

Factor Focus – October 2026

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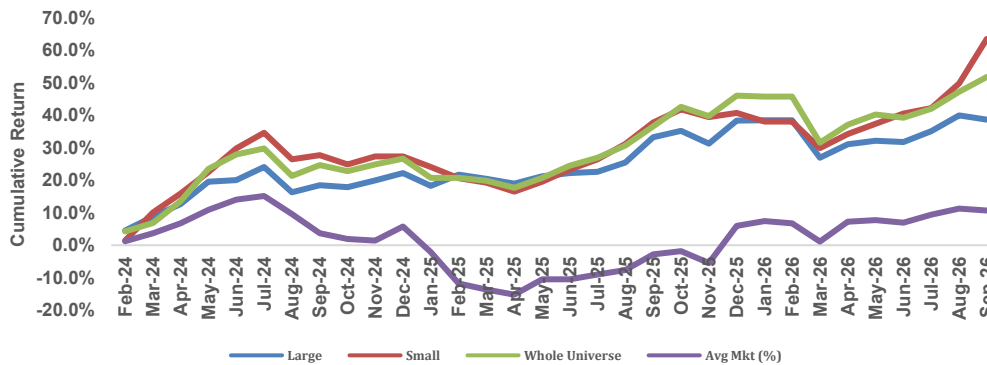
Summary

Despite the high US 10Y Treasury yield and elevated oil price environment, which dragged the local bourse's performance in September 2026, with the FBM KLCI and FBMSCAP recording losses of 4.3% and 1.0% respectively, our Large- and Small-cap portfolios outperformed the indices by recording a minimal loss of 1.3% and a gain of 13.7% respectively. Cumulatively, our Large-, Small-, and Combined portfolios managed to outperform the broader indices, recording 38.6%, 63.4%, and 51.7% in returns since inception.

Factor strategy and performance

Our strategy integrates quality and momentum factors. The momentum score is derived from the price change over 6 and 12 months, while the quality scores result from a combination of financial ratios. Since the inception, most of the picks were able to deliver better results as compared to the average benchmark returns.

Table 1: Factor Focus Picks Performance (February 2024 –September 2026)



Source: M+ Research, Bloomberg

Table 2: September 2026 Factor Focus Picks Performance

Big Cap Picks		Small Cap Picks		Whole Universe Picks	
GCB	-5.39%	HENGYUAN	88.16%	GCB	-5.39%
SUNCON	-4.98%	THMY	14.43%	SUNCON	-4.98%
TMK	-3.74%	EG	-11.73%	TMK	-3.74%
PMETAL	-6.58%	BAUTO	-1.09%	PMETAL	-6.58%
KGB	-5.87%	SCICOM	4.38%	KGB	-5.87%
99SMART	-7.35%	MSC	-2.89%	99SMART	-7.35%
LHI	-5.10%	KEEMING	7.76%	LHI	-5.10%
VITROX	7.37%	INFOM	6.87%	VITROX	7.37%
UTDPLT	-1.19%	CHB	15.12%	HENGYUAN	88.16%
MI	-13.89%	VSTECs	-4.71%	THMY	14.43%
MNHLDG	13.54%	CBHB	21.38%	EG	-11.73%
WPRTS	-3.74%	SAMAIDEN	77.54%	BAUTO	-1.09%
UMSINT	3.69%	HIBISCS	4.38%	SCICOM	4.38%
KMLOONG	-3.21%	INNO	-7.91%	MSC	-2.89%
SCGBHD	16.36%	KOBAY	-5.96%	KEEMING	7.76%
Average return	-1.34%	Average return	13.72%	Average return	4.49%

Source: M+ Research



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Table 3: October 2026 Factor Focus Picks

