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ETF Strategies

1Q 2026

Strategy Overview

Sage Advisory Services
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SAGE | INVEST WITH WISDOM™

Who We Are

- Founded in 1996
- 100% employee operated
- 17-member investment team has an average industry experience of 18 years

Why Sage

Agility

Our size and independence as an employee-controlled firm enable us to take a nimble approach.

Alignment

We customize the investment experience to align with each client's unique objectives and needs.

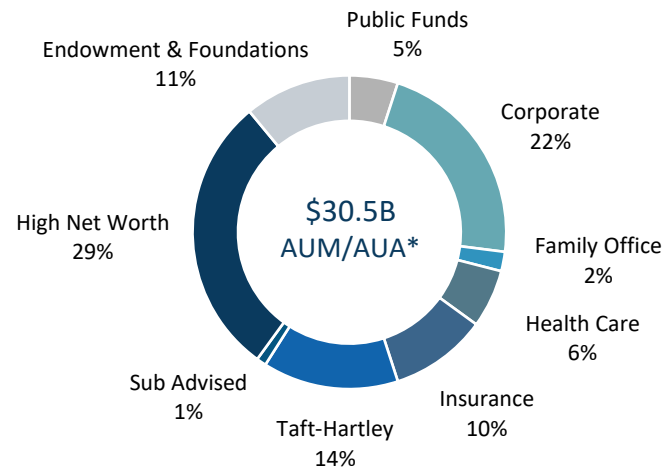
Consistency

We have a tenured investment team and proven process that enable us to deliver expected results.

Culture

We are committed to cultivating a culture of service and trust among our clients, our employees, and our community.

Who We Serve



*AUM/AUA as of 3/31/2026. ** "Who We Serve" is client type by AUM/AUA.



Executive Leadership

Robert G. Smith, III, AIF® & CIMC

*President & Co-CIO
56 Years*

Thomas H. Urano, CFA

*Co-CIO
30 Years*

Robert D. Williams, CFA

*Chief Investment Strategist
29 Years*

Michael D. Walton, AIF®

*Managing Partner
29 Years*

Robert W. Moser, CIMA®, CRPC, CFIP

*Managing Partner
26 Years*

Investment Management

Portfolio Management

Research & Strategy

Relationship Management

Institutional

Private Client

Marketing Services

Enterprise Management

Information Technology

Operations

Administration

Organizational Committees

Executive — Investment — Operating — Vendor Oversight — GIPS Oversight — Brokerage Oversight

Investment Team

Chief Investment Officers

Robert G. Smith, III, AIF® & CIMC  **Thomas H. Urano, CFA** 
President & Co-CIO Co-CIO

Portfolio Management & Trading

Jeffery S. Timlin, CFA, CMT  **Nicholas C. Erickson, CFA**
Managing Partner | Municipal Vice President | Securitized

Seth B. Henry, CFA  **Brett J. Adelglass, CFA**
Partner | Securitized Associate | Municipal

Andrew K. Demand, CFA  **Nicholas A. Barnard, CFA**
Partner | Credit Associate | Securitized

David L. Luria, CFA **Alex Bender, CFA**
Vice President | Credit Associate | Credit

 Investment Committee

Expert Team Specializing in Institutional Fixed Income

- Average industry experience is 18 years
- Average tenure at Sage is 13 years
- 12 CFA charterholders

Research & Strategy

Robert D. Williams, CFA  **Jae Y. Song, ASA**
Chief Investment Strategist VP, Sr. Research Analyst | LDI

Komson Silapachai, CFA  **Douglas A. Benning**
Partner | Sr. Strategist VP, Sr. Research Analyst | General

