

Module 14.1

Portfolio Issues Portfolio Risk Management

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Overview

- Provide several perspectives on portfolio risk
- Examine nine stocks and nine sector ETFs
- Contrast with SPY, passive index ETF
- Illustrate marginal analysis of risk
- Introduce diversification benefits
 - Volatility benefits
 - Return due to diversification



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Perspectives on Portfolio Risk

- Individual stocks and sector ETFs
- Individual versus portfolio
 - Total return
 - Standard deviation
 - Beta
 - Volatility benefit

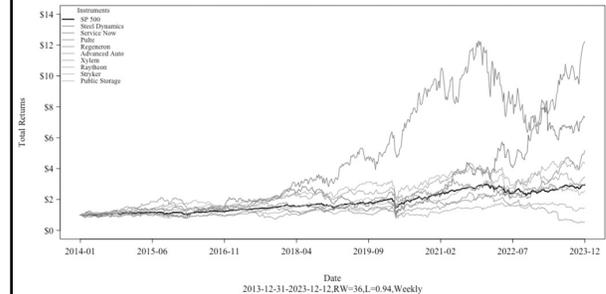


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Figure 14.1.1. Total Return Illustration with Nine Individual Stocks

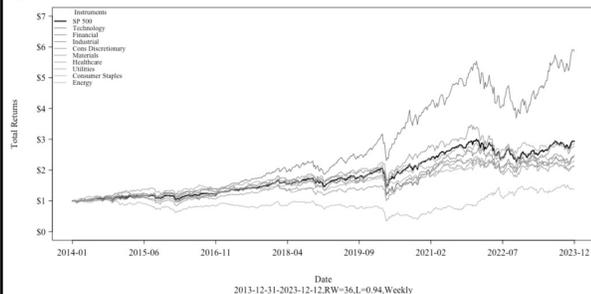


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Figure 14.1.2. Total Return Illustration with Nine Sector ETFs

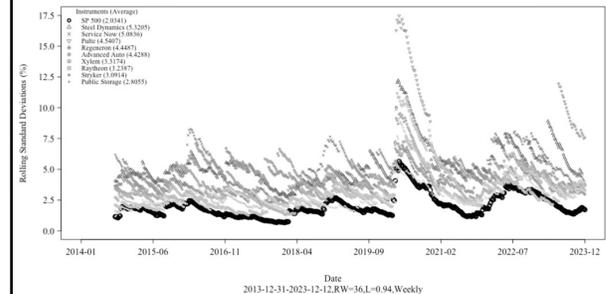


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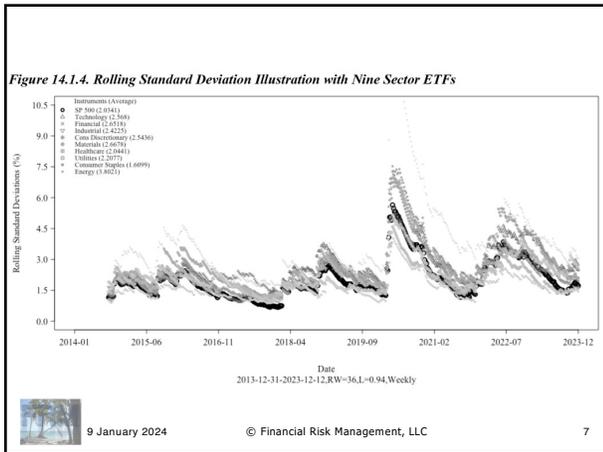
Figure 14.1.3. Rolling Standard Deviation Illustration with Nine Individual Stocks



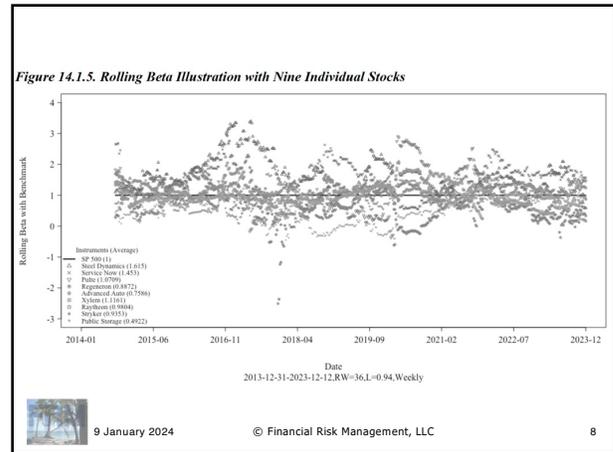
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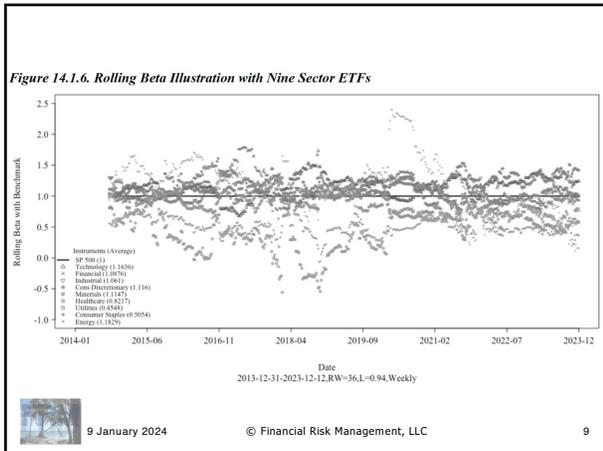
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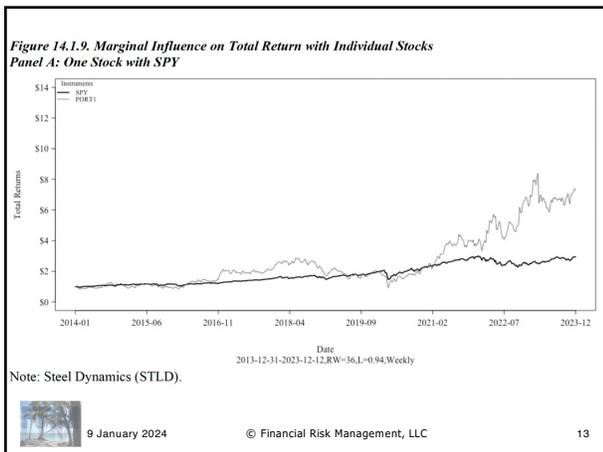
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Marginal Influence of Additional Instruments

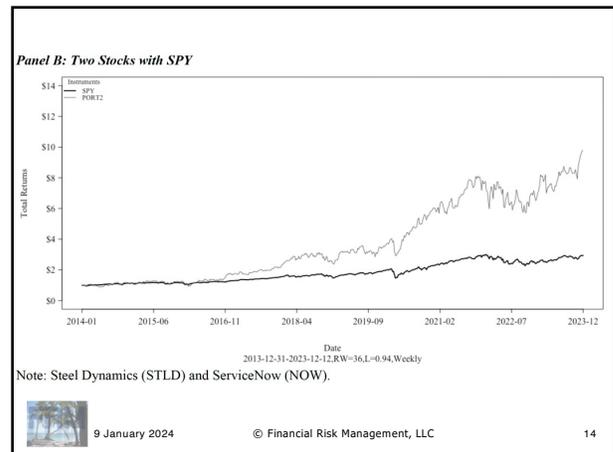
- Range from one to nine instruments
- Individual stocks and sector ETFs
- Individual versus portfolio
 - Total return
 - Standard deviation
 - Beta
 - Volatility benefit
- Slide show illustrations

