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## Conservative Growth Portfolio

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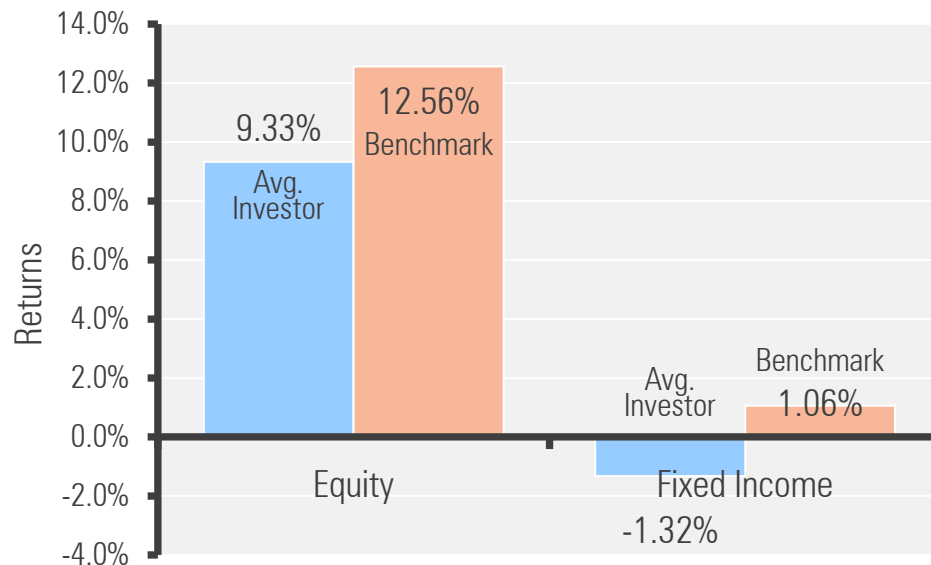
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# Stringer Asset Management

## Your Success Is How We Measure Ours

Average Investor Performance vs. Market Benchmarks | January 2013 – December 2022



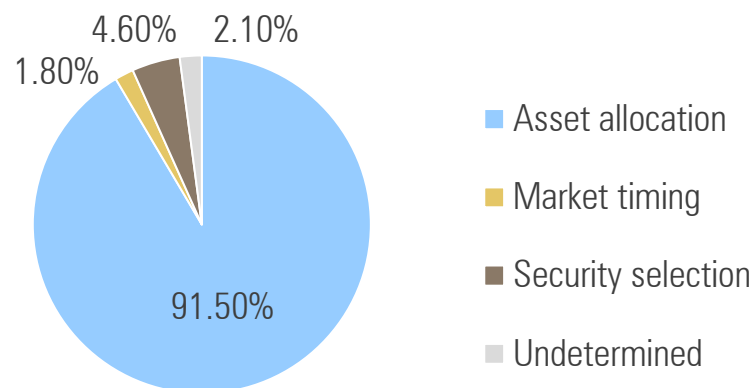
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Equities are represented by the S&P 500 Index. Fixed Income is represented by the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index. Investor returns are calculated by DALBAR.

**Investors tend to fall short of achieving the opportunities and returns presented by the financial markets. The impact of investment errors caused by the constant market noise, media-hype and uncertainty of real world economic and market events may not be realized for years. We have dedicated our careers to refining our investment processes to avoid those emotional pitfalls and help you realize your financial goals.**

## Our Approach: Asset Allocation Is The Industry Baseline

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<sup>1</sup>Source: Brinson, Gary, and Brian Singer, and Gilbert Beebower. "Determinants of Portfolio Performance II: An Update." *Financial Analysts Journal* 47.3 (1991): 40-48. Print.

**Asset allocation is the most influential factor in determining the variations in portfolio returns<sup>1</sup>. Therefore, we actively manage our asset allocations to focus our portfolios on areas where we see the best opportunities for future returns.**

## Our Approach: Going Beyond The Standard With Three Levels Of Risk Management

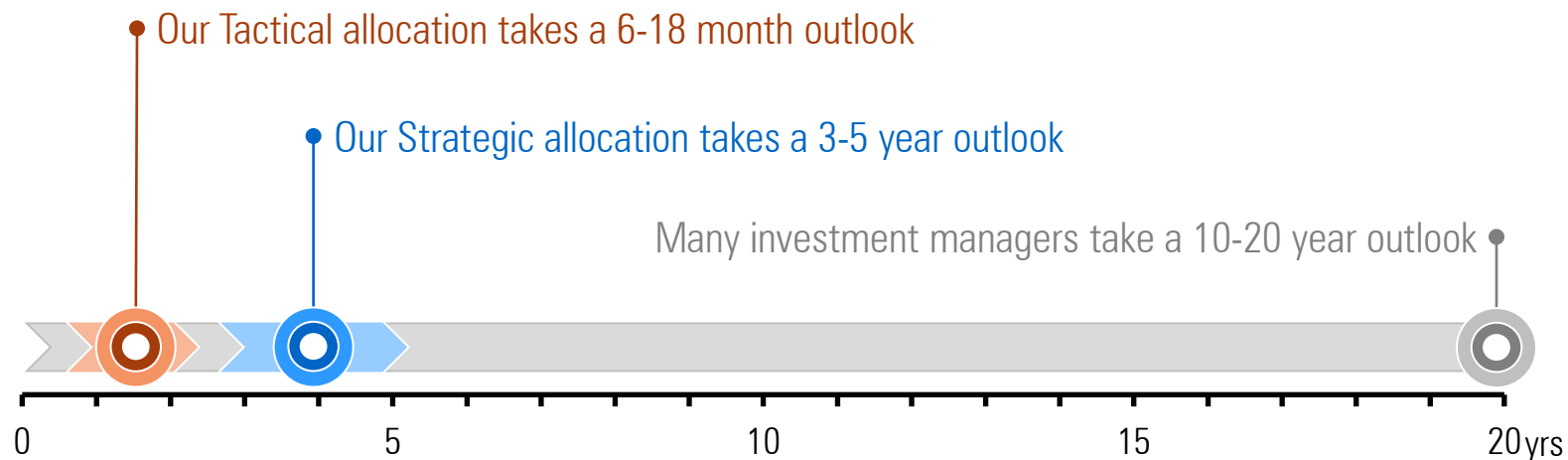
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# Our Approach: Going Beyond The Standard By Managing Risk In Real Time

## We blend Strategic and Tactical Management.

While our philosophy is centered on Modern Portfolio Theory and asset allocation, we realize that has limits. To further refine our allocations, we focus on a combination of a 3- to 5-year **Strategic Outlook** and a 6- to 18-month **Tactical Outlook**. We believe this innovative approach focuses our team on a shorter timeframe that has greater visibility when creating our forward looking assumptions, potentially providing more consistent risk adjusted returns.

