

FTSE Low Beta Equal Weight Index Series

Overview

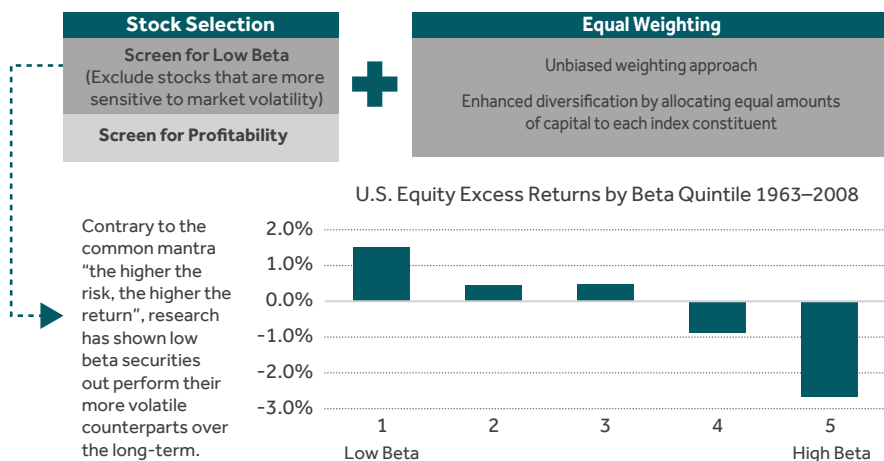
The “low beta anomaly” is based on the observation that stocks with lower market risk historically have offered higher returns than stocks with higher market risk. Low beta indexes offer potential improvement to the risk reward trade-off, while maintaining exposure to the relevant equity market.

There are many sensible ways to capture the “low beta effect” but certain approaches may unintentionally introduce concentration in a small number of large constituents. By equally weighting a basket of low beta securities, the FTSE Low Beta Equal Weight Index enhances diversification by allocating equal amounts to each index constituent. Thus, the methodology provides a neutral approach to achieving low beta exposure.

Additionally, an earnings screen is applied to remove companies which are not profitable.

Key features

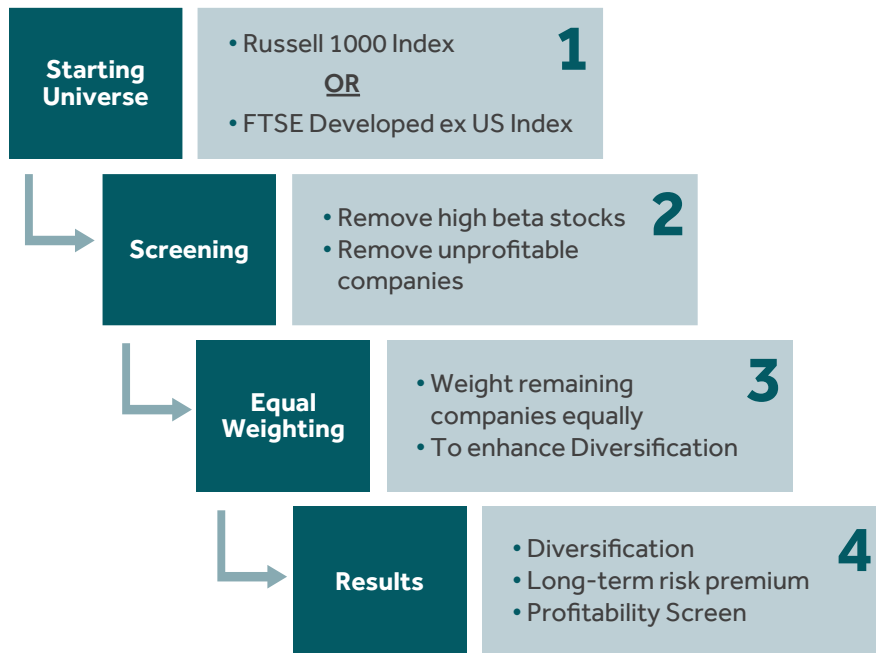
- The eligible securities of each FTSE Low Beta Equal Weight Index are the constituents of the FTSE Developed ex US Index or Russell 1000® Index respectively.
- The indexes are designed for the creation of index tracking funds, derivatives and as a performance benchmark.
- The indexes benefit from a transparent, rules-based index construction process.
- The indexes derived from a FTSE underlying are reviewed semi-annually in March and September. The indexes derived from the Russell 1000 index are reviewed semi-annually in June and December.



