

The Market Timer

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Recommendations which matter and create value

The weekly updated recommendations are based on a sophisticated quantitative market timing model which relies on serial correlation and uses both convex and concave forecasting strategies. It is successfully tested out of sample for different markets.

The markets it covers are globally relevant and selected from a European respectively German perspective. The DAX, the Bund (Future) and the Euro/US-Dollar represent the stock market (earnings), the bond market (long term interests) and the currency. They stand for different factors of the economy.

The recommendations provide forecasts of movements of the markets as a whole and support no individual securities selection decisions. The recommendations are to “go long”, to “do nothing” or to “go short”. As a result, the returns are higher and volatilities are substantially lower than in the case of a pure buy and hold strategy (cf. page 2). The proposed basic strategy is a combination of these market decisions on a leveraged basis and gives a return of roughly 13% p.a. in the period 1991 to 2024 year to date. At the same time, the short fall risk of the basic strategy is substantially lower than the relevant risk of the DAX buy and hold alternative (cf. page 4 and 5).

The Dow Jones, the Nikkei 225 and the Euro/Yen are covered and combined in a strategy called “supplement” (cf. page 3 and 4). Finally all elements of the basic strategy and the supplement are added to the full strategy. The proposed strategy-combinations, however, are only by way of example. Their components can be combined and leveraged at discretion.

Global Outlook (May 25, 2024)

Global market dynamics suggest that stocks are threatened with a notable weakness in Q2 2025. Compared to Germany and Japan, the US stock market is expected to perform better over the remainder of 2024. However, the Euro and the Yen are likely to strengthen against the US-Dollar during this time, probably the Yen more than the Euro. Holding Bunds is not the preferred strategy in the near future, but at least they will not perform very badly.

The week ahead at a glance

Referring to the DAX, to the Euro-based Dow Jones and to the Nikkei 225 on a Euro basis no position should be taken. It is recommended to go long the Euro against the US-Dollar and to do nothing with respect to the Euro/Yen. No position should be taken in the Bund (Future).

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| DAX | | Price | | | Performance | | | Recommended Positioning | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|--------|-------|-------------|--------|--------|-------------------------|--------|--------|
| 21.06.2024 | 17:45 CET | 18.163,53 | | | 71,92 | 0,40% | | do nothing | | |
| 28.06.2024 | 17:45 CET | 18.235,45 | | | | | | do nothing | | |
| Position | | Short | | | Long | | | Buy and Hold | | |
| | | N | Return | Vola | N | Return | Vola | N | Return | Vola |
| Performance per week | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1991-2024 year to date | | 185 | 0,14% | 2,83% | 637 | 0,25% | 2,78% | 1.747 | 0,15% | 3,00% |
| last 260 weeks | | 26 | -0,55% | 3,70% | 122 | -0,06% | 3,02% | 260 | 0,14% | 3,04% |
| last 52 weeks | | 0 | - | - | 25 | 0,00% | 1,90% | 52 | 0,23% | 1,76% |
| Performance per annum (short and long combined) | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1991-2024 year to date (a year equals 52 weeks) | | | | | 33 1/2 | 5,44% | 13,81% | 33 1/2 | 7,64% | 21,62% |
| last 5 years (260 weeks) | | | | | 5 | -4,24% | 17,08% | 5 | 7,44% | 21,94% |
| one year back (52 weeks) | | | | | 1 | 0,12% | 9,38% | 1 | 12,16% | 12,66% |

| Bund (Future) | | Price | | | Performance | | | Recommended Positioning | | |
|---|-----------|--------|--------|-------|-------------|--------|-------|-------------------------|--------|-------|
| 21.06.2024 | 22:00 CET | 132,53 | | | -0,91 | -0,69% | | do nothing | | |
| 28.06.2024 | 22:00 CET | 131,62 | | | | | | do nothing | | |
| Position | | Short | | | Long | | | Buy and Hold | | |
| | | N | Return | Vola | N | Return | Vola | N | Return | Vola |
| Performance per week | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1991-2024 year to date | | 265 | 0,08% | 0,78% | 496 | 0,08% | 0,84% | 1.747 | 0,03% | 0,83% |
| last 260 weeks | | 22 | -0,06% | 0,66% | 92 | -0,01% | 1,20% | 260 | -0,11% | 1,10% |
| last 52 weeks | | 0 | - | - | 28 | 0,19% | 1,06% | 52 | -0,03% | 0,92% |
| Performance per annum (short and long combined) | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1991-2024 year to date (a year equals 52 weeks) | | | | | 33 1/2 | 1,76% | 3,89% | 33 1/2 | 1,36% | 5,99% |
| last 5 years (260 weeks) | | | | | 5 | -0,44% | 5,29% | 5 | -5,51% | 7,94% |
| one year back (52 weeks) | | | | | 1 | 5,41% | 5,59% | 1 | -1,60% | 6,65% |

