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## Top 5% Funds By C

C measures the risk (V) adjusted relative performance between fund and market (CS).

Fund	Symbol	Style	C
Price Latin America	PRLAX	EWR	34.9
AmCent Utilities Income	BULIX	EGI	32.4
Vanguard Energy	VGENX	EA	32.1
Price Japan	PRJPX	EWR	32.0
FBR Amrcn Gas	GASFX	EA	31.9
Excelsior Energy NatRes	UMESX	EA	31.6
Fidelity Latin America	FLATX	EWR	31.4
Lazard Emrg Mkt Open	LZOEX	EWR	29.6
US Gbl Invstrs Global Rsrcs	PSPFX	EWR	28.9
Fidelity Pacific Basin	FPBFX	EWR	28.9
Price Emrg Mkt Stk	PRMSX	EW	28.7
Price International Discovery	PRIDX	EW	28.5
Vanguard Prcs Mtls	VGPMX	EG	28.3
Janus Overseas	JAOSX	EW	27.7
ICAP Dis Eqty	ICDEX	EV	27.6
Fidelity Utilities	FIUX	EGI	27.5
Boston Prtn Lng/Shrt Eqty	BPLEX	EC	27.5
Artisan Intl SmCap	ARTJX	EW	27.2
Driehaus Intl Dis	DRIDX	EW	27.2
SIT Dvlping Mrkts Grth	SDMGX	EWR	27.1
Neuberger & Berman Intrntnl	NBISX	EW	26.7
Fidelity Japan	FJPNX	EWR	26.5
Vanguard Pacific Index	VPACX	EWR	26.5
Fidelity Emrg Mkt	FEMKX	EW	26.3
Price New Asia	PRASX	EWR	26.1
Tweedy Browne Global Value	TBGVX	EW	26.1
SSgA Emrg Mkt	SSEMXX	EWR	26.1
Permanent Port Aggrsv Grwth	PAGRX	EA	26.0
Copley	COPLX	EV	25.8
Tocqueville Intl Valu	TIVFX	EW	25.8
Third Ave Value	TAVFX	EV	25.7
Analytic Defensive	ANDEX	EW	25.6
Matthews Korea	MAKOX	EWR	25.6
Permanent Portfolio T-Bill	PRTBX	BS	30.2
Harbor Short Duration Fund	HASDX	BS	24.3
Price Emrg Mkt Bond	PREMX	BW	22.5
Payden Emrg MktBd	PYEMX	BW	19.9
Wells Fargo UltrShrt FI	STADX	BS	19.6
Fidelity New Markets Income	FNMIX	BW	19.2
Columbia US Govt Guardian Sec	CUGGX	BS	18.2
Permanent Port Versatile Bond	PRVBX	BF	15.9

## Making Changes

As our slogan says, we strive to provide you with the most return and the least risk. According to the Hulbert Financial Digest we've done that successfully for the last 15 years. They rank us number one over the last 10 and 15 years through 12/31/04 for risk-adjusted performance. Nonetheless, I plan a number of changes for this newsletter in the next few months to make it still more user friendly, more intuitive, and more profitable without increasing risk.

The most important thing is not changing, but is being expanded upon. The fund selecting strategy of evolving will stay the same, which is to buy from the top 5% of the funds we track, hold as long as it's in the top 20% (top 5% or 5 comets plus the next best 15% or 4 comets) of the funds we follow, sell when it drops out of the top 20%, and replace it with a new fund from the top 5% (shown on page one to your left).

What I'm introducing is a fund timing strategy to complement the selecting strategy. The new page nine, with about eleven more new pages planned, introduces you to how this combined

selecting and timing strategy will work (the new pages will only be available on the internet).

In sum, the two strategies work by starting with the top 5% selection and awaiting a timing buy trigger; hold until either it drops below the top 20% or there's a timing sell signal. Replace the sold fund with a new fund from the top 5% and keep evolving. It's really very simple. An information pamphlet is in the works and will be posted to the internet.

At 12/31/05, the Income and Aggressive Growth portfolios will be discontinued.

The Aggressive Income portfolio has been moved to page five where bond timing is.

So, there will be three portfolios—Growth, Balanced, Income.

These changes should help make NLMFST the premier place to get the best no-load mutual fund selections and timing.

