# Module 3: Factor Models (BUSFIN 4221 - Investments)

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Source: "Statman (1987) - How many stocks make a diversified portfolio"

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$$\alpha_i = 0$$

#### CAPM: $\alpha$ Prediction

$$\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{r}_i] - \mathbf{r}_f = \beta_i \cdot (\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{r}_M] - \mathbf{r}_f)$$

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Empirical Evidence

#### CAPM: $\hat{\alpha}$ from 1926 to 2012 (US Equity)



Source: Franzzini and Petersen (2014) - Betting Against Beta

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#### CAPM: $\hat{\alpha}$ Across Asset Classes



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#### CAPM: " $\beta$ is the only Risk Measure" Prediction

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Empirical Evidence

#### CAPM: Characteristic Sorted Portfolios



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X = Size of Firm

X = Book Equity / Market

# CAPM: Size x Book-to-Market Portfolios (1946 to 2010)



Source: Goyal (2012) - Empirical Cross-Sectional Asset Pricing: a Survey

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No free lunch in Wall street

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# 3 Factor Model: Size x Book-to-Market Porfolios (1946 to 2010)



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From an empirical perspective, there are three key failures of the CAPM. Can you explain what are the failures and what is the evidence behind each one of them?