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Stock Picking



Johnson & Johnson (JNJ): Health Care
- Pharmaceuticals, Medical Devices, and
Consumer Health Products.



Walmart (WMT): Consumer Staples - Retailing (specifically Hypermarkets & Super Centers).

Bank of America.



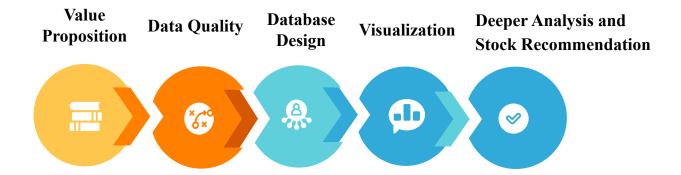
Bank of America (BAC): Financials -Banks.



Microsoft (MSFT): Information Technology - Software & Services.



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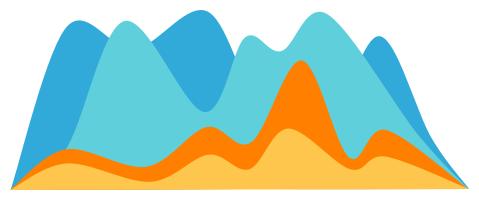


Target Customers





Value Proposition





pre-programmed rules to execute trades automatically



real-time data, historical trends, and complex models







faster, more precise, and removes emotion from the trading process.



Dataset Overview

- Daily Return dataset used in this project contains 5,000 records spanning from 2019-01-01 to 2023-12-29.
- FF5 from 1963-01 to 2024-07
- Financial Statement contains 18 variables from 2019 to 2023

This dataset was sourced from **Bloomberg**, **Yahoo Finance** and **Prof**. **French's site**.





Data Cleaning Process

Removing Missing Values

Missing values in key columns like Return, Volatility, Revenue, and Net Income were addressed by removing incomplete rows, ensuring a reliable and complete dataset for analysis.

Handling Outliers

Outliers in metrics such as Revenue, Net Income, and stock returns were removed using the IQR method, maintaining a dataset representative of typical performance.

Normalizing Data Types

Numeric fields treated as text were converted to proper numeric formats, standardizing data types for consistent and accurate analysis.

```
# Step 1: Removing missing values
def remove_missing_values(df):
    return df.dropna()
# Step 2: Handling outliers (using IQR method)
def remove_outliers(df, columns):
    for column in columns:
        df.loc(:, column) = pd.to_numeric(df(column), errors='coerce')
        01 = df[column].quantile(0.25)
        Q3 = df[column].guantile(0.75)
        IOR = 03 - 01
        lower_bound = 01 - 1.5 * IQR
        upper bound = 03 + 1.5 * IOR
        df = df[(df[column] >= lower_bound) & (df[column] <= upper_bound)]</pre>
    return df
# Step 3: Normalizing data types
def normalize_data_types(df, columns):
    for column in columns:
        df.loc[:, column] = pd.to_numeric(df[column], errors='coerce')
   return df
# Apply all steps in one process
columns to process = ['Mkt-RF', 'SMB', 'HML', 'RMW', 'CMA', 'RF']
# Clean Fama Factors data
cleaned_fama_factors = remove_missing_values(fama_factors_df)
cleaned fama factors no outliers = remove outliers(cleaned fama factors, columns to process)
cleaned fama factors normalized = normalize data types(cleaned fama factors no outliers, columns to process)
# Export the cleaned data to Desktop as Excel
output_path = '/Users/longtaochen/Desktop/Cleaned_Fama_Factors.xlsx' # Replace with your correct path
# Write the cleaned dataset to Excel
cleaned_fama_factors_normalized.to_excel(output_path, sheet_name='Cleaned_Fama_Factors', index=False)
print(f"Fama Factors data has been exported to (output_path)")
```



Normalization

1st Normalization:

- All tables are in a tabular format with atomic (indivisible) values
- E.g: Sector_id, Sector_Name in sector

Sector ID	Sector Name
HIN	Heathcare
XLF	Financial
XLK	Techonology
XLP	Consumer Staples