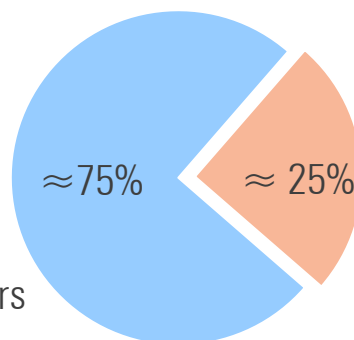


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### ■ Strategic Allocation:

- Value | Growth | Momentum
- Capitalization Weightings
- Domestic | International | Emerging Markets
- Fixed Income Duration & Sectors
- Alternative Investments



### ■ Tactical Allocation:

- Equity Sectors
- Global Regions
- Emerging Markets
- High Yield Credit
- Real Estate
- Commodities
- Cash

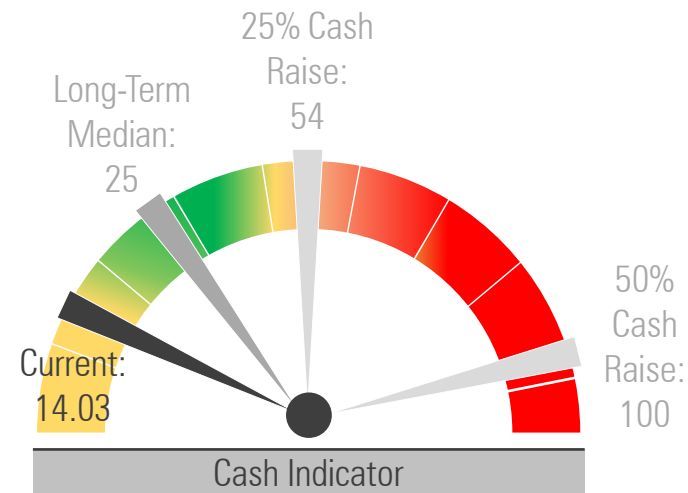
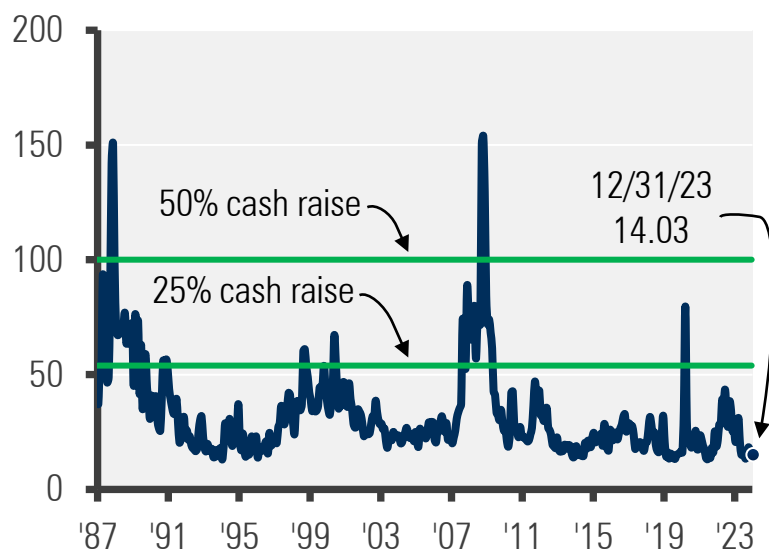
**Our portfolios are anchored by our strategic asset allocation. This first layer of our risk management process provides a core diversified base which guides and informs our broad asset allocation over and underweights.**

**We further focus our exposures with our tactical allocation. This second layer of our risk management gives us the flexibility to lean defensively or opportunistic based on the nearer-term environment. Our tactical allocation can move to a temporary cash position or overweight risk assets where valuations and our outlook warrant.**



# Our Approach: Going Beyond The Standard With Our Cash Indicator

The Cash Indicator | January 1987 – December 2023



**We have found that excessive correlation of certain volatility indicators related to the equity and fixed income markets provide us with an early warning system and well-defined process for identifying extreme outlier markets. Our studies have shown that significant preservation of capital and enhanced return can be achieved when we are able to exit equity and alternative markets during these events. Our process allows us to increase the cash allocation to 25-50% during those events and potentially redeploy that cash in the future at more attractive valuations.**

