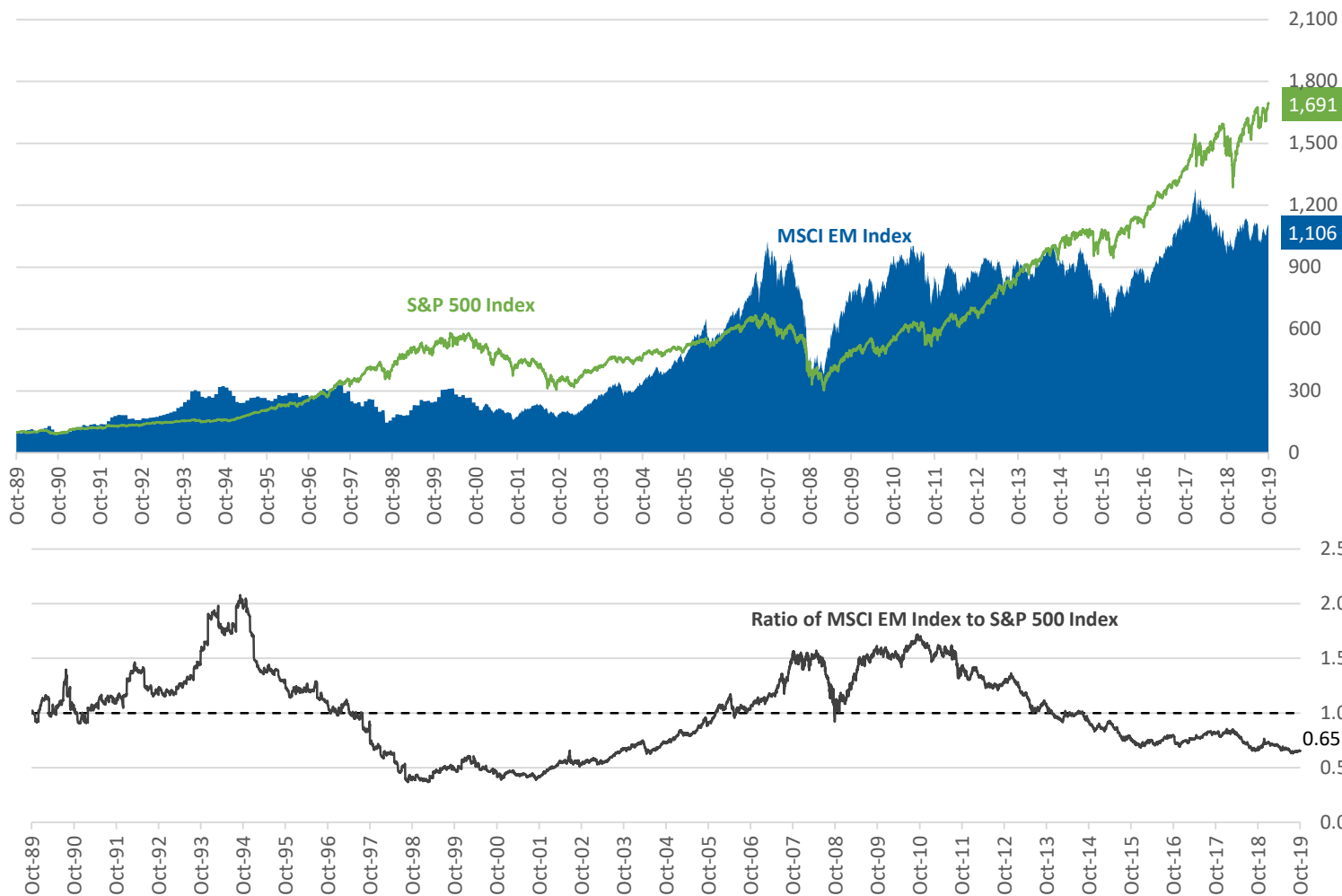


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EM Equities Have Lagged U.S. Equities in Recent Years*



We believe now may be an ideal time to invest in emerging markets equities

- Relative performance of EM equities vs. U.S. equities has historically been cyclical
- EM equities have lagged U.S. equities over the last 4 years
- The performance cycle may be due for a reversal in favor of EM equities

Source: FactSet, Baron Capital

Note: Index performance includes dividends. The performance of the MSCI EM Index is gross, in USD

The performance data quoted represents past performance. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted.

