

Brinson Risk Decomposition: Attributing Tracking Error to Allocation and Selection Decisions

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Brinson Sector-Based Performance Attribution

Allocation Selection Effect Effect
$$R^{A} = \sum_{i} \left(w_{i}^{P} - w_{i}^{B} \right) \left(R_{i}^{B} - R^{B} \right) + \sum_{i} w_{i}^{P} \left(R_{i}^{P} - R_{i}^{B} \right)$$

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 R^B : Benchmark Return

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Sector Portfolio Weight

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Example: February 2010 Growth versus Value

Portfolio: MSCI USA Investable Market Index (IMI) Growth

Benchmark: MSCI USA IMI Value

Analysis Period: February 2010

Portfolio Return: 3.87%

Benchmark Return: 2.85%

Active Return: 1.02%

Barra Integrated Model (BIM) (Barra US Equity Model (USE3L))
 Forecast Tracking Error: 8.77%

Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS®) Sector-Based Performance Attribution

Sector	Portfolio Weight	Benchmark Weight	Active Weight	Portfolio Return	Benchmark Return	Relative Return	Active Return	Allocation Effect	Selection Effect	Total Effect
Cons Disc	12.72%	8.01%	4.71%	5.14%	7.32%	4.47%	-2.18%	0.21%	-0.28%	-0.07%
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Financials	6.27%	24.61%	-18.34%	3.07%	3.84%	0.99%	-0.77%	-0.18%	-0.05%	-0.23%
Health Care	14.81%	11.41%	3.40%	2.16%	-1.24%	-4.09%	3.40%	-0.14%	0.50%	0.36%
Industrials	9.03%	13.05%	-4.03%	5.34%	4.61%	1.76%	0.73%	-0.07%	0.07%	0.00%
IT	33.54%	4.08%	29.46%	4.09%	6.69%	3.84%	-2.59%	1.13%	-0.87%	0.26%
Materials	4.13%	3.39%	0.74%	4.41%	6.21%	3.36%	-1.80%	0.03%	-0.07%	-0.05%
Telecom	0.78%	4.62%	-3.83%	3.92%	-1.29%	-4.14%	5.21%	0.16%	0.04%	0.20%
Utilities	0.38%	7.04%	-6.67%	-3.65%	-0.76%	-3.61%	-2.88%	0.24%	-0.01%	0.23%
TOTAL	100.00%	100.00%	0.00%	3.87%	2.85%	0.00%	1.02%	1.44%	-0.41%	1.02%

- Total sector allocation (144 bps) was a major contributor to active return
- Total stock selection (-41 bps) detracted from active return

GICS® Sector-Based Performance Attribution

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- Top three sector contributors are Health Care (36 bps), IT (26 bps), and Utilities (23 bps)
- The main sector deduction coming from Financials (-23 bps)

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 Aggressive overweight (29.46%) of outperforming Growth IT sector (3.84%) result most significant sector allocation effect (1.13%)



Risk Attribution

The X-Sigma-Rho Formula

General Performance Attribution

$$R = \sum_{m} x_{m} g_{m}$$

Performance Attribution

$$X_m$$
 = Source Exposure

$$g_m$$
 = Source Return

 X_m = Source Exposure Attribution model must g_m = Source Return reflect investment process

Specific Examples:

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Sector Approach

$$R^{A} = \sum (w_{n}^{P} - w_{n}^{B})(r_{n} - R^{B})$$
 Security Approach

General Risk Attribution

$$\sigma(R) = \sum_{m} x_{m} \sigma(g_{m}) \rho(g_{m}, R)$$

Risk Attribution $(x\sigma\rho)$

- Align risk and return attribution variables
- Risk contributions are additive and intuitive
- Identifies three drivers of portfolio risk:
 - Sizes of the exposures X_m
 - Stand-alone volatilities of the return sources $\sigma(g_m)$
 - Correlation of return sources with portfolio $\rho(g_m, R)$

Implied Returns

$$MCR_m = \sigma(g_m) \rho(g_m, R)$$

Marginal Contribution to Risk of Source *m*

For IR optimal portfolio:

$$E(g_m) = IR \times MCR_m$$

Implied Return of Source *m*

Reconciling views with implied returns:

Either $\begin{bmatrix} \text{Bullish when } MCR_m \text{ positive} \\ \text{Bearish when } MCR_m \text{ negative} \end{bmatrix}$ or $\begin{bmatrix} \text{Can increase} \\ \text{forecast return} \\ \text{and reduce risk} \end{bmatrix}$