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### AROUND THE CAMPFIRE

Even though it's been 10 degrees above normal in Dallas the last few weeks, the birds are not fooled. They know summer has ended, and winter is around the fall corner. A few months ago, they flew solitarily. Now flocks are forming. They are assembling and practicing their aerobatic twists and turns in preparation for their fall flight south.







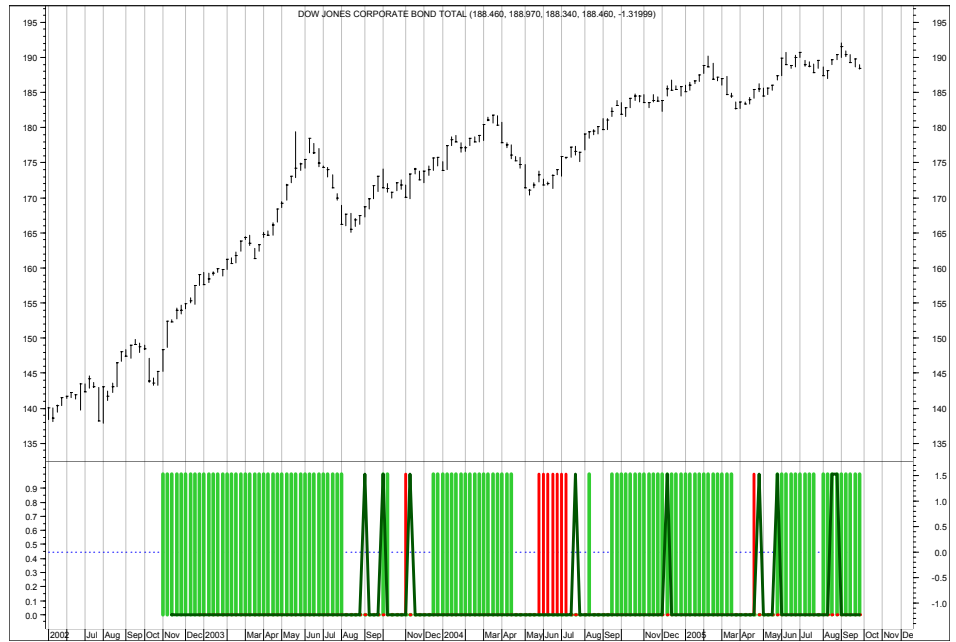
# Interest Rates and Bond Prices

We're still neutral on bonds. It's really a very mixed picture with either the bulls or the bears.

The list of bearish signs is numerous: Inflation is rising, oil, natural gas are skyrocketing, the Fed is raising rates, the supply of bonds goes up to finance the rebuilding.

The list of bullish indications is also many: The economy is slowing, Greenspan will lower rates to accommodate any future slowdown, oil is dampening demand.

As I said, you can make a case either way. Remain cautious.



The SLM Bond Market Timing Model is a forecasting tool of the direction of bond prices and yields, which move inversely. If you see this as a PDF file off the internet, the green spikes are buy signals, the green bars are buy/hold, the red bars are sell signals.

# MAAP Aggressive Income Portfolio

No portfolio changes at this time.

Watch for the new timing models for mutual funds on pages 9-.

MONTHLY ACTIVITY

MONTH ENDING: 9/30/2005

MONTH END VALUATIONS

## AGGRESSIVE INCOME

Activity Date	Activity	Fund	Action Price	Number of Shares	Action Value	Symbol	Fund Style	Fund	Ending NAV	Number of Shares	Current Value	Percent of Total	
						VFSTX	Corp Incm	Vngrd Short Corp	10.53	2557.49	26930	13%	
						MM	Money Market		1.00	175385.40	175385	87%	
						MM	Margin Loan		-1.00	0.00	0	0%	
Income emphasis, 0-100% per style.											Total Valuation=	\$201,825	100%

# MAAP Growth and Balanced Portfolios

**MONTHLY ACTIVITY**

**MONTH ENDING: 9/30/2005**

**MONTH END VALUATIONS**

## AGGRESSIVE GROWTH

Activity Date	Activity	Fund	Action Price	Number of Shares	Action Value	Symbol	Style	Name	Ending NAV	Number of Shares	Current Value	Percent of Total	
4-Oct	portfolio to be discontinued 12/31/05											0%	
						PRMSX	World Grth	Price Emrg Mrkts	25.26	1657.9820	41,881	12%	
						UNWPX	Prcc Mtls	US Gbl Prc Mtl	18.88	1373.3103	25,928	8%	
						NBISX	World Grth	Nbrgr Brmn Intrntl	21.84	1011.0719	22,082	6%	
						RSPFX	Small Cap	RS Partners	39.29	540.4463	21,234	6%	
						RYURX	Contrary	Rydex Ursa	8.45	5594.2900	47,272	14%	
							MM	Money Market	1.00	186230.63	186,231	54%	
						Growth, may use margin.					Total Valuation=	\$344,627	100%