Price/Earnings Ratio (trailing 12-months): is a valuation ratio of a company's current share price compared to its actual earnings per share over the last twelve months. If a company's actual EPS is negative, it is excluded from the portfolio-level calculation.

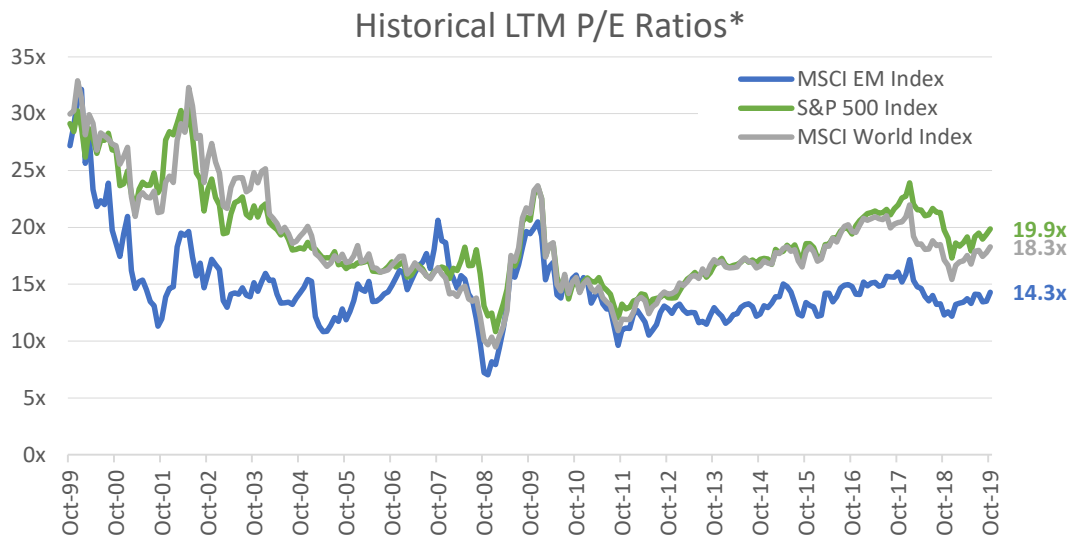


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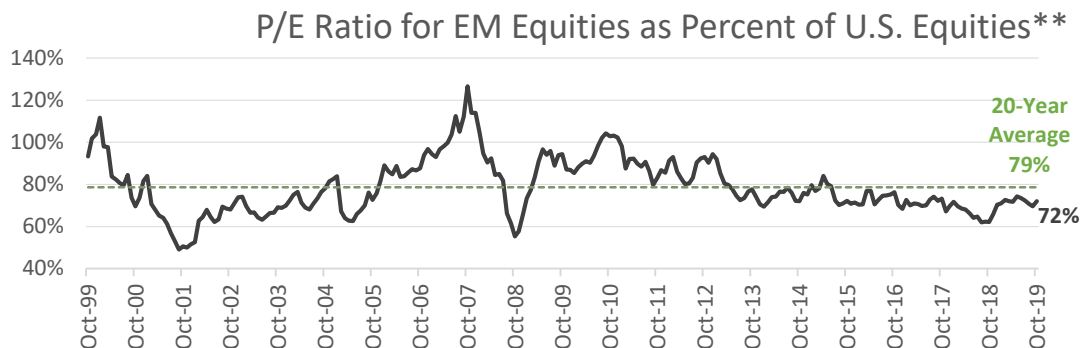
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** Last 12 months P/E of MSCI EM Index as % of last 12 months P/E of S&P 500 Index

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- Current P/E ratio for EM equities is 14.3x vs. 18.3x for developed markets equities and 19.9x for U.S. equities
- Current P/E ratio for EM equities is 72% of U.S. equities vs. historical average of 79%

RISKS: In addition to the general stock market risk that securities may fluctuate in value, investments in developing countries may have increased risks due to a greater possibility of settlement delays; currency and capital controls; interest rate sensitivity; corruption and crime; exchange rate volatility; and inflation or deflation.

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