



Strategy Description

The Best in Class strategy focuses on a five step evaluation process to provide a portfolio, based on the clients' selection and needs, that attempts to beat the underlying comparative index as the market rises and to significantly lose less as the markets retreat. Using ETFs and occasionally mutual funds and stocks, the portfolio looks to provide investments that consistently beat peers, have much lower than average costs, and uses market fundamentals to determine the right investment exposure given the current circumstances. Investors can expect their respective portfolio to take on more risk/less risk largely determined by total market cap to GDP, the Shiller PE ratio and more. Using these fundamentals to determine the market pulse and then the respective investments to build a long-term portfolio to beat corresponding indices with less internal costs. The investment screening process is a market adjusted strategy that focuses on historical ETF performance, very low internal investment cost, lower overall portfolio risk and volatility. The strategy looks to have 10-15 investments inside each portfolio objective.

Portfolio objective options include : Conservative, Moderately Conservative, Moderate, Moderately Aggressive, Aggressive

Strategy Facts

Strategy Inception	2021
Minimum Initial Investment	\$25,000
Strategy Benchmark	Mod Conservative
Number of Holdings	15
Dividend Yield %	3.5%
Net Expense Ratio %	0.07%
Stock Allocation	31%
Bond Allocation	59%
Weighted Avg. Market Cap (\$M)	\$650,814
Effective Duration	2.49
Yield to Maturity	5.02%
Effective Maturity	6.11
Turnover Ratio %	35%
Price / Earnings Ratio	27.6x
Price / Book Ratio	11.0x

Risk Metrics: 3 Year

Beta	0.59
Downside (Quarterly)	0.63
Upside (Quarterly)	0.73
Upside/Downside Ratio	1.21
Historical Sharpe Ratio	0.66
Annualized Standard Deviation	4.68%
Batting Average	0.39
Historical Sortino Ratio	1.06
Information Ratio	(0.66)

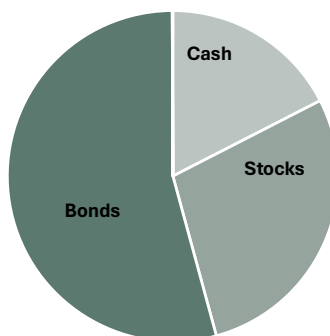
*Annualized Std Deviation - monthly returns

The performance data quoted presents past performance of the current Composite model portfolio; past performance does not guarantee future results.

Top Holdings

Symbol	Name	% Weight
VGIT	Vanguard Intermediate-Term Treasury ETF	15.0%
SPTS	State Street SPDR Portfolio Short Trm Treasury ETF	12.0%
VTV	Vanguard Morningstar Value ETF	11.0%
SLQD	iShares 0-5 Year Investment Grade Corporate Bd ETF	10.0%
IGBH	iShares Interest Rate Hedged Long-Term Corp Bd	10.0%
BKIE	BNY Mellon International Equity ETF	9.0%
VCSH	Vanguard Short-Term Corporate Bond ETF	8.0%
SWVXX	Schwab Prime Advantage Money Fund Inv	8.0%
VGSH	Vanguard Short-Term Treasury ETF	5.0%
VPU	Vanguard Utilities ETF	3.0%
AAPL	Apple, Inc.	2.0%
LLY	Eli Lilly & Co.	2.0%

