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# The Factor Report

### Definitions

#### **Investment Factors**

- Value: Companies that are considered undervalued relative to their fundamentals.
- **Momentum**: Companies that are appreciating in price and benefiting from positive sentiment.
- Quality: Companies that have historically exhibited strong profitability and healthy balance sheets.

**Volatility**: Companies exhibiting lower price volatility than the market average or portfolios that seek to take advantage of diversification benefits by holding lower-correlated assets.

Small Size: Smaller companies.

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## **The Cyclical Nature of Factor Performance**

Understanding the importance of diversification across factors is key to mitigating the underlying risk exposures that drive returns.

A portfolio of combined factors may offer improved efficiency and greater efficacy than portfolios of individual factors alone.

#### Global Factor Annual Total Returns (%)

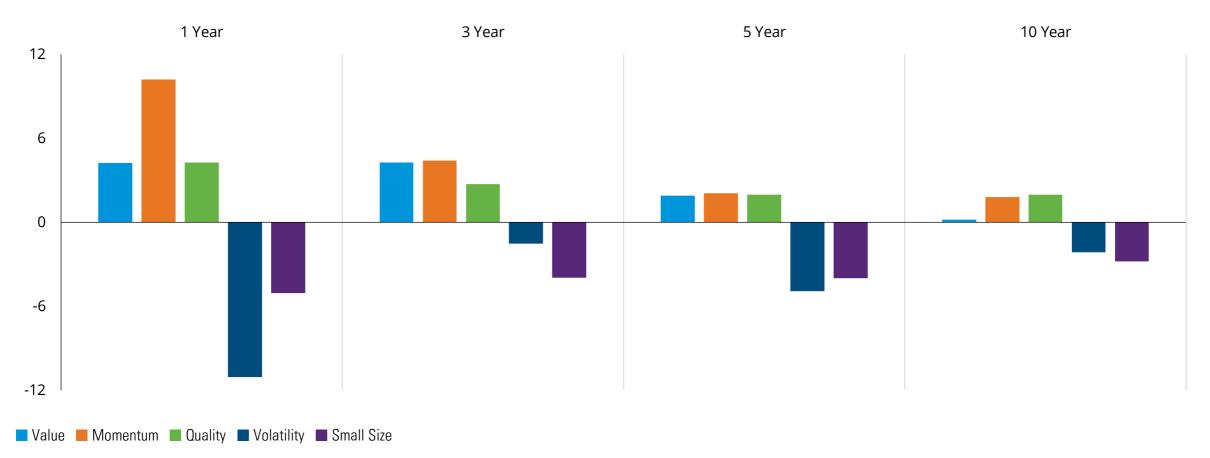
Best	Momentum	Value	Momentum	Volatility	Quality	Quality	Value	Value	Quality	Momentum
	4.0	3.7	4.0	7.4	1.1	3.1	6.2	9.1	5.0	6.0
	Volatility	Small Size	Quality	Quality	Value	Momentum	Momentum	Volatility	Value	Value
	2.7	1.1	3.0	4.1	-1.1	1.8	3.3	7.3	0.6	1.7
	Quality	Quality	Volatility	Momentum	Momentum	Small Size	Quality	Small Size	Momentum	Quality
	1.8	-0.2	-1.1	2.5	-1.9	-5.1	2.3	0.7	-2.9	0.8
	Small Size	Volatility	Value	Value	Volatility	Value	Volatility	Momentum	Small Size	Volatility
	-0.1	-1.1	-1.7	-2.1	-2.2	-9.6	1.9	-0.2	-6.2	-1.6
Worst	Value	Momentum	Small Size	Small Size	Small Size	Volatility	Small Size	Quality	Volatility	Small Size
	-1.9	-1.8	-1.7	-2.6	-3.3	-10.7	-1.5	-3.4	-8.2	-2.3
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	1Q2024

Diversification does not eliminate the risk of experiencing investment loss.

