# No Portfolio is an Island: A Total Wealth Approach to Asset Allocation

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No man is an island, Entire of itself, Every man is a piece of the continent, A part of the main



John Donne, 1624



#### **Agenda**

- ► The Island View: Traditional Approach to Asset Allocation
- ► The Continental View: A Total Wealth Approach to Asset Allocation
  - ► Human Capital
  - ► Pension Wealth
  - ▶ Housing Wealth
- ► Total Wealth Optimizations
- **►** Extensions
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# The Island View of Asset Allocation

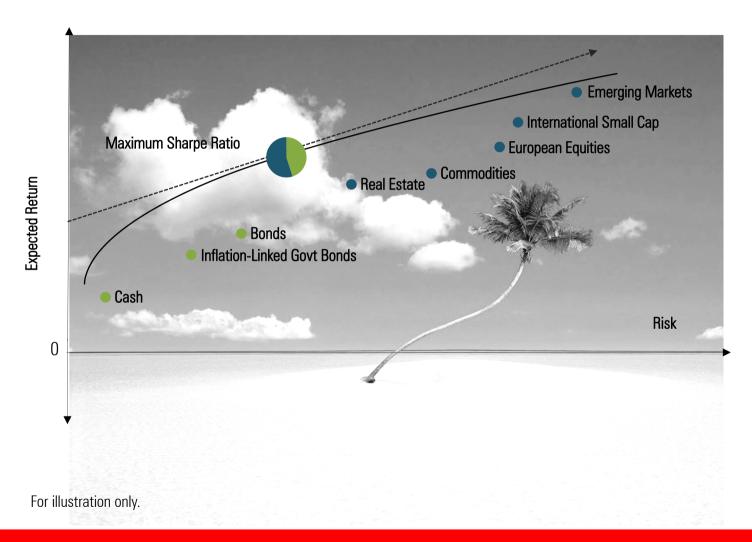


#### The Island View of Asset Allocation

- ► Isolated focus on financial assets (e.g. stock and bonds)
- ► Objective: Find most efficient combination of available financial assets



### Modern Portfolio Theory: Markowitz's MVO

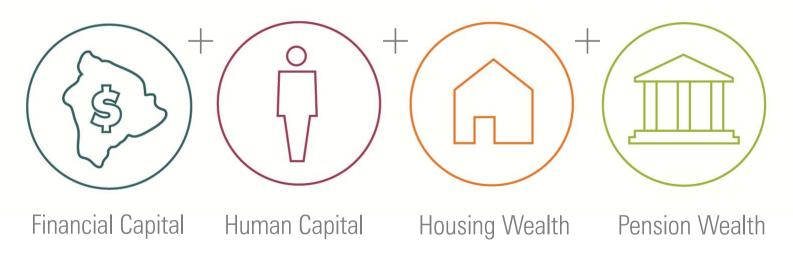


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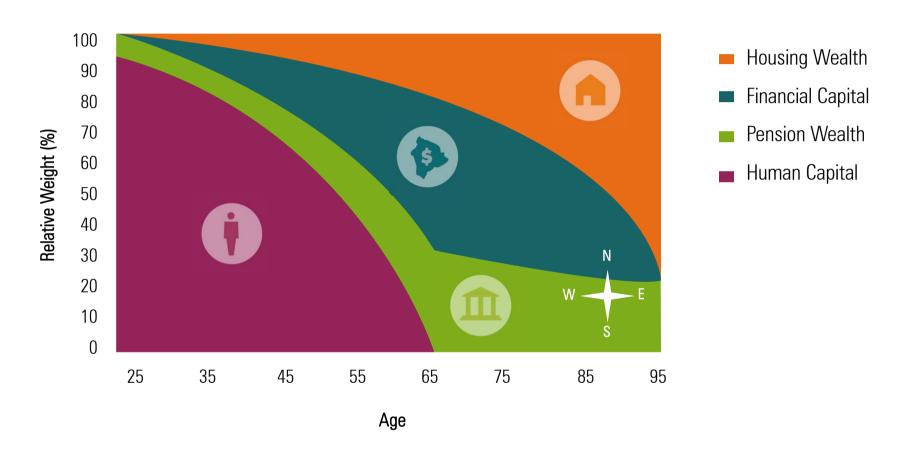


#### The Continental View of Asset Allocation

- ► Holistic view of each component of individuals' total wealth
- ► Objective: Find most efficient combination of available financial assets given a person's human capital and outside wealth
  - Total Economic Wealth



#### Wealth over the Lifecycle: A Continent, Not an Island



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#### **Existing Total Wealth Research**

#### Lifetime Financial Advice

Human Capital, Asset Allocation, and Insurance

Roger G. Ibbotson, Moshe A. Milevsky, Peng Chen, CFA and Kevin X. Zhu





#### **White Paper**

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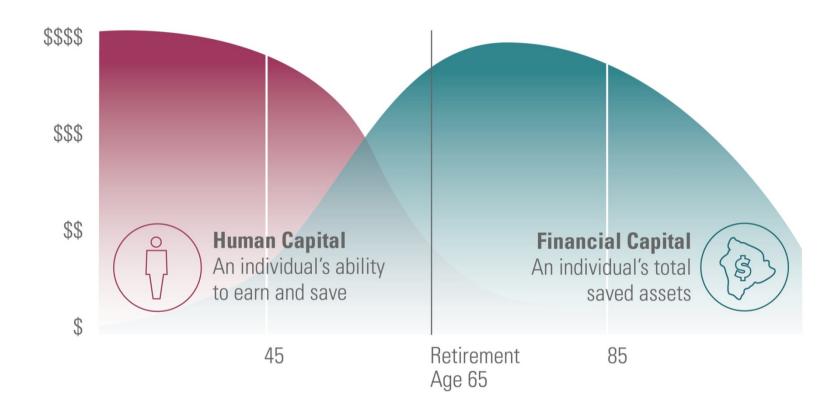




