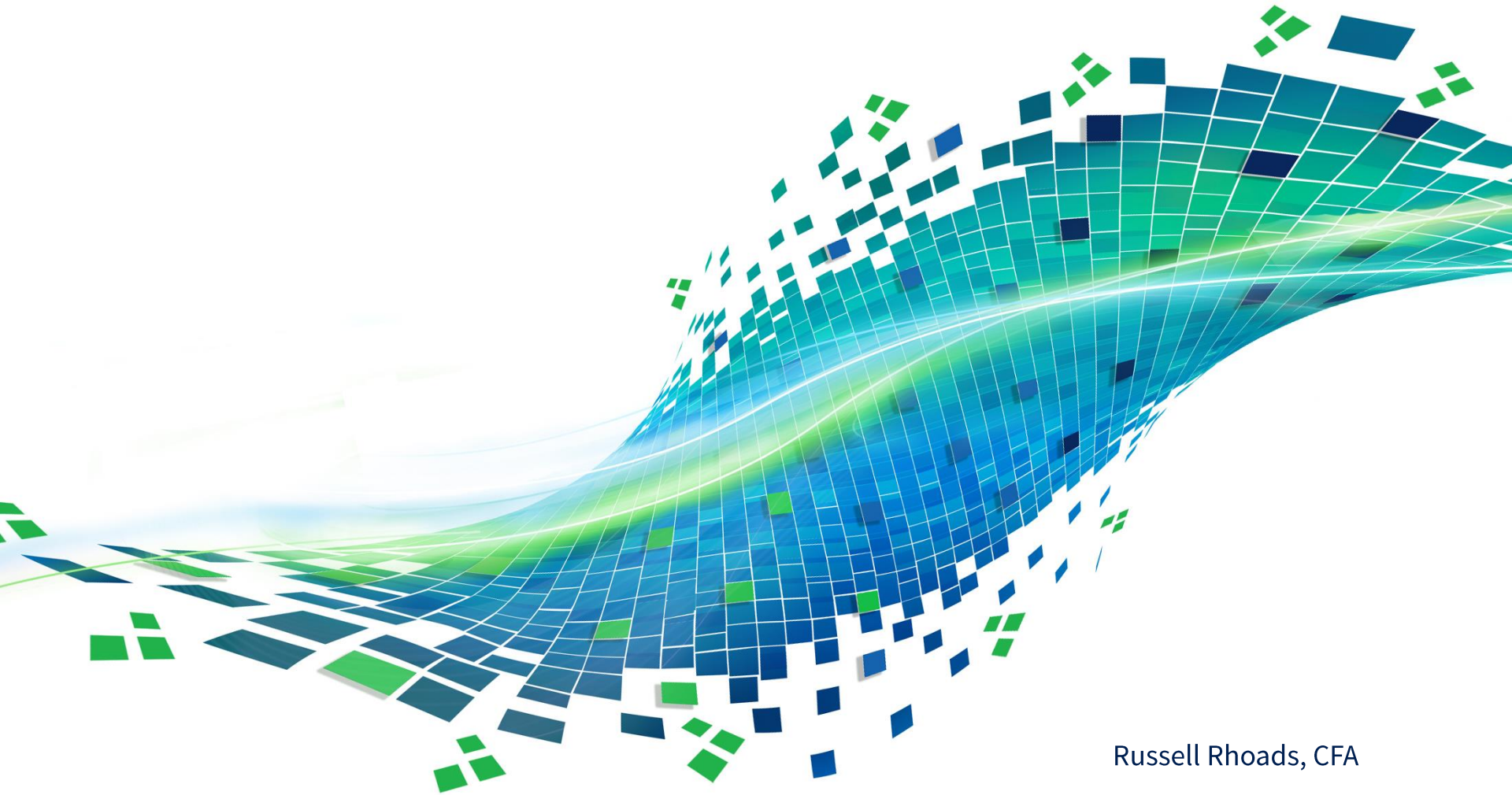


# New Developments in Options and Volatility Benchmarks and Indicators



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As measures of investor sentiment...

- ❖ VIX<sup>®</sup>, Implied Correlation and SKEW<sup>SM</sup> Indexes provide a robust view of expected risk based on option prices

As the basis for investment strategies...

- ❖ Option Strategy Benchmarks can provide attractive risk-adjusted returns
  - Virtually limitless combinations
  - Benchmark construction matters
- ❖ Implied Volatility, Skew have predictive power that can generate trading signals for investment strategies
  - Need to carefully define the object of prediction and investment objective