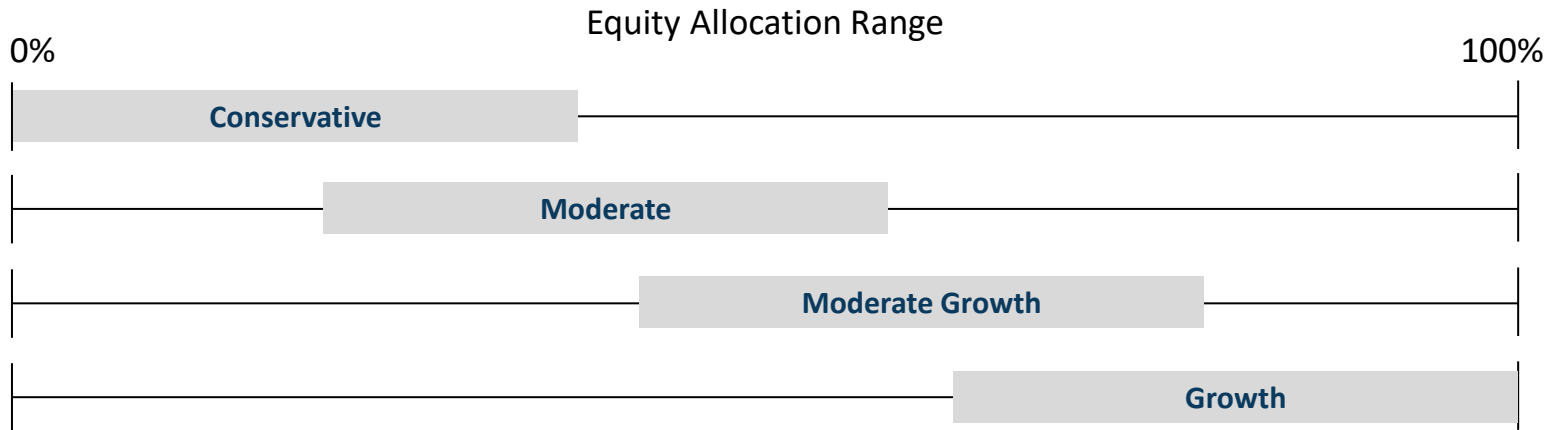
Andrew S. Poreda, CFA  **Xochitl C. Maldonado**
VP, Sr. Research Analyst | LDI, Responsible Investing Research Analyst | Quantitative

Emma L. Harper, CIMA
VP, Institutional Research, Client Relations | Responsible Investing

	Strategy	Time Horizon Years	Target Allocation*	Objective
Growth	Global Equity	10-plus	100% Equity	Focus is on capital appreciation. Investors have a longer time horizon and a higher tolerance for short-term volatility.
	Growth	7-10	80% Equity/20% Fixed Income	
	Moderate Growth	5-7	60% Equity/40% Fixed Income	
Stability	Moderate	3-5	40% Equity/60% Fixed Income	Focus is on capital appreciation and stability of returns. Investors have a short to medium time horizon, and have a lower tolerance for short-term volatility.
	Conservative	1-3	20% Equity/80% Fixed Income	
Income	Multi-Asset Income	2-5	20% Equity/80% FI and Hybrids	Focus is on income and stability of returns. The time horizon is short to medium term, and investors have a low tolerance for short-term volatility.
	Tax Aware MAI	2-5	20% Equity/80% FI and Hybrids	
	Core Plus	1-3	100% Fixed Income	

**Actual allocation may vary based on market conditions.*

Asset Allocation Strategies



Flexible Approach	<i>Broad Asset Class</i>	+/- 20% from equity/fixed income allocation target
	<i>Equity/Alternatives</i>	Carry up to 60% in cash and alternative asset classes combined
	<i>Fixed Income</i>	Utilize entire global bond market, up to 40% non-core segments

Strategies & Services

ETF Strategies

Asset Allocation: target-risk allocation strategies designed to be core solutions

