

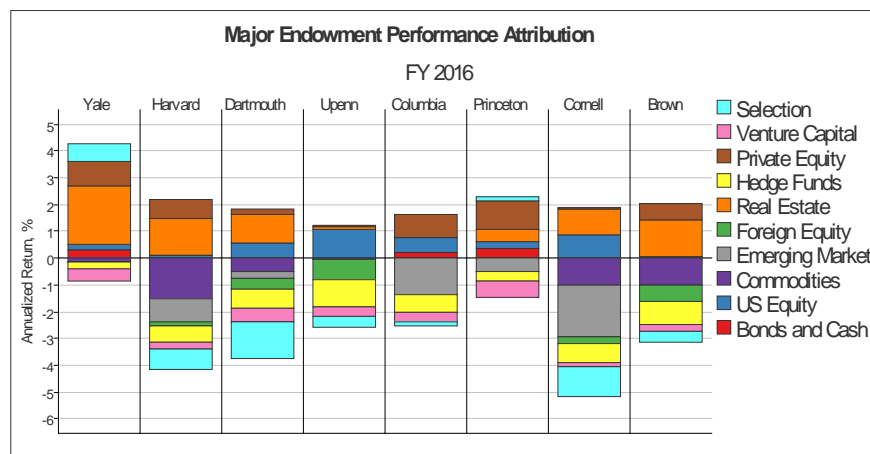


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MPI Analyses FY 2016 Ivy League Endowment Performance

*Commodities and Emerging Markets drag down performance,
Yale continues to outperform Ivy League rivals*

NEW YORK and LONDON – October 18, 2016 /PRNewswire/ – MPI (Markov Processes International), a leading provider of quantitative research, risk analytics and reporting solutions for the global investment management industry, has provided investors with an assessment of Ivy League endowments' 2016 FY Performance.



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Based on a [research study](#) conducted by MPI, asset allocation remains the largest determining factor in endowment performance. Commodities and Emerging Markets, each of which suffered respective losses due to continued declining oil prices or political turmoil, were a significant drag on Ivy League funds' returns. Despite FY 2015's stellar performance by Venture Capital and marginally positive returns by Hedge Funds, both asset classes posted negative returns in FY 2016. Real Estate, US Equities and Bonds were the highest performers in FY 2016.

Yale continued its strong performance. Posting a 3.4% FY 2016 return, Yale beat Princeton, the only other Ivy League endowment with a positive return, by 2.6%. By contrast, Yale arch-rival Harvard's near \$2 billion loss elicited official calls in the press to reevaluate the University's entire investment strategy.

Yale's substantial outperformance is attributable to four themes including over-weighting private investments (Venture Capital, Hedge Funds, Private Equity and Real Estate), avoidance of Commodities and Emerging Markets and a focus on asset allocation implemented through a strong emphasis on fund manager selection. These themes reflect the "Yale Model" that encapsulates the investment philosophy of Yale's long-time chief investment officer David Swenson.

The sources of investment return of university endowments remain opaque. Using MPI Dynamic Style Analysis, we use raw information derived from publicly available data to make robust insights into the factors impacting Ivy League endowment performance.

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