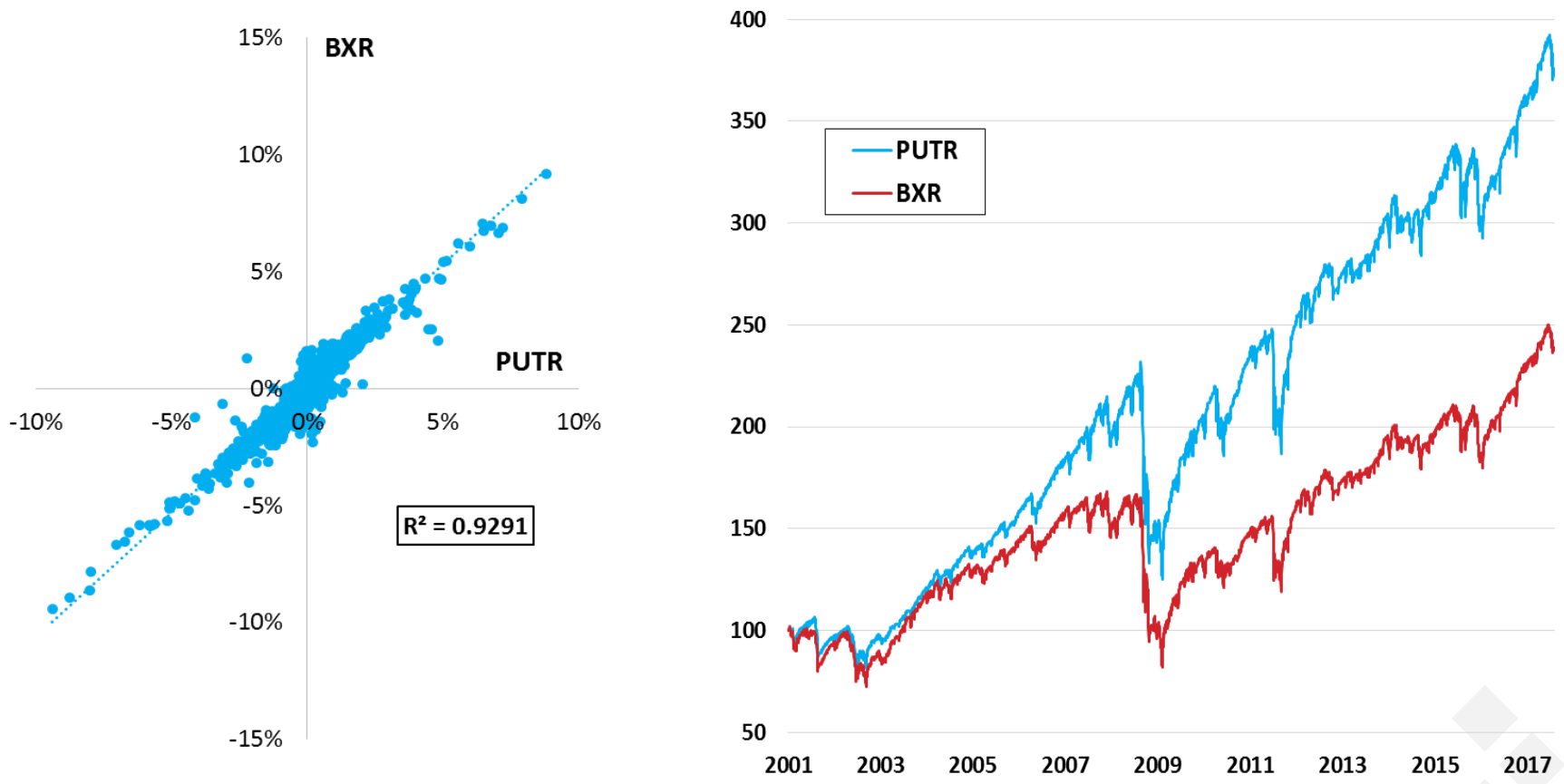


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# Impact of Option Benchmark Design

# Breaking the Laws of Put / Call Parity?

Despite high correlation, CBOE Russell 2000® PutWrite Index (PUTR<sup>SM</sup>) substantially outperforms CBOE Russell 2000® BuyWrite Index (BXR<sup>SM</sup>)



## BXR & PUTR Index Methodologies Compared

	BXR	PUTR
Exposure:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Long Russell 2000 Index (RUT);</li> <li>• Short 1M RUT at-the-money <b>call</b> option</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1M Treasury Bill (Cash);</li> <li>• Short 1M RUT at-the-money <b>put</b> option</li> </ul>
Dividends:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Re-invested in BXR “units” on dividend “ex-dates”</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No dividends to re-invest; expected dividend priced into put option</li> </ul>
Option Roll:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday every month;</li> <li>• Expiring option settles to cash based on Special Opening Quotation (“SOQ”) of RUT;</li> <li>• New option strike based on RUT level at 11 a.m. ET;</li> <li>• New call struck <b>just above</b> RUT 11 a.m. ET level</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday every month;</li> <li>• Expiring option settles to cash based on Special Opening Quotation (“SOQ”) of RUT;</li> <li>• New option strike based on RUT level at 11 a.m. ET</li> <li>• New put struck <b>just below</b> RUT 11 a.m. ET level</li> </ul>
Option Sale:	Deemed sold based on 30-minute VWAP from 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon	Deemed sold based on 30-minute VWAP from 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Strike prices for RUT call and put options are not the same

- ❖ Call strike for BXR just above RUT level at 11 a.m. ET; call is slightly out of the money
- ❖ Put strike for PUTR just below RUT level at 11 a.m. ET; put is slightly in the money
- ❖ PUTR put implied volatility is consistently higher than BXR call implied volatility

Option Roll Mechanics & Expiration Day Effects

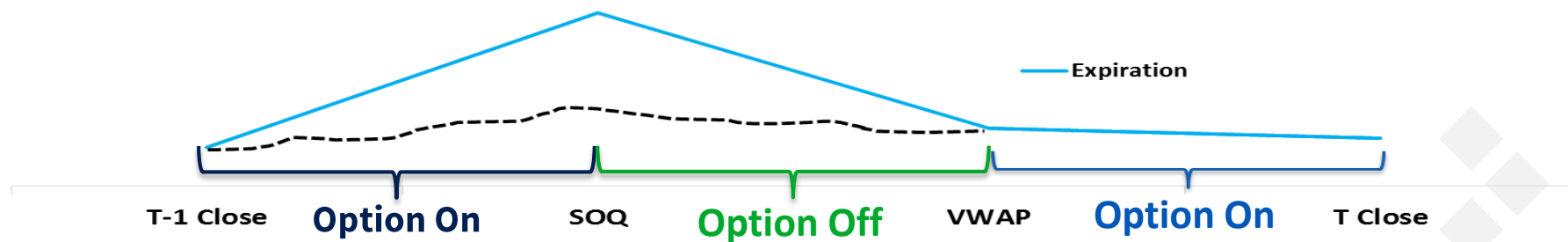
- ❖ Historically, SOQ for index options has exhibited an upward bias
  - Dealers, market makers tend to be sellers of index puts and buyers of index calls, making them long the market
  - Unwinding hedges at expiration tends to create buy imbalances in stocks
- ❖ PUTR benefits from this expiration day effect; BXR does not