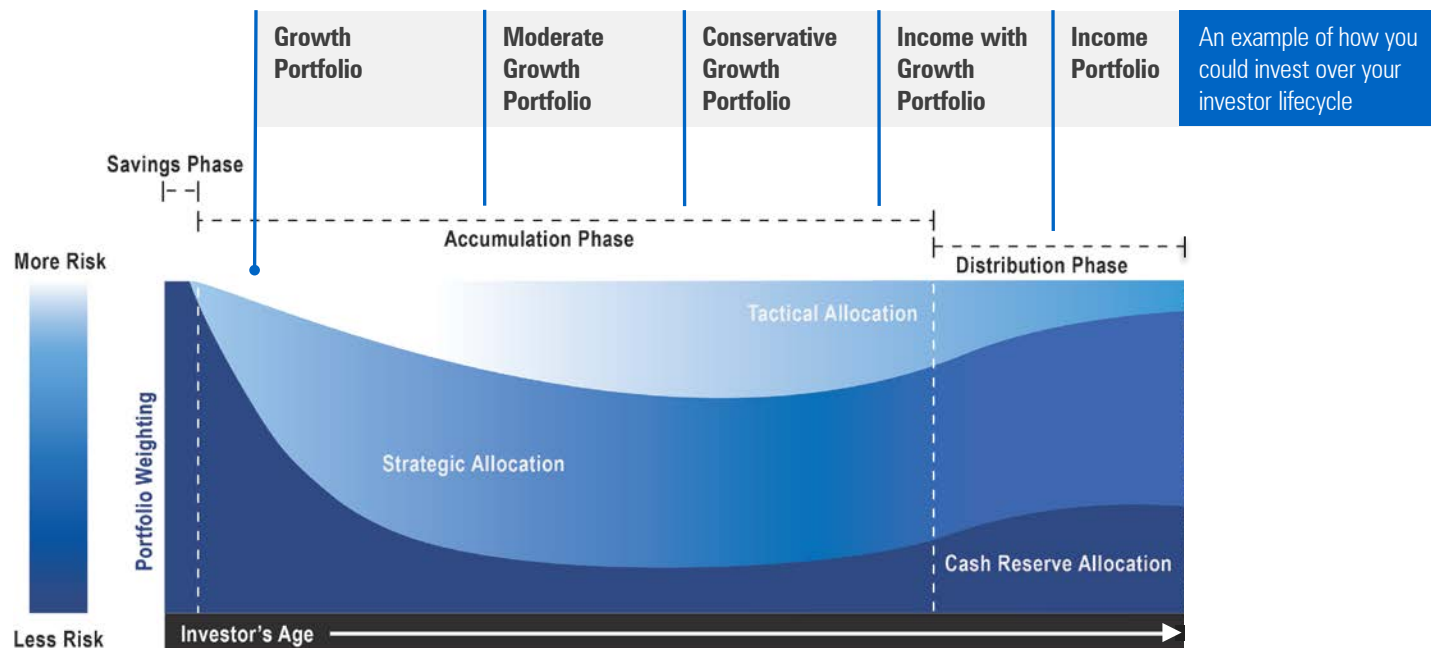
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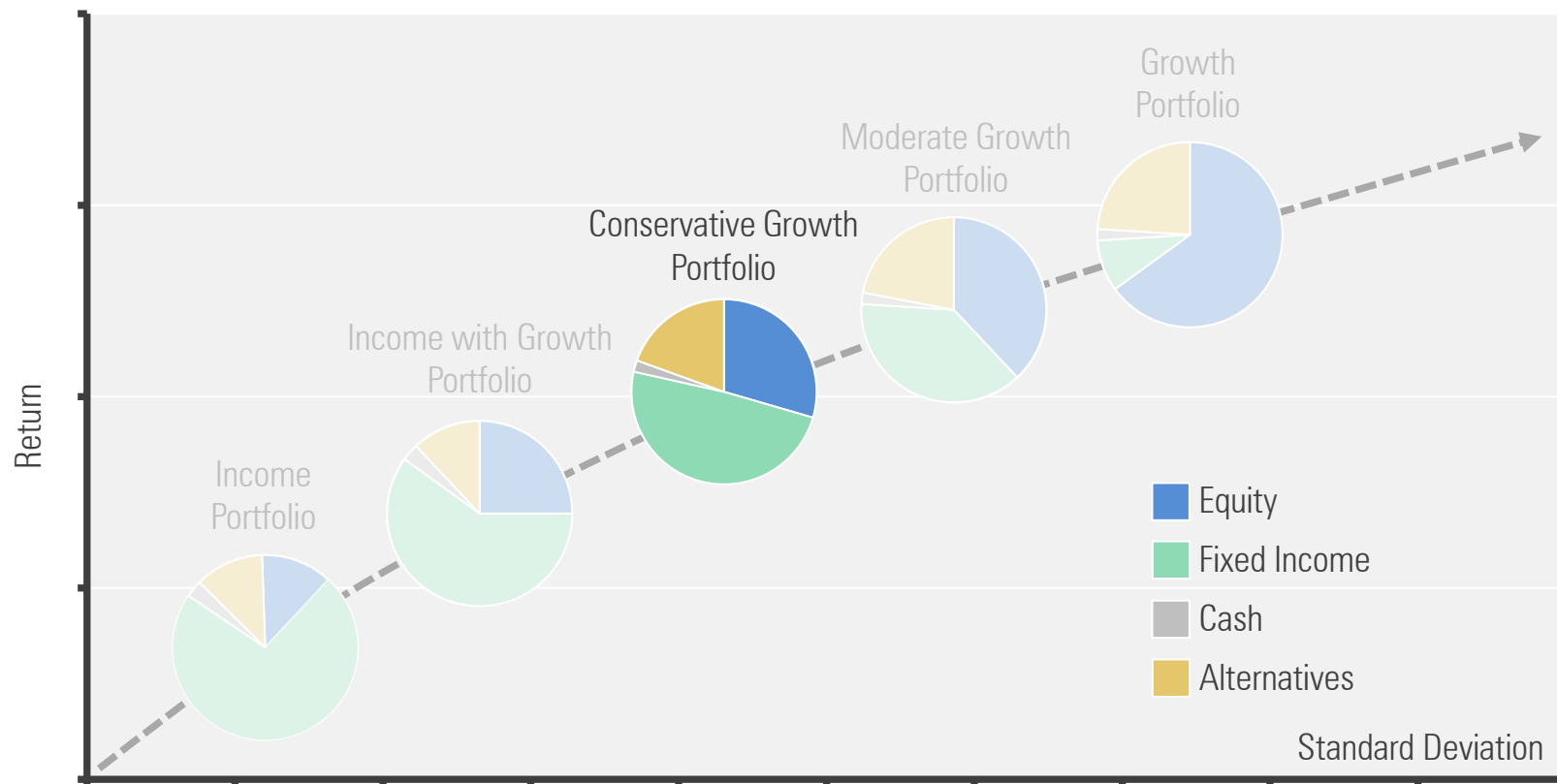
- ▶ The Cash Indicator (CI) helps investors stay the course during difficult times by being a defined process to raise cash.
- ▶ When volatility spikes and the Cash Indicator is activated, it acts as a relief valve for investors by satisfying a bias-towards action.
- ▶ When the Cash Indicator is activated, we may increase the cash position to approximately 25% or 50% of the portfolio.
- ▶ The Cash Indicator is designed to act similar to an insurance policy to aid in avoiding extreme outlier events in the financial markets.
- ▶ During our period of research, the CI added value through higher total return, lower volatility and higher risk-adjusted returns.