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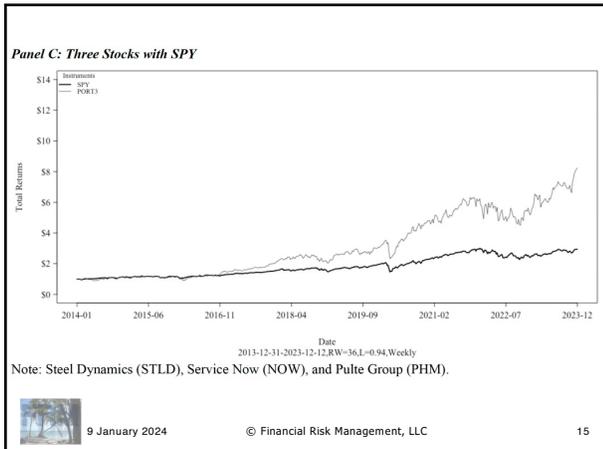
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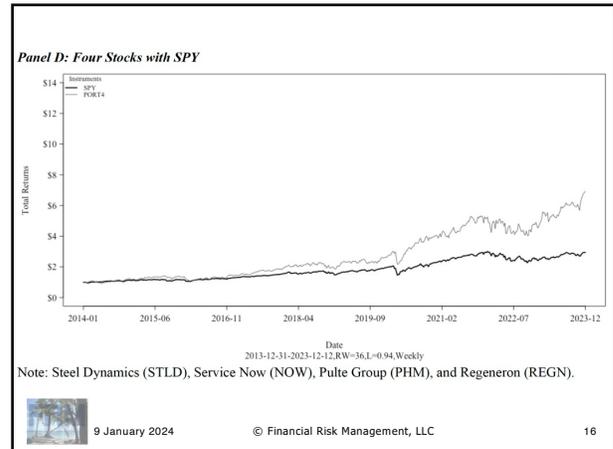
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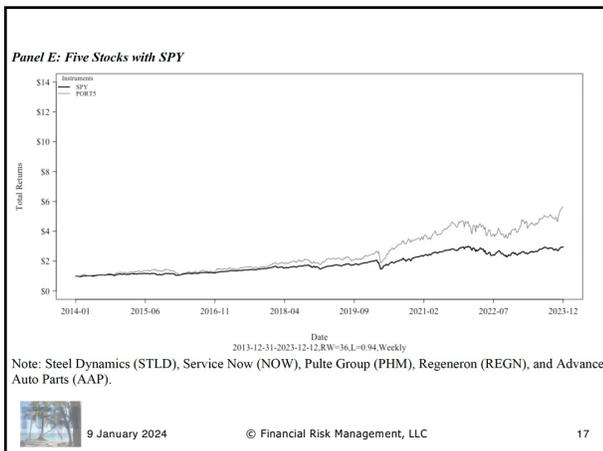
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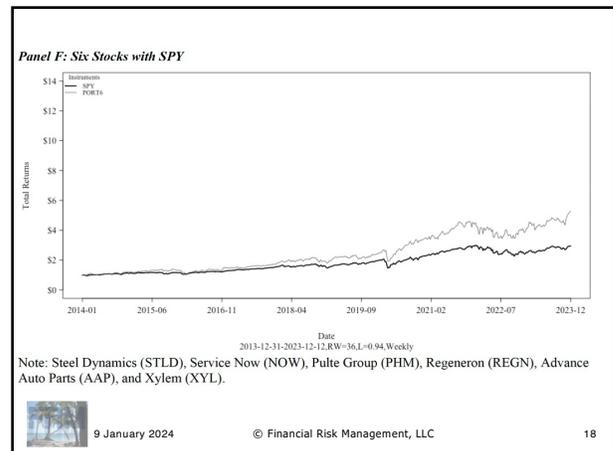
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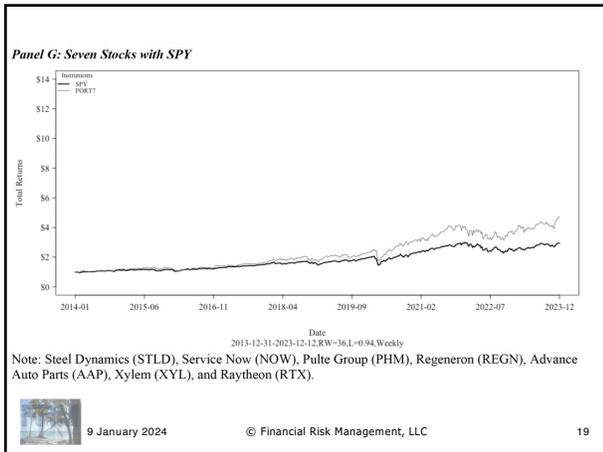
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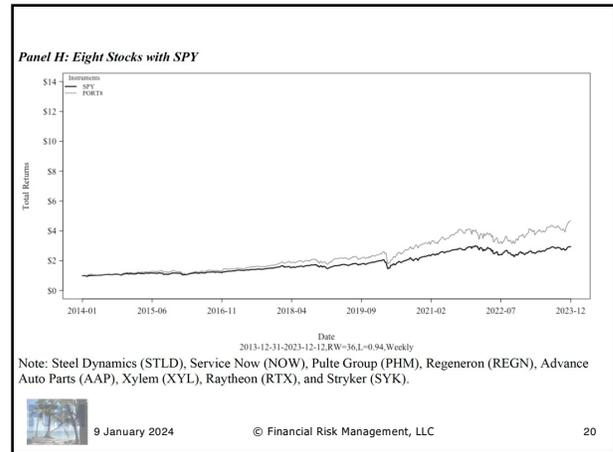
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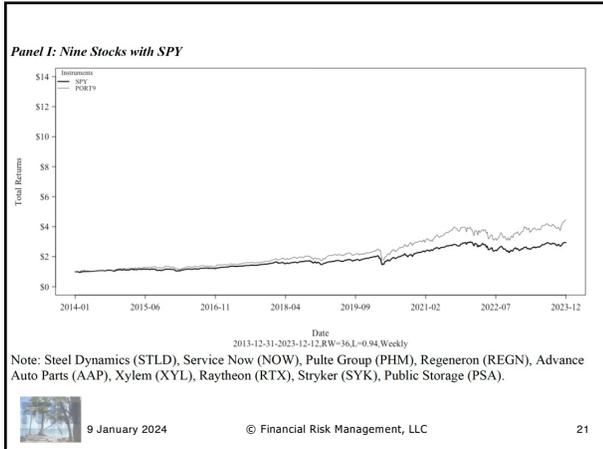
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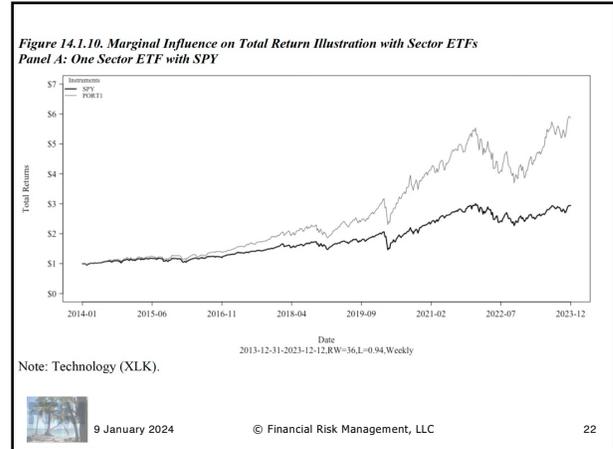
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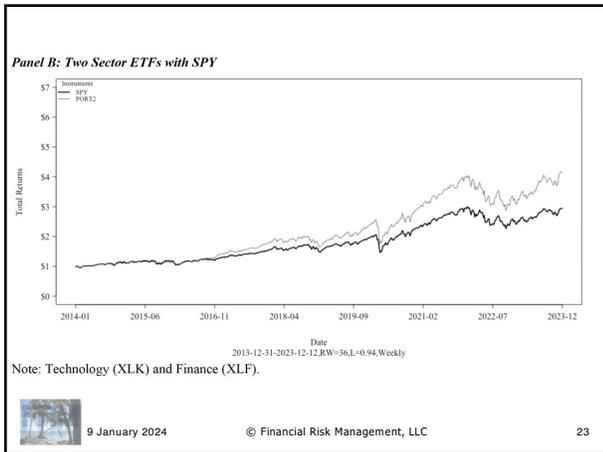
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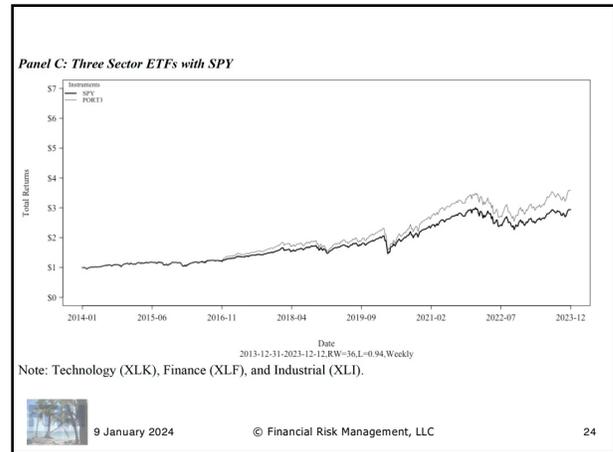
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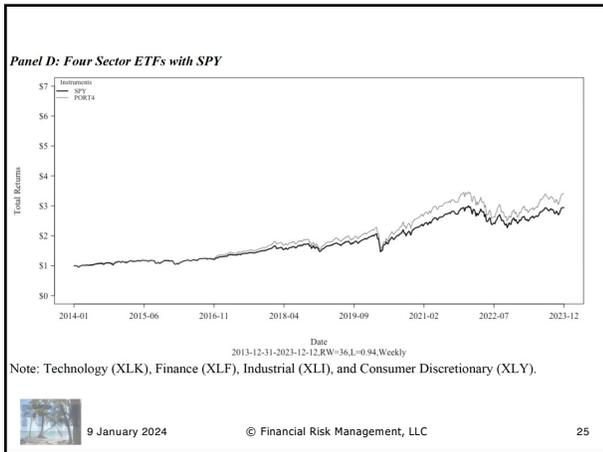
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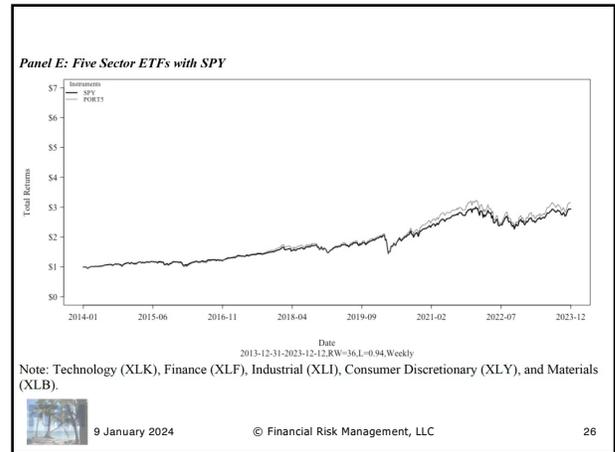
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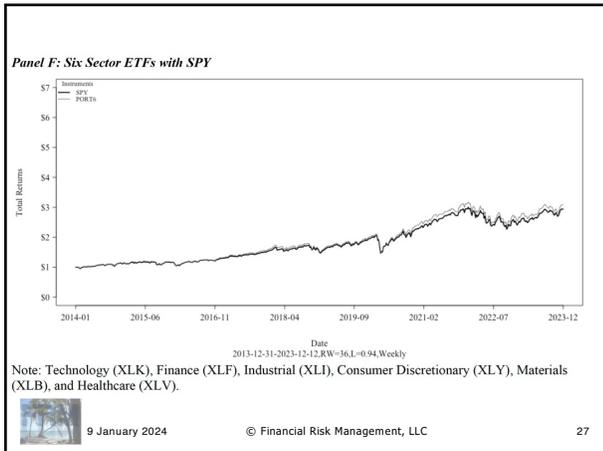
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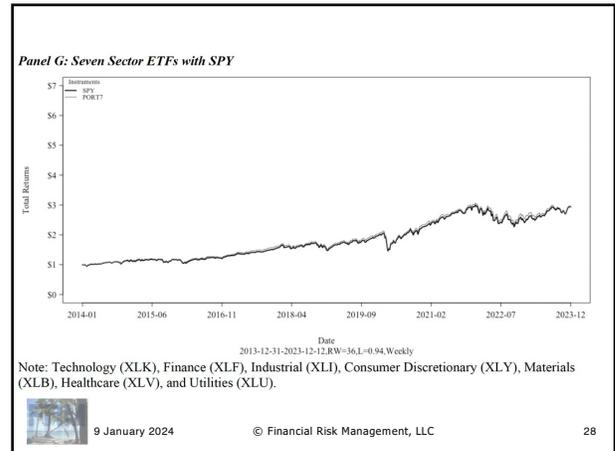