# Expiration Day Effects

	BXR	PUTR
Expiration Day Return Calculation	$R_{BXR, EXP} = R_A \times R_B \times R_C; \text{where}$ <p> <math>R_A</math> = Return from previous close close to SOQ  <math>R_B</math> = Return from SOQ to VWAP option sale – long stock position uncovered  <math>R_C</math> = Return from VWAP option sale to expiration day close                 </p>	$R_{PUTR, EXP} = R_A \times \text{“}R_{GAP}\text{”} \times R_B; \text{where}$ <p> <math>R_A</math> = Return from previous close close to SOQ                      “<math>R_{GAP}</math>” = Period from SOQ to VWAP option sale – cash position uncovered  <math>R_B</math> = Return from VWAP option sale to expiration day close                 </p>

## Expiration Effects





- ❖ Expiration day effects, on average, have accounted for substantial outperformance of PUTR relative to BXR
- ❖ Average overnight RUT return on expiration days (i.e., T-1 Close to SOQ) was 0.245%, followed by reversal of -0.282%
  - Easier to sell puts in a falling market than calls
- ❖ Higher “moneyness” & implied volatility for puts in PUTR strategy contribute to the outperformance, but not significant

	BXR	PUTR
$R_A$ (Option On)	0.081%	0.058%
$R_B$ or $R_{GAP}$ (Option Off)	<b>-0.282%</b>	<b>0.000%</b>
$R_C$ (Option On)	0.089%	0.039%
Expiration Day Return - R	<b>-0.117%</b>	<b>0.097%</b>

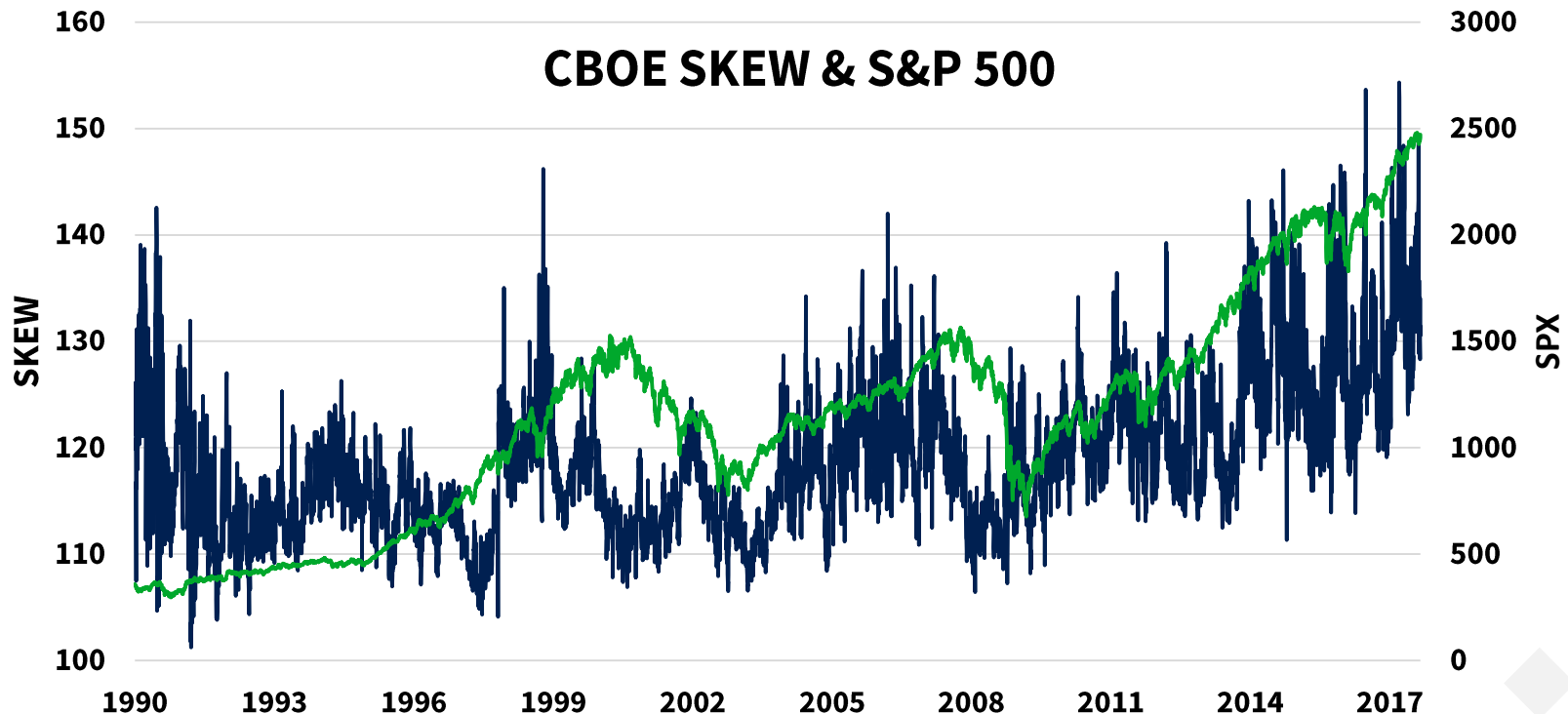


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# Trading Signals from Options-Based Indicators

