

Quantitative Perspectives on Cross-Asset Risk Premia

Dissecting Low Vol's exposures, building Balanced Cluster Portfolios with Autoencoders and Latest Model Views

Risk premia performance amid sharp market rebound

Short vol strategies have played well in May as risky assets rebound, but trend-following strategies give back some gains in March as the reversal is too rapid. Quality continues to perform amid market recovery but becomes crowded. A risk parity portfolio delivered a Sharpe ratio above 1.0 in May.

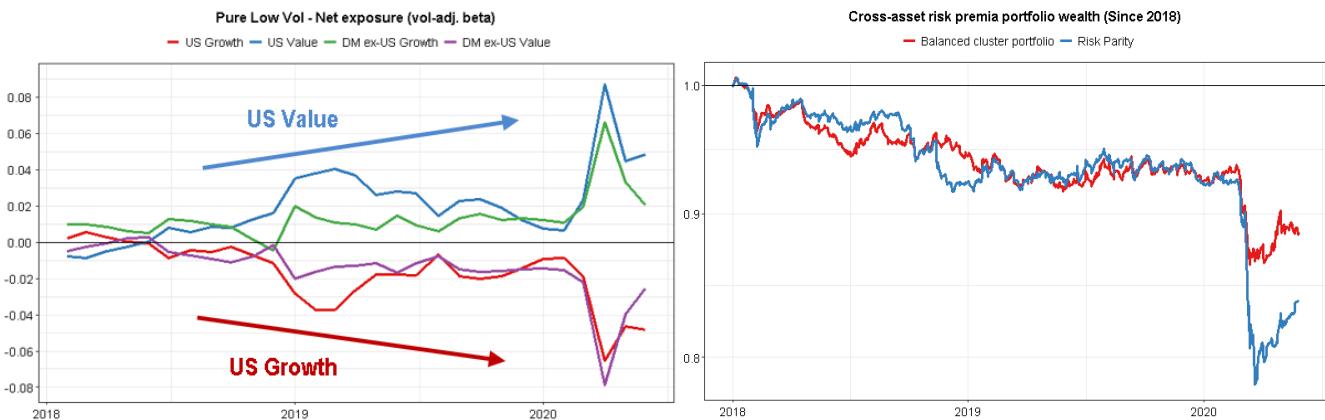
Equity factors get more correlated; Low Vol exhibits short bias to US growth stocks

Even for pure factors that are designed to eliminate exposures to other styles, recent correlations have increased notably. In particular, low vol has moved in tandem with value, and has been underperforming since late 2019. We find that a global low vol portfolio has increased its short bias to volatile growth stocks in the US, and also gained some positive exposures to US value stocks. This explains some of its underperformance as US growth has always dominated value even during March sell-offs.

A novel way to construct balanced cluster portfolio that has better risk-return profiles

Risk premia investors have long been trying to allocate to different styles in a “balanced” manner, but the common solution of risk parity has drawbacks due to selection bias. We investigate the use of principal components and propose a related but more flexible solution based on Autoencoders, which can handle long-only constraints. Backtest results demonstrate superior balance between risk and returns compared with risk parity, especially during the extreme sell-offs in March.

Pure Low Vol exhibits an increasing short bias to US growth (left). Comparing a systematic cluster portfolio with risk parity (right)



Source: J.P. Morgan Quantitative and Derivatives Strategy; Axioma

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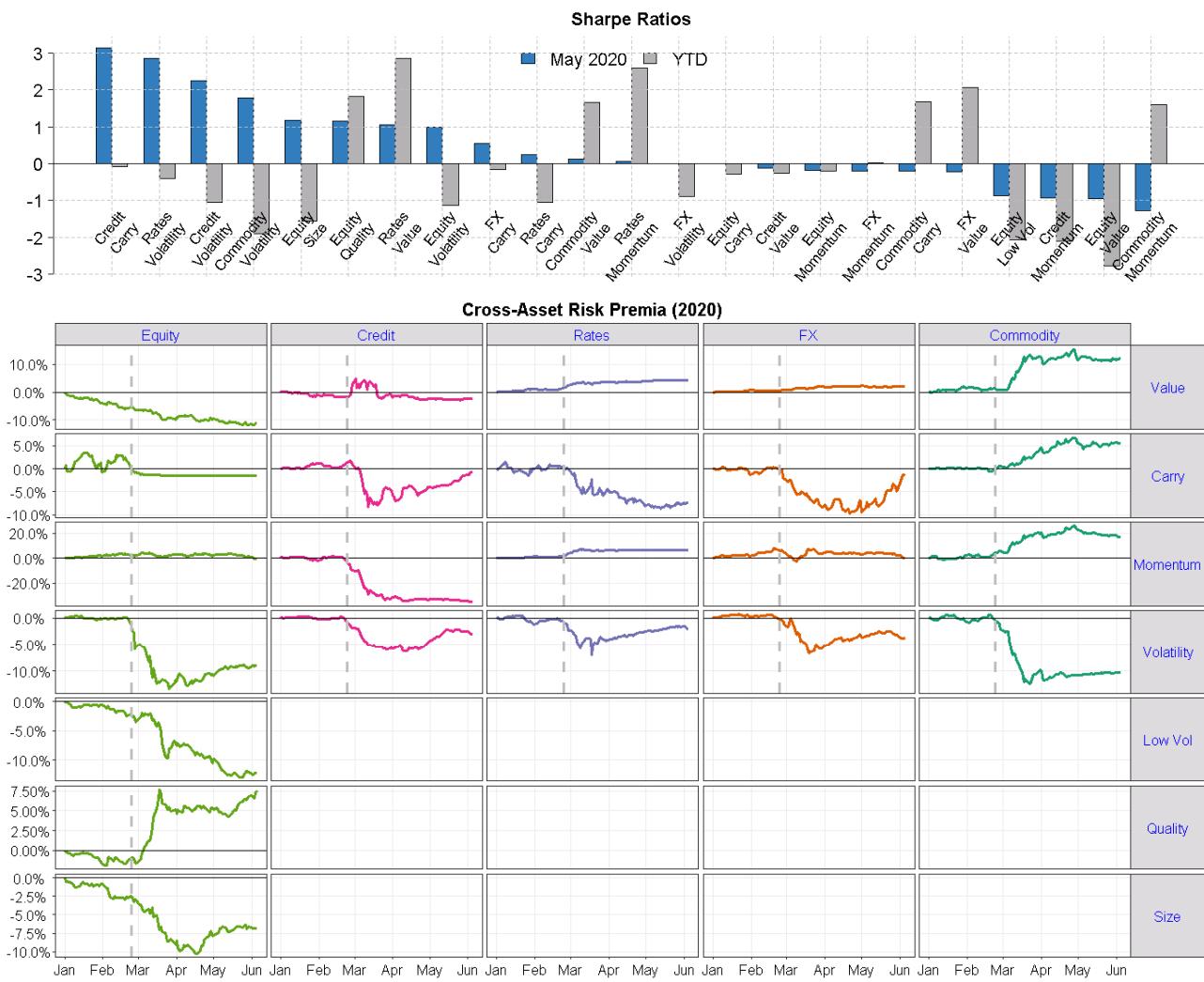
Risk Premia and Market Update

Cross asset risk premia performance

In May we see a sharp rotation back to risky assets after March sell-offs and significant spread tightening amid central banks' easing programs. Credit Carry delivered the best risk-adjusted performance last month as the curve continues to steepen. As we [noted in early April](#), Equity short-vol strategies may start to outperform soon after the massive drawdowns in March. Indeed, the cohort of aggressive short-vol strategies dominated amongst the best performers in May.

Equity Quality is one of the few defensives that continues to play well during the market recovery in May, highlighting that investors still favor stocks with healthy balance sheets and good profitability (although Quality looks crowded). On the other hand, many of the defensive trend-following strategies are caught under this quick V-shaped rebound, especially for those within Commodities.

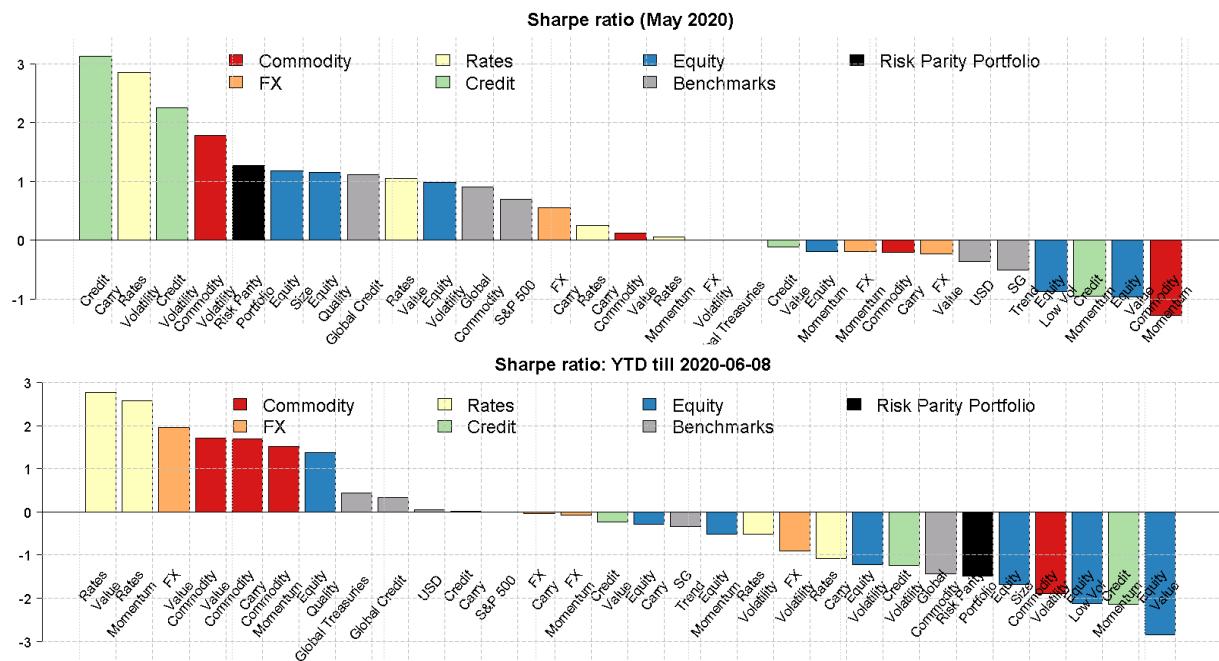
Figure 1: Recent Sharpe ratios of cross asset risk premia, and cumulative returns since 2020



Source: J.P. Morgan Quantitative and Derivatives Strategy

Figure 2 shows the Sharpe ratios of the cross asset risk premia, comparing with a few asset class benchmarks. It is interesting to note that although Commodity Momentum suffers some loss in May, it still delivers a good Sharpe ratio over 1.5x YTD. Apparently, the risk parity portfolio is biased towards more aggressive risk premia strategies, as it delivers much better Sharpe during the market rebound in May. However, overall performance of the portfolio since 2020 is negative.

Figure 2: Recent Sharpe ratios of risk premia

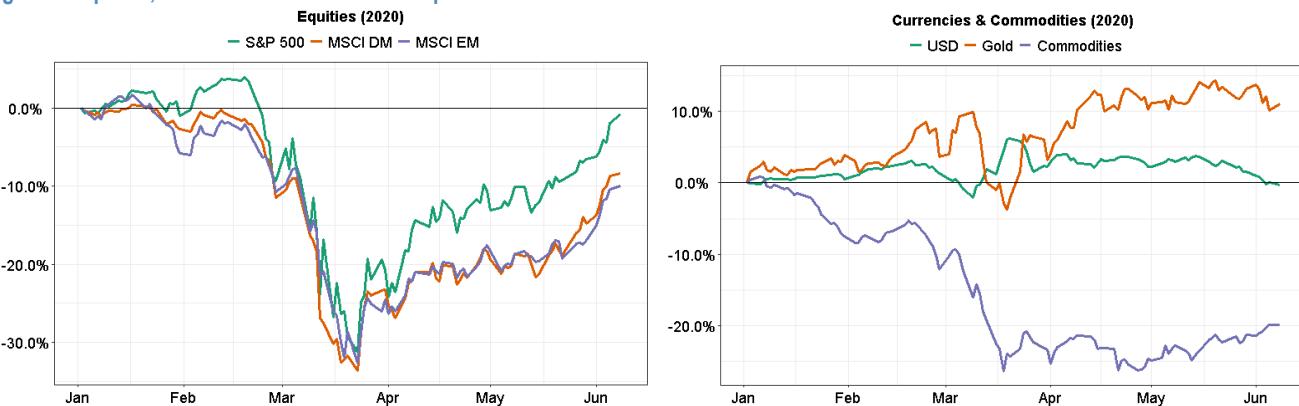


Source: J.P. Morgan Quantitative and Derivatives Strategy

Market and Macro backdrop

While US stocks have been leading the recovery and are ahead of global equities, the recent weakness in the US dollar (Figure 3) maybe a sign of pessimism on how the growth of US economy could be sustainable, with nationwide protests adding on top.

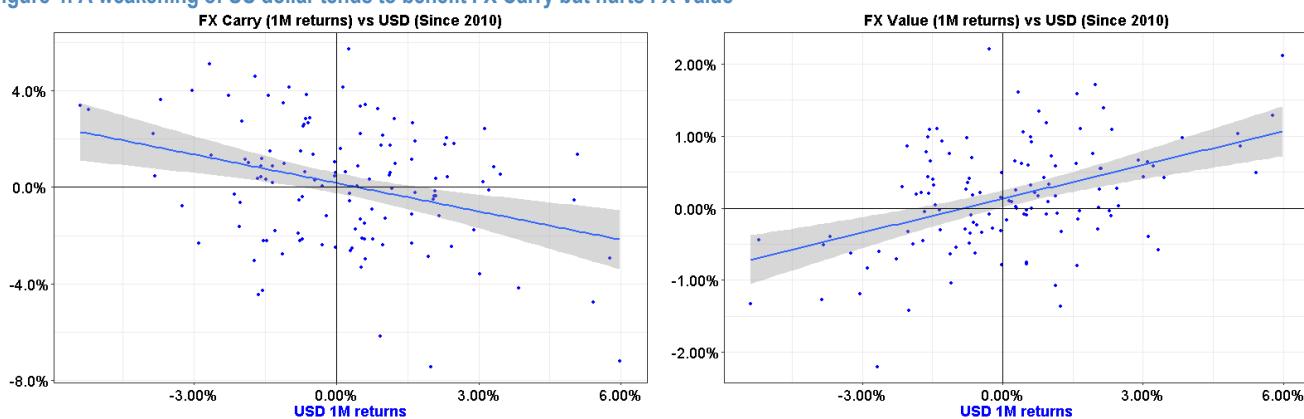
Figure 3: Equities, currencies and commodities performance in 2020



Source: J.P. Morgan Quantitative and Derivatives Strategy

Our FX strategists [just turned to short USD in their model portfolio for the first time since early 2019](#). Interestingly, analysis on flows and positioning indicated that US corporates have a large short dollar exposure, and [CTAs seem to be building up short positions](#). If USD further weakens, it should benefit the more aggressive FX Carry strategies, as we have discussed in [our previous note](#). We also analyzed the impact of USD strength on FX Value, which has historically been long defensive currencies and tends to be positively correlated with USD strength (Figure 4).

Figure 4: A weakening of US dollar tends to benefit FX Carry but hurts FX Value

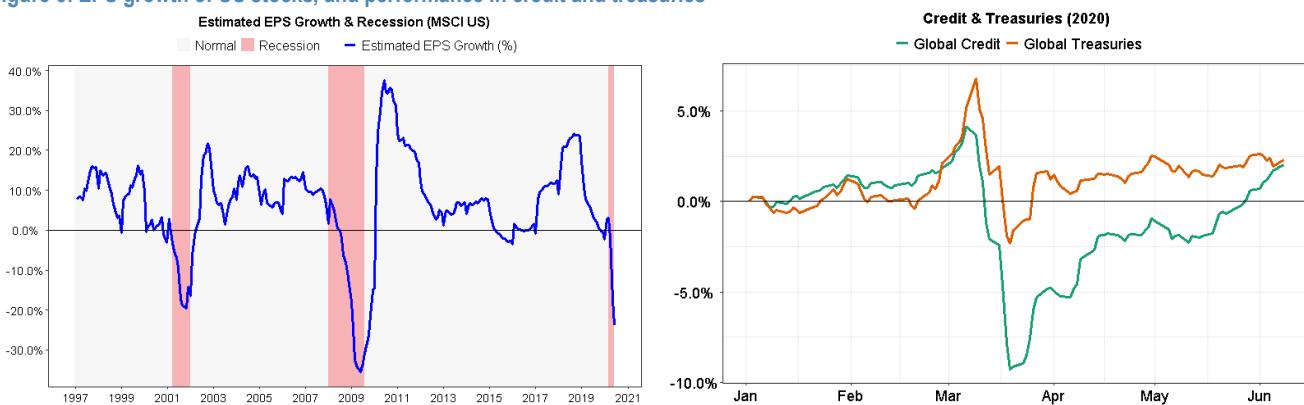


Source: J.P. Morgan Quantitative and Derivatives Strategy

Although there is a huge positive surprise on US non-farm payroll in May (adding 2.5m instead of consensus expectation of losing 7.5m), investors should probably be cautious on the [misclassification error as admitted by the Bureau of Labor Statistics](#) (where furloughed employees are labelled as working), which if accounted correctly would imply a further increase in unemployment rate instead of a decrease from 14% in April. We note that forecasted earnings growth in the US is currently around -20%, and may not reach the bottom yet (Figure 5).

Turning to Credit, their recent performance is strong and is now catching up with that of Treasuries since the massive corporate bond-buying programs by central banks to prop up the economy.

Figure 5: EPS growth of US stocks, and performance in credit and treasuries

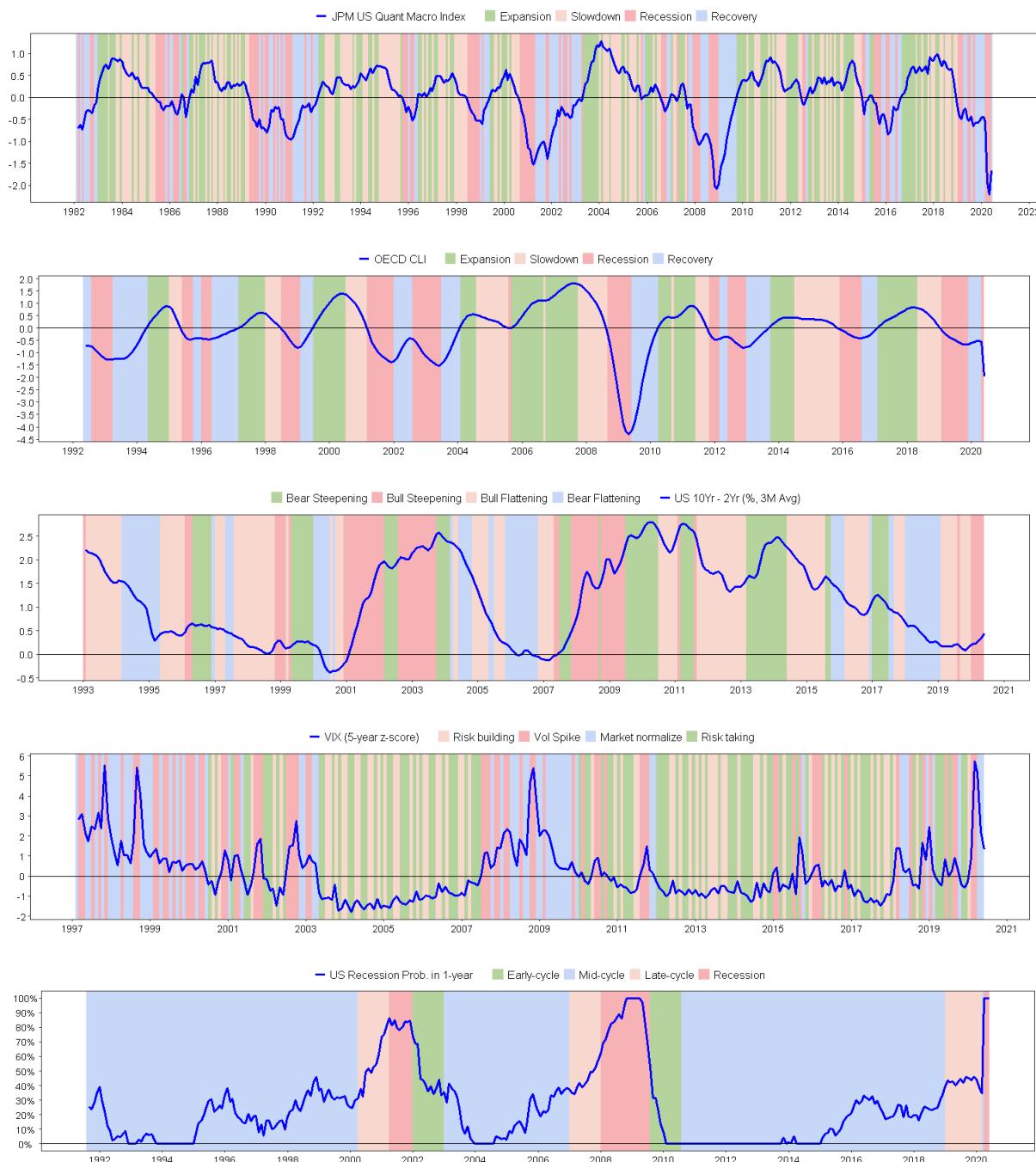


Source: J.P. Morgan Quantitative and Derivatives Strategy

Macro Regime Updates

Figure 6 provides an update on the latest macro regimes. As of end of May, the US QMI rebounded from the lows and indicates recovery. The OECD indicator (lagged by 2 months) is in recession, the US yield curve is bull-steepening and volatility normalizes.