| Euro/US-Dollar | | Price | | | Performance | | | Recommended Positioning | | |
|---|-----------|--------|--------|-------|-------------|--------|-------|-------------------------|--------|-------|
| 21.06.2024 | 00:00 CET | 1,0706 | | | 0,0001 | 0,01% | | go long | | |
| 28.06.2024 | 00:00 CET | 1,0707 | | | | | | go long | | |
| Position | | Short | | | Long | | | Buy and Hold | | |
| | | N | Return | Vola | N | Return | Vola | N | Return | Vola |
| Performance per week | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1991-2024 year to date | | 129 | 0,19% | 1,17% | 399 | 0,18% | 1,40% | 1.747 | -0,01% | 1,33% |
| last 260 weeks | | 36 | 0,24% | 6,00% | 97 | 0,07% | 0,93% | 260 | -0,02% | 1,07% |
| last 52 weeks | | 0 | - | - | 33 | -0,02% | 0,89% | 52 | -0,03% | 0,85% |
| Performance per annum (short and long combined) | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1991-2024 year to date (a year equals 52 weeks) | | | | | 33 1/2 | 2,84% | 5,36% | 33 1/2 | -0,56% | 9,62% |
| last 5 years (260 weeks) | | | | | 5 | 3,19% | 5,25% | 5 | -1,05% | 7,69% |
| one year back (52 weeks) | | | | | 1 | -0,69% | 5,06% | 1 | -1,48% | 6,15% |

"go long" means buying Euro and selling US-Dollar, "go short" means selling Euro and buying US-Dollar.

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| Dow Jones | | Price | | | Performance* | | | Recommended Positioning* | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|--------|-------|--------------|--------|-------|--------------------------|--------|-------|
| 21.06.2024 | 22:20 CET | 39.150,33 | | | -31,5 -0,09% | | | do nothing | | |
| 28.06.2024 | 22:20 CET | 39.118,86 | | | | | | do nothing | | |
| Position | | Short | | | Long | | | Buy and Hold | | |
| | | N | Return | Vola | N | Return | Vola | N | Return | Vola |
| Performance per week | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1991-2024 year to date | | 171 | 0,31% | 2,93% | 638 | 0,31% | 2,52% | 1.747 | 0,17% | 2,55% |
| last 260 weeks | | 20 | -0,36% | 2,31% | 156 | 0,30% | 2,58% | 260 | 0,16% | 2,61% |
| last 52 weeks | | 0 | - | - | 25 | 0,21% | 1,29% | 52 | 0,28% | 1,41% |
| Performance per annum (short and long combined) | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1991-2024 year to date (a year equals 52 weeks) | | 33 1/2 | | | 7,41% 12,84% | | | 33 1/2 8,59% 18,41% | | |
| last 5 years (260 weeks) | | 5 | | | 7,77% 15,17% | | | 5 8,53% 18,81% | | |
| one year back (52 weeks) | | 1 | | | 5,28% 6,45% | | | 1 14,32% 10,16% | | |

* on a Euro basis. Based on USD it yields -0,08%

| Nikkei 225 | | Price | | | Performance* | | | Recommended Positioning* | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|--------|-------|---------------|--------|-------|--------------------------|--------|-------|
| 21.06.2024 | 08:00 CET | 38.596,47 | | | 986,6 1,40% | | | do nothing | | |
| 28.06.2024 | 08:00 CET | 39.583,08 | | | | | | do nothing | | |
| Position | | Short | | | Long | | | Buy and Hold | | |
| | | N | Return | Vola | N | Return | Vola | N | Return | Vola |
| Performance per week | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1991-2024 year to date | | 251 | 0,66% | 3,37% | 395 | 0,09% | 2,61% | 1.747 | 0,03% | 2,90% |
| last 260 weeks | | 20 | 1,46% | 4,06% | 116 | -0,09% | 2,30% | 260 | 0,10% | 2,63% |
| last 52 weeks | | 0 | - | - | 25 | -0,06% | 2,29% | 52 | 0,17% | 2,35% |
| Performance per annum (short and long combined) | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1991-2024 year to date (a year equals 52 weeks) | | 33 1/2 | | | 6,00% 12,94% | | | 33 1/2 1,71% 20,93% | | |
| last 5 years (260 weeks) | | 5 | | | 3,81% 13,93% | | | 5 5,05% 19,00% | | |
| one year back (52 weeks) | | 1 | | | -1,60% 11,34% | | | 1 8,67% 16,92% | | |