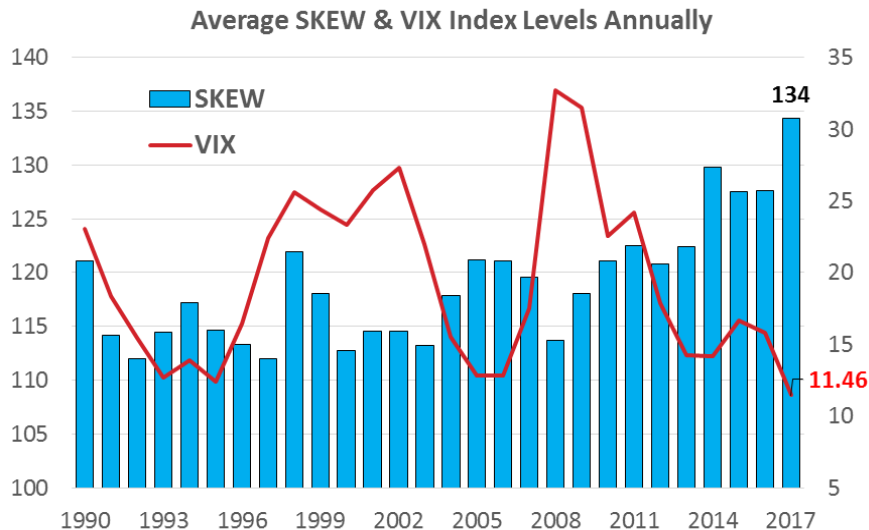
# CBOE SKEW Index (“SKEW”)

- ❖ Derived from SPX option prices, SKEW measures expected “tail risk” of SPX
- ❖ SKEW has been increasing since 2008, possible structural, regulatory explanations



# What SKEW is saying about perceived risk...

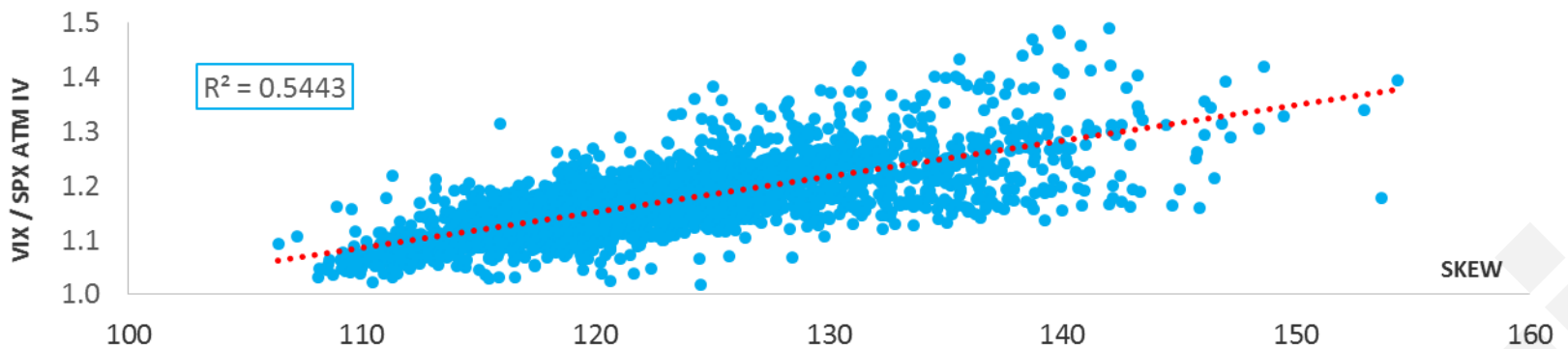
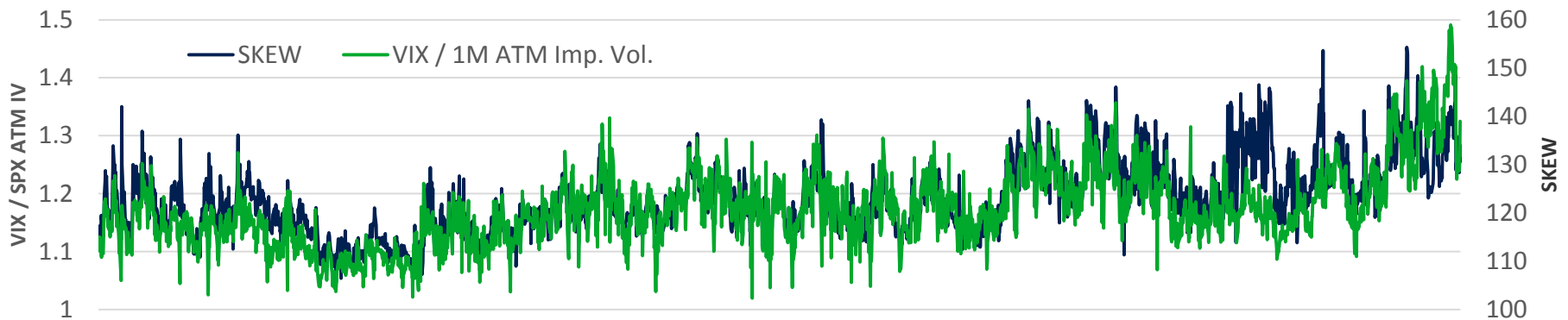
- ❖ SKEW measures the cost of hedging tail risk
- ❖ Supply of out-of-the-money (“OTM”) puts limited by high cost of capital and risk management practices
  - Few customers can sell uncovered OTM puts
  - Liquidity providers demand more edge
- ❖ SPX minimum tick size of \$0.05



