






RAFI™ Multi-Factor Index Series

BENEFITS OF FACTOR INVESTING WITH INCREASED DIVERSIFICATION

The RAFI Multi-Factor Index strategy offers diversified factor exposures through equally weighted allocations to value, low volatility, quality, momentum, and size. By combining multiple factor exposures, investors can achieve increased diversification and lower tracking error, resulting in a smoother path to outperformance relative to a single-factor approach.

- Uses empirically robust single-factor strategies
- Diversifies factor exposures for a smoother ride
- Implements a rules-based, transparent index construct

Theoretical and empirical evidence shows that factors, including value, low volatility, quality, momentum, and size, historically deliver long-term positive excess returns.

Factor	Measure	Why It Works
 Value	$\frac{\text{Fundamental weight}}{\text{Cap-Weight}}$	Performance chasers under-own value securities (preferring fast-growing glamour stocks), driving prices down, yields up, and future returns higher.
 Low Volatility	Systematic Risk <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Global Beta ▪ Industry Beta ▪ Country Beta 	Investors' preference for gambling leads them to over-own high-volatility securities.
 Quality	High Profitability & Conservative Investment	Investors are drawn to the glamour of empire-building companies and underappreciate conservative capital allocators with wide economic moats.
 Momentum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Standard ▪ Beta-adjusted ▪ Reversal-adjusted 	Uninformed investors are slow to react to new information about a company.
 Size	Average of value, low volatility, quality, and momentum	The other four factors tend to work better in small-cap markets, because these markets are typically less efficient and experience larger pricing errors.

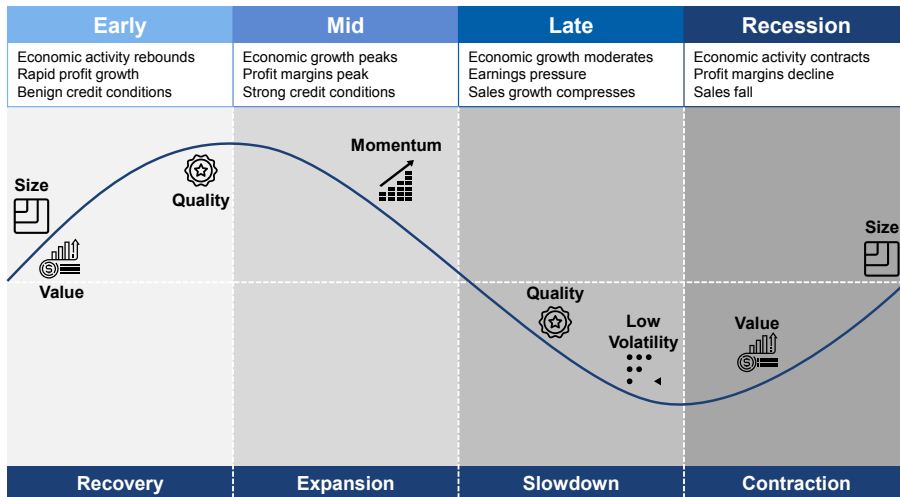
INDEX OVERVIEW

Expected Outcomes and Benefits

1. The RAFI Multi-Factor Indices combine five theoretically and empirically robust single-factor strategies, offering investors the potential to earn a return premium relative to a market-cap index.
2. The strategy incorporates thoughtful design and low-cost implementation, which allows for straightforward performance measurement and governance.
3. By diversifying the factors in a portfolio, substantially lowering tracking error, and providing shorter periods of underperformance, the strategy offers a favorable risk/return profile compared to a single-factor strategy.
4. By preserving the positives of traditional passive investing—simple, transparent, and low cost—the strategy also uses regular periodic rebalancing to help capture excess return from long-term mean reversion.

The RAFI Multi-Factor is a smart beta equity strategy that offers diversified factor exposures for investors seeking a rules-based, transparent multi-factor strategy.

FACTOR BEHAVIOR THROUGH THE BUSINESS CYCLE



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