A Snapshot of Growth vs. Value Investing



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(YTD, 1-Year and Average Annualized Total Returns thru 7/17/20)

View from the Observation Deck

- We update this post every few months so that investors can see which of the two styles (growth or value) are delivering the best results. 1.
- The S&P 500 Index closed at 3,224.73 on 7/17/20. It stood 4.77% below its all-time closing high of 3,386.15 on 2/19/20, according to Bloomberg. 2.
- The S&P 500 Pure Growth Index outperformed its value counterpart in all six periods featured in the chart. Growth stocks have held up exceptionally well year-3 to-date, which has been shaped by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The total returns through 7/17/20 were as follows (Pure Growth vs. Pure Value): 15-year avg. annual (10.91% vs. 6.36%); 10-year avg. annual (16.17% vs. 4. 9.85%); 5-year avg. annual (11.11% vs. 0.63%); 3-year avg. annual (12.92% vs. -4.34%); 1-year (12.63% vs. -22.30%); and year-to-date (6.91% vs. -28.20%).
- As of 5/18/20, the largest sector weighting in the S&P 500 Pure Growth Index was Information Technology at 38.6%, according to S&P Dow Jones Indices. The 5. largest sector weighting in the S&P 500 Pure Value Index was Financials at 33.6%.
- 6. The Large Growth and Large Value fund categories tracked by Morningstar, which include both open-end mutual funds and exchange-traded funds, reported estimated net outflows totaling \$14.518 billion and \$24.082 billion, respectively, in the first half of 2020, according to its own release. Large Blend funds and ETFs reported estimated net outflows totaling \$22.627 billion over the same period.
- Q2'20 flows varied dramatically. While Large Growth funds and ETFs reported net inflows totaling \$9.470 billion, compared to net outflows of \$15.527 billion 7. and \$51.019 billion for Large Value and Large Blend, respectively.
- 8. We have been in climates similar to this one before. In 1999 (internet revolution), the S&P 500 Pure Growth Index outperformed the S&P 500 Pure Value index by 62.57 percentage points (59.61% vs. -2.96%) on a total return basis, according to Bloomberg. The following year (2000), the S&P 500 Pure Value Index outperformed the S&P 500 Pure Growth Index by 21.45 percentage points (13.16% vs. -8.29%) on a total return basis.

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