## GROWTH

Activity Date	Activity	Fund	Action Price	Number of Shares	Action Value	Symbol	Style	Fund	Ending NAV	Number of Shares	Current Value	Percent of Total	
												0%	
						PRMSX	World Grth	Price Emrg Mrkts	25.26	1184.2729	29,915	5%	
						NBISX	World Grth	Nbrgr Brmn Intrntl	21.84	2022.1339	44163	7%	
						RSPFX	Small Cap	RS Partners	39.29	1080.8927	42468	7%	
												0%	
												0%	
												0%	
												0%	
						RYURX	Contrary	Rydex Ursa	8.48	5594.2900	47440	8%	
							MM	Money Market	1.00	437309.63	437310	73%	
						Growth emphasis, 0-50% per style.					Total Valuation=	\$601,296	100%

## BALANCED

Activity Date	Activity	Fund	Action Price	Number of Shares	Action Value	Symbol	Style	Fund	Ending NAV	Number of Shares	Current Value	Percent of Total	
												0%	
												0%	
						NBISX	World Grth	Nbrgr Brmn Intrntl	21.84	2022.1339	44163	9%	
						RSPFX	Small Cap	RS Partners	39.29	1080.8927	42468	8%	
												0%	
												0%	
												0%	
						VFSTX	Corp Incm	Vngrd Short Corp	10.53	3965.5100	41757	8%	
							MM	Money Market	1.00	388819.45	388819	75%	
						All styles permitted, 0-50% per style.					Total Valuation=	\$517,208	100%

## INCOME

Activity Date	Activity	Fund	Action Price	Number of Shares	Action Value	Symbol	Style	Fund	Ending NAV	Number of Shares	Current Value	Percent of Total	
4-Oct	portfolio to be discontinued 12/31/05											0%	
						VFSTX	Corp Incm	Vngrd Short Corp	10.53	6371.14	67088	36%	
												0%	
												0%	
							MM	Money Market	1.00	121964.75	121965	65%	
						Income emphasis, 0-50% per style.					Total Valuation=	\$188,782	100%

All MAAP portfolio performance include an annual 2% management fee expense. All dividends are reinvested.

# Market Timing and Asset Allocation

## XAU (Gold and Silver) Index

Since turning bullish on gold last May when the XAU descended to its primary up trend line that dates back nearly 5 years, I thought it important to bring subscribers up to date on where it and I stand now.

Gold has made it back to the top of its recent channel, as shown on the chart below. Is it time to sell, buy, or hold?

The top of a channel would normally be a time to sell. However, there are times when securities explosively burst through previous resistance. This happened in 2003. A security will do this because the background has changed, but participants are slow to adjust to the new reality. In other words, it is normal to sell at previous tops, but if the price continues higher,

it means something major has changed. New buyers have devoured all the supply and are looking for more. Previous sellers are all sold out and have to get back in. It's a feeding frenzy.

In today's case, this may also happen. We don't know yet. The background, however, suggests higher gold prices. Inflation is soaring, although it is not yet reported fully in the official numbers. In turn entitlement payments will jump, worsening the deficit. This scenario may be the "hidden" background change that most are not yet focused on.

I've drawn a simple trend line to help define the trend and whether it has changed. It proved very useful back in late 2003.



### MARKET and FUND COMMENTS

Bullish on gold, but watch these levels carefully.

Neutral on bonds.

Fiscal policy, stimulative (bullish) due to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita rebuild.

Corporate actions (buy backs, mergers), bullish.

Economy flat, neutral.

Inflation up, bearish.

Oil prices, bearish.

Investor sentiment, neutral.

Fed tightening, bearish.

Market valuation, bearish when measured against historic norms, but bullish compared to current bonds (low rates), however, if rates rise, this will change very quickly.

Terrorism risk, bearish.

Expect a continued sideways market movement.

