

### **Triple Momentum Allocator**

### **Triple Momentum themes**

#### Triple Momentum Allocator is now a monthly report

Due to popular demand, the Triple Momentum analysis of sectors and region-sectors we <u>published in January</u> has morphed into this monthly "Triple Momentum Allocator" report. We apply our Triple Momentum analysis to identify the highest and lowest ranked stocks, countries, sectors, and region-sectors based on a combination of earnings momentum, price momentum, and news momentum. Changes in Triple Momentum highlight which signals are fading and when new opportunities are emerging. This month, <u>Software</u> remains the highest-ranked global sector (sixth month), and Triple Momentum improved the most for <u>Tech Hardware</u> and <u>Semis</u>. Triple Momentum is now weakest for <u>Consumer Staples</u> and has recently deteriorated the most for <u>Energy</u>.

#### Triple Momentum hot spots across the world

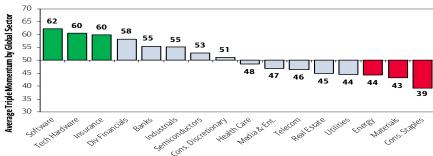
Sector themes differ by region but, generally, Triple Momentum is positive for Tech and negative for defensive sectors. In the US, Triple Momentum is most positive for Insurance and Software and negative for Telecom. In Europe, this signal is positive for Software and negative for Energy and Telecom. In Asia Pac ex-Japan, Triple Momentum is most positive for India and the Asia Pac ex-Japan Tech Hardware sector.

#### **Triple Momentum results**

As published in January, back-testing since 2004 shows the top-quintile by Triple Momentum would have outperformed the bottom-quintile by 7.8% p.a. from <a href="sector">sector</a> allocation, 8.2% p.a. from <a href="region-sectors">region-sectors</a>, and 9.7% p.a. from <a href="sectots">stock selection</a>, on average.

#### Chart 1: Global Sectors - Average Triple Momentum Rank

Average Triple Momentum Rank is strongest for Software, Tech Hardware, and Insurance



Source: BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

Trading ideas and investment strategies discussed herein may give rise to significant risk and are not suitable for all investors. Investors should have experience in relevant markets and the financial resources to absorb any losses arising from applying these ideas or strategies.

>> Employed by a non-US affiliate of BofAS and is not registered/qualified as a research analyst under the FINRA rules.

Refer to "Other Important Disclosures" for information on certain BofA Securities entities that take responsibility for the information herein in particular jurisdictions.

BofA Securities does and seeks to do business with issuers covered in its research reports. As a result, investors should be aware that the firm may have a conflict of interest that could affect the objectivity of this report. Investors should consider this report as only a single factor in making their investment decision.

Refer to important disclosures on page 50 to 52.

12656328

Timestamp: 07 February 2024 04:00PM EST

#### 08 February 2024

#### Quant Strategy Global

Nigel Tupper >> Quant Strategist Merrill Lynch (Australia) +61 2 9226 5735 nigel.tupper@bofa.com

Amar Vashi >> Quant Strategist Merrill Lynch (Australia) amar.vashi@bofa.com

**Sumuhan Shanmugalingam** >> Quant Strategist Merrill Lynch (Australia) sumuhan.shanmugalingam@bofa.com

- Stock screens
- Global Sectors
- Region-Sectors
- Heat Map
- Time series

### **Contents**

Executive Summary	4					
Concept	4					
Stocks	5					
Global Sectors	8					
Region-Sectors	9					
Heat Map	11					
Global Sectors – Time Series	12					
Banks	12					
Consumer Discretionary	14					
Consumer Staples	16					
Diversified Financials	18					
Energy	20					
Health Care	22					
Industrials	24					
Insurance	26					
Materials	28					
Media & Entertainment	30					
Real Estate	32					
Semiconductors	34					
Software	36					
Tech Hardware	38					
Telecommunication Services	40					
Utilities	42					
Triple Momentum Methodology	44					
Construction Methodology	44					
Performance Calculation Methodology	44					
Appendix A: Triple Momentum Summary Stats						
Appendix B: Triple Momentum Performance Summary	47					
Global Quant Publications						



#### **Notice to Readers:**

The various indicators and screens identified in this report are intended to be indicative metrics only and may not be used for reference purposes or as a measure of performance for any financial instrument or contract, or otherwise relied upon by third parties for any other purpose, without the prior written consent of BofA Global Research. These indicators/ screens were not created to act as a benchmark.

The screens in this report are not a recommended list either individually or as a group of stocks. Investors should consider the fundamentals of the companies and their own individual circumstances/objectives before making any investment decisions.

Triple Momentum (and its global, regional and sector versions) is intended to be an indicative metric only and may not be used for reference purposes or as a measure of performance for any financial instrument or contract, or otherwise relied upon by third parties for any other purpose, without the prior written consent of BofA Global Research. Triple Momentum was not created to act as a benchmark.

Some of the analysis as described in this report is back-tested and does not represent the actual performance of any account or fund. Back-tested performance depicts the hypothetical back-tested performance of a particular strategy over the time period indicated. In future periods, market and economic conditions will differ and the same strategy will not necessarily produce the same results. No representation is being made that any actual portfolio is likely to have achieved returns similar to those shown herein. In fact, there are frequently sharp differences between back-tested returns and the actual results realized in the actual management of a portfolio. Back-tested performance results are created by applying an investment strategy or methodology to historical data and attempts to give an indication as to how a strategy might have performed during a certain period in the past if the product had been in existence during such time. Back-tested results have inherent limitations including the fact that they are calculated with the full benefit of hindsight, which allows the security selection methodology to be adjusted to maximize the returns. Further, the results shown do not reflect actual trading or the impact that material economic and market factors might have had on a portfolio manager's decision-making under actual circumstances. Backtested returns do not reflect advisory fees, trading costs, or other fees or expenses.

This report includes factors for informational or descriptive purposes, and inclusion here is not equivalent to a recommendation of the factor or portfolio.

All data in the report is as of 31-Jan-2024 unless stated otherwise.



### **Executive Summary**

#### Concept

In this analysis, we highlight the benefits of combining three types of momentum, namely Earnings Momentum, Price Momentum, and News Momentum.

Earnings Momentum quantifies the sentiment of sell-side analysts by monitoring changing consensus earnings estimates and is defined as the three-month change in the consensus EPS estimate for each stock.

Price Momentum, which is what most investors think of when they think of "momentum", captures the sentiment of market participants who buy and sell equities. Our Price Momentum measure is defined as the slope of the log-linear regression using daily prices over the preceding 12-months.

News Momentum captures the three-month trend in news sentiment from five billion news events sourced globally from a combination of structured and unstructured data sources in multiple languages. We calculate a News Pulse for each stock which quantifies the momentum in news using news articles from the preceding 90 days.

Triple Momentum is an amalgamation of Earnings Momentum, Price Momentum and News Momentum. We have previously used Triple Momentum to highlight stocks globally with high Triple Momentum Ranks and low Triple Momentum Ranks. Please refer to our "Signals from Triple Momentum" for more details on the methodology for Stock Triple Momentum.

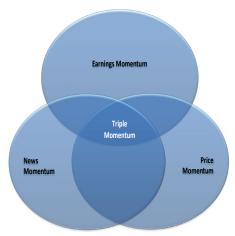
In this new analysis, we aggregate stock-level Triple Momentum Ranks by global sector and for each region-sector, and provide the back-testing results to support the efficacy of this methodology through time for Global Sector Allocation and Region-Sector Allocation. All analysis in the report starts in Jan-04 since News data is only available from that period. Please refer to the Methodology at the back of this report.

We also show current rankings of global sectors and region-sectors. In addition, charts show how these rankings have changed on a monthly basis since 2004, indicating which sectors and region-sectors have been in vogue at any point in time in the past.

We plan to update this analysis each month to help investors monitor changing themes in global equity markets and publish the analysis in the NewsAlpha report.

#### **Chart 2: Triple Momentum Concept**

Triple Momentum combines Earnings Momentum, Price Momentum, and News Momentum



Source : BofA Global Quantitative Strategy



### **Stocks**

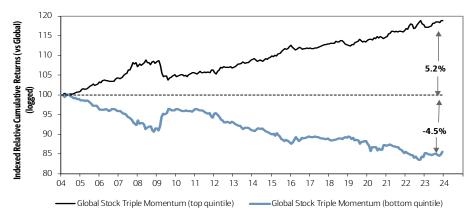
**Stock Triple Momentum Top Quintile** includes the top 20% of stocks in MSCI All Country World Index by the Stock Triple Momentum Rank.

**Stock Triple Momentum Bottom Quintile** includes the bottom 20% of stocks in MSCI All Country World Index by the Stock Triple Momentum Rank.

Global Stock Triple Momentum (top quintile) and Global Stock Triple Momentum (bottom quintile) screens act as stock screens and not as recommended stock portfolios. The screens are not a recommended list either individually or as a group of stocks. Investors should consider the fundamentals of the companies and their own individual circumstances/objectives before making any investment decisions.

## Chart 3: Stock Triple Momentum: Relative Cumulative Performance of Top and Bottom Quintile (backtested)

Among stocks globally, Stock Triple Momentum Top Quintile would have outperformed Bottom Quintile by +9.7% since 2004



Source: BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

This performance is back-tested for period from Jan-04 to Dec-23. Back-tested performance depicts the theoretical (not actual) performance of a particular strategy over the time period indicated. No representation is being made that any actual portfolio is likely to have achieved returns similar to those shown herein.



Table 1: Global Stock Triple Momentum - Stocks with the Highest Triple Momentum Rank
Top global stocks with the highest Triple Momentum Rank

Company Name	BBG Code	Country	Sector	MCAP (Total \$USm)	Avg Daily TO (6m \$US m)	
Bluescope Steel	BSL AU	Australia	Materials	6,879		
Innovent Biologics	1801 HK	China	Health Care	6,582	52.0	
AAC Tech	2018 HK	China	Tech Hardware	2,608	16.5	
Credit Agricole	ACA FP	France	Banks	43,323	59.2	
MunichRe	MUV2 GR	Germany	Insurance	57,624	111.3	
Talanx	TLX GR	Germany	Insurance	18,201	11.2	
Alpha Services	ALPHA GA	Greece	Banks	4,407	11.1	
Mytilineos	MYTIL GA	Greece	Industrials	5,890	7.7	
Chinasoft Int'l	354 HK	Hong Kong	Software	1,653	13.8	
Hero Motor	HMCL IN	India	Cons. Discretionary	11,370	28.6	
Indian Oil	IOCL IN	India	Energy	27,740	32.4	
Aurobindo Pharma	ARBP IN	India Health Care		7,537	25.0	
Adani Ports	ADSEZ IN	India	Industrials	32,133	82.1	
Jindal Steel	JSP IN	India	Materials	9,546	18.0	
Macrotech Developers	LODHA IN	India	Real Estate	12,964	16.2	
Gail India	GAIL IN	India	Utilities	14,105	35.8	
Aisin	7259 JP	Japan	Cons. Discretionary	10,458	31.2	
Tokio Marine	8766 JP	Japan	Insurance	51,268	108.1	
Hulic Co	3003 JP	Japan	Real Estate	8,398	15.5	
Advantest	6857 JP	Japan	Semiconductors	31,711	396.2	
Inbursa	GFINBURO MM	Mexico	Banks	18,026	5.7	
Cemex SAB	CEMEXCPO MM	Mexico	Materials	13,007	35.0	
Budimex	BDX PW	Poland	Industrials	4,321	5.7	
Sembcorp Ind	SCI SP	Singapore	Utilities	7,723	19.7	
Kumba Iron Ore	KIO SJ	South Africa	Materials	9,708	6.8	
Hankook Tire & Tech	161390 KS	South Korea	Cons. Discretionary	4,758	8.5	
Ecopro	086520 KS	South Korea	Industrials	11,053	381.8	
Hanwha Aerospace	012450 KS	South Korea	Industrials	5,061	43.8	
HD Korea Shipbuilding	009540 KS	South Korea	Industrials	6,373	14.6	
Hyundai Heavy Industries	329180 KS	South Korea	Industrials	7,645	8.9	
Sandoz	SDZ SW	Switzerland	Health Care	14,236	67.9	
Asustek	2357 TT	Taiwan	Tech Hardware	10,827	73.3	
Gigabyte Tech	2376 TT	Taiwan	Tech Hardware	6,782	221.0	
Quanta	2382 TT	Taiwan	Tech Hardware	31,308	393.6	
Wistron	3231 TT	Taiwan	Tech Hardware	11,148	347.5	
Wiwynn	6669 TT	Taiwan	Tech Hardware	12,939	158.2	
3i Group	III LN	United Kingdom	Div Financials	28,977	35.1	
M&G Plc	MNG LN	United Kingdom	Div Financials	6,593	9.9	
Rolls-Royce	RR/ LN	United Kingdom	Industrials	33,047	51.5	
Doordash	DASH US	United States	Cons. Discretionary	40,058	345.9	
Uber	UBER US	United States	Industrials	139,103	1316.4	
Allstate	ALL US	United States	Insurance	41,164	201.0	
Snap Inc-A	SNAP US	United States	Media & Ent.	23,335	283.5	
GoDaddy	GDDY US	United States	Software	15,807	149.3	
Uipath - Class A	PATH US	United States	Software	11,352	167.0	
5 5 6 6 1 1 6						

 $Source: BofA\ Global\ Quantitative\ Strategy,\ MSCI,\ IBES,\ FactSet,\ RavenPack$ 



**Table 2: Global Stock Triple Momentum - Stocks with the Lowest Triple Momentum Rank**Bottom global stocks with the lowest Triple Momentum Rank

