# Reflections on Fund Management in the US: Lessons for Asia?

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#### **Global Scope, Local Expertise**



#### What do These Companies Have in Common?

- ▶ Abbott Laboratories
- ▶ Circuit City
- ► Fannie Mae
- ▶ Gillette
- ► Kimberly-Clark
- ► The Kroger Co
- ► Nucor
- ▶ Philip Morris
- ► Pitney Bowes
- Walgreens
- ▶ Wells Fargo



#### **Agenda**

- ▶ 1) Leadership is Not Permanent
- ▶ 2) Predictions Often Miss the Mark
- ▶ 3) Change is Not Random
- ▶ 4) Investor Experience is Paramount
- ▶ 5) We are in the Behavior Modification Business



## Leadership is Not Permanent



## **Biggest U.S. Fund Firms 1986**

1. Merrill Lynch	7. Kemper
2. Fidelity	8. Putnam
3. Federated	9. Pru-Bache
4. Dreyfus	10. EF Hutton
5. Franklin	11. Shearson
6. Dean Witter	12. IDS



## **Biggest U.S. Fund Firms 2011**

1. Vanguard	7. Franklin Templeton	
2. Fidelity	8. Federated	
3. American Funds	9. T. Rowe Price	
4. BlackRock/iShares	10. State Street Global Advisors	
5. PIMCO	11. Dreyfus	
6. JP Morgan	12. Columbia	



## **Long Gone**

- ▶ Merrill Lynch
- ▶ Dean Witter
- Kemper
- ► Pru-Bache
- ► EF Hutton
- ► Shearson
- ► IDS



#### **New Entrants**

- Vanguard
- American Funds
- ► BlackRock/iShares
- ► PIMCO
- ► JP Morgan
- ► T. Rowe Price
- ► State Street Global Advisors
- Columbia



#### **Reinvented or Surviving on Money Market Assets**

- ► Fidelity
- ► Franklin Templeton
- ► Federated
- Dreyfus



## Predictions Often Miss the Mark



#### **1986 Predictions**

- Banks will join brokerages and dominate industry because they control distribution
- No-load funds will win from disintermediation theme
- Passive funds will trump active as academic evidence supports indexing
- ► Active Funds will trump passive as indexing is un-American



#### 2011 Reality

- ► Both banks and brokerages blew it. Owning distribution didn't lead to success
- ► No-load shops like Vanguard and T. Rowe Price did win, but so did load shops like Franklin, American Funds, and JP Morgan. Many like Fidelity simply offered both load and no-load funds
- ▶ Passive shops like Vanguard, I-Shares, and State Street Global Advisors did win, but so did active shops like Fidelity, PIMCO, American Funds



#### **Predictions Generally Misguided**

- ► The way the debate was framed was perhaps wrong or beside the point
- ► Smartest people in the industry focused on this
- ▶ Lots of wasted effort?
- ► Remember past debates and be humble in future predictions

## Change is Not Random



#### **General Traits of Winners and Losers**

Losers	Winners
Closed architecture	Open architecture
Higher cost	Lower cost
Hot concepts	Investment merit
Short-term sales focus	Long-term investor focus
"Funds are sold"	"Funds are bought"



## Salesmanship vs. Stewardship

Salesmanship	Stewardship
Merrill Lynch	Vanguard
Dean Witter	American Funds
Pru-Bache	JP Morgan
EF Hutton	T. Rowe Price
Shearson	PIMCO



Investor Experience is Paramount



#### **Asset Managers Often Focus on the Wrong Things**

#### What Firms Focus on

- Near-term investment performance
- ► Fund category ranking
- ► Finding hot fund, asset class

#### **What Matters**

- ► Long-term investor experience
- ► Retaining clients
- Curbing investor instincts
- Clients achieving goals



#### The Real Test is Whether Investors Succeed

#### **Total Return**

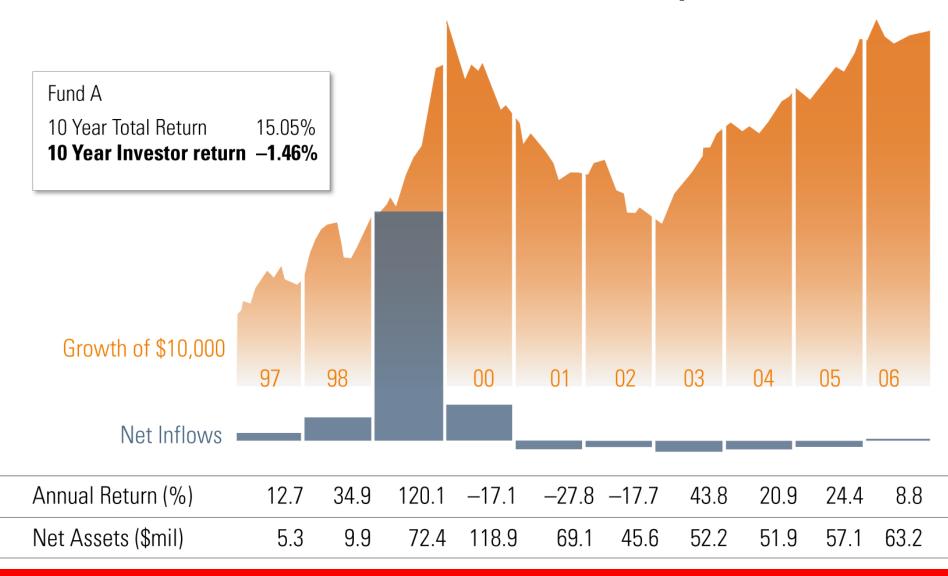
- ► Time-weighted calculation
- Assumes investor buys and holds for entire period with no additional investments