#### **Other Proponents of Human Capital**

- ► Human capital theory supports a significant commitment to equities for young individuals, declining to a more modest allocation as one approaches retirement and eventually leaves the workforce.
  - Vanguard's Approach to Target-Date Funds
- ► We consider participants' ability to earn income and save—their human capital—to be a critical component of their total portfolio.
  - SSgA Custom Target Date Funds
- ► For a vast majority of households, human capital and its role in an investor's wealth are critically important.
  - Merrill Lynch Target Date Asset Allocation Methodology

### Typical Life Cycle of Human Capital and Financial Capital



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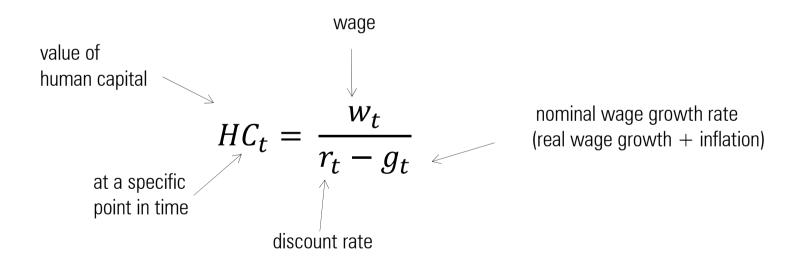
#### **Human Capital is a Big Deal**

- ► Human capital represents the **largest share of wealth in the economy**, between 60% and 95% depending on the study
- ► Campbell (1996) estimates **two thirds of GNP goes to labor** vs one third to capital
- ▶ Becker (1993) estimates the value of human capital to be at least four times as large as the value of stocks, bonds, housing and all other assets combined
- ► Mayers' (1973) and Roll's (1977) critique of the CAPM focuses on the fact that common market benchmarks do not include all assets, such as human capital
- ► We cannot observe the aggregate value or dynamics of human capital directly; we merely observe wages, human capital's dividends



#### **Estimating the Value of Human Capital**

- ► Models used to estimate the value of human capital generally view earnings as a kind of "dividend" from the individual's total human capital
- ► Therefore, dividend growth models can be used to estimate the total value of human capital (e.g., the Gordon growth model)



#### **Discount Rates Vary by Time and Industry**

			Month (%)	
Industry	Bond Proxy	1993 – 03	2009 – 03	2013 – 03
Construction	Barclays IG Building Materials	7.77	13.23	4.18
Finance	Barclays IG Banking	7.96	9.96	3.50
Government	Barclays Investment Grade	7.21	8.53	3.49
Healthcare	Barclays IG Health Care	7.15	7.12	3.26
Lodging	Barclays IG Lodging	8.07	13.63	3.86
Manufacturing	Barclays IG Div Manufacturing	7.81	7.16	3.15
Mining	Barclays IG Metals & Mining	8.21	9.81	4.08
Real Estate	Barclays IG REITs	7.77	14.46	3.81
Transport	Barclays IG Transport	8.18	7.75	3.51
Utilities	Barclays IG Utility	7.64	7.45	3.56

Source: Barclays, Morningstar Direct. Indexes shown are unmanaged and not available for direct investment.



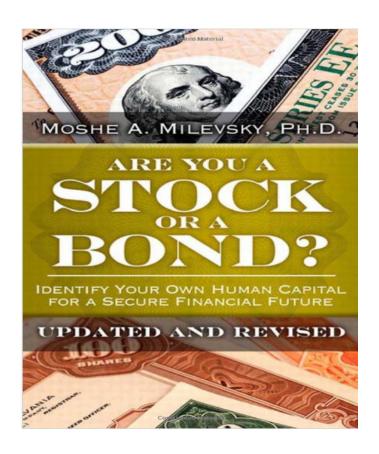
#### **Real Wage Growth Expectations Vary by Time and Industry**

Projection Period (%)

Industry	1992–2005	2002–2012	2012–2022	Average
Construction	1.8	1.4	2.6	1.5
Finance	1.5	1.2	0.8	1.2
Government	-0.4	0.0	-1.6	-0.5
Healthcare	3.0	2.8	2.6	2.7
Lodging	2.6	1.7	0.9	1.7
Manufacturing	-0.2	-0.1	-0.5	-0.4
Mining	-0.9	-1.3	1.4	-0.9
Real Estate	1.8	1.2	1.1	1.5
Transport	1.6	2.0	0.7	1.2
Utilities	1.0	-0.6	-1.1	-0.2
Average	1.2	0.8	0.7	0.8