Large Cap Picks					Small Cap Picks					Combined Picks				
Ticker	Q	M	S	Rating	Ticker	Q	M	S	Rating	Ticker	Q	M	S	Rating
GCB	9.0	9.8	8.8	SP	THMY	0.7	1.0	0.7	SP	GCB	9.0	9.8	8.8	SP
HENGYUAN	8.2	9.7	8.0	SP	EG	0.7	1.0	0.7	SP	HENGYUAN	8.2	9.7	8.0	SP
SUNCON	7.9	9.5	7.4	SP	SCICOM	0.7	1.0	0.7	SP	SUNCON	7.9	9.5	7.4	SP
NATGATE	7.3	9.8	7.1	SP	VLB	0.7	1.0	0.6	SP	NATGATE	7.3	9.8	7.1	SP
TMK	6.9	9.8	6.7	SP	KEEMING	0.6	1.0	0.6	SP	TMK	6.9	9.8	6.7	SP
LHI	9.0	7.3	6.5	SP	INFOM	0.7	0.9	0.6	SP	LHI	9.0	7.3	6.5	SP
SCGBHD	7.8	8.2	6.4	SP	CHB	0.6	1.0	0.6	SP	SCGBHD	7.8	8.2	6.4	SP
KGB	6.5	9.8	6.4	SP	LAGENDA	0.8	0.8	0.6	SP	KGB	6.5	9.8	6.4	SP
VITROX	6.5	9.8	6.4	SP	EXSIMHB	0.6	1.0	0.6	SP	THMY	0.7	1.0	0.7	SP
CBHB	6.3	9.8	6.2	SP	ISF	0.6	1.0	0.6	SP	EG	0.7	1.0	0.7	SP
MNRB	6.3	9.7	6.1	SP	SAMAIDEN	0.6	0.9	0.6	SP	SCICOM	0.7	1.0	0.7	SP
MI	6.2	9.8	6.0	SP	LWSABAH	0.6	1.0	0.6	SP	VLB	0.7	1.0	0.6	SP
MNHLDG	6.1	9.8	6.0	SP	BAUTO	0.7	0.8	0.6	SP	KEEMING	0.6	1.0	0.6	SP
UMSINT	6.1	9.8	5.9	SP	VSTECS	0.7	0.8	0.5	SP	INFOM	0.7	0.9	0.6	SP
KERJAYA	6.4	9.2	5.9	SP	DUFU	0.5	1.0	0.5	SP	CHB	0.6	1.0	0.6	SP

Q: Quality, M: Momentum, S: Score, SP: Strong Positive
Source: M+ Research

Added stocks: NATGATE, MNRB, KERJAYA, VLB, LAGENDA, EXSIMHB, ISF, LWSABAH, DUFU

Removed stocks: PMETAL, 99SMART, UTDPLT, WPRTS, KMLOONG, MSC, HIBISCS, INNO, KOBAY

Table 4: Performance Statistics

Period	Large	Small	Whole Universe	Avg Mkt (%)	FBMKLCI	FBM70	FBMSCAP	FBMACE
Dec-24	2.3%	0.0%	1.8%	4.3%	3.0%	5.5%	3.9%	4.8%
Jan-25	-7.5%	-5.3%	-8.6%	-5.1%	-5.2%	-6.7%	-5.1%	-3.4%
Feb-25	3.5%	-3.4%	0.0%	-4.8%	1.1%	-5.4%	-6.6%	-8.4%
Mar-25	-1.3%	-1.4%	-0.9%	-1.8%	-3.9%	-2.2%	-2.1%	1.1%
Apr-25	-1.8%	-3.1%	-2.1%	-1.4%	1.8%	-2.0%	-1.6%	-3.7%
May-25	2.5%	3.2%	3.0%	-0.4%	-2.1%	1.6%	0.7%	-1.7%
Jun-25	1.0%	3.8%	3.7%	0.0%	1.6%	1.2%	-0.9%	-1.8%
Jul-25	0.4%	3.1%	2.5%	1.5%	-1.3%	1.3%	2.8%	3.3%
Aug-25	2.8%	4.7%	3.7%	1.4%	4.1%	-0.8%	0.1%	2.2%
Sep-25	7.8%	6.6%	5.9%	4.8%	2.3%	1.6%	5.8%	9.5%
Oct-25	2.2%	4.0%	6.3%	0.7%	-0.2%	1.8%	0.1%	1.0%
Nov-25	-4.0%	-2.3%	-2.8%	-3.7%	-0.3%	-1.2%	-5.7%	-7.6%
Dec-25	6.4%	0.9%	5.4%	1.4%	4.7%	-0.3%	0.4%	1.0%
Jan-26	0.6%	-2.2%	0.3%	1.6%	3.6%	4.2%	1.5%	-3.1%
Feb-26	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-0.7%	-1.4%	0.2%	-1.5%	-0.1%
Mar-26	-11.5%	-8.2%	-14.2%	-5.6%	-1.5%	-3.9%	-7.1%	-10.0%
Apr-26	4.5%	4.8%	5.9%	6.1%	1.9%	7.2%	6.6%	8.7%
May-26	1.2%	3.2%	3.3%	0.5%	-2.3%	2.2%	-1.0%	3.2%
Jun-26	0.2%	4.1%	-0.2%	-0.8%	-1.1%	-3.1%	-0.4%	1.3%
Jul-26	2.3%	0.2%	1.4%	2.5%	3.7%	1.2%	2.0%	3.1%
Aug-26	4.9%	7.6%	5.3%	1.9%	0.1%	-0.5%	2.6%	5.5%
Sep-26	-1.3%	13.7%	4.5%	-0.6%	-4.3%	-2.6%	-1.0%	5.4%
Average	1.2%	2.0%	1.6%	0.3%	0.3%	0.5%	-0.1%	0.6%
Cumulative	38.6%	63.4%	51.7%	10.7%	9.8%	16.3%	-2.5%	19.1%

Source: M+ Research



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