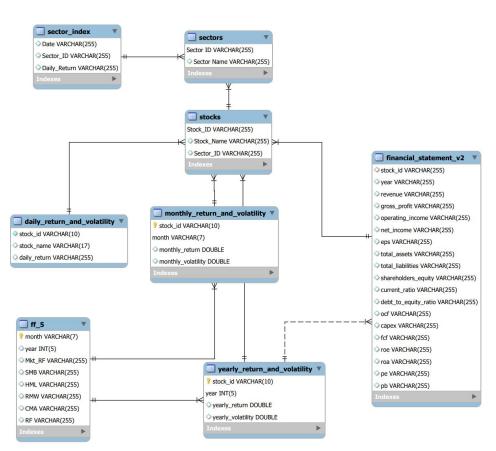
2nd Normalization:

- The tables satisfy 1NF.
- All non-primary-key attributes in each table are fully dependent on the primary key
- E.g: Composite Key (stock_id, month)

3rd Normalization:

- No transitive dependencies exist
- E.g: *sector* and *stock* Table, Foreign key *Sector_id* in *stocks*







Tables Setup

Create new table

```
CREATE TABLE bus211a.bac AS

SELECT

stock_id,
date,
'Bank of America' AS stock_Name,
`Return` AS `daily_return`

FROM bus211a.bac_origin;
```

Clean, delete empty dates

```
DELETE FROM bac WHERE date IS NULL;
```



Tables Setup

Primary Keys and Foreign Keys Setup

```
-- Set primary key and foreign key

ALTER TABLE bac ADD PRIMARY KEY (stock_id, date);

ALTER TABLE jnj ADD PRIMARY KEY (stock_id, date);

ALTER TABLE msft ADD PRIMARY KEY (stock_id, date);

ALTER TABLE wmt ADD PRIMARY KEY (stock_id, date);

ALTER TABLE monthly_return_and_volatility ADD PRIMARY KEY (stock_id, month);

ALTER TABLE yearly_return_and_volatility ADD PRIMARY KEY (stock_id, year);
```

```
ALTER TABLE daily_return_and_volatility
ADD CONSTRAINT fk_stock_id FOREIGN KEY (stock_id) REFERENCES stocks(stock_id);
ALTER TABLE stocks
ADD CONSTRAINT fk_stock_id_daily FOREIGN KEY (stock_id) REFERENCES stocks(stock_id);
```



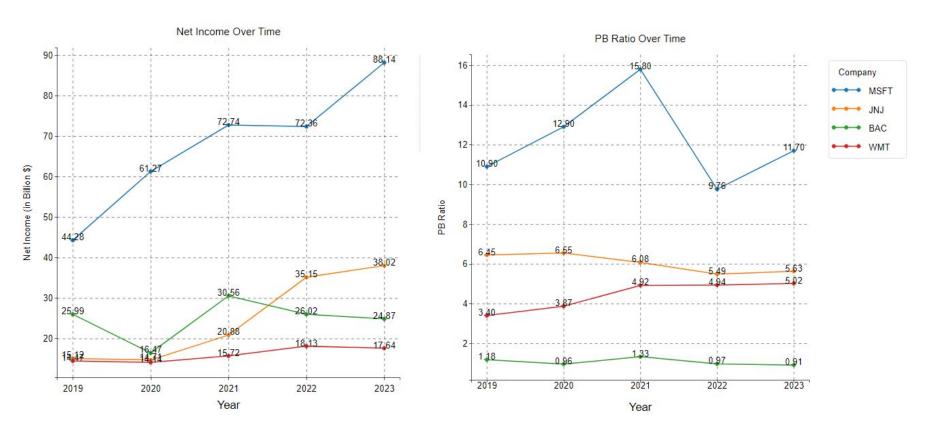
Example: Monthly Return and Volatility

```
1 -- BAC
2 CREATE TABLE monthly_return_and_volatility AS
3 SELECT
4    stock_id,
5    DATE_FORMAT(date, '%Y-%m') AS month,
6    EXP(SUM(LOG(1 + IFNULL(daily_return, 0)))) - 1 AS monthly_return,
7    STDDEV(IFNULL(daily_return, 0)) * SQRT(21) AS monthly_volatility
8 FROM
9    bus211a.bac
10 GROUP BY
11    stock_id, month;
```