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Morningstar Direct

#### **How Risky is Human Capital?**



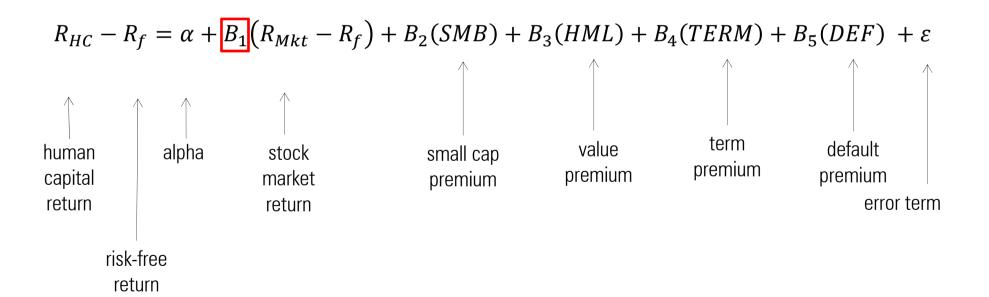
#### **Our Perspective**

- ► In 1998 Ibbotson's advisory council, which included notable economists; such as Roger Ibbotson, Dick Thaler, Danny Kahneman, Harry Markowitz, Jeff Jaffe, John Carroll, and Shlomo Bernartzi determined human capital is similar to a junk bond
- ▶ During "normal" times junk bonds generally trade more like bonds, but during times of economic turmoil junk bonds generally trade more like equities
- ► It was established that human capital would be modeled as 30% stocks and 70% bonds for the Wealth Forecasting Engine
  - Our research allows us to test this theory!



#### **Estimating the Riskiness of Human Capital**

► The five factor model introduced by Fama and French (1993) is used to estimate the market risk of human capital



#### **Regression Coefficients**

Industry-Specific Human Capital

		Cons	Fin	Govt	Health	Lodge	Manu	Mine	RE	Transp	Util	Avg
	α	-0.51	-0.66	-0.56	-0.65	-0.40	-1.19**	0.23	-0.36	-0.71	-0.92*	-0.57
Mkt	β1	0.39***	0.22**	0.05	0.29**	0.46***	0.12*	0.28**	0.40***	0.25***	0.14**	0.26
SMB	β2	-0.06	-0.01	-0.03	0.17	0.30	0.04	-0.15	0.04	0.04	0.02	0.03
HML	β3	0.41***	0.30**	0.12*	0.20*	0.20	0.18**	0.38**	0.46***	0.20**	0.20***	0.26
TERM	β4	0.43***	1.11**	0.71**	0.75**	0.40*	0.81**	0.35**	0.35*	0.61***	0.57***	0.61
DEF	β5	0.41	1.57**	0.92**	0.11	0.36	0.40**	0.09	0.53	0.25	0.16	0.48
	R <sup>2</sup>	29%	59%	56%	33%	23%	53%	25%	25%	37%	39%	38%
***p< .l	01, ** .0	$01$	5, *p <= .1		vely bo	nd-like			More	stock-like	9	

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### **Asset Class and Human Capital Correlations**

	Industry	-Spe	cific F	Human	Capital
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		Cons	Fin	Govt	Healt	Lodg	Manu	Mine	RE	Trans	Util	Avg
	Cash	-0.02	0.01	-0.07	-0.09	-0.16	-0.01	-0.11	-0.09	-0.03	-0.09	-0.07
	InterBond	0.31	0.57	0.69	0.50	0.14	0.64	0.29	0.20	0.52	0.61	0.45
	LongBnd	0.31	0.59	0.70	0.52	0.17	0.74	0.33	0.21	0.55	0.65	0.48
	TIPS	0.32	0.15	0.35	0.33	0.24	0.35	0.35	0.28	0.28	0.37	0.30
Asset Class	HiYld	0.57	0.34	0.36	0.26	0.67	0.08	0.37	0.65	0.32	0.30	0.39
	NnUSBd	0.21	0.38	0.45	0.23	0.12	0.42	0.25	0.16	0.33	0.27	0.28
	LarGro	0.24	0.08	-0.05	0.08	0.36	-0.14	0.07	0.25	0.10	-0.10	0.09
	LarVal	0.37	0.25	0.08	0.16	0.39	0.01	0.25	0.37	0.23	0.07	0.22
	SmGro	0.22	0.08	-0.08	0.10	0.40	-0.14	0.07	0.26	0.10	-0.09	0.09
	SmVal	0.34	0.21	0.03	0.17	0.39	-0.02	0.20	0.37	0.21	0.05	0.19
	NnUSEq	0.35	0.27	0.08	0.15	0.44	-0.02	0.22	0.39	0.21	-0.01	0.21
	Commod	0.25	0.13	0.04	0.04	0.26	-0.04	0.32	0.35	0.01	-0.02	0.14
	REITs	0.58	0.40	0.32	0.31	0.50	0.26	0.49	0.60	0.42	0.25	0.41
		0.31	0.27	0.22	0.21	0.30	0.16	0.24	0.31	0.25	0.17	0.24

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# Pension Wealth



#### **Pension Wealth**

- ► Nine out of ten individuals age 65 and older receive Social Security benefits and the average monthly benefit is \$1,269 based on data obtained from the Social Security Administration website
- ► Among elderly Social Security beneficiaries, 53% of married couples and 74% of unmarried persons receive 50% or more of their income from Social Security
- ▶ Defined benefit pensions also represent a material asset for many Americans; however, this relative share of wealth for defined benefit plans has been declining as they become less popular among plan sponsors

Source: Social Security Administration: http://www.ssa.gov/pressoffice/basicfact.htm as of July 26, 2013