# Our Approach: The Investment Journey



**Our solutions are designed to meet your objectives and risk tolerances at each step in your journey. Your location on this journey will determine the portfolio's overall allocation to strategic, tactical and cash reserve allocations. This step is the key determinate of overall investment results.**

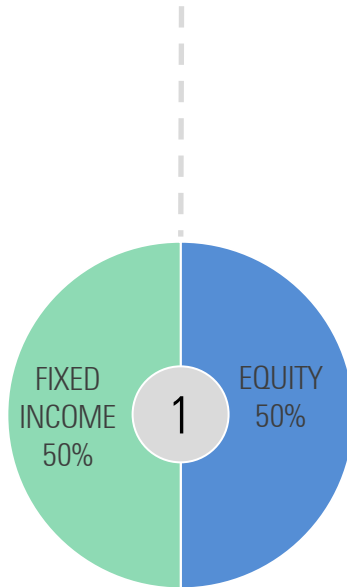
# Our Approach: Hypothetical Plot



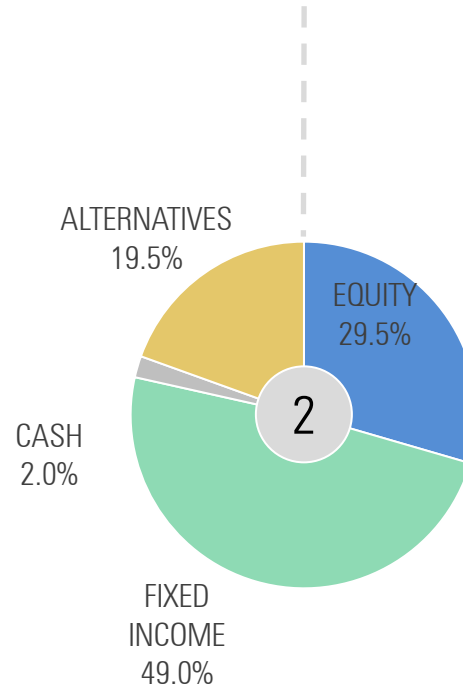
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## Asset Allocation Details