Company Name	BBG Code	Country	Sector	MCAP (Total \$USm)	Avg Daily TO (6m \$US m)		
IGO	IGO AU	Australia	Materials	3,599	36.6		
Pilbara Minerals	PLS AU	Australia	Materials	6,965	99.1		
Mirvac	MGR AU	Australia	Real Estate	5,556	21.9		
Umicore	UMI BB	Belgium	Materials	5,462	11.0		
First Quantum	FM CN	Canada	Materials	6,390	64.1		
Pan American Silver	PAAS CN	Canada	Materials	4,974	13.4		
East Buy	1797 HK	China	Cons. Discretionary	3,146	48.8		
China Feihe	6186 HK	China	Cons. Staples	4,140	7.8		
Shandong Weigao-H	1066 HK	China	Health Care	2,949	7.0		
China Overseas Land	688 HK	China	Real Estate	16,459	32.2		
China Vanke-H	2202 HK	China	Real Estate	1,727	21.8		
Yuexiu Property	123 HK	China	Real Estate	2,594	9.0		
China Gas	384 HK	China	Utilities	4,866	6.8		
Guangdong Invest.	270 HK	China	Utilities	3,679	7.7		
Puma Se	PUM GR	Germany	Cons. Discretionary	6,266	27.2		
Bayer	BAYN GR	Germany	Health Care	30,446	139.4		
Wacker Chemie	WCH GR	Germany	Materials	5,741	12.0		
MTR	66 HK	Hong Kong	Industrials	20,353	10.7		
Xinyi Glass	868 HK	Hong Kong	Industrials	3,407	8.2		
Hang Lung Prop	101 HK	Hong Kong	Real Estate	5,253	7.3		
Bank of Ireland	BIRG ID	Ireland	Banks	9,412	15.2		
ICL	ICL IT	Israel	Materials	5,905	9.9		
Yamaha	7951 JP	Japan	Cons. Discretionary	4,084	25.2		
Shiseido	4911 JP	Japan	Cons. Staples	11,107	95.1		
Nippon Building Fund	8951 JP	Japan	Real Estate	6,860	15.2		
Saudi Kayan Petro	KAYAN AB	Saudi Arabia	Materials	3,648	5.9		
LG H&H	051900 KS	South Korea	Cons. Staples	3,708	22.8		
L&F	066970 KS	South Korea	Industrials	3,990	91.5		
NCSoft	036570 KS	South Korea	Media & Ent.	3,386	24.3		
Samsung SDI	006400 KS	South Korea	Tech Hardware	20,433	107.1		
Enagas	ENG SM	Spain	Utilities	4,214	14.0		
Getinge	GETIB SS	Sweden	Health Care	4,794	14.9		
Boliden	BOL SS	Sweden	Materials	7,051	31.3		
Julius Baer	BAER SW	Switzerland	Div Financials	11,478	31.7		
Clariant	CLN SW	Switzerland	Materials	4,203	10.6		
SIG Group	SIGN SW	Switzerland	Materials	7,989	17.6		
Momo.com	8454 TT	Taiwan	Cons. Discretionary	3,376	8.7		
Burberry	BRBY LN	United Kingdom	Cons. Discretionary	5,900	24.3		
Pepco Group Nv	PCO PW	United Kingdom	Cons. Discretionary	3,282	8.7		
Archer Daniels	ADM US	United States	Cons. Staples	29,856	267.5		
APA Corp	APA US	United States	Energy	9,292	159.3		
Humana	HUM US	United States	Health Care	46,945	674.2		
Pfizer	PFE US	United States	Health Care	152,046	1079.8		
UPS	UPS US	United States	Industrials	102,597	568.8		
Albemarle	ALB US	United States	Materials	13,407	377.6		
Source - PofA Global Quantitat	ivo Stratogy MSCI IDES	FactCat DayonDack					

Source: BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, FactSet, RavenPack



### **Global Sectors**

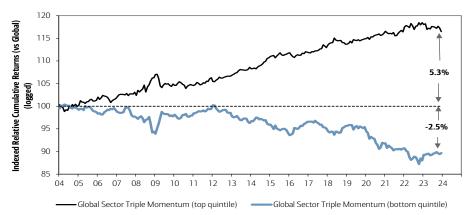
**Average Global Sector Triple Momentum Rank:** We calculate an arithmetic average of Triple Momentum Rank for all stocks by global sector, and re-rank these averages from 1 to 100 (where 100 represents the global sector with the strongest Triple Momentum).

**Global Sector Triple Momentum Top Quintile:** Global Sector Triple Momentum Top Quintile includes global sectors in the top 20% by the Average Sector Triple Momentum Rank (which equates to three global sectors out of a total of 16).

**Global Sector Triple Momentum Bottom Quintile:** Global Sector Triple Momentum Bottom Quintile includes global sectors in the bottom 20% by the Average Sector Triple Momentum Rank (three global sectors out of a total of 16).

## Chart 4: Global Sector Triple Momentum: Relative Cumulative Performance of Top and Bottom Quintile Sectors (backtested)

Within Global Sectors, Triple Momentum Top Quintile would have outperformed Triple Momentum Bottom Quintile by +7.8% since 2004



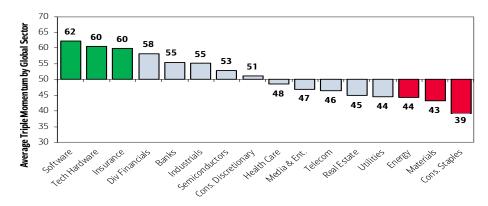
Source : BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

This performance is back-tested for period from Jan-04 to Dec-23. Back-tested performance depicts the theoretical (not actual) performance of a particular strategy over the time period indicated. No representation is being made that any actual portfolio is likely to have achieved returns similar to those shown herein.

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

#### **Chart 5: Global Sectors - Average Triple Momentum Rank**

Triple Momentum is currently strongest for Software, Tech Hardware, and Insurance



Source: BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, FactSet, RavenPack



### **Region-Sectors**

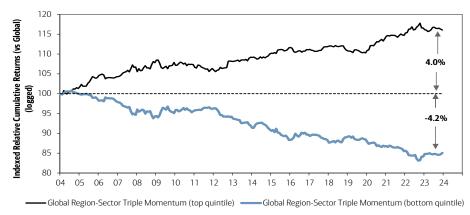
**Average Region-Sector Triple Momentum Rank:** We calculate an arithmetic average of Triple Momentum Rank for all stocks in the relevant global region-sector, and re-rank these averages from 1 to 100 (where 100 represents the relevant region-sector with the strongest Triple Momentum).

**Region-Sector Triple Momentum Top Quintile** includes region-sectors in the top 20% by the Average Region-Sector Triple Momentum Rank (which equates to 16 region-sectors out of a total of 80).

**Region-Sector Triple Momentum Bottom Quintile** includes region-sectors in the bottom 20% by the Average Region-Sector Triple Momentum Rank (16 region-sectors out of a total of 80).

## Chart 6: Region-Sector Triple Momentum: Relative Cumulative Performance of Top and Bottom Quintile (backtested)

Within Region-Sectors, Triple Momentum Top Quintile would have outperformed Triple Momentum Bottom Quintile by +8.2% since 2004



 $Source: BofA\ Global\ Quantitative\ Strategy,\ MSCI,\ IBES,\ ExShare,\ RavenPack$ 

This performance is back-tested for period from Jan-04 to Dec-23. Back-tested performance depicts the theoretical (not actual) performance of a particular strategy over the time period indicated. No representation is being made that any actual portfolio is likely to have achieved returns similar to those shown herein.



#### Chart 7: Regional-Sectors with the highest average (green) and lowest average (red) Triple Momentum Rank

Triple Momentum Rank is highest for Emerging ex-Asia - Real Estate and lowest for Europe - Energy



Source: BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, FactSet, RavenPack

#### **Heat Map**

The following table shows a matrix of an Average Triple Momentum Rank for Country-Sectors and Region-Sectors. This matrix is colour-coded for easy visualization of Triple Momentum Ranks across country-sectors and region-sectors. For e.g. country-sectors or region-sectors with the highest average Triple Momentum Ranks are coloured green. Similarly country-sectors or region-sectors with the lowest average Triple Momentum Ranks are coloured red. Average Ranks that fall between highest and lowest are coloured progressively from green to red.

**Table 3: Average Triple Momentum Rank by Region-Sector and Country-Sector** 

Within regions, Triple Momentum is most positive on US Insurance, Europe Software, Japan Energy, and APxJ Tech Hardware

Average Triple	s	Cons. Discretionary	s. Staples	Div Financials	'8y	Health Care	Industrials	Insurance	Materials	Media & Ent.	Real Estate	Semiconductors	Software	<b>Tech Hardware</b>	Telecom	Utilities	ion
Momentum Rank	Banks	Con	Cons.	Div	Energy	Hea	Indt	nsu	Mat	Мес	Rea	Sen	Sofi	Tecl	Tele	Util	Region
Canada	31	52	51	66	46		45	70	21		57		60		36	28	45
United States	37	51	32	61	36	44	56	67	48	51	41	48	63	52	20	30	49
Belgium	34		43	28		49		59	1							84	43
Denmark	95	97	43			41	59		75							69	60
Finland			11		33		51	11	66					21	32	23	35
France	60	42	30	63	59	32	60	57	64	90	53	7	65		56	73	53
Germany	71	34	48	69		27	51	86	40	57	46	47	64		46	63	48
Italy	64	39			48	67	61	52							80	74	61
Netherlands	26	80	8	72		36	56	82	34	32		79			37		54
Spain	69	72			6	17	93								46	33	46
Sweden	45	23		57		3	50		22					21	18		38
Switzerland		23	37	40		49	48	60	46				93	84	20		47
United Kingdom	25	44	43	54	28	58	55	51	42	33	70		42	81		69	49
Australia	48	48	23	47	25	51	50	60	45	34	38		53		21	30	42
Hong Kong	19	44		14		85	44	65			27		100			18	36
Japan	82	57	41	72	85	52	57	69	50	38	63	72	50	60	45	51	56
Singapore	58	70	53	33	=0		72		0.5	18	37			70	42	100	53
China	35	50	33	54	53	61	43	28	35	48	10	34	34	72	60	39	44
India	60	73	51	59	82	80	67	42	56	79	91		61	20	69	67	65
South Korea	69	55	27	45	34	46	44	52	37	52		50	51	38	57	83	47
Taiwan Brazil	68 69	31 62	26 53	53	5 88	60	48 92	52 65	26 67			58		77	29 82	C1	57 67
Mexico	83	02	56		00	60	34	65	82						66	61	59
Poland	03		30		17		100	'	02	28					00	87	52
South Africa	75	45	71	55	77	96	50	47	46	20	94				26	07	56
Asia Pac ex-Japan	55	54	37	48	53	62	53	44	43	48	34	50	60	68	48	47	50
Emerging ex-Asia	71	55	53	75	53	84	61	62	50	28	92	50	- 00	00	61	65	61
Europe	45	42	42	56	25	41	55	60	40	49	57	62	67	46	39	52	48
Japan	82	57	41	72	85	52	57	69	50	38	63	72	50	60	45	51	56
United States	37	51	32	61	36	44	56	67	48	51	41	48	63	52	20	30	49
Global	55	51	39	58	44	48	55	60	43	47	45	53	62	60	46	44	

 $\textbf{Source:} Bof A \ Global \ Quantitative \ Strategy, \ MSCI, \ IBES, \ Fact Set, \ Raven Pack$ 

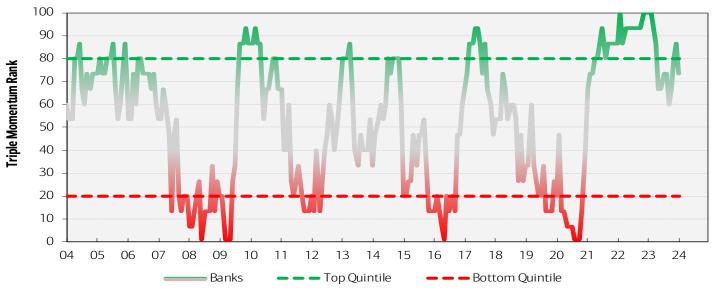


## **Global Sectors - Time Series**

#### **Banks**

#### **Chart 8: Global Banks: Triple Momentum Trend**

The average Triple Momentum Rank for Global Banks is 73

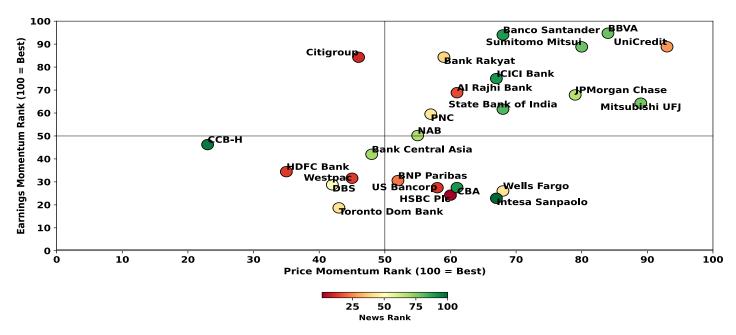


**Source :** BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

### Chart 9: Banks: Earnings Momentum (vertical axis), Price Momentum (horizontal axis), News Momentum (colour)

Triple Momentum is most positive for Banco Santander, BBVA and Sumitomo Mitsui

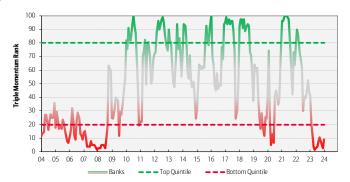


**Source :** BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack



#### **Chart 10: North America Banks: Triple Momentum Trend**

The average Triple Momentum Rank for the USA Banks is in the bottom quintile  $\,$ 

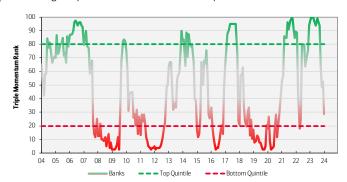


Source: BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

#### **Chart 12: Europe Banks: Triple Momentum Trend**

The average Triple Momentum Rank for Europe Banks is 29

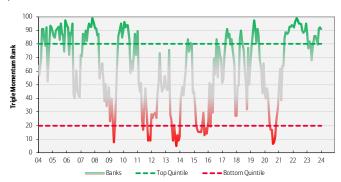


**Source :** BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

#### Chart 14: GEM ex-Asia Banks: Triple Momentum Trend

The average Triple Momentum Rank for EM ex-Asia Banks is in the top quintile

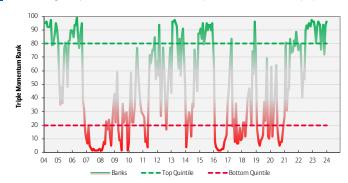


Source: BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

#### **Chart 11: Japan Banks: Triple Momentum Trend**

The average Triple Momentum Rank for Japan Banks is in the top quintile

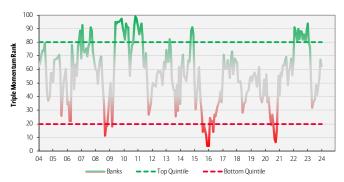


Source: BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

#### Chart 13: Asia Pac Banks: Triple Momentum Trend

The average Triple Momentum Rank for Asia Pac ex-Japan Banks is 62



Source: BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

### **Consumer Discretionary**

#### **Chart 15: Global Consumer Discretionary: Triple Momentum Trend**

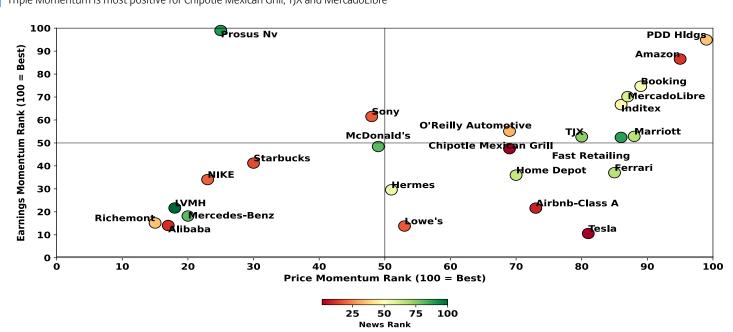
The average Triple Momentum Rank for Global Cons. Discretionary is 53