### SLM TIMING MODELS

**LCITT**, modified 1/96, 3/97, 9/98.

Large cap stock intermediate-term, signals lasting weeks to months.

**LC Long-term**, modified 11/95

Large cap stock long-term, lasting months to years. Under reconstruction.

**SCITT**, introduced 3/03

Small cap stock intermediate-term, signals lasting weeks to months.

**GOLD**, shown bi monthly.

**BONDS**, page 5

First three are under a rework for 2006, emphasizing timing on funds directly. Signals last months to years.

# Performance Scoreboard

INDEXES, FUND STYLES & MAAP PORTFOLIOS	% RETURNS FROM THE PAST X MONTHS THRU 9/31/05					V Vol- atility	INDEX CLOSE		PERFORMANCE IN:					
	X= 12	9	6	3	1				2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999
Wilshire 5000	12.79	2.66	5.59	3.47	0.59	2.4	12289.30	-	10.85	29.44	-22.08	-12.06	-11.41	21.44
Dow Jones Industrials	4.85	-1.99	0.62	2.86	0.83	2.2	10568.70	-	3.15	25.32	-16.76	-7.10	-6.18	25.22
Standard & Poors 500	10.25	1.39	4.08	3.15	0.69	2.0	1228.81	-	8.99	26.38	-23.37	-13.04	-10.14	19.53
Russell 2000 (small cap)	16.56	2.49	8.57	4.40	0.19	3.9	667.80	-	17.00	45.37	-21.58	1.03	-4.20	19.62
Dow Jones World Index	18.95	6.00	7.48	7.26	2.82	2.5	226.84	-	14.43	33.42	-20.73	-16.58	-15.89	23.73
Gold/Sliver Index (XAU)	10.76	13.66	20.47	21.41	17.91	6.6	112.92	-	4.65	19.89	25.57	1.28	-5.94	0.85
Dow Jones Ttl Bond	3.24	1.39	2.69	-0.80	-1.45	1.2	188.46	-	3.99	2.20	11.96	6.77	13.40	10.92
Small Cap Growth	18.30	5.69	8.88	5.01	0.98	3.6	Columns 2 through 6 are the average returns and Column 7 is the average V (Volatility) for all funds in each fund style. Usually, the larger the V, the greater the risk.  For more information about these model portfolios, please see page six.		11.74	39.43	-21.96	-6.21	0.96	38.84
Mid Cap Growth	19.71	7.67	9.55	5.81	1.56	3.0			12.96	33.65	-21.89	-11.03	-0.38	38.52
Large Cap Growth	13.88	4.39	7.13	4.37	1.02	2.5			13.34	27.54	-21.75	-13.19	-3.69	29.36
Value Company	14.17	4.99	5.63	2.89	0.69	2.2			11.26	27.18	-15.61	2.30	9.99	12.27
Contrary	5.71	6.07	3.46	2.39	1.74	2.2			3.11	0.47	9.99	2.83	13.54	6.12
World Growth	25.70	11.59	11.28	10.33	3.76	2.9	17.11	34.67	-15.76	-19.89	-12.70	49.42		
Growth & Income	13.38	4.97	6.21	3.70	1.03	2.1	10.24	23.46	-18.22	-7.76	0.03	23.36		
Long-term Corp Income	12.61	9.15	8.36	1.98	0.76	1.7	8.43	8.64	6.73	2.45	11.68	-7.61		
High Yield Income	8.17	4.26	5.07	1.81	0.04	1.4	6.63	16.24	-7.55	-4.73	-12.68	1.33		
International Income	11.48	6.81	6.86	2.57	1.20	1.5	9.07	11.56	10.56	1.48	0.18	3.46		
MAAP Aggrsv Grth	7.23	5.16	4.91	4.41	2.29	0.6	0.57	15.03	-4.93	1.42	1.78	26.66		
MAAP Growth	4.58	2.40	2.31	2.24	0.87	0.5	1.53	11.56	-1.22	0.75	2.64	18.42		
MAAP Balanced	5.01	1.20	1.74	1.84	0.52	0.8	5.88	12.57	0.09	-0.56	0.37	17.81		
MAAP Income	-0.22	-1.12	-0.01	0.05	-0.05	0.3	0.62	5.16	2.05	1.40	4.38	2.82		
MAAP Aggrsv Incm	-0.79	-2.18	-0.79	0.14	0.11	0.4	1.90	7.05	1.75	4.59	2.37	6.04		

Funds and MAAP portfolio data include dividend reinvestment and fees (2% annual for MAAP). Market data does not include dividends, except for T-Bond Index.