Fund Active Risk
$$\sigma(R^A) = \sum_i (w_i^P - w_i^B) \sigma(R_i^B - R^B) \rho(R_i^B - R^B, R^A) + \sum_i w_i^P \sigma(R_i^P - R_i^B) \rho(R_i^P - R_i^B, R^A)$$

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$$+ \sum_{i} w_{i}^{P} \sigma\left(R_{i}^{P} - R_{i}^{B} \right) \rho\left(R_{i}^{P} - R_{i}^{B}, R^{A} \right)$$
Selection Risk Contribution

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Risk contributions are additive:
$$\begin{pmatrix} Allocation \\ Risk \\ Contribution \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} Selection \\ Risk \\ Contribution \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} Total \\ Risk \\ Contribution \end{pmatrix}$$

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- Risk contributions identify main sector drivers of risk
- Active risk concentrated in Financials and IT

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Risk contributions are intuitive:
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More aggressive



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- Explicit distinction between stand-alone risk and impact on active risk
- Benchmark Telecom is a risky sector on a stand-alone basis (19.05% relative volatility), but reduces active risk by 19 bps due negative exposure and positive correlation

Full Drilldown Capability

Sector	Portfolio Weight	Benchmark Weight	Active Weight	Allocation Relative Sector Volatility	Allocation Relative Sector Correlation	Allocation Risk Contribution	Selection Active Sector Volatility	Selection Active Sector Correlation	Selection Risk Contribution	Total Risk Contribution
Cons Disc	12.72%	8.01%	4.71%	11.51%	0.05	0.03%	9.42%	0.59	0.71%	0.73%
Cons Stpls	10.72%	9.55%	1.17%	14.86%	0.37	0.06%	8.28%	0.31	0.27%	0.33%
Energy	7.62%	14.23%	-6.61%	21.13%	0.12	-0.17%	14.11%	0.28	0.30%	0.13%
Financials	6.27%	24.61%	-18.34%	17.90%	-0.59	1.93%	9.14%	0.62	0.35%	2.29%
Health Care	14.81%	11.41%	3.40%	15.21%	0.35	0.18%	9.07%	0.45	0.61%	0.78%
Industrials	9.03%	13.05%	-4.03%	8.88%	0.01	0.00%	7.41%	0.38	0.26%	0.25%
IT	33.54%	4.08%	29.46%	16.39%	0.68	3.30%	11.09%	0.33	1.22%	4.52%
Materials	4.13%	3.39%	0.74%	12.93%	0.14	0.01%	10.19%	0.37	0.16%	0.17%
Telecom	0.78%	4.62%	-3.83%	19.05%	0.26	-0.19%	24.32%	0.20	0.04%	-0.15%
Utilities	0.38%	7.04%	-6.67%	16.42%	0.26	-0.29%	16.29%	-0.06	0.00%	-0.29%
Total	100.00%	100.00%	0.00%			4.86%			3.90%	8.77%

- Telecom manager has a sector active risk of 24.32%
- Drilldown capability to the security level using Zooming in Positions Report

Sector Active Return Drilldown

Sector
$$i$$
 Security n Active Return Return Contribution $R_i^P - R_i^B = \sum_{n \in i} \left(\widetilde{w}_n^P - \widetilde{w}_n^B\right) \left(r_n - R_i^B\right)$

$$\tilde{w}_{n}^{P} = \frac{w_{n}^{P}}{w_{i}^{P}}$$
: Security Portfolio Relative Weight

 $r_{_{n}}$: Security Return

$$\tilde{w}_{n}^{B} = \frac{w_{n}^{B}}{w_{i}^{B}}$$
: Security Portfolio Relative Weight

Sector Active Risk Drilldown

Sector
$$i$$
 Security n Contribution to Active Risk Sector i Active Risk
$$\sigma(R_i^P - R_i^B) = \sum_{n \in i} (\widetilde{w}_n^P - \widetilde{w}_n^B) \sigma(r_n - R_i^B) \rho(r_n - R_i^B, R_i^P - R_i^B)$$

$$\tilde{w}_{n}^{P} = \frac{w_{n}^{P}}{w_{i}^{P}}$$
: Security Portfolio Relative Weight

 r_n : Security Return

$$\tilde{w}_{n}^{B} = \frac{w_{n}^{B}}{w_{i}^{B}}$$
: Security Portfolio Relative Weight