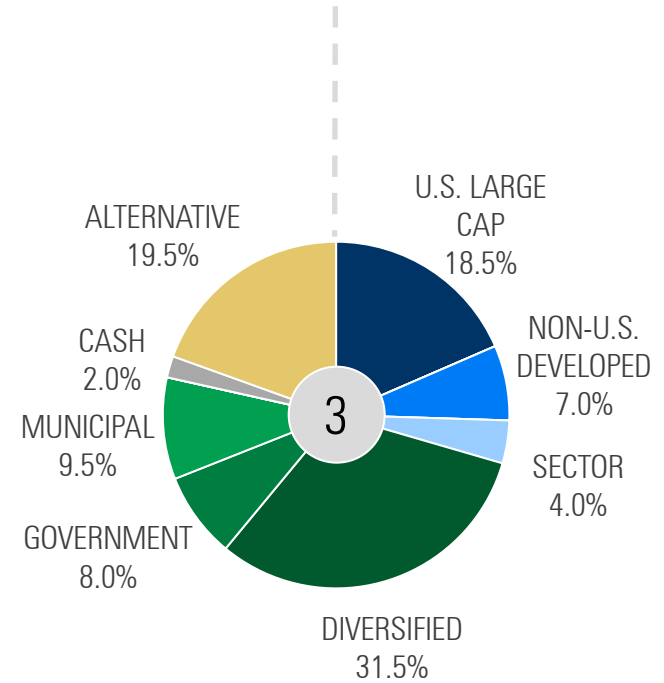
### Long-Term Risk Profile



### Broad Asset Allocation



### Allocation Details

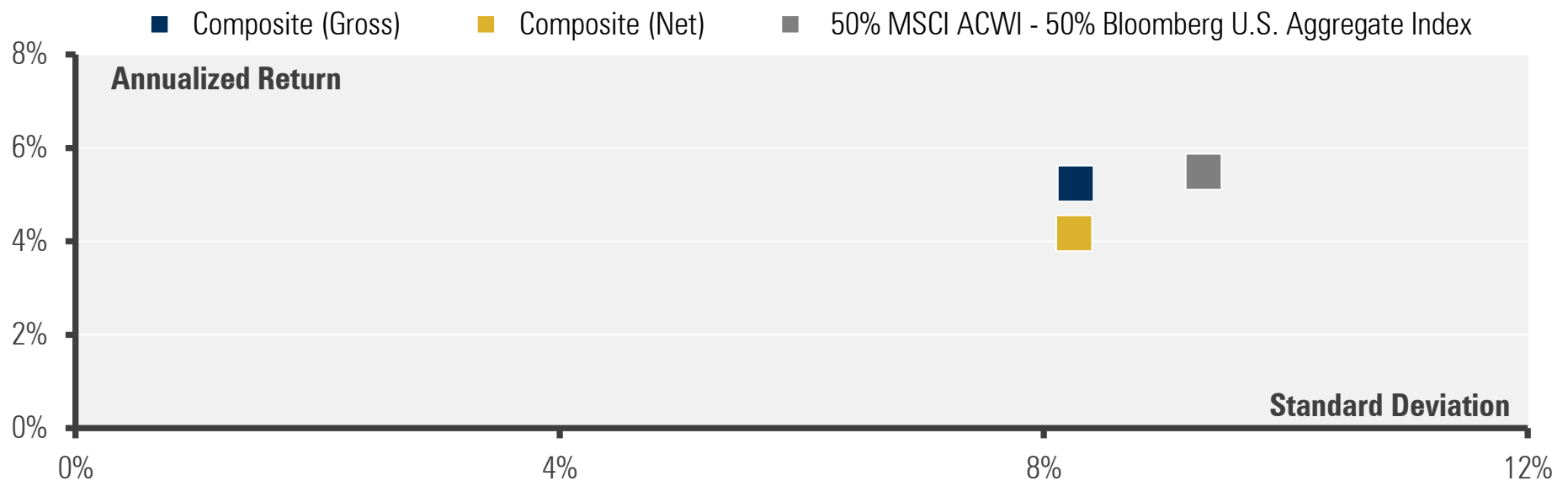


## The Conservative Growth Portfolio

Portfolio Holdings					
Ticker	Name	Broad Allocation	Allocation Details	Sleeve	Weight
VTV	VANGUARD VALUE ETF	EQUITY	U.S. LARGE CAP	STRATEGIC	4.00%
VYM	VANGUARD HIGH DIVIDEND YIELD ETF	EQUITY	U.S. LARGE CAP	STRATEGIC	3.00%
OMFL	INVESCO RUSSELL 1000 DYNAMIC MULTIFACTOR ETF	EQUITY	U.S. LARGE CAP	STRATEGIC	4.00%
MTUM	ISHARES MSCI USA MOMENTUM FACTOR	EQUITY	U.S. LARGE CAP	STRATEGIC	4.00%
VIGI	VANGUARD INTERNATIONAL DIVIDEND APPRECIATION	EQUITY	NON-U.S. DEVELOPED	STRATEGIC	4.00%
IMTM	ISHARES MSCI INTL MOMENTUM FACTOR	EQUITY	NON-U.S. DEVELOPED	STRATEGIC	3.00%
QUS	SPDR MSCI USA STRATEGICFACTOR	EQUITY	U.S. LARGE CAP	TACTICAL	3.50%
XLK	TECHNOLOGY SELECT SECTOR SPDR	EQUITY	SECTOR	TACTICAL	2.00%
XLV	HEALTH CARE SELECT SPDR	EQUITY	SECTOR	TACTICAL	2.00%
SPAB	SPDR PORTFOLIO AGGREGATE BOND	FIXED INCOME	DIVERSIFIED	STRATEGIC	10.00%
TOTL	SPDR DOUBLELINE TOTAL RETURN	FIXED INCOME	DIVERSIFIED	STRATEGIC	21.50%
BILS	SPDR BLOOMBERG 3-12 MONTH T-BILL	FIXED INCOME	GOVERNMENT	STRAT & TACT	8.00%
BAB	INVESCO TAXABLE MUNI	FIXED INCOME	MUNICIPAL	STRAT & TACT	9.50%
-	CASH	CASH	CASH	STRATEGIC	2.00%
DCMB	DOUBLELINE COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE	ALTERNATIVE	ALTERNATIVE	STRATEGIC	4.00%
MLPA	GLOBAL X MLPS ETF	ALTERNATIVE	ALTERNATIVE	STRATEGIC	3.00%
JEPI	JPMORGAN EQUITY PREMIUM INCOME	ALTERNATIVE	ALTERNATIVE	STRAT & TACT	8.00%
OVL	OVERLAY SHARES LARGE CAP EQUITY	ALTERNATIVE	ALTERNATIVE	STRATEGIC	4.50%

Portfolio holdings are subject to change without notice. Holdings are shown to illustrate an example of the composite and how an individual portfolio might have been invested at that time based on the portfolio's target weighting to each holding. **The securities identified and described do not represent all of the securities purchased, sold or recommended for client accounts. The reader should not assume that an investment in the securities identified was or will be profitable.**

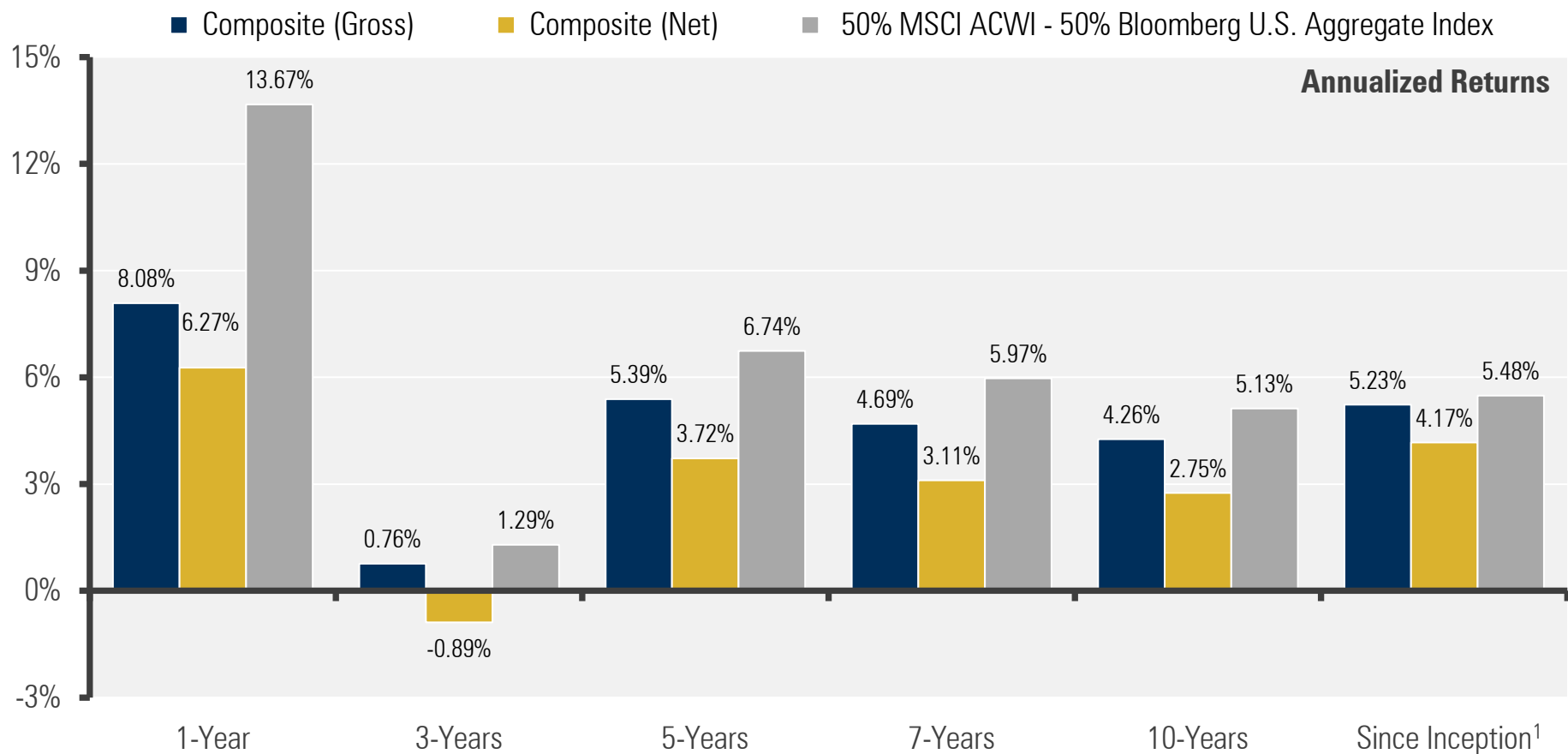
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CHARACTERISTICS SINCE INCEPTION <sup>1</sup>	RETURN	STANDARD DEVIATION	ALPHA	BETA	APPROXIMATE YIELD <sup>^</sup>
COMPOSITE (GROSS)	5.23%	8.26%	0.35%	0.86	4.63%
COMPOSITE (NET)	4.17%	8.25%	-0.65%	0.86	4.63%
BLENDED BENCHMARK <sup>2</sup>	5.48%	9.32%	-	1.00	2.65%

