
This year, the award for Best Article as voted by the journal’s subscribers goes to Campbell R. Harvey of Duke University and Yan Liu of Texas A&M University. In their article, “Evaluating Trading Strategies,” the authors tell researchers they are finding seemingly successful trading strategies by chance, and tell investors they need to be a lot more skeptical of investment proposals.

“I'm honored to receive the Bernstein Fabozzi/Jacobs Levy Award this year and also have the valuable recognition of my peers, including a number of prominent investment managers that have shared my research and adopted many of its recommendations,” said Campbell Harvey. “These managers do not want to disappoint their clients and realize that they need to invoke a new approach to counteract the impact of the substantial data mining of new investment strategies. We offer a method that helps answer the question: Was it luck or was it skill?”

For the second year in a row, a tie resulted in four pieces winning the Outstanding Article Award:

- **"Can Alpha Be Captured by Risk Premia?,"** by Jennifer Bender of State Street Global Advisors, and P. Brett Hammond and William Mok, both of MSCI, which explores the role of risk premia strategies in institutional equity portfolios, not only as potential replacements for existing passive beta investments, but for certain active mandates as well.
- **"A Study of Low-Volatility Portfolio Construction Methods,"** by Tzee-man Chow, Jason C. Hsu, Lilyan Kuo, and Feifei Li, all of Research Affiliates, LLC, examines the hypothetical performance of various low-volatility strategies in historical U.S., global developed, and emerging markets.
- **"The Divergence of High- and Low-Frequency Estimation: Causes and Consequences,"** by William Kinlaw of State Street Global Exchange, Mark Kritzman of Windham Capital Management, and David Turkington of State Street Global Exchange, explores the discrepancy that arises when portfolios...
that are optimal based on high-frequency inputs often lead to significantly sub-optimal results for investors with long horizons. The article identifies the causes and consequences of this discrepancy and presents a framework for constructing portfolios that balance short-horizon and long-horizon optimality.


Allison Adams, Institutional Investor Journals Publisher, remarked, "Last year, JPM celebrated 40 years of excellence in publishing thought-leading research. For this year’s Awards, JPM’s subscribers voted for impactful articles which bridge the gap between financial theory and practical applicability. Campbell Harvey's article draws upon the relationship between what is happening in scientific research with financial back-testing. I encourage all financial researchers to read the article and watch the accompanying video interview."

The Bernstein Fabozzi/Jacobs Levy Awards consist of a $2,500 prize for Best Article and $1,000 prizes for each Outstanding Article. The Awards are generously funded by Jacobs Levy Equity Management. According to Bruce Jacobs, principal and co-founder of Jacobs Levy Equity Management:

“This year's winning article addresses an issue that is at the core of all financial modeling—separating the wheat from the chaff. Armed with important new insights from this article, researchers will be able to better evaluate new investment models. Our congratulations go to all of this year’s winners. We are proud to have started the Bernstein Fabozzi/Jacobs Levy Awards 16 years ago in honor of The Journal of Portfolio Management Editors Peter Bernstein and Frank Fabozzi, and we look forward to many more years of groundbreaking articles."

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