Income Solutions: income strategies balance maximizing yield versus volatility

ETF Implementation: experience managing strategies using ETFs since 1998

Investment Philosophy

Top-Down View: drivers include macro, policy, valuation, and sentiment

Flexible: dynamic market segment allocation based on 3-6 month outlook

Risk Management: risk budgeting and stress testing are core to process

Investment Approach

Team Integration: Investment Committee, Portfolio Management, & Research

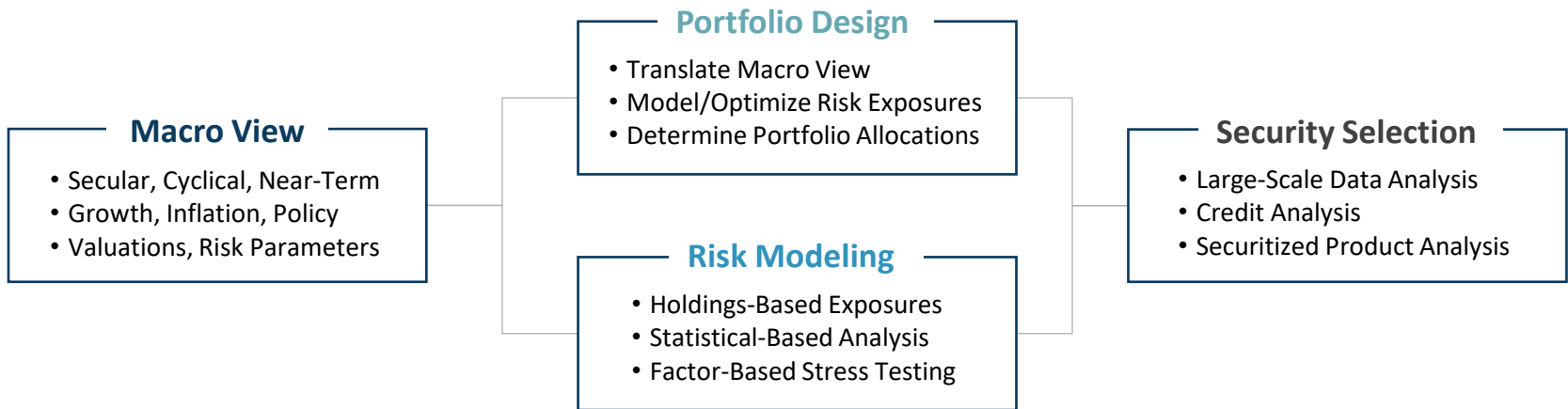
ETF Evaluation: sponsor, cost, exposure, along with factor/security composition

Portfolio Design: express macro view with portfolio design and risk management

Our Approach

Investment Process

Our teams work together to balance the development of our macro views with thoughtful portfolio design, value-driven security selection, and active risk management.