Source: BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

Chart 16: Consumer Discretionary: Earnings Momentum (vertical axis), Price Momentum (horizontal axis), News Momentum (colour)
Triple Momentum is most positive for Chipotle Mexican Grill, TJX and MercadoLibre

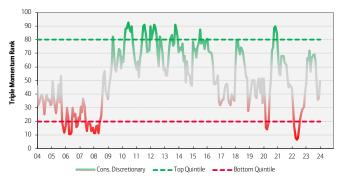


 $\textbf{Source:} BofA \ Global \ Quantitative \ Strategy, \ MSCI, \ IBES, \ ExShare, \ RavenPack$ 



## Chart 17: North America Consumer Discretionary: Triple Momentum Trend

The average Triple Momentum Rank for the USA Cons. Discretionary is  $49\,$ 



Source: BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

## **Chart 19: Europe Consumer Discretionary: Triple Momentum Trend**The average Triple Momentum Rank for Europe Cons. Discretionary is 22

100 90 80 70 50 40 40

13 14 15 16 17

18 19 20 21

**Source :** BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

Cons. Discretionary — — — Top Quintile

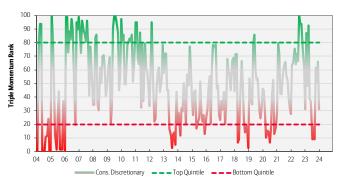
08 09 10 11 12

04 05

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

## Chart 21: GEM ex-Asia Consumer Discretionary: Triple Momentum Trend

The average Triple Momentum Rank for EM ex-Asia Cons. Discretionary is  $31\,$ 

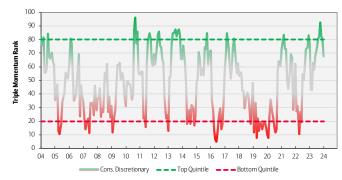


 $\textbf{Source:} \ \mathsf{BofA} \ \mathsf{Global} \ \mathsf{Quantitative} \ \mathsf{Strategy,} \ \mathsf{MSCI,} \ \mathsf{IBES,} \ \mathsf{ExShare,} \ \mathsf{RavenPack}$ 

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

### Chart 18: Japan Consumer Discretionary: Triple Momentum Trend

The average Triple Momentum Rank for Japan Cons. Discretionary is 68



**Source :** BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

## Chart 20: Asia Pac Consumer Discretionary: Triple Momentum Trend

The average Triple Momentum Rank for Asia Pac ex-Japan Cons. Discretionary is  $60\,$ 

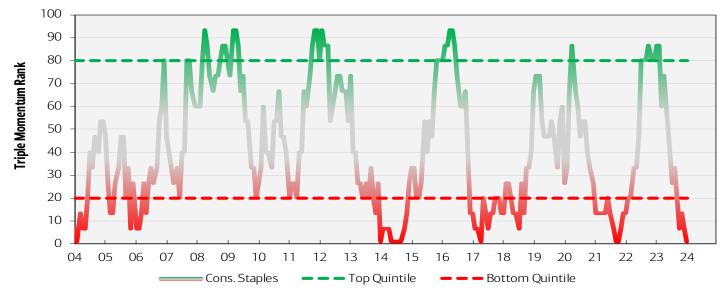


**Source :** BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

### **Consumer Staples**

#### **Chart 22: Global Consumer Staples: Triple Momentum Trend**

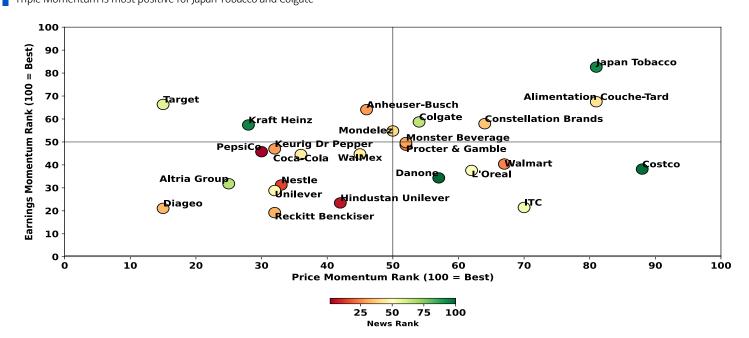
The Triple Momentum is weakest for Global Cons. Staples sector



Source: BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

Chart 23: Consumer Staples: Earnings Momentum (vertical axis), Price Momentum (horizontal axis), News Momentum (colour)
Triple Momentum is most positive for Japan Tobacco and Colgate

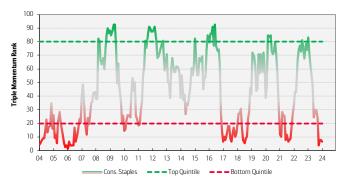


 $\textbf{Source:} BofA \ Global \ Quantitative \ Strategy, \ MSCI, \ IBES, \ ExShare, \ RavenPack$ 



## Chart 24: North America Consumer Staples: Triple Momentum Trend

The average Triple Momentum Rank for the USA Cons. Staples is in the bottom quintile  $\,$ 



**Source :** BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

#### **Chart 26: Europe Consumer Staples: Triple Momentum Trend**

The average Triple Momentum Rank for Europe Cons. Staples is 23

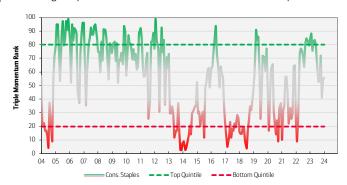


**Source :** BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

#### Chart 28: GEM ex-Asia Consumer Staples: Triple Momentum Trend

The average Triple Momentum Rank for EM ex-Asia Cons. Staples is 56

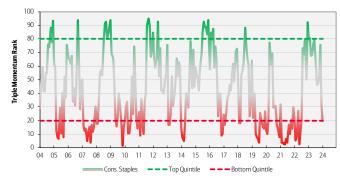


 $\textbf{Source:} \ \mathsf{BofA} \ \mathsf{Global} \ \mathsf{Quantitative} \ \mathsf{Strategy,} \ \mathsf{MSCI,} \ \mathsf{IBES,} \ \mathsf{ExShare,} \ \mathsf{RavenPack}$ 

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

#### **Chart 25: Japan Consumer Staples: Triple Momentum Trend**

The average Triple Momentum Rank for Japan Cons. Staples is in the bottom quintile



Source: BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

#### **Chart 27: Asia Pac Consumer Staples: Triple Momentum Trend**

The average Triple Momentum Rank for Asia Pac ex-Japan Cons. Staples is in the bottom quintile



**Source :** BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

#### **Diversified Financials**

#### **Chart 29: Global Diversified Financials: Triple Momentum Trend**

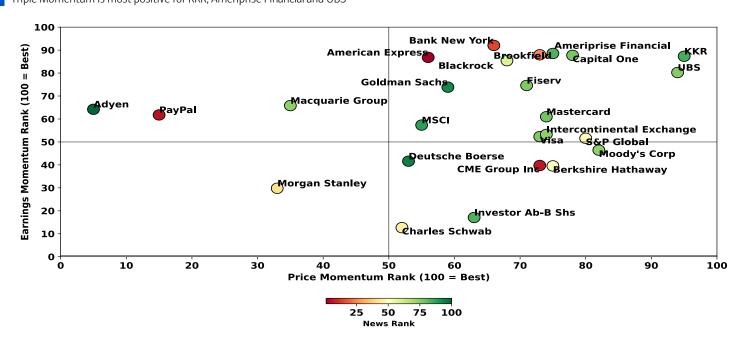
The average Triple Momentum Rank for Global Div Financials is 80



**Source:** BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

Chart 30: Diversified Financials: Earnings Momentum (vertical axis), Price Momentum (horizontal axis), News Momentum (colour)
Triple Momentum is most positive for KKR, Ameriprise Financial and UBS

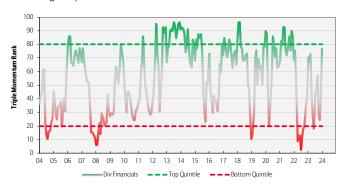


Source: BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack



## Chart 31: North America Diversified Financials: Triple Momentum Trend

The average Triple Momentum Rank for the USA Div Financials is 77

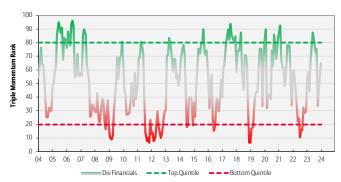


**Source :** BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

### Chart 33: Europe Diversified Financials: Triple Momentum Trend

The average Triple Momentum Rank for Europe Div Financials is 65

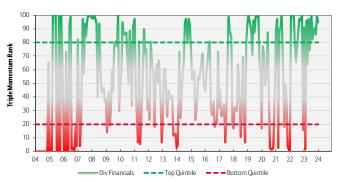


 $\textbf{Source:} \ \mathsf{BofA} \ \mathsf{Global} \ \mathsf{Quantitative} \ \mathsf{Strategy,} \ \mathsf{MSCI,} \ \mathsf{IBES,} \ \mathsf{ExShare,} \ \mathsf{RavenPack}$ 

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

## Chart 35: GEM ex-Asia Diversified Financials: Triple Momentum Trend

The average Triple Momentum Rank for EM ex-Asia Div Financials is in the top quintile  $\,$ 

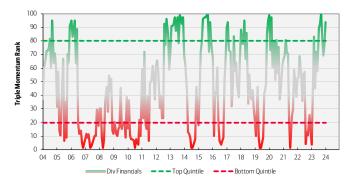


 $\textbf{Source:} \ \mathsf{BofA} \ \mathsf{Global} \ \mathsf{Quantitative} \ \mathsf{Strategy,} \ \mathsf{MSCI,} \ \mathsf{IBES,} \ \mathsf{ExShare,} \ \mathsf{RavenPack}$ 

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

#### **Chart 32: Japan Diversified Financials: Triple Momentum Trend**

The average Triple Momentum Rank for Japan Div Financials is in the top quintile  $\,$ 

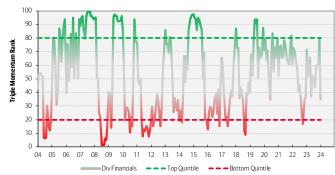


Source: BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

## **Chart 34: Asia Pac Diversified Financials: Triple Momentum Trend**The average Triple Momentum Rank for Asia Pac ex-Japan Div Financials

The average Triple Momentum Rank for Asia Pac ex-Japan Div Financials is 35

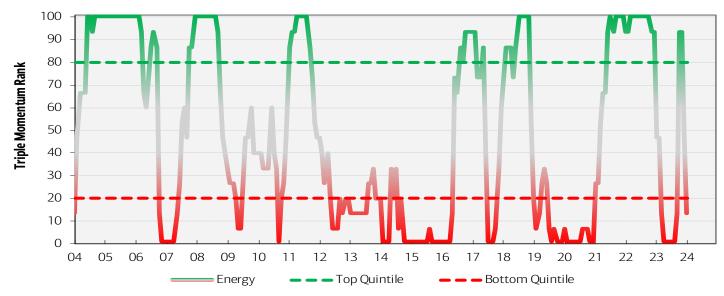


**Source :** BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

#### **Energy**

#### **Chart 36: Global Energy: Triple Momentum Trend**

The average Triple Momentum Rank for Global Energy is in the bottom quintile

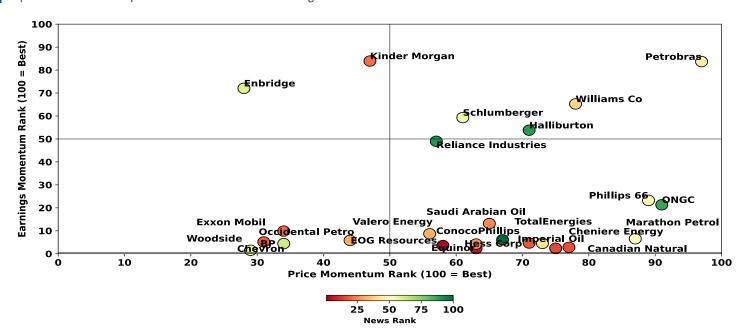


Source: BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

Chart 37: Energy: Earnings Momentum (vertical axis), Price Momentum (horizontal axis), News Momentum (colour)

Triple Momentum is most positive for Halliburton and Schlumberger

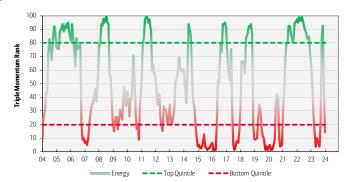


**Source :** BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack



### **Chart 38: North America Energy: Triple Momentum Trend**

The average Triple Momentum Rank for the USA Energy is in the bottom quintile  $\,$ 

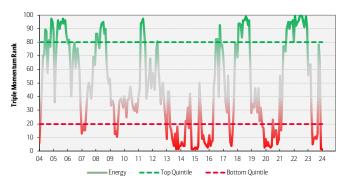


Source: BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

#### **Chart 40: Europe Energy: Triple Momentum Trend**

The Triple Momentum is weakest for Europe Energy sector

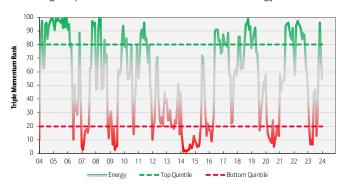


**Source :** BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

### Chart 42: GEM ex-Asia Energy: Triple Momentum Trend

The average Triple Momentum Rank for EM ex-Asia Energy is 55

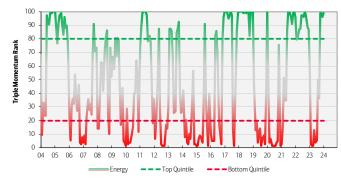


 $\textbf{Source:} \ \mathsf{BofA} \ \mathsf{Global} \ \mathsf{Quantitative} \ \mathsf{Strategy}, \ \mathsf{MSCI}, \ \mathsf{IBES}, \ \mathsf{ExShare}, \ \mathsf{RavenPack}$ 