Asset Name	Portfolio Relative Weight	Benchmark Relative Weight	Active Relative Weight	Telecom Active Total Risk	Telecom Active Correlation	MC to Total Tracking Error	Telecom Active Risk Contribution
	100.00%	100.00%	0.00%	24.32%	1.00	24.32%	24.32%
AMERICAN TOWER CORP	37.24%	0.00%	37.24%	27.83%	0.87	24.27%	9.04%
CROWN CASTLE INTL CORP	23.90%	0.00%	23.90%	34.55%	0.84	29.11%	6.96%
NII HLDGS INC	12.09%	0.00%	12.09%	36.05%	0.76	27.54%	3.33%
SBA COMMUNICATIONS CORP	7.72%	0.00%	7.72%	35.60%	0.73	26.15%	2.02%
AT&T INC	0.00%	54.10%	-54.10%	8.19%	-0.37	-2.99%	1.62%
LEAP WIRELESS INTL INC	0.00%	0.30%	-0.30%	56.54%	0.50	28.23%	-0.08%
SYNIVERSE HLDGS INC	0.00%	0.40%	-0.40%	34.88%	0.64	22.36%	-0.09%
QWEST COMMUNICATIONS INTL I	0.00%	2.36%	-2.36%	27.36%	0.19	5.09%	-0.12%
VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC	0.00%	30.22%	-30.22%	12.66%	0.04	0.49%	-0.15%
SPRINT NEXTEL CORP	0.00%	3.45%	-3.45%	52.02%	0.42	21.76%	-0.75%

Security risk contributions sum to Telecom active sector risk

Asset Name	Portfolio Relative Weight	Benchmark Relative Weight	Active Relative Weight	Telecom Active Total Risk	Telecom Active Correlation	MC to Total Tracking Error	Telecom Active Risk Contribution
	100.00%	100.00%	0.00%	24.32%	1.00	24.32%	24.32%
AMERICAN TOWER CORP	37.24%	0.00%	37.24%	27.83%	0.87	24.27%	9.04%
CROWN CASTLE INTL CORP	23.90%	0.00%	23.90%	34.55%	0.84	29.11%	6.96%
NII HLDGS INC	12.09%	0.00%	12.09%	36.05%	0.76	27.54%	3.33%
SBA COMMUNICATIONS CORP	7.72%	0.00%	7.72%	35.60%	0.73	26.15%	2.02%
AT&T INC	0.00%	54.10%	-54.10%	8.19%	-0.37	-2.99%	1.62%
LEAP WIRELESS INTL INC	0.00%	0.30%	-0.30%	56.54%	0.50	28.23%	-0.08%
SYNIVERSE HLDGS INC	0.00%	0.40%	-0.40%	34.88%	0.64	22.36%	-0.09%
QWEST COMMUNICATIONS INTL I	0.00%	2.36%	-2.36%	27.36%	0.19	5.09%	-0.12%
VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC	0.00%	30.22%	-30.22%	12.66%	0.04	0.49%	-0.15%
SPRINT NEXTEL CORP	0.00%	3.45%	-3.45%	52.02%	0.42	21.76%	-0.75%

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AT&T INC	0.00%	54.10%	-54.10%	8.19%	-0.37	-2.99%	1.62%
LEAP WIRELESS INTL INC	0.00%	0.30%	-0.30%	56.54%	0.50	28.23%	-0.08%
SYNIVERSE HLDGS INC	0.00%	0.40%	-0.40%	34.88%	0.64	22.36%	-0.09%
QWEST COMMUNICATIONS INTL I	0.00%	2.36%	-2.36%	27.36%	0.19	5.09%	-0.12%
VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC	0.00%	30.22%	-30.22%	12.66%	0.04	0.49%	-0.15%
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AT&T dominant name in the **Telecom** Benchmark and so has relatively low **Active Risk**

