

# PAPERS Forum Emerging Markets: BRICs and Beyond

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### Liquidity Provisioning and Equity Returns

- QE episodes in the face of dominant macro theme volatility a significant driver of equity returns and volatility
- · Smaller/less liquid and more domestically economy oriented countries exhibit less volatility





Source: Bloomberg

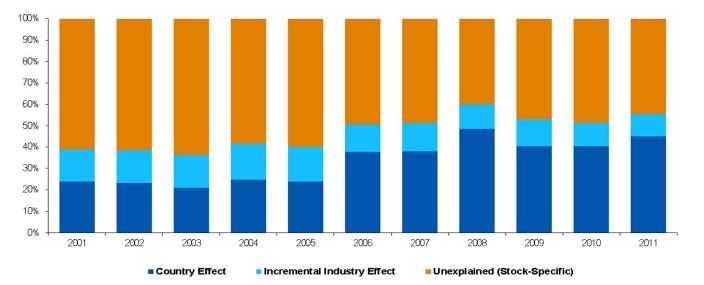
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# Key Drivers of Emerging Market Returns

#### **Country and Stock are the most important drivers of Emerging Market**



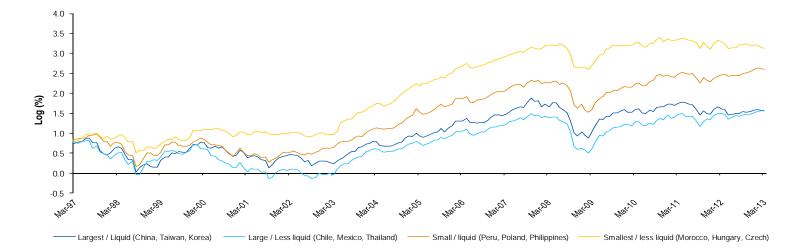
EM Stocks Return Variance Components over Time

Source: Factset, SSgA

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# Size/Liquidity Country Groups



Cluster	Annualized Returns (Since Inception)*	Annualized Standard Deviation (Since Inception)*
Largest - Liquid	5.51	26.09
Large – Less liquid	5.74	26.56
Small - Liquid	12.47	24.53
Smallest – Less Liquid	16.12	22.42

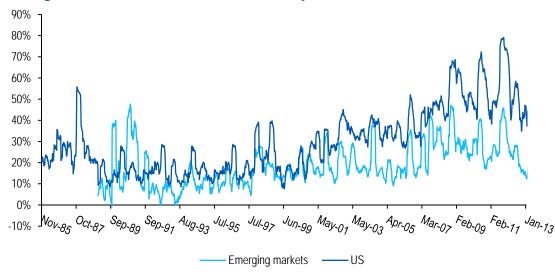
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Source: SSgA, FactSet. \* Inception date: January 1997 As of March 31, 2013. Returns are simulated from June 1997 To March 2013.

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## **EM Stock Returns Show Low Correlation with Macro Themes**

- · When correlation is rising stocks are rising with dominant macro themes
- · Important to focus on stock picking in EM



#### Average correlation of stocks with their country index

Source: Deutsche Bank

As of Jan, 2013

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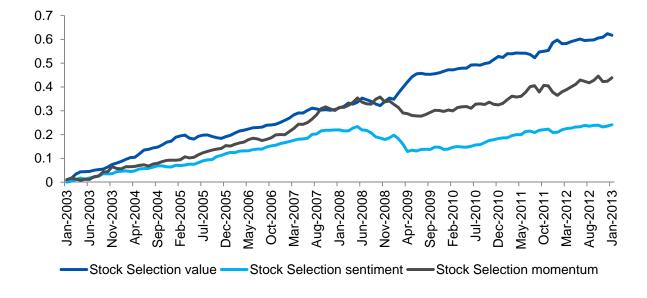
The correlation coefficient measures the strength and direction of a linear relationship between two variables. It measures the degree to which the deviations of one variable from its mean are related to those of a different variable from its respective mean.

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### **EM Stock Return Drivers: Value, Sentiment and Momentum**

- Value premium has been consistent source of returns at stock level
- EPS growth has also driven steady returns post-crisis
- Momentum also helps pick earnings turnaround



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