Source: Baker, Bradley, and Wurgler, “Benchmarks as Limits to Arbitrage: Understanding the Low Volatility Anomaly,” Financial Analysts Journal, 2011, vol. 67, no. 1 January/February)

Methodology

- Begin with all constituents in the Russell 1000 Index or FTSE Developed ex US Index respectively
- Beta is a measure of volatility compared to the underlying country index over 18 months. Companies with Beta < 1 are eligible for inclusion.
- Stocks with trailing 12 month earnings > 0 are eligible for inclusion



In summary

- The FTSE Low Beta Equal Weight Index Series is designed to capture stocks exhibiting low beta and profitability
- Equal weighting enhances stock level diversification, providing a neutral approach to capturing the “low beta anomaly”

For more information about our indexes, please visit ftserussell.com.

© 2015 London Stock Exchange Group companies.

London Stock Exchange Group companies includes FTSE International Limited ("FTSE"), Frank Russell Company ("Russell"), MTS Next Limited ("MTS"), and FTSE TMX Global Debt Capital Markets Inc ("FTSE TMX"). All rights reserved.

"FTSE®", "Russell®", "MTS®", "FTSE TMX®" and "FTSE Russell" and other service marks and trademarks related to the FTSE or Russell indexes are trademarks of the London Stock Exchange Group companies and are used by FTSE, MTS, FTSE TMX and Russell under licence.

All information is provided for information purposes only. Every effort is made to ensure that all information given in this publication is accurate, but no responsibility or liability can be accepted by the London Stock Exchange Group companies nor its licensors for any errors or for any loss from use of this publication.

Neither the London Stock Exchange Group companies nor any of their licensors make any claim, prediction, warranty or representation whatsoever, expressly or impliedly, either as to the results to be obtained from the use of the FTSE Russell Indexes or the fitness or suitability of the Indexes for any particular purpose to which they might be put.

The London Stock Exchange Group companies do not provide investment advice and nothing in this document should be taken as constituting financial or investment advice. The London Stock Exchange Group companies make no representation regarding the advisability of investing in any asset. A decision to invest in any such asset should not be made in reliance on any information herein. Indexes cannot be invested in directly. Inclusion of an asset in an index is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold that asset. The general information contained in this publication should not be acted upon without obtaining specific legal, tax, and investment advice from a licensed professional.

No part of this information may be reproduced, stored in a retrieval system or transmitted in any form or by any means, electronic, mechanical, photocopying, recording or otherwise, without prior written permission of the London Stock Exchange Group companies. Distribution of the London Stock Exchange Group companies' index values and the use of their indexes to create financial products require a licence with FTSE, FTSE TMX, MTS and/or Russell and/or its licensors.

The Industry Classification Benchmark ("ICB") is owned by FTSE. FTSE does not accept any liability to any person for any loss or damage arising out of any error or omission in the ICB.

Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Charts and graphs are provided for illustrative purposes only. Index returns shown may not represent the results of the actual trading of investable assets. Certain returns shown may reflect back-tested performance. All performance presented prior to the index inception date is back-tested performance. Back-tested performance is not actual performance, but is hypothetical. The back-test calculations are based on the same methodology that was in effect when the index was officially launched. However, back-tested data may reflect the application of the index methodology with the benefit of hindsight, and the historic calculations of an index may change from month to month based on revisions to the underlying economic data used in the calculation of the index.

About FTSE Russell

FTSE Russell is a leading global provider of benchmarking, analytics and data solutions for investors, giving them a precise view of the market relevant to their investment process. A comprehensive range of reliable and accurate indexes provides investors worldwide with the tools they require to measure and benchmark markets across asset classes, styles or strategies.

FTSE Russell index expertise and products are used extensively by institutional and retail investors globally. For over 30 years, leading asset owners, asset managers, ETF providers and investment banks have chosen FTSE Russell indexes to benchmark their investment performance and create ETFs, structured products and index-based derivatives.

FTSE Russell is focused on applying the highest industry standards in index design and governance, employing transparent rules-based methodology informed by independent committees of leading market participants. FTSE Russell fully embraces the IOSCO Principles and its Statement of Compliance has received independent assurance. Index innovation is driven by client needs and customer partnerships, allowing FTSE Russell to continually enhance the breadth, depth and reach of its offering.

FTSE Russell is wholly owned by London Stock Exchange Group.

For more information, visit www.ftserussell.com.

To learn more, visit www.ftserussell.com; email index@russell.com, info@ftse.com; or call your regional Client Service Team office:

EMEA

+44 (0) 20 7866 1810

North America

+1 877 503 6437

Asia-Pacific

Hong Kong +852 2164 3333

Tokyo +81 3 3581 2764

Sydney +61 (0) 2 8823 3521