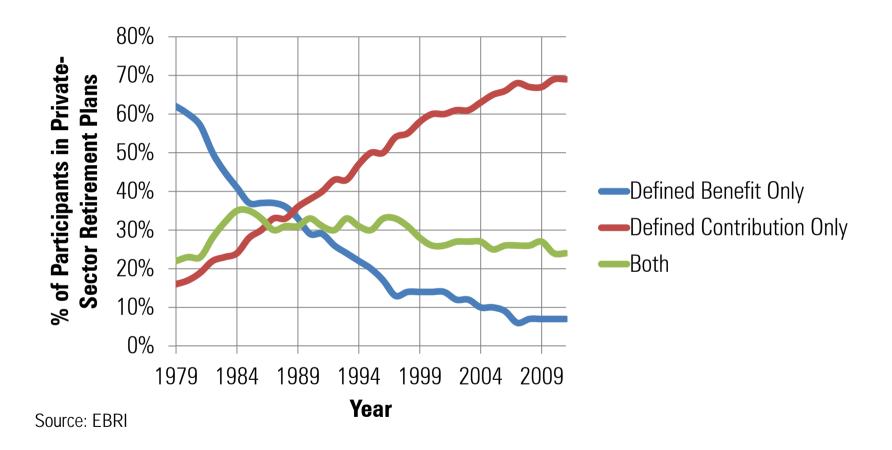


#### **Pensions and Human Capital**

- ► The valuation model for human capital did not include pension benefits (e.g., Social Security retirement benefits)
- Excluding Social Security retirement benefits from human capital effectively assumes they are independent
  - obviously a simplifying assumption
- ► The relation between human capital and pension benefits will vary by individuals
  - for example, married individuals are entitled to Social Security benefits based entirely on the earnings record of their spouse, and therefore their pension benefits are not based on their own human capital at all

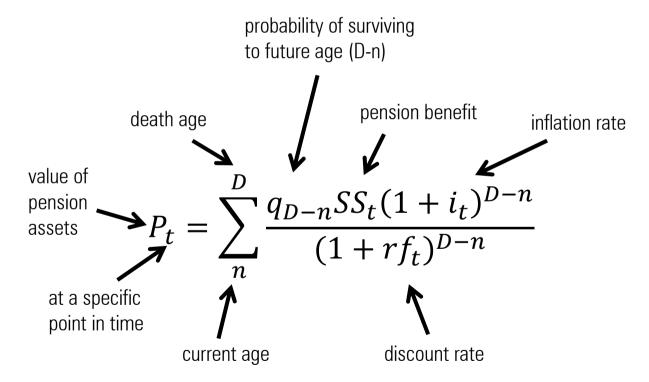


#### **Funding Retirement**



#### **The Value of Pension Assets**

► Time varying mortality weighted net present value (similar approach to estimating human capital)





# Housing Wealth



#### **Home Ownership**

- According to the US Census Bureau, homeownership in the United States was 65.3% as of third quarter of 2013 and has ranged between approximately 63% and 69% since 1965
- According to summary data from the 2010 Survey of Consumer Finances, the primary residence represented 47.4% of all nonfinancial assets for a household and 29.43% of total assets



#### **Housing Leverage**

- ► Homes are generally purchased with a mortgage. As such, a unique feature of housing wealth is that it is typically leveraged
- ► A 20% down payment implies a five times multiple with respect to how a change in the value of the home will affect the net equity
  - ▶ for example, if an individual owns a home worth \$100,000 with a mortgage of \$80,000, if the house increases in value by 10% (to \$110,000) the return realized by the owner, based on the net equity, is 50% (\$ 10,000/ \$ 20,000 = 50%)



#### **Housing Data**

- ► S&P/Case-Shiller Home Price Indexes for 10 different cities, with data obtained from the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis:
  - ► Atlanta, Charlotte, Cleveland, Washington DC, Las Vegas, Miami, Minneapolis, Phoenix, Seattle, and San Francisco
- ► The term "regions" is used because the geographic region is the key distinguishing factor between the different changes in home values
  - while individual cities were selected to represent different regions, states or other characteristics could just have easily been used



#### **Housing Wealth and Asset Prices**

Region-Specific Real Estate: Correlations

	Atlanta	Charlotte	Cleveland	DC	Las Vegas	Miami	Minneapolis	Phoenix	Seattle	San Francisco
Large Value Equity	.249**	.182	.246*	.158	.307***	.256**	.203*	.352***	.245**	.296***
High Yield Bond	.260**	.244**	.219*	.225**	.149	.191*	.280**	.291***	.174	.297***

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> p < .01, \*\* .01 < = p < .05, \* p < = .1

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# Total Wealth Optimizations



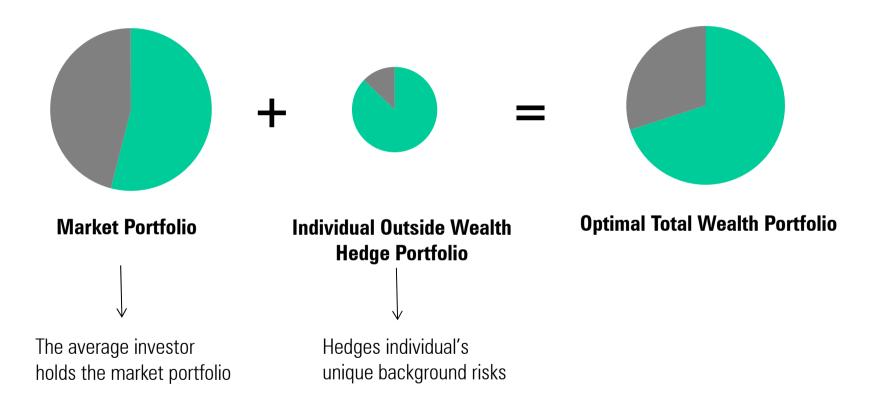
#### **Building More Efficient Portfolios**