Fixed Income Market Segment Study

2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
TIPS 11.63%	Treasury 13.74%	High Yield 58.20%	High Yield 15.12%	TIPS 13.56%	EM Debt 17.95%	High Yield 7.44%	US Credit 7.53%	MBS 1.51%	High Yield 17.13%	Intl Treas 9.31%	Agency 1.34%	High Yield 14.32%	TIPS 10.99%	TIPS 5.96%	Agency -7.87%	High Yield 13.45%	High Yield 8.19%	EM Debt 11.11%
Intl Treas 10.94%	Intl Treas 9.43%	EM Debt 34.22%	EM Debt 12.84%	Treasury 9.81%	High Yield 15.81%	MBS -1.45%	MBS 6.15%	EM Debt 1.29%	EM Debt 9.88%	EM Debt 8.17%	MBS 0.99%	US Credit 13.80%	Intl Treas 9.54%	High Yield 5.28%	High Yield -11.19%	EM Debt 9.09%	EM Debt 6.58%	High Yield 8.62%
Treasury 9.01%	Agency 9.26%	US Credit 16.04%	US Credit 8.47%	US Credit 8.35%	US Credit 9.37%	Agency -1.58%	Treasury 5.05%	Treasury 0.84%	US Credit 5.63%	High Yield 7.50%	Treasury 0.86%	EM Debt 13.11%	US Credit 9.35%	MBS -1.04%	MBS -11.81%	US Credit 8.18%	Agency 3.16%	MBS 8.58%
Agency 7.90%	MBS 8.34%	TIPS 11.40%	TIPS 6.31%	EM Debt 6.97%	TIPS 6.98%	US Credit -2.01%	EM Debt 4.76%	Agency -0.36%	TIPS 4.68%	US Credit 6.18%	TIPS -1.26%	TIPS 8.43%	Treasury 8.00%	US Credit -1.08%	TIPS -11.85%	Intl Treas 6.25%	US Credit 2.03%	Intl Treas 8.20%
MBS 6.90%	TIPS -2.35%	MBS 5.75%	Intl Treas 6.12%	MBS 6.32%	MBS 2.60%	Treasury -2.75%	Agency 3.65%	US Credit -0.77%	Agency 2.27%	TIPS 3.01%	Intl Treas -1.83%	Treasury 6.86%	High Yield 7.11%	Agency -1.31%	Treasury -12.46%	Agency 5.13%	TIPS 1.84%	US Credit 7.83%
EM Debt 5.16%	US Credit -3.08%	Intl Treas 4.35%	Treasury 5.87%	Intl Treas 5.24%	Agency 2.16%	EM Debt -4.12%	TIPS 3.64%	TIPS -1.44%	Intl Treas 1.87%	Agency 2.98%	High Yield -2.08%	MBS 6.35%	EM Debt 6.52%	EM Debt -1.65%	US Credit -15.26%	MBS 5.05%	MBS 1.20%	TIPS 7.01%
US Credit 5.11%	EM Debt -14.75%	Agency 1.95%	MBS 5.50%	High Yield 4.98%	Treasury 1.98%	Intl Treas -4.88%	High Yield 2.45%	High Yield -4.47%	MBS 1.67%	MBS 2.47%	US Credit -2.11%	Intl Treas 6.04%	MBS 3.87%	Treasury -2.32%	EM Debt -15.26%	Treasury 4.05%	Treasury 0.58%	Treasury 6.32%
High Yield 1.87%	High Yield -26.16%	Treasury -3.56%	Agency 4.36%	Agency 4.82%	Intl Treas 1.77%	TIPS -8.61%	Intl Treas -2.77%	Intl Treas -4.84%	Treasury 1.04%	Treasury 2.31%	EM Debt -2.46%	Agency 5.89%	Agency 2.70%	Intl Treas -8.67%	Intl Treas -19.44%	TIPS 3.90%	Intl Treas -5.97%	Agency 6.11%

Range of Opportunity: Difference Between the Top and Bottom Performing Market Segments

9.76%	39.89%	61.76%	10.76%	8.74%	16.18%	16.05%	10.30%	6.35%	16.09%	7.00%	3.80%	8.43%	8.29%	14.63%	11.57%	9.55%	14.16%	5.00%
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Equity Market Segment Study

