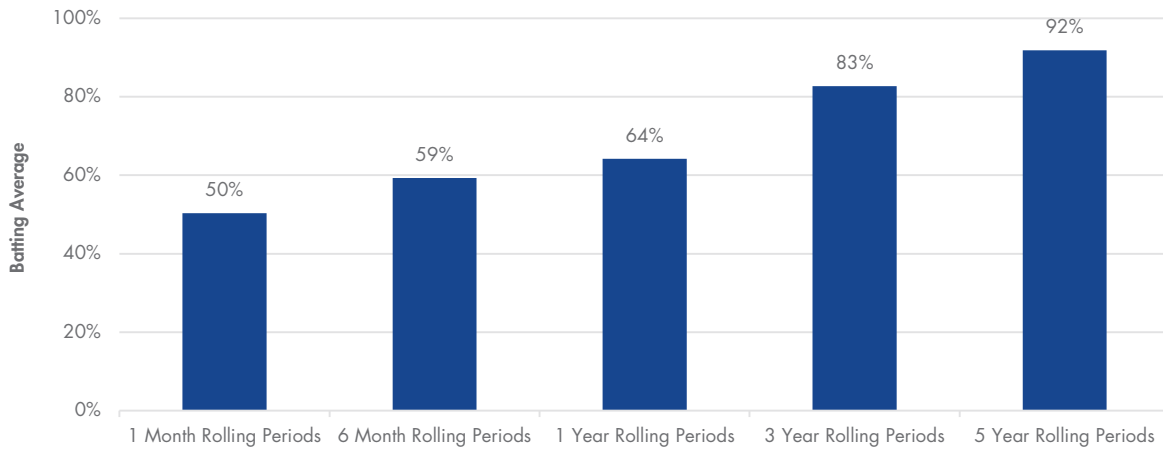


Considering Batting Average in Wide Moat Investing

Batting average measures outperformance versus a benchmark. In baseball, it represents the percentage of a player’s hits to at bats, when applied to investing, it indicates how often an investment strategy has outperformed a benchmark. The Morningstar® Wide Moat Focus IndexSM has had an impressive batting average measured against the S&P 500® Index, particularly over long-term.

Batting Average: Morningstar® Wide Moat Focus IndexSM vs. S&P 500 Index

Monthly Frequency: 3/2007 - 3/2019



	1 Month Rolling Periods	6 Month Rolling Periods	1 Year Rolling Periods	3 Year Rolling Periods	5 Year Rolling Periods
Total Periods	145	140	134	110	86
Total Outperformed	73	83	86	91	79
Batting Average (%)	50	59	64	83	92

Source: Morningstar Direct.

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