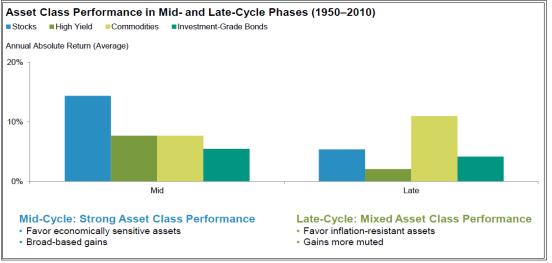
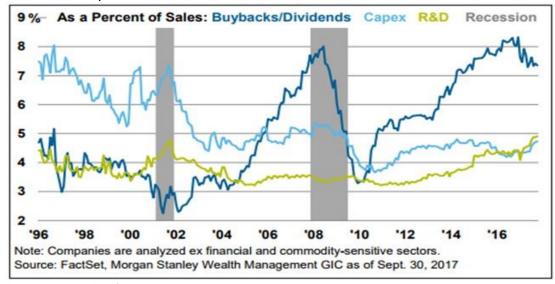
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The Business Cycle and Asset Class Returns



Source: Fidelity Investments

Capital Allocation Decisions and Stock Returns



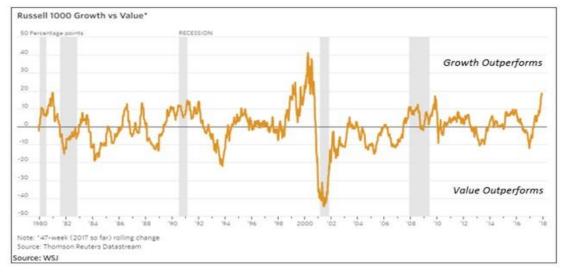
Source: Morgan Stanley

The current stage of the U.S. business cycle has meaningful implications for the relative performance of various asset classes. Stocks, for example, tend to outperform during the early and middle stages of an economic expansion, while bonds tend to outperform during an economic recession. The current expansion approximately nine years old, which makes it the third longest expansion since 1900. The longevity of this expansion has led many investors to believe that the it must be in the late-cycle stage. However, the lack of rising inflation, traditionally a key driver of late-cycle dynamics, continues to cast doubt on that belief. This implies average near-term recession risk consistent with a midcycle stage, as opposed to elevated near-term recession risk consistent with a late-cycle stage.

Capital allocation decisions have meaningful implications for revenue growth and shareholder wealth generation. Consistent reinvestment in profitable capital expenditures (i.e. capex) and research and development (i.e., R&D) acts as a foundation for future revenue growth. Alternatively. consistent distributions shareholders in the form of dividends and/or share buybacks are useful tools to reward investors when incremental growth prospects are deemed less certain or less profitable. Recently, shareholder distributions have increased relative to reinvestment. While favoring distributions may be a prudent strategy during uncertain operating environments, consistent underinvestment in long-term projects (e.g. building or upgrading manufacturing facilities) often has negative consequences. This short-term orientation toward distributions over reinvestment may be one reason why productivity growth has been so low in recent years.

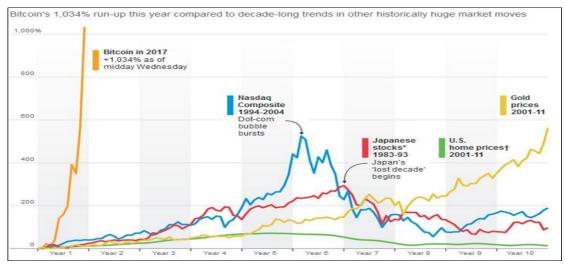
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The Relative Performance of Growth and Value



Source: WSJ

The Rise of Bitcoin Compared to Other Markets



Source: WSJ

Growth and value are two distinct investment styles. Growth stocks have above average revenue and/or profitability, both on a historical and projected basis. As a result, growth stocks are priced at a premium relative to the broad market. Value stocks have more cyclical revenue and/or profitability. As a result, value stocks are priced at a discount relative to the broad market. Growth and value tend to alternate market leadership throughout the business cycle. Value stocks tend to outperform during the earlier stages of an economic recovery when there is broad-based improvement in corporate profits. Alternatively, growth stocks tend to outperform during the mid to late stages of an economic expansion when economic growth is less uniform.

Bitcoin is a new type of currency (i.e., "cryptocurrency") that facilitates payment between counterparties. Unlike traditional payment methods like cash or credit card, Bitcoin payments can be anonymous and free from an intermediary (i.e., central bank issuing a fiat currency or traditional bank issuing a credit card). The enthusiasm for Bitcoin has increased significantly over the past year as the potential applications of the underlying technology have expanded. As a result, the price of bitcoin has risen sharply over a very short period of time. Bitcoin's near 2000% price appreciation over the past year is staggering, both on an absolute basis and relative to other notable market moves. Moves of this magnitude have historically encountered some form of future adjustment. Accordingly, some are concerned about the possibility of an asset bubble developing in Bitcoin.

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