SKEW	2 SD Move Prob.	3 SD Move Prob.
100	2.30%	0.15%
105	3.65%	0.45%
110	5.00%	0.74%
115	6.35%	1.04%
120	7.70%	1.33%
125	9.05%	1.63%
130	10.40%	1.92%
<b>135</b>	<b>11.75%</b>	<b>2.22%</b>
140	13.10%	2.51%
145	14.45%	2.81%
150	15.70%	3.10%
155	17.05%	3.40%

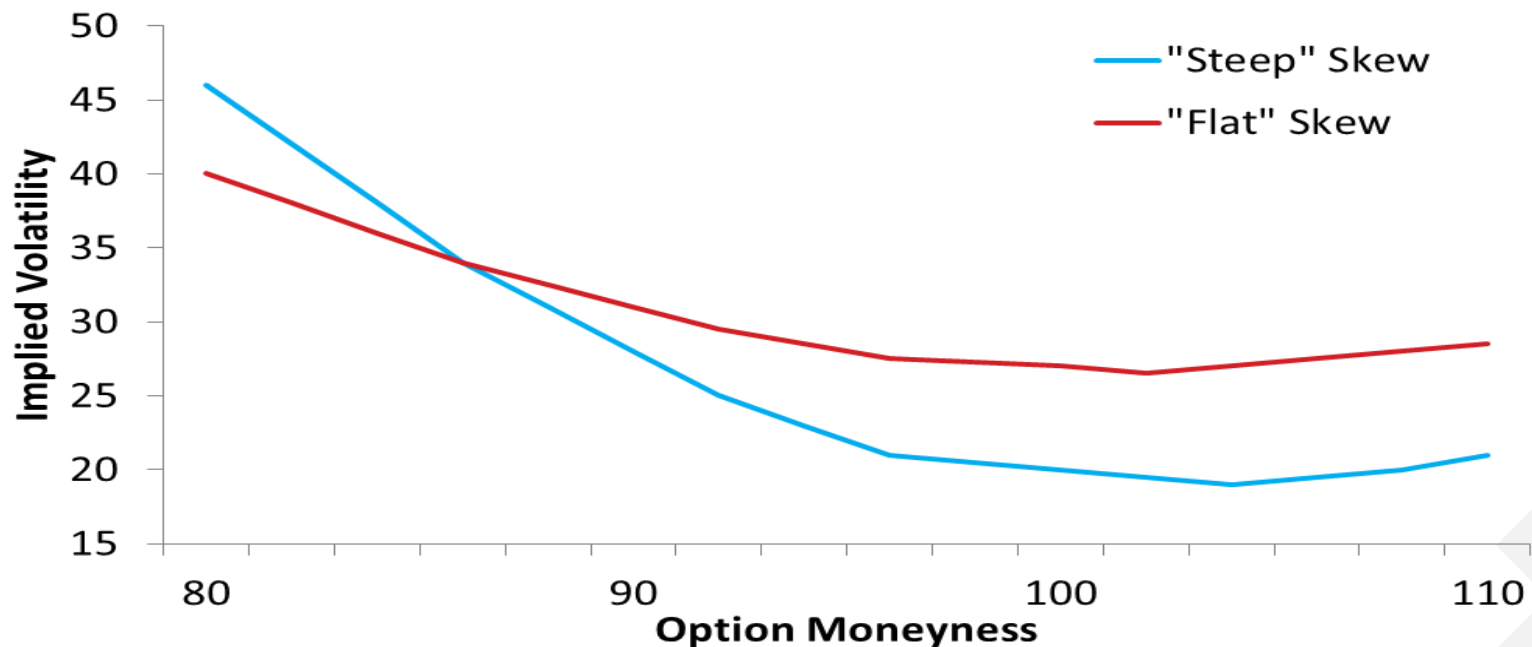
# Relationship between the VIX and SKEW Indexes

- ❖ VIX Index is calculated using prices of OTM SPX puts and calls, which reflect the expected left-leaning skewness of the S&P 500 Index
- ❖ Expect VIX values to reflect a premium over SPX ATM implied volatility; premium should correlate with SKEW, and suggests a way to “trade” SKEW



Object of Prediction: The skewed shape of the SPX option implied volatility curve – often referred to as the “smile” or “smirk” – tends to flatten when expected volatility is already high, which signals a possible rally in stock prices.