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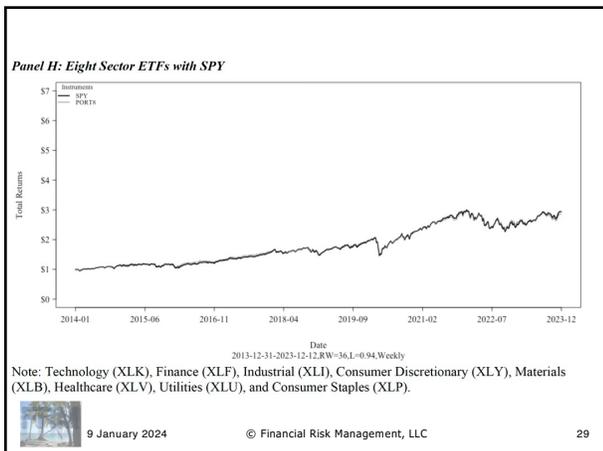
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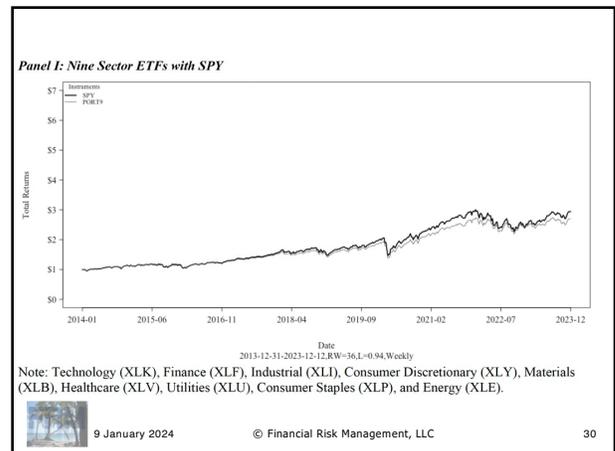
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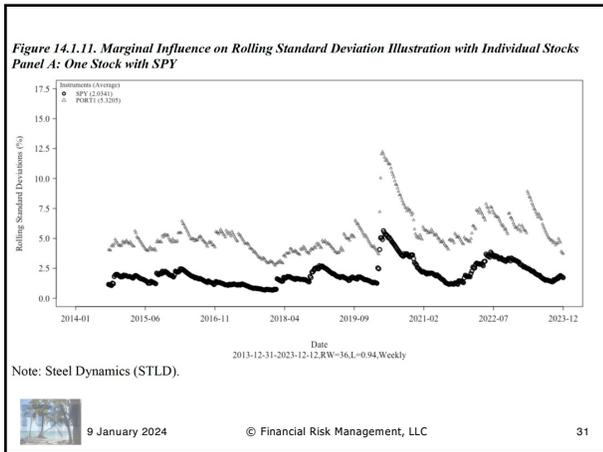
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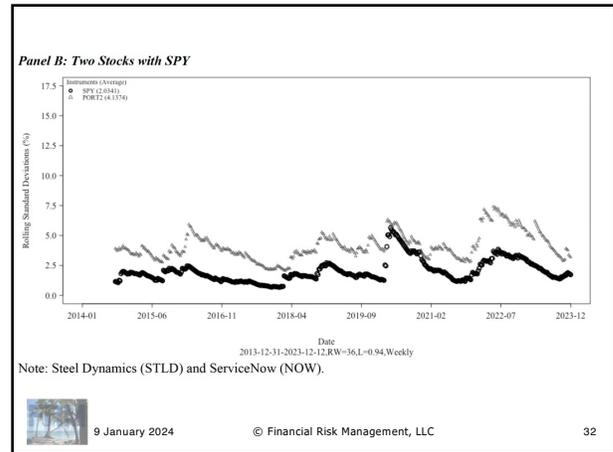
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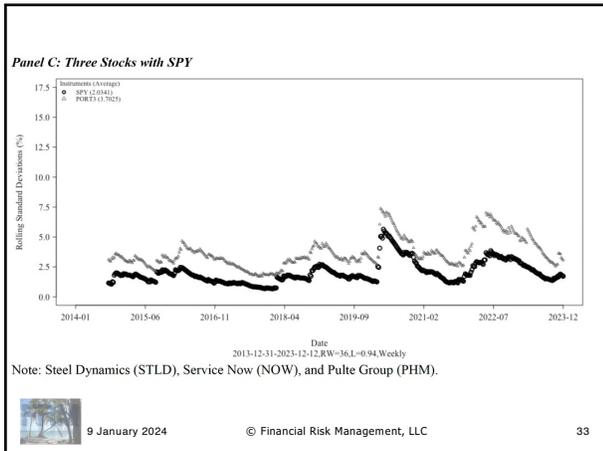
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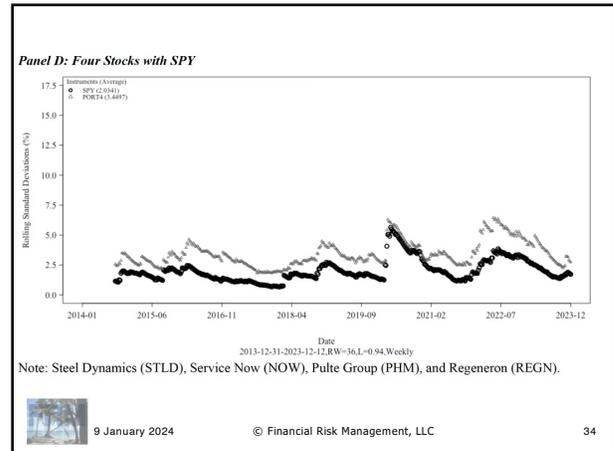
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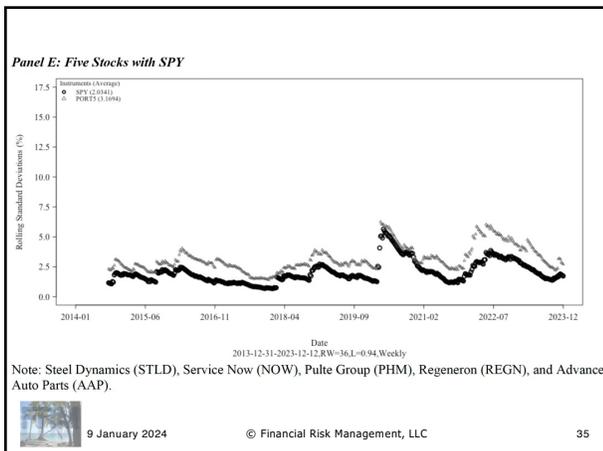
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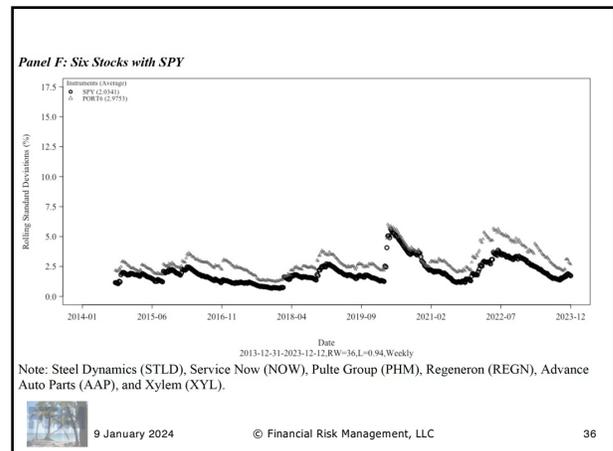
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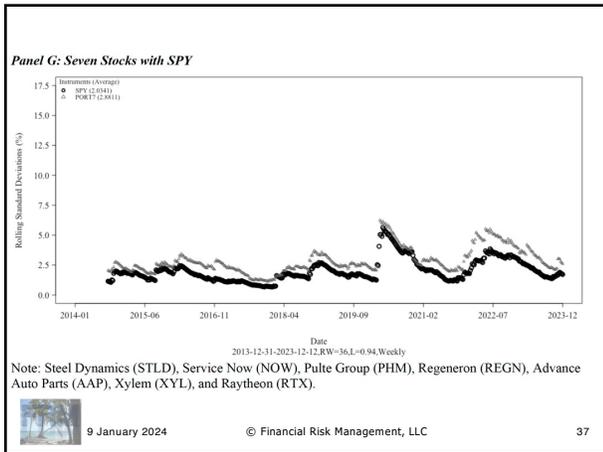
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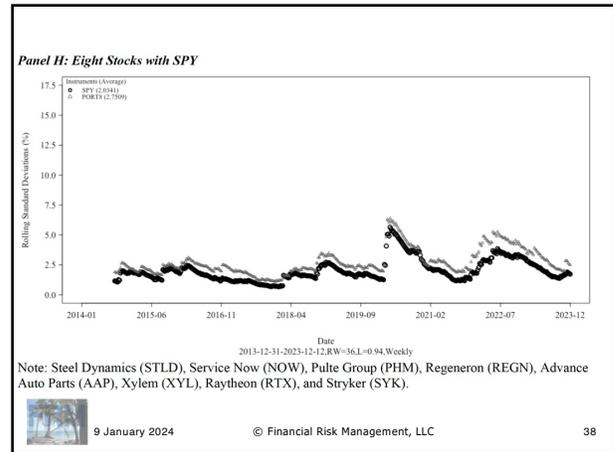
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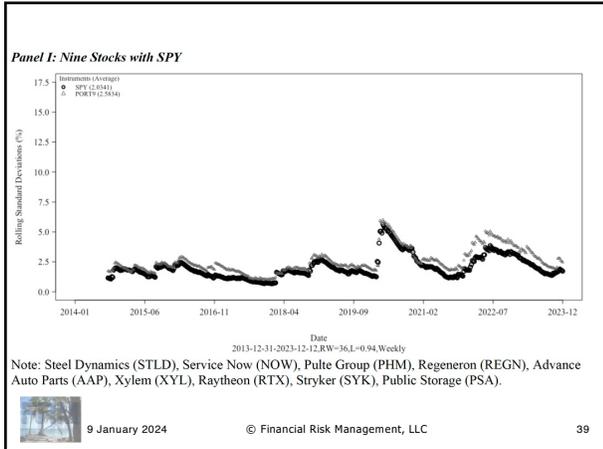
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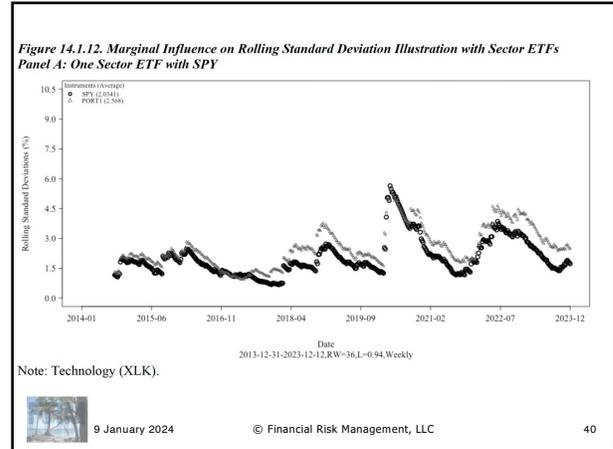
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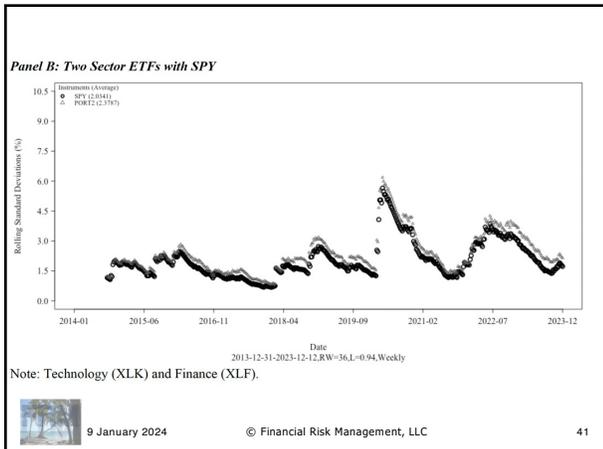
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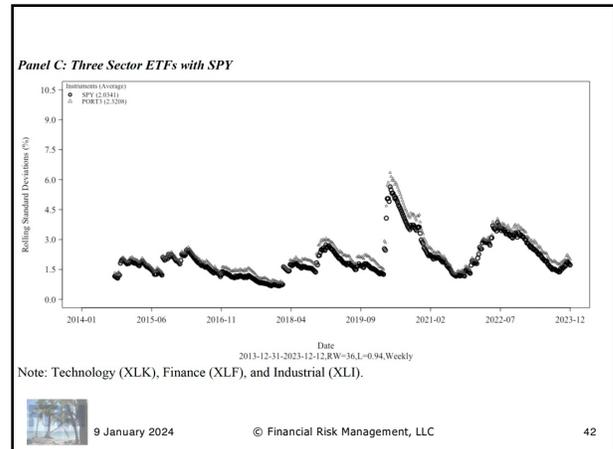
