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The Randomness of Global Stock Returns

DEVELOPED MARKETS

HIGH	NZL	SWE	AUT	CAN	ESP	FIN	JPN	NOR	SWE	IRL	BEL	FIN	USA	DNK	CAN	AUT	FIN	NZL	DNK	AUT	ANNUALISED RETURN 2002-2021		
1	AUT	DEU	NOR	JPN	PRT	НКG	СНЕ	AUS	DNK	NZL	DNK	IRL	NZL	IRL	NZL	НКG	NZL	IRL	NLD	NLD	D	NK	Denmark
	AUS	ESP	BEL	AUT	IRL	DEU	USA	SGP	HKG	USA	SGP	USA	DNK	BEL	NOR	SGP	USA	CHE	SWE	USA	٢	IZL	New Zealand
LOW A RETURNS	NOR	AUT	IRL	DNK	SGP	NOR	ESP	SWE	SGP	GBR	DEU	DEU	НКG	JPN	AUS	DNK	НКG	NLD	USA	CAN	AUS		Australia
	ITA	NZL	SWE	NOR	NOR	CAN	FRA	HKG	CAN	CHE	NZL	ESP	BEL	AUT	AUT	NLD	NOR	USA	FIN	NOR	S	WE	Sweden
	JPN	CAN	NZL	FIN	SWE	SGP	CAN	BEL	JPN	NOR	НКG	NLD	SGP	ITA	USA	FRA	СНЕ	DNK	NZL	SWE		HE	Switzerland
	CHE	AUS	ITA	СНЕ	DNK	AUS	DEU	CAN	USA	BEL	AUT	BEL	IRL	FIN	FRA	ITA	SGP	CAN	IRL	FRA		ISA ILD	United States Netherlands
	SGP	DNK	DNK	AUS	BEL	DNK	SGP	NZL	AUS	AUS	AUS	JPN	CAN	NLD	NLD	NOR	PRT	ITA	JPN	CHE			Canada
	CAN	NOR	AUS	SGP	AUT	PRT	DNK	ESP	CHE	NLD	SWE	CHE	СНЕ	PRT	PRT	DEU	AUS	FRA	PRT	DNK			Norway
	PRT	IRL	ESP	NLD	DEU	ESP	NLD	GBR	NOR	ESP	FRA	FRA	FIN	USA	DEU	ESP	FRA	PRT	CHE	GBR	H	KG	, Hong Kong
	BEL	PRT	НКG	SWE	FRA	NLD	GBR	AUT	FIN	CAN	NLD	DNK	AUS	СНЕ	JPN	JPN	JPN	AUS	DEU	ITA	S	GP	Singapore
	GBR	FRA	PRT	DEU	ITA	FRA	SWE	NLD	AUT	JPN	СНЕ	SWE	NLD	FRA	HKG	PRT	NLD	SWE	AUS	AUS	A	UT	Austria
	ESP	HKG	SGP	FRA	NLD	NZL	ITA	PRT	GBR	SWE	NOR	GBR	JPN	HKG	SGP	CHE	SWE	GBR	HKG	FIN		EU	Germany
	DNK	ITA	CAN	BEL	AUS	GBR	AUS	DNK	DEU	DNK	USA	ITA	ESP	DEU	SWE	FIN	GBR	DEU	CAN	IRL		RA	France
	HKG	SGP	GBR	HKG	GBR	ITA	HKG	FRA	NZL	HKG	GBR	AUT	GBR	SWE	GBR	GBR	DNK	BEL	FRA	SGP		PN iBR	Japan United Kingdom
	NLD	JPN	FRA	GBR	HKG	USA	PRT	ITA	NLD	FRA	FIN	NZL	SWE	NZL	ESP	USA	ESP	JPN	ITA	DEU		SP	Spain
	FRA	BEL	DEU	USA	FIN	CHE	NZL	USA	BEL	SGP	ITA	HKG	ITA	GBR	FIN	SWE	CAN	SGP	NOR	BEL		BEL	Belgium
			JPN	ESP	CHE				FRA		CAN	PRT	FRA	-			-			JPN	F	IN	Finland
	USA	CHE				AUT	FIN	CHE		DEU				AUS	CHE	AUS	ITA	AUT	AUT		1	TA	Italy
	IRL	GBR	CHE	ITA	CAN	SWE	NOR	DEU	PRT	PRT	JPN	NOR	DEU	NOR	IRL	BEL	DEU	ESP	ESP	ESP	F	RT	Portugal
	FIN	USA	NLD	NZL	NZL	BEL	BEL	IRL	ITA	ITA	IRL	CAN	NOR	ESP	BEL	IRL	IRL	NOR	SGP	PRT		RL	Ireland
	SWE	NLD	USA	PRT	USA	JPN	AUT	FIN	IRL	FIN	PRT	AUS	AUT	SGP	ITA	CAN	BEL	HKG	BEL	HKG			
	DEU	FIN	FIN	IRL	JPN	IRL	IRL	JPN	ESP	AUT	ESP	SGP	PRT	CAN	DNK	NZL	AUT	FIN	GBR	NZL			
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021			

It is difficult to predict future returns by looking at the past, as shown by the performance of global markets since 2002.

- This table powerfully demonstrates the randomness of global equity returns. It illustrates 20 years of annual returns in 22 developed markets. Each colour represents a different country. Each column is sorted top down, from the highest-performing country to the lowest.
- The scattered colours suggest it is hard to predict which country will outperform from one year to the next. Austria, for example, posted the highest developed market return in 2017 but the lowest the next year.
- Investors holding equities from markets around the world can have a more consistent investment experience, with higher returns in one market helping offset lower returns elsewhere.

Investment opportunities exist all around the globe—and it's hard to know where next year's best returns will appear. A globally diversified portfolio can help capture a broad range of returns and deliver more reliable outcomes over time.

Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Indices are not available for direct investment; therefore, their performance does not reflect the expenses associated with the management of an actual portfolio.

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