Unleashing the Power of Modern Portfolio Theory: Maximizing Returns while Managing Risk

1. Overview

- Modern portfolio theory is a mathematical approach that helps in creating an investment portfolio by considering both the potential risks and returns.
- It involves selecting assets that have a correlation with historical returns and that can diversify the portfolio.
- MPT key component is diversification meaning that optimal results are achieved by selecting a balanced mix of high-risk/high-return and low-risk/low-return investments, tailored to individual risk tolerance.

4. Balance Risk and Reward

- MPT assumes risk-averse investors who prefer less risky portfolios with the same expected return. They accept higher risk only when rewarded with higher expected returns.
- Ticker daily returns: Volatile with frequent ups and downs.
- Highest annual return: PFE (2021) at **31.6%**.





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2. Goal

- By the end of the poster, I will make sure that you will understand the end-to-end process of Modern Portfolio Theory in detail.
- I promise you; it is an interesting one!

3. Diversified Portfolio Analysis

- Our sample portfolio comprises eight diverse assets, representing exposure to various sectors in the Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS).
- Historical data from Yahoo Finance was collected, spanning from January 1, 2018, to December 31, **2022,** providing valuable insights for our analysis.





5. Sharpe Ratio

- The Sharpe ratio measures the riskadjusted return, considering both portfolio return and risk.
- With a Sharpe ratio of **0.8578**, the portfolio generates a return 85.77% higher than the risk-free rate, accounting for its inherent risk.

8. Results

- Ideal Portfolio: WMT 12%, MCD 18%, PFE 22%, CAT 17%, DOW 8%, AAPL 9%, NEE 16%, DD% -4, Sharpe ratio 1.14.
- Risk Range: Lowest risk (WMT) to highest risk (DOW) portfolios on the efficient frontier.
- AAPL has the highest return and risk, while **DD** has the lowest risk and return.
- The VaR for our WMT assets is \$14,724 with 95% certainty, indicating a potential maximum loss of that amount.

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7. Portfolio Risk Assessment

9. Recommendations

- Investors can choose higher Sharpe ratio portfolios for more risk(For eg-AAPL)
- Select portfolios along efficient frontier with desired Sharpe ratio.
- Consider specific assets in portfolio for desired exposure.
- Use VaR as measure of risk, considering its probabilistic nature

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