* on a Euro basis. Based on Yen it yields 2,52%

| Euro/Yen | | Price | | | Performance | | | Recommended Positioning | | |
|---|-----------|---------|--------|-------|--------------|--------|-------|-------------------------|--------|-------|
| 21.06.2024 | 00:00 CET | 170,152 | | | 1,923 1,12% | | | do nothing | | |
| 28.06.2024 | 00:00 CET | 172,075 | | | | | | do nothing | | |
| Position | | Short | | | Long | | | Buy and Hold | | |
| | | N | Return | Vola | N | Return | Vola | N | Return | Vola |
| Performance per week | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1991-2024 year to date | | 354 | 0,21% | 1,59% | 349 | 0,25% | 1,28% | 1.747 | 0,00% | 1,57% |
| last 260 weeks | | 101 | -0,13% | 1,16% | 69 | 0,12% | 1,07% | 260 | 0,13% | 1,17% |
| last 52 weeks | | 20 | -0,19% | 1,03% | 0 | - | - | 52 | 0,17% | 1,04% |
| Performance per annum (short and long combined) | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1991-2024 year to date (a year equals 52 weeks) | | 33 1/2 | | | 4,84% 6,64% | | | 33 1/2 -0,20% 11,32% | | |
| last 5 years (260 weeks) | | 5 | | | -0,97% 6,57% | | | 5 6,93% 8,43% | | |
| one year back (52 weeks) | | 1 | | | -3,87% 4,57% | | | 1 8,95% 7,53% | | |

"go long" means buying Euro and selling Yen, "go short" means selling Euro and buying Yen.

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| Basic Strategy | DAX | | Bund (Future) | | Euro/US-Dollar | |
|--|----------------|---------|---------------|------------------|----------------|---------|
| | short | long | short | long | short | long |
| Maximum Position in percent of allocated equity | 125,00% | 125,00% | 500,00% | 500,00% | 250,00% | 250,00% |
| Last week performance in percent of allocated equity | | | | | | 0,02% |
| Strategy | Basic Strategy | | | Buy and Hold DAX | | |
| | N | Return | Vola | N | Return | Vola |
| Performance per week | | | | | | |
| 1991-2024 year to date | 1.341 | 0,32% | 3,36% | 1.747 | 0,15% | 3,00% |
| last 260 weeks | 224 | -0,12% | 3,89% | 260 | 0,14% | 3,04% |
| last 52 weeks | 37 | 0,33% | 2,40% | 52 | 0,23% | 1,76% |
| Performance per annum | | | | | | |
| 1991-2024 year to date (a year equals 52 weeks) | 33 1/2 | 12,94% | 21,27% | 33 1/2 | 7,64% | 21,62% |
| last 5 years (260 weeks) | 5 | -5,54% | 26,01% | 5 | 7,44% | 21,94% |
| one year back (52 weeks) | 1 | 12,25% | 14,61% | 1 | 12,16% | 12,66% |

| Supplement | Dow Jones | | Nikkei 225 | | Euro/Yen | |
|--|------------|---------|------------|------------------------------|----------|---------|
| | short | long | short | long | short | long |
| Maximum Position in percent of allocated equity | 125,00% | 125,00% | 125,00% | 125,00% | 250,00% | 250,00% |
| Last week performance in percent of allocated equity | | | | | | 0,00% |
| Strategy | Supplement | | | Buy and Hold 2 stock markets | | |
| | N | Return | Vola | N | Return | Vola |
| Performance per week | | | | | | |
| 1991-2024 year to date | 1.285 | 0,42% | 3,04% | 1.747 | 0,10% | 2,34% |
| last 260 weeks | 229 | 0,12% | 2,29% | 260 | 0,13% | 2,35% |
| last 52 weeks | 27 | -0,07% | 1,77% | 52 | 0,22% | 1,59% |
| Performance per annum | | | | | | |
| 1991-2024 year to date (a year equals 52 weeks) | 33 1/2 | 16,03% | 18,82% | 33 1/2 | 5,15% | 16,85% |
| last 5 years (260 weeks) | 5 | 5,57% | 15,51% | 5 | 6,79% | 16,91% |
| one year back (52 weeks) | 1 | -1,80% | 9,11% | 1 | 11,49% | 11,45% |