Sources: Stringer Asset Management, Bloomberg and Morningstar. Performance data quoted represents past performance and is for illustrative purposes only. **Past performance is not a guarantee of future results.** The total returns presented are gross and net of fees. Advisory fees and any other expenses incurred in the management of the account will reduce actual returns. Returns include the reinvestment of income. <sup>1</sup>**Since Inception:** composite performance begins September 2008. <sup>2</sup>**Blended Benchmark:** The blended benchmark is 50% MSCI ACWI Index and 50% Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index. The indices represented do not bear transaction costs or management fees, and cannot be actually bought or sold. To the extent a shareholder pays sales charges, the performance shown would be less. All indices are unmanaged and investors can not invest directly in an index. For index definitions, see the Index Definitions section at the end of this document. Please refer to the important disclosures found at the end of this document. <sup>^</sup> Portfolio and blended benchmark yield is calculated using a harmonic weighted average of the net dividends per share during the past 12 months for each holding as of the date identified at their respective target weighting.

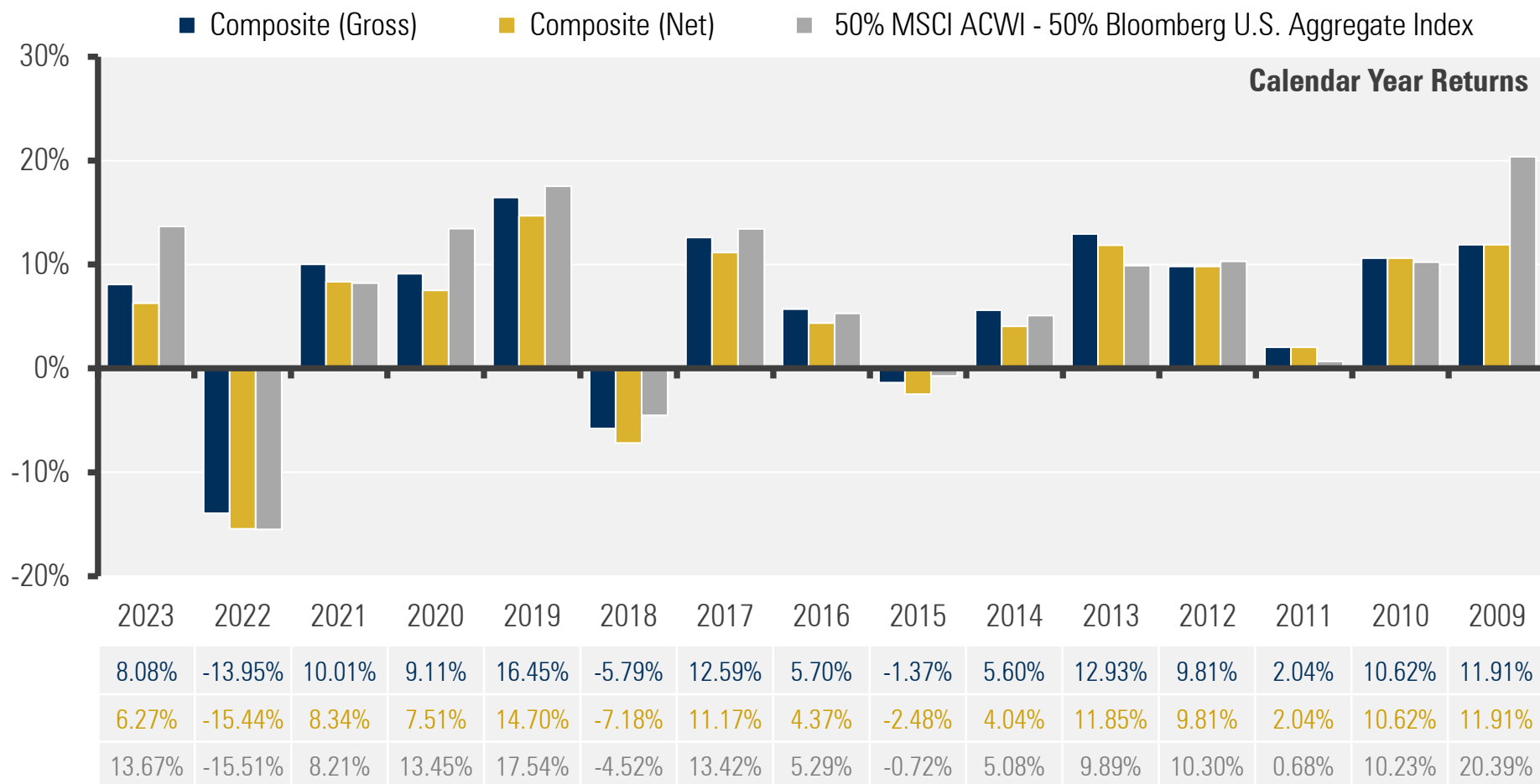
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## Our Team