Figure 6: Latest macro regimes

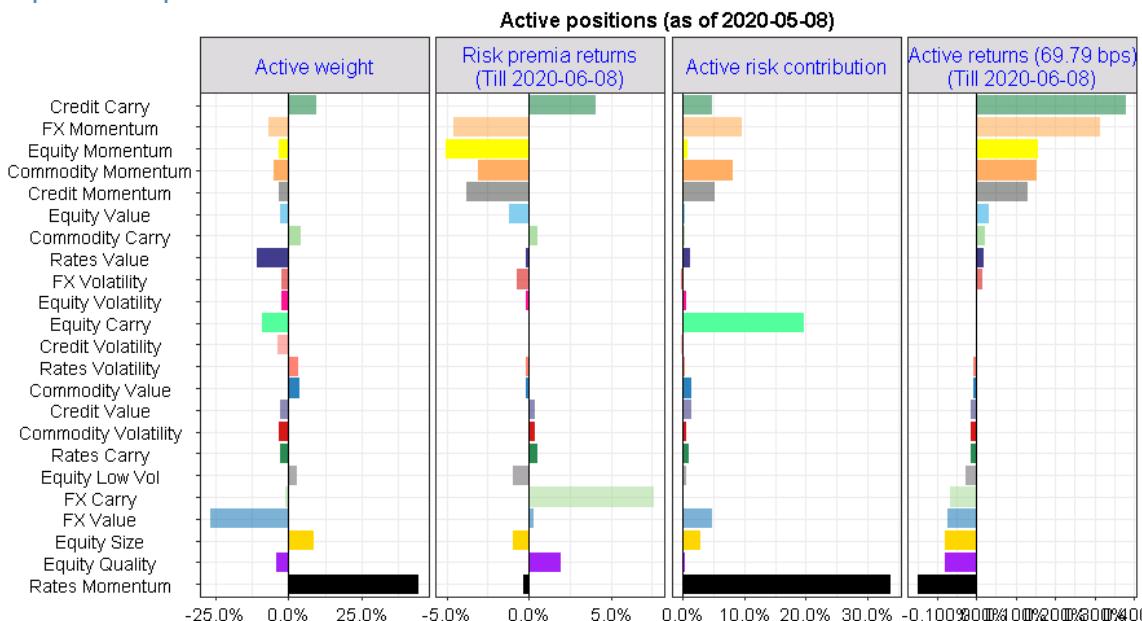


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Reviewing the Risk Premia portfolio

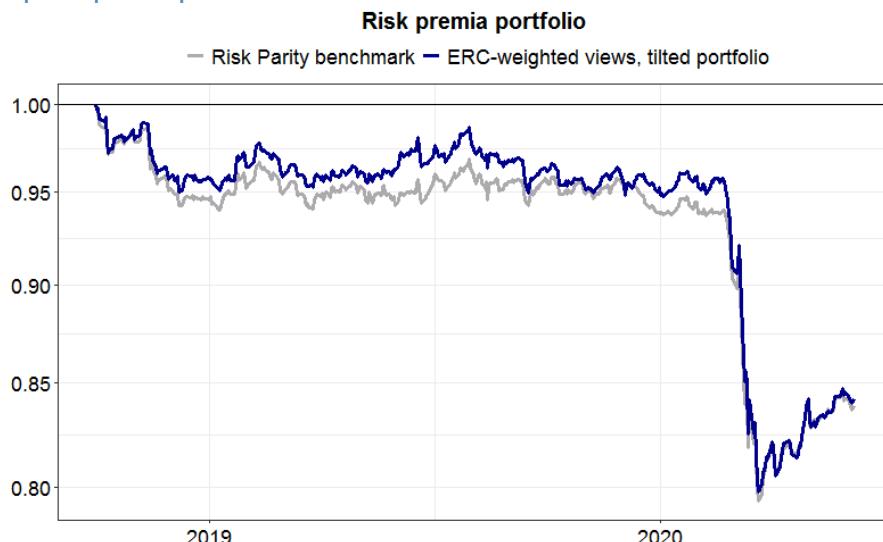
Since we published [A Quantitative Framework for Cross-asset Style Timing](#) in October 2018, we keep track of the performance of the tilted portfolio. In Figure 7, we compare the tilted portfolio (based on weighted views from different models) with the risk parity benchmark. Last month we recorded large positive alphas on our OW on Credit Carry, as well as all UW positions on Momentum strategies as they had all delivered negative returns in May amid the V-shaped rebound.

Figure 7: Risk premia active positions last month



Source: J.P. Morgan Quantitative and Derivatives Strategy

Figure 8: Cross asset risk premia portfolio performance



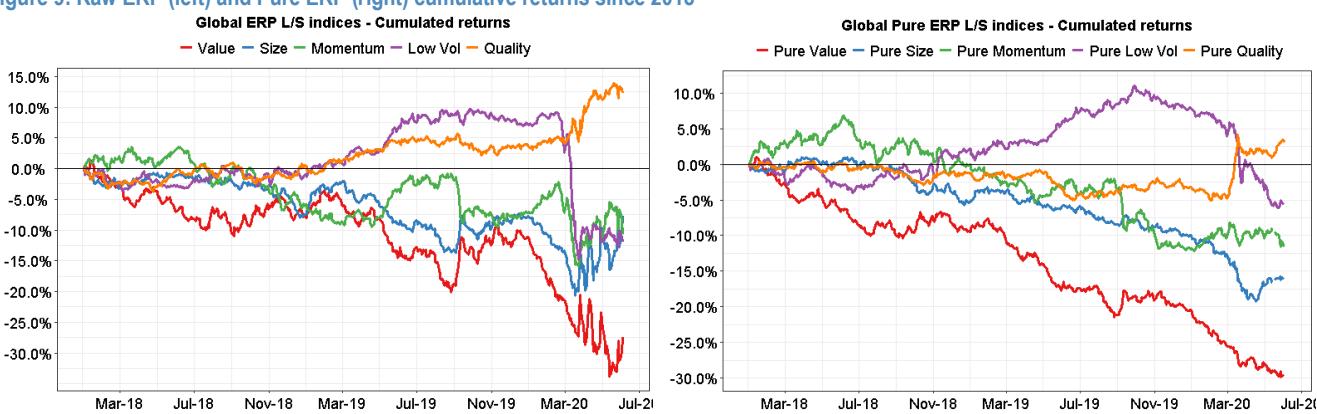
Source: J.P. Morgan Quantitative and Derivatives Strategy

Equity Risk Premia Review

Quality outperforms, but looks crowded

The following provides an update on recent performances of global equity risk premia. The equities sell-off in March has highlighted the defensiveness in Quality, which is the only equity risk premia (whether in raw or pure version) with positive performance YTD. Momentum is flattish during the sell-off, while Value, Low vol and Size have been down (Figure 9).

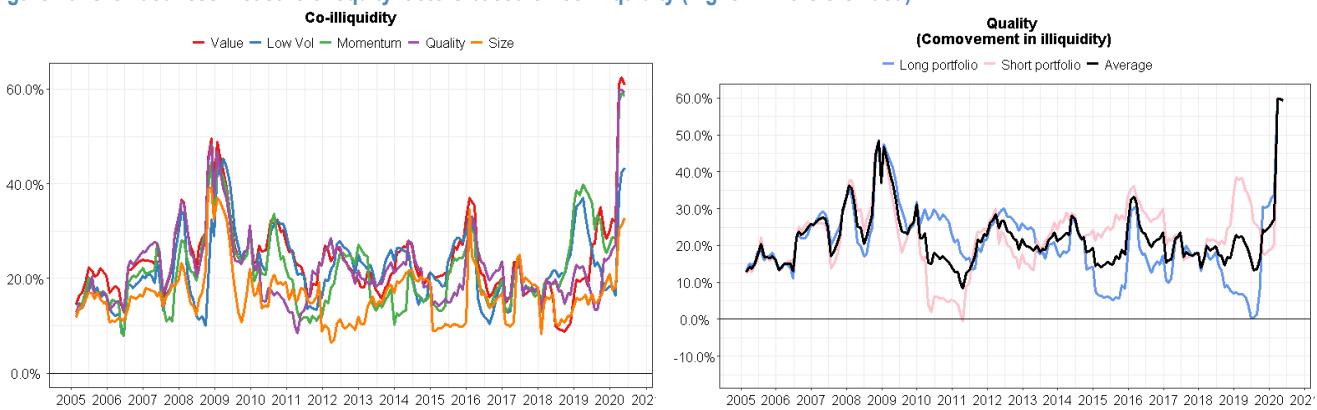
Figure 9: Raw ERP (left) and Pure ERP (right) cumulative returns since 2018



Source: J.P. Morgan Quantitative and Derivatives Strategy

Quality, Value and Momentum are most crowded under the measure of co-illiquidity, i.e. the co-movements of illiquidity shocks amongst stocks in the factor portfolios. It is interesting to note that good quality stocks are not crowded at all back in mid-2019, but since 2020 they have exhibited a significant surge in crowdedness as investor's flight to safety. High crowdedness in Quality and Momentum in general lead to poor future returns. The recent outperformance in Quality may be difficult to sustain too long, and we note that Momentum has underperformed since it started to look crowded in late 2018.

Figure 10: Crowdedness measure of equity factors based on co-illiquidity (higher = more crowded)

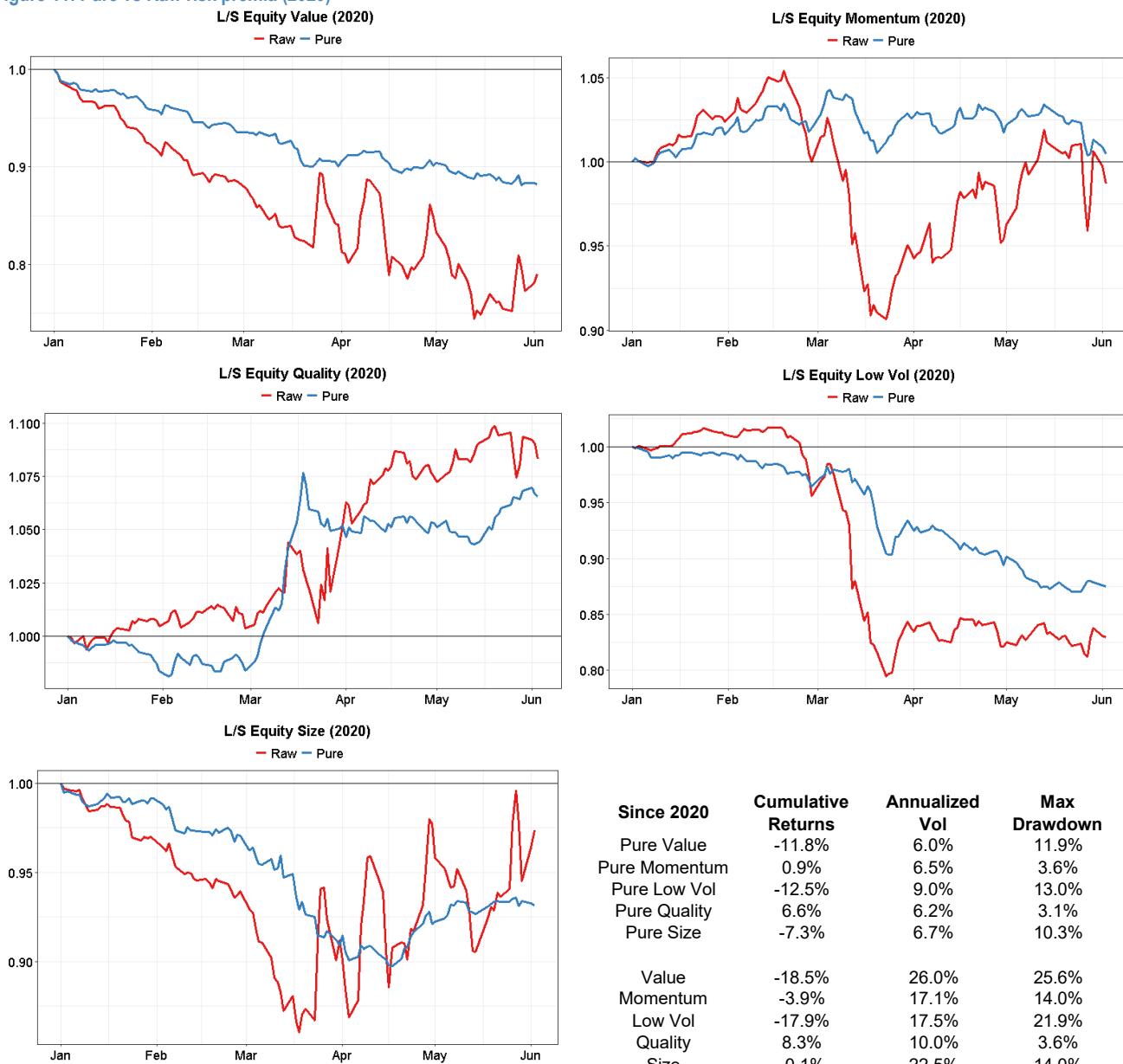


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Pure factors are less volatile

Recent performances of pure vs raw equity factors are pretty much in line, with Value and Low Vol trending downwards, Quality outperforming and Size exhibiting rebounds since market bottoms in late March. Nevertheless, we observe much more volatile returns in raw equity factors, which highlights the [benefits of better control of risk exposures amongst pure factors](#).

Figure 11: Pure vs Raw risk premia (2020)



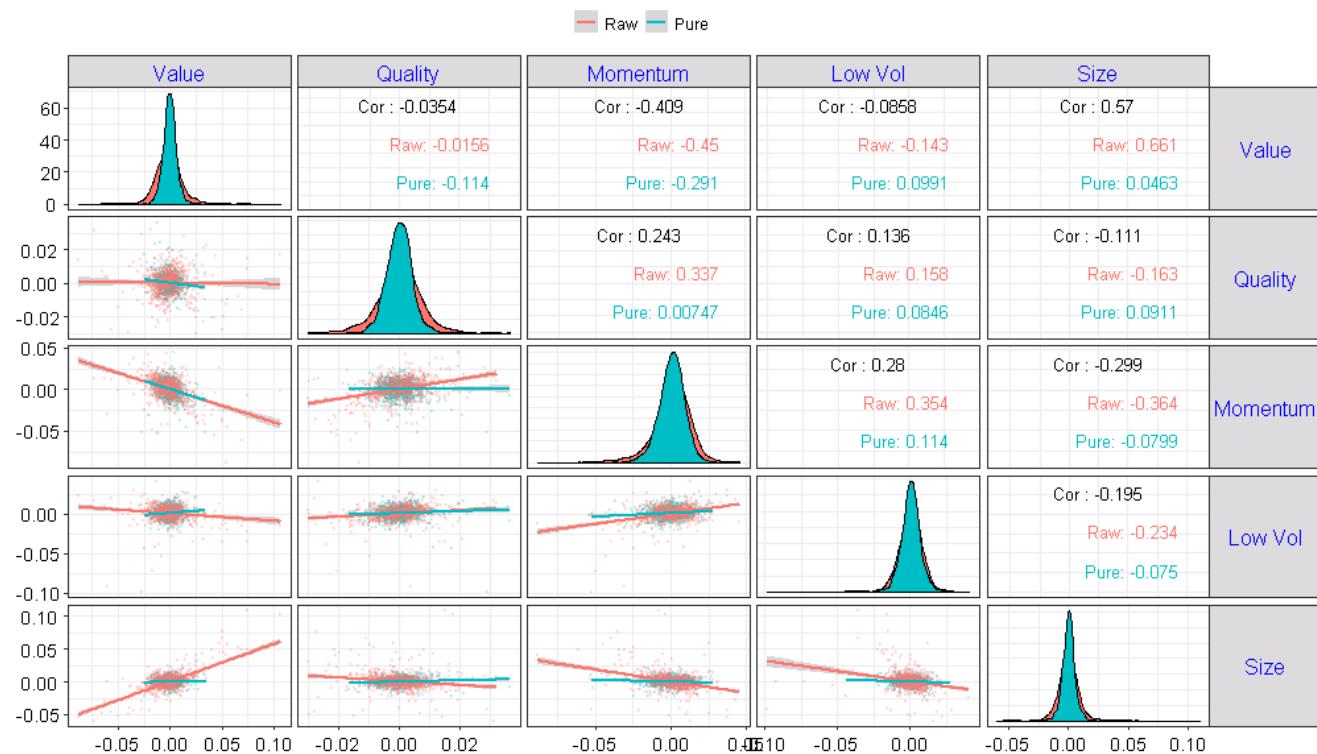
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Factor correlations have increased

Here we examine the correlations amongst equity factors, comparing correlations between raw factors (which could be high) as well as those between pure factors (which should be low as we control exposures in the design). In Figure 12, we see that pure factors do exhibit low correlations, although value and momentum is slightly negatively correlated (-0.29, still lower than -0.45 in raw factors). Pure Value is uncorrelated with Pure Size, whereas in the raw versions, Value and Size are very similar factors as both have strong bias in small caps. This re-iterates the fact that pure factors are better building blocks for risk premia portfolios.

Figure 12: Equity factor long-term correlations based on weekly returns since 2004. Charts on lower triangles show the scatter plots of weekly returns together with a linear fit. Charts on the diagonal show the distribution of returns. (Note: correlations in black is based on all data regardless of raw or pure).

Equity Factor Correlations (2004 - Present)

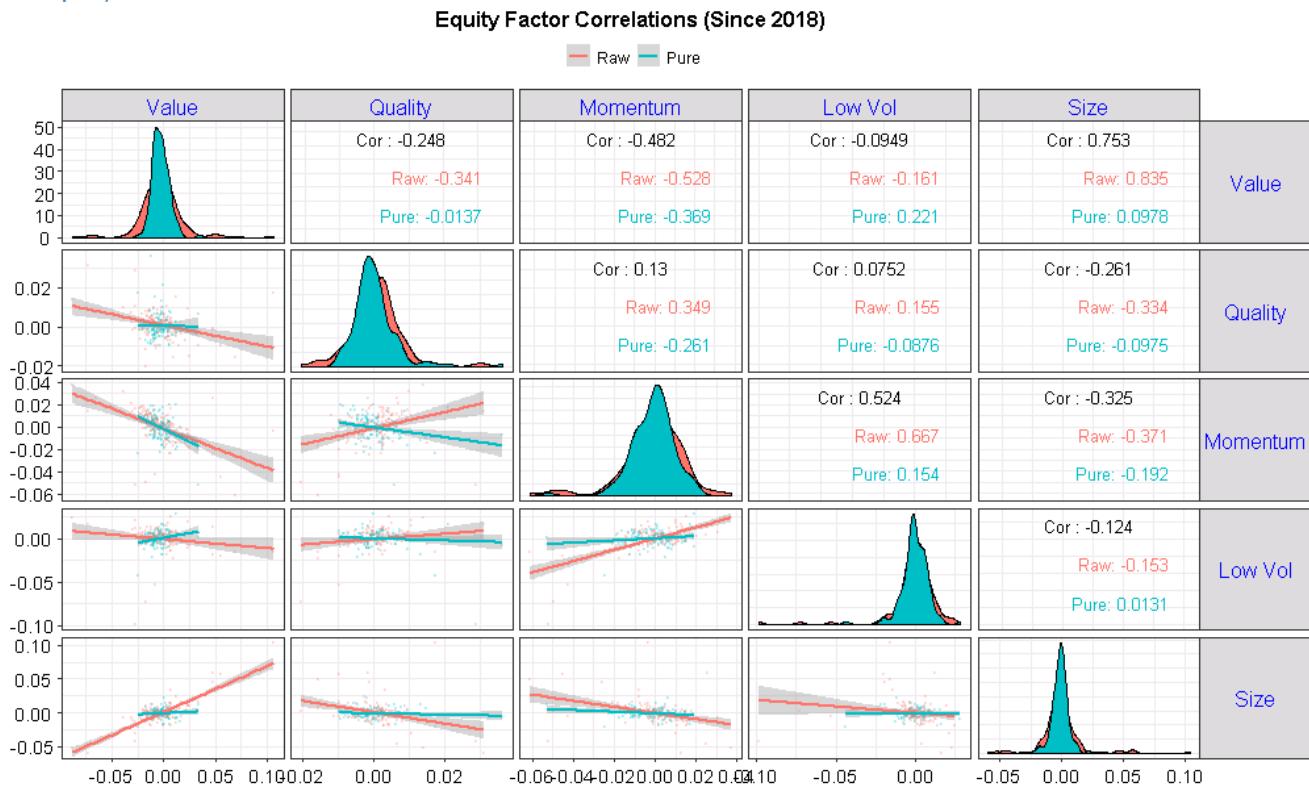


Source: J.P. Morgan Quantitative and Derivatives Strategy

Next we look at recent correlations using weekly returns since 2018. Since then, we find that correlations between some of the Pure ERPs have increased (Figure 13):

- Pure Value and Pure Momentum become more negatively correlated (-0.37)
- Pure Quality and Pure Momentum become more negatively correlated (-0.26)
- Pure Value and Pure Low Vol become more positively correlated (0.22)

Figure 13: Equity factor correlations based on weekly returns since 2018. Charts on lower triangles show the scatter plots of weekly returns together with a linear fit. Charts on the diagonal show the distribution of returns. (Note: correlations in black is based on all data regardless of raw or pure).