- ► The optimal portfolio for an investor should deviate from the market portfolio to the extent that he or she is different from everyone else
- ► The risks innate to an investor's outside wealth determine "hedging" needs
- ▶ Ignoring the risks embedded in investor's outside wealth when building a financial asset portfolio assumes that these risks are uncorrelated with financial assets



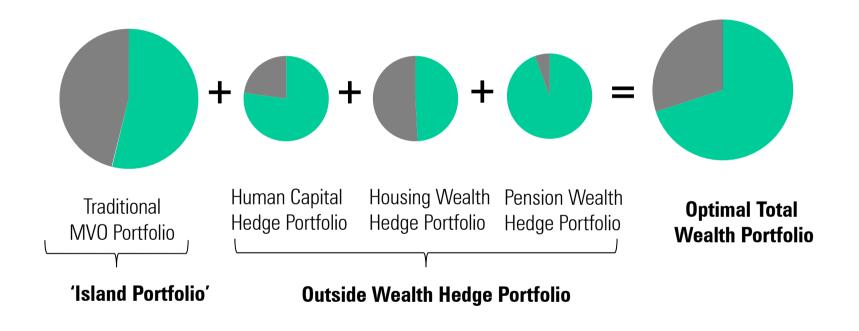
#### **Efficient Asset Portfolios from an Individual's Perspective**

How Different Are You From the Average?



#### **Efficient Asset Portfolios from a Total Wealth Perspective**

How is the Total Wealth Portfolio Different from the 'Island Portfolio'?



#### **Total Wealth Optimization**

- ► Goal: minimize the variance of **total wealth** for a given level of return
- ► Conversely, traditional optimization routines (e.g., MVO) focus entirely on minimizing variance of *financial wealth* for a given level of return



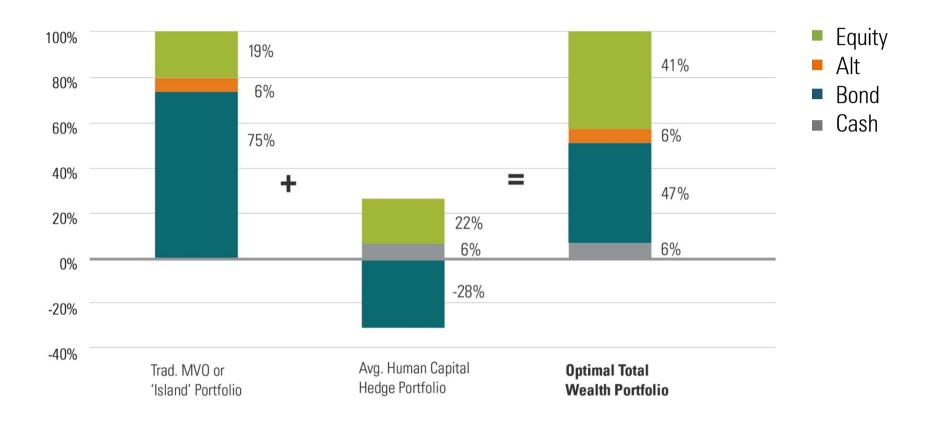
#### **Total Wealth Optimization: Empirical Analysis**

- ▶ **Optimization Objective:** Find portfolio with 8.5% return that minimizes variance of total wealth
- ► **Opportunity Set:** 13 asset classes
- **▶** Optimization Constraints:
  - ▶ no shorting
  - ▶ maximum 20% individual asset class
- ► Analysis Period: 1993-2013