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	100.00%	100.00%	0.00%	24.32%	1.00	24.32%	24.32%
AMERICAN TOWER CORP	37.24%	0.00%	37.24%	27.83%	0.87	24.27%	9.04%
CROWN CASTLE INTL CORP	23.90%	0.00%	23.90%	34.55%	0.84	29.11%	6.96%
NII HLDGS INC	12.09%	0.00%	12.09%	36.05%	0.76	27.54%	3.33%
SBA COMMUNICATIONS CORP	7.72%	0.00%	7.72%	35.60%	0.73	26.15%	2.02%
AT&T INC	0.00%	54.10%	-54.10%	8.19%	-0.37	-2.99%	1.62%
LEAP WIRELESS INTL INC	0.00%	0.30%	-0.30%	56.54%	0.50	28.23%	-0.08%
SYNIVERSE HLDGS INC	0.00%	0.40%	-0.40%	34.88%	0.64	22.36%	-0.09%
QWEST COMMUNICATIONS INTL I	0.00%	2.36%	-2.36%	27.36%	0.19	5.09%	-0.12%
VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC	0.00%	30.22%	-30.22%	12.66%	0.04	0.49%	-0.15%
SPRINT NEXTEL CORP	0.00%	3.45%	-3.45%	52.02%	0.42	21.76%	-0.75%

Sprint most diversifying name for Telecom Active Risk

Full Drilldown Capability

Sector	Portfolio Weight	Benchmark Weight	Active Weight	Allocation Relative Sector Volatility	Allocation Relative Sector Correlation	Allocation Risk Contribution	Selection Active Sector Volatility	Selection Active Sector Correlation	Selection Risk Contribution	Total Risk Contribution	
Cons Disc	12.72%	8.01%	4.71%	11.51%	0.05	0.03%	9.42%	0.59	0.71%	0.73%	
Cons Stpls	10.72%	9.55%	1.17%	14.86%	0.37	0.06%	8.28%	0.31	0.27%	0.33%	
Energy	7.62%	14.23%	-6.61%	21.13%	0.12	-0.17%	14.11%	0.28	0.30%	0.13%	
Financials	6.27%	24.61%	-18.34%	17.90%	-0.59	1.93%	9.14%	0.62	0.35%	2.29%	
Health Care	14.81%	11.41%	3.40%	15.21%	0.35	0.18%	9.07%	0.45	0.61%	0.78%	
Industrials	9.03%	13.05%	-4.03%	8.88%	0.01	0.00%	7.41%	0.38	0.26% 1.22%	0.25%	
IT	33.54%	4.08%	29.46%	16.39%	0.68	3.30%	11.09%	0.33		4.52%	
Materials	4.13%	3.39%	0.74%	12.93%	0.14	0.01%	10.19%	0.37	0.16%	0.17%	
Telecom	0.78%	4.62%	-3.83%	19.05%	0.26	-0.19%	24.32%	0.20	0.04%	-0.15%	
Utilities	0.38%	7.04%	-6.67%	16.42%	0.26	-0.29%	16.29%	-0.06	0.00%	-0.29%	
Active Total Risk	100.00%	100.00%	0.00%			4.86%			3.90%	8.77%	

- Telecom manager has a Total Active Risk Contribution of -15 bps
- Drilldown capability to the security level using Positions Report

Fund Active Risk Drilldown

$$R^{P} - R^{B} = \sum_{i} \sum_{n \in I} (w_{n}^{P} - w_{n}^{B})(r_{n} - R^{B}) \text{ Security Approach}$$
Fund
Security n Contribution to
Active Risk
Fund Active Risk
$$\sigma(R^{P} - R^{B}) = \sum_{i} \sum_{n \in I} (w_{n}^{P} - w_{n}^{B}) \sigma(r_{n} - R^{B}) \rho(r_{n} - R^{B}, R^{P} - R^{B})$$

Asset Name	Portfolio Weight	Benchmark Weight	Active Weight	Active Total Risk	Active Correlation	MC to Total Tracking Error	Active Risk Contribution
	0.78%	4.62%	-3.83%				-0.15%
AMERICAN TOWER CORP	0.29%	0.00%	0.29%	28.34%	0.40	11.25%	0.03%
CROWN CASTLE INTL CORP	0.19%	0.00%	0.19%	33.86%	0.36	12.34%	0.02%
SBA COMMUNICATIONS CORP	0.06%	0.00%	0.06%	34.19%	0.35	12.03%	0.01%
NII HLDGS INC	0.09%	0.00%	0.09%	33.89%	0.22	7.39%	0.01%
SPRINT NEXTEL CORP	0.00%	0.16%	-0.16%	49.38%	-0.09	-4.37%	0.01%
ABOVENET INC	0.00%	0.01%	-0.01%	39.16%	0.53	20.67%	0.00%
METROPCS COMMUNICATIONS INC	0.02%	0.00%	0.02%	51.26%	-0.27	-13.73%	0.00%
CENTURYTEL INC	0.00%	0.17%	-0.17%	23.66%	0.18	4.37%	-0.01%
VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC	0.00%	1.40%	-1.40%	23.04%	0.26	5.94%	-0.08%
AT&T INC	0.00%	2.50%	-2.50%	22.91%	0.23	5.30%	-0.13%