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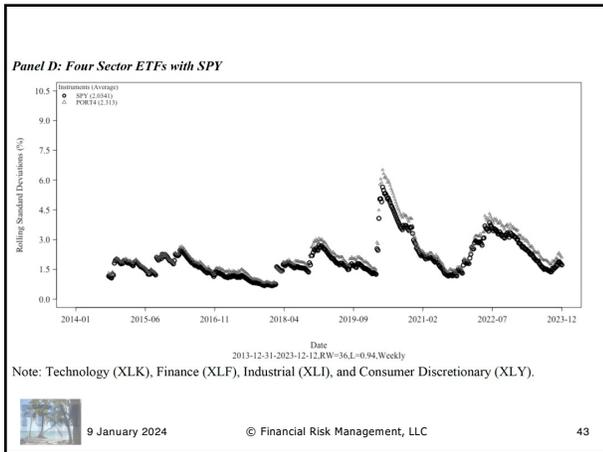
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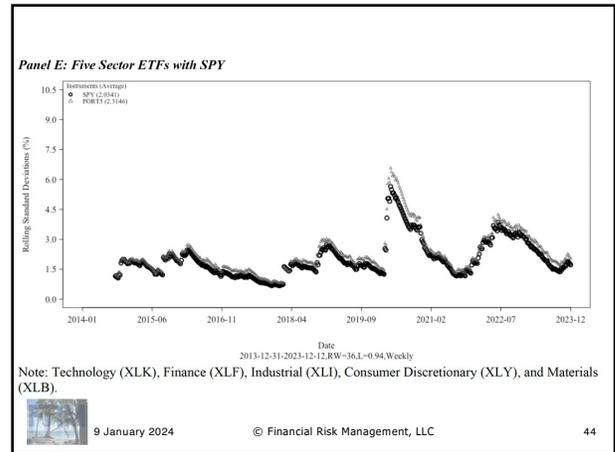
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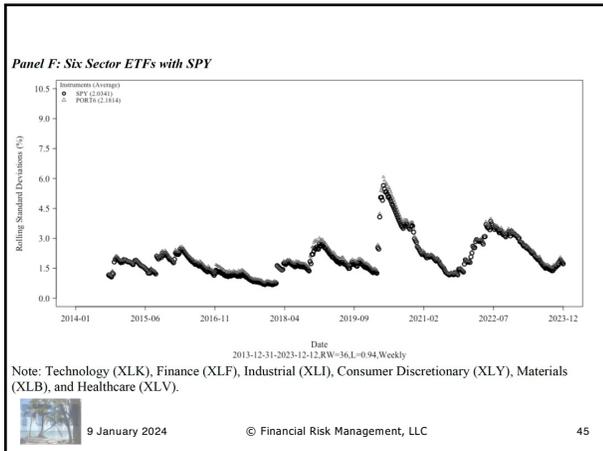
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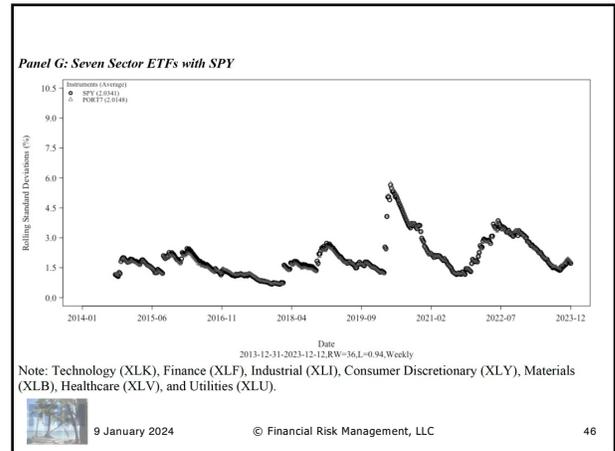
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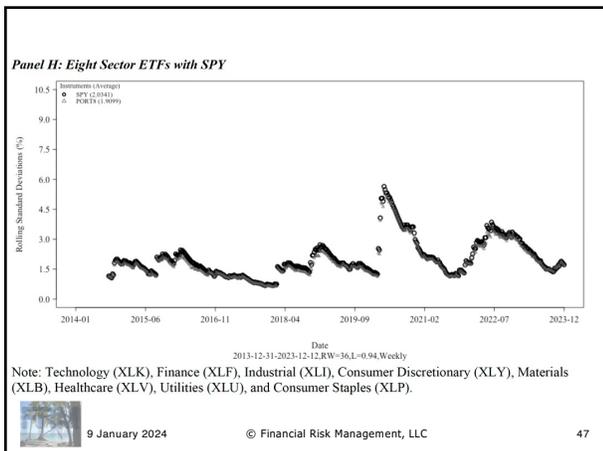
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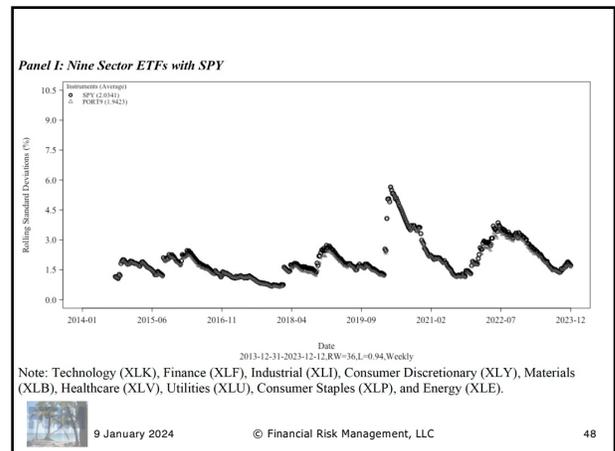
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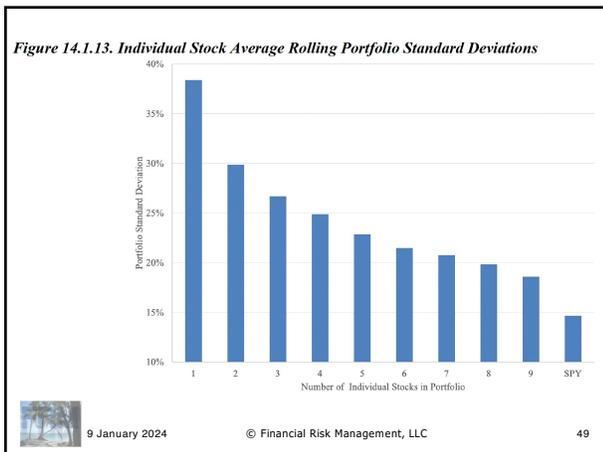
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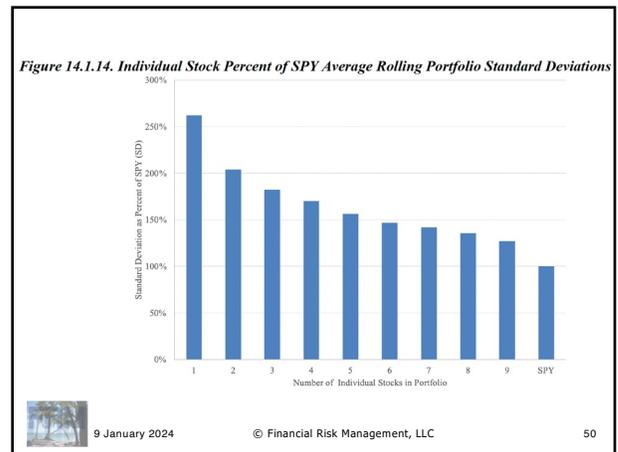
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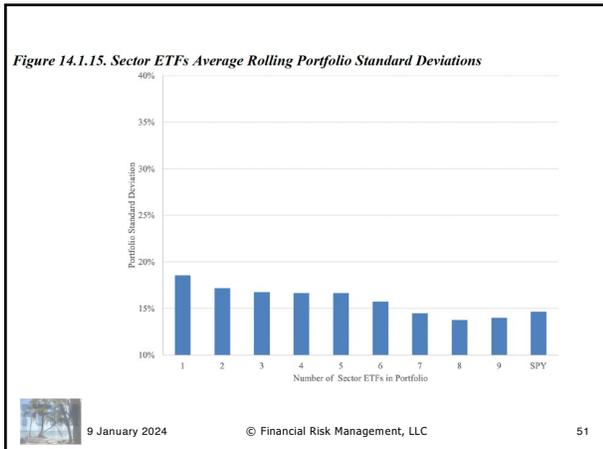
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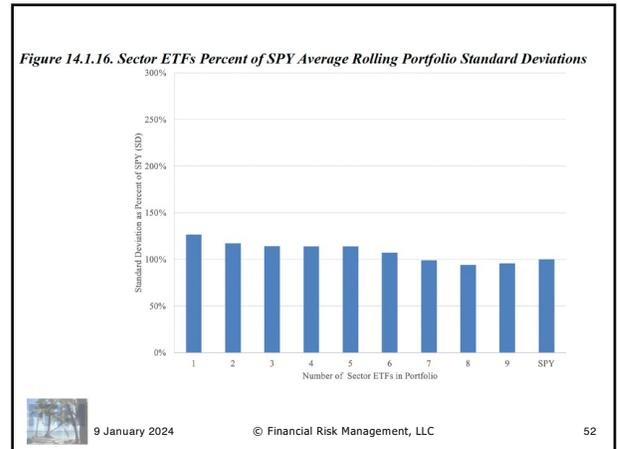
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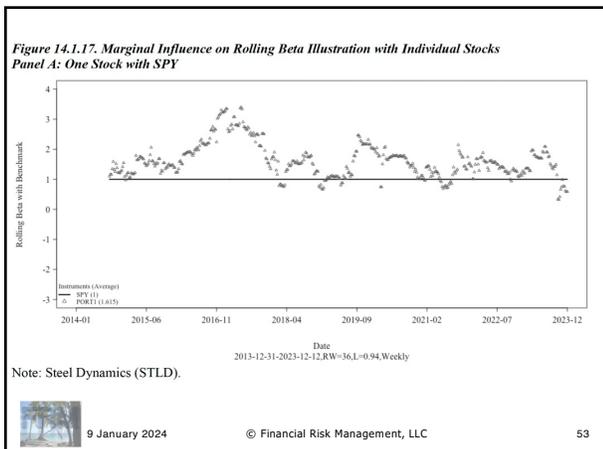
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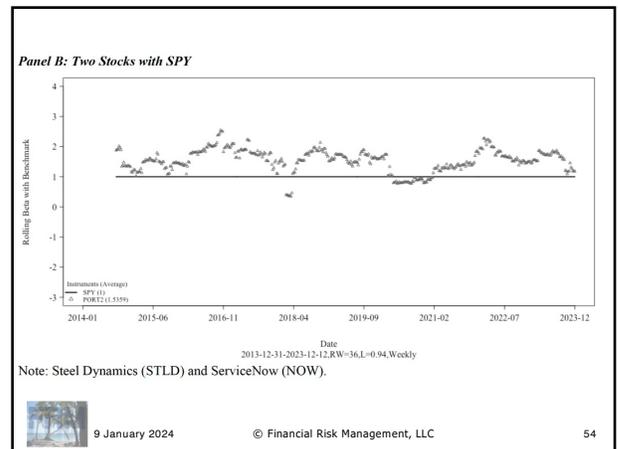
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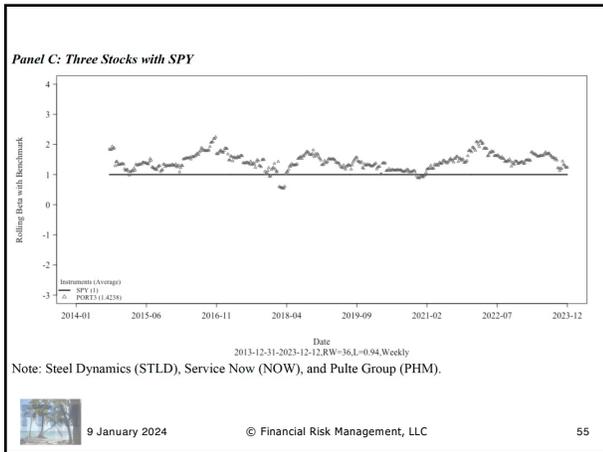
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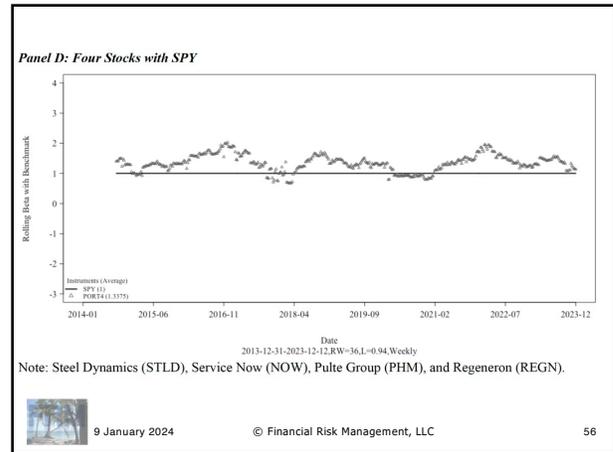
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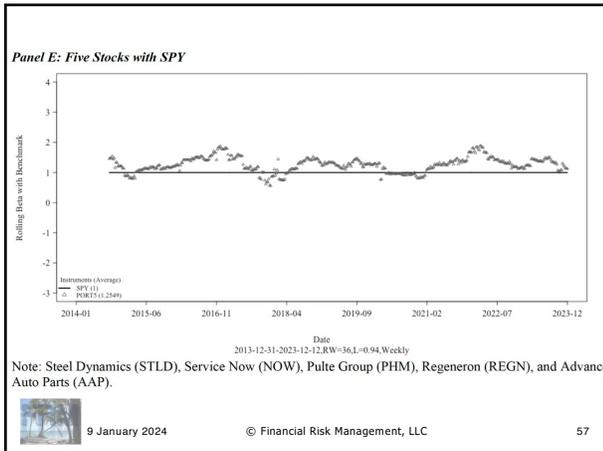
