



Title: A Smart Beta Portfolio Weighting Model for the SPDR Healthcare Sector

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- Study Purpose:**

Determine if a factor weighting model
Based on return/risk can outperform the market

- Weighting Factor:** 1/Cov

- Weighting Strategy:** Maximize return/risk

- Test Universe:** XLV Sector, Top 20 Stocks

- Performance Period:** 2009-2016

- Factor Model:**

1. $MEPS_i = (EPS_i(t-2)) + (EPS_i(t-1)) + (EPS_i(t)) / n=3$

2. $Sd_i = \sqrt{\sum (EPS_i - MEPS_i)^2 / N=3}$

3. $1/Cov_i(t) = MEPS_i / Sd_i$

4. $W_i(t) = (1/Cov_i(t)) / \sum (1/Cov_i(t))$

5. $D_i(t) = W_i(t) * 1000000$

6. $SHR_i(t) = D_i(t) / P_i(t)$

7. $M_{vi}(t+1) = SHR_i(t) * P_i(t+1)$

8. $PV(t+1) = \sum (M_{vi}(t+1))$

- Terms:**

1. EPS_i = Earnings Per Share

2. $MEPS_i$ = 3-yr moving average

3. SD_i = Standard Deviation

4. W_i = Stock Weight

5. D_i = Dollars Invested

6. M_{vi} = Market Value

7. PV = Portfolio Value

8. i = i th stock (1-20)

9. T = time in years

10. 1000000 = original investment

- Conclusions:**

1. Model outperforms both XLV and SPY from 2009-2016

2. Annually model outperforms SPY 5/8 years

3. Annually model outperforms XLV 4/8 years

4. In 2011 Model outperformed SPY but not XLV

5. In 2015 a negative year for both SPY and XLV, Model had positive returns and positive Alpha

Table 1			
Cumulative Returns 2009-2016			
Portfolio	Return	Model Alpha/XLV	Model Alpha/SPY
1/Cov Model	243.05%	74.20%	68.35%
XLV	168.85%		
SPY	174.70%		

Table 2			
Annual Returns			
Year	1/Cov Model	SPY	Alpha
2009	18.28%	29.65%	-11.37%
2010	1.49%	19.82%	-18.34%
2011	11.97%	2.05%	9.91%
2012	25.05%	14.00%	11.05%
2013	50.27%	19.02%	31.24%
2014	21.97%	11.94%	10.04%
2015	9.34%	-2.87%	12.21%
2016	1.85%	17.45%	-15.61%

Table 3			
Annual Returns			
Year	1/Cov Model	XLV	Alpha
2009	18.28%	19.25%	-0.97%
2010	1.49%	1.28%	0.21%
2011	11.97%	13.01%	-1.04%
2012	25.05%	19.86%	5.19%
2013	50.27%	30.41%	19.85%
2014	21.97%	26.77%	-4.80%
2015	9.34%	-6.30%	15.64%
2016	1.85%	6.09%	-4.25%