Source: J.P. Morgan Quantitative and Derivatives Strategy

Intuitively, we expect Low Vol and Value to be quite different factors, especially from a yield perspective. In general, Low Vol enjoys a low yield environment whilst Value prefers an increase in rates (which partly proxy economic growth).

However, from the above correlation plots, it is a bit peculiar to see that Pure Low Vol is starting to move in tandem with Pure Value. Since Sep 2019, both Pure Value and Pure Low Vol have been trending downwards. We also notice that Low Vol does not provide the expected defensive hedge during the recent March sell-off. Regarding this question, we attempt to shed some light on the exposure of Low Vol in the next section.

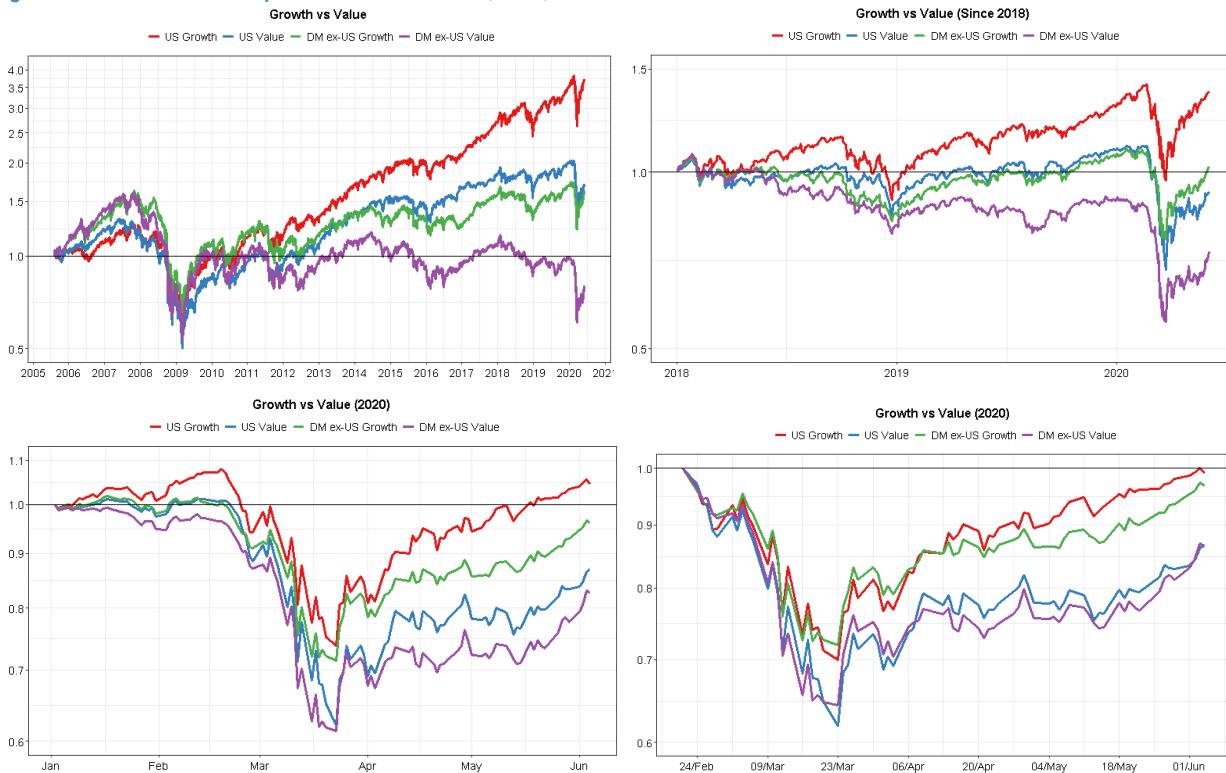
Pure Low Vol exhibits short bias on US Growth

One possibility of Low Vol performing more similar to Value recently maybe due to the exposure to volatile growth stocks (e.g. technology). While traditional Value must be shorting those stocks, is it true that Low Vol portfolios are also exhibiting some sort of short bias on growth? We may run a relatively “naïve” decomposition on the portfolio using only two factors: Value vs Growth. The intuition is that value and growth stocks are largely non-overlapping, and they are kind of the opposite to each other. We can do this using our [custom portfolio decomposition framework](#), which runs regressions on portfolio holdings rather than portfolio returns. An advantage is that the sensitivities on the factors (i.e. betas) would be much more timely using the holdings-based regressions, because we do not need to consider lookback windows. As the universe of the pure factors include stocks in global developed markets, we decompose the pure factors using portfolio holdings in 4 Value or Growth ETFs:

- US Growth (IWF US Equity)
- US Value (IWD US Equity)
- DM ex-US Growth (EFG US Equity)
- DM ex-US Value (EFV US Equity)

The performance of the above Value and Growth ETFs are shown in Figure 14. Clearly, Growth has been outperforming Value for over 10 years since the GFC, and US equities have been faring much better than their global counterparts in all timeframes, including the recent sell-offs and subsequent rebound.

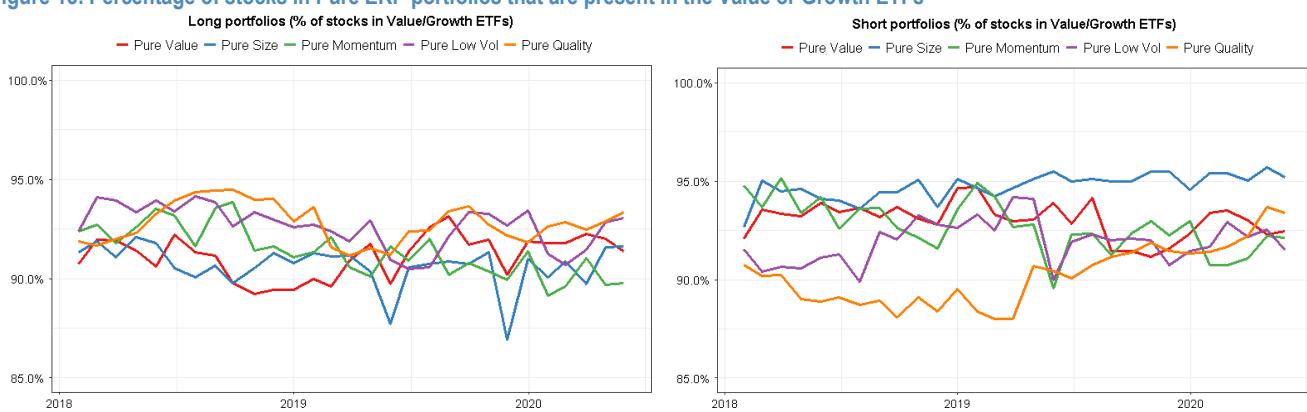
Figure 14: Value and Growth performance since 2005, 2018, 2020 and the sell-off in March



Source: J.P. Morgan Quantitative and Derivatives Strategy

We may wonder whether decomposing the portfolios using the above 4 ETFs is appropriate. If we look at the overlapping positions in the ETFs, we find that indeed they are relatively “orthogonal” in terms of stock positions, i.e. they are holding largely different stocks. Overlapping stock positions between US Growth and Value is about 30%, and that between DM ex-US Growth and Value is about 10%. We also check if the stocks in the Pure ERP portfolios fall into at least one of the ETFs. Figure 15 shows that about 90-95% of stocks are indeed present in the ETF portfolios, hence the ETF portfolios could “span” the Pure portfolio.

Figure 15: Percentage of stocks in Pure ERP portfolios that are present in the Value or Growth ETFs



Source: J.P. Morgan Quantitative and Derivatives Strategy

We then run a holdings-based regression for the Pure factor portfolio at every month-end:

$$\mathbf{h}_p = \mathbf{H}_f \boldsymbol{\beta} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}$$

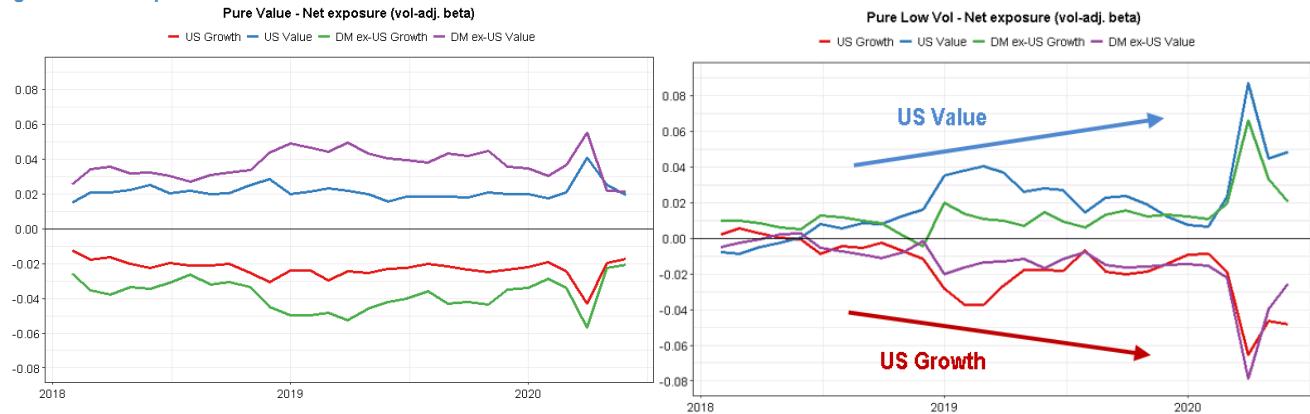
$$holdings = H_{US\ Gr}\beta_{US\ Gr} + H_{US\ Val}\beta_{US\ Val} + H_{DM\ Gr}\beta_{DM\ Gr} + H_{DM\ Val}\beta_{DM\ Val} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}$$

where H are the column vectors of holdings in the ETFs, and the betas correspond to the exposure. Since a small beta on a volatile factor could matter more than a large beta on a stable factor, we further multiply the beta with the factor volatility to obtain the vol-adjusted beta for fairer comparison.

Figure 16 compares the exposure of Pure Value and Pure Low Vol respectively. One may regard this exercise on Pure Value as a demonstration of the framework, which confirms the positive exposures to Value and negative exposures to Growth, as expected. A side result is that we can further analyze the exposure difference between US and non-US equities. For instance, exposure to non-US equities have decreased recently in the Value portfolio.

Interestingly, we find that Pure Low Vol has become more positively exposed to US Value and more negatively exposed to US Growth since 2018 (Figure 16). Net exposures in 2018 have been much smaller than recent exposures. The increasingly negative exposure on US Growth has likely hurt the performance of Pure Low Vol recently, including the March sell-off as Growth has continued to outperform during that period (Figure 14).

Figure 16: Net exposure to Value and Growth ETFs in Pure Low Vol and Pure Value



Source: J.P. Morgan Quantitative and Derivatives Strategy, Axioma

To confirm the above results, we run a snapshot of risk exposure analysis using Axioma's global risk model, which decompose portfolio exposures into market, style, country, industry and currency factors. This analysis reveals that:

- Pure Low Vol has major risk contribution due to style exposures and not country or sector. However, risk contributions from sectors may still be sizable as sector factors tend to be more volatile
- Amongst style factors, the main contributions are from the bias towards low vol and low beta, as intended
- As of 2020 May, pure low vol is shorting Momentum and Growth, shorting Software, Semiconductors and Internet retail, and buying REITs

Overall, results from Axioma supports the net short positions of Growth in Pure Low Vol. In addition, risk contribution from Growth was much lower back in 2018.

Figure 17: Risk exposure analysis of Pure Low Vol portfolio based on Axioma global risk model

2018 Jan			2020 May		
Total	Exposure	Risk Contribution (%)	Total	Exposure	Risk Contribution (%)
Style	-1.32	89.7	Style	-1.42	86.9
Country	0.23	-1.7	Country	0.09	1.3
Industry	0.23	19.5	Industry	0.09	19.1
Currency	0.09	3.1	Currency	0.03	2.4
Style			Style		
Volatility	-0.81	65.5	Volatility	-0.55	51.8
Market Sensitivity	-0.37	20.1	Market Sensitivity	-0.29	32.1
Size	0.09	3.2	Medium-Term Momentum	-0.09	-2.7
Value	-0.12	2.0	Growth	-0.30	2.1
Dividend Yield	0.18	-1.0	Value	-0.12	1.8
Liquidity	-0.15	1.0	Earnings Yield	0.07	0.8
Medium-Term Momentum	-0.04	-0.8	Liquidity	-0.06	0.7
Growth	-0.17	-0.3	Exchange Rate Sensitivity	-0.24	0.5
Leverage	0.19	-0.3	Leverage	0.05	0.4
Earnings Yield	0.06	0.3	Size	0.02	-0.4
Exchange Rate Sensitivity	-0.24	-0.2	Profitability	0.10	-0.2
Profitability	0.06	0.2	Dividend Yield	-0.01	0.0
Industry			Industry		
Biotechnology	-0.05	6.4	Software	-0.04	4.2
Metals & Mining	-0.03	3.2	REITs	0.01	3.9
IT Services	0.04	2.6	Semiconductors	-0.03	2.9
Health Care Equipment & Supplies	0.04	2.1	Internet & Direct Marketing Retail	-0.02	2.5
Banks	-0.04	1.7	IT Services	0.07	2.3

Source: J.P. Morgan Quantitative and Derivatives Strategy, Axioma

Balanced Cluster Portfolio based on underlying features

One of the many questions faced by alternative risk premia investors is on how to choose a “proper” universe of risk premia to begin with. After all, there is a plethora of risk premia indices on the market, and simply judging from historical performance will likely sacrifice diversification benefits of some risk premia. In the case where an investor does not have many constraints, we do find that a simple risk parity portfolio with a large number of risk premia indices tends to deliver the highest Sharpe ratio, which in general outperforms a more concentrated portfolio with fewer indices. Nevertheless, this selection of a “large number of risk premia” can still be rather heuristic, and we see that such portfolios could experience large drawdowns as well, highlighting that the diversification benefit maybe overstated when it is most needed.

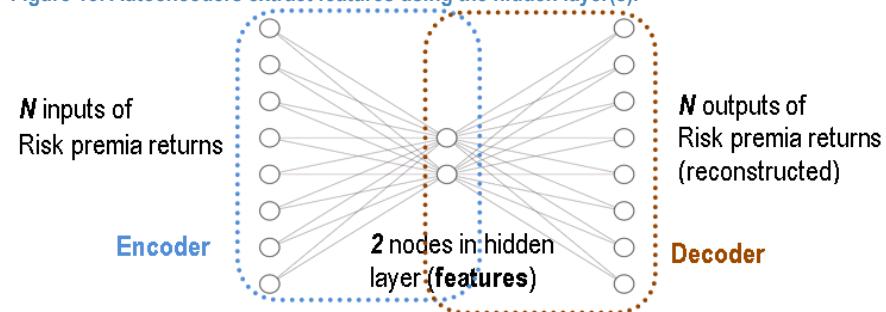
Systematically identify lowly correlated clusters

Below, we look into a new, systematic way to classify a universe of risk premia into two lowly correlated clusters. The rationale is simple: Intuitively there are two groups of risk premia, i.e. Aggressive vs Defensive (which we have looked at heuristically in [our note in April](#)). We expect Aggressive and Defensive risk premia to be largely uncorrelated (or even negatively correlated) at all times, unlike some of the individual risk premia which may become more correlated across certain market regimes. As such, it could be beneficial if we put the same risk budget on the two clusters rather than the same risk budget to each risk premia. The question boils down to identifying the correct clusters out-of-sample.

Constrained Principal Components via Autoencoders

The first solution comes to mind is to look for the first two Principal Components (PCs), which are linear combinations of risk premia that represent the most information (i.e. variance in the data). However, some weights would likely be negative, meaning that we short some risk premia which is typically not preferred. One can ensure positive weights using constrained optimization¹. Here we look at another approach using autoencoders, which is a special type of neural network that maps the inputs into itself.

Figure 18: Autoencoders extract features using the hidden layer(s).



Source: J.P. Morgan Quantitative and Derivatives Strategy

¹ For instance, [non-negative matrix factorization](#) is a popular tool to decompose facial images into sparse, meaningful features (e.g. eyes, nose, mouth)

An autoencoder achieves dimension reduction via the “bottleneck”, i.e. the hidden layer with a small number of nodes compared with the input layer. The reason we look at autoencoders is because it is a useful and flexible tool: Principal Components are simply a special case when we consider one hidden layer with linear activations and minimize the mean squared errors. Autoencoders are flexible as:

- One could consider non-linear features using more hidden layers and non-linear activation functions (e.g. sigmoid), which can be useful in other applications such as feature engineering
- Constraints could be imposed on the weights (and also on activations) using existing tools in Keras and Tensorflow
- One could regularize the optimization to prevent overfitting, which could improve out-of-sample performance (i.e. we ensure the features are genuine)

Note that the features extracted by Autoencoders may not always be uncorrelated as in the case of Principal Components. However, we can put it as a constraint to ensure uncorrelated features. This will not be able to achieve easily if we construct clusters based on hierarchical clustering (Figure 19).

Figure 19: Comparison between different methods to construct cluster portfolios

	Principal Components	Hierarchical Clustering	Autoencoders
Long-only	No	Yes	Yes (via constraints)
Output asset weights	Yes	No	Yes
Uncorrelated features	Yes (by construction)	No	Yes (via constraints)
Cross-validation	No	No	Yes

Source: J.P. Morgan Quantitative and Derivatives Strategy

Example on risk premia portfolio

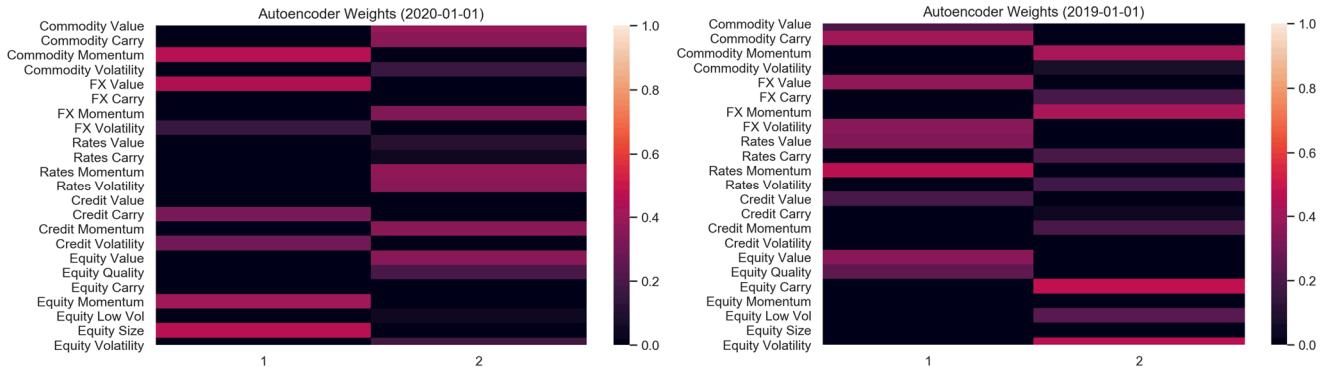
In the below, we estimate the weights in the autoencoder at the beginning of each year, using the 23 risk premia returns as inputs (see [Appendix](#)). To ensure the features are not simply dominated by the more volatile risk premia, we scale the returns to target at same volatility. We impose the following constraints:

- Encoder weights are the same as decoder weights (so as to reduce the number of parameters, and to make it resembles principal components)
- All weights are positive and the column vectors have unit norm
- Encoder weights are orthogonal (so a risk premia only falls into one of the clusters)
- Features are uncorrelated

We run through a parameter grid search and finalize a model each year, using an expanding window and the most recent 20% of data as the test set for validation. We also include weight regularizations, which leads to a relatively sparse representation and some risk premia may not fall into any clusters.