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

#### **Chart 39: Japan Energy: Triple Momentum Trend**

The average Triple Momentum Rank for Japan Energy is in the top quintile

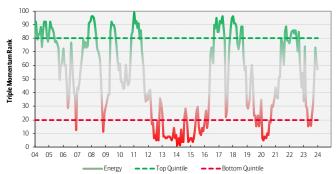


Source: BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

#### Chart 41: Asia Pac Energy: Triple Momentum Trend

The average Triple Momentum Rank for Asia Pac ex-Japan Energy is 57



**Source :** BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

#### **Health Care**

#### **Chart 43: Global Health Care: Triple Momentum Trend**

The average Triple Momentum Rank for Global Health Care is 47

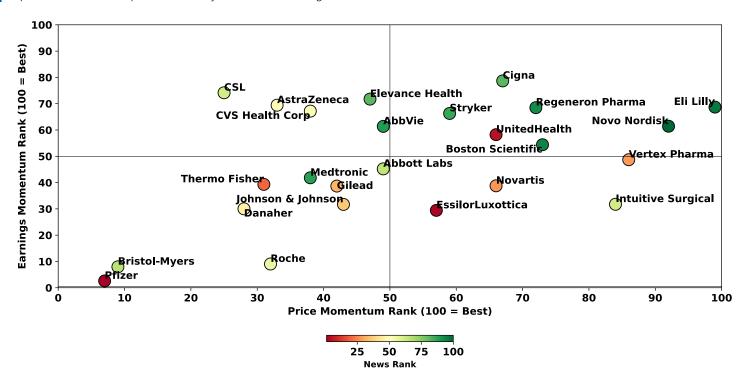


Source: BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

Chart 44: Health Care: Earnings Momentum (vertical axis), Price Momentum (horizontal axis), News Momentum (colour)

Triple Momentum is most positive for Eli Lilly, Novo Nordisk and Regeneron Pharma



 $\textbf{Source:} Bof A \ Global \ Quantitative \ Strategy, \ MSCI, \ IBES, \ ExShare, \ Raven Pack$ 



#### **Chart 45: North America Health Care: Triple Momentum Trend**

The average Triple Momentum Rank for the USA Health Care is 26



Source: BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

#### **Chart 47: Europe Health Care: Triple Momentum Trend**

The average Triple Momentum Rank for Europe Health Care is in the bottom quintile

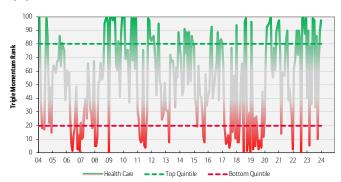


**Source :** BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

### Chart 49: GEM ex-Asia Health Care: Triple Momentum Trend

The average Triple Momentum Rank for EM ex-Asia Health Care is in the top quintile

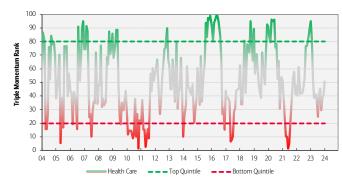


 $\textbf{Source:} \ Bof A \ Global \ Quantitative \ Strategy, \ MSCI, \ IBES, \ ExShare, \ Raven Pack$ 

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

#### **Chart 46: Japan Health Care: Triple Momentum Trend**

The average Triple Momentum Rank for Japan Health Care is 51

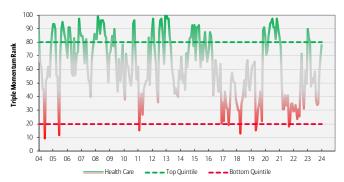


**Source :** BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

#### Chart 48: Asia Pac Health Care: Triple Momentum Trend

The average Triple Momentum Rank for Asia Pac ex-Japan Health Care is 78



Source: BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

#### **Industrials**

#### **Chart 50: Global Industrials: Triple Momentum Trend**

The average Triple Momentum Rank for Global Industrials is 67

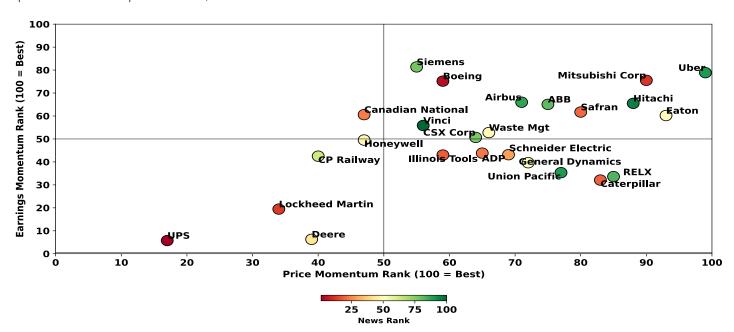


Source: BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

Chart 51: Industrials: Earnings Momentum (vertical axis), Price Momentum (horizontal axis), News Momentum (colour)

Triple Momentum is most positive for Uber, Hitachi and Vinci

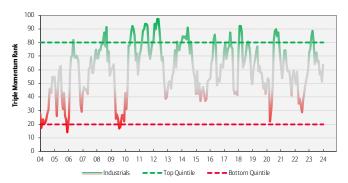


 $\textbf{Source:} BofA \ Global \ Quantitative \ Strategy, \ MSCI, \ IBES, \ ExShare, \ RavenPack$ 



#### **Chart 52: North America Industrials: Triple Momentum Trend**

The average Triple Momentum Rank for the USA Industrials is 64

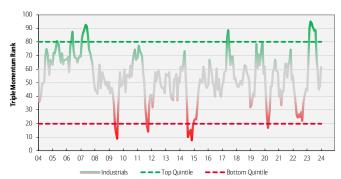


**Source :** BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

#### **Chart 54: Europe Industrials: Triple Momentum Trend**

The average Triple Momentum Rank for Europe Industrials is 61

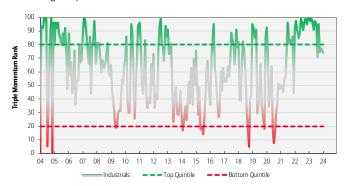


**Source :** BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

#### Chart 56: GEM ex-Asia Industrials: Triple Momentum Trend

The average Triple Momentum Rank for EM ex-Asia Industrials is 74

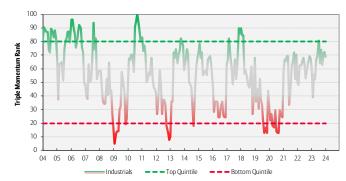


 $\textbf{Source:} \ \mathsf{BofA} \ \mathsf{Global} \ \mathsf{Quantitative} \ \mathsf{Strategy}, \ \mathsf{MSCI}, \ \mathsf{IBES}, \ \mathsf{ExShare}, \ \mathsf{RavenPack}$ 

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

#### **Chart 53: Japan Industrials: Triple Momentum Trend**

The average Triple Momentum Rank for Japan Industrials is 69

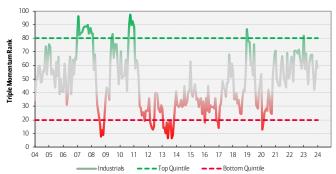


**Source :** BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

#### **Chart 55: Asia Pac Industrials: Triple Momentum Trend**

The average Triple Momentum Rank for Asia Pac ex-Japan Industrials is  $58\,$ 

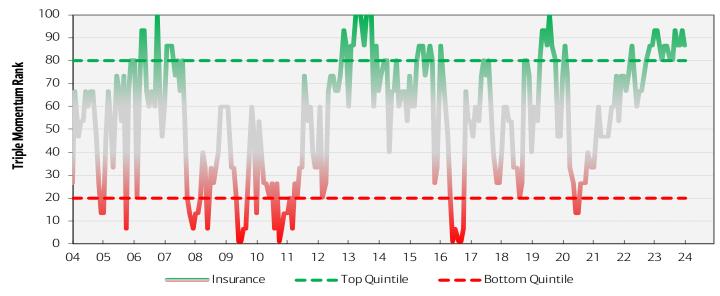


**Source :** BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

#### Insurance

#### **Chart 57: Global Insurance: Triple Momentum Trend**

The average Triple Momentum Rank for Global Insurance is in the top quintile

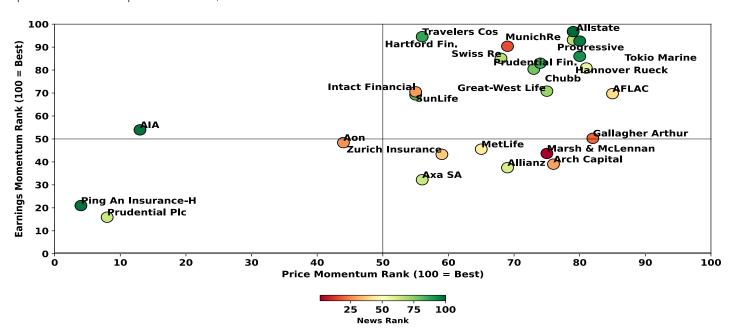


Source: BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

Chart 58: Insurance: Earnings Momentum (vertical axis), Price Momentum (horizontal axis), News Momentum (colour)

Triple Momentum is most positive for Allstate, MunichRe and Tokio Marine

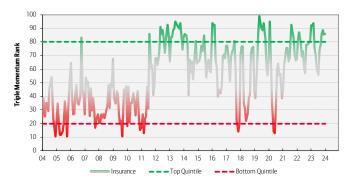


 $\textbf{Source:} \ BofA\ Global\ Quantitative\ Strategy,\ MSCI,\ IBES,\ ExShare,\ RavenPack$ 



#### **Chart 59: North America Insurance: Triple Momentum Trend**

The average Triple Momentum Rank for the USA Insurance is in the top quintile  $\,$ 

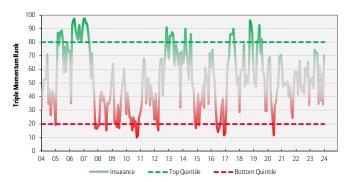


Source: BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

#### **Chart 61: Europe Insurance: Triple Momentum Trend**

The average Triple Momentum Rank for Europe Insurance is 70

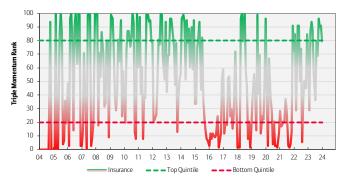


**Source :** BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

### Chart 63: GEM ex-Asia Insurance: Triple Momentum Trend

The average Triple Momentum Rank for EM ex-Asia Insurance is 79

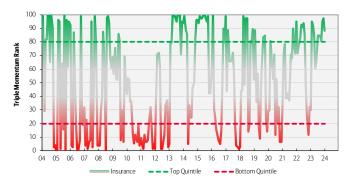


 $\textbf{Source:} \ \mathsf{BofA} \ \mathsf{Global} \ \mathsf{Quantitative} \ \mathsf{Strategy}, \ \mathsf{MSCI}, \ \mathsf{IBES}, \ \mathsf{ExShare}, \ \mathsf{RavenPack}$ 

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

#### **Chart 60: Japan Insurance: Triple Momentum Trend**

The average Triple Momentum Rank for Japan Insurance is in the top quintile

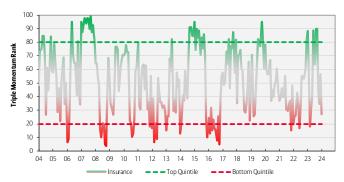


Source: BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

#### **Chart 62: Asia Pac Insurance: Triple Momentum Trend**

The average Triple Momentum Rank for Asia Pac ex-Japan Insurance is 27

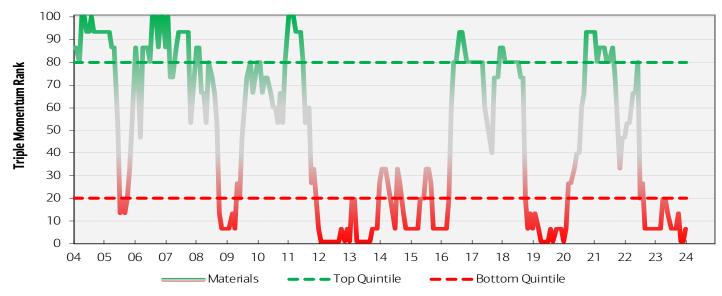


Source: BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

#### **Materials**

#### **Chart 64: Global Materials: Triple Momentum Trend**

The average Triple Momentum Rank for Global Materials is in the bottom quintile

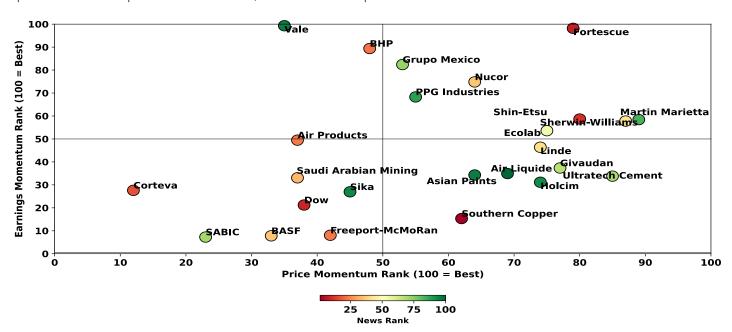


Source: BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

Chart 65: Materials: Earnings Momentum (vertical axis), Price Momentum (horizontal axis), News Momentum (colour)

Triple Momentum is most positive for Martin Marietta, PPG Industries and Grupo Mexico

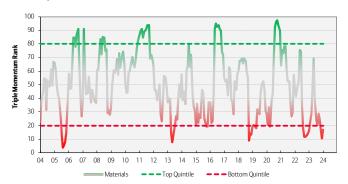


 $\textbf{Source:} Bof A \ Global \ Quantitative \ Strategy, \ MSCI, \ IBES, \ ExShare, \ Raven Pack$ 



#### **Chart 66: North America Materials: Triple Momentum Trend**

The average Triple Momentum Rank for the USA Materials is in the bottom quintile

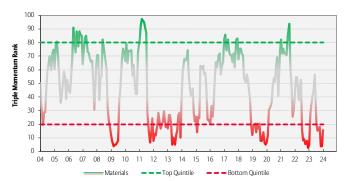


Source: BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

#### **Chart 68: Europe Materials: Triple Momentum Trend**

The average Triple Momentum Rank for Europe Materials is in the bottom quintile

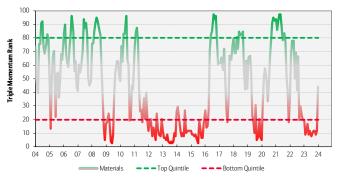


Source: BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

#### Chart 70: GEM ex-Asia Materials: Triple Momentum Trend

The average Triple Momentum Rank for EM ex-Asia Materials is 44

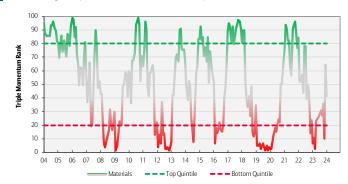


 $\textbf{Source:} \ \mathsf{BofA} \ \mathsf{Global} \ \mathsf{Quantitative} \ \mathsf{Strategy,} \ \mathsf{MSCI,} \ \mathsf{IBES,} \ \mathsf{ExShare,} \ \mathsf{RavenPack}$ 