stock_id	month	monthly_return	monthly_volatility
BAC	2019-01	0.14062520475337337	9042463308876678
BAC	2019-02	0.026637047247844103)4510761813959086
BAC	2019-03	-0.051236243696740846)6713108235881994
BAC	2019-04	0.10837042576425526	.0543844038541513
BAC	2019-05	-0.130148302238147	0.064261945954439
BAC	2019-06	0.09611382932962709)6660671537163125
BAC	2019-07	0.05793210388957326)4497778220419794
BAC	2019-08	-0.10332282629671397)9622303210019825
BAC	2019-09	0.06733301782684276)6627569827046335
BAC	2019-10	0.07198958263582611)6331440538645572
BAC	2019-11	0.06555955171235572	5922425376636244
BAC	2019-12	0.06279577326872476)4397685662882672
BAC	2020-01	-0.06785918578612504)5248099209464408
BAC	2020-02	-0.1318918748216259)9998634522585205
BAC	2020-03	-0.25033291601121843	18797575407368085
BAC	2020-04	0.13282890942660486	20555111264343076
BAC	2020-05	0.0029074914608369085	7682279611135407
BAC	2020-06	-0.008470859343252313	7342478145210605
BAC	2020-07	0.047581103476182385)9823702036653935
BAC	2020-08	0.03456659309129484)6836481041407473
BAC	2020-09	-0.05758356608513948)8457191709905555
BAC	2020-10	-0.016189542522978995	9092558830769938



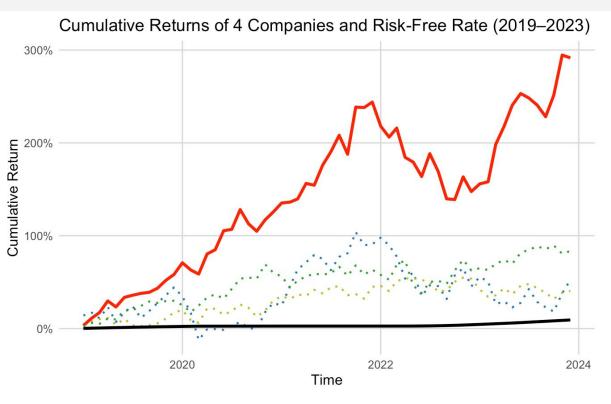
Financial data analysis





CUMULATIVE RETURN OF 4 COMPANIES AND RF

(2019 - 2023)



.... JNJ WMT BAC — MSFT — RF

- Microsoft (MSFT) has significantly outperformed the other three companies, with a cumulative return exceeding 250%.
- Bank of America (BAC), Johnson & Johnson (JNJ), and Walmart (WMT) showed steady but lower cumulative returns, ranging between 40% and 100%.
- The Risk-Free Rate (RF), represented as the baseline, reflects minimal growth over the same period.

So, for a 5-year range, investing in

AT LEAST ONE OF THESE STOCKS

offers

BETTER FINANCIAL GROWTH

compared to saving money in a bank.

is a financial metric that **quantifies the potential loss in value of an investment or portfolio** over a specified time period, and at a **given confidence level**.

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LOSS THRESHOLD

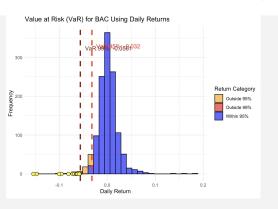
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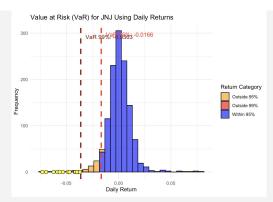
TIME HORIZON

Maximum Expected Loss

95%, 99%

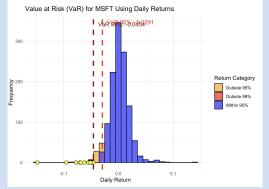
2019-2023

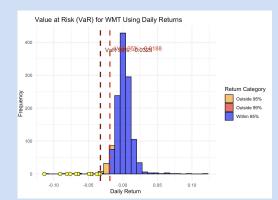


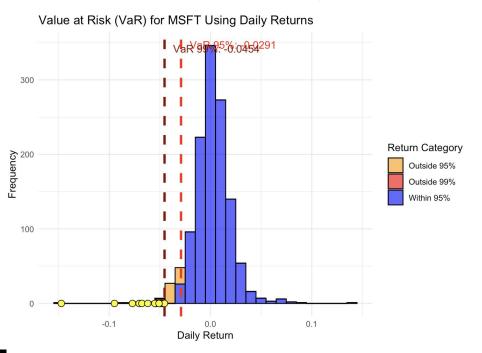


BAC & JNJ









MSFT

--- MSFT ---## VaR 95% (Matched Return): -0.0291 ## VaR 99% (Matched Return): -0.0454