## Managed Asset Allocation Program (MAAP)

**Fund Selection.** We conduct a three-step selection process on more than 900 funds. Firstly, we separate funds into their primary investment style, Equity, Bond, Hybrid, and then subdivide into small, large, value, etc.. Secondly, we rank the funds by recent performance relative to their peer group (CS). Thirdly, we consider their historical risk, as measured by their volatility (V).

**Portfolio Allocation.** We follow a straightforward approach to allocation: Overweight the portfolio to the investment style that is performing the strongest out of the three (stocks, bonds, cash) major asset classes.

**Diversification.** We diversify by fund company, investment style, and asset class. The funds themselves normally reduce specific company risk, so that the main investment risks are the market and then the industry.

**MAAP.** Our Managed Asset Allocation Program brings our proprietary fund selection and market timing models together. We EVOLVE, buying from the top 5%, holding as long as the fund is in the top 20%. If it drops below 4 comets, we evolve, selling that fund and buying from the top 5% again. We overlay market timing on this fund selection evolution. The results are five portfolios shown on pages 5 and 6. See Scoreboard above for comparative performances.

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## FUND EVOLUTION SELECTING AND TIMING

This is to show a sample evolution of the newly combined fund selecting and fund timing strategies working together. It is not indicative of actual results or picks. The funds were chosen because they show the strategies in action.

The selecting strategy is to buy from the top 5% and hold as long as the fund remains in the top 20% (5% and next 15%) of the funds we track. The timing strategy shows precise buy and sell points based only on the fund. The green is hold, the red is sell/avoid. The green spike is buy. No color indicates that the previous signal is still in effect.

I pick up the process with the first valid buy signal in September, 2004. The fund selecting model showed MNEFX in the top 5% at the time. The timing model also gave a buy signal, as shown by the dark green spike, the inverted V on the top chart.

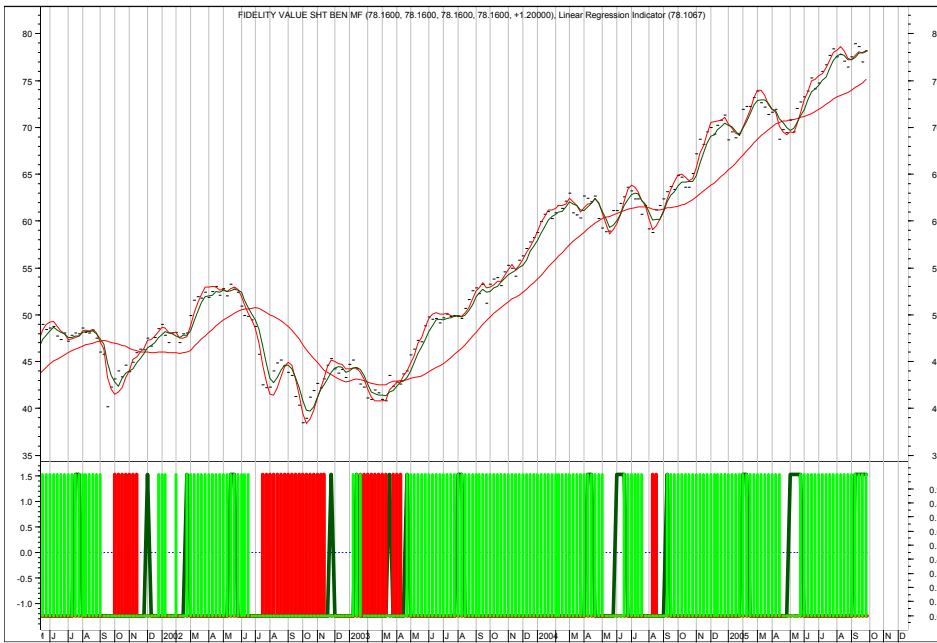
The fund dropped out of the top 20% at the end of January 2005. Even though the timing model remained bullish, the fund was sold. It would not have been rebought in July 2005 with the timing model buy because the fund was not in the top 5% at the time of the buy signal. It could have been bought in May.

The second chart shows its replacement. There was a buy spike and the fund was in the top 5%. Three months later it dropped out of the top 20% and was sold.