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

#### Chart 67: Japan Materials: Triple Momentum Trend

The average Triple Momentum Rank for Japan Materials is 42

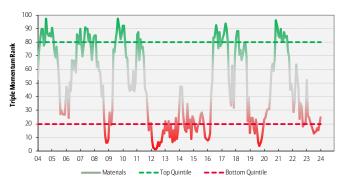


**Source :** BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

#### **Chart 69: Asia Pac Materials: Triple Momentum Trend**

The average Triple Momentum Rank for Asia Pac ex-Japan Materials is 25

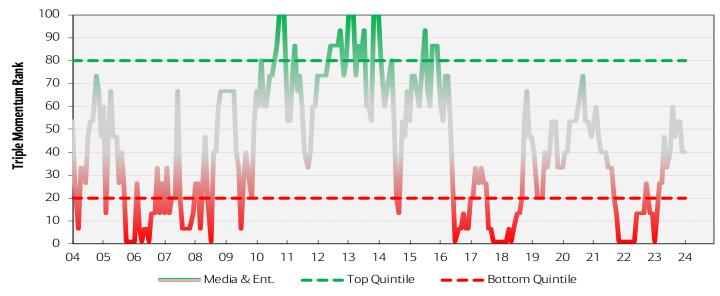


**Source :** BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

#### **Media & Entertainment**

#### Chart 71: Global Media & Entertainment: Triple Momentum Trend

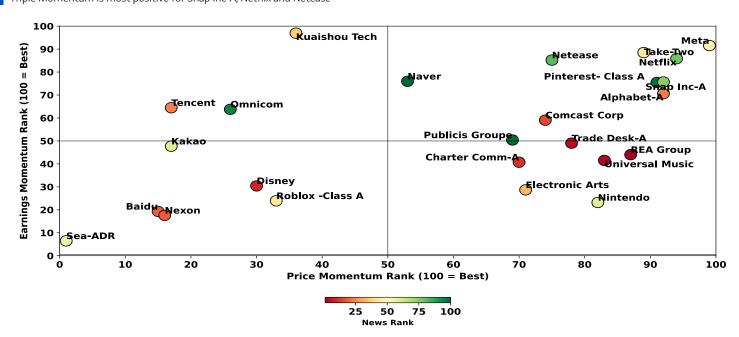
The average Triple Momentum Rank for Global Media & Ent. is 40



Source: BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

Chart 72: Media & Entertainment: Earnings Momentum (vertical axis), Price Momentum (horizontal axis), News Momentum (colour)
Triple Momentum is most positive for Snap Inc-A, Netflix and Netease

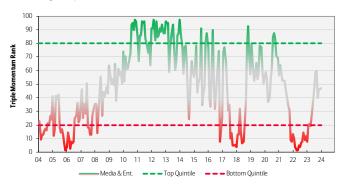


 $\textbf{Source:} BofA \ Global \ Quantitative \ Strategy, \ MSCI, \ IBES, \ ExShare, \ RavenPack$ 



## Chart 73: North America Media & Entertainment: Triple Momentum Trend

The average Triple Momentum Rank for the USA Media & Ent. is 47

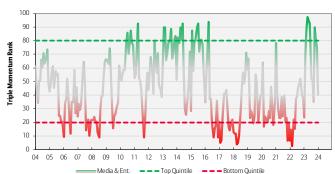


 $\textbf{Source:} \ \mathsf{BofA} \ \mathsf{Global} \ \mathsf{Quantitative} \ \mathsf{Strategy}, \ \mathsf{MSCI}, \ \mathsf{IBES}, \ \mathsf{ExShare}, \ \mathsf{RavenPack}$ 

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

### Chart 75: Europe Media & Entertainment: Triple Momentum Trend

The average Triple Momentum Rank for Europe Media  $\&\, \text{Ent.}$  is 40

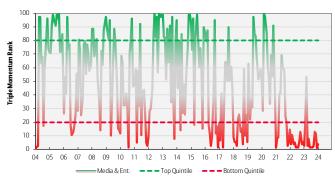


**Source:** BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

## Chart 77: GEM ex-Asia Media & Entertainment: Triple Momentum Trend

The average Triple Momentum Rank for EM ex-Asia Media & Ent. is in the bottom quintile

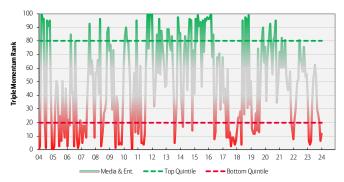


**Source :** BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

#### Chart 74: Japan Media & Entertainment: Triple Momentum Trend

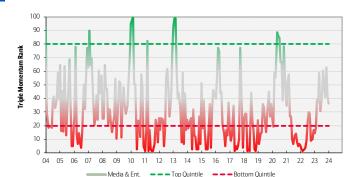
The average Triple Momentum Rank for Japan Media  $\&\, {\rm Ent.}$  is in the bottom quintile



Source: BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

# Chart 76: Asia Pac Media & Entertainment: Triple Momentum Trend The average Triple Momentum Rank for Asia Pac ex-Japan Media & Ent. is 36

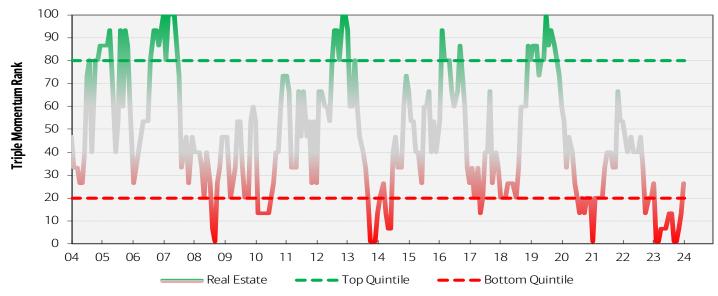


Source: BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

#### **Real Estate**

#### **Chart 78: Global Real Estate: Triple Momentum Trend**

The average Triple Momentum Rank for Global Real Estate is 27

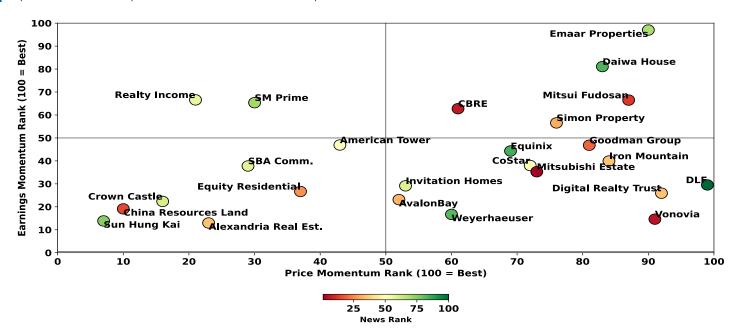


Source: BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

#### Chart 79: Real Estate: Earnings Momentum (vertical axis), Price Momentum (horizontal axis), News Momentum (colour)

Triple Momentum is most positive for Daiwa House and Emaar Properties

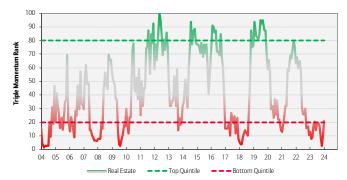


 $\textbf{Source:} \ BofA\ Global\ Quantitative\ Strategy,\ MSCI,\ IBES,\ ExShare,\ RavenPack$ 



#### **Chart 80: North America Real Estate: Triple Momentum Trend**

The average Triple Momentum Rank for the USA Real Estate is 21

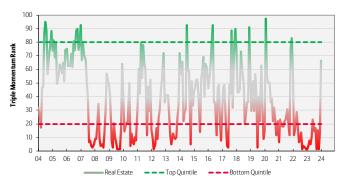


**Source :** BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

#### **Chart 82: Europe Real Estate: Triple Momentum Trend**

The average Triple Momentum Rank for Europe Real Estate is 66

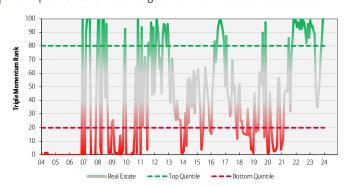


**Source :** BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

#### Chart 84: GEM ex-Asia Real Estate: Triple Momentum Trend

The Triple Momentum is strongest for EM ex-Asia Real Estate sector

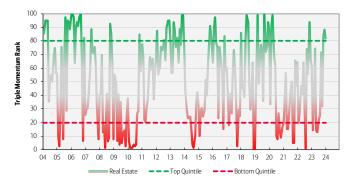


 $\textbf{Source:} \ \mathsf{BofA} \ \mathsf{Global} \ \mathsf{Quantitative} \ \mathsf{Strategy,} \ \mathsf{MSCI,} \ \mathsf{IBES,} \ \mathsf{ExShare,} \ \mathsf{RavenPack}$ 

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

#### **Chart 81: Japan Real Estate: Triple Momentum Trend**

The average Triple Momentum Rank for Japan Real Estate is in the top quintile

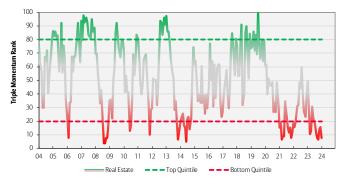


Source: BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

#### Chart 83: Asia Pac Real Estate: Triple Momentum Trend

The average Triple Momentum Rank for Asia Pac ex-Japan Real Estate is in the bottom quintile

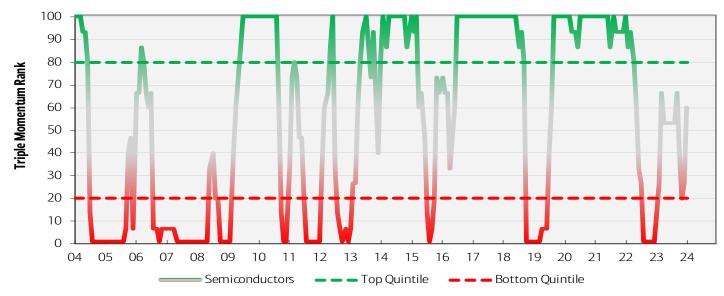


Source: BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

#### **Semiconductors**

#### **Chart 85: Global Semiconductors: Triple Momentum Trend**

The average Triple Momentum Rank for Global Semiconductors is 60

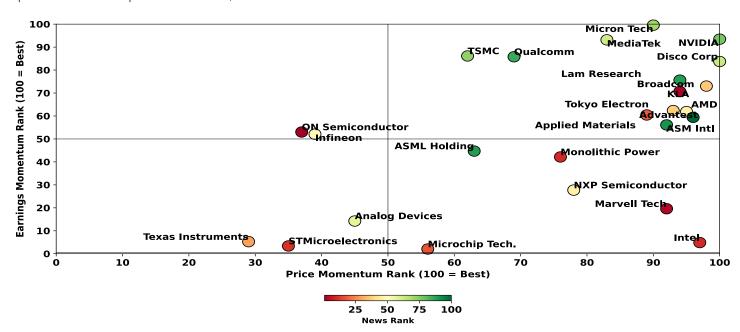


Source: BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

Chart 86: Semiconductors: Earnings Momentum (vertical axis), Price Momentum (horizontal axis), News Momentum (colour)

Triple Momentum is most positive for Advantest, Lam Research and NVIDIA

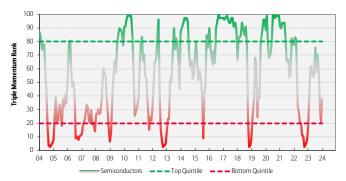


 $\textbf{Source:} BofA \ Global \ Quantitative \ Strategy, \ MSCI, \ IBES, \ ExShare, \ RavenPack$ 



#### **Chart 87: North America Semiconductors: Triple Momentum Trend**

The average Triple Momentum Rank for the USA Semiconductors is 38

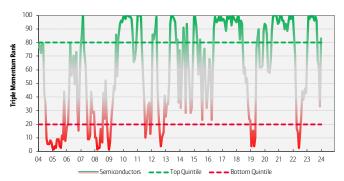


Source: BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

#### **Chart 89: Europe Semiconductors: Triple Momentum Trend**

The average Triple Momentum Rank for Europe Semiconductors is in the top quintile

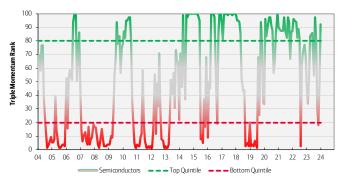


**Source:** BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

#### **Chart 88: Japan Semiconductors: Triple Momentum Trend**

The average Triple Momentum Rank for Japan Semiconductors is in the top quintile

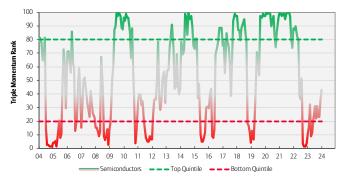


Source: BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

#### Chart 90: Asia Pac Semiconductors: Triple Momentum Trend

The average Triple Momentum Rank for Asia Pac ex-Japan Semiconductors is 43

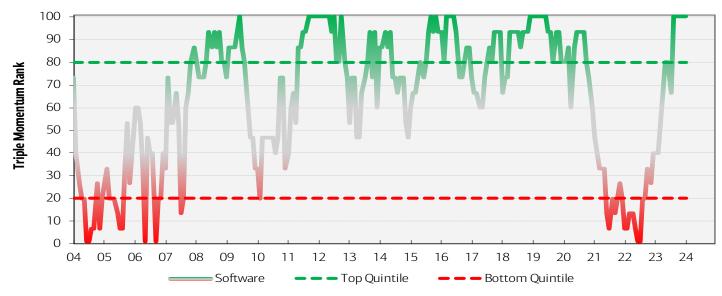


 $\textbf{Source:} \ \mathsf{BofA} \ \mathsf{Global} \ \mathsf{Quantitative} \ \mathsf{Strategy,} \ \mathsf{MSCI,} \ \mathsf{IBES,} \ \mathsf{ExShare,} \ \mathsf{RavenPack}$ 

#### **Software**

#### **Chart 91: Global Software: Triple Momentum Trend**

The Triple Momentum is strongest for Global Software sector

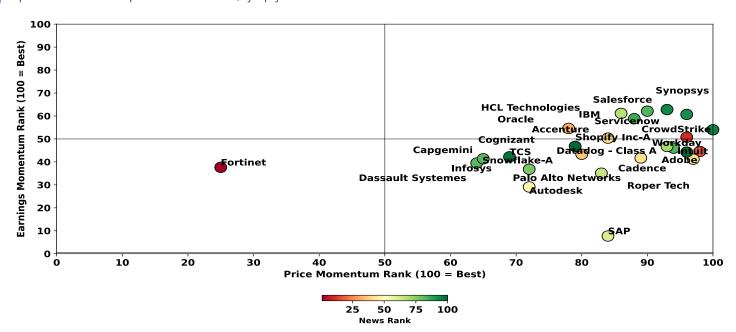


Source: BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

Chart 92: Software: Earnings Momentum (vertical axis), Price Momentum (horizontal axis), News Momentum (colour)