Each year, we extract the estimated weights of the encoder and use it to construct a long-only portfolio of risk premia, keeping the same composition in the next 12 months. Encoder weights in recent years are shown in Figure 20.

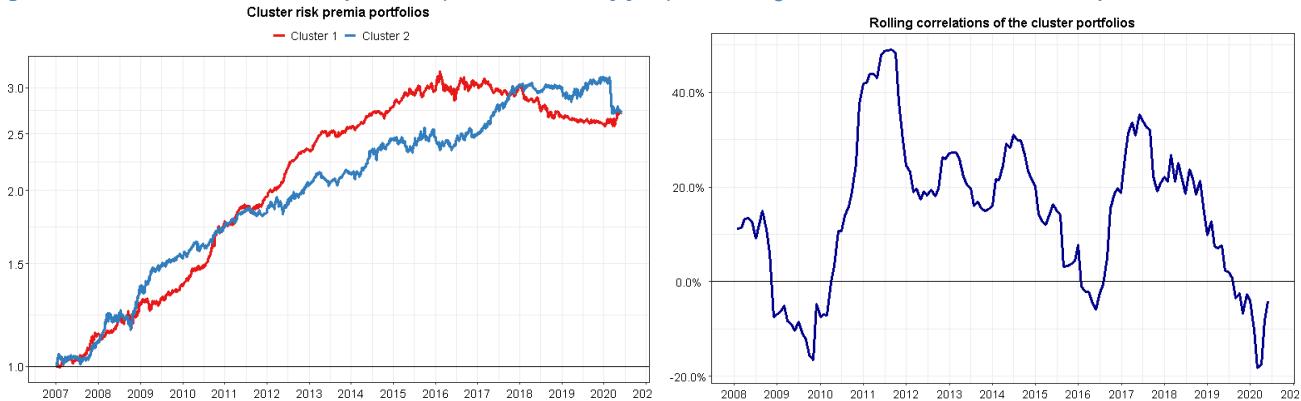
Figure 20: Encoder weights on each risk premia for the 2 clusters



Source: J.P. Morgan Quantitative and Derivatives Strategy

In the model estimated in the beginning of 2020, cluster 2 tilts towards aggressive (Rates Volatility) while cluster 1 is more defensive (e.g. FX Value, Commodity Momentum), as shown in the performance in Figure 21. It is important to note that these cluster returns are out-of-sample: we estimate and fix the cluster weights at the beginning of each year. As we constrain the features to be uncorrelated, the solutions do exhibit relatively low level of correlations, except in 2011 when apparently most risk premia returns were positive.

Figure 21: Performance of the cluster portfolios (re-estimated every year), and rolling correlations between the cluster portfolio returns



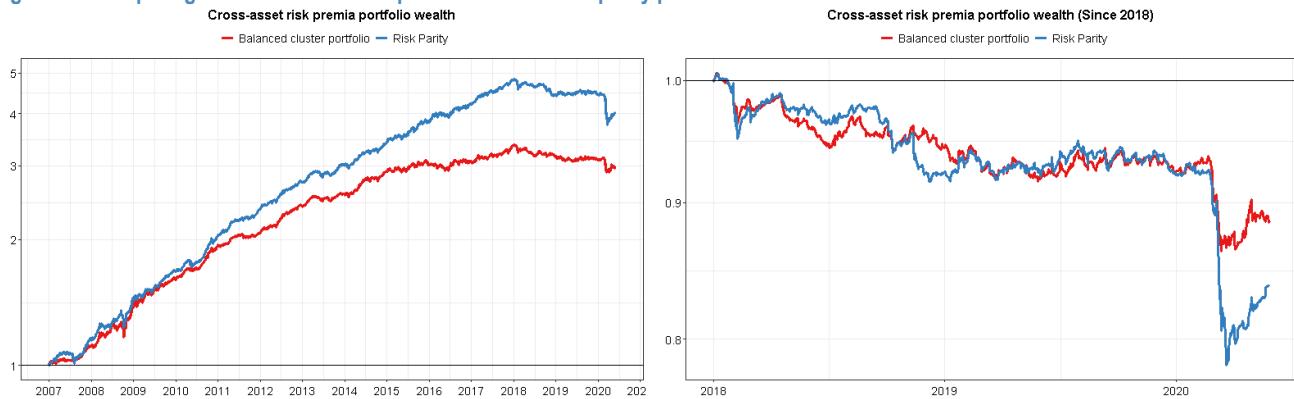
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Finally, we assign a risk parity weight on the 2 cluster portfolios based on their historical volatilities, and target the overall portfolio to 5% vol. In summary, we compare two portfolios:

- **Balanced cluster portfolio** (risk parity with 2 sparse, uncorrelated clusters)
- **Risk Parity portfolio** (risk parity with 23 individual risk premia)

Figure 22 compares the two approaches. The balanced cluster portfolio appears to have much better control on skewness, kurtosis and drawdowns, although this also leads to some sacrifice of high returns during the good days. During the recent sell-offs in March, the balanced cluster portfolio demonstrated much better resilience than the naïve risk parity benchmark.

Figure 22: Comparing the balanced cluster portfolio and the risk parity portfolio



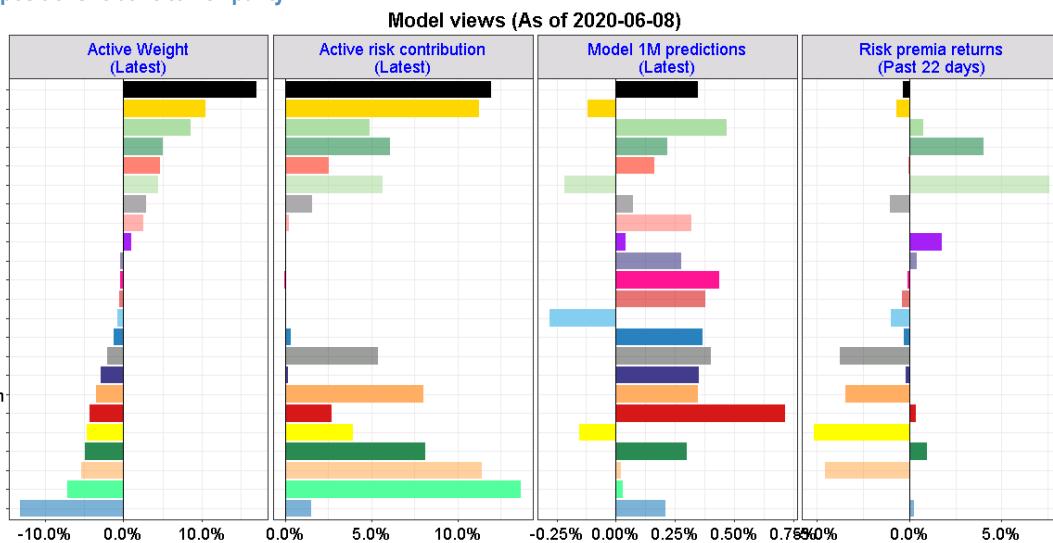
	Start Date	End Date	Annualized Returns	Annualized Vol	Sharpe Ratio	t-stat	Skewness	Excess Kurtosis	Max Drawdown	Hit Ratio	Sortino Ratio	Calmer Ratio
Balanced cluster portfolio	2007-01-02	2020-05-27	8.2%	5.3%	1.55	5.65	-0.31	4.10	14.3%	56.4%	0.14	0.57
Risk Parity	2007-01-02	2020-05-27	10.6%	5.6%	1.88	6.75	-1.48	15.53	22.3%	58.7%	0.16	0.47

Source: J.P. Morgan Quantitative and Derivatives Strategy

Latest Model Views

In “[A Quantitative Framework for Cross-Asset Style Timing](#)”, we introduced an approach to construct views from a large set of models (macro-regime, time-series, Machine Learning), and implement such views to tilt a cross-asset risk premia portfolio relative to the risk parity benchmark. Figure 23 shows the latest active weights, active risks and model predictions.

Figure 23: Latest active positions relative to risk parity



Source: J.P. Morgan Quantitative and Derivatives Strategy

Figure 24 shows the details of the model predictions (i.e. aggregated forecasts and the weighted average from each of the 5 groups of models).

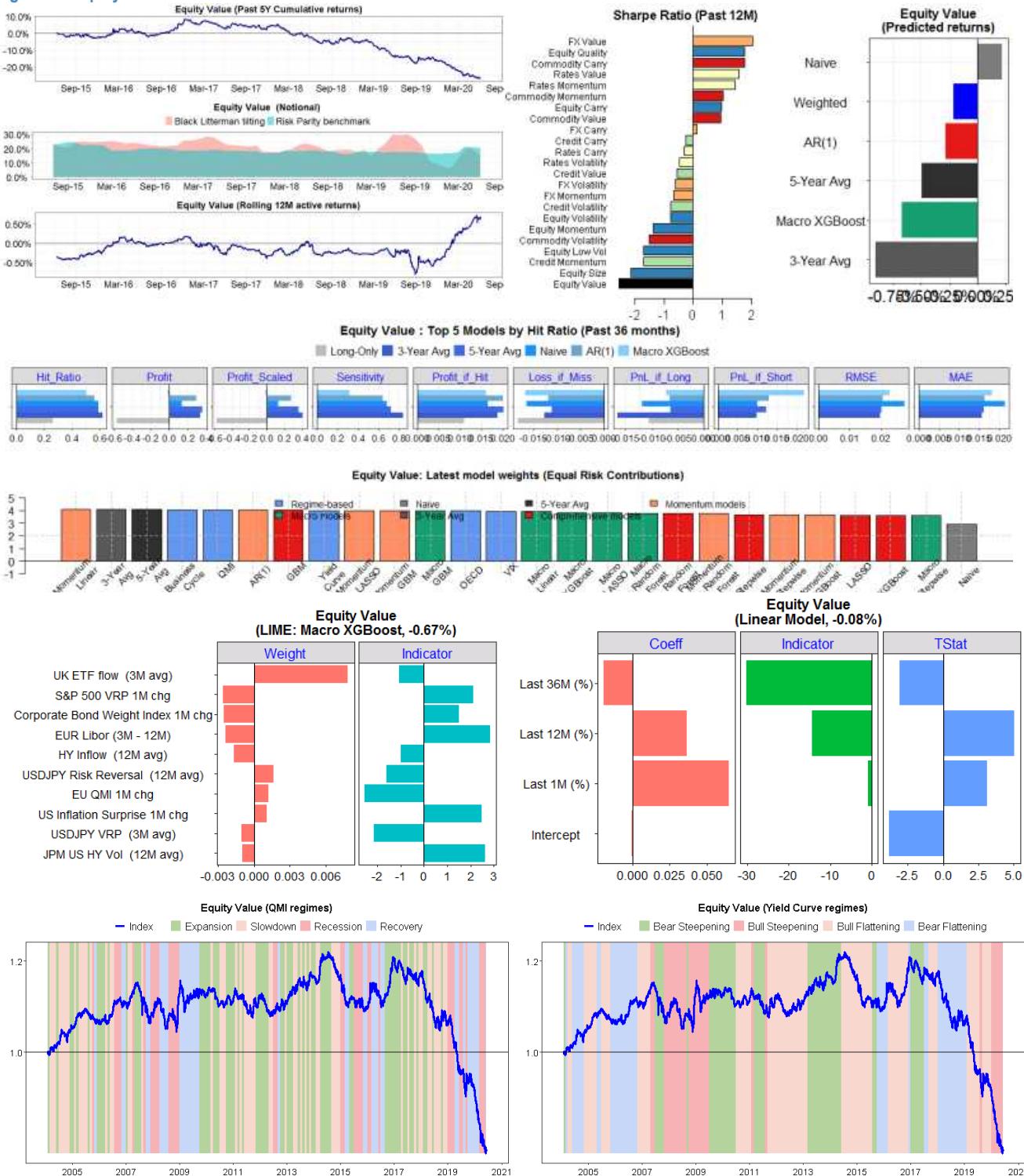
Figure 24: Model portfolio and some more details on model forecasts

	Aggregated Forecast (bps)	Aggregated Forecast / Volatility	Model Forecasted Returns (bps, weighted) (Sum to Aggregated Forecast)					Notional (x 100) (5% Vol Target)			Risk (%)			
			Benchmark	Economic Regime	Macro & Financial Forecasting	Time Series	Comprehensive	Risk Parity	Tilted Portfolio	Active Tilting	Active Tilting / Volatility	Vol	Portfolio Risk Contribution	Active Risk Contribution
Equity Value	-28.0	-0.17	-5.1	-3.8	-2.5	-16.4	-0.2	20.5	19.8	-0.7	-0.1	5.8	3.9	0.1
Equity Quality	4.3	0.03	1.7	1.6	-1.2	2.1	0.1	25.0	26.0	1.0	0.2	4.8	4.6	0.1
Equity Carry	3.1	0.01	1.0	11.6	-9.1	9.9	-10.3	14.4	7.2	-7.2	-0.9	8.2	1.1	13.7
Equity Momentum	-15.5	-0.08	-3.1	-10.4	-0.5	1.4	-2.9	17.3	12.7	-4.6	-0.7	6.9	2.3	4.0
Equity Low Vol	7.4	0.04	-13.0	-1.0	3.6	13.9	4.0	17.5	20.5	3.0	0.4	6.8	5.8	1.6
Equity Size	-11.7	-0.08	1.7	2.5	-7.3	-2.3	-6.2	23.3	33.9	10.6	2.1	5.1	8.9	11.3
Equity Volatility	43.6	0.18	4.0	11.9	13.2	5.2	9.3	14.2	13.8	-0.4	0.0	8.4	4.0	0.0
Credit Value	27.7	0.10	-7.1	-2.8	13.2	9.1	15.4	12.5	12.2	-0.4	0.0	9.5	4.0	0.0
Credit Carry	21.7	0.10	2.1	6.6	2.7	10.3	-0.1	15.1	20.1	5.0	0.6	7.9	7.5	6.1
Credit Momentum	40.3	0.08	-12.1	10.4	15.2	8.4	18.4	6.7	4.6	-2.1	-0.1	17.9	2.0	5.4
Credit Volatility	32.2	0.36	2.4	11.2	11.0	1.2	6.3	38.3	40.9	2.6	0.8	3.1	4.8	0.3
Rates Value	35.1	0.52	2.3	13.2	8.0	4.6	7.0	51.2	48.3	-2.9	-1.2	2.3	3.8	0.2
Rates Carry	29.9	0.11	-7.6	9.9	5.8	17.7	4.2	12.6	7.7	-4.9	-0.5	9.4	1.6	8.2
Rates Momentum	34.7	0.37	2.9	21.4	2.7	5.1	2.5	36.5	53.5	17.0	5.2	3.3	9.1	11.9
Rates Volatility	16.3	0.10	5.0	0.7	7.5	1.1	1.9	22.0	26.7	4.7	0.9	5.4	6.2	2.5
FX Value	21.1	0.49	0.9	10.9	2.9	4.4	2.0	79.3	66.2	-13.2	-8.8	1.5	2.9	1.5
FX Carry	-21.6	-0.09	5.9	11.8	-22.5	5.3	-22.2	13.9	18.4	4.5	0.5	8.6	7.4	5.7
FX Momentum	2.0	0.01	-3.5	-1.2	6.4	1.9	-1.6	11.8	6.4	-5.4	-0.5	10.1	1.3	11.4
FX Volatility	37.8	0.30	9.2	5.7	10.8	6.2	6.0	27.0	26.4	-0.5	-0.1	4.4	4.1	0.0
Commodity Value	36.8	0.15	3.0	12.1	24.4	-4.3	1.6	14.3	13.1	-1.2	-0.1	8.3	3.6	0.4
Commodity Carry	46.9	0.40	9.7	8.2	12.8	6.3	9.9	29.1	37.7	8.7	2.1	4.1	7.1	4.9
Commodity Momentum	34.8	0.09	12.6	5.9	5.6	-9.0	19.7	9.1	5.6	-3.5	-0.3	13.1	1.6	8.1
Commodity Volatility	71.6	0.40	-5.0	8.2	35.8	0.8	31.9	19.2	14.9	-4.3	-0.7	6.2	2.6	2.7

Source: J.P. Morgan Quantitative and Derivatives Strategy

Equity Value

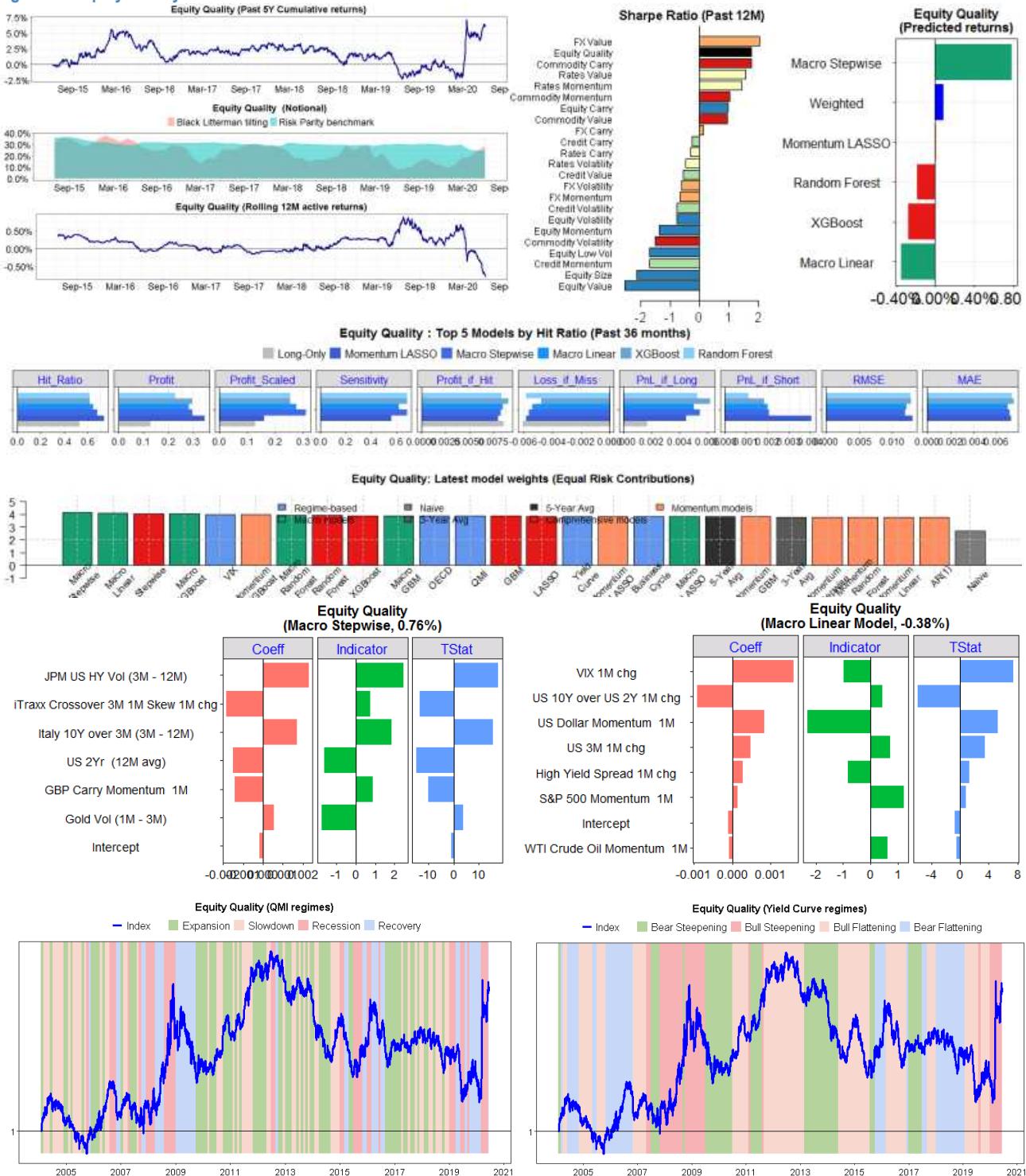
Figure 25: Equity Value



Source: J.P. Morgan Quantitative and Derivatives Strategy; Bloomberg; RavenPack; EPFR