Full Strategy

| All assets mentioned above with their declared maximum positions | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|--------|--------|------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Last week performance in percent of allocated equity | | | | | | 0,02% |
| Strategy | Full Strategy | | | Buy and Hold 3 stock markets | | |
| | N | Return | Vola | N | Return | Vola |
| Performance per week | | | | | | |
| 1991-2024 year to date | 1.594 | 0,38% | 2,64% | 1.747 | 0,12% | 2,32% |
| last 260 weeks | 240 | 0,11% | 2,28% | 260 | 0,13% | 2,41% |
| last 52 weeks | 37 | 0,27% | 1,86% | 52 | 0,23% | 1,48% |
| Performance per annum | | | | | | |
| 1991-2024 year to date (a year equals 52 weeks) | 33 1/2 | 17,91% | 18,18% | 33 1/2 | 5,98% | 16,76% |
| last 5 years (260 weeks) | 5 | 5,20% | 15,77% | 5 | 7,01% | 17,37% |
| one year back (52 weeks) | 1 | 9,97% | 11,30% | 1 | 11,72% | 10,65% |

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Notes:

CET is the short code for Central European Time. It is indicated from 00:00 to 23:59. Leap years are taken into account in the overall period by the regular introduction of an additional week (i.e. 53 instead of 52 weeks per year).

N is the number of weeks respectively years, over which a position is held. A year has 52 weekly data points. Finally, the achieved performance depends on the position taken. It could differ from the original one and result in zero ("do nothing") or change the sign ("go short"). Return is calculated as natural logarithm of price this week/price last week. It is exponential growth and equals compound interest on a continuous basis. If these rates are transformed to simply calculated, they become higher in case of substantial profits or lower negative amounts (i.e. also higher values) in case of substantial losses. The time series of the returns are represented by their means. Vola equals the standard deviation of the returns.

Recommendations are always based on performance in Euro.

With the exception of the Bund (Future) all assets are priced at spot rates not taking into account funding and transaction costs. However, even after consideration of costs, the proposed strategies offer significant value added in comparison with their buy and hold alternatives.

The proposed strategies are also useful but to a lesser extent, if the recommendations "go short" are ignored and only the recommendations "go long" are followed.

Page 4 provides examples of possible combinations of strategies. The advantage of these combinations is that they offer both additional return opportunities over certain periods and risk reduction through diversification.

DAX, Bund (Future) and Euro/US-Dollar are different sources of economic influence. They are combined to the basic strategy. The supplement contains Dow Jones, Nikkei 225 and Euro/Yen as alternative markets. The full strategy is a combination of all of these elements. The maximum positions are leveraged and mentioned on page 4. If more than one position is recommended at the same time, the individual maximum positions are multiplied by a factor depending on the number of involved positions, e.g. two positions are multiplied by 1/2, three positions are multiplied by 1/3, etc. Finally the positions with their individual performances are added to the total performance of the combined strategy.

The performance of the strategy-combinations is compared with that of their buy and hold alternatives, whereas the buy and hold alternatives are made up of the involved stock markets at equal parts. The comparison shows that the returns are substantially higher at a nearly similar level of volatility. However, even the risk has to be regarded as lower, when the likelihood of a loss more than 20% per annum is taken as the relevant measure of risk. The table below shows that the likelihood of a loss is substantially lower for the combined strategies compared to the buy and hold alternatives.

Loss more than 20% per annum (52 weeks), 1991-2024 year to date

| | Strategy | | | Buy and Hold | | |
|---|----------|---------|---------|--------------|----------|----------|
| | Basic | Supple. | Full | DAX | 2 St. M. | 3 St. M. |
| Likelihood | 6,87% | 7,10% | 1,66% | 10,30% | 10,70% | 8,87% |
| Expected Value | -35,24% | -26,80% | -24,65% | -37,17% | -28,86% | -32,86% |
| Maximum Loss | -57,64% | -42,55% | -30,81% | -80,98% | -52,47% | -61,32% |
| Maximum Loss (simple instead of exponential growth) | -43,81% | -34,65% | -26,51% | -55,51% | -40,82% | -45,84% |

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