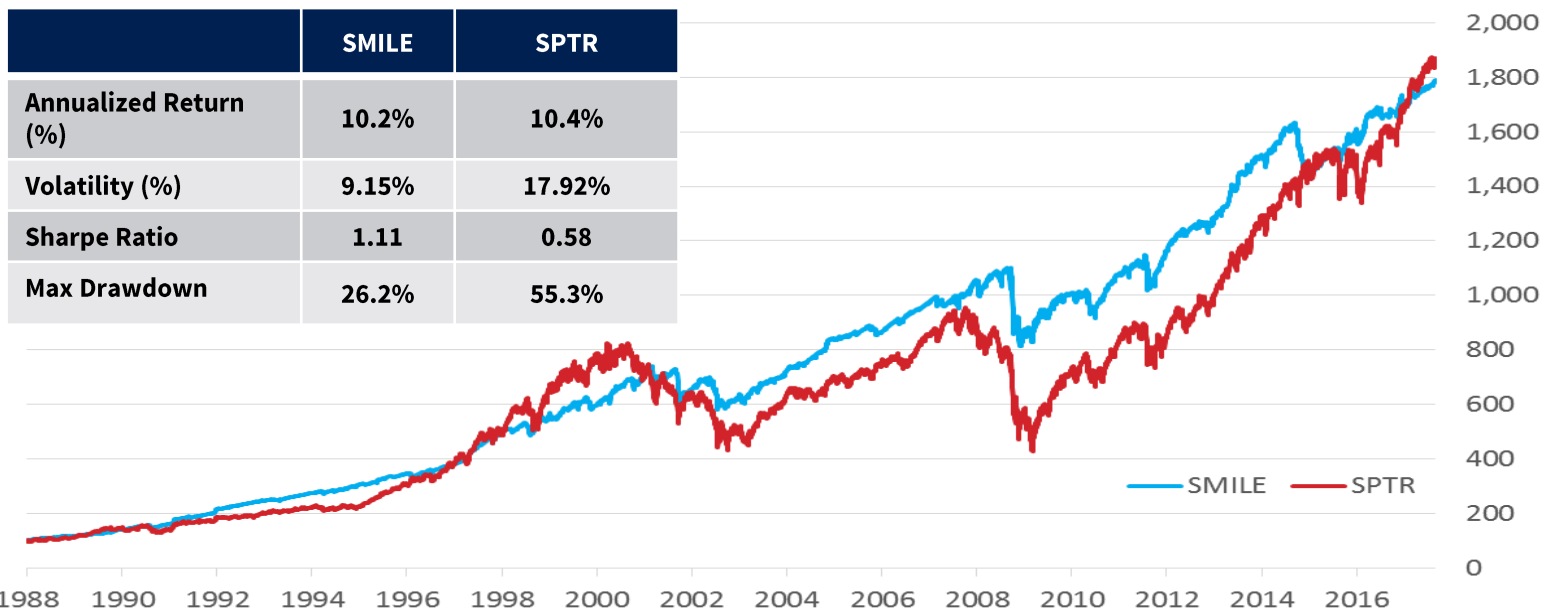
“Flat” / “Steep” skew defined by ratio of 1M 25-delta put / 1M 25-delta call prices



The SMILE Index tracks a premium capture strategy that alternates between:

- ❖ Risk reversal (short 1M 25-delta put and long 1M 25-delta call) when the SPX option skew is “flat” (put price/call price < 1.5)
- ❖ Short strangle (short 1M 25-delta put and short 1M 25-delta call) when option skew is “steep” (put price/call price > 1.5)

CBOE S&P 500 Smile Index



## “Market Timing with Implied Volatility Indices”

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S&P Dow Jones Indices Research / Strategy Note