Equity Quality

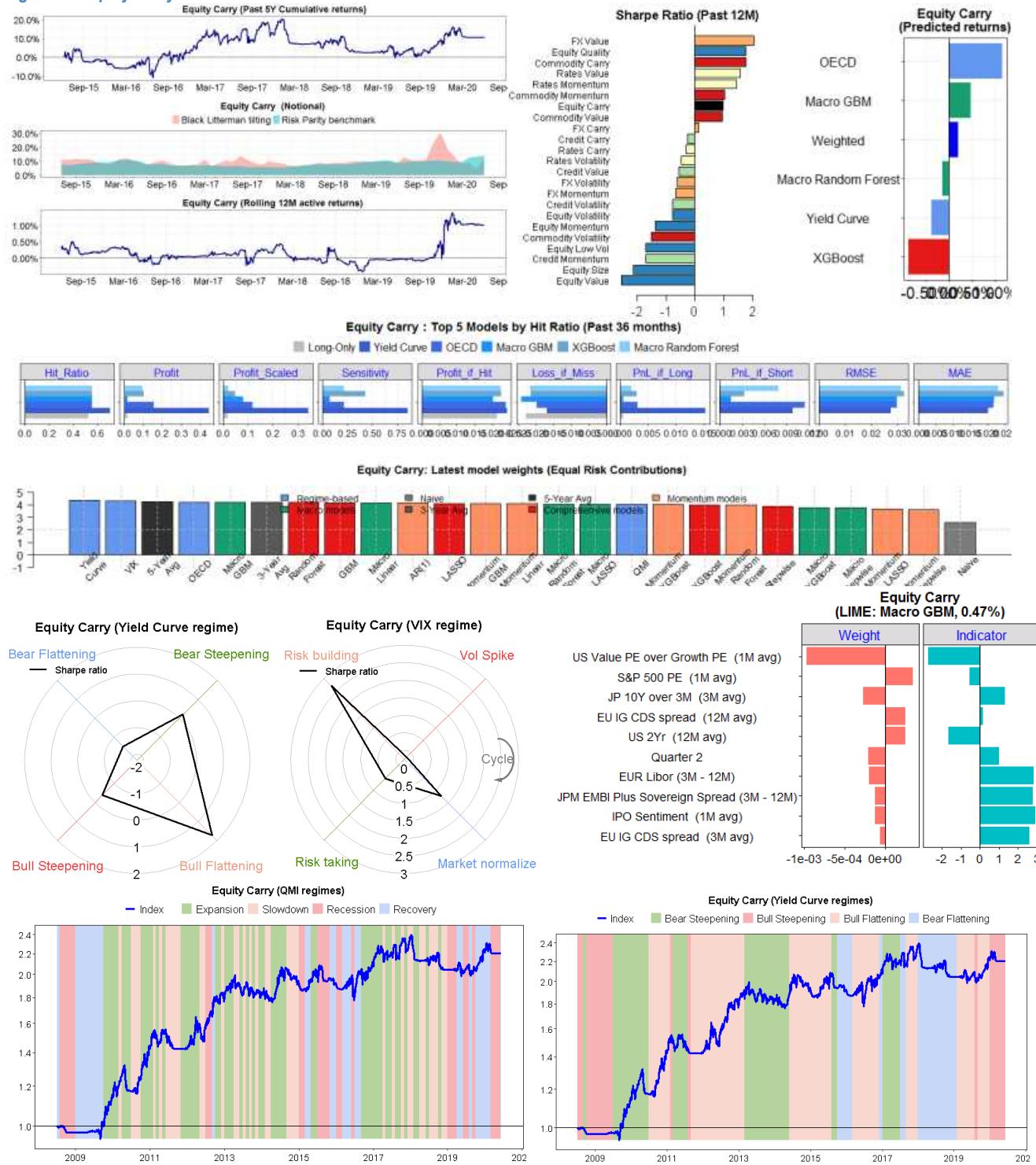
Figure 26: Equity Quality



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Equity Carry

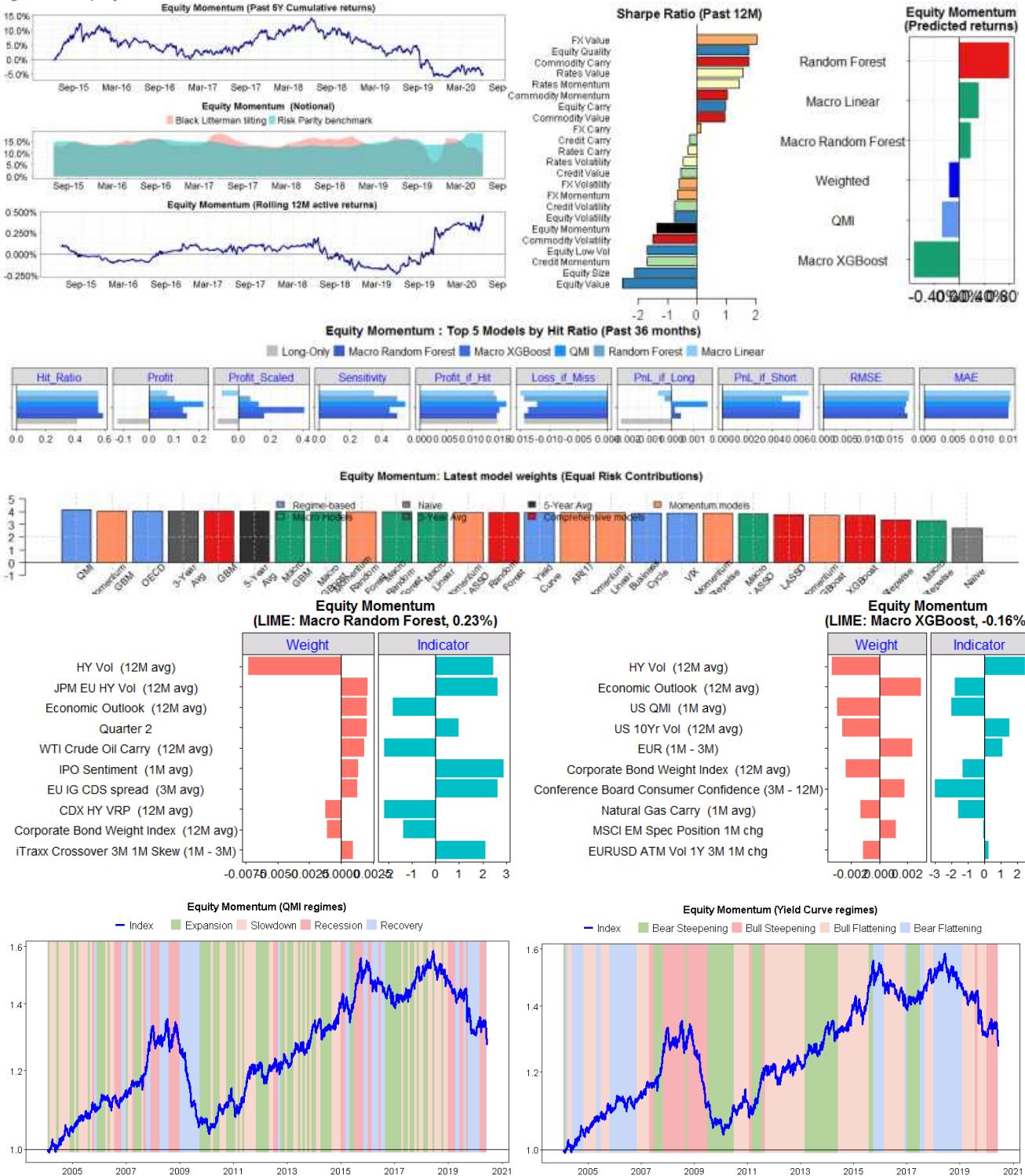
Figure 27: Equity Carry



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Equity Momentum

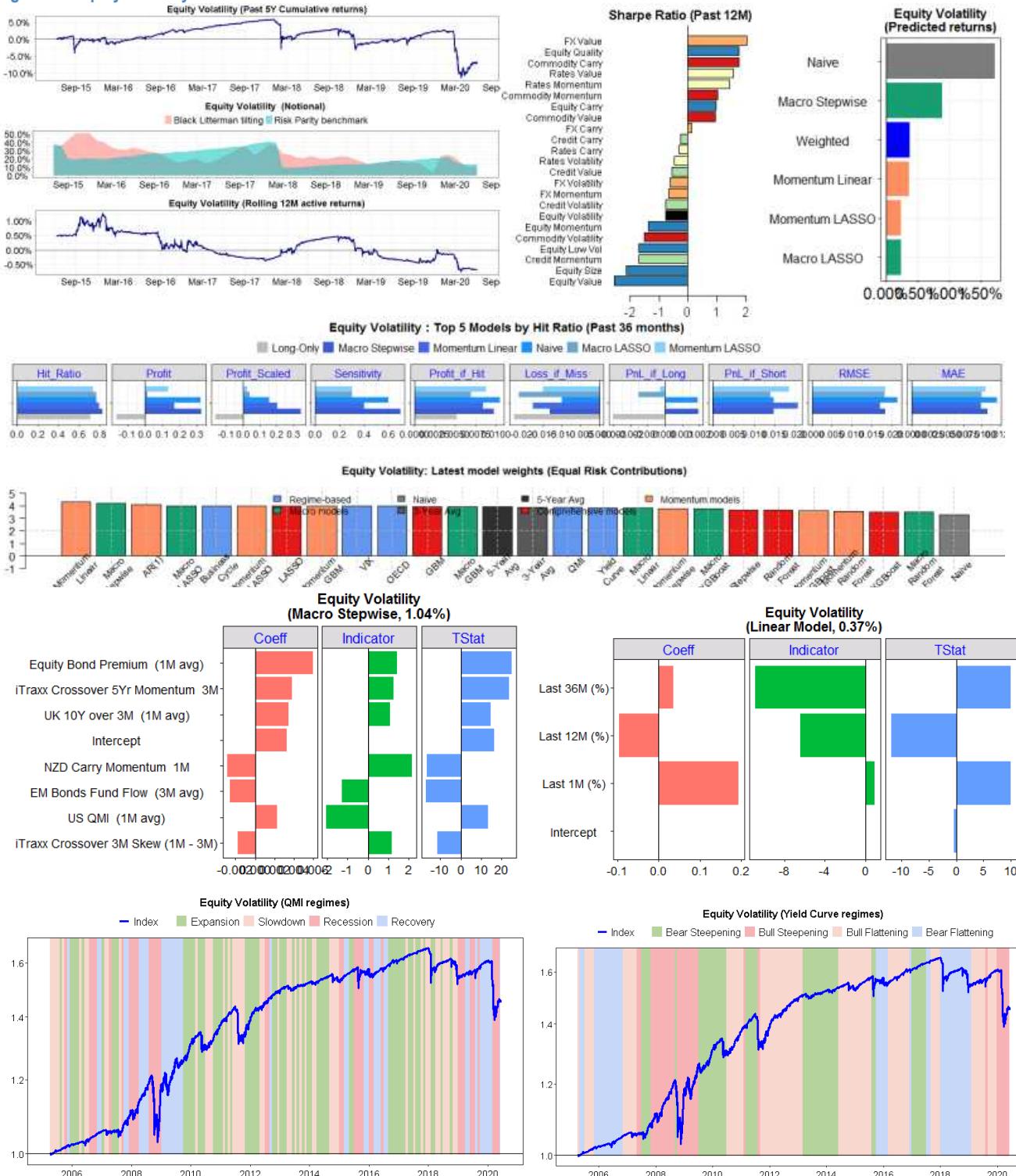
Figure 28: Equity Momentum



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Equity Volatility

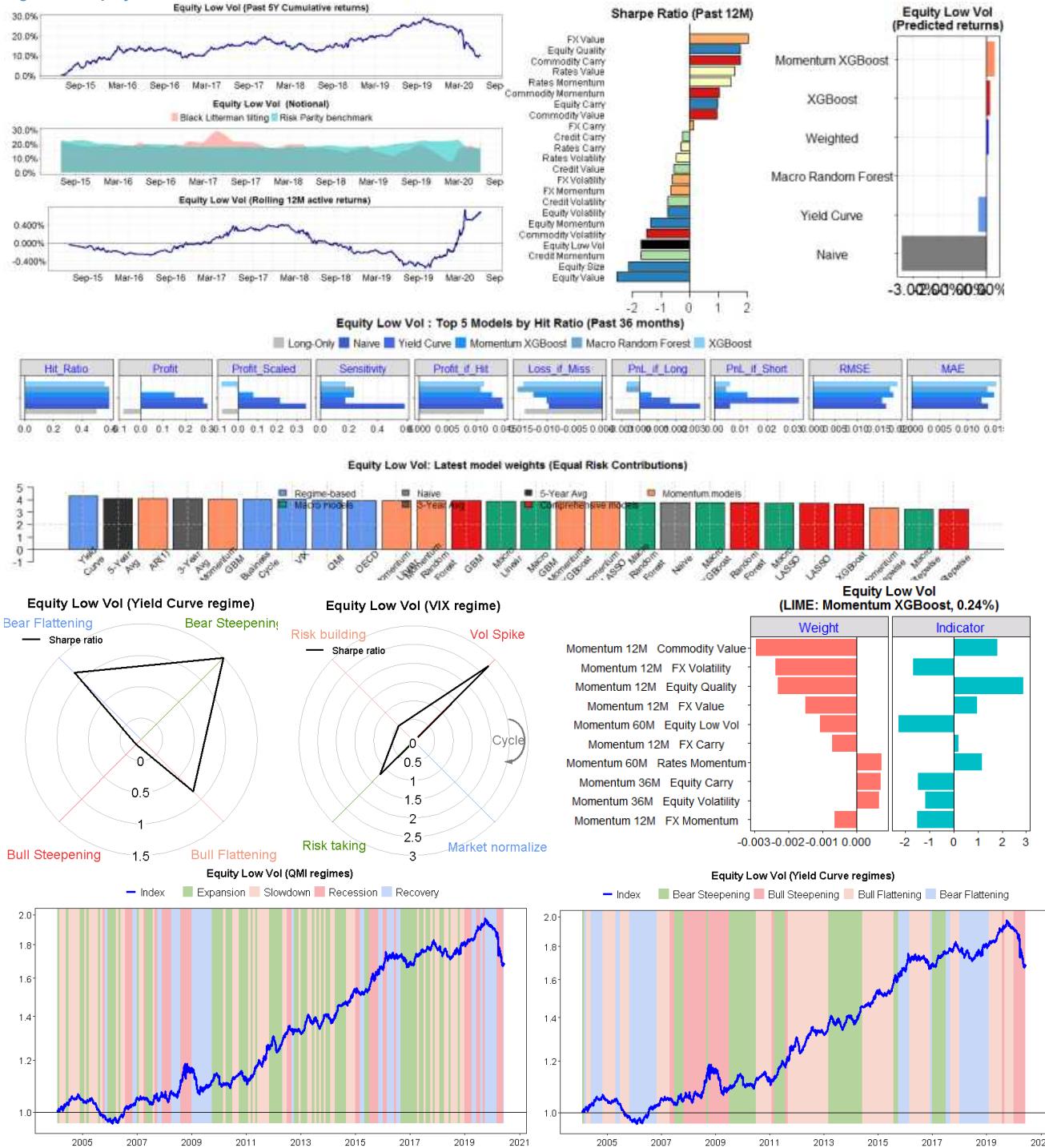
Figure 29: Equity Volatility



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Equity Low Vol

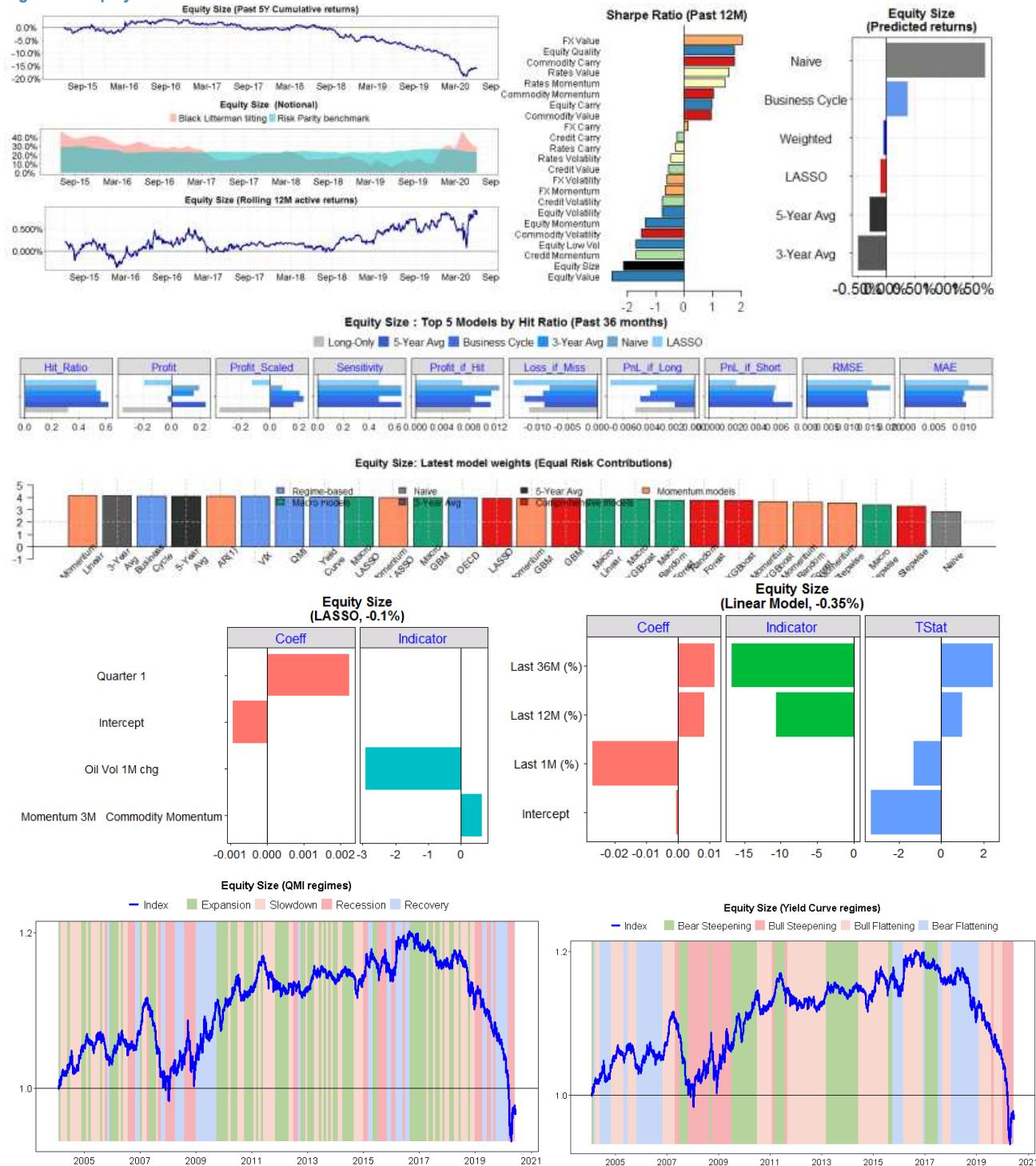
Figure 30: Equity Low Vol



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Equity Size

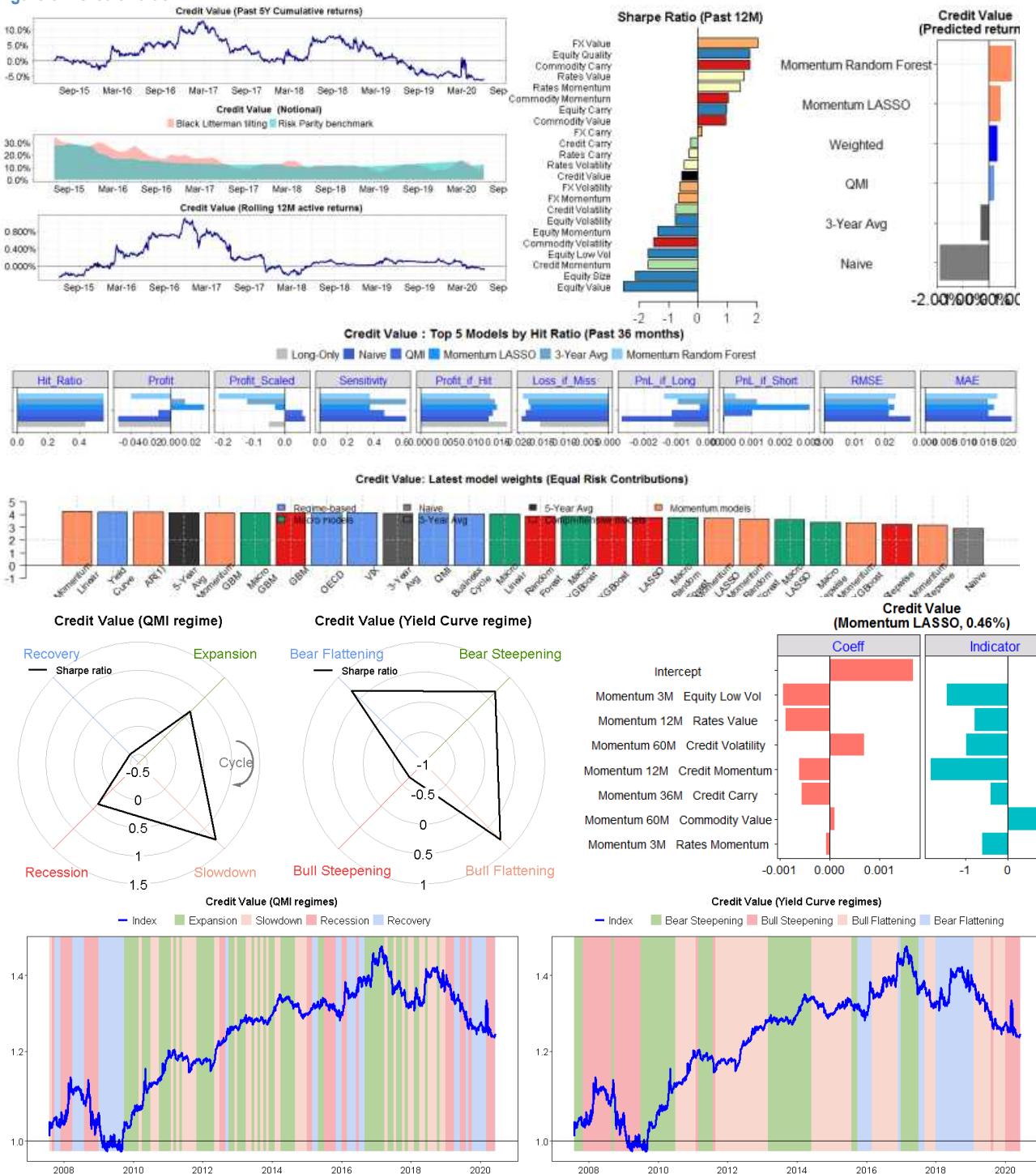
Figure 31: Equity Size



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Credit Value

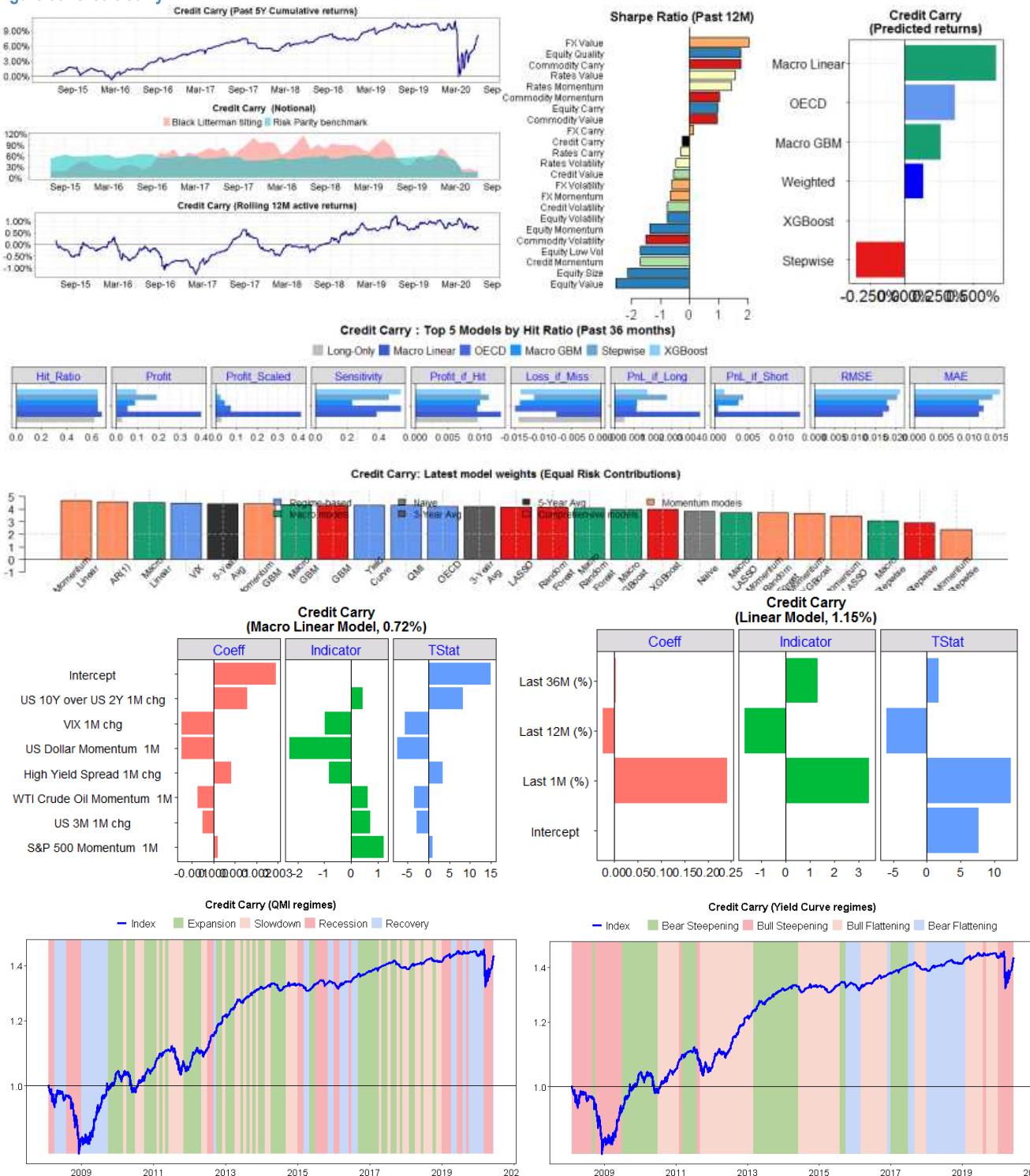
Figure 32: Credit Value



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Credit Carry

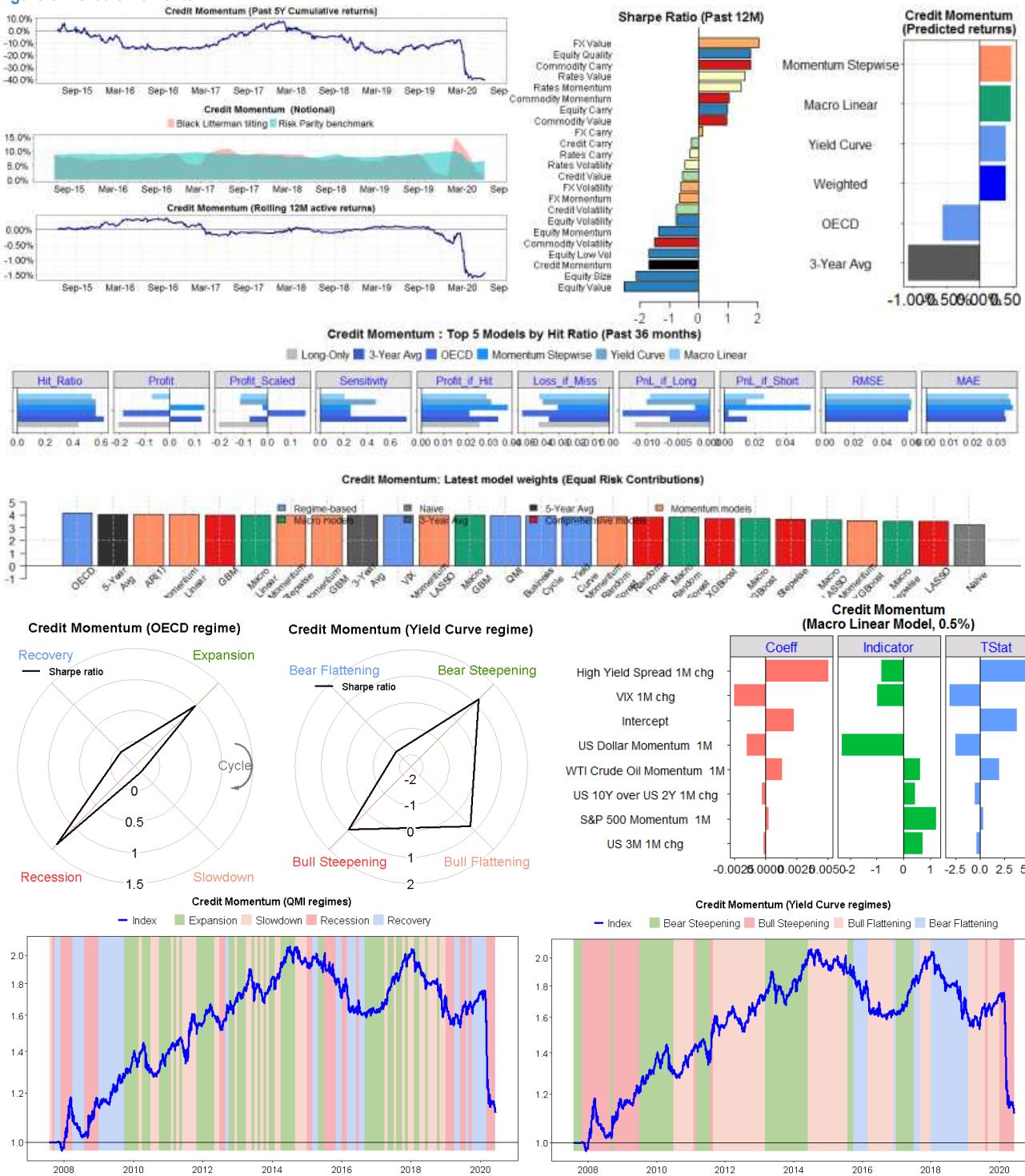
Figure 33: Credit Carry



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Credit Momentum

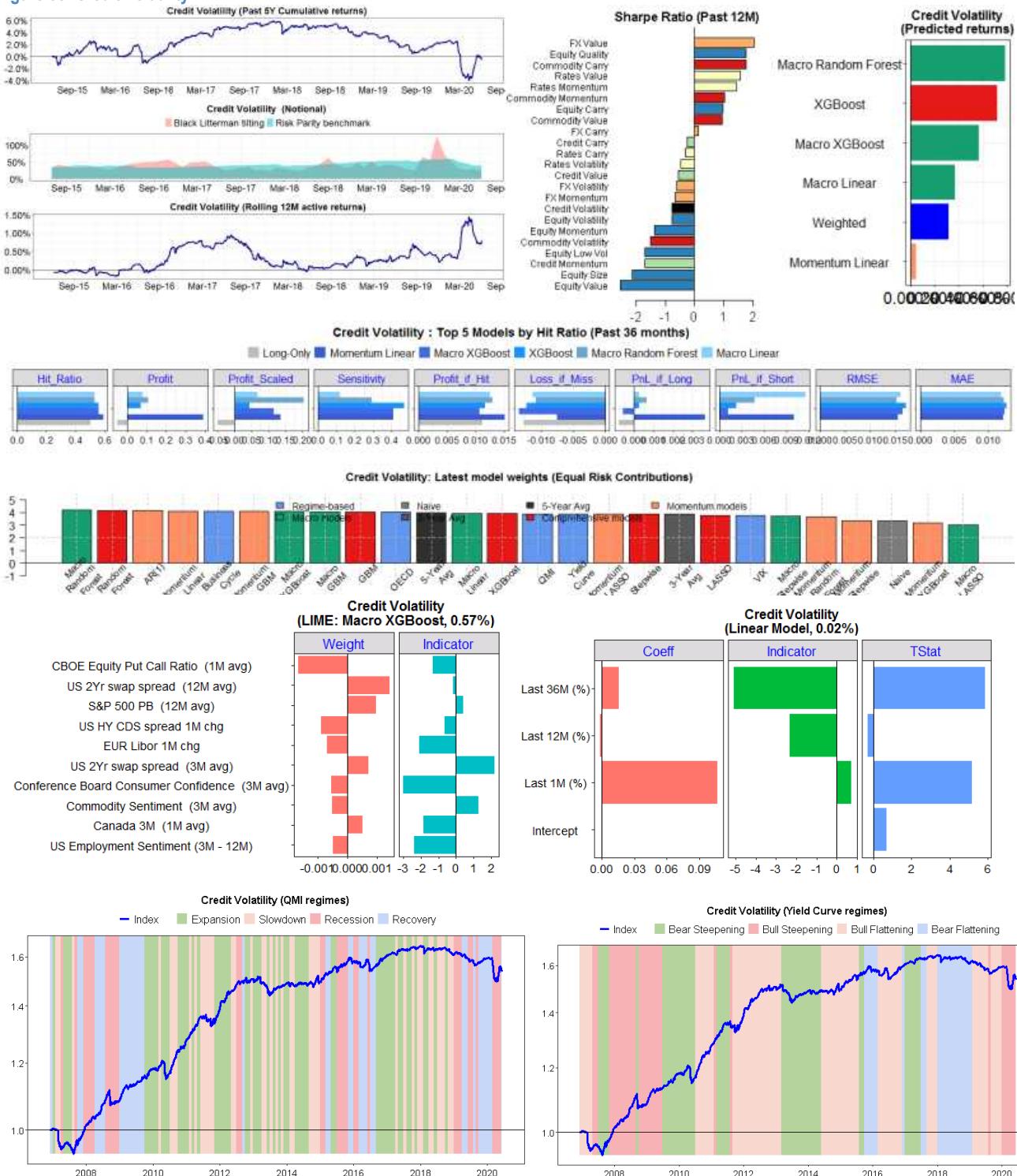
Figure 34: Credit Momentum



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Credit Volatility

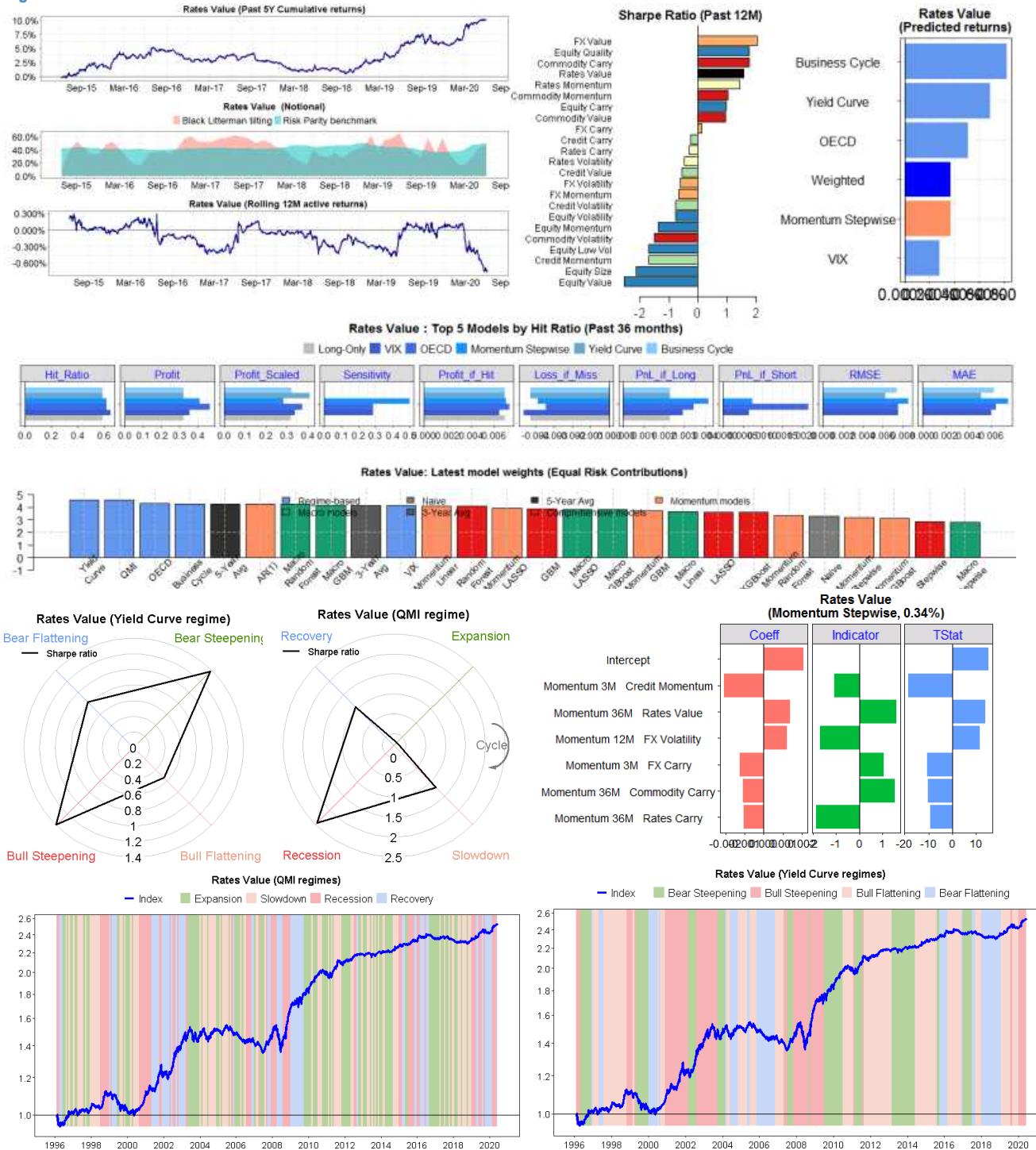
Figure 35: Credit Volatility



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Rates Value

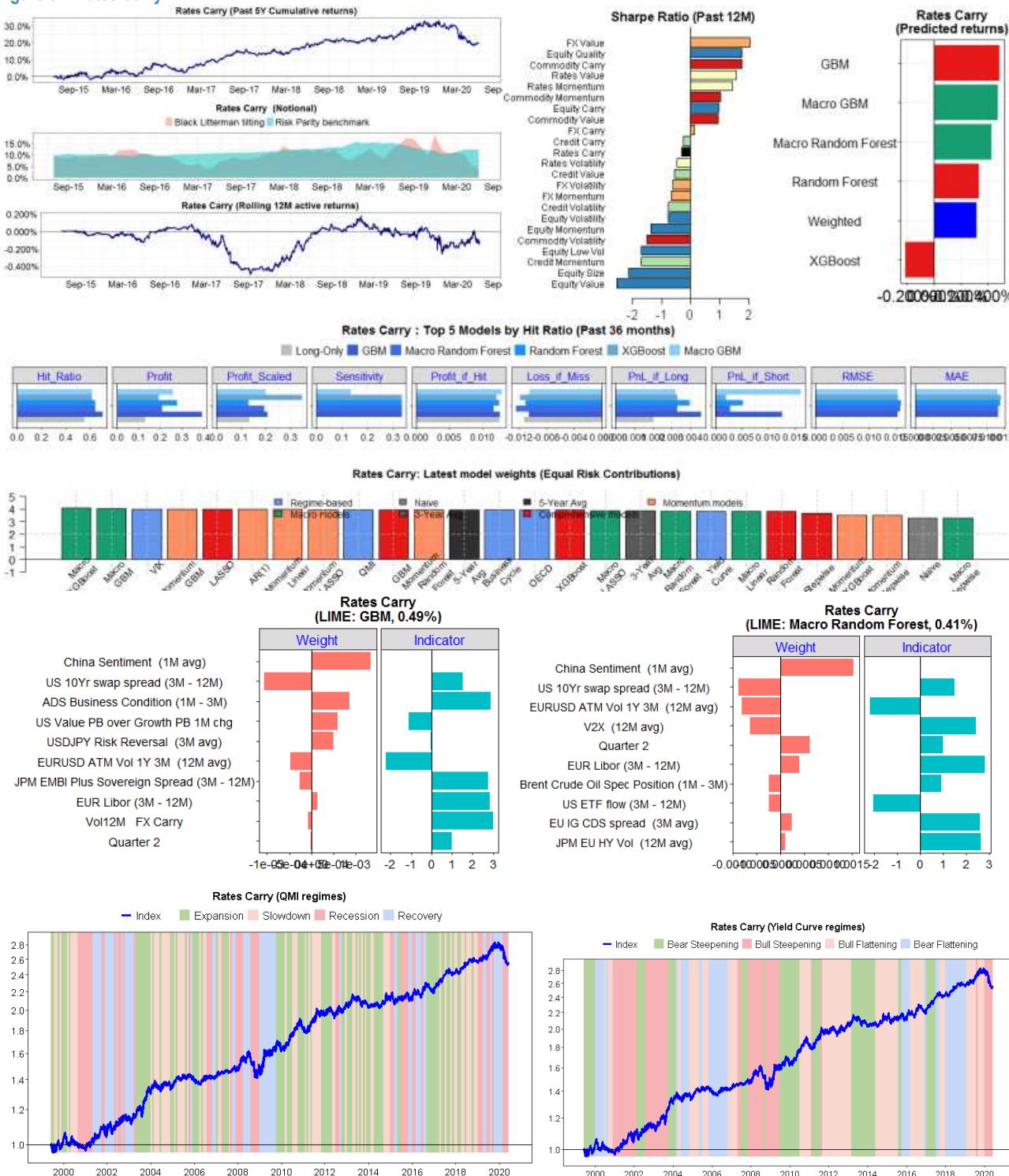
Figure 36: Rates Value



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Rates Carry

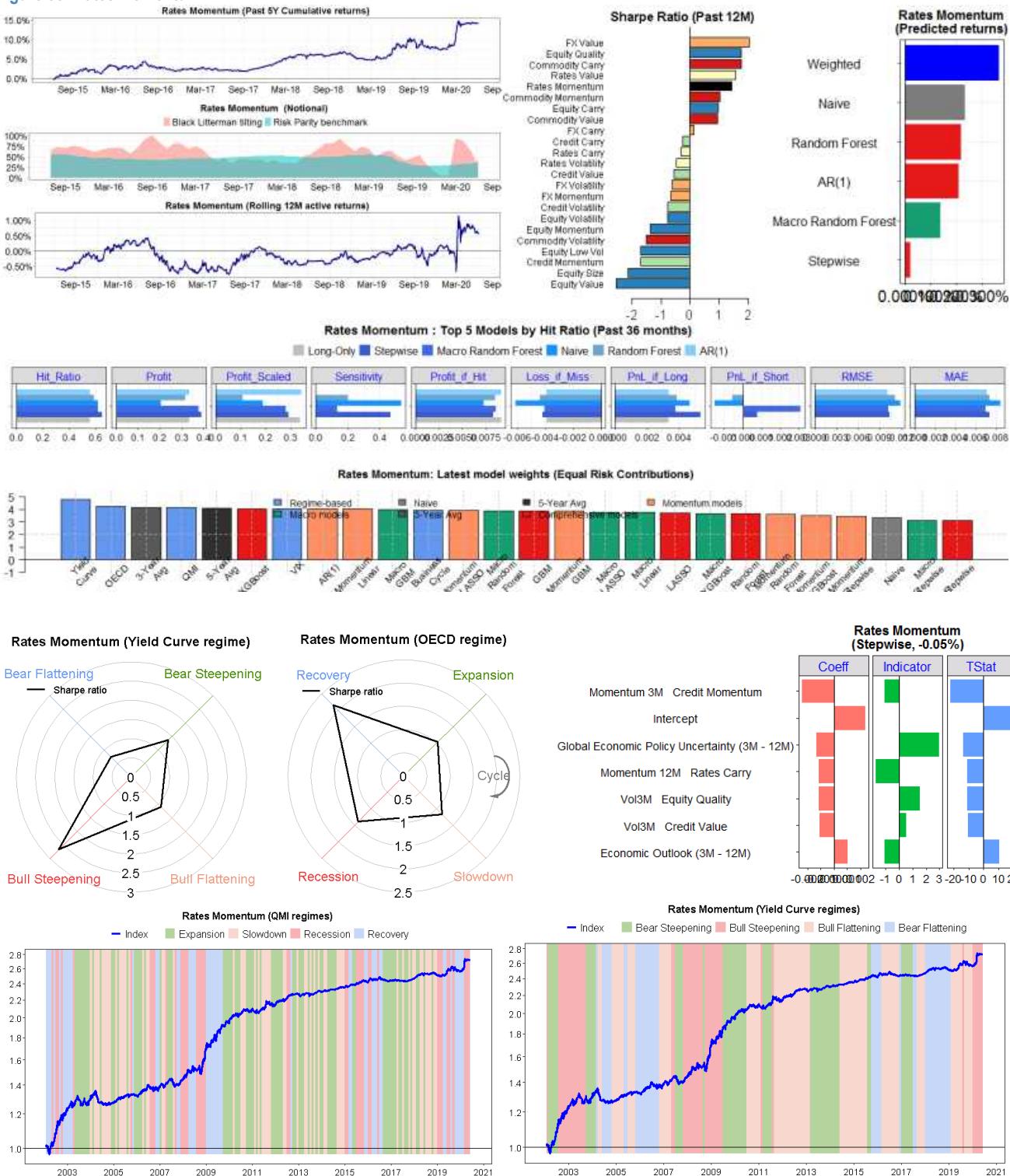
Figure 37: Rates Carry



