28%	6.96%	15.79%	4.91%	32.79%	1/3/2005
DJIA (DJIA)	8.53%	7.59%	16.29%	-0.61%	24.35%	1/3/2005
NASDAQ Composite	7.50%	7.78%	9.52%	1.37%	19.66%	1/3/2005
Vanguard Total Bond Index (VBMFX)	-1.88%	-1.14%	3.90%	2.32%	7.32%	1/3/2005
60/40 (S&P 500 & Vanguard Total Bond - VBMFX)	3.02%	3.72%	11.03%	3.87%	22.60%	1/3/2005

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# Fund Universes

## Class 4 - ETF

### 68 Fund Universe

Asia 50 ADR Index  
Cohen & Steers Realty Majors  
Developed Mkt 100 ADR Index  
DJ Transportation Avg  
DJ US Basic Materials  
DJ US Healthcare  
DJ US Industrial  
DJ US Large Cap Growth  
DJ US Real Estate  
DJ US Small Cap Growth  
DJ US Small Cap Value  
DJ US Telecom  
DJ Wilshire Mid Cap Growth  
Dow Jones US Utilities  
Emerging Mkts 50 ADR Index  
Emerging Markets Stk  
Energy Sector  
Financial Select Sector  
Financials Sector  
Gold Shares  
Goldman S. Natural Resource  
Goldman S. Technology Indx  
GS \$ InvestTop Corp Bond

Health Care Sector  
Industrials Sector  
Internet Infrastr HOLDRs  
Lehman 1-3 Year Treasury  
Lehman 20+ Year Treas Bd  
Lehman 7-10 Year Treasury  
Lehman Aggregate Bond  
Lehman TIPS Bond  
Materials Sector  
Materials Select Sector  
MidCap  
Money Market Fund  
Morgan Stanley Technology  
Morningstar Lg Core Index  
Mornstar Mid Growth Index  
Mornstar Small Core Index  
Morstar Small Growth Index  
MSCI Australia Index  
MSCI Brazil (Free) Index  
MSCI Canada Index  
MSCI EAFE Growth Index  
MSCI EAFE Index Fund  
MSCI EAFE Value Index

MSCI Japan Index  
MSCI Netherlands Index  
MSCI South Korea Index  
MSCI Switzerland Index  
MSCI Taiwan Index  
NASDAQ 100 Trust Shares  
Oil Services Sector  
PowerShares Dynamic OTC  
Russell 2000 Index  
Russell 2000 Value Index  
Russell Midcap Value Index  
S&P Europe 350 Index  
S&P Global 100 Index  
S&P Global Financials Sector  
S&P Global Healthcare Sector  
S&P Latin America 40 Index  
S&P MidCap 400 Value Index  
S&P Sm-Cap 600 Value Index  
S&P/TOPIX 150 Index  
Small Cap Sector  
Telecom Services Sector  
Utilities Select Sector  
Wilshire REIT Fund

## Class 3 - Pacific Life

### 20 Fund Universe

Fasciano  
Aggressive Growth  
Capital Opportunities  
Emerging Markets  
Equity Index  
Financial Services  
Focused 30  
Growth LT  
Health Sciences  
High Yield Bond  
Inflation Managed  
Int'l Large-Cap  
International Value  
Managed Bond  
Mid-Cap Growth  
Mid-Cap Value  
Real Estate  
Small-Cap Index  
VEHA  
Money Market

## Class 3 - CEF/ETF

### 40 Fund Universe

Alliance World Dollar Govt 2  
Emerging Markets Income Fund  
Emerging Markets Floating Rate Fund  
Global High Income Fund  
DJ US Large Cap Growth  
DJ US Large Cap Value  
Emerging Markets Income Fund  
Evergreen Managed Income Fund  
MSCI South Korea Index  
MSCI Brazil (Free) Index  
Franklin Universal Trust  
Cohen & Steers Realty Majors  
Lehman 7-10 Year Treasury  
India Fund, Inc.  
Insured Municipal Income  
S&P MidCap 400 Value Index Fund  
S&P Latin America 40 Index  
Insured Municipal Securities  
Russell 2000 Value Index  
Dow Jones US Real Estate  
Morningstar Mid Growth Index  
Morningstar Small Core Index  
Morningstar Small Growth Index  
Latin America Equity

## Class 3 – Mutual Funds

### 38 Fund Universe

Rydex Banking  
Rydex Basic Materials  
Rydex Biotechnology  
Rydex Consumer Products  
Rydex Electronics  
Rydex Financial Services  
Rydex Health Care  
Rydex Internet  
Rydex Leisure  
Rydex Retailing  
Rydex Technology  
Rydex Telecommunications  
Rydex Transportation

Rydex Utilities  
Rydex Energy  
Rydex Energy Services  
Van Kampen Real Estate Secs  
AIM European Growth  
AIM International Growth  
AIM Asia Pacific Growth  
BlackRock Government Inc  
Cohen & Steers Realty Income  
Calamos Global Growth & Inc  
Calamos Growth & Income  
Dreyfus CA Int Muni Bond  
Dreyfus Premier CA Tax Ex Bd

