

Not Over Thinking

Reversal Effect in International Equity ETFs

Algorithmic Trading Strategy with Full Code

STRATEGY & ECONOMIC RATIONALE

The investment universe consists of 16 ETFs (funds) that invest in individual countries' equity indexes. Go long on the bottom four countries with the worst 36 – month return and go short on the top 4 countries with the best 36-month return. Rebalance every three years.

BUY	SELL
the bottom four countries with the worst 36 – month return	the top 4 countries with the best 36-month return

PARAMETER & VARIABLES

PARAMETER	VALUE
MARKETS TRADED	Equity
FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS	ETFs, funds
REGION	United States
PERIOD OF REBALANCING	3 years
NO. OF TRADED INSTRUMENTS	8
WEIGHTING	Equal Weighting
LOOKBACK PERIODS	36 months
LONG/SHORT	Long & Short

ALGORITHM

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from AlgorithmImports import *

class ReversalEffectinInternationalEquityETFs(QCAlgorithm):

    def Initialize(self):
        self.SetStartDate(2000, 1, 1)
        self.SetCash(100000)

        # Daily ROC data.
        self.perf = {}

        self.period = 36 * 21
        self.SetWarmUp(self.period)

        self.symbols = [
            "EWA", # iShares MSCI Australia Index ETF
            "EWO", # iShares MSCI Austria Investable Mkt Index ETF
            "EWK", # iShares MSCI Belgium Investable Market Index ETF
            "EWZ", # iShares MSCI Brazil Index ETF
            "EWC", # iShares MSCI Canada Index ETF
            "FXI", # iShares China Large-Cap ETF
            "EWQ", # iShares MSCI France Index ETF
            "EWG", # iShares MSCI Germany ETF
            "EWH", # iShares MSCI Hong Kong Index ETF
            "EWI", # iShares MSCI Italy Index ETF
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"EWJ", # iShares MSCI Japan Index ETF
"EWM", # iShares MSCI Malaysia Index ETF
"EWX", # iShares MSCI Mexico Inv. Mt. Idx
"EWN", # iShares MSCI Netherlands Index ETF
"EWS", # iShares MSCI Singapore Index ETF
"EZA", # iShares MSCI South Africa Index ETF
"EWY", # iShares MSCI South Korea ETF
"EWZ", # iShares MSCI Spain Index ETF
"EWD", # iShares MSCI Sweden Index ETF
"EWL", # iShares MSCI Switzerland Index ETF
"EWT", # iShares MSCI Taiwan Index ETF
"THD", # iShares MSCI Thailand Index ETF
"EWU", # iShares MSCI United Kingdom Index ETF
"SPY", # SPDR S&P 500 ETF
]
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for symbol in self.symbols:
    data = self.AddEquity(symbol, Resolution.Daily)
    data.SetFeeModel(CustomFeeModel())
    data.SetLeverage(15)

    self.perf[symbol] = self.ROC(symbol, self.period, Resolution.Daily)

# rebalance month
self.month = 36
self.recent_month = -1
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def OnData(self, data):
    if self.IsWarmingUp:
        return

    if self.Time.month == self.recent_month:
        return
    self.recent_month = self.Time.month
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self.month += 1
if self.month > 36:
    self.month = 1
else:
    return
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sorted_by_momentum = sorted([x for x in self.perf.items() if x[1].IsReady and x[0]
in data and data[x[0]]], key = lambda x: x[1].Current.Value, reverse = True)
long = [x[0] for x in sorted_by_momentum[-4:]]
short = [x[0] for x in sorted_by_momentum[:4]]
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# trade execution
invested = [x.Key.Value for x in self.Portfolio if x.Value.Invested]
for symbol in invested:
    if symbol not in long + short:
        self.Liquidate(symbol)
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for symbol in long:
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self.SetHoldings(symbol, 1 / len(long))
for symbol in short:
    self.SetHoldings(symbol, -1 / len(short))

# Custom fee model
class CustomFeeModel(FeeModel):
    def GetOrderFee(self, parameters):
        fee = parameters.Security.Price * parameters.Order.AbsoluteQuantity * 0.00005
        return OrderFee(CashAmount(fee, "USD"))

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BACKTESTING PERFORMANCE



Fig 1.

PSR	0.000%	Sharpe Ratio	-0.122
Total Trades	85	Average Win	15.72%
Average Loss	-10.87%	Compounding Annual Return	-4.247%
Drawdown	80.200%	Expectancy	0.041
Net Profit	-63.490%	Loss Rate	57%
Win Rate	43%	Profit-Loss Ratio	1.45
Alpha	-0.014	Beta	-0.074
Annual Standard Deviation	0.151	Annual Variance	0.023
Information Ratio	-0.326	Tracking Error	0.23
Treynor Ratio	0.249	Total Fees	\$77.24
Estimated Strategy Capacity	\$73000.00	Lowest Capacity Asset	EW0 R735QTJ8XC9X

Fig 2. Performance Metrics



Fig 3. Drawdown

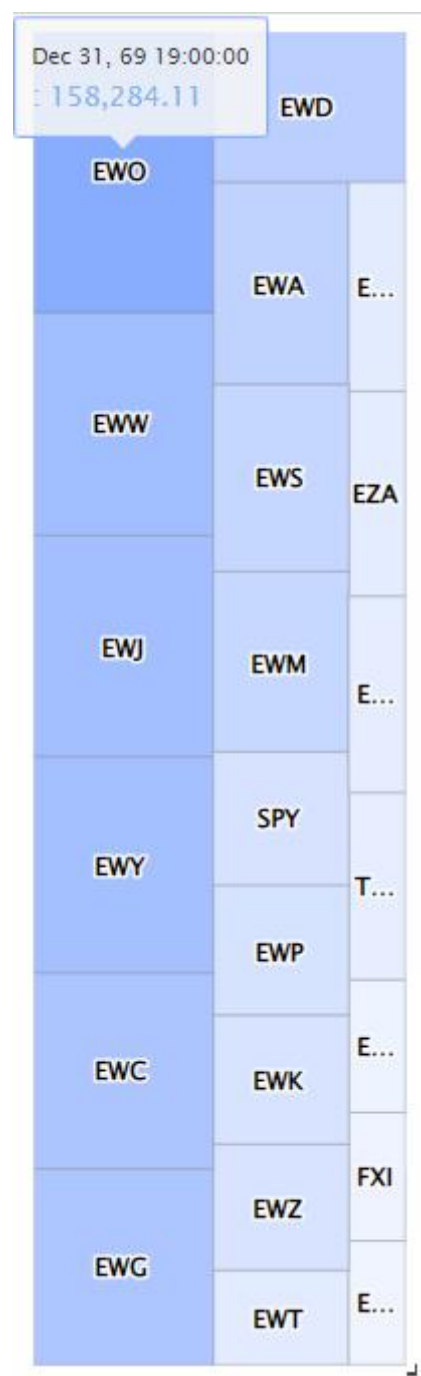


Fig 4. Assets Sales Volume