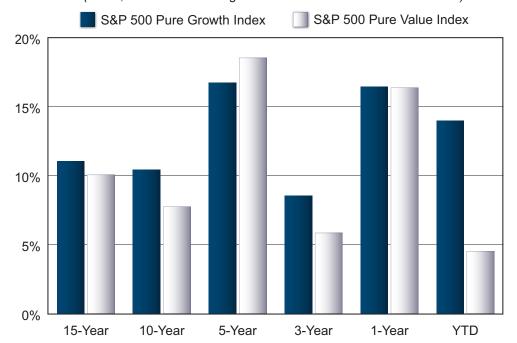
A Snapshot of Growth vs. Value Investing

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(Y-T-D, 1-Year and Average Annualized Total Returns thru 6/9/17)



Source: Bloomberg. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

View from the Observation Deck

- 1. Today's blog post is an update of one we do on an ongoing basis. Investors can compare today's snapshot to the one we did on 4/13/17 (click here to view).
- 2. Growth style investing tends to outpace value style investing when the earnings growth rates of companies accelerate faster than the broader market, such as right after the economy exits a recession.
- 3. In today's chart, the S&P 500 Pure Growth Index outperformed its value counterpart in five of the six periods. Growth investing topped value investing for the 15-year, 10-year, 3-year, 1-year and year-to-date periods through 6/9/17.
- 4. The returns were as follows (Pure Value vs. Pure Growth): 15-yr. average annualized (10.05% vs. 11.04%); 10-yr. average annualized (7.74% vs. 10.44%); 5-yr. average annualized (18.53% vs. 16.73%); 3-yr. average annualized (5.84% vs. 8.54%); 1-yr. (16.37% vs. 16.43%) and Y-T-D (4.52% vs. 13.96%).
- 5. For the 12-month period ended April 2017, estimated net inflows to Large Blend mutual funds and exchange-traded funds totaled \$108.0 billion (\$168.8 billion "Passive" vs. -\$60.8 billion "Active"), according to Morningstar. It was the second-highest total behind the estimated net \$116.9 billion taken in by Intermediate-Term Bond funds and ETFs.
- 6. For comparative purposes, Large Growth mutual funds and ETFs reported estimated net outflows totaling \$98.7 billion (\$19.9 billion "Passive" vs. -\$118.6 billion "Active"), while Large Value mutual funds and ETFs reported estimated net inflows totaling \$12.7 billion (\$43.3 billion "Passive" vs. -\$30.6 billion "Active").

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