



Monthly Index Analysis - August 2022

US Equity

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	MTD			QTD			YTD			
	Return	Contribution	Weight	Return	Contribution	Weight	Return	Contribution	Weight	
GICS Sectors										
Communication Services	-4.15	-0.11	2.82	2.25	0.08	2.84	-32.59	-1.12	3.01	Energy (+6.5%) and healthcare (+1.8%) led in August, while real estate (-7.1%), information technology (-5.2%), and communication services (-4.2%) lagged. Quarter to date, energy (+20.5%), healthcare (+12.1%), and consumer discretionary (+10.7%) have led, while real estate (+1.1%) lagged. Year to date, energy (+48.7%) and utilities (+1.9%) are the only sectors with a positive return.
Consumer Discretionary	-2.37	-0.26	10.52	10.73	1.08	10.41	-27.77	-3.19	10.47	
Consumer Staples	0.25	-0.00	3.46	3.95	0.14	3.56	-6.55	-0.18	3.64	
Energy	6.46	0.31	5.77	20.52	1.01	5.57	48.66	1.42	6.28	
Financials	-2.96	-0.53	16.99	5.90	1.00	17.03	-13.71	-2.20	16.63	
Health Care	1.80	0.36	17.61	12.10	2.14	17.62	-22.10	-3.11	16.52	
Industrials	-3.80	-0.59	15.29	9.02	1.34	15.18	-14.26	-2.26	15.41	
Information Technology	-5.16	-0.62	13.25	5.74	0.88	13.35	-29.23	-4.12	13.36	
Materials	-0.47	-0.04	4.14	8.21	0.30	4.09	-12.31	-0.59	4.07	
Real Estate	-7.14	-0.49	6.77	1.14	0.14	6.96	-22.76	-1.89	7.47	
Utilities	-1.83	-0.07	3.37	2.98	0.09	3.41	1.93	0.08	3.13	
Total	-2.05			8.18			-17.16			
Axioma US Model Factor Returns										
Dividend Yield	-0.08			-0.58			-0.04			From an Axioma factor perspective, medium term momentum, market sensitivity (BETA), and liquidity led in August, while profitability, earnings yield, and size lagged. Quarter to date, market sensitivity is by far the leader, while profitability is lagging.
Earnings Yield	-0.74			-0.02			4.58			
Exchange Rate Sensitivity	0.25			0.86			0.76			
Growth	-0.13			-0.26			-0.97			
Leverage	-0.07			0.15			0.44			
Liquidity	0.56			0.58			2.39			
Market Sensitivity	0.86			5.32			-9.52			
Medium-Term Momentum	1.59			0.83			0.17			
MidCap	-0.40			-0.46			1.25			
Profitability	-2.30			-1.88			0.66			
Size	-0.60			-0.77			-5.47			
Value	-0.49			-0.76			1.74			
Volatility	0.35			-0.38			-10.78			
Market Cap Size Quintile										
Q1 (Largest)	-2.42	-2.10	86.11	7.39	3.84	52.11	-16.93	-9.51	53.64	The largest market caps by size quintile lagged in August with a decline of 2.4%.
Q2	1.09	0.07	6.91	7.65	1.84	23.81	-17.28	-4.06	24.47	
Q3	-1.12	-0.03	3.64	9.30	1.23	13.27	-14.76	-1.65	12.63	
Q4	1.04	0.02	2.08	12.10	0.86	7.39	-19.42	-1.21	6.69	
Q5 (Smallest)	-0.86	-0.01	1.26	12.43	0.41	3.41	-27.42	-0.75	2.49	
NA							-0.69	0.02	0.07	
Market Cap Bucket										
> 3 B	-2.23	-0.78	34.26	5.97	1.63	26.89	-17.25	-7.95	43.85	Stocks less than \$1B in market cap held in best in August.