Fund Active Risk due to Telecoms

Asset Name	Portfolio Weight	Benchmark Weight	Active Weight	Active Total Risk	Active Correlation	MC to Total Tracking Error	Active Risk Contribution
	0.78%	4.62%	-3.83%				-0.15%
AMERICAN TOWER CORP	0.29%	0.00%	0.29%	28.34%	0.40	11.25%	0.03%
CROWN CASTLE INTL CORP	0.19%	0.00%	0.19%	33.86%	0.36	12.34%	0.02%
SBA COMMUNICATIONS CORP	0.06%	0.00%	0.06%	34.19%	0.35	12.03%	0.01%
NII HLDGS INC	0.09%	0.00%	0.09%	33.89%	0.22	7.39%	0.01%
SPRINT NEXTEL CORP	0.00%	0.16%	-0.16%	49.38%	-0.09	-4.37%	0.01%
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ABOVENET INC	0.00%	0.01%	-0.01%	39.16%	0.53	20.67%	0.00%
METROPCS COMMUNICATIONS INC	0.02%	0.00%	0.02%	51.26%	-0.27	-13.73%	0.00%
CENTURYTEL INC	0.00%	0.17%	-0.17%	23.66%	0.18	4.37%	-0.01%
VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC	0.00%	1.40%	-1.40%	23.04%	0.26	5.94%	-0.08%
AT&T INC	0.00%	2.50%	-2.50%	22.91%	0.23	5.30%	-0.13%

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Asset Name	Portfolio Weight	Benchmark Weight	Active Weight	Active Total Risk	Active Correlation	MC to Total Tracking Error	Active Risk Contribution
	0.78%	4.62%	-3.83%				-0.15%
AMERICAN TOWER CORP	0.29%	0.00%	0.29%	28.34%	0.40	11.25%	0.03%
CROWN CASTLE INTL CORP	0.19%	0.00%	0.19%	33.86%	0.36	12.34%	0.02%
SBA COMMUNICATIONS CORP	0.06%	0.00%	0.06%	34.19%	0.35	12.03%	0.01%
NII HLDGS INC	0.09%	0.00%	0.09%	33.89%	0.22	7.39%	0.01%
SPRINT NEXTEL CORP	0.00%	0.16%	-0.16%	49.38%	-0.09	-4.37%	0.01%
ABOVENET INC	0.00%	0.01%	-0.01%	39.16%	0.53	20.67%	0.00%
METROPCS COMMUNICATIONS INC	0.02%	0.00%	0.02%	51.26%	-0.27	-13.73%	0.00%
CENTURYTEL INC	0.00%	0.17%	-0.17%	23.66%	0.18	4.37%	-0.01%
VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC	0.00%	1.40%	-1.40%	23.04%	0.26	5.94%	-0.08%
AT&T INC	0.00%	2.50%	-2.50%	22.91%	0.23	5.30%	-0.13%

Sprint increases fund Active Risk

Asset Name	Portfolio Weight	Benchmark Weight	Active Weight	Active Total Risk	Active Correlation	MC to Total Tracking Error	Active Risk Contribution
	0.78%	4.62%	-3.83%				-0.15%
AMERICAN TOWER CORP	0.29%	0.00%	0.29%	28.34%	0.40	11.25%	0.03%
CROWN CASTLE INTL CORP	0.19%	0.00%	0.19%	33.86%	0.36	12.34%	0.02%
SBA COMMUNICATIONS CORP	0.06%	0.00%	0.06%	34.19%	0.35	12.03%	0.01%
NII HLDGS INC	0.09%	0.00%	0.09%	33.89%	0.22	7.39%	0.01%
SPRINT NEXTEL CORP	0.00%	0.16%	-0.16%	49.38%	-0.09	-4.37%	0.01%
ABOVENET INC	0.00%	0.01%	-0.01%	39.16%	0.53	20.67%	0.00%
METROPCS COMMUNICATIONS INC	0.02%	0.00%	0.02%	51.26%	-0.27	-13.73%	0.00%
CENTURYTEL INC	0.00%	0.17%	-0.17%	23.66%	0.18	4.37%	-0.01%
VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC	0.00%	1.40%	-1.40%	23.04%	0.26	5.94%	-0.08%
AT&T INC	0.00%	2.50%	-2.50%	22.91%	0.23	5.30%	-0.13%

