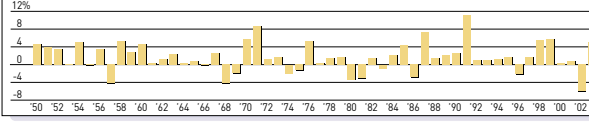


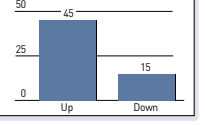
LONG VIEW The Market Gives Presents In December

December is the best-performing month for the S&P 500. Over the past 60 years, the index has produced a total gain of 98.4% in Decembers.

S&P 500 monthly changes in December



Up and down years



EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS

Asset Managers Weigh The Best Foreign ETFs For 2011

Focus On Hot Spots

Brazil, Australia, Turkey, Chile, Vietnam favored; Europe, China shunned

By Trang Ho

Thailand, Peru and Chile have been the three hottest world destinations in 2010, returning 47% to 51% year to date. Where should you go next year? Several asset managers shared their itineraries with IBD.

Fixed-asset investments account for more than 60% of all China's GDP. 14% of GDP in 2009 was due to new property sales. No other country even comes close to these numbers.

When this happens, the demand for commodities will drop. Brazil and Australia depend heavily on Chinese consumption. Europe is broke. Greece will default within three years.



Pacific Financial's view on opportunities abroad. From left, Gary Gordon of Pacific Park Investments, Carl Deifel of Chartwell and Alan Rosenfeld of Harmony Asset Management and Tom Lydon of ETF Trends.com.

They are the world's 13th most populous nation, and 70% of the population is under 35 years of age. They have a stable government, strong GDP growth, rising middle-class income and export competitiveness.

Carl Deifel, managing director of emerging markets adviser Chartwell Partners, Downer, Shihars MSCI Turkey Index, Shihars MSCI Japan Index, Shihars MSCI Asia Index, Shihars MSCI Australia Index.

overall growth is tied to this major supplier of commodities and energy. It is not surprising that 72% of the country's exports go to Asia.

Concern over a proposed "super tax" on resource companies seem to have abated, and its central bank has done a great job of stepping in to cool or spur its economy as needed.

U.S. economy to "wobble"

Brazil is firing high, with a new leader who plans to keep the current economic policies in place. The government is flush with cash, thanks to taxes that are among the highest in emerging markets.

Growth Funds Leading The Market

These are among 40 funds selected for their ownership of market leaders, high average Composite Ratio and outperformance of the S&P 500

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How To Read Mutual Fund Tables & Graphs

Fund tables list 4,000 funds in the IBD Monday Special/IBD Weekly Special edition and 2,000 funds on other days. The list is composed of funds with a 36-Month Performance Ratio of A-, A or A+ with at least \$200 million in assets.

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