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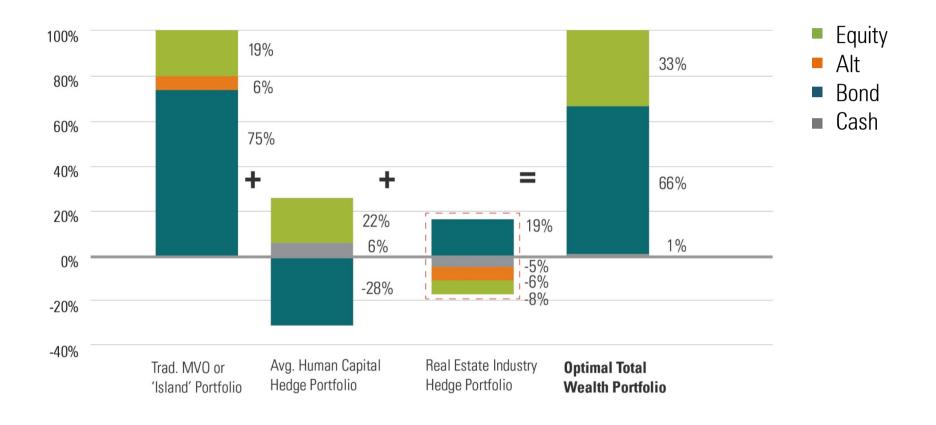
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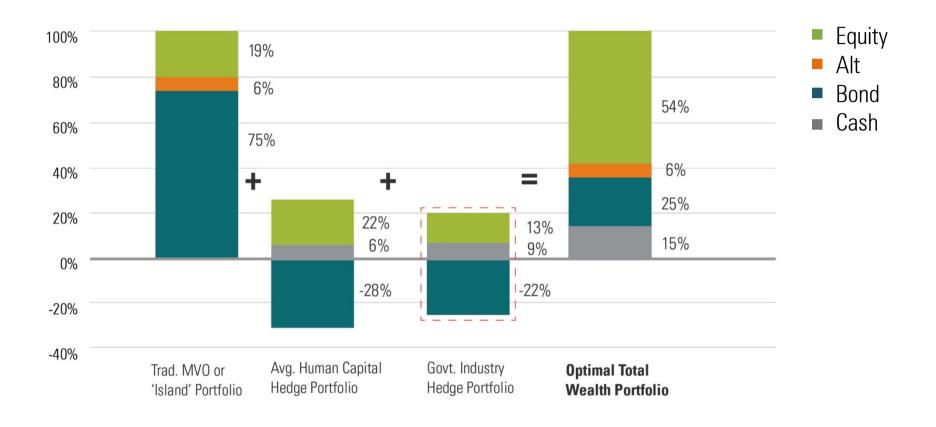
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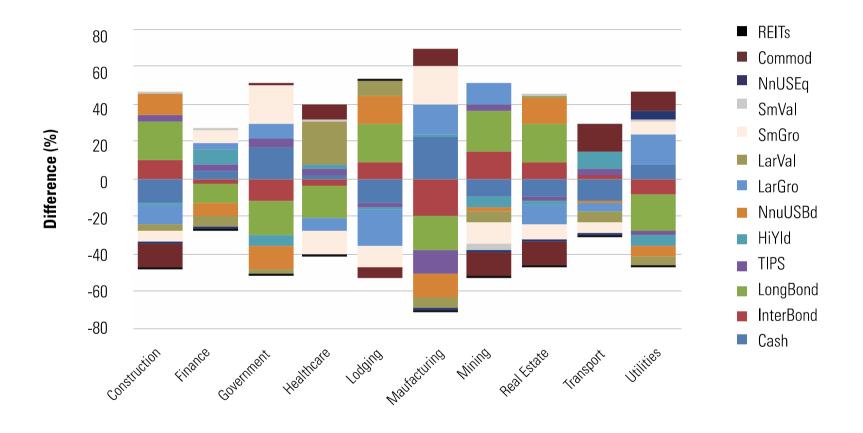
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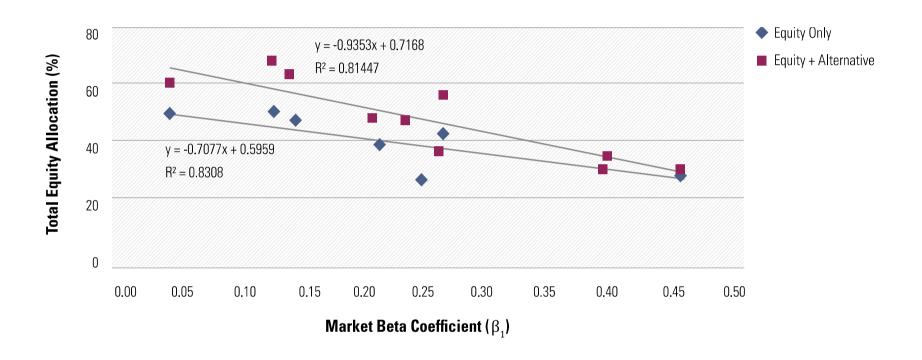
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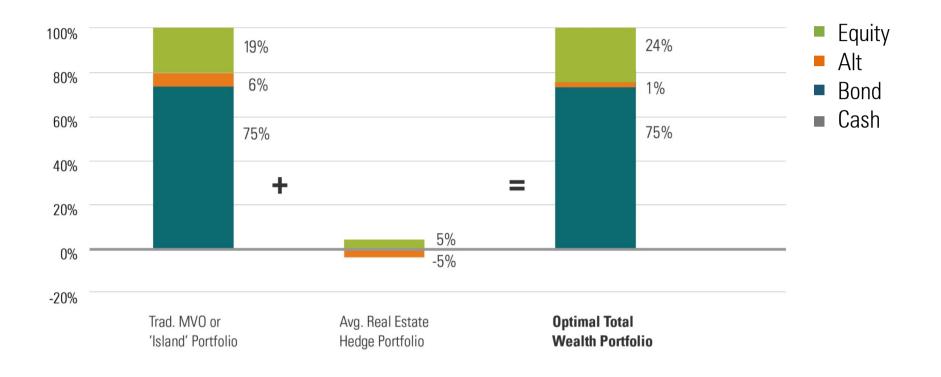
#### **Relation Between Human Beta and Equity Allocations**