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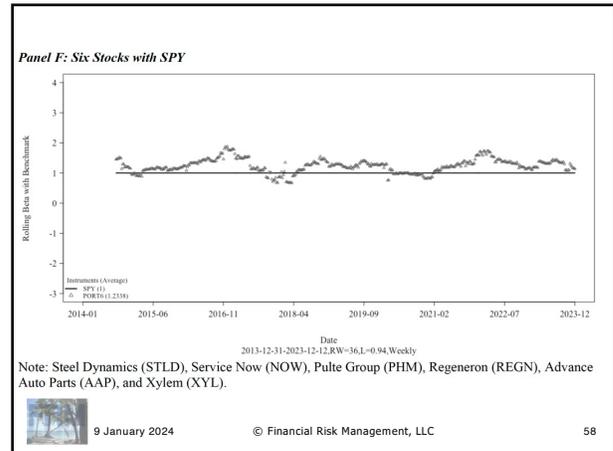
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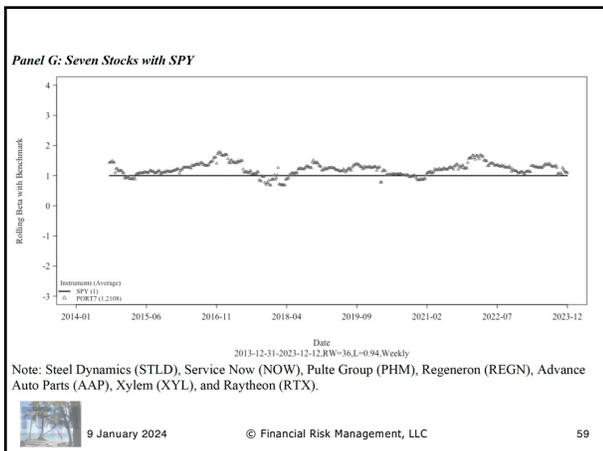
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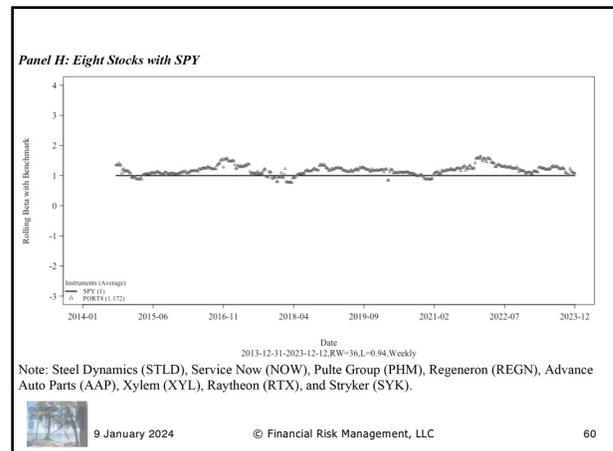
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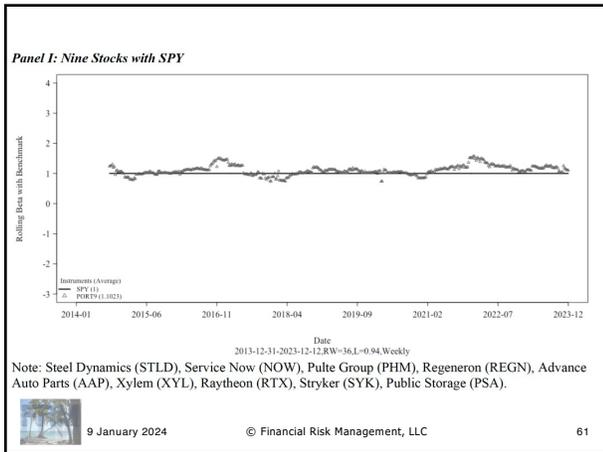
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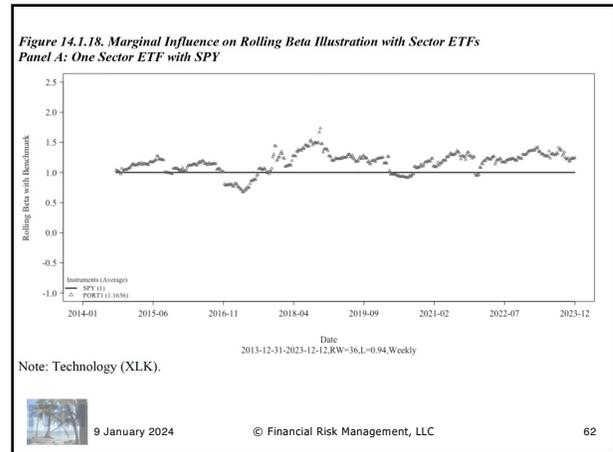
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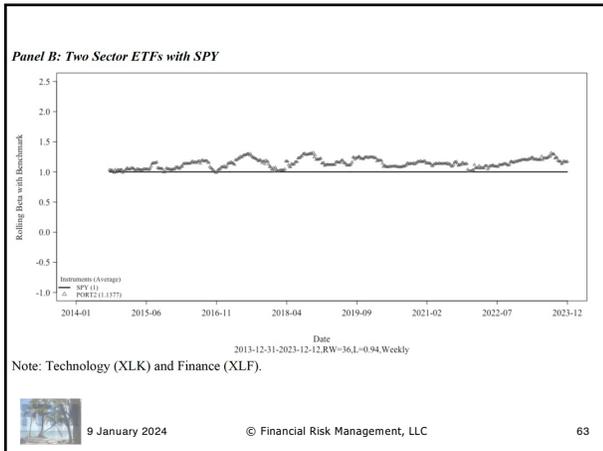
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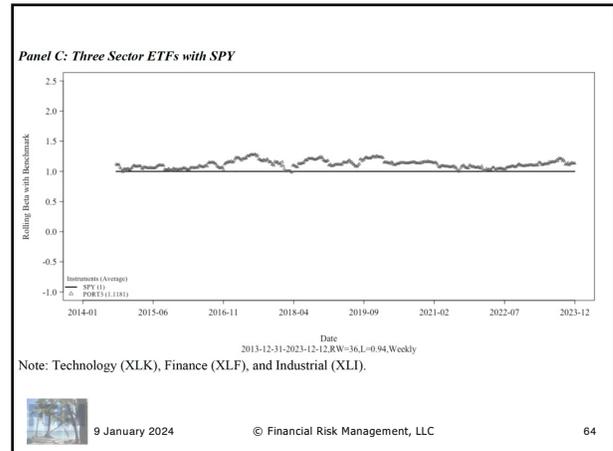
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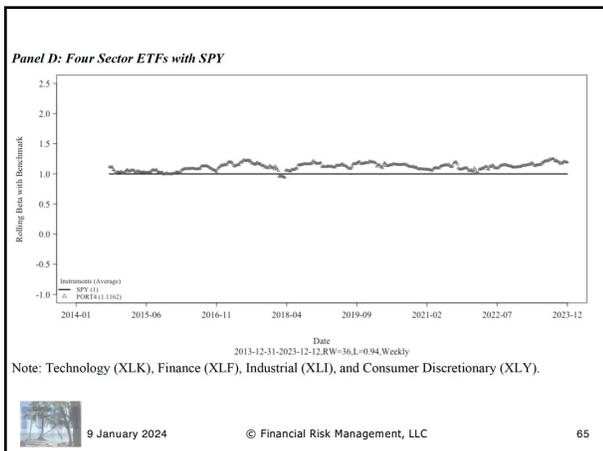
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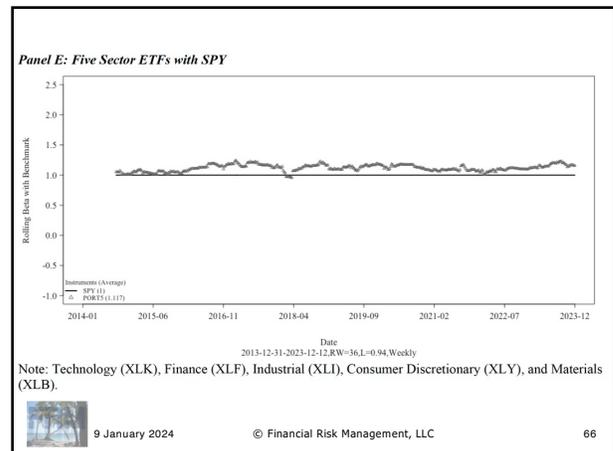
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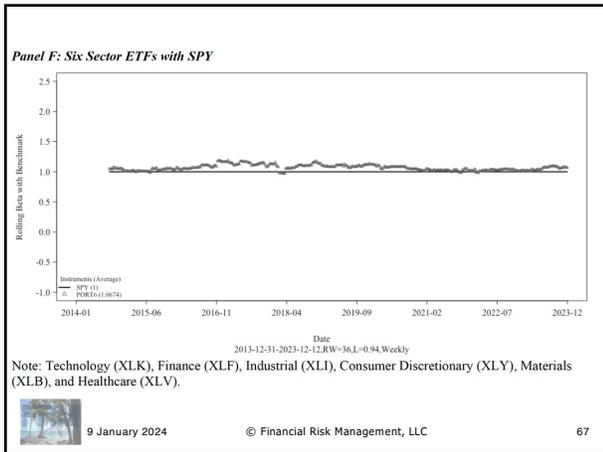
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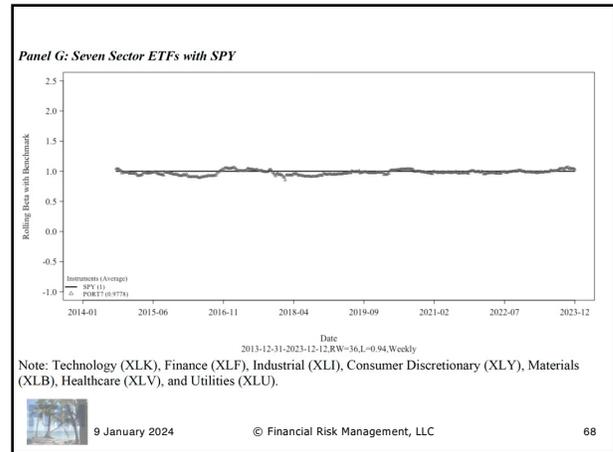
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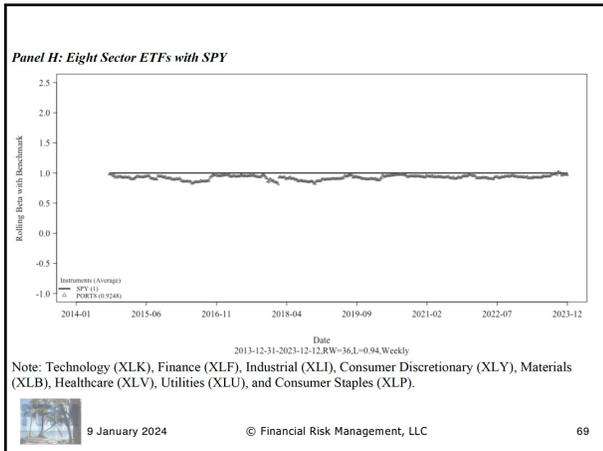
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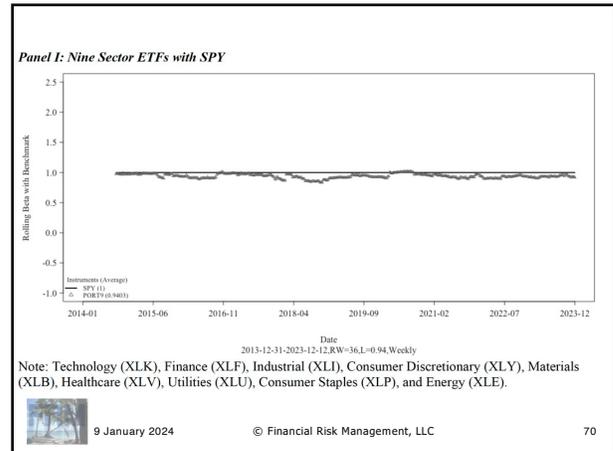
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Diversification Benefit