Triple Momentum is most positive for Servicenow, Synopsys and CrowdStrike



Source: BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack



### **Chart 93: North America Software: Triple Momentum Trend**

The average Triple Momentum Rank for the USA Software is 81

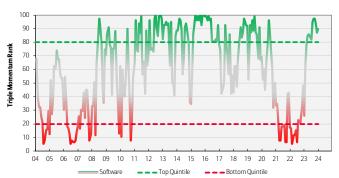


**Source :** BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

### **Chart 95: Europe Software: Triple Momentum Trend**

The average Triple Momentum Rank for Europe Software is in the top quintile  $\,$ 

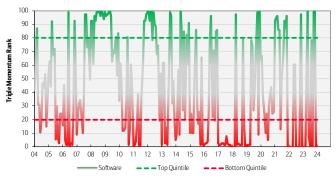


**Source :** BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

### Chart 97: GEM ex-Asia Software: Triple Momentum Trend

The average Triple Momentum Rank for EM ex-Asia Software is in the bottom quintile

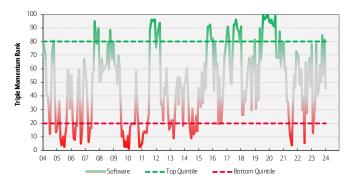


Source: BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

### **Chart 94: Japan Software: Triple Momentum Trend**

The average Triple Momentum Rank for Japan Software is 45

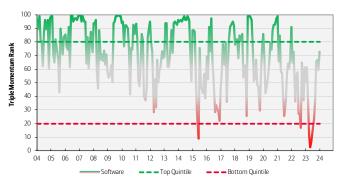


**Source :** BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

### **Chart 96: Asia Pac Software: Triple Momentum Trend**

The average Triple Momentum Rank for Asia Pac ex-Japan Software is 73

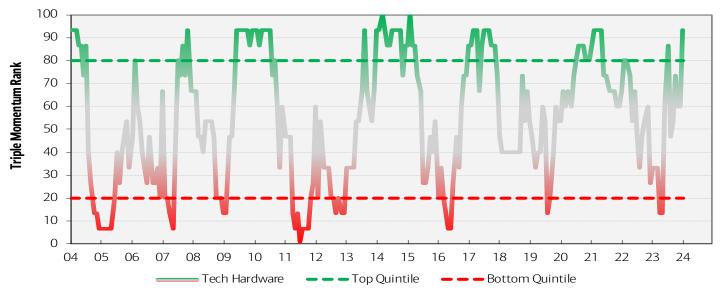


**Source :** BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

### **Tech Hardware**

### **Chart 98: Global Tech Hardware: Triple Momentum Trend**

The average Triple Momentum Rank for Global Tech Hardware is in the top quintile

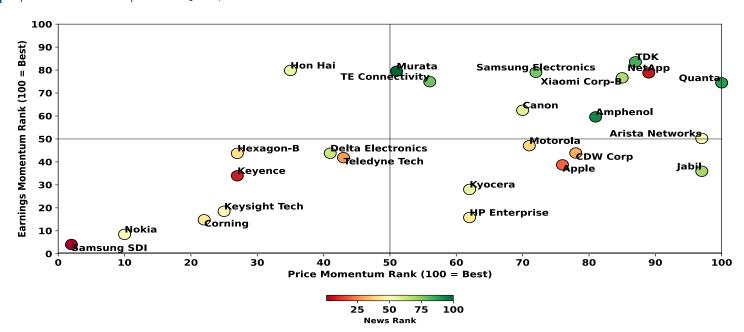


Source: BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

Chart 99: Tech Hardware: Earnings Momentum (vertical axis), Price Momentum (horizontal axis), News Momentum (colour)

Triple Momentum is most positive for Quanta, TDK and Murata



 $\textbf{Source:} BofA \ Global \ Quantitative \ Strategy, \ MSCI, \ IBES, \ ExShare, \ RavenPack$ 



### Chart 100: North America Tech Hardware: Triple Momentum Trend

The average Triple Momentum Rank for the USA Tech Hardware is 53

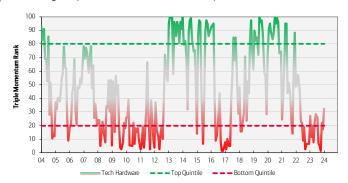


**Source :** BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

### **Chart 102: Europe Tech Hardware: Triple Momentum Trend**

The average Triple Momentum Rank for Europe Tech Hardware is 32

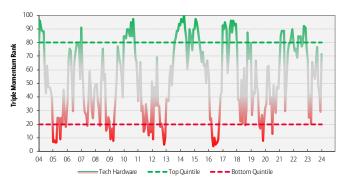


**Source :** BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

### **Chart 101: Japan Tech Hardware: Triple Momentum Trend**

The average Triple Momentum Rank for Japan Tech Hardware is 71

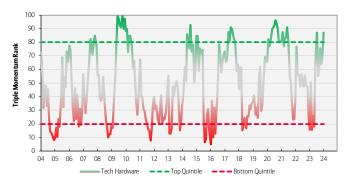


 $\textbf{Source:} \ \mathsf{BofA} \ \mathsf{Global} \ \mathsf{Quantitative} \ \mathsf{Strategy,} \ \mathsf{MSCI,} \ \mathsf{IBES,} \ \mathsf{ExShare,} \ \mathsf{RavenPack}$ 

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

### **Chart 103: Asia Pac Tech Hardware: Triple Momentum Trend**

The average Triple Momentum Rank for Asia Pac ex-Japan Tech Hardware is in the top quintile



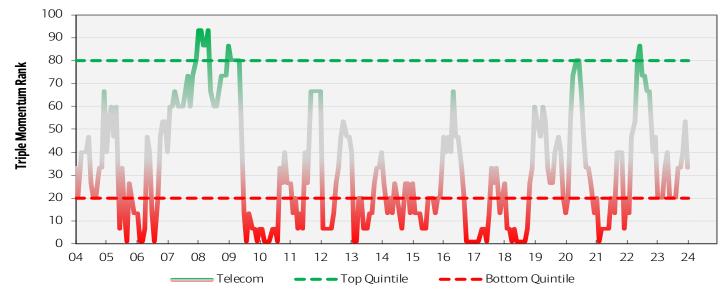
**Source :** BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack



### **Telecommunication Services**

### **Chart 104: Global Telecom: Triple Momentum Trend**

The average Triple Momentum Rank for Global Telecom is 33

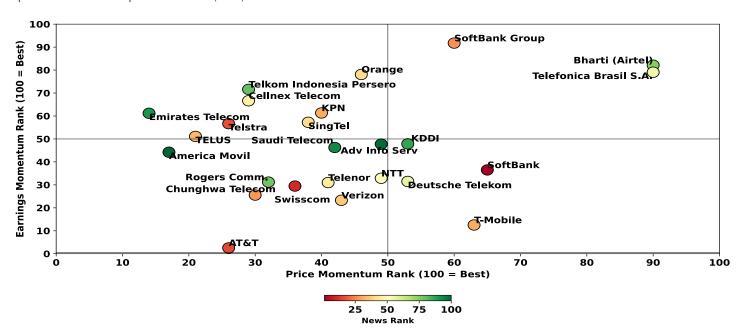


Source: BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

### Chart 105: Telecom: Earnings Momentum (vertical axis), Price Momentum (horizontal axis), News Momentum (colour)

Triple Momentum is most positive for Bharti (Airtel) and Telefonica Brasil S.A.

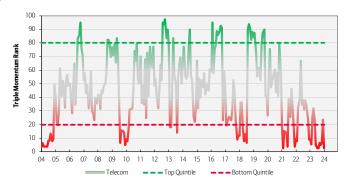


 $\textbf{Source:} BofA \ Global \ Quantitative \ Strategy, \ MSCI, \ IBES, \ ExShare, \ RavenPack$ 



### **Chart 106: North America Telecom: Triple Momentum Trend**

The average Triple Momentum Rank for the USA Telecom is in the bottom quintile

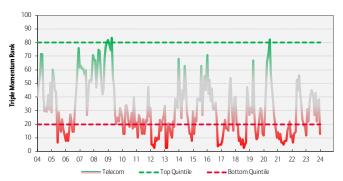


Source: BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

### **Chart 108: Europe Telecom: Triple Momentum Trend**

The average Triple Momentum Rank for Europe Telecom is in the bottom quintile  $\,$ 

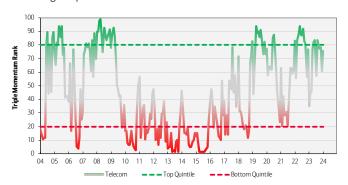


**Source :** BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

### Chart 110: GEM ex-Asia Telecom: Triple Momentum Trend

The average Triple Momentum Rank for EM ex-Asia Telecom is 75

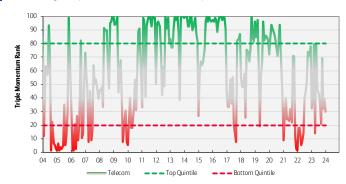


**Source :** BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

### **Chart 107: Japan Telecom: Triple Momentum Trend**

The average Triple Momentum Rank for Japan Telecom is 30

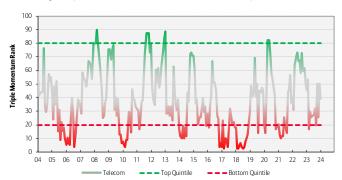


Source: BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

### Chart 109: Asia Pac Telecom: Triple Momentum Trend

The average Triple Momentum Rank for Asia Pac ex-Japan Telecom is 39

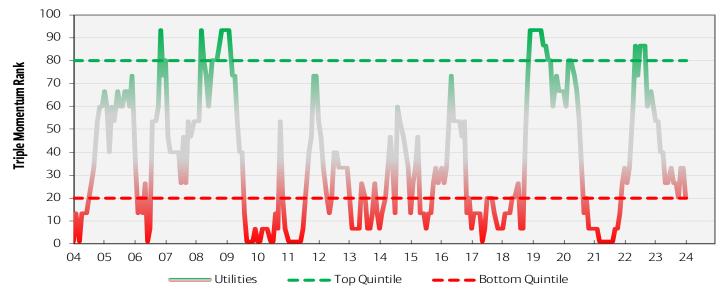


Source: BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

### **Utilities**

### **Chart 111: Global Utilities: Triple Momentum Trend**

The average Triple Momentum Rank for Global Utilities is 20

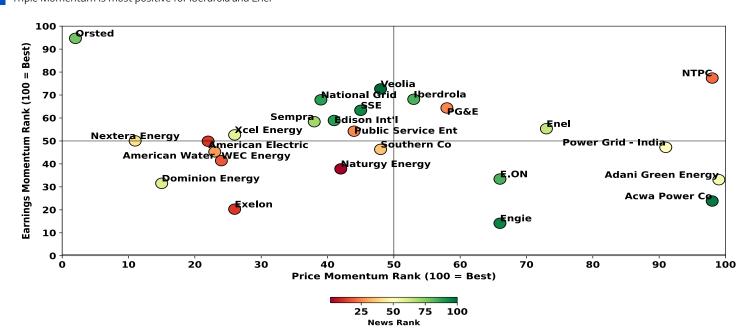


Source: BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

Chart 112: Utilities: Earnings Momentum (vertical axis), Price Momentum (horizontal axis), News Momentum (colour)

Triple Momentum is most positive for Iberdrola and Enel



 $\textbf{Source:} BofA \ Global \ Quantitative \ Strategy, \ MSCI, \ IBES, ExShare, \ RavenPack$ 



### **Chart 113: North America Utilities: Triple Momentum Trend**

The average Triple Momentum Rank for the USA Utilities is in the bottom quintile

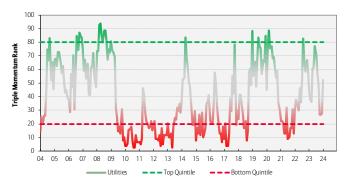


Source: BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

### **Chart 115: Europe Utilities: Triple Momentum Trend**

The average Triple Momentum Rank for Europe Utilities is 52

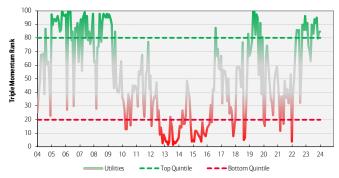


**Source :** BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

### Chart 117: GEM ex-Asia Utilities: Triple Momentum Trend

The average Triple Momentum Rank for EM ex-Asia Utilities is in the top quintile

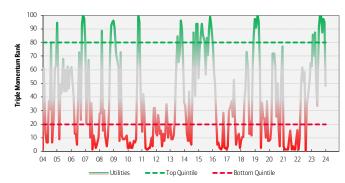


Source: BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

### **Chart 114: Japan Utilities: Triple Momentum Trend**

The average Triple Momentum Rank for Japan Utilities is 48



**Source :** BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

### **Chart 116: Asia Pac Utilities: Triple Momentum Trend**

The average Triple Momentum Rank for Asia Pac ex-Japan Utilities is 34



Source: BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

### **Triple Momentum Methodology**

In this analysis, we highlight the benefits of combining three types of momentum, including Earnings Momentum, Price Momentum, and News Momentum. This helps identify current investment themes and can be used to monitor for emerging themes.

### **Construction Methodology**

The back-testing in this analysis is from Jan-04 to Dec-23 and we introduced the current version of the analysis in Jan-24.

This analysis includes all stocks in the MSCI AC World Index as at each month-end. Stocks on BofA Restricted List are not included in this analysis. We also decided not to exclude the region-sectors with a small number of stocks because 1) we wanted to include all possible ideas, and 2) any one region-sector will have very limited impact on the overall results. The screens are determined at the end of each month using monthend data from MSCI and RavenPack databases.

### **Performance Calculation Methodology**

Refer to appendix "Global Triple Momentum Performance" for detailed performance data.

Rebalancing and backtested performance calculations are conducted each month, using data and closing prices corresponding to the market's close on the last business day of each month. Backtested performance is computed on the basis of price return. Global Sector performance is presented relative to the equal-weighted global sector performance of the MSCI AC World Index sectors. Global Region-sector performance is presented relative to the equal-weighted region-sector performance of the MSCI AC World Index region-sectors. Stock performance is presented relative to the equal-weighted MSCI AC World Index.