#### **Investor Return**

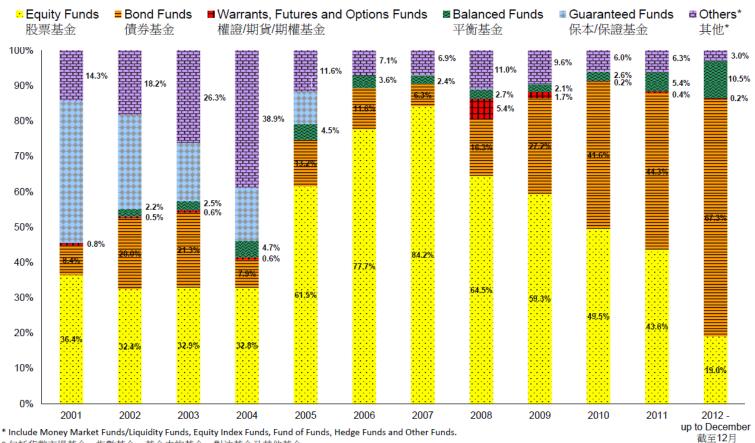
- Money-weighted calculation
- Accounts for aggregate monthly purchases and sales by all of a fund's investors



#### **Investors Often Miss Benefits of Fund Ownership**



#### **The Hong Kong Experience**

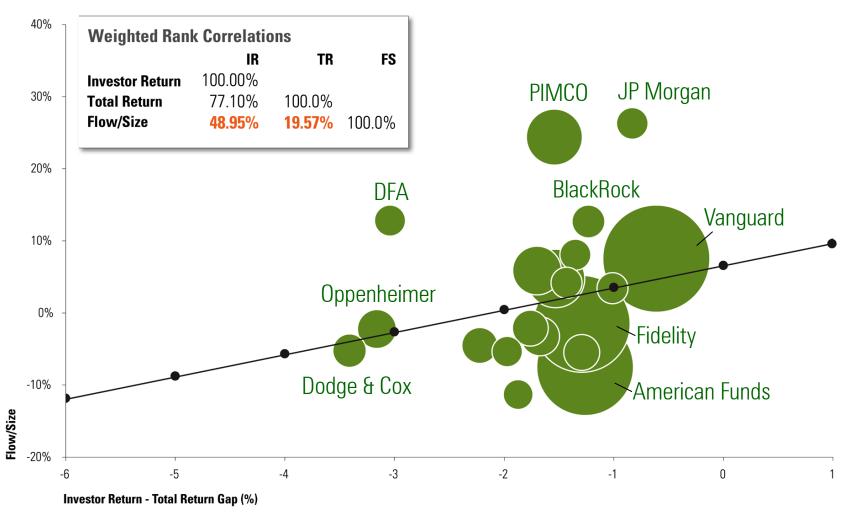


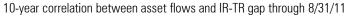
Source: Hong Kong Investment Funds Association Sales & Redemptions Survey



<sup>\*</sup>包括貨幣市場基金、指數基金、基金中的基金、對沖基金及其他基金。

#### It Pays to Mind the Gap







We are in the Behavior Modification Business



#### **We All Have Room for Improvement**

- ► Investors are wired to buy high and sell low
- Short-term performance numbers heighten fear, greed
- Press also loses perspective
- ► Fund ads too often promote what investors wish they'd bought before
- ► Fund managers take risks they wouldn't with their own money



## **There Are Easy Ways to Alter Behavior**

Ownership Level	% Rank Cat 5yrs	# of Funds
More than \$1,000,000	39	391
Between \$500,001 and \$999,999	42	194
Between \$100,001 and \$500,000	45	656
Between \$50,001 and \$100,000	48	273
Between \$10,001 and \$50,000	52	367
Between \$1 and \$10,000	53	144
\$0	53	1,860

Ownership data is based on the most recent SAI as of 2/28/2010



## **Everyone Prefers Higher Returns and Lower Risk**

Star Rating	Tenure	Manager
	(Years)	Investment
5	6.2	\$300,061
4	6.3	\$250,890
3	5.4	\$161,602
2	4.6	\$124,810
1	3.8	\$110,991

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#### **Lessons from the US**

- ▶ In the long run, amplifiers lose
- ▶ In the short run, amplifiers can make lots of money
- ► Investor experience is paramount
- ► The power of aligned interests
- ▶ In time, if the investor doesn't win, we all lose



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