

# The Callan Periodic Table of Investment Returns

## Annual Returns for Key Indices Ranked in Order of Performance (1998–2017)

1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
S&P 500 Growth 42.16%	MSCI Emerging Markets 66.84%	Russell 2000 Value 22.83%	Russell 2000 Value 14.02%	Bloomberg Barclays Agg 10.26%	MSCI Emerging Markets 55.82%	MSCI Emerging Markets 25.55%	MSCI Emerging Markets 34.00%	MSCI Emerging Markets 32.17%	MSCI Emerging Markets 39.38%	Bloomberg Barclays Agg 5.24%	MSCI Emerging Markets 78.51%	Russell 2000 Growth 29.09%	Bloomberg Barclays Agg 7.84%	MSCI Emerging Markets 18.23%	Russell 2000 Growth 43.30%	S&P 500 Growth 14.89%	S&P 500 Growth 5.52%	Russell 2000 Value 31.74%	MSCI Emerging Markets 37.28%
S&P 500 Value 28.58%	Russell 2000 Growth 43.09%	Bloomberg Barclays Agg 11.63%	Bloomberg Barclays Agg 8.43%	Bloomberg Barclays High Yield -1.37%	Russell 2000 Growth 48.54%	Russell 2000 Value 22.25%	MSCI World ex USA 14.47%	MSCI World ex USA 25.71%	MSCI World ex USA 12.44%	Bloomberg Barclays High Yield -26.16%	Bloomberg Barclays High Yield 58.21%	Russell 2000 26.85%	Bloomberg Barclays High Yield 4.98%	Russell 2000 Value 18.05%	Russell 2000 38.82%	S&P 500 13.69%	S&P 500 1.38%	Russell 2000 21.31%	S&P 500 Growth 27.44%
MSCI World ex USA 18.77%	S&P 500 Growth 28.24%	S&P 500 Value 6.08%	Bloomberg Barclays High Yield 5.28%	MSCI Emerging Markets -6.16%	Russell 2000 47.25%	MSCI World ex USA 20.38%	S&P 500 Value 5.82%	Russell 2000 Value 23.48%	S&P 500 Growth 9.13%	Russell 2000 Value -28.92%	Russell 2000 Growth 34.47%	Russell 2000 Value 24.50%	S&P 500 Growth 4.65%	S&P 500 Value 17.68%	Russell 2000 Value 34.52%	S&P 500 Value 12.36%	Bloomberg Barclays Agg 0.55%	S&P 500 Value 17.40%	MSCI World ex USA 24.21%
S&P 500 Value 14.68%	MSCI World ex USA 27.92%	Russell 2000 -3.02%	Russell 2000 2.49%	Russell 2000 Value -11.43%	Russell 2000 Value 46.03%	Russell 2000 18.33%	S&P 500 Value 4.91%	S&P 500 Value 20.81%	Russell 2000 Growth 7.05%	Russell 2000 -33.79%	MSCI World ex USA 33.67%	MSCI Emerging Markets 18.88%	S&P 500 2.11%	MSCI World ex USA 16.41%	S&P 500 Growth 32.75%	Bloomberg Barclays Agg 5.97%	Russell 2000 Growth -1.38%	Bloomberg Barclays High Yield 17.13%	Russell 2000 Growth 22.17%
Bloomberg Barclays Agg 8.67%	Russell 2000 21.26%	Bloomberg Barclays High Yield -5.86%	MSCI Emerging Markets -2.61%	MSCI World ex USA -15.80%	MSCI World ex USA 39.42%	S&P 500 Value 15.71%	Russell 2000 Value 4.71%	Russell 2000 18.37%	Bloomberg Barclays Agg 6.97%	S&P 500 Growth -34.92%	S&P 500 Growth 31.57%	Bloomberg Barclays High Yield 15.12%	S&P 500 Value -0.48%	Russell 2000 16.35%	S&P 500 32.39%	Russell 2000 Growth 5.60%	MSCI World ex USA -3.04%	S&P 500 11.96%	S&P 500 21.83%
Bloomberg Barclays High Yield 1.87%	S&P 500 21.04%	S&P 500 -9.11%	Russell 2000 Growth -9.23%	Russell 2000 -20.48%	Russell 2000 Value 31.79%	Russell 2000 Growth 14.31%	Russell 2000 4.55%	S&P 500 15.79%	S&P 500 5.49%	S&P 500 -37.00%	Russell 2000 27.17%	S&P 500 Value 15.10%	Russell 2000 Growth -2.91%	S&P 500 16.00%	S&P 500 Value 31.99%	Russell 2000 4.89%	S&P 500 Value -3.13%	Russell 2000 Growth 11.32%	S&P 500 Value 15.36%
Russell 2000 Growth 1.23%	S&P 500 Value 12.73%	MSCI World ex USA -13.37%	S&P 500 Value -11.71%	S&P 500 Value -20.85%	Bloomberg Barclays High Yield 28.97%	Bloomberg Barclays High Yield 11.13%	Russell 2000 Growth 4.15%	Russell 2000 Growth 13.35%	S&P 500 Value 1.99%	Russell 2000 Growth -38.54%	S&P 500 26.47%	S&P 500 15.06%	Russell 2000 -4.18%	Bloomberg Barclays High Yield 15.81%	MSCI World ex USA 21.02%	Russell 2000 Value 4.22%	Russell 2000 -4.41%	MSCI Emerging Markets 11.19%	Russell 2000 14.65%
Russell 2000 -2.55%	Bloomberg Barclays High Yield 2.39%	S&P 500 Growth -22.08%	S&P 500 -11.89%	S&P 500 -22.10%	S&P 500 28.68%	S&P 500 10.88%	S&P 500 Growth 4.00%	Bloomberg Barclays High Yield 11.85%	Bloomberg Barclays High Yield 1.87%	S&P 500 Value -39.22%	S&P 500 Value 21.17%	S&P 500 Growth 15.05%	Russell 2000 Value -5.50%	S&P 500 Growth 14.61%	Bloomberg Barclays High Yield 7.44%	Bloomberg Barclays High Yield 2.45%	Bloomberg Barclays High Yield -4.47%	S&P 500 Growth 6.89%	Russell 2000 Value 7.84%
Russell 2000 Value -6.45%	Bloomberg Barclays Agg -0.83%	Russell 2000 Growth -22.43%	S&P 500 Growth -12.73%	S&P 500 Growth -23.59%	S&P 500 Growth 25.66%	S&P 500 Growth 6.13%	Bloomberg Barclays High Yield 2.74%	S&P 500 Growth 11.01%	Russell 2000 -1.57%	MSCI World ex USA -43.56%	Russell 2000 Value 20.58%	MSCI World ex USA 8.95%	MSCI World ex USA -12.21%	Russell 2000 Growth 14.59%	Bloomberg Barclays Agg -2.02%	MSCI Emerging Markets -2.19%	Russell 2000 Value -7.47%	MSCI World ex USA 2.75%	Bloomberg Barclays High Yield 7.50%
MSCI Emerging Markets -25.34%	Russell 2000 Value -1.49%	MSCI Emerging Markets -30.71%	MSCI World ex USA -21.40%	Russell 2000 Growth -30.26%	Bloomberg Barclays Agg 4.10%	Bloomberg Barclays Agg 4.34%	Bloomberg Barclays Agg 2.43%	Bloomberg Barclays Agg 4.33%	Russell 2000 Value -9.78%	MSCI Emerging Markets -53.32%	Bloomberg Barclays Agg 5.93%	Bloomberg Barclays Agg 6.54%	MSCI Emerging Markets -18.42%	Bloomberg Barclays Agg 4.21%	MSCI Emerging Markets -2.60%	MSCI World ex USA -4.32%	MSCI Emerging Markets -14.92%	Bloomberg Barclays Agg 2.65%	Bloomberg Barclays Agg 3.54%

