

# The Randomness of Global Stock Returns

#### DEVELOPED MARKETS

HIGH	NZL	SWE	AUT	CAN	ESP	FIN	JPN	NOR	SWE	IRL	BEL	FIN	USA	DNK	CAN	AUT	FIN	NZL	DNK	AUT	ANNUALISED RETURNS (%) 2002-2021		
•	AUT	DEU	NOR	JPN	PRT	НКG	СНЕ	AUS	DNK	NZL	DNK	IRL	NZL	IRL	NZL	НКG	NZL	IRL	NLD	NLD	DNK	Denmark	14.0
RETURNS	AUS	ESP	BEL	AUT	IRL	DEU	USA	SGP	HKG	USA	SGP	USA	DNK	BEL	NOR	SGP	USA	CHE	SWE	USA	NZL	New Zealand	10.4
	NOR	AUT	IRL	DNK	SGP	NOR	ESP	SWE	SGP	GBR	DEU	DEU	НКG	JPN	AUS	DNK	НКG	NLD	USA	CAN	AUS	Australia	10.1
	ITA	NZL	SWE	NOR	NOR	CAN	FRA	НКG	CAN	СНЕ	NZL	ESP	BEL	AUT	AUT	NLD	NOR	USA	FIN	NOR	SWE	Sweden	9.6
	JPN	CAN	NZL	FIN	SWE	SGP	CAN	BEL	JPN	NOR	НКG	NLD	SGP	ITA	USA	FRA	CHE	DNK	NZL	SWE	CHE	Switzerland	9.4
	CHE	ΔΠΖ	ΙΤΔ	СНЕ	DNK	ΔΠΖ	DELL			REI	ΔΗΤ	REI	IRI	FIN	FRΔ	ΙΤΔ	SGP		IRI	FRA	USA	USA	9.4
	SCR	DNIK			DEI		SCR	NZI				IDNI	CAN			NOR	DDT				NLC	Netherlands	9.1
	SGP	DINK	DINK	AUS	BEL	DINK	SGP	INZL	AUS	AUS	AUS	JPIN	CAN	NLD	NLD	NOR	PKI	IIA	JPIN	CHE	CAN	Canada	8.9
	CAN	NOR	AUS	SGP	AUT	PRT	DNK	ESP	CHE	NLD	SWE	CHE	CHE	PRT	PRT	DEU	AUS	FRA	PRT	DNK	NOF	Norway	8.8
	PRT	IRL	ESP	NLD	DEU	ESP	NLD	GBR	NOR	ESP	FRA	FRA	FIN	USA	DEU	ESP	FRA	PRT	CHE	GBR	HKG	Hong Kong	8.7
	BEL	PRT	НКG	SWE	FRA	NLD	GBR	AUT	FIN	CAN	NLD	DNK	AUS	CHE	JPN	JPN	JPN	AUS	DEU	ITA	SGF	Singapore	8.4
	GBR	FRA	PRT	DEU	ITA	FRA	SWE	NLD	AUT	JPN	CHE	SWE	NLD	FRA	HKG	PRT	NLD	SWE	AUS	AUS	AUT	Austria	7.0
	FSP	нка	SGP	FRA		NZI	ITA	PRT	GBR	SWF	NOR	GBR	JPN	нка	SGP	CHE	SWF	GBR	нка	FIN	DEL	Germany	6.7
	DNIK		CAN	DEL	AUC	CDD	ALIC		DELL	DNIK		ITA	FCD	DEU		<b>EINI</b>	CRR	DELL	CAN		FRA	France	6.6
	DINK	IIA	CAN	BEL	AUS	GBR	AUS	DINK	DEU	DINK	USA	IIA	ESP	DEU	SVVE	FIIN	GBR	DEU	CAN	IKL	JPN	Japan	6.0
	HKG	SGP	GBR	HKG	GBR	ITA	HKG	FRA	NZL	НКG	GBR	AUT	GBR	SWE	GBR	GBR	DNK	BEL	FRA	SGP	GBF	United Kingdom	5.3
	NLD	JPN	FRA	GBR	НКG	USA	PRT	ITA	NLD	FRA	FIN	NZL	SWE	NZL	ESP	USA	ESP	JPN	ITA	DEU	ESP	Spain	4.9
	FRA	BEL	DEU	USA	FIN	CHE	NZL	USA	BEL	SGP	ITA	НКG	ITA	GBR	FIN	SWE	CAN	SGP	NOR	BEL	BEL	Belgium	4.2
	USA	CHE	JPN	ESP	CHE	AUT	FIN	CHE	FRA	DEU	CAN	PRT	FRA	AUS	CHE	AUS	ITA	AUT	AUT	JPN	FIN	Finland	4.0
	IRI	GBR	СНЕ	ΙΤΔ		SW/F	NOR	DELL	PRT	PRT	IPN	NOR	DELL	NOR	IRI	BEI	DELL	ESP	ESP	ESP	ITA	Italy	3.3
	EINI	UCA		1174		DEL	DEL	DEC				CAN	NOR	FCD	DEL		IDI	NOR	CCD	DDT	PRT	Portugal	2.3
•	FIIN	USA	NLD	NZL	NZL	BEL	BEL	IKL	IIA	IIA	IKL	CAN	NOR	ESP	BEL	IKL	IKL	NOR	SGP	PRI	IRL	Ireland	1.6
	SWE	NLD	USA	PRT	USA	JPN	AUT	FIN	IRL	FIN	PRT	AUS	AUT	SGP	ITA	CAN	BEL	HKG	BEL	HKG			
NOU	DEU	FIN	FIN	IRL	JPN	IRL	IRL	JPN	ESP	AUT	ESP	SGP	PRT	CAN	DNK	NZL	AUT	FIN	GBR	NZL			
	0000	2002	2004	2005	2001	2007	2000	2000	0040	0044	0040	0040	0044	0045	001/	0047	0040	0040	2020	0004			

In GBP. MSCI country indices (net dividends) for each country listed. Does not include Israel, which MSCI classified as an emerging market prior to May 2010. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Indices are not available for direct investment; therefore, their performance does not reflect the expenses associated with the management of an actual portfolio. Diversification neither assures a profit nor guarantees against loss in a declining market.

## It is difficult to predict future returns by looking at the past, as shown by the performance of global markets since 2002.

- This table powerfully demonstrates the randomness of global equity returns. It illustrates 20 years of annual returns in 22 developed markets. Each colour represents a different country. Each column is sorted top down, from the highest-performing country to the lowest.
- The scattered colours suggest it is hard to predict which country will outperform from one year to the next. Austria, for example, posted the highest developed market return in 2017 but the lowest the next year.
- Investors holding equities from markets around the world can have a more consistent investment experience, with higher returns in one market helping offset lower returns elsewhere.

Investment opportunities exist all around the globe—and it's hard to know where next year's best returns will appear. A globally diversified portfolio can help capture a broad range of returns and deliver more reliable outcomes over time. MSCI data © MSCI 2022, all rights reserved.

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