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Rates Momentum

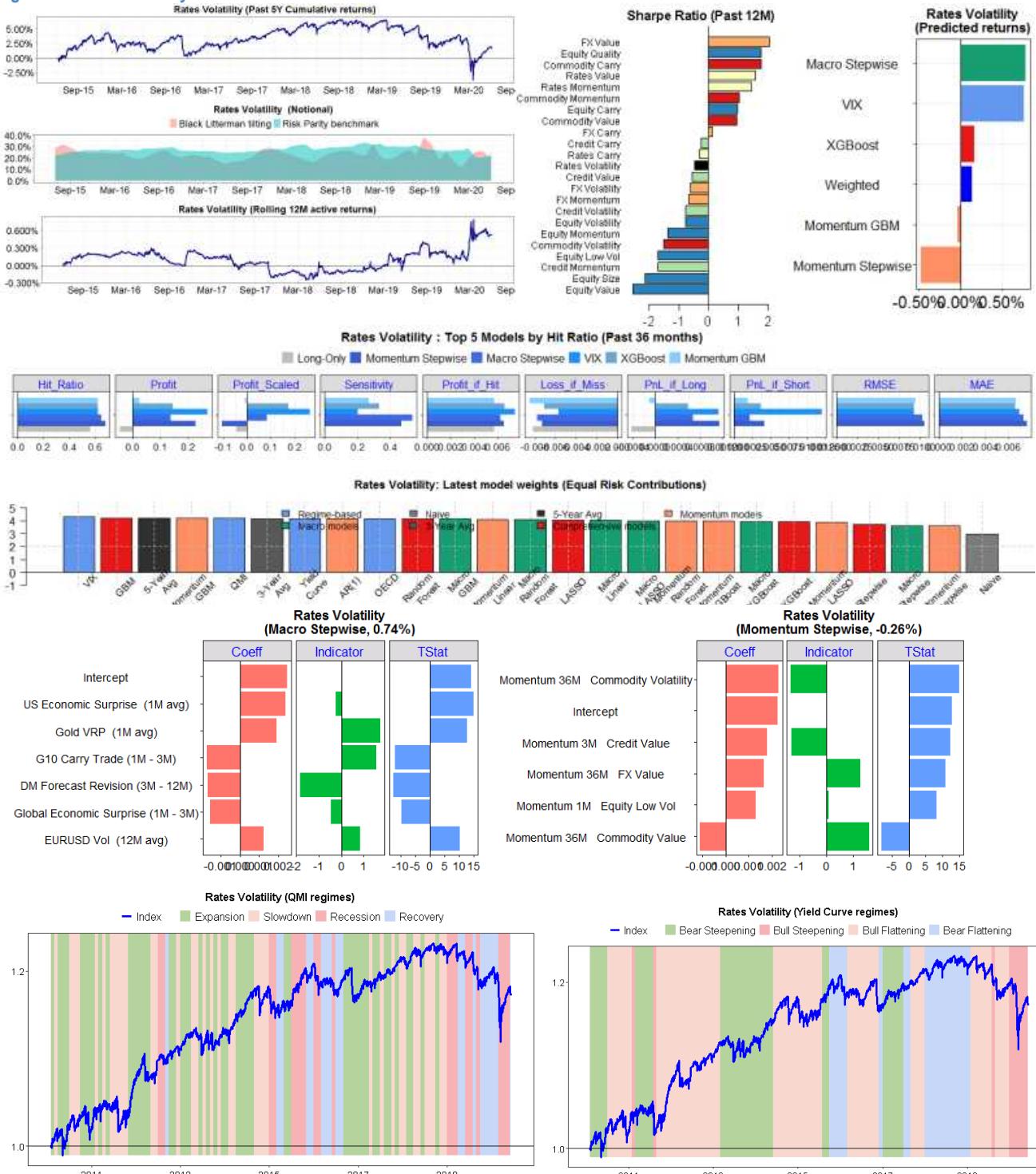
Figure 38: Rates Momentum



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Rates Volatility

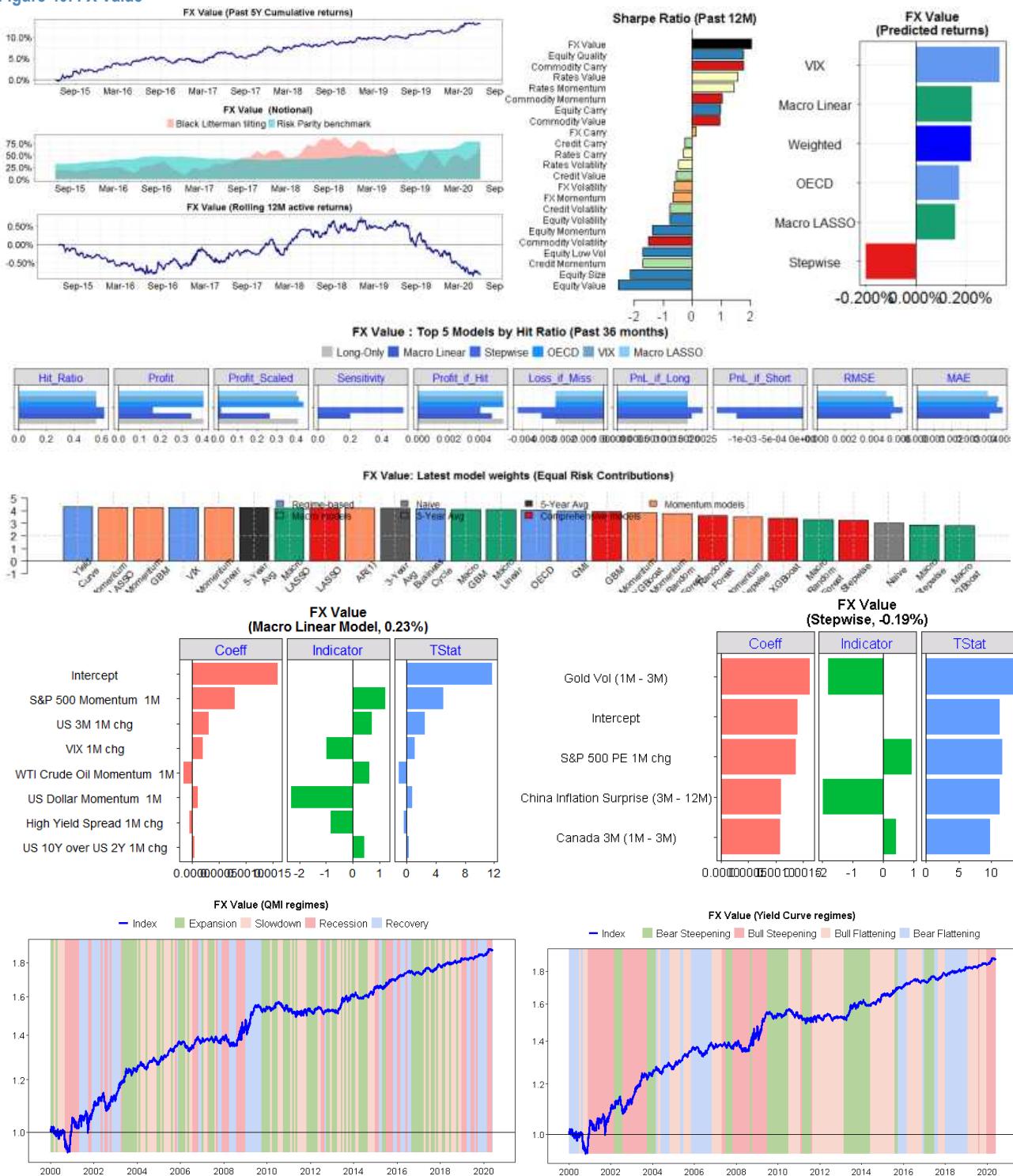
Figure 39: Rates Volatility



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FX Value

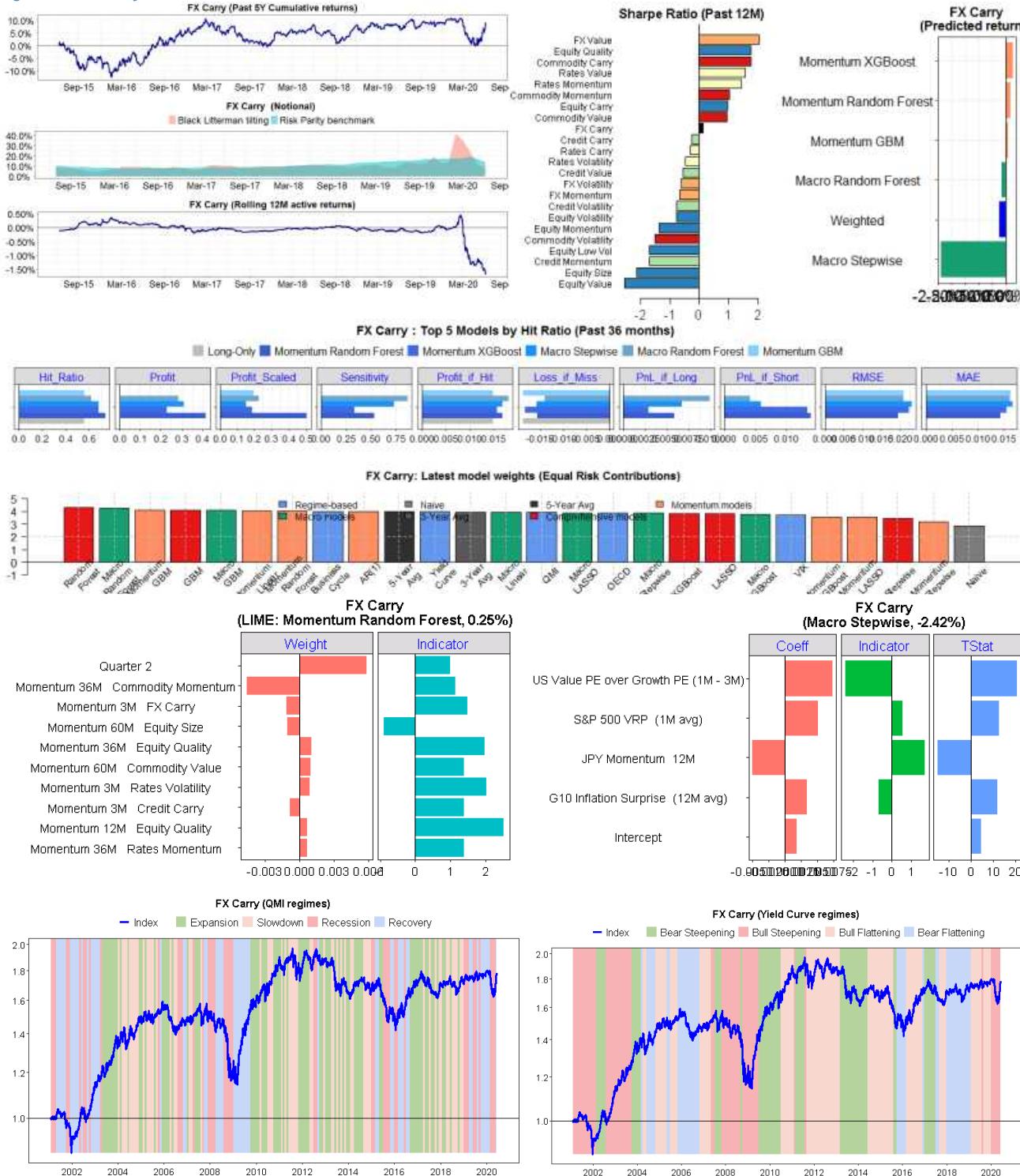
Figure 40: FX Value



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FX Carry

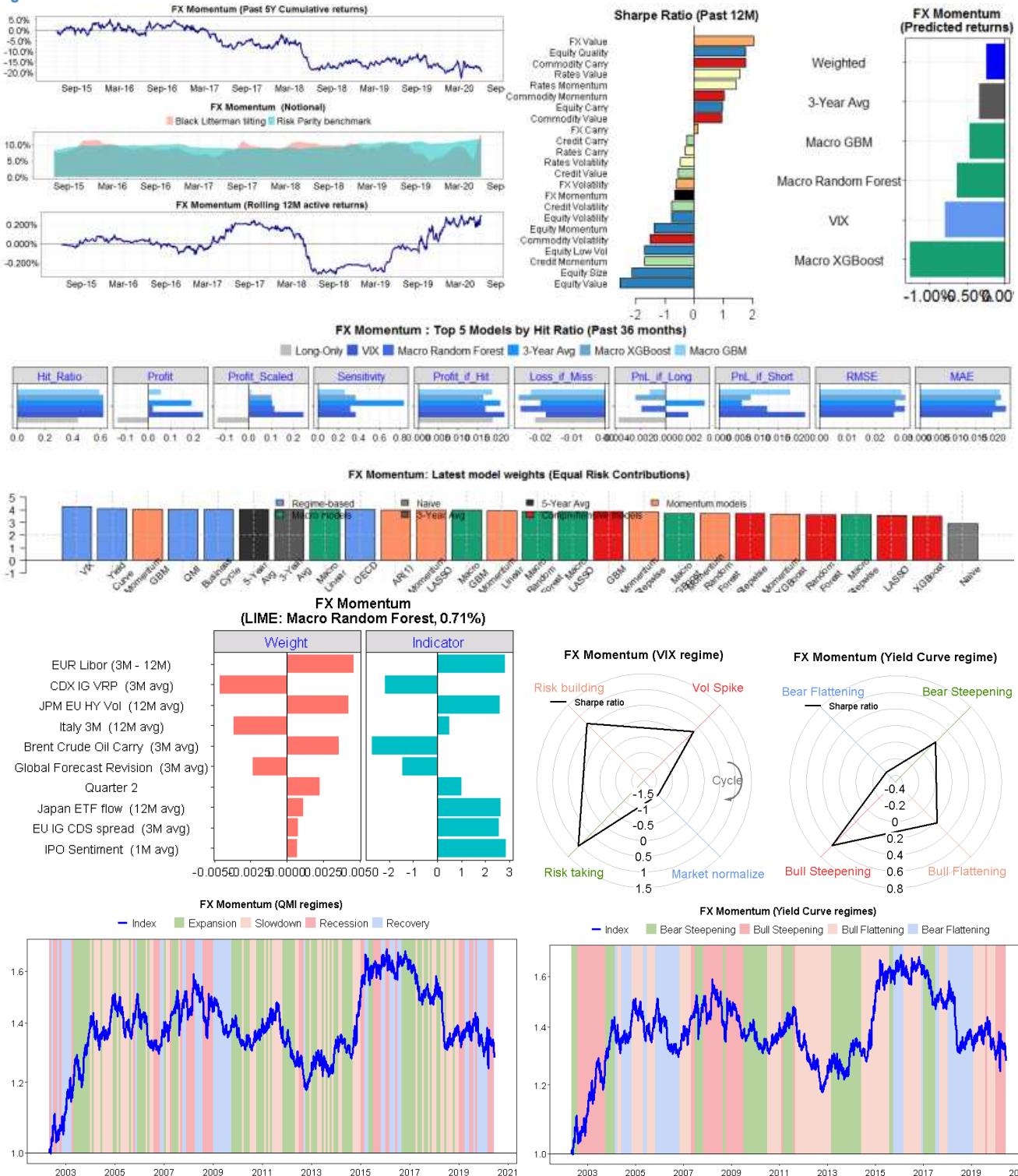
Figure 41: FX Carry



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FX Momentum

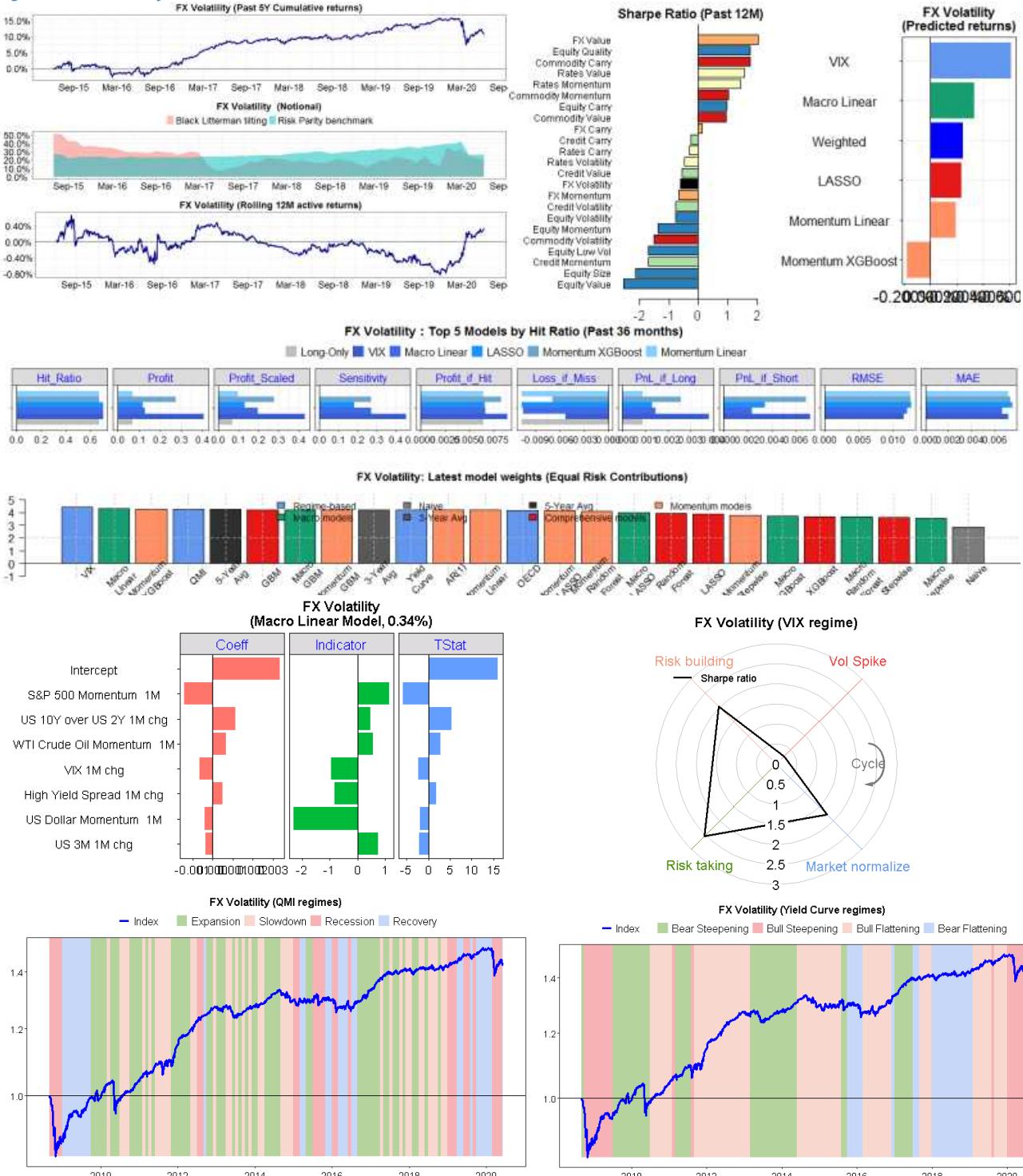
Figure 42: FX Momentum



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FX Volatility

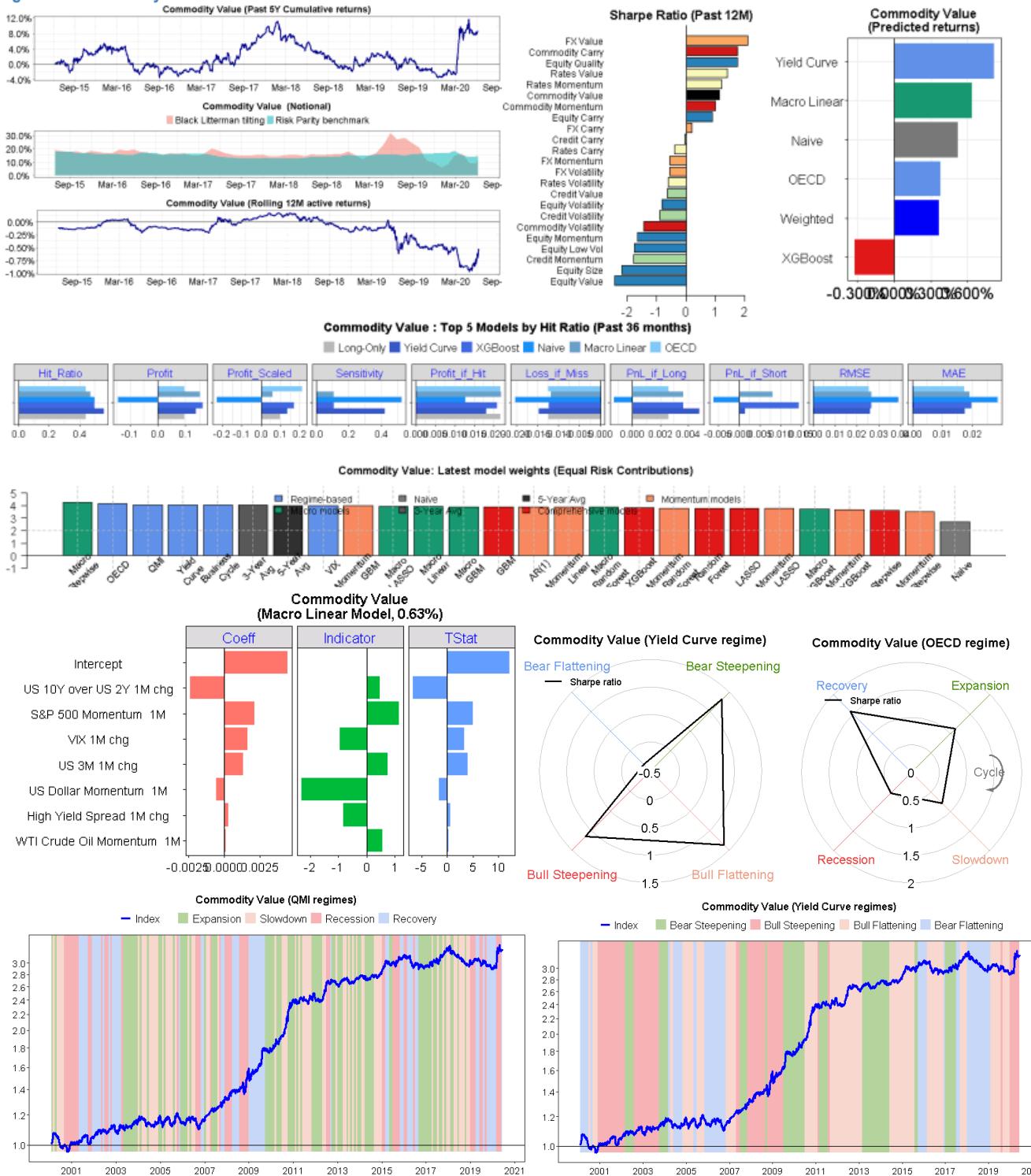
Figure 43: FX Volatility



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Commodity Value

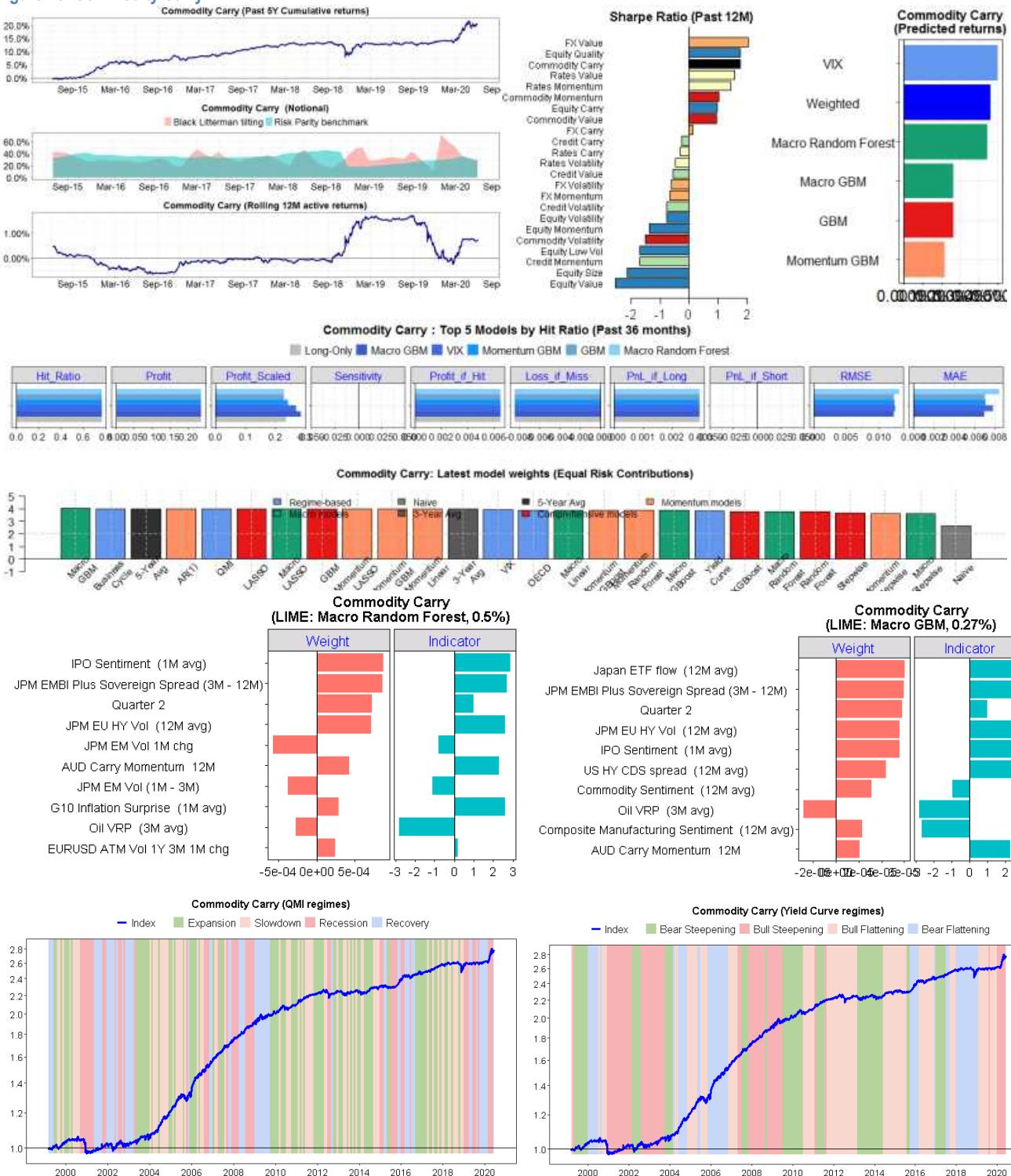
Figure 44: Commodity Value



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Commodity Carry

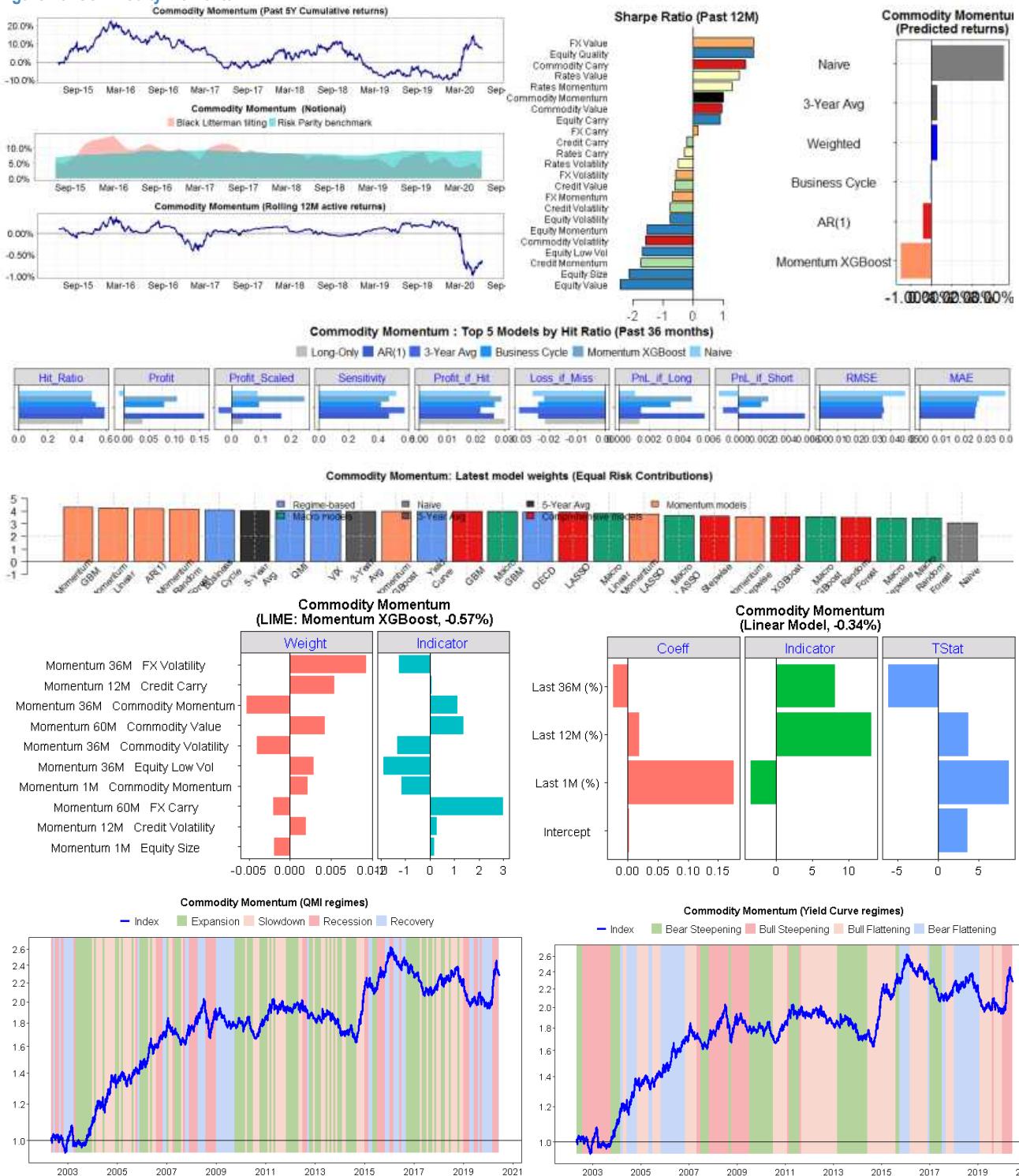
Figure 45: Commodity Carry



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Commodity Momentum

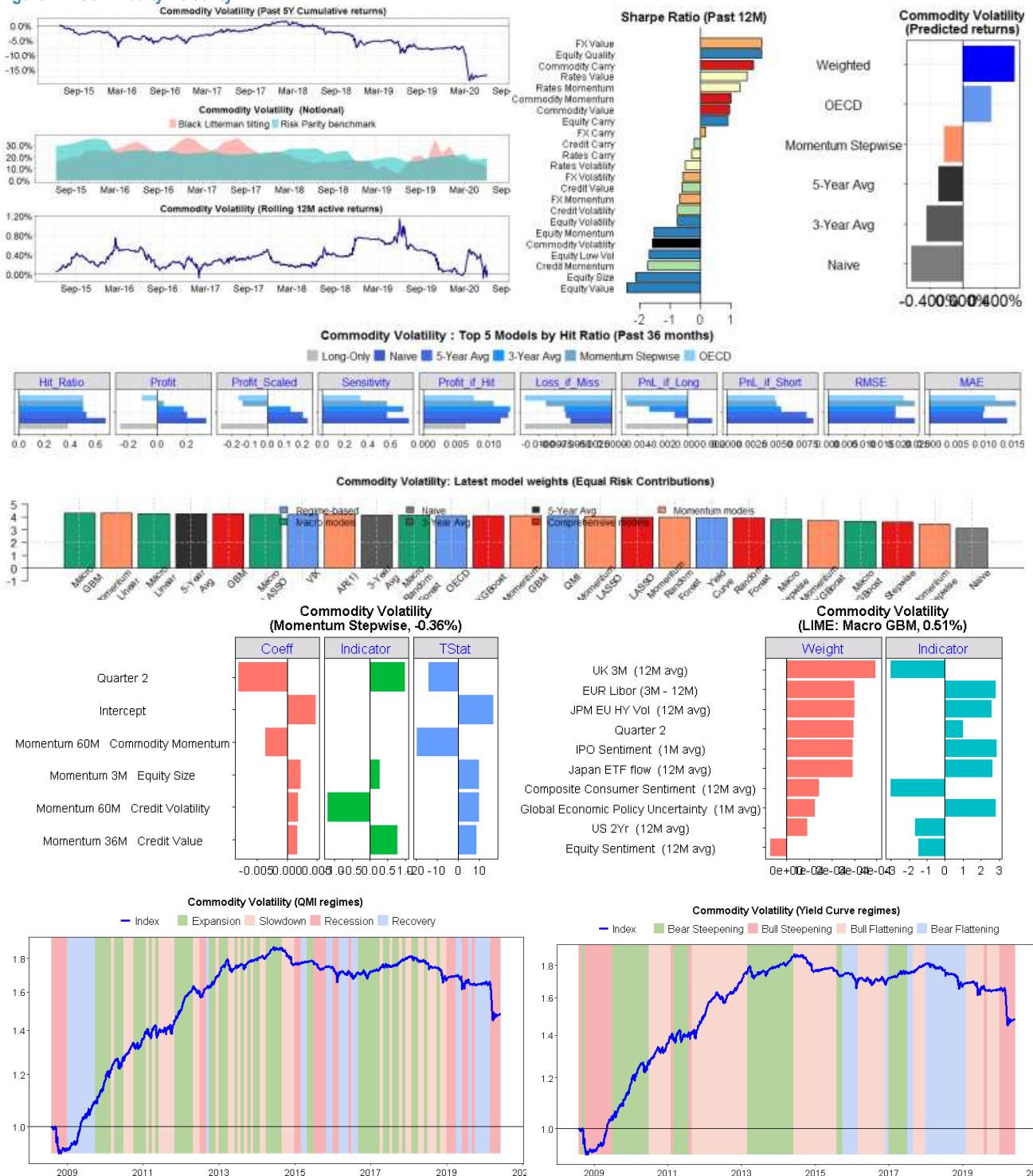
Figure 46: Commodity Momentum



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Commodity Volatility

Figure 47: Commodity Volatility



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J.P. Morgan Cross-Asset Risk Premia Indices

Table 1: J.P. Morgan cross-asset risk premia Indices. We apply t-costs and running fee assumptions when we rebalance the indices in our portfolio