We have decided to use equal-weighted performance as it eliminates the possibility of a few very large stocks skewing the results. This is more important now than ever given the "Magnificent Seven" have been dominating market performance.

The analysis is back-tested and does not represent the actual performance of any account or fund. Back-tested performance depicts the hypothetical back-tested performance of a particular strategy over the time period indicated. In future periods, market and economic conditions will differ and the same strategy will not necessarily produce the same results. No representation is being made that any actual portfolio is likely to have achieved returns similar to those shown herein. In fact, there are frequently sharp differences between back-tested returns and the actual results realized in the actual management of a portfolio. Back-tested performance results are created by applying an investment strategy or methodology to historical data and attempts to give an indication as to how a strategy might have performed during a certain period in the past if the product had been in existence during such time. Back-tested results have inherent limitations including the fact that they are calculated with the full benefit of hindsight, which allows the security selection methodology to be adjusted to maximize the returns. Further, the results shown do not reflect actual trading or the impact that material economic and market factors might have had on a portfolio manager's decisionmaking under actual circumstances. Back-tested returns do not reflect advisory fees, trading costs, or other fees or expenses.

This report includes factors for informational or descriptive purposes, and inclusion here is not equivalent to a recommendation of the factor or portfolio.

Past performance is no guarantee of future results.



# **Appendix A: Triple Momentum Summary Stats**

Below summary tables are based on data since Jan-04 to Jan-24.

### Table 4: Proportion of months Global Sectors are in the Top Quintile by Triple Momentum

Semiconductors, Energy and Software have most consistently been in top quintile by Triple Momentum

	•
Sector	Percentage of times sector in Top 3
Semiconductors	41%
Software	34%
Energy	34%
Health Care	28%
Tech Hardware	24%
Materials	22%
Banks	17%
Insurance	17%
Div Financials	16%
Industrials	15%
Real Estate	13%
Media & Ent.	9%
Cons. Staples	9%
Cons. Discretionary	9%
Utilities	7%
Telecom	3%

Source : BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

### Table 5: Proportion of months Global Sectors are in the Bottom Quintile by Triple Momentum

Utilities, Telecom and Energy are in bottom quintile by Triple Momentum Rank most often

Sector	Percentage of times sector in Bottom 3
Utilities	33%
Telecom	33%
Energy	33%
Materials	32%
Semiconductors	32%
Media & Ent.	25%
Cons. Staples	23%
Banks	16%
Real Estate	12%
Div Financials	12%
Tech Hardware	12%
Insurance	11%
Cons. Discretionary	9%
Software	9%
Health Care	8%
Industrials	1%

 $Source: BofA\ Global\ Quantitative\ Strategy,\ MSCI,\ IBES,\ ExShare,\ RavenPack$ 



### Table 6: Persistence of Global Sectors with High Triple Momentum

Semiconductors and Energy persists in top quintile for 14 and 9 months, on average

Sector	Average number of months the sector stays in Top 3
Semiconductors	14
Energy	9
Banks	9
Health Care	8
Tech Hardware	7
Software	6
Utilities	5
Telecom	5
Industrials	5
Materials	5
Div Financials	4
Cons. Discretionary	4
Insurance	4
Media & Entertainment	4
Real Estate	3
Cons. Staples	3

Cons. Staples 3

Source : BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

Table 7: Persistence of Global Sectors with Low Triple Momentum Rank

Semiconductors and Materials persists in bottom quintile for 8 months, on average

Sector	Average number of months the sector stays in Bottom 3
Semiconductors	8
Materials	8
Energy	7
Media & Ent.	7
Utilities	6
Telecom	5
Real Estate	5
Cons. Staples	5
Software	4
Banks	4
Tech Hardware	4
Insurance	4
Div Financials	4
Health Care	3
Cons. Discretionary	3
Industrials	2

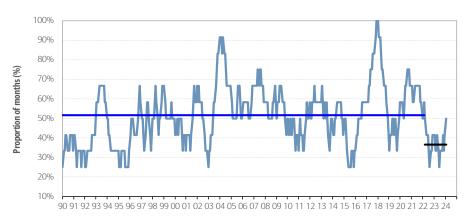
Source: BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

The following chart measures the persistence of equity market performance. The line shows the proportion of months in the last year in which the performance of the MSCI AC World Index moved in the same direction as the preceding month. The average over the last 34 years has been 52%. In contrast, the average over the last two years has been 37%, suggesting equity market performance has been less persistent in recent years than in recent decades. We believe momentum-based strategies potentially perform better when persistence in equity market performance is higher.

Chart 118: Persistence: Proportion of months equity markets move in the same direction as previous month

Proportion of months equity markets move in the same direction as previous month has dropped to 37% in the last two years from 52% over the long-term



Source : BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, ExShare



## **Appendix B: Triple Momentum Performance Summary**

### Table 8: Global Sectors Triple Momentum back-testing results: Jan-04 to Dec-23

Global Sectors Triple Momentum back-testing performance across different periods (1m, 3m, 12m, YTD)

						Si	nce Inception	
Strategy	1mth	3mth	6mth	12mth	YTD	Last 5yr	Jan-04	Annualised
Global Sector Triple Momentum (top quintile)	0.9%	7%	1%	8%	8%	82%	536%	10.7%
Global Sector Triple Momentum (bottom quint	5.6%	9%	8%	28%	28%	21%	85%	2.7%
Global (equal-weighted)	4.5%	11%	6%	19%	19%	60%	198%	5.6%

 $Source: BofA\ Global\ Quantitative\ Strategy,\ MSCI,\ IBES,\ ExShare,\ RavenPack$ 

Note: No transaction costs are included in the return figures. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. A complete performance record is available on request. Back-tested performance depicts the theoretical (not actual) performance of a particular strategy over the time period indicated. No representation is being made that any actual portfolio is likely to have achieved returns similar to those shown herein.

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

### Table 9: Global Region-Sectors Triple Momentum back-testing results: Jan-04 to Dec-23

Global Region-Sectors Triple Momentum back-testing performance across different periods (1m, 3m, 12m, YTD)

						S	ince Inception	
Strategy	1mth	3mth	6mth	12mth	YTD	Last 5yr	Jan-04	Annualised
Global Region-Sector Triple Momentum	*	•	•	·	•	<del>.</del>	·	
(top quintile)	3.8%	8%	3%	13%	13%	70%	89%	6.9%
Global Region-Sector Triple Momentum								
(bottom quintile)	6.7%	13%	9%	21%	21%	12%	0%	-1.4%
Global (equal-weighted)	4.9%	10%	7%	16%	16%	34%	38%	3.3%

Source: BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

Note: No transaction costs are included in the return figures. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. A complete performance record is available on request. Back-tested performance depicts the theoretical (not actual) performance of a particular strategy over the time period indicated. No representation is being made that any actual portfolio is likely to have achieved returns similar to those shown herein.

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH

### Table 10: Global Stocks Triple Momentum back-testing results: Jan-04 to Dec-23

Global Stocks Triple Momentum back-testing performance across different periods (1m, 3m, 12m, YTD)

						Si		
Strategy	1mth	3mth	6mth	12mth	YTD	Last 5yr	Jan-04	Annualised
Global Stock Triple Momentum (top quintile)	4.5%	9%	6%	12%	12%	68%	533%	10.2%
Global Stock Triple Momentum (bottom quintil	7.4%	11%	6%	13%	13%	7%	37%	0.2%
MSCI AC World (equal-weighted)	4.3%	7%	3%	7%	7%	27%	167%	5.0%

Source: BofA Global Quantitative Strategy, MSCI, IBES, ExShare, RavenPack

Note: No transaction costs are included in the return figures. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. A complete performance record is available on request. Back-tested performance depicts the theoretical (not actual) performance of a particular strategy over the time period indicated. No representation is being made that any actual portfolio is likely to have achieved returns similar to those shown herein.

BofA GLOBAL RESEARCH



### **Global Quant Publications**

### Monthly reports schedule

### Day 1: Contenders & Defenders

A popular visual stock selection model. For each stock, this report graphically shows how consensus earnings expectations have changed over the long term versus the market, and whether recent earnings revisions appear to have been reflected in relative share price performance. Popular ways of using this analysis include 1) reviewing the Contenders (buys) and Defenders (Sells) lists, 2) perusing individual stock charts, 3) monitoring region, country and sector themes using the "quadrant charts", and 4) reviewing stock rankings. Regional versions are published monthly in these linked reports for Global Contenders & Defenders and Asia Pac ex-Japan Contenders & Defenders.

#### **Day 1: Global Performance Monitor**

The above linked monthly report analysing the performance of global regions, countries, sectors and identifying the major stock contributors to global equity market performance.

### Day 2/3: Quantessential Style

Style rotation. Different investment styles outperform at various stages of the cycle. This investment style analysis relates performance of seven Quantessential Styles (Value, Growth, Quality, Risk, Momentum, Dividend and Size) to trends in global macro data. Popular uses include 1) when to buy "Deep Value", "Growthiest of Growth", and other styles, 2) identifying stocks with various style characteristics, 3) monitoring style performance, and 4) explaining out/under-performance due to style tilts. Regional versions are published in these linked monthly reports for Global Quantessential Style and Asia Pac ex-Japan Quantessential Style.

### **Week 1: Global Fund Performance Monitor**

The above linked monthly report analysing the relative returns of large long-only equity funds in order to help fund managers understand how returns have been affected by fund characteristics. Funds are grouped by Region, Investment Style, Active/Passive, Active Share Ratio, Funds Under Management, Stock Size, Number of Stocks, and Portfolio Turnover.

#### Week 2: Global Wave

The Global Wave (report link above) quantifies turning points and multi-year trends in global economic activity. The direction of the global cycle influences equity market performance, regional allocation, country allocation, style allocation, and stock selection. The Bunkers are stocks for a downturn and the Boosters are stocks for an upturn.

#### Week 2: NewsAlpha

The above linked monthly report: 1) quantifies alpha opportunities using news for both short-term and long-term investors, 2) Leverages big data – a) to identify the most significant news events, b) to highlight which stocks are driven by news and c) to create an indicator- The Global News Pulse - to monitor trends in news sentiment globally.

### Week 2: Positioning in Stocks

Quantifies how large investors are positioned in terms of stocks, regions, countries and sectors. Popular uses include 1) identifying extreme positioning for contrarian trade ideas, and 2) identifying developing trends in investor positioning. Regional versions are published in these linked monthly reports for <u>Global Positioning in Stocks</u> and <u>Pacific Positioning</u>.



### Week 3: Quant Panorama

Summary report. In this monthly report, we present all our views and recent research on regional allocation, country and sector allocation, style allocation, and stock selection. One-stop shopping. Regional versions are published in these linked monthly reports for Global Quant Panorama and Asia Pac ex-Japan Quant Panorama.

### **Week 4: Earnings Revision Ratio**

Shows trends in earnings expectations at the regional, country and sector level. Regional versions are published in these linked monthly reports for <u>Global Earnings</u> <u>Revision Ratio</u> and <u>Asia Pac ex-Japan Earnings Revision Ratio</u>.

### Weekly: <u>High Frequency Monitor</u>

In this above linked weekly report, we monitor high frequency data to help equity investors track short-term changes in market-moving data in order to swiftly identify hot topics and turning points.

### **Occasional:** Focus Point

The report above contains brief comments on topical issues and new research.



U

### **Disclosures**

### **Important Disclosures**

FUNDAMENTAL EQUITY OPINION KEY: Opinions include a Volatility Risk Rating, an Investment Rating and an Income Rating. VOLATILITY RISK RATINGS, indicators of potential price fluctuation, are: A - Low, B - Medium and C - High. INVESTMENT RATINGS reflect the analyst's assessment of both a stock's absolute total return potential as well as its attractiveness for investment relative to other stocks within its Coverage Cluster (defined below). Our investment ratings are: 1 - Buy stocks are expected to have a total return of at least 10% and are the most attractive stocks in the coverage cluster; 2 - Neutral stocks are expected to remain flat or increase in value and are less attractive than Buy rated stocks and 3 - Underperform stocks are the least attractive stocks in a coverage cluster. An investment rating of 6 (No Rating) indicates that a stock is no longer trading on the basis of fundamentals. Analysts assign investment ratings considering, among other things, the 0-12 month total return expectation for a stock and the firm's guidelines for ratings dispersions (shown in the table below). The current price objective for a stock should be referenced to better understand the total return expectation at any given time. The price objective reflects the analyst's view of the potential price appreciation (depreciation).

### Investment rating Total return expectation (within 12-month period of date of initial rating) Ratings dispersion guidelines for coverage cluster<sup>R1</sup>

Buy	≥ 10%	≤ 70%
Neutral	≥ 0%	≤ 30%
Jnderperform	N/A	≥ 20%

Ratings dispersions may vary from time to time where BofA Global Research believes it better reflects the investment prospects of stocks in a Coverage Cluster.

INCOME RATINGS, indicators of potential cash dividends, are: 7 - same/higher (dividend considered to be secure), 8 - same/lower (dividend not considered to be secure) and 9 - pays no cash dividend. Coverage Cluster is comprised of stocks covered by a single analyst or two or more analysts sharing a common industry, sector, region or other classification(s). A stock's coverage cluster is included in the most recent BofA Global Research report referencing the stock.

Due to the nature of quantitative analysis, the issuers or securities recommended or discussed in this report are not continuously followed. Accordingly, investors must regard this report as providing stand-alone analysis and should not expect continuing analysis or additional reports relating to such issuers and/or securities.

BofA Global Research personnel (including the analyst(s) responsible for this report) receive compensation based upon, among other factors, the overall profitability of Bank of America Corporation, including profits derived from investment banking. The analyst(s) responsible for this report may also receive compensation based upon, among other factors, the overall profitability of the Bank's sales and trading businesses relating to the class of securities or financial instruments for which such analyst is responsible.

### **Other Important Disclosures**

Prices are indicative and for information purposes only. Except as otherwise stated in the report, for any recommendation in relation to an equity security, the price referenced is the publicly traded price of the security as of close of business on the day prior to the date of the report or, if the report is published during intraday trading, the price referenced is indicative of the traded price as of the date and time of the report and in relation to a debt security (including equity preferred and CDS), prices are indicative as of the date and time of the report and are from various sources including BofA Securities trading desks.

The date and time of completion of the production of any recommendation in this report shall be the date and time of dissemination of this report as recorded in the report timestamp.

Recipients who are not institutional investors or market professionals should seek the advice of their independent financial advisor before considering information in this report in connection with any investment decision, or for a necessary explanation of its contents.

Officers of BofAS or one or more of its affiliates (other than research analysts) may have a financial interest in securities of the issuer(s) or in related investments. Refer to BofA Global Research policies relating to conflicts of interest.