Dreyfus U.S. Treas Long-Term  
Dreyfus U.S. Treas Intrm-Term  
Dreyfus NY Tax-Exempt Bond  
Dreyfus Insured Municipal Bond  
General NY Municipal Bond  
Goldman Sachs Real Estate  
Phoenix Real Estate Securities  
Pioneer Real Estate  
ProFunds Ultra Real Estate  
Davis Real Estate  
SSgA Tuckerman Active REIT  
Rydex Ser Trst - US Gov (MMA)

## Class 3 - TIAA-CREF 18

### 18 Fund Universe (Add)

Growth & Income  
Social Choice Equity  
International Equity  
Large-Cap Value  
Mid-Cap Growth  
Mid-Cap Value  
Real Estate Securities  
S&P 500 Index  
Small-Cap Equity

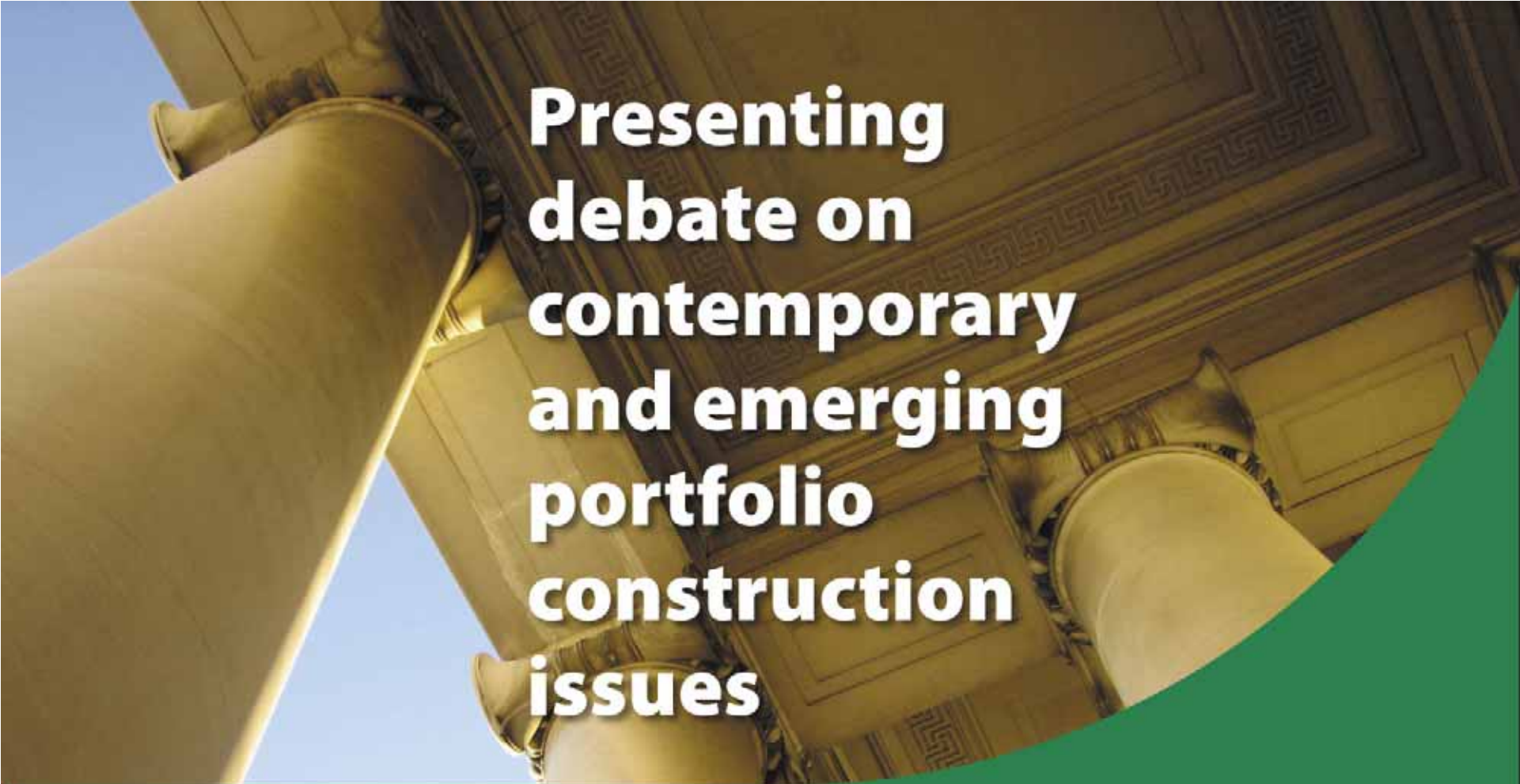
MidCap SPDRs  
Premium Income Muni Fund 4  
Municipal Value Fund  
Patriot Global Dividend  
Insured Municipal Income Fund  
Wilshire REIT Fund  
Worldwide Income  
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Templeton Dragon Fund  
Emerging Markets Income Fund  
Lehman TIPS Bond  
Lehman 20+ Year Treas Bond  
Industrials VIPERs  
Telecom Services VIPERs  
Emerging Markets Stock VIPERs  
Money Market

***That's All Mates!***

**“ Thank you ”**



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