The Callan Periodic Table of Investment Returns conveys the strong **case for diversification** across asset classes (stocks vs. bonds), investment styles (growth vs. value), capitalizations (large vs. small), and equity markets (U.S. vs. non-U.S.). The Table highlights the uncertainty inherent in all capital markets. Rankings change every year. Also noteworthy is the difference between absolute and relative performance, as returns for the top-performing asset class span a wide range over the past 20 years.

*A printable copy of The Callan Periodic Table of Investment Returns is available on our website at [www.callan.com](http://www.callan.com).*

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Callan's Periodic Table of Investment Returns depicts annual returns for 10 asset classes, ranked from best to worst performance for each calendar year. The asset classes are color-coded to enable easy tracking over time. We describe the well-known, industry-standard market indices that we use as proxies for each asset class in the text below.

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- **Bloomberg Barclays Aggregate US Bond Index** includes U.S. government, corporate, and mortgage-backed securities with maturities of at least one year.
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- **Bloomberg Barclays High Yield Bond Index** measures the market of USD-denominated, non-investment grade, fixed-rate, taxable corporate bonds. Securities are classified as high yield if the middle rating of Moody's, Fitch, and S&P is Ba1/BB+/BB+ or below, excluding emerging market debt.
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- **MSCI World ex USA** is a Morgan Stanley Capital International Index that is designed to measure the performance of large and mid cap equities in developed markets in Europe, the Middle East, the Pacific region, and Canada.
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- **MSCI Emerging Markets** is a Morgan Stanley Capital International Index that is designed to measure the performance of equity markets in 23 emerging countries around the world.
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- **Russell 2000** measures the performance of small capitalization U.S. stocks. The Russell 2000 is a market-value-weighted index of the 2,000 smallest stocks in the broad-market Russell 3000 Index.
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- **Russell 2000 Growth** and ● **Russell 2000 Value** measure the performance of the growth and value styles of investing in small cap U.S. stocks. The indices are constructed by dividing the market capitalization of the Russell 2000 Index into Growth and Value indices, using style "factors" to make the assignment. The Value Index contains those Russell 2000 securities with a greater-than-average value orientation, while the Growth Index contains those securities with a greater-than-average growth orientation. Securities in the Value Index generally have lower price-to-book and price-earnings ratios than those in the Growth Index. The indices are market-capitalization-weighted. The constituent securities are not mutually exclusive.
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- **S&P 500** measures the performance of large capitalization U.S. stocks. The S&P 500 is a market-value-weighted index of 500 stocks. The weightings make each company's influence on the Index performance directly proportional to that company's market value.
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- **S&P 500 Growth** and ● **S&P 500 Value** measure the performance of the growth and value styles of investing in large cap U.S. stocks. The indices are constructed by dividing the market capitalization of the S&P 500 Index into Growth and Value indices, using style "factors" to make the assignment. The Value Index contains those S&P 500 securities with a greater-than-average value orientation, while the Growth Index contains those securities with a greater-than-average growth orientation. The indices are market-capitalization-weighted. The constituent securities are not mutually exclusive.

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