The third chart shows the replacement fund for the reinvestment. It was selected because it was in the top 5% and there was a timing model buy signal. The fund is still in the top 5%.

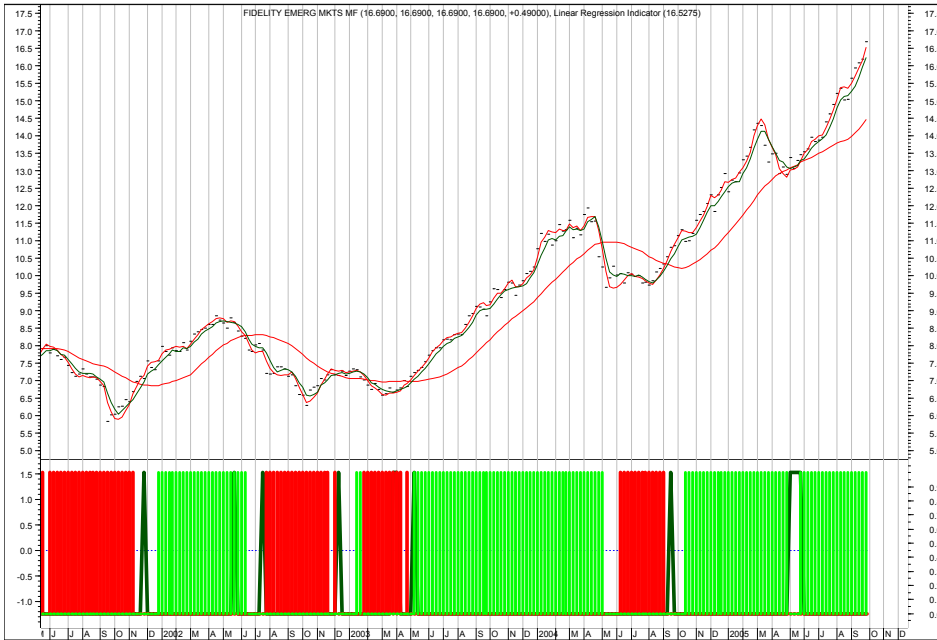
The end result is a gain of about 37% over the last 13 months. The Wilshire 5000 was up roughly 15% over the same period.



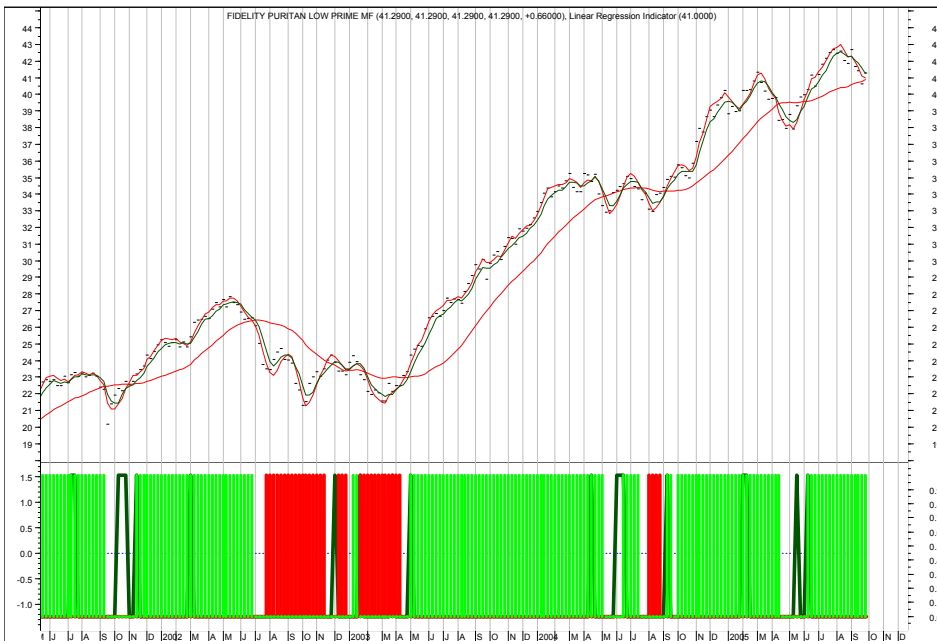


These are other examples.

Fidelity Value



Fidelity Emerging Markets



Fidelity Low Priced Stock