2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
EM Equity 39.78%	Small Value -28.92%	EM Equity 79.02%	REITs 29.58%	REITs 10.39%	EM Equity 18.63%	Small Growth 43.30%	REITs 34.62%	REITs 6.36%	Small Value 31.74%	EM Equity 37.75%	Large Growth -0.01%	Large Value 31.93%	Small Growth 34.63%	REITs 44.48%	CMDTY 16.09%	Large Growth 30.03%	Large Growth 36.07%	EM Equity 33.57%
CMDTY 16.23%	Large Growth -34.92%	Mid Caps 37.38%	Small Growth 29.09%	Large Growth 4.65%	Small Value 18.05%	Small Value 34.53%	Large Growth 14.89%	Large Growth 5.52%	Mid Caps 20.74%	Large Growth 27.44%	REITs -2.12%	Large Growth 31.13%	Large Growth 33.47%	Large Growth 32.01%	Large Value -5.22%	Large Value 22.23%	Small Growth 15.15%	Intl Equity 31.22%
Intl Equity 11.63%	CMDTY -35.65%	Small Growth 34.47%	Mid Caps 26.64%	Large Value -0.48%	Mid Caps 17.88%	Mid Caps 33.46%	Large Value 12.36%	Intl Equity -0.39%	Large Value 17.40%	Intl Equity 25.62%	Large Value -8.95%	Small Growth 28.48%	EM Equity 18.31%	Small Value 28.27%	Mid Caps -13.06%	Small Growth 18.66%	Mid Caps 13.93%	Large Growth 22.18%
Large Growth 9.13%	Mid Caps -36.23%	Intl Equity 32.46%	Small Value 24.50%	Mid Caps -1.73%	Large Value 17.76%	Large Growth 32.75%	Mid Caps 9.77%	Small Growth -1.38%	CMDTY 11.77%	Small Growth 22.17%	Small Growth -11.01%	Mid Caps 26.20%	Mid Caps 13.66%	CMDTY 27.11%	Intl Equity -14.46%	Intl Equity 18.24%	Large Value 12.29%	CMDTY 15.77%
Mid Caps 7.98%	Small Growth -38.54%	Large Growth 31.57%	EM Equity 19.20%	Small Growth -2.91%	Intl Equity 17.76%	Large Value 31.97%	Small Growth 5.60%	Mid Caps -2.18%	EM Equity 11.60%	Mid Caps 16.24%	CMDTY -11.25%	REITs 25.90%	Intl Equity 7.82%	Large Value 24.90%	Small Value -14.48%	Mid Caps 16.44%	Small Value 8.05%	Large Value 13.19%
Small Growth 7.05%	Large Value -39.22%	REITs 24.93%	CMDTY 16.83%	Small Value -5.50%	REITs 15.35%	Intl Equity 23.57%	Small Value 4.22%	Large Value -3.13%	Small Growth 11.32%	Large Value 15.36%	Mid Caps -11.51%	Small Value 22.39%	Small Value 4.63%	Mid Caps 24.76%	EM Equity -20.09%	Small Value 14.65%	EM Equity 7.50%	Small Growth 13.01%
Large Value 1.99%	REITs -40.93%	Large Value 21.17%	Large Value 15.10%	Intl Equity -11.73%	Large Growth 14.70%	REITs -1.45%	EM Equity -1.82%	Small Value -7.47%	Large Growth 6.89%	Small Value 7.84%	Small Value -12.86%	Intl Equity 22.01%	Large Value 1.36%	Intl Equity 11.26%	REITs -25.85%	REITs 10.77%	REITs 5.68%	Small Value 12.59%
Small Value -9.78%	Intl Equity -43.06%	Small Value 20.58%	Large Growth 15.05%	CMDTY -13.32%	Small Growth 14.59%	EM Equity -2.27%	Intl Equity -4.48%	EM Equity -14.60%	REITs 4.93%	REITs 5.32%	Intl Equity -13.79%	EM Equity 18.42%	CMDTY -3.12%	Small Growth 2.83%	Small Growth -26.36%	EM Equity 9.83%	CMDTY 5.38%	Mid Caps 7.50%
REITs -18.03%	EM Equity -53.18%	CMDTY 18.91%	Intl Equity 8.21%	EM Equity -18.17%	CMDTY -1.06%	CMDTY -9.52%	CMDTY -17.01%	CMDTY -24.66%	Intl Equity 1.22%	CMDTY 1.70%	EM Equity -14.57%	CMDTY 7.69%	REITs -5.00%	EM Equity -2.54%	Large Growth -29.41%	CMDTY -7.91%	Intl Equity 3.82%	REITs 2.27%

Range of Opportunity: Difference Between Top and Bottom Performing Market Segments

57.81%	24.26%	60.11%	21.37%	28.56%	19.69%	52.82%	51.63%	31.02%	30.52%	36.05%	14.56%	24.24%	39.63%	47.02%	45.50%	37.94%	32.25%	31.30%
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Source: Bloomberg
See disclosures page for indexes used to represent market segments.