Company/ Confidence Level	95%	99%
MSFT	-2.91%	-4.54%
BAC	-3.2%	-5.61%
JNJ	-1.66%	-3.63%
WMT	-1.88%	-3.25%

Expected-Shortfall

also known as **Conditional Value at Risk (CVaR)**, is a risk measure that estimates **the average loss** in the worst-case scenarios beyond a certain Value at Risk (VaR) threshold.

Dollar-Expected-Shortfall

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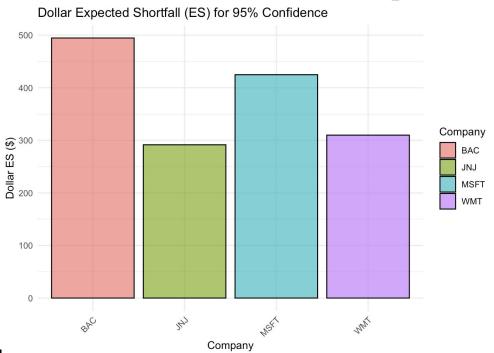
U2AVERAGE LOSS BEYOND
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Dollar-Expected-Shortfall

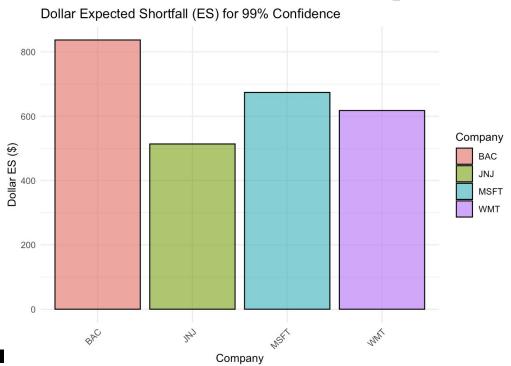


Dollar-Expected-Shortfall



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##
## --- MSFT ---
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## VaR 99% (Potential Loss): $ 454.02
## ES 95% (Average Loss Beyond VaR): $ 424.81
## ES 99% (Average Loss Beyond VaR): $ 674
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## --- WMT ---
## VaR 95% (Potential Loss): $ 188.41
## VaR 99% (Potential Loss): $ 325.23
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Market Sensitivity and Alpha

CAPM regression model: Ri–Rf= α + β (Rm–Rf)+ ϵ

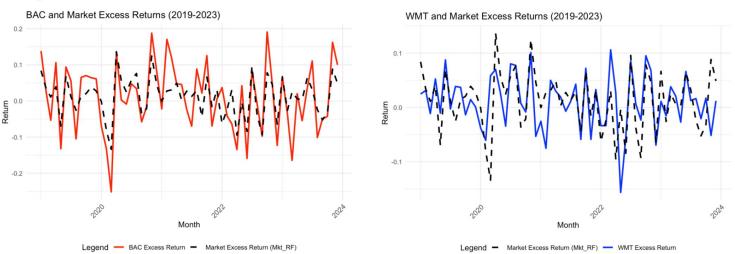
Alpha: Shows a stock's excess return beyond market influence.