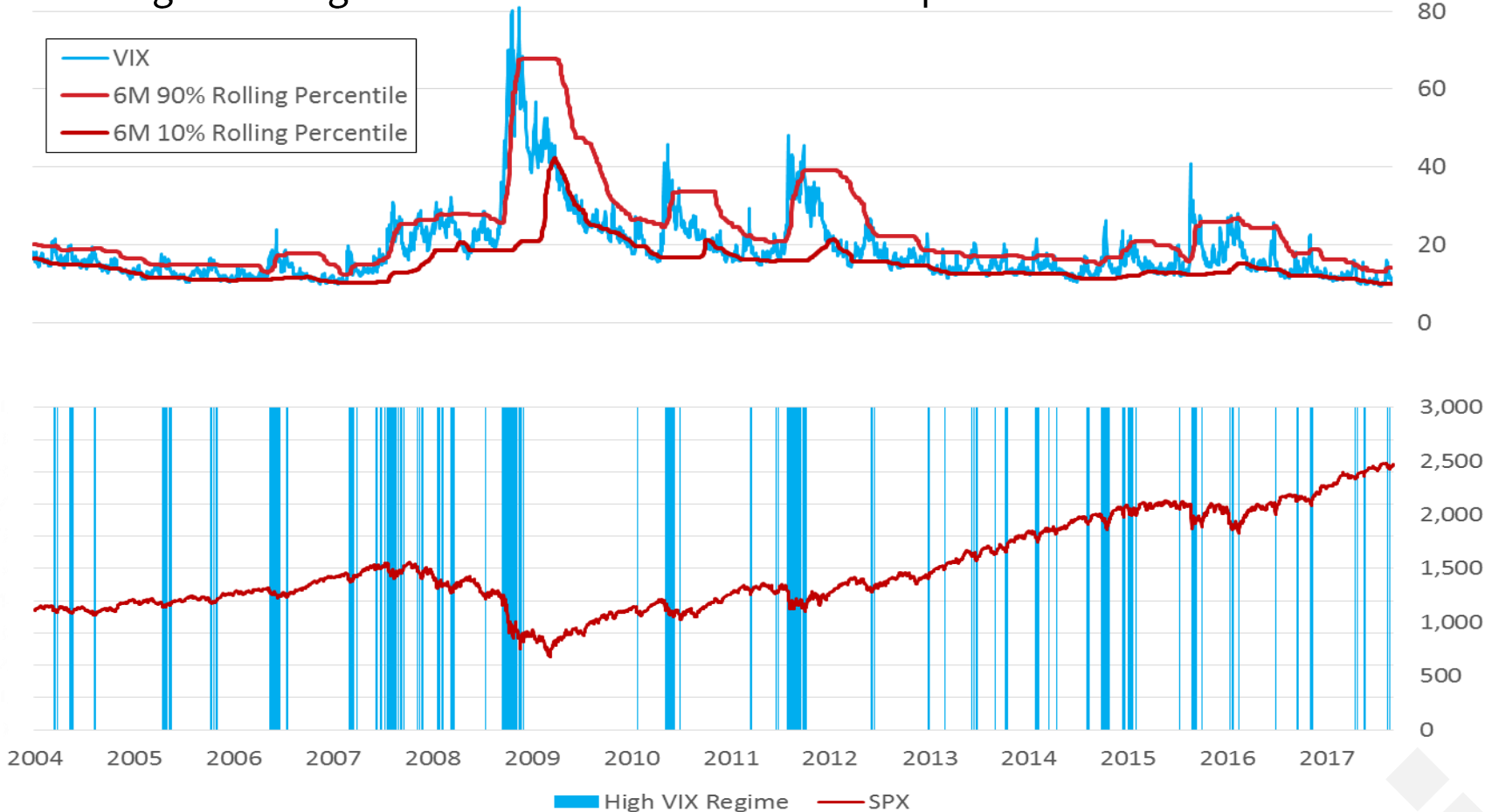
### Summary

- ❖ Drawdowns tend to coincide with periods of high realized volatility
- ❖ Implied volatility indexes tend to lead future realized volatility
- ❖ Simple volatility “regime” framework produces robust market timing signals
- ❖ Practical application: Stabilis US Index
- ❖ Asset rotation strategy based on CBOE Volatility Index (VIX) and CBOE/CBOT 10-year U.S. Treasury Note Volatility Index (TYVIX®)

