

The Beginning of the Value Cycle?

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Which of these companies would you rather buy today?

(Hint: It's not a trick question.)

Option (A)

Expected EPS Growth¹: 17% | P/E: 27x

Option

B

Expected EPS Growth1: 23% | P/E: 11x

Source: FactSet, Pzena Analysis

Option A represents the companies in the Russell 1000 Growth Index. Option B represents Deep Value².

After plenty of false starts, value is finally starting to outperform, and Deep Value³ is leading the way.

	4Q2020	Value Advantage
Russell 1000 Index	13.7%	
Russell 1000 Value Index	16.3%	+2.6%
Pzena Large Cap Value*	30.4%	+16.7%

Source: FTSE Russell, Sanford C. Bernstein & Co., Pzena Analysis
*Composite gross of fees. Past performance is not indicative of future results.

But the opportunity is far from behind us

The shift was significant, yet barely moved the dial. The valuation gap⁴ between cheap and expensive stocks remains near historical highs, which is to say: this looks like the early innings of a normal value rotation.





As spreads⁴ contract, Deep Value³ has outperformed both the broad and value indices.



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FURTHER INFORMATION

Estimated 2022 earnings per share per FactSet. ²Deep Value is the Cheapest Quintile (the cheapest 20% of stocks based on Pzena's estimates of their price-to-normal valuations, measured on an equally weighted basis within the largest 1,000 US stocks by market capitalization). Does not represent any specific Pzena strategy. ³Deep Value based on price/book of the cheapest quintile within the largest 1,000 US stock universe; equal-weighted data. Does not represent any specific Pzena strategy. ⁴Valuation dispersion line chart expressed in standard deviations, based on price/book of the cheapest quintile vs. the most expensive quintile in the largest 1000 US stock universe; equal-weighted data. ⁵Definition of a completed cycle: Relative performance between the cheapest quintile (based on price/book) and universe is at a relative peak or trough 12 months in either direction and at least +/- 1500 bps.

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			Annualized Returns		
4Q 2020	YTD	One Year	Three Year	Five Year	Since Inception 7/1/12
30.4%	-1.4%	-1.4%	2.5%	8.9%	11.4%
30.4%	-1.5%	-1.5%	2.3%	8.8%	11.3%
16.3%	2.8%	2.8%	6.1%	9.7%	11.3%
	2020 30.4% 30.4%	2020 YTD 30.4% -1.4% 30.4% -1.5%	2020 YTD Year 30.4% -1.4% -1.4% 30.4% -1.5% -1.5%	4Q YTD One Year Year 30.4% -1.4% -1.4% 2.5% 30.4% -1.5% -1.5% 2.3%	4Q 2020 One YTD Three Year Five Year 30.4% -1.4% -1.4% 2.5% 8.9% 30.4% -1.5% -1.5% 2.3% 8.8%

Returns through December 31, 2020

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