Past performance does not guarantee similar future results.

Study of Active Mutual Fund Managers within Core Equity Segments

Bottom Quartile (75 th Percentile) Mutual Fund Manager in Best Performing Market Segment																		
9.71%	-35.89%	28.92%	23.34%	-4.70%	13.08%	45.52%	8.00%	0.59%	22.57%	23.91%	-4.60%	23.14%	26.17%	17.00%	-8.49%	28.93%		
2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Intl Equity	Small Value	Mid Caps	Small Growth	Large Growth	Small Value	Small Growth	Large Growth	Large Growth	Small Value	Large Growth	Large Growth	Large Value	Large Growth	Large Growth	Large Value	Large Growth	Large Growth	Intl Equity
11.63%	-28.92%	37.38%	29.09%	4.65%	18.05%	43.30%	14.89%	5.52%	31.74%	27.44%	-0.01%	31.93%	33.47%	32.01%	-5.22%	30.03%	36.07%	31.22%
Large Growth	Large Growth	Small Growth	Mid Caps	Large Value	Mid Caps	Small Value	Large Value	Intl Equity	Mid Caps	Intl Equity	Large Value	Large Growth	Small Growth	Small Value	Mid Caps	Large Value	Mid Caps	Large Growth
9.13%	-34.92%	34.47%	26.64%	-0.48%	17.88%	34.53%	12.36%	-0.39%	20.74%	25.62%	-8.95%	31.13%	19.96%	28.27%	-13.06%	22.23%	13.93%	22.18%
Mid Caps	Mid Caps	Intl Equity	Small Value	Mid Caps	Intl Equity	Mid Caps	Mid Caps	Small Growth	Large Value	Small Growth	Small Growth	Small Growth	Mid Caps	Large Value	Intl Equity	Intl Equity	Large Value	Large Value
7.98%	-36.23%	32.46%	24.50%	-1.73%	17.76%	33.46%	9.77%	-1.38%	17.40%	22.17%	-11.01%	28.48%	13.66%	24.90%	-14.45%	18.24%	12.29%	13.19%
Small Growth	Small Growth	Large Growth	Large Value	Small Growth	Large Value	Large Growth	Small Growth	Mid Caps	Small Growth	Mid Caps	Mid Caps	Mid Caps	Intl Equity	Mid Caps	Small Value	Small Growth	Small Growth	Small Growth
7.05%	-38.54%	31.57%	15.10%	-2.91%	17.76%	32.75%	5.60%	-2.18%	11.32%	16.24%	-11.51%	26.20%	7.82%	24.76%	-14.48%	16.93%	11.54%	12.81%
Large Value	Large Value	Large Value	Large Growth	Small Value	Large Growth	Large Value	Small Value	Large Value -	Large Growth	Large Value	Small Value	Small Value	Small Value	Small Growth	Small Growth	Mid Caps	Small Value	Small Value
1.99%	-39.22%	21.17%	15.05%	-5.50%	14.70%	31.97%	4.22%	3.13%	6.89%	15.36%	-12.86%	22.39%	4.63%	14.82%	-20.44%	16.44%	8.05%	12.59%
Small Value	Intl Equity	Small Value	Intl Equity	Intl Equity	Small Growth	Intl Equity	Intl Equity	Small Value	Intl Equity	Small Value	Intl Equity	Intl Equity	Large Value	Intl Equity	Large Growth	Small Value	Intl Equity	Mid Caps
-9.78%	-43.06%	20.58%	8.21%	-11.73%	14.59%	-2.41%	-4.48%	-7.47%	1.22%	7.84%	-13.79%	22.01%	1.36%	11.26%	-29.41%	14.65%	3.82%	7.50%
-2.71%	-41.66%	40.35%	12.77%	-12.00%	15.98%	16.72%	-3.41%	-4.02%	2.66%	11.25%	-13.82%	23.75%	6.42%	26.20%	-23.63%	20.01%		
Top Quartile (25 th Percentile) Mutual Fund Manager in Worst Performing Market Segment																		