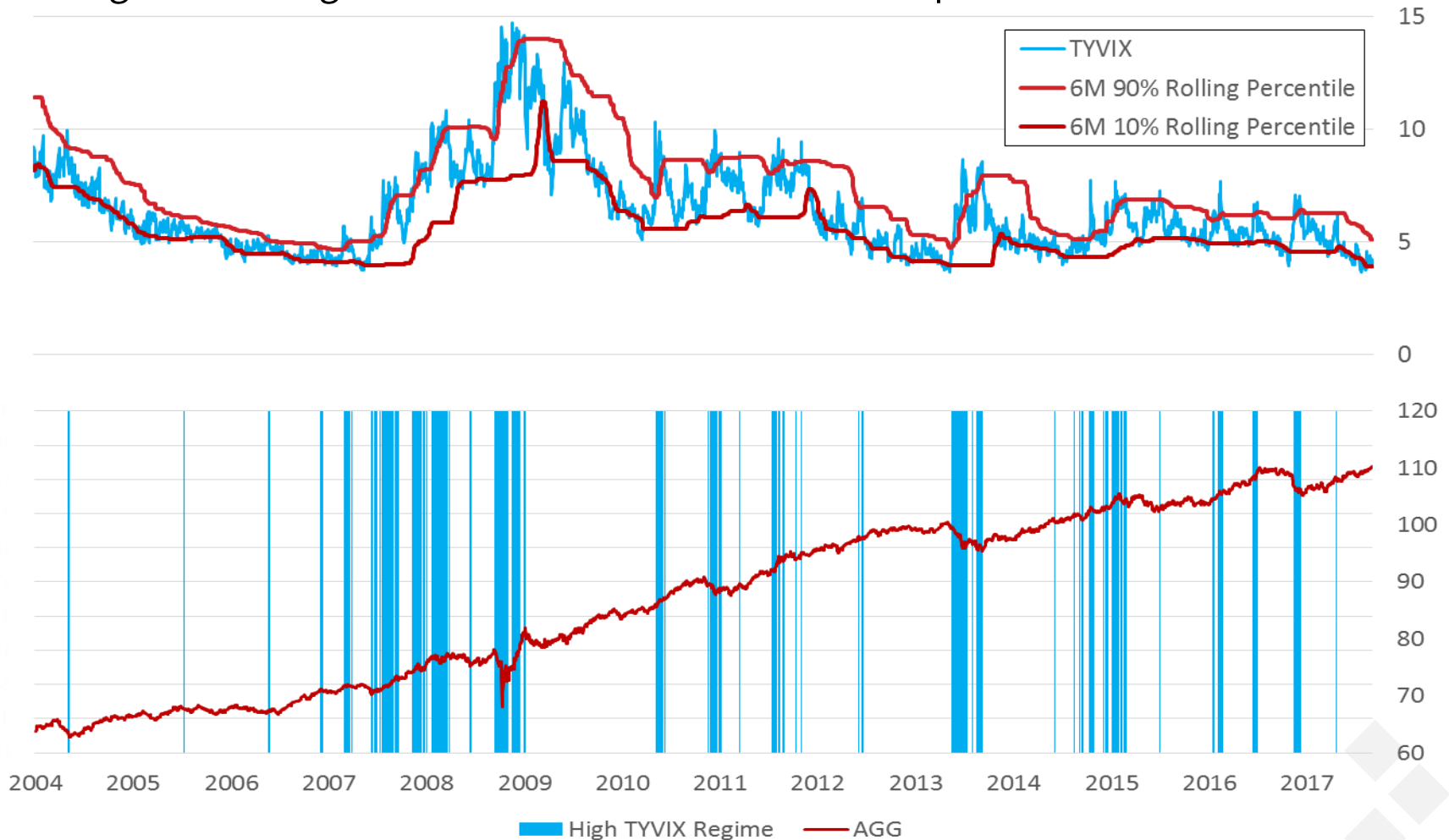




## “High VIX” Regime – VIX Index crosses above 90 percentile of last 6 months

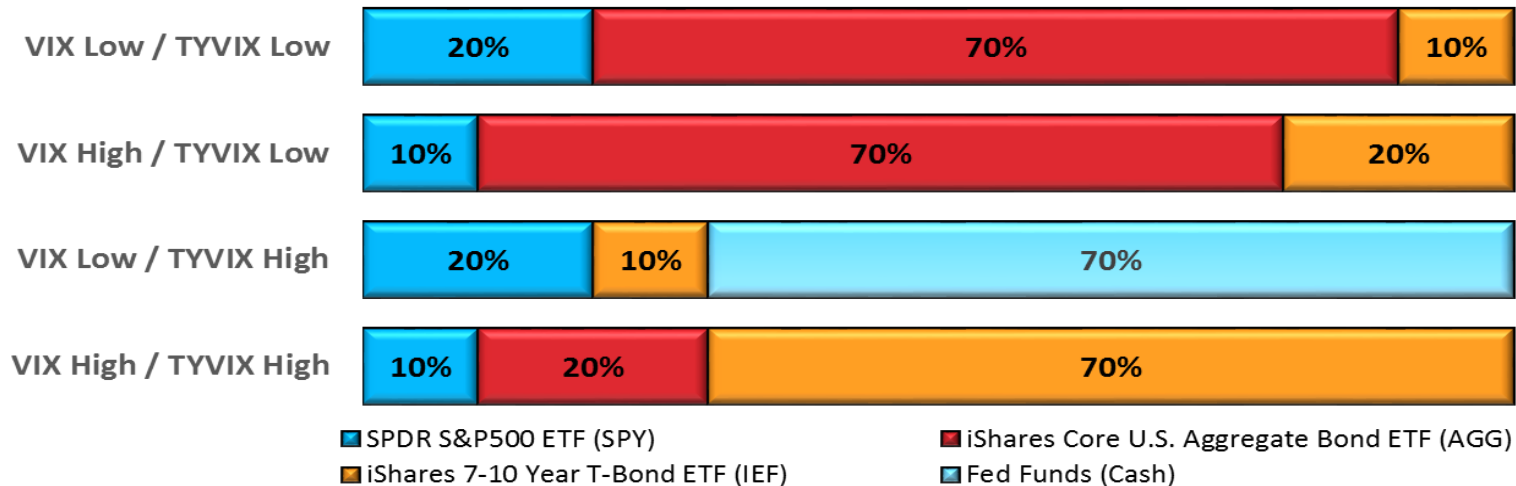


“High TYVIX” Regime – TYVIX Index crosses above 90 percentile of last 6 months



Stabilis US Index is a dynamic asset allocation strategy that derives its trading signals from regime changes in the VIX Index and the TYVIX Index. The concept underpinning Stabilis is that the interplay of the TYVIX and VIX Indexes has historically predicted the relative performance of diversified equities, bonds and cash.

Stabilis Investment Regimes

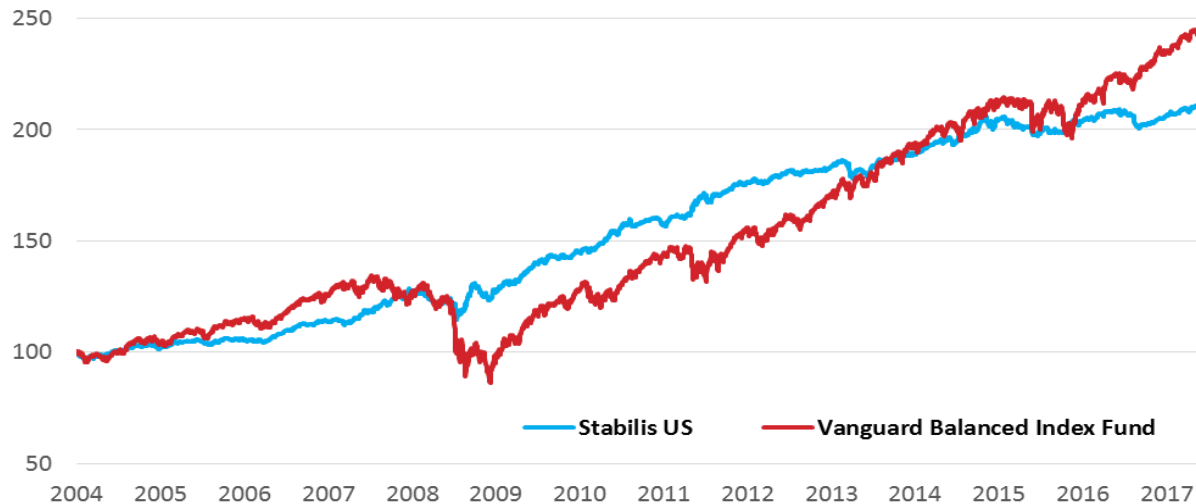


TYVIX High regime: TYVIX breaks above 90 percentile of past 6 months  
 TYVIX Low regime: TYVIX breaks below 10 percentile of past 6 months  
 VIX High regime: VIX breaks above 90 percentile of past 6 months  
 VIX Low regime: VIX breaks below 10 percentile of past 6 months



Stabilis US has significantly higher risk adjusted returns compared to a steady 60% stock / 40% bond allocation

Stabilis US vs. 60/40 Balanced Fund



	Stabilis US	60/40 Fund
<b>Annualized Return (%)</b>	<b>5.75%</b>	<b>6.91%</b>
<b>Volatility (%)</b>	<b>4.28%</b>	<b>10.99%</b>
<b>Sharpe Ratio</b>	<b>1.34</b>	<b>0.63</b>
<b>Max Drawdown</b>	<b>11.2%</b>	<b>36.3%</b>



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