Beta: Measures a stock's reaction to market changes.

```
## --- Regression Results for Stock: MSFT ---
## --- Regression Results for Stock: BAC ---
                                                                   ## Call:
## Call:
                                                                   ## lm(formula = Y \sim X)
## lm(formula = Y \sim X)
                                                                   ## Residuals:
## Residuals:
                                                                                      10
                                                                                            Median
                  10
                      Median
                                                                   ## -0.083869 -0.033906 -0.004688 0.027679 0.117881
## -0.192782 -0.040665 0.000118 0.041577 0.138530
                                                                   ## Coefficients:
## Coefficients:
                                                                                  Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
                                                                   ## (Intercept) 0.013701 0.005838
                                                                                                      2.347 0.0224 *
## (Intercept) -0.006135 0.007741 -0.792 0.431
                                                                   ## X
                                                                                  0.824570
                                                                                            0.103535 7.964 7.03e-11 ***
              ## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
## Signif. codes: 0 '*** 0.001 '** 0.01 '* 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
                                                                   ## --- Regression Results for Stock: WMT ---
## --- Regression Results for Stock: JNJ ---
                                                                   ## Call:
## Call:
                                                                   ## lm(formula = Y \sim X)
## lm(formula = Y \sim X)
##
                                                                   ## Residuals:
## Residuals:
                                                                           Min
                                                                                    10 Median
        Min
                   10
                        Median
                                                                   ## -0.15972 -0.02324 0.00197 0.02729 0.11303
## -0.110777 -0.029752 0.002154 0.029014 0.082125
##
                                                                   ##
## Coefficients:
                                                                   ## Coefficients:
               Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
                                                                                  Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) -0.000467 0.005510 -0.085
                                                                   ## (Intercept) 0.004753
                                                                                            0.005988
                                                                                                      0.794 0.430591
## X
               0.494727 0.097707 5.063 4.46e-06 ***
                                                                   ## X
                                                                                  0.442539 0.106185
                                                                                                      4.168 0.000104 ***
## Signif. codes: 0 '*** 0.001 '** 0.01 '* 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
                                                                   ## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```



Market Sensitivity and Alpha



BAC (High Beta, 1.38): Reacts strongly to market changes, with large fluctuations. WMT (Low Beta, 0.44): Stable and defensive, with minimal reaction to market movements.



Deeper Factor Analysis

Mkt_RF: Stock sensitivity to market risk

(Positive; Significant)

SMB: Size effect; small-cap vs. large-cap sensitivity

(Not significant)

HML: Value vs. growth factor

(Negative; Significant)

RMW: Profitability effect

(Not significant)

CMA: Investment strategy

(Positive; Significant)

```
## Call:
## lm(formula = excess return ~ Mkt RF + SMB + HML + RMW + CMA,
      data = wmt data)
## Residuals:
       Min
                      Median
                                          Max
## -0.14802 -0.01553 -0.00024 0.02894 0.06257
## Coefficients:
##
                Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) 0.0008123 0.0057387
                                     0.142
                                              0.888
                                     4.929 8.23e-06 ***
## Mkt RF
               0.5619282 0.1139994
## SMB
              -0.2533236 0.2485259 -1.019
                                              0.313
## HML
              -0.3867582 0.1847434 -2.093
                                              0.041 *
               0.2551931 0.2641824
## RMW
                                     0.966
                                              0.338
## CMA
               0.5293996 0.2628644
                                     2.014
                                              0.049 *
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '*** 0.001 '** 0.01 '* 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 0.04203 on 54 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.3845, Adjusted R-squared: 0.3276
## F-statistic: 6.748 on 5 and 54 DF, p-value: 5.961e-05
```



Sharpe Ratio Analysis and Key Comparisons

Comprehensive Comparison Table							
Metric	BAC	MSFT	WMT	JNJ			
Financial Statements	Moderate	Strong	Moderate	Strong			
Sharpe Ratio	0.4644	1.2525	0.7355	0.4508			
Sharpe Ratio Level	Low	High	Moderate	Low			
Beta	1.38	0.82	0.44	0.49			
Alpha	Insignificant	Significant	Insignificant	Insignificant			
VaR (99%)	\$561.46	\$454.02	\$325.23	\$362.56			
ES (99%)	\$837.05	\$674.00	\$617.64	\$513.75			
Cumulative Return	High	Highest	Moderate	Low			

MSFT: Strong Buy – Highest Sharpe Ratio, significant alpha, and best overall returns for growth-oriented investors

WMT: Buy – Moderate Sharpe Ratio, defensive traits, and low risk, ideal for stability-focused investors

JNJ: Hold – Low Sharpe Ratio with solid defensiveness, but limited growth potential compared to WMT

BAC: Sell – Low Sharpe Ratio and high beta signal inconsistent performance and higher risk

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