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### **Gary Stringer, CFA**

Mr. Stringer serves as the President and Chief Investment Officer for Stringer Asset Management, LLC (SAM). Mr. Stringer leads the portfolio management efforts for the Firm's mutual funds and separately managed account portfolios. In this role, he works with the team to develop the Firm's investment management process, strategic and tactical allocations, as well as security selection. Prior to co-founding SAM in February 2013, Mr. Stringer was a Managing Director at Morgan Keegan and Company, Inc. where he served as the Director of Investments for Morgan Keegan's Wealth Management Services division. Mr. Stringer holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Marketing from the University of Maryland, as well as the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation, has achieved the CFA Institute Certificate in ESG Investing, and is a member of the CFA Society of Memphis. He has also completed the Securities Industry Institute sponsored by the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association and the Wharton School. Additionally, Mr. Stringer speaks at various industry conferences and is a frequent contributor to financial industry publications.

### **Kim Escue, CFA**

Ms. Escue serves as the Senior Portfolio Manager at Stringer Asset Management, LLC (SAM). Ms. Escue is responsible for the daily management of both the Firm's mutual funds and separately managed account portfolios. In her role, she works with the team to develop the Firm's strategic allocations and security selection, as well as develop tactical themes based on current market opportunities. Prior to co-founding SAM, Ms. Escue was with Morgan Keegan and Company, Inc. for over 15 years where she was a Due Diligence Analyst and a member of the Firm's Investment Strategy Committee. Ms. Escue received both her Bachelor of Business Administration and Masters of Business Administration from the University of Memphis. She also holds the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation and is a member of the CFA Society of Memphis. Additionally, Ms. Escue is a frequent contributor to various financial industry publications.

### **Chad Keller, CFP®**

Mr. Keller serves as the Portfolio Manager, Chief Operating Officer, and Chief Compliance Officer for Stringer Asset Management, LLC (SAM). Mr. Keller is a member of the investments team and works on the quantitative analysis, factor-biases, and asset allocation of the Firm's mutual funds and separately managed account portfolios. He is also responsible for the daily operations and compliance for the Firm. Prior to co-founding SAM, Mr. Keller was a Senior Investment Specialist at Morgan Keegan and Company, Inc. where he worked with investment and economic data daily, and was responsible for monitoring the risk characteristics of several of the Firm's discretionary models. Mr. Keller earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from the University of Tennessee and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Memphis. He also holds the Certified Financial Planner™ (CFP®) designation. Additionally, Mr. Keller is a frequent contributor to various financial industry publications.

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### **Jonathan Bernstein, CIMA®**

Mr. Bernstein serves as Vice President and Sales & Marketing Director for Stringer Asset Management, LLC (SAM). Mr. Bernstein is responsible for business development, marketing and communication. Prior to co-founding SAM, Mr. Bernstein was a Senior Vice President and the Director of Sales and Consulting at Morgan Keegan and Company, Inc. He has spent his career working with financial advisors on effective communication, objective consulting and best practice training. He is an accomplished and dynamic presenter with extensive experience in communication, project management, operations management, and is a frequent contributor to financial industry publications. Mr. Bernstein earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration and Finance from Brooklyn College and holds the Certified Investment Management Analyst® (CIMA®) designation. Living in Katy, Texas, he is married with three children and is a valued resource in his community.

### **Tom Farrell**

Mr. Farrell serves as Regional Sales Director for Stringer Asset Management, LLC (SAM), covering the Midwest region. Tom's background includes over 21 years consulting to the financial services industry on investment strategies, business development, and product distribution. Prior to joining SAM, Tom served as Director of Strategic Relationships with Aspyre Wealth Partners and for more than a decade as a Regional Consultant with Thornburg Investment Management. Tom's career has been spent building relationships with financial advisors and helping them grow successful practices. As an experienced and dynamic public speaker, Tom has been a resource to countless investment professionals in building best practices and creating successful brands. Tom earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology from the University of Wisconsin – Green Bay. He currently resides in Olathe, KS with his wife and three children. The Farrell family enjoys skiing, fishing and spending time with friends.

### **Kait Dowling**

Ms. Dowling serves as Senior Internal Consultant for Stringer Asset Management, LLC (SAM) and supports both the Northeast and Midwest Regions. Kait brings over 10 years of financial services experience with some of the oldest and most respected financial services firms in the industry, such as Delaware Funds, UBS Financial, Goldman Sachs, and Raymond James. Her unique and diverse background includes branch operations, sales and sales support, portfolio analysis, and proposal creation. She has ample experience in the branches at major wirehouse firms and at the point of sale, which gives her a valuable perspective and the ability to forge relationships as a trusted partner and resource to advisors. Kait earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree in both English and Psychology from Albright College. She currently resides in Philadelphia, PA and enjoys gardening, hiking with her dog, and spending time with family and friends.

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Stringer Asset Management, LLC is a registered investment adviser that generally provides services through model portfolios on a sub-advisory business. The firm primarily allocates clients' investment management assets among exchange-traded funds ("ETFs") and secondarily among mutual funds. Stringer Asset Management claims compliance with the Global Investment Performance Standards ("GIPS®"). A fully compliant GIPS presentation along with a complete list and description of all composites is available at [www.stringeram.com](http://www.stringeram.com) or by calling 901-800-2956.

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The benchmark indices are referred to for comparative purposes only and are not necessarily intended to parallel the risk or investment approach of the accounts included in the Composites. These indices were chosen to give perspective on the risk management philosophy and asset allocation portfolio management process with respect to the performance of the Composites.

## **Performance:**

**Past performance is not indicative of future results.** The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares when redeemed may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be higher or lower than the performance data quoted. Advisory fees and any other expenses incurred in the management of the account will reduce actual returns. The performance of any individual portfolio may not be considered comparable to the Composite performance.