- Measures
 - Volatility Benefit (VB)
 - Return Due to Diversification (RDD)
- Following figures present the rolling volatility benefit
 - Individual stocks and sector ETFs
 - Time series unstable

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Simple Example

TABLE 14.1.1. Basic Data for Illustration of Concepts

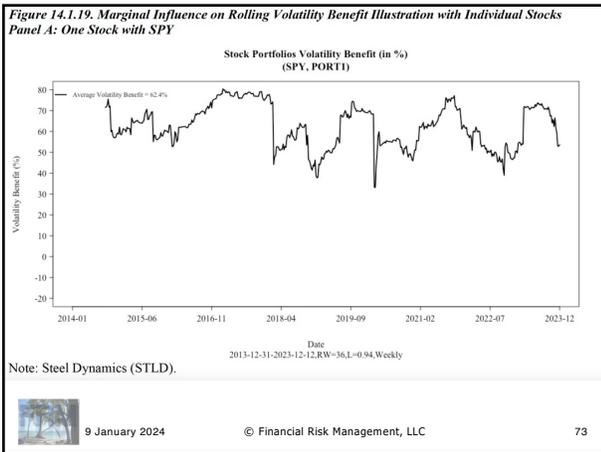
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Portfolio Weights (%)	37.50%	62.50%	100.00%
Period 1	40%	-10%	8.75%
Period 2	-10%	20%	8.75%
Average Returns (%)	15.00%	5.00%	8.75%
Standard Deviations (%)	25.00%	15.00%	0.00%

Benefit in terms of volatility (percentage gain over weighted average standard deviation):