\*BofA Securities\* includes BofA Securities, Inc. (\*BofAS\*) and its affiliates. Investors should contact their BofA Securities representative or Merrill Global Wealth Management financial advisor if they have questions concerning this report or concerning the appropriateness of any investment idea described herein for such investor. \*BofA Securities\* is a global brand for BofA Global Research.

### Information relating to Non-US affiliates of BofA Securities and Distribution of Affiliate Research Reports:

BofAS and/or Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated ("MLPF&S") may in the future distribute, information of the following non-US affiliates in the US (short name: legal name, regulator): Merrill Lynch (South Africa): Merrill Lynch South Africa (Pty) Ltd., regulated by The Financial Service Board; MLI (UK): Merrill Lynch International, regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) and the Prudential Regulation Authority (PRA); BofASE (France): BofA Securities Europe SA is authorized by the Autorité de Contrôle Prudential et de Résolution (ACPR) and regulated by the ACPR and the Autorité des Marchés Financiers (AMF). BofA Securities Europe SA ("BofASE") with registered address at 51, rue La Boétie, 75008 Paris is registered under no 842 602 690 RCS Paris, In accordance with the provisions of French Code Monétaire et Financier (Monetary and Financial Code). BofASE is an établissement de crédit et d'investissement (credit and investment institution) that is authorised and supervised by the European Central Bank and the Autorité de Contrôle Prudentiel et de Résolution (ACPR) and regulated by the ACPR and the Autorité des Marchés Financiers. BofASE's share capital can be found at <a href="https://www.bofaml.com/BofASEdisclaimer">www.bofaml.com/BofASEdisclaimer</a>; BofA Europe (Milan): Bank of America Europe Designated Activity Company, Milan Branch, regulated by the Bank of Italy, the European Central Bank (ECB) and the Central Bank of Ireland (CBI); BofA Europe (Frankfurt): Bank of America Europe Designated Activity Company, Frankfurt Branch regulated by BaFin, the ECB and the CBI; BofA Europe (Madrid): Bank of America Europe Designated Activity Company, Sucursal en España, regulated by the Bank of Spain, the ECB and the CBI; Merrill Lynch (Australia): Merrill Lynch (Hong Kong): Merr (Asia Pacific) Limited, regulated by the Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission (HKSFC); Merrill Lynch (Singapore): Merrill Lynch (Singapore) Pte Ltd, regulated by the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS); Merrill Lynch (Canada): Merrill Lynch (Canada): Merrill Lynch (Canada): Merrill Lynch (Mexico): Merrill Ly de Bolsa, regulated by the Comisión Nacional Bancaria y de Valores; Merrill Lynch (Argentina): Merrill Lynch Argentina SA, regulated by Comisión Nacional de Valores; BofAS Japan: BofA Securities Japan Co., Ltd., regulated by the Financial Services Agency; Merrill Lynch (Seoul): Merrill Lynch International, LLC Seoul Branch, regulated by the Financial Supervisory Service; Merrill Lynch (Taiwan): Merrill Lynch Securities (Taiwan) Ltd., regulated by the Securities and Futures Bureau; BofAS India: BofA Securities India Limited, regulated by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI); Merrill Lynch (Israel): Merrill Lynch (Israel): Merrill Lynch (International (DIFC Branch), regulated by the Dubai Financial Services Authority (DFSA); Merrill Lynch (Brazil): Merrill Lynch S.A. Corretora de Títulos e Valores Mobiliários, regulated by Comissão de Valores Mobiliários; Merrill Lynch KSA Company: Merrill Lynch Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Company, regulated by the Capital Market Authority.

This information: has been approved for publication and is distributed in the United Kingdom (UK) to professional clients and eligible counterparties (as each is defined in the rules of the FCA and the PRA) by MLI (UK), which is authorized by the PRA and regulated by the FCA and the PRA - details about the extent of our regulation by the FCA and PRA are available from us on request; has been approved for publication and is distributed in the European Economic Area (EEA) by BofASE (France), which is authorized by the ACPR and regulated by the ACPR and the AMF; has been considered and distributed in Japan by BofAS Japan, a registered securities dealer under the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act in Japan, or its permitted affiliates; is issued and distributed in Hong Kong by Merrill Lynch (Hong Kong) which is regulated by HKSFC; is issued and distributed in Taiwan by Merrill Lynch (Taiwan); is issued and distributed in India by BofAS India; and is issued and distributed in Singapore to institutional investors and/or accredited investors (each as defined under the Financial Advisers Regulations) by Merrill Lynch (Singapore) (Company Registration No 198602883D). Merrill Lynch (Singapore) is regulated by MAS. Merrill Lynch Equities (Australia) Limited (ABN 65 006 276 795), AFS License 235132 (MLEA) distributes



this information in Australia only to 'Wholesale' clients as defined by s.761G of the Corporations Act 2001. With the exception of Bank of America N.A., Australia Branch, neither MLEA nor any of its affiliates involved in preparing this information is an Authorised Deposit-Taking Institution under the Banking Act 1959 nor regulated by the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority. No approval is required for publication or distribution of this information in Brazil and its local distribution is by Merrill Lynch (Brazil) in accordance with applicable regulations. Merrill Lynch (DIFC) is authorized and regulated by the DFSA. Information prepared and issued by Merrill Lynch (DIFC) is done so in accordance with the requirements of the DFSA conduct of business rules. BofA Europe (Frankfurt) distributes this information in Germany and is regulated by BaFin, the ECB and the CBI. BofA Securities, including BofA Europe and BofASE (France), may outsource/delegate the marketing and/or provision of certain research services or aspects of research services to other branches or members of the BofA Securities group. You may be contacted by a different BofA Securities entity acting for and on behalf of your service provider where permitted by applicable law. This does not change your service provider. Please refer to the Electronic Communications Disclaimers for further information.

This information has been prepared and issued by BofAS and/or one or more of its non-US affiliates. The author(s) of this information may not be licensed to carry on regulated activities in your jurisdiction and, if not licensed, do not hold themselves out as being able to do so. BofAS and/or MLPF&S is the distributor of this information in the US and accepts full responsibility for information distributed to BofAS and/or MLPF&S clients in the US by its non-US affiliates. Any US person receiving this information and wishing to effect any transaction in any security discussed herein should do so through BofAS and/or MLPF&S and not such foreign affiliates. Hong Kong recipients of this information should contact Merrill Lynch (Asia Pacific) Limited in respect of any matters relating to dealing in securities or provision of specific advice on securities or any other matters arising from, or in connection with, this information. Singapore Pte Ltd in respect of any matters arising from, or in connection with, this information. For clients that are not accredited investors, expert investors or institutional investors Merrill Lynch (Singapore) Pte Ltd accepts full responsibility for the contents of this information distributed to such clients in Singapore.

#### General Investment Related Disclosures:

Taiwan Readers: Neither the information nor any opinion expressed herein constitutes an offer or a solicitation of an offer to transact in any securities or other financial instrument. No part of this report may be used or reproduced or quoted in any manner whatsoever in Taiwan by the press or any other person without the express written consent of BofA Securities. This document provides general information only, and has been prepared for, and is intended for general distribution to, BofA Securities clients. Neither the information nor any opinion expressed constitutes an offer or an invitation to make an offer, to buy or sell any securities or other financial instrument or any derivative related to such securities or instruments (e.g., options, futures, warrants, and contracts for differences). This document is not intended to provide personal investment advice and it does not take into account the specific investment objectives, financial situation and the particular needs of, and is not directed to, any specific person(s). This document and its content do not constitute, and should not be considered to constitute investment advice for purposes of ERISA, the US tax code, the Investment Advisers Act or otherwise. Investors should seek financial advice regarding the appropriateness of investing in financial instruments and implementing investment strategies discussed or recommended in this document and should understand that statements regarding future prospects may not be realized. Any decision to purchase or subscribe for securities in any offering must be based solely on existing public information on such security or the information in the prospectus or other offering document issued in connection with such offering, and not on this document.

Securities and other financial instruments referred to herein, or recommended, offered or sold by BofA Securities, are not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and are not deposits or other obligations of any insured depository institution (including, Bank of America, N.A.). Investments in general and, derivatives, in particular, involve numerous risks, including, among others, market risk, counterparty default risk and liquidity risk. No security, financial instrument or derivative is suitable for all investors. Digital assets are extremely speculative, volatile and are largely unregulated. In some cases, securities and other financial instruments may be difficult to value or sell and reliable information about the value or risks related to the security or financial instrument may be difficult to obtain. Investors should note that income from such securities and other financial instruments, if any, may fluctuate and that price or value of such securities and instruments may rise or fall and, in some cases, investors may lose their entire principal investment. Past performance is not necessarily a guide to future performance. Levels and basis for taxation may change.

This report may contain a short-term trading idea or recommendation, which highlights a specific near-term catalyst or event impacting the issuer or the market that is anticipated to have a short-term price impact on the equity securities of the issuer. Short-term trading ideas and recommendations are different from and do not affect a stock's fundamental equity rating, which reflects both a longer term total return expectation and attractiveness for investment relative to other stocks within its Coverage Cluster. Short-term trading ideas and recommendations may be more or less positive than a stock's fundamental equity rating.

BofA Securities is aware that the implementation of the ideas expressed in this report may depend upon an investor's ability to "short" securities or other financial instruments and that such action may be limited by regulations prohibiting or restricting "shortselling" in many jurisdictions. Investors are urged to seek advice regarding the applicability of such regulations prior to executing any short idea contained in this report.

Foreign currency rates of exchange may adversely affect the value, price or income of any security or financial instrument mentioned herein. Investors in such securities and instruments, including ADRs, effectively assume currency risk.

BofAS or one of its affiliates is a regular issuer of traded financial instruments linked to securities that may have been recommended in this report. BofAS or one of its affiliates may, at any time, hold a trading position (long or short) in the securities and financial instruments discussed in this report.

BofA Securities, through business units other than BofA Global Research, may have issued and may in the future issue trading ideas or recommendations that are inconsistent with, and reach different conclusions from, the information presented herein. Such ideas or recommendations may reflect different time frames, assumptions, views and analytical methods of the persons who prepared them, and BofA Securities is under no obligation to ensure that such other trading ideas or recommendations are brought to the attention of any recipient of this information. In the event that the recipient received this information pursuant to a contract between the recipient and BofAS for the provision of research services for a separate fee, and in connection therewith BofAS may be deemed to be acting as an investment adviser, such status relates, if at all, solely to the person with whom BofAS has contracted directly and does not extend beyond the delivery of this report (unless otherwise agreed specifically in writing by BofAS). If such recipient uses the services of BofAS in connection with the sale or purchase of a security referred to herein, BofAS may act as principal for its own account or as agent for another person. BofAS is and continues to act solely as a broker-dealer in connection with the execution of any transactions, including transactions in any securities referred to herein.

#### Copyright and General Information:

Copyright 2024 Bank of America Corporation. All rights reserved. iQdatabase® is a registered service mark of Bank of America Corporation. This information is prepared for the use of BofA Securities clients and may not be redistributed, retransmitted or disclosed, in whole or in part, or in any form or manner, without the express written consent of BofA Securities. BofA Global Research information is distributed simultaneously to internal and client websites and other portals by BofA Securities and is not publicly-available material. Any unauthorized use or disclosure is prohibited. Receipt and review of this information constitutes your agreement not to redistribute, retransmit, or disclose to others the contents, opinions, conclusion, or information contained herein (including any investment recommendations, estimates or price targets) without first obtaining express permission from an authorized officer of BofA Securities. Materials prepared by BofA Global Research personnel are based on public information. Facts and views presented in this material have not been reviewed by, and may not reflect information known to, professionals in other business areas of BofA Securities, including investment banking personnel. BofA Securities has established information barriers between BofA Global Research and certain business groups. As a result, BofA Securities does not disclose certain client relationships with, or compensation received from, such issuers. To the extent this material discusses any legal proceeding or issues, it has not been prepared as nor is it intended to express any legal conclusion, opinion or advice. Investors should consult their own legal advisers as to issues of law relating to the subject matter of this material. BofA Global Research personnel's knowledge of legal proceedings in which any BofA Securities entity and/or its directors, officers and employees may be plaintiffs, defendants, co-defendants or co-plaintiffs with or involving issuers mentioned in this material is based on public inform

This information has been prepared independently of any issuer of securities mentioned herein and not in connection with any proposed offering of securities or as agent of any issuer of any securities. None of BofAS any of its affiliates or their research analysts has any authority whatsoever to make any representation or warranty on behalf of the issuer(s). BofA Global Research policy prohibits research personnel from disclosing a recommendation, investment rating, or investment thesis for review by an issuer prior to the publication of a research report containing such rating, recommendation or investment thesis.

Any information relating to the tax status of financial instruments discussed herein is not intended to provide tax advice or to be used by anyone to provide tax advice. Investors are urged to seek tax advice based on their particular circumstances from an independent tax professional.

The information herein (other than disclosure information relating to BofA Securities and its affiliates) was obtained from various sources and we do not guarantee its accuracy. This information may contain links to third-party websites. BofA Securities is not responsible for the content of any third-party website or any linked content contained in a third-party website. Content contained on such third-party websites is not part of this information and is not incorporated by reference. The inclusion of a link does not imply any endorsement by or any affiliation with BofA Securities. Access to any third-party website is at your own risk, and you should always review the terms and privacy policies at third-party websites before submitting any personal information

to them. BofA Securities is not responsible for such terms and privacy policies and expressly disclaims any liability for them.

All opinions, projections and estimates constitute the judgment of the author as of the date of publication and are subject to change without notice. Prices also are subject to change without notice. BofA Securities is under no obligation to update this information and BofA Securities ability to publish information on the subject issuer(s) in the future is subject to applicable quiet periods. You should therefore assume that BofA Securities will not update any fact, circumstance or opinion contained herein.

Certain outstanding reports or investment opinions relating to securities, financial instruments and/or issuers may no longer be current. Always refer to the most recent research report relating to an issuer prior to making an investment decision.

In some cases, an issuer may be classified as Restricted or may be Under Review or Extended Review. In each case, investors should consider any investment opinion relating to such issuer (or its security and/or financial instruments) to be suspended or withdrawn and should not rely on the analyses and investment opinion(s) pertaining to such issuer (or its securities and/or financial instruments) nor should the analyses or opinion(s) be considered a solicitation of any kind. Sales persons and financial advisors affiliated with BofAS or any of its affiliates may not solicit purchases of securities or financial instruments that are Restricted or Under Review and may only solicit securities under Extended Review in accordance with firm policies.

Neither BofA Securities nor any officer or employee of BofA Securities accepts any liability whatsoever for any direct, indirect or consequential damages or losses arising from any use of this information.