> 2 B, <= 3 B	-2.75	-0.58	20.71	8.48	1.91	22.99	-17.15	-3.19	18.96	
> 1 B, <= 2 B	-2.67	-0.61	22.91	8.09	2.07	25.44	-15.74	-2.95	19.80	
<= 1 B	-0.39	-0.07	22.12	10.65	2.58	24.68	-18.90	-3.09	17.32	
NA							-0.69	0.02	0.07	
P/E Quintile										
Q1 (Highest)	-2.07	-0.38	18.45	6.52	1.20	18.00	-21.96	-4.25	18.89	Nonearners led with positive return of +2.3%.
Q2	-4.10	-0.85	20.20	4.36	0.92	21.02	-15.06	-2.94	20.08	
Q3	-4.91	-0.79	15.79	3.49	0.55	14.70	-10.95	-1.73	15.87	
Q4	-3.29	-0.43	12.36	7.51	0.95	12.58	-16.59	-2.41	13.52	
Q5 (Lowest)	-0.63	-0.14	12.75	14.28	1.78	13.47	-2.55	-0.97	14.07	
Nonearners	2.30	0.54	20.45	14.00	2.78	20.24	-29.30	-4.85	17.58	
ROE Quintile										
Q1 (Highest)	-3.08	-0.83	25.13	9.85	2.40	25.05	-15.68	-4.28	25.93	The lowest ROEs lead the highest with a Q5-Q1 spread of 792bps in August. Low ROE is leading significantly quarter to date.
Q2	-2.71	-0.61	20.70	6.72	1.33	20.39	-13.84	-3.30	23.73	
Q3	-3.06	-0.75	23.55	4.51	1.09	23.66	-13.58	-3.06	22.09	
Q4	-4.04	-0.53	14.70	6.02	1.02	14.84	-19.20	-2.76	15.16	
Q5 (Lowest)	4.84	0.59	12.09	16.16	1.84	11.97	-29.69	-2.53	9.10	
NA	2.09	0.07	3.83	13.13	0.50	4.09	-27.06	-1.23	3.99	
BETA Quintile										
Q1 (Highest)	0.67	0.16	16.82	15.58	2.50	17.03	-24.92	-4.07	15.60	The highest BETA stocks held in better in August and lead significantly year to date.
Q2	-0.96	-0.20	19.34	12.71	2.28	18.67	-15.39	-3.41	21.91	
Q3	-2.63	-0.63	23.52	8.73	1.94	22.80	-16.50	-3.75	22.15	
Q4	-3.53	-0.84	22.97	4.47	1.07	22.98	-14.23	-2.78	20.28	
Q5 (Lowest)	-2.96	-0.53	17.34	1.88	0.40	18.49	-16.20	-3.09	19.58	
NA	-13.96	-0.00	0.01	11.85	0.00	0.04	-30.52	-0.06	0.47	
Stock Price										
> 100	-1.97	-0.27	12.07	7.78	0.73	9.97	-21.97	-3.98	17.27	Stocks less than \$25/share held in best in August.
> 50, <= 100	-2.97	-0.71	24.03	6.49	1.46	22.10	-17.33	-4.38	25.06	
> 25, <= 50	-2.60	-0.75	28.44	7.62	2.24	29.36	-14.02	-4.02	29.25	
<= 25	-0.97	-0.32	35.46	9.76	3.76	38.58	-17.02	-4.80	28.35	
NA							-0.69	0.02	0.07	
Long Term Earnings Growth										
> 20%	-0.98	-0.11	12.04	9.90	1.17	12.10	-20.96	-3.02	13.84	Stocks with greater than 20% long term earnings growth held in better in August.
> 10%, <= 20%	-3.71	-0.66	17.80	9.27	1.62	17.82	-16.41	-3.21	18.68	
> 0%, <= 10%	-3.29	-0.53	15.77	4.29	0.67	14.91	-11.32	-1.86	15.00	
<= 0%	-1.30	-0.03	4.35	15.25	0.68	4.51	-12.98	-0.39	4.03	
NA	-1.38	-0.72	50.04	7.99	4.04	50.66	-18.53	-8.68	48.44	
Yield										
Yield	-3.61	-1.77	46.16	5.43	2.51	46.31	-11.25	-5.62	46.74	No yield beat yield in August.
No Yield	-0.67	-0.27	53.84	10.67	5.68	53.69	-21.92	-11.56	53.18	
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	3.84	0.02	0.07	

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