Name	Asset	Style	Ticker	Strategy overview
Equity				
J.P. Morgan Equity Risk Premium – Global Pure Value	Equity	Value	JPQGVLW2	L/S strategy on Value factor
J.P. Morgan Equity Risk Premium – Global Pure Quality	Equity	Quality	JPQGQUW2	L/S strategy on Quality factor
J.P. Morgan US Volatility Term Premia Index	Equity	Carry	JPMZVP4G	Systematic long puts on VIX Futures
J.P. Morgan Equity Risk Premium – Global Pure Momentum	Equity	Momentum	JPQGMOW2	L/S strategy on Momentum factor
J.P. Morgan Equity Risk Premium – Global Pure Low Vol	Equity	Low Vol	JPQGLVW2	L/S strategy on Low Vol factor
J.P. Morgan Equity Risk Premium – Global Pure Size	Equity	Size	JPQGSZW2	L/S strategy on Size factor
J.P. Morgan US 5% Mean Reversion Short Volatility Index	Equity	Volatility	JPOSUS5M	Monetize carry between implied and realized volatility through options exposure in S&P (5% notional a day)
Credit				
J.P. Morgan Global Credit Value	Credit	Value	JCRECCV1	Aim to monetize the risk premia between major CDS indices using a fair value spread
J.P. Morgan Credit Global Curve Steepener	Credit	Carry	JCRECVSG	Track performance from a rolling 5s10s steepener on iTraxx Main and CDX IG
J.P. Morgan Global Credit Momentum USD	Credit	Momentum	JCREMOGU	Aim to capture cross-sectional momentum in global credit indices
J.P. Morgan Global HY Short Volatility	Credit	Volatility	JCRESV3H	Aim to monetize the high implied volatility relative to realized volatility in iTraxx Crossover and CDX HY options by selling straddles and delta hedging on a daily basis
Rates				
