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Beat HOW TO PICK THE BEST INDEX FUNDS the Market

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Managing the Truth

You repeat the old chestnut that, since active managers “pretty much are the market,” in aggregate they cannot beat the market (“Beat the Broad Market,” Feb. 3, p. 80). You omit the corollary of this self-evident truth, namely, that only actively managed funds or discretionary managers are beating the market. Which index funds achieved 5%, 10% or 20% returns last year, as many active managers did?

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