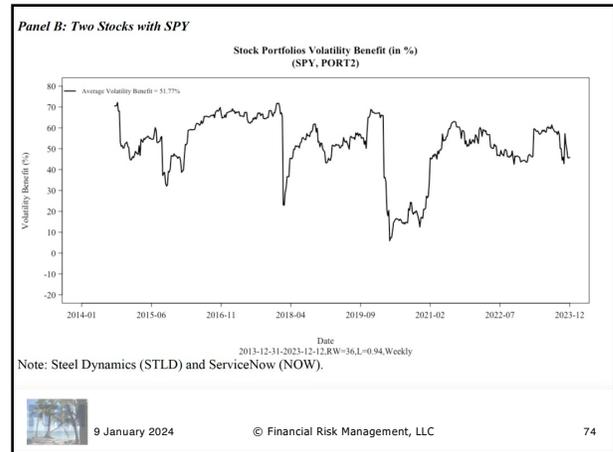
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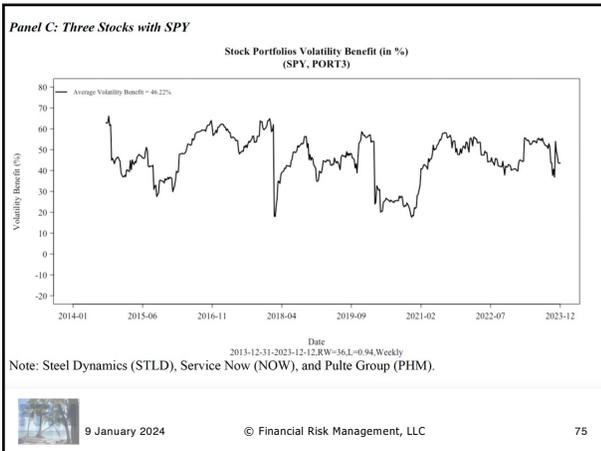
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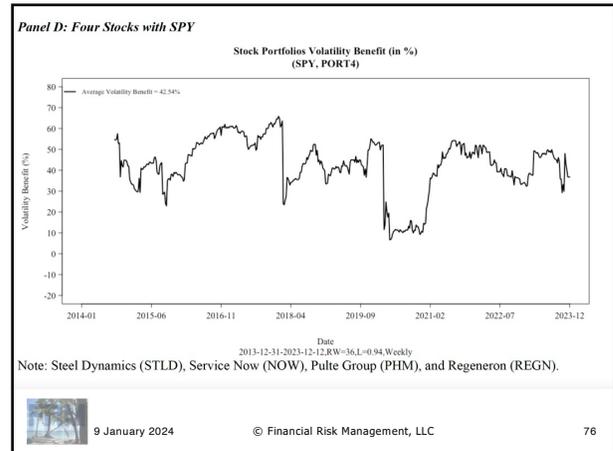
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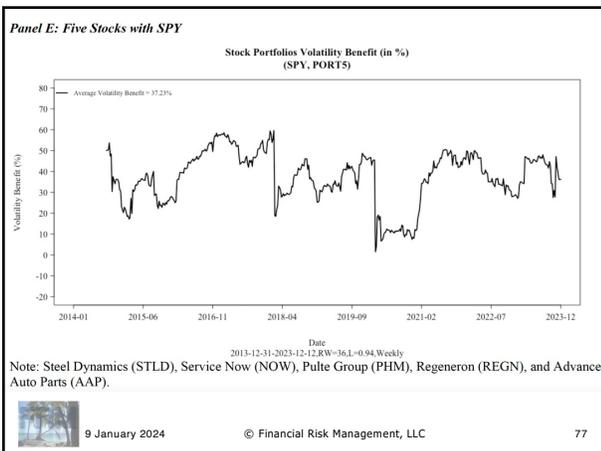
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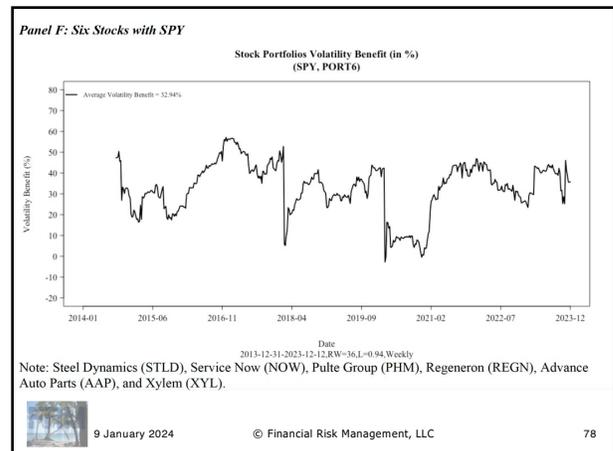
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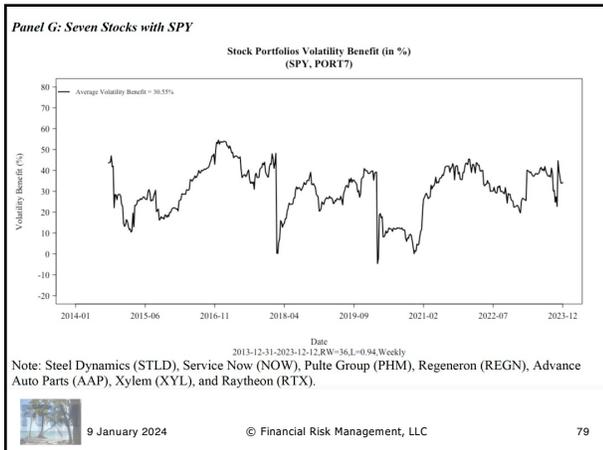
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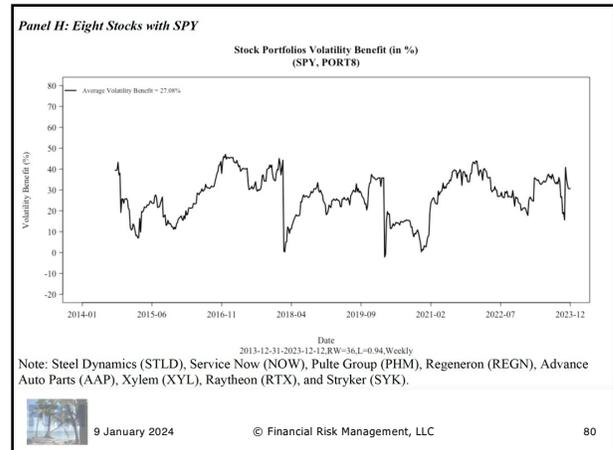
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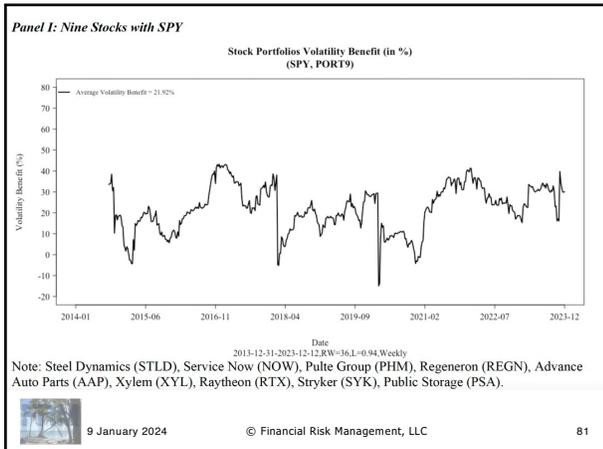
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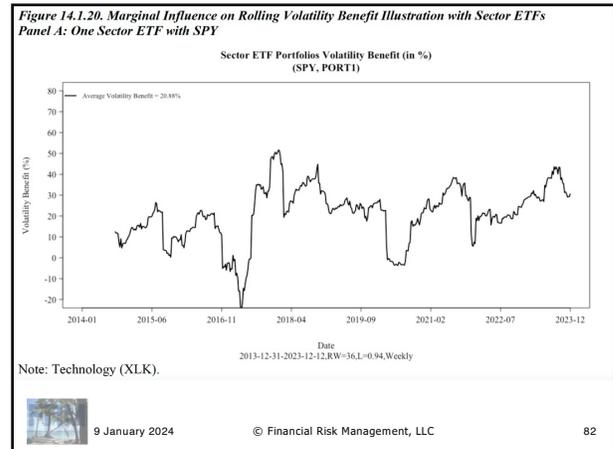
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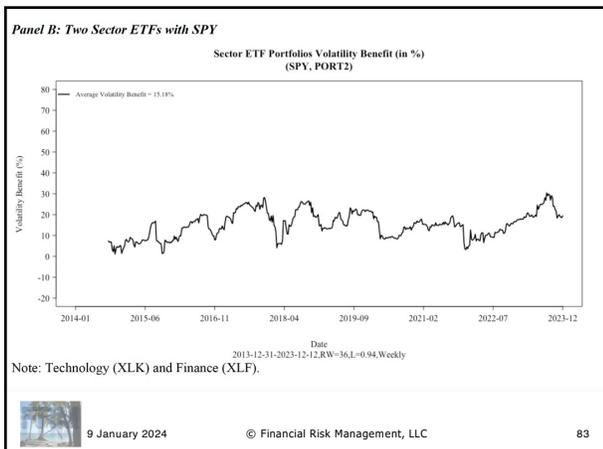
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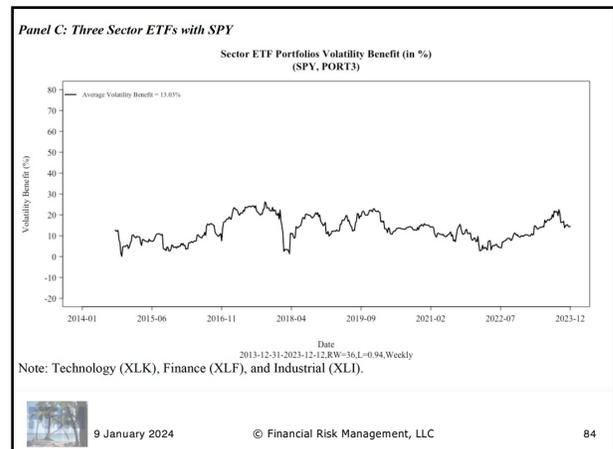
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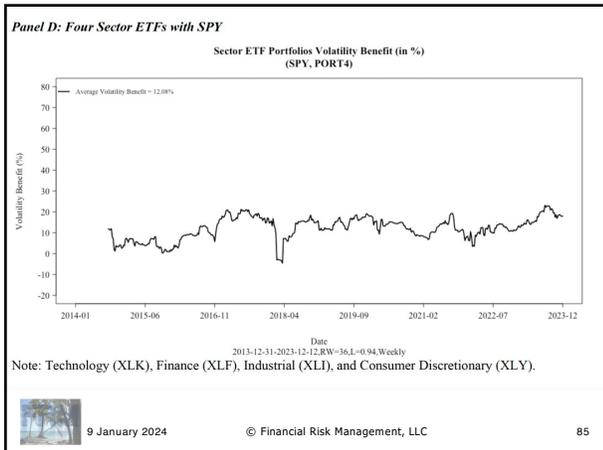
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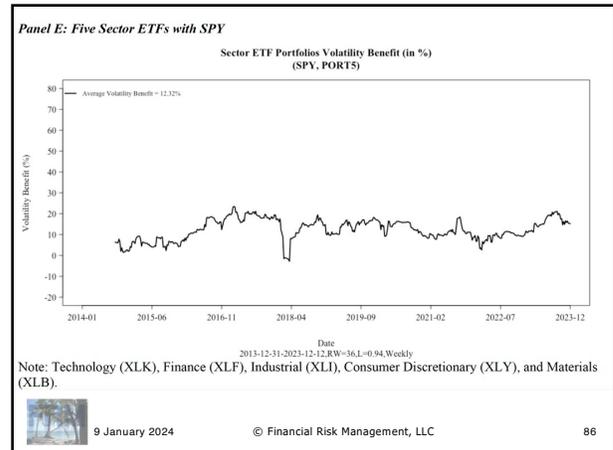
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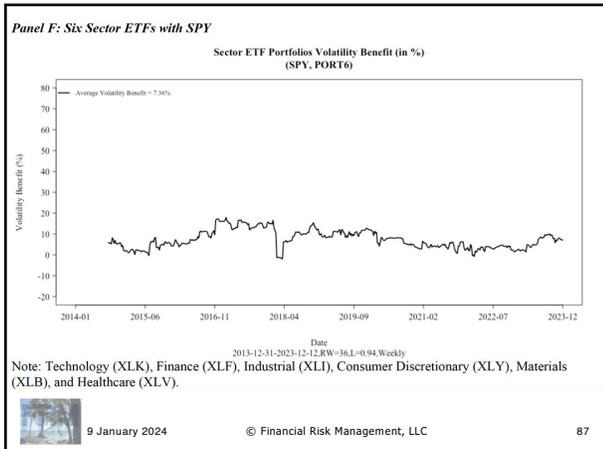
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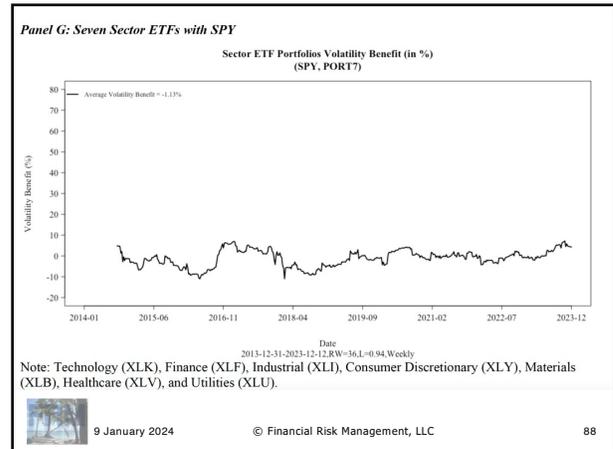
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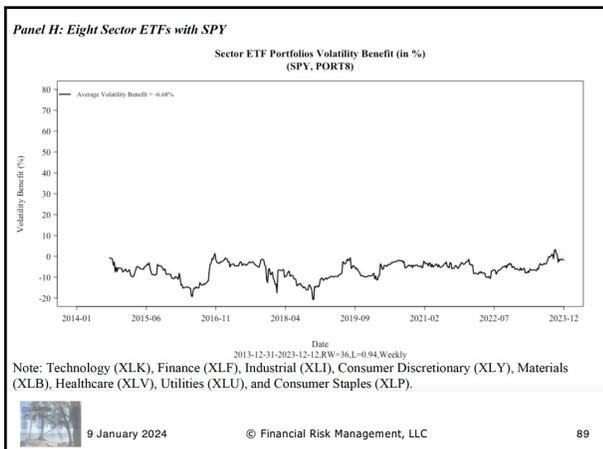
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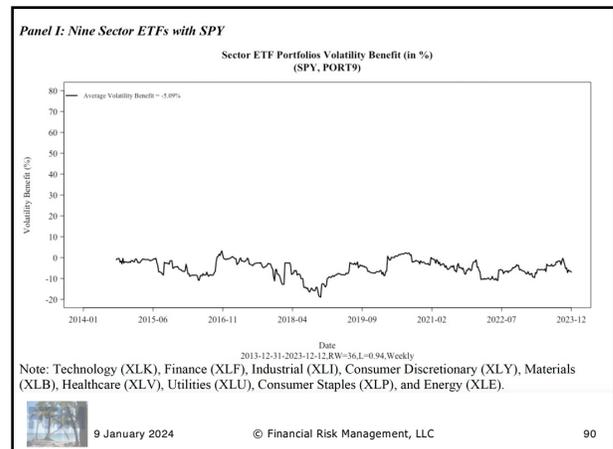
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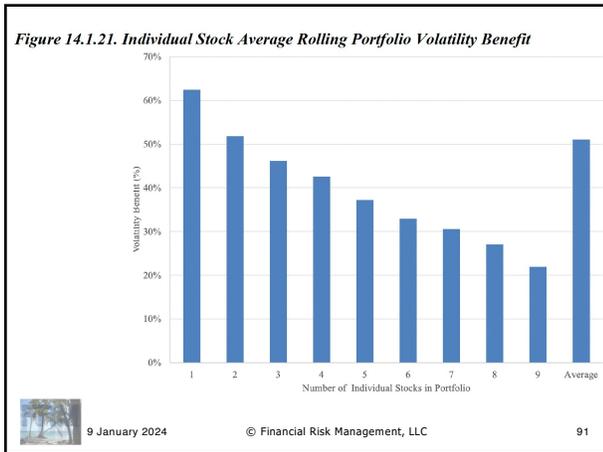
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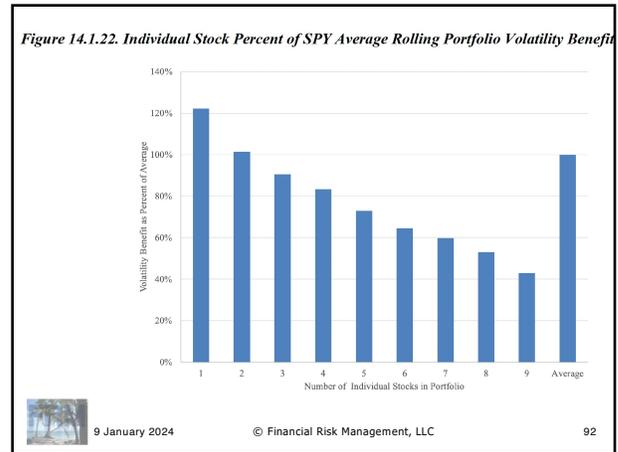
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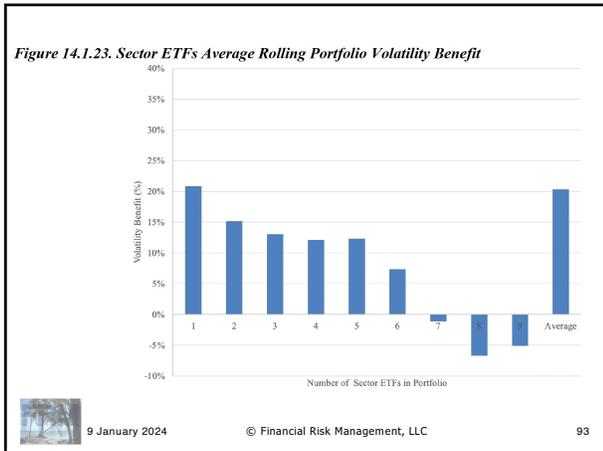
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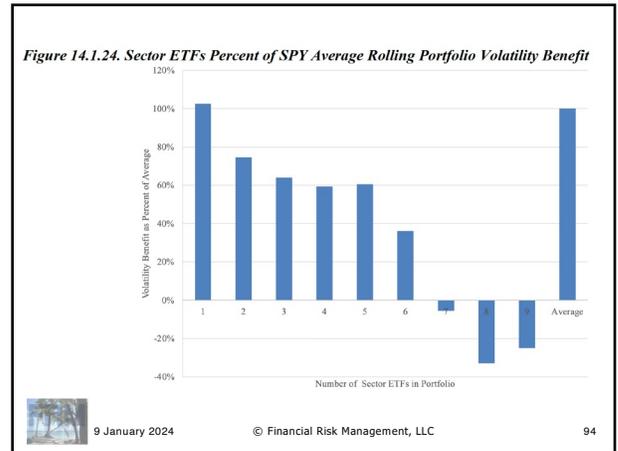
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Volatility Benefit Summary