AT&T most diversifying **Telecom** name for **fund Active Risk**

Side-by-Side Performance and Risk

Sector	Portfolio Weight	Benchmark Weight	Active Weight	Allocation Effect	Allocation Risk Contribution	Selection Effect	Selection Risk Contribution	Total Effect	Total Risk Contribution
Cons Disc	12.72%	8.01%	4.71%	0.21%	0.03%	-0.28%	0.71%	-0.07%	-0.04%
Cons Stpls	10.72%	9.55%	1.17%	0.00%	0.06%	0.11%	0.27%	0.11%	0.17%
Energy	7.62%	14.23%	-6.61%	0.07%	-0.17%	0.14%	0.30%	0.21%	0.04%
Financials	6.27%	24.61%	-18.34%	-0.18%	1.93%	-0.05%	0.35%	-0.23%	1.70%
Health Care	14.81%	11.41%	3.40%	-0.14%	0.18%	0.50%	0.61%	0.36%	0.54%
Industrials	9.03%	13.05%	-4.03%	-0.07%	0.00%	0.07%	0.26%	0.00%	-0.01%
IT	33.54%	4.08%	29.46%	1.13%	3.30%	-0.87%	1.22%	0.26%	3.56%
Materials	4.13%	3.39%	0.74%	0.03%	0.01%	-0.07%	0.16%	-0.05%	-0.04%
Telecom	0.78%	4.62%	-3.83%	0.16%	-0.19%	0.04%	0.04%	0.20%	0.01%
Utilities	0.38%	7.04%	-6.67%	0.24%	-0.29%	-0.01%	0.00%	0.23%	-0.06%
TOTAL	100.00%	100.00%	0.00%	1.44%	4.86%	-0.41%	3.90%	1.02%	5.89%

- Health Care and IT made similar contributions to return
- Health Care much less risky than IT
- Health Care risk adjusted return contribution superior to IT

Side-by-Side Performance and Risk

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Cons Disc	12.72%	8.01%	4.71%	0.21%	0.03%	-0.28%	0.71%	-0.07%	-0.04%
Cons Stpls	10.72%	9.55%	1.17%	0.00%	0.06%	0.11%	0.27%	0.11%	0.17%
Energy	7.62%	14.23%	-6.61%	0.07%	-0.17%	0.14%	0.30%	0.21%	0.04%
Financials	6.27%	24.61%	-18.34%	-0.18%	1.93%	-0.05%	0.35%	-0.23%	1.70%
Health Care	14.81%	11.41%	3.40%	-0.14%	0.18%	0.50%	0.61%	0.36%	0.54%
Industrials	9.03%	13.05%	-4.03%	-0.07%	0.00%	0.07%	0.26%	0.00%	-0.01%
IT	33.54%	4.08%	29.46%	1.13%	3.30%	-0.87%	1.22%	0.26%	3.56%
Materials	4.13%	3.39%	0.74%	0.03%	0.01%	-0.07%	0.16%	-0.05%	-0.04%
Telecom	0.78%	4.62%	-3.83%	0.16%	-0.19%	0.04%	0.04%	0.20%	0.01%
Utilities	0.38%	7.04%	-6.67%	0.24%	-0.29%	-0.01%	0.00%	0.23%	-0.06%
TOTAL	100.00%	100.00%	0.00%	1.44%	4.86%	-0.41%	3.90%	1.02%	5.89%

- Utilities strategy increased return and reduced risk
- Utilities selection slightly detracted from return and had no impact on risk
- If Utilities forecast return negative, more aggressive underweight of Utilities warranted

Benefits of X-Sigma-Rho Allocation-Selection Risk Attribution

- Provides intuitive and additive allocation and selection risk contributions identifying the drivers of active risk
- Security-level drilldown into risk at both the fund and sector levels
- Explicit distinction between diversification effects at the fund and sector level
- Side-by-side performance and risk provides a basis for evaluating the trade-off between risk and return

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