

# LOW VOLATILITY STOCKS

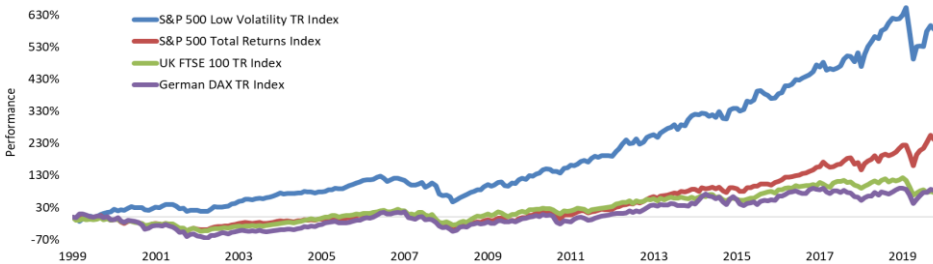
Platforms, SIPPs and Trusts will only (really) accept UCITS/FCA Regulated Funds



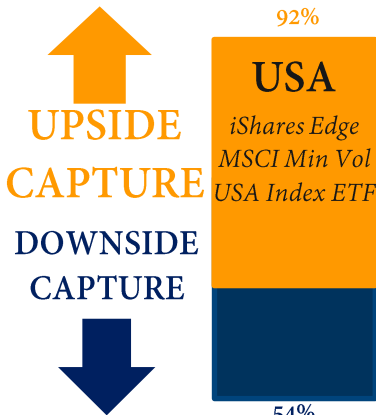
Only certain assets can be held within a UCITS Fund

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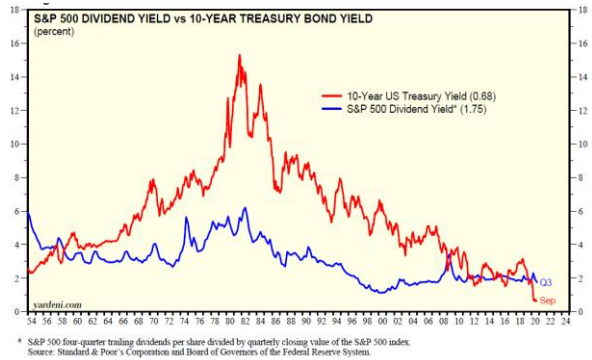
**AT&T, McDonalds, Coca-Cola, Johnson & Johnson, Accenture, Visa, Pfizer, Mastercard, Verizon, P&G, Microsoft, Disney, Apple**



Source: Data (Total Return) sourced from Bloomberg - 31/12/1999 to 30/09/2020. Chart by Castlestone Management. The performance figures quoted refer to the past and past performance is not a guarantee of future performance or a reliable guide to future performance. Your investment may be affected by changes in currency exchange rate movements thereby affecting your investment return therefrom.



Source: Blackrock based on fund and index returns from 31/07/12 to 30/06/16. Data compares the iShares Edge MSCI min Vol USA Index ETF (XIMU) to S&P500 Index. The performance figures quoted refer to the past and past performance is not a guarantee of future performance or a reliable guide to future performance



The yield on the 10 Year Treasury Bond is lower than the dividend yield on the S&P 500 index, which highlights the opportunity in equities vs bonds.

- ✓ Over the last 10 years Low Volatility stocks have outperformed the S&P 500 TR Index
  - ✓ Low Volatility stocks can cushion the damage during a sudden downturn
- ✓ Historically, **USA iShares** ETF captured 92% of the broad Index's up months and 54% of the down months
  - ✓ Low Volatility US equities can be used to help diversify a balanced portfolio
  - ✓ BlackRock projected smart beta ETF assets could reach \$2.4 trillion globally by 2025\*\*

\* Source – www.businesswire.com, "Blackrock projects Smart Beta ETF Assets will reach \$1 trillion globally by 2020 and \$2.4 Trillion by 2025" (2016, May 12) retrieved from <https://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20160512006061/en/BlackRock-Projects-Smart-Beta-ETF-Assets-Reach>

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