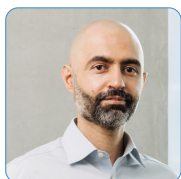


The Importance of Country Effect in Global Equity Returns



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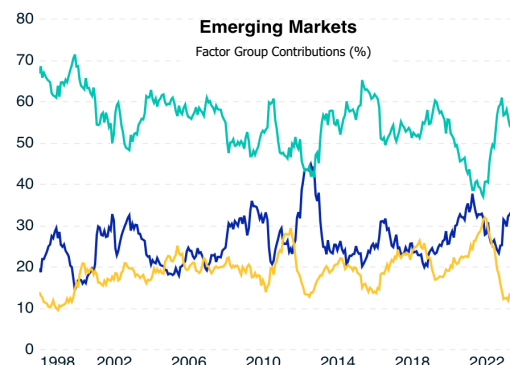
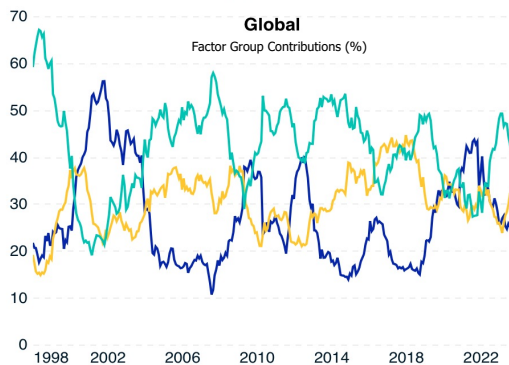
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How should an international portfolio manager assess opportunities within the dynamic global markets to bolster return potential?

Style, industry, country factors have historically been key drivers of performance in investment portfolios. But is one more significant than another?

As illustrated by the data below, the primary driver of returns for emerging market stocks has been **country effect**. This trend is not only significant in emerging markets but is also extending its impact to developed markets—particularly western developed markets, which have experienced a substantial increase in country effect in recent years. Given the new realities of Cold War 2.0, a reduction in economic dependence across countries - economic decoupling, and increased geopolitical risks, one would expect country effect to be the primary driver of share prices around the world for some time to come.

Factor Group: — Styles — Industries — Countries



Source: MSCI Barra. Data from December 1997 to September 2023.

“Cold War 2.0” and “Decoupling” will likely continue their impact on stock selection in 2024

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