#### **Incorporating Real Estate**

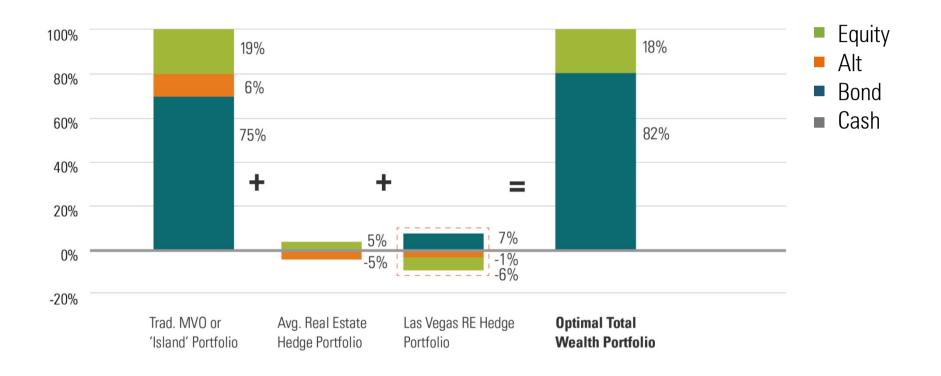
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#### **Incorporating Regional Housing Wealth (Las Vegas)**

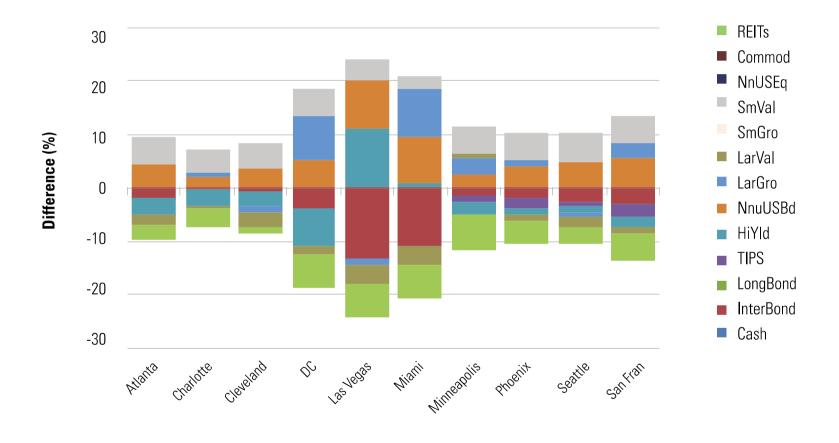
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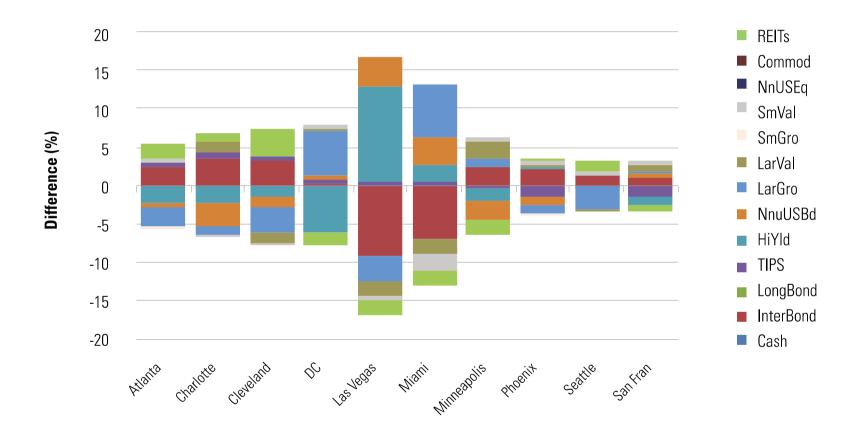
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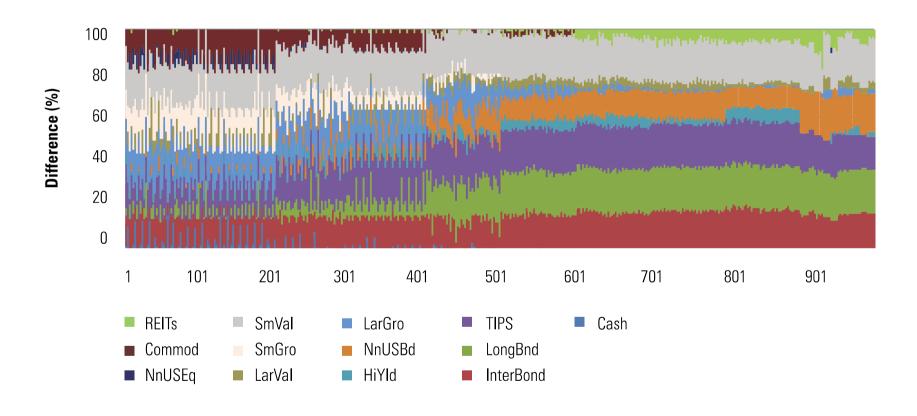