Asset Allocation



Cash	19.1%	Convertible	0.0%
Stocks	30.9%	Preferred	0.0%
Bonds	59.2%	Other	0.0%

Region Exposure



■ Developed Markets ■ Emerging Markets

Developed Markets	99%
Emerging Markets	1%



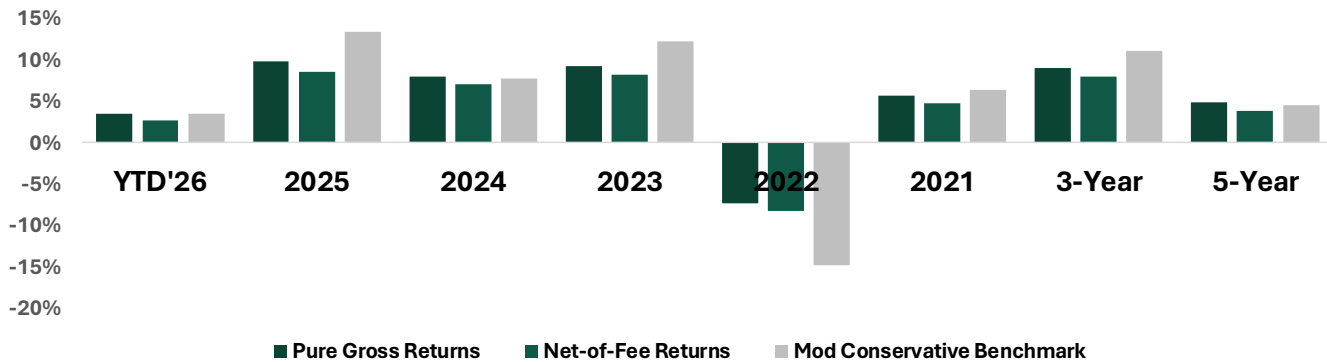
■ Americas ■ Europe ■ Asia ■ LATAM

Americas	81%	Asia	4%
Europe	8%	LATAM	0%



Total Returns (%)

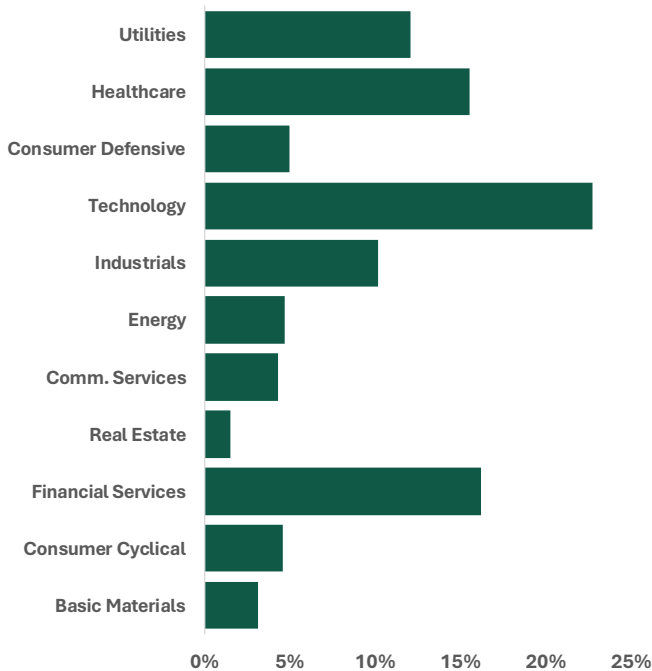
	YTD'26	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	3 Year Annualized	5 Year Annualized	10 Year Annualized	Since Inception
Pure Gross Returns	3.52%	9.76%	7.97%	9.26%	-7.37%	5.66%	9.00%	4.85%	-	-
Net-of-Fee Returns	2.69%	8.56%	6.98%	8.22%	-8.26%	4.69%	7.92%	3.84%	-	3.78%
Mod Conservative Benchmark	3.51%	13.41%	7.72%	12.26%	-14.78%	6.37%	11.10%	4.45%	-	-



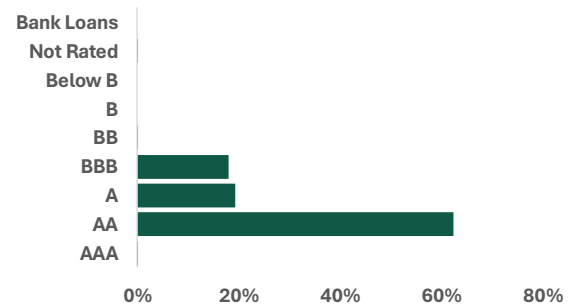
*All returns are calculated in US Dollars

**Blended Moderately Conservative Benchmark 60% Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index (BBUSATR), 40% MSCI ACWI Total Return (MSACWITR)

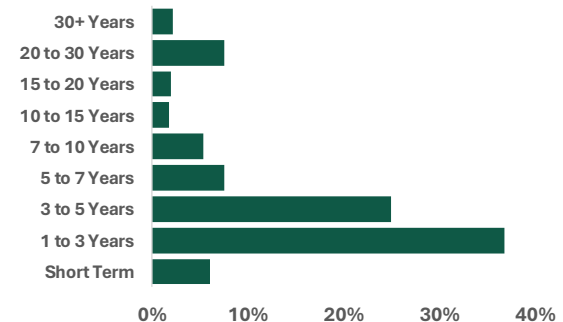
Stock Sector Exposure



Bond Credit Quality Exposure



Bond Maturity Exposure





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- Tax implications applicable to an individual investment or account
- Opening of new investments
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- Management fee and other fees charged to the client
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