- Diversification Benefit can be expressed in terms of VB (percentage gain over weighted average standard deviation)
- Ranges between 0% and 100%
- Normal market VB tends to be significantly higher than stressed markets
- VB is quite volatile over time

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Return Due to Diversification

- Diversification Benefit can be expressed in terms of Return Due to Diversification (RDD)
- Based on difference between arithmetic and geometric returns
- Applies Taylor Series approximation
- Decomposition of RDD to Return Contribution (RC) of each instrument

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Simple Example - Expanded

TABLE 14.1.2. Expanded Data for Illustration of Concepts

Asset Class	1		2		Portfolio		
	Value	r_d	Value	r_d	Value	r_d	r_c
Weights (%)	37.50		62.50		100		
Period 0	\$100		\$100		\$100		
Period 1	\$140	40%	\$90	-10%	\$108.75	8.75%	8.388%
Period 2	\$126	-10%	108	20%	\$118.2656	8.75%	8.388%
Average (%)	15%	11.5555%	5%	3.84805%	8.75%	8.388%	
St. Dev. (%)	25%		15%		0%	0%	

$$\text{Arithmetic Average: } AR_1 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n R_{i,j} = \frac{1}{2} [0.4 + (-0.1)] = 0.15 \text{ and} \quad (14.1.2)$$

$$\text{Geometric Average: } GR_1 = \left[\prod_{i=1}^n (1 + R_{i,j}) \right]^{1/n} - 1 = \left[(1 + 0.4) [1 + (-0.1)] \right]^{1/2} - 1 = 0.12249722. \quad (14.1.3)$$



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Arithmetic v. Geometric Return

- Arithmetic average (AR) is biased high

$$ActBias_1 = AR_1 - GR_1 = 0.15 - 0.12249722 = 0.02750278.$$

- Geometric return estimate (Taylor Series)

$$EstBias_1 = AR_1 - \ln(1 + AR_1) + \frac{\sigma_1^2}{2(1 + AR_1)^2},$$

$$EstBias_1 = 0.15 - \ln(1 + 0.15) + 0.25^2 / [2(1 + 0.15)^2] = 0.15 - 0.13976194 + 0.02362949 = 0.03386755.$$



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Return Contribution

- Geometric return estimate

$$EstGR_1 = \ln(1 + AR_1) - \frac{\sigma_1^2}{2(1 + AR_1)^2} = \ln(1 + 0.15) - \frac{0.25^2}{2(1 + 0.15)^2} = 0.11613245.$$

- Thus, the return contribution is

$$RC_p = \sum_{j=1}^n w_j RC_j = \sum_{j=1}^n w_j \left[\frac{AR_j}{AR_p} \ln(1 + AR_p) - \frac{cov(R_j, R_p)}{2(1 + AR_p)^2} \right] = \ln(1 + AR_p) - \frac{\sigma_p^2}{2(1 + AR_p)^2}.$$



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Simple Example Revisited

Table 14.1.3. Decomposing Estimated Geometric Returns with Simple Example

	Asset Class 1	Asset Class 2	Portfolio
Geometric Return	12.249722%	3.923048%	8.750000%
Weighted Average Geometric Return			7.045551%
Return Due to Diversification	2.129961%	0.870179%	1.704449%
Return Contribution	14.379683%	4.793228%	8.388148%
Weighted Average Return Due to Diversification			1.342598%

$$RDD_j = RC_j - GR_j \text{ and } WAGR_p = \sum_{j=1}^n w_j GR_j.$$

$$RDD_p = GR_p - WAGR_p.$$

In practice, $WAGR_p$ is approximately equal to RDD_p .



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Table 14.1.4. Return to Diversification with Five Asset Classes

	Equity Fund	Corp Bond Fund	Intern. Bond Fund	Small Cap Fund	Portfolio
Portfolio Weights (%)	20.00%	20.00%	20.00%	20.00%	100.00%
Monthly Average Returns (%)	1.1240%	0.7426%	0.7230%	1.0669%	0.9722%
Monthly Standard Deviations (%)	4.4281%	1.8602%	1.7638%	5.0164%	2.9647%
Annualized Arithmetic Return	13.4882%	8.9113%	8.6765%	12.8031%	11.6662%
Annualized Standard Deviation	15.3392%	6.4438%	6.1101%	17.3772%	10.2700%
Annualized Geometric Return	12.2498%	8.6755%	8.4633%	11.2526%	11.0907%
Weighted Average Geometric Return					10.4991%
Return Due to Diversification	0.4820%	0.0229%	0.0380%	0.8693%	0.5916%
Return Contribution	12.7318%	8.6984%	8.5014%	12.1220%	11.0944%
Covarij, Portfolio	0.001175	0.000289	0.000226	0.001052	0.000876
Weighted Average Return Due to Diversification					0.59526%



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Summary

- Provide several perspectives on portfolio risk
- Examine nine stocks and nine sector ETFs
- Contrast with SPY, passive index ETF
- Illustrate marginal analysis of risk
- Introduce diversification benefits
 - Volatility benefits
 - Return due to diversification



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