#### **1,000 Test Scenarios**

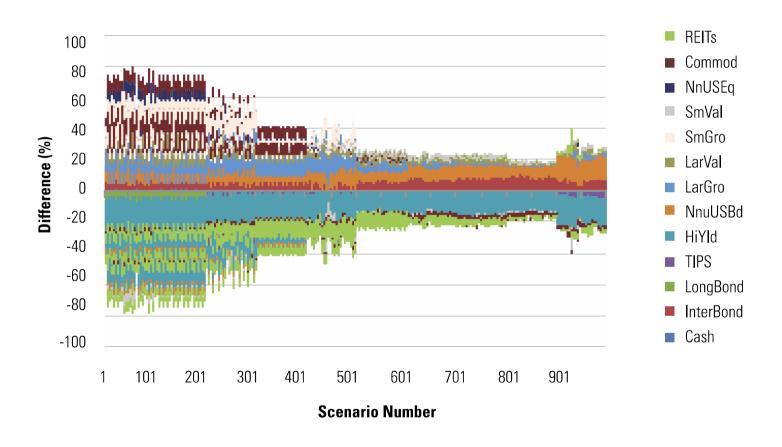
	Scenario Number									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Human Capital	80%	80%	60%	60%	40%	40%	20%	20%	5%	5%
Housing Wealth	5%	0%	15%	0%	30%	10%	20%	5%	15%	30%
Pension Wealth	5%	5%	10%	10%	20%	10%	30%	50%	30%	55%
Financial Capital	10%	15%	15%	30%	10%	40%	30%	25%	50%	10%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Assumed Age	30	30	40	40	50	50	60	60	70	70
Housing Equity	20%	20%	40%	40%	60%	60%	80%	80%	100%	100%
Implied Leverage	5.00	5.00	2.50	2.50	1.67	1.67	1.25	1.25	1.00	1.00



#### **Optimal Allocations by Scenario Number**

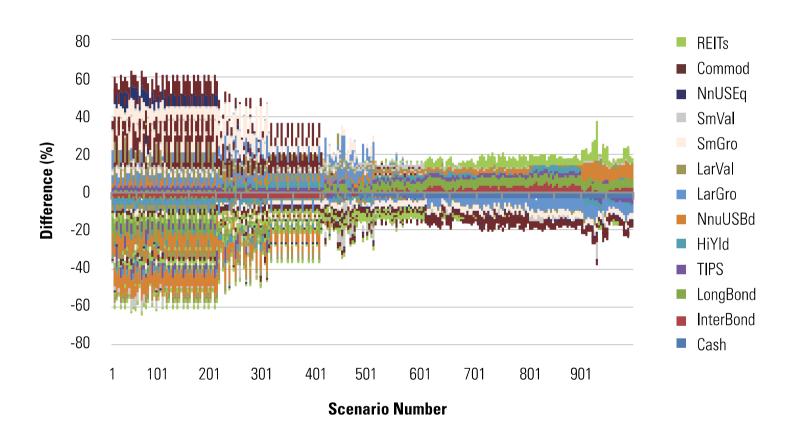


#### Differences to 'Island Portfolio' by Scenario Number





#### **Difference to Market Portfolio by Scenario Number**





# An Alternative Way to Consider Total Wealth: Charitable Endowments



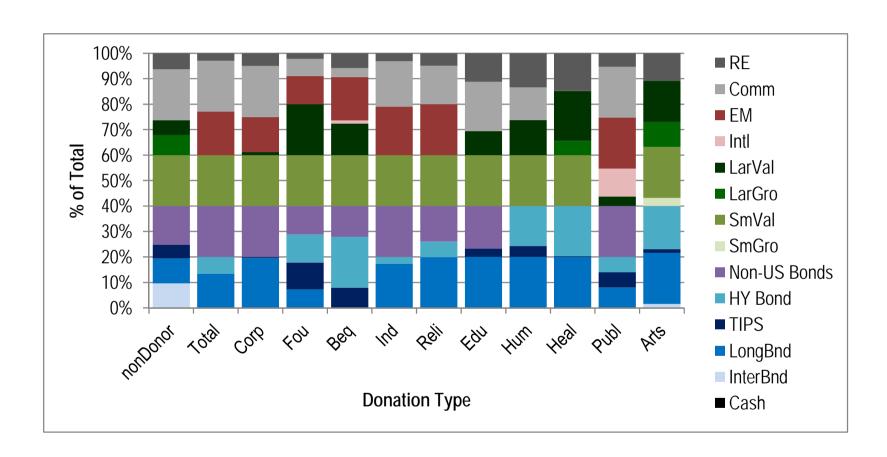
#### **Charitable Assets**

- ► The wealth of a charity goes beyond it's financial (e.g., endowment) and nonfinancial (e.g., buildings) assets
- ► These other "assets" have unique risks (often referred to as background risks)
- One example of a background risk is donation risk, i.e., the relationship between changes in donor behavior and market returns
  - ▶ individuals make ~80% of all charitable donations
  - ightharpoonup religious charities are the largest recipient,  $\sim$  33% of total

Source: "Donation Risk and Optimal Endowment Portfolio Allocations." Morningstar White Paper by David Blanchett



## Optimal Portfolios Considering Donation Risk with a 60% Equity Target



Source: "Donation Risk and Optimal Endowment Portfolio Allocations." Morningstar White Paper by David Blanchett



### Conclusions



#### **Research Conclusions**

- ► Financial assets are often only a small part of investors' total wealth
- ► Outside wealth such as human capital, pension wealth, and housing wealth exhibit economically and statistically significant correlations with financial assets
- ► Accounting for the correlation between outside wealth and financial asset in an optimization routine materially changes the optimal portfolio allocations, both in terms of asset class weights and optimal equity allocation
- ► Industry-specific human capital appears to have the largest effect on allocations



#### **Research Implementation**

- ➤ This study has important implications of how we think about building optimal portfolios for investors, and is applicable for the glide paths we build in our custom target date solution
- ► Morningstar's comprehensive suite of retirement solutions is based on practical applications of our academic research
- ► To learn more, visit us at morningstar.com/targetdate



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