J.P. Morgan MAST Basket of 3 Index (USD)	Rates	Value	JPMSUBK3	Capture forward rate risk premium in 3-month USD, EUR and GBP Libor 1y forward
J.P. Morgan CarryMax 2 Futures-6 USD Index	Rates	Carry	JCMX2A6U	Capture yield differential in govt. bond futures
J.P. Morgan Helix 3 Index (USD)	Rates	Momentum	JHLXH3US	Capture trends in short-term interest rate markets using money market futures
J.P. Morgan JPVLBTYU Index	Rates	Volatility	JPVLBTYU	Capture value from the implied versus realized volatility of UST10Y Note futures by shorting option strangles and delta hedge
FX				
J.P. Morgan JPFCVA01 Index	FX	Value	JPFCVA01	Capture value in FX pairs in G10 using PPP
J.P. Morgan FX Carry JPFCARB1	FX	Carry	JPFCARB1	Long high yielding currencies and short low yielders on a large universe of currency pairs
J.P. Morgan JMCUFCTA Index	FX	Momentum	JMCUFCTA	Aim to extract the momentum effect from the underlying FX pairs
J.P. Morgan FX Volemont JPVOFX02 Index	FX	Volatility	JPVOFX02	Pure short gamma exposure across 5 USD currency pairs
Commodity				
J.P. Morgan Compendium Fundamental Index	Commodity	Value	JCOPCF	Using momentum on fundamental signals to go long-short commodities
J.P. Morgan Alpha Select II Index	Commodity	Carry	JMABDBSE	Capture commodity curve carry
J.P. Morgan JMCUCCTA Index	Commodity	Momentum	JMCUCCTA	Aim to extract the momentum effect from the underlying commodities
J.P. Morgan Custom JMAB279E Index	Commodity	Volatility	JMAB279E	Monetize the premium between implied and realized volatility with Breakeven Curve filter

Source: J.P. Morgan Quantitative and Derivatives Strategy

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