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## **US Equity Factor Performance**

US Equity Factor Returns (%)



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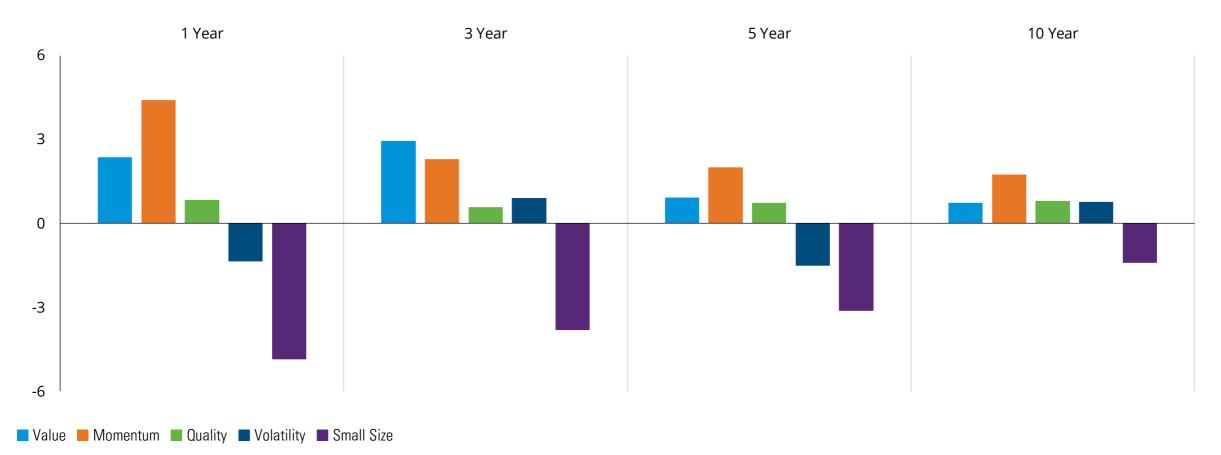
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## **Developed Markets (ex-US) Factor Performance**

#### Developed Markets (ex-US) Equity Factor Returns (%)

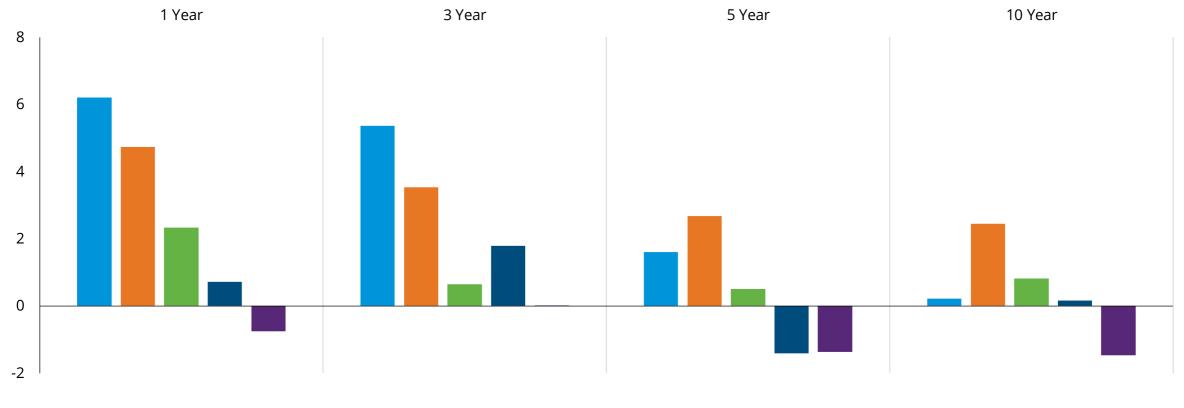


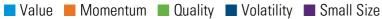
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**Emerging Markets Equity Factor Performance** 

#### Emerging Markets Equity Factor Returns (%)





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Factor Universe Methodology: Companies within each quintile portfolio are equally weighted. Portfolios are reconstituted monthly. Eligible companies have a total market capitalization of at least \$500 million and an average daily trading volume of at least \$1.5 million over the last six months, resulting in approximately 2,500 companies. The portfolios are theoretical and assume no fees or trading costs.

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