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PAST PERFORMANCE IS INDICATIVE OF FUTURE BELIEFS

By Philip Z. Maymin, Ph.D. and Gregg S. Fisher Published in Risk and Decision Analysis 2 (2010/2011)

Explains why the performance of the average investor in an asset class has lagged the average performance of the asset class itself by an average of one percent per

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PREVENTING EMOTIONAL INVESTING: AN ADDED VALUE OF AN INVESTMENT ADVISOR

By Philip Z. Maymin, Ph.D. and Gregg S. Fisher
Published in The Journal of Wealth Management (Spring 2011)

Explores and seeks to quantify the impact on investor returns of financial advisors' counsel against emotionally driven aggressive trading. Download Research Paper ->



RISK PARITY OPTIMALITY

By Philip Z. Maymin, Ph.D, Zak Maymin, Ph.D, and Gregg S. Fisher Forthcoming in Institutional Investor (Winter 2015)

Proves that if portfolio performance is measured by Sharpe ratio, risk parity is the only maximin portfolio when (1) all assets' future Sharpe ratios are greater than an unknown constant and all correlations are less than another constant, or (2) when

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By Gregg S. Fisher, Ronnie Shah, Ph.D., and Sheridan Titman, Ph.D. Examines different ways a long-only investor can optimally target value and momentum premiums by comparing strategies that target single factors with those that take a multi-factor approach. Download Research Paper ->

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