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## **Performance:**

The Conservative Growth Composite includes all portfolios that invest their assets in equity, fixed income and alternative exchange-traded funds selected from the global investment opportunity set. The Conservative Growth Composite has risk characteristics lower than that of the broad equity market and include but are not limited to equity risk, international investing risk and credit risk. The total returns presented are gross and net of fees. Advisory fees and any other expenses incurred in the management of the account will reduce actual returns. The benchmark is a blend of 50% MSCI ACWI Index and 50% Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index rebalanced quarterly as of January 1, 2016. The benchmark is market-cap weighted and is composed of several country-specific indices. Sources of foreign exchange rates may be different between the composite and the benchmark; however, there have not been material differences to date. Prior to January 1, 2016, the blended benchmark was 50% MSCI World Index and 50% Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index rebalanced quarterly. Prior to January 1, 2015, the blended benchmark was 35% Russell 3000 Index, 15% MSCI ACWI xUS Index and 50% Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index rebalanced quarterly. In both cases, the benchmark was retroactively changed to more closely follow our investment strategy. The index represented does not bear transaction costs or management fees, and cannot be actually bought or sold. It is not possible to invest directly in an index. For index definitions, see the Index Definitions section at the end of this document. The U.S. Dollar is the currency used to express performance. Material use of leverage, derivatives and short positions are not used in this composite.

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## Index Definitions:

**Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index** – This Index provides a measure of the U.S. investment grade bond market, which includes investment grade U.S. Government bonds, investment grade corporate bonds, mortgage pass-through securities and asset-backed securities that are publicly offered for sale in the United States. The securities in the Index must have at least 1 year remaining to maturity. In addition, the securities must be denominated in US dollars and must be fixed rate, nonconvertible and taxable.

**MSCI ACWI (Net) Index** – This Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed and emerging markets. The MSCI ACWI Index consists of 23 developed and 23 emerging market country indexes. Net total return includes the reinvestment of dividends after the deduction of withholding taxes, using a tax rate applicable to non-resident institutional investors who do not benefit from double taxation treaties.

**S&P 500 Index** – This Index is a capitalization-weighted index of 500 stocks. The Index is designed to measure performance of a broad domestic economy through changes in the aggregate market value of 500 stocks representing all major industries.

## Statistical Definitions:

**Standard Deviation** – A statistical measure of volatility, standard deviation is often used as an indicator of the ‘risk’ associated with a return series. Standard deviation of return measures the average deviations of a return series from its mean. A large standard deviation implies that there have been large swings in the return series of the manager.

**Alpha** – Alpha is a measure of risk (beta)-adjusted return. Alpha measures the difference between a portfolio’s actual returns and what it might be expected to deliver based on its level of risk. In an ideal sense, higher risk should equate to higher return. A positive alpha means the fund has beaten expectations. A negative alpha means that the fund has failed to match performance given its level of risk. If two managers have the same return, but one has a lower beta, that manager would have a higher alpha.

**Beta** – This represents the systematic risk of a portfolio and measures its sensitivity to a benchmark. A portfolio with a beta of one is considered to be as risky as the benchmark and would therefore provide expected returns equal to those of the market benchmark during both up and down periods. A portfolio with a beta of two would move approximately twice as much as the benchmark.

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## Principal Risks:

**General Risk of Loss:** All investments in securities include a risk of loss of principal (invested amount) and any profits that have not been realized (i.e., the securities were not sold to “lock in” the profit). Stock markets and bond markets fluctuate substantially over time, and markets have experienced increased volatility in recent years. As recent global and domestic economic events have indicated, performance of any investment is not guaranteed. As a result, there is a risk of loss of the assets we manage. Stringer Asset Management cannot guarantee any level of performance or that account assets will not be lost. Stringer Asset Management does not represent, warrant, or imply that the services or methods of analysis used can or will predict future results, successfully identify market tops or bottoms, or insulate clients from major losses due to market corrections or crashes. No guarantees are offered that clients’ goals or objectives will be achieved. Furthermore, no promises or assumptions can be made that the advisory services offered by Stringer Asset Management will provide a better return than other investment strategies. Varied fluctuations in the price of investments are a normal characteristic of securities markets due to a variety of influences. Stringer Asset Management’s managed account programs should be considered a long-term investment; as long-term performance and performance consistency are among our key objectives.

**Risks Related to Mutual Funds and ETPs:** An investment in a mutual fund or an ETP, which includes ETFs and ETNs, involves risk, including the loss of principal. Mutual fund and ETP shareholders are subject to the risks stemming from the individual issuers of the fund’s underlying portfolio securities. Such shareholders are also liable for taxes on any fund-level capital gains, as mutual funds are required by law to distribute capital gains in the event they sell securities for a profit that cannot be offset by a corresponding loss. Shares of mutual funds are generally distributed and redeemed on an ongoing basis by the fund itself or a broker acting on its behalf. The trading price at which a share is transacted is equal to a fund’s stated daily per share net asset value (“NAV”), plus any shareholders’ fees (e.g., sales loads, purchase fees, redemption fees). The per share NAV of a mutual fund is calculated at the end of each business day, although the actual NAV fluctuates with intraday changes to the market value of the fund’s holdings. The trading prices of a mutual fund’s shares may differ significantly from the NAV during periods of market volatility, which may, among other factors, lead to the mutual fund’s shares trading at a premium or discount to NAV. Shares of ETFs are listed on securities exchanges and transacted at negotiated prices in the secondary market. Generally, ETF shares trade at or near their most recent NAV, which is generally calculated at least once daily for indexed-based ETFs and more frequently for actively managed ETFs. However, certain inefficiencies may cause the shares to trade at a premium or discount to their pro rata NAV. There is also no guarantee that an active secondary market for such shares will develop or continue to exist. Generally, an ETF only redeems shares when aggregated as creation units (usually 50,000 shares or more). Therefore, if a liquid secondary market ceases to exist for shares of a particular ETF, a shareholder may have no way to dispose of such shares.

**Risk Related to Liquidity:** Stringer Asset Management’s strategies may include investments subject to liquidity risk, which exists when particular investments are difficult to purchase or sell. Such securities may become illiquid under adverse market or economic conditions and/or due to specific adverse changes in the condition of a particular issuer. If our strategies invest in illiquid securities or securities that become illiquid, returns may be reduced because our strategies may be unable to sell the illiquid securities at an advantageous time or price.

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## Principal Risks (continued):

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