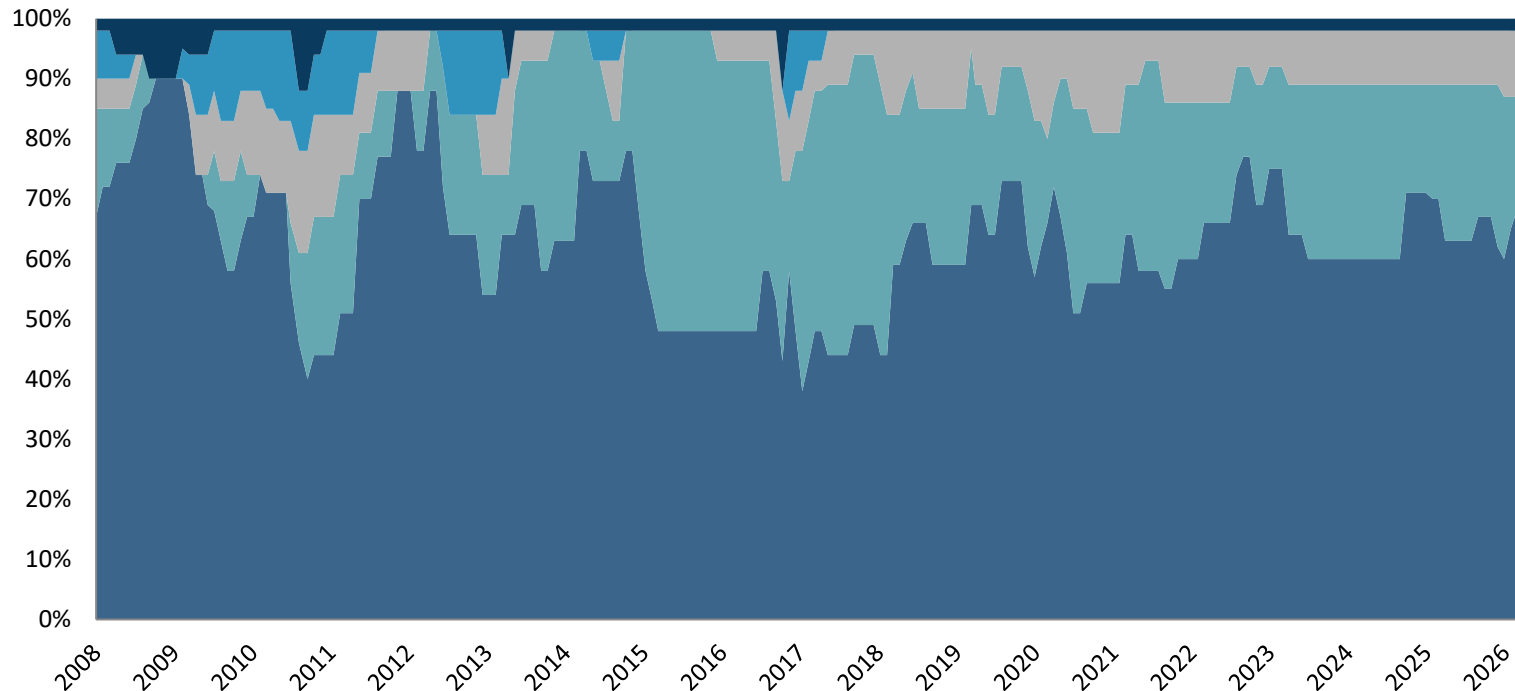
Source: Index data from Bloomberg, Mutual Fund quartile performance from BlackRock Morningstar. See disclosures page for indexes used to represent market segments.

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Equity Asset Allocation Ranges

U.S. Equities	Int'l Equities	Emerging Markets	Alternatives	Cash
25-100% of Allocation	0-75% of Allocation	0-25% of Allocation	0-40% of Allocation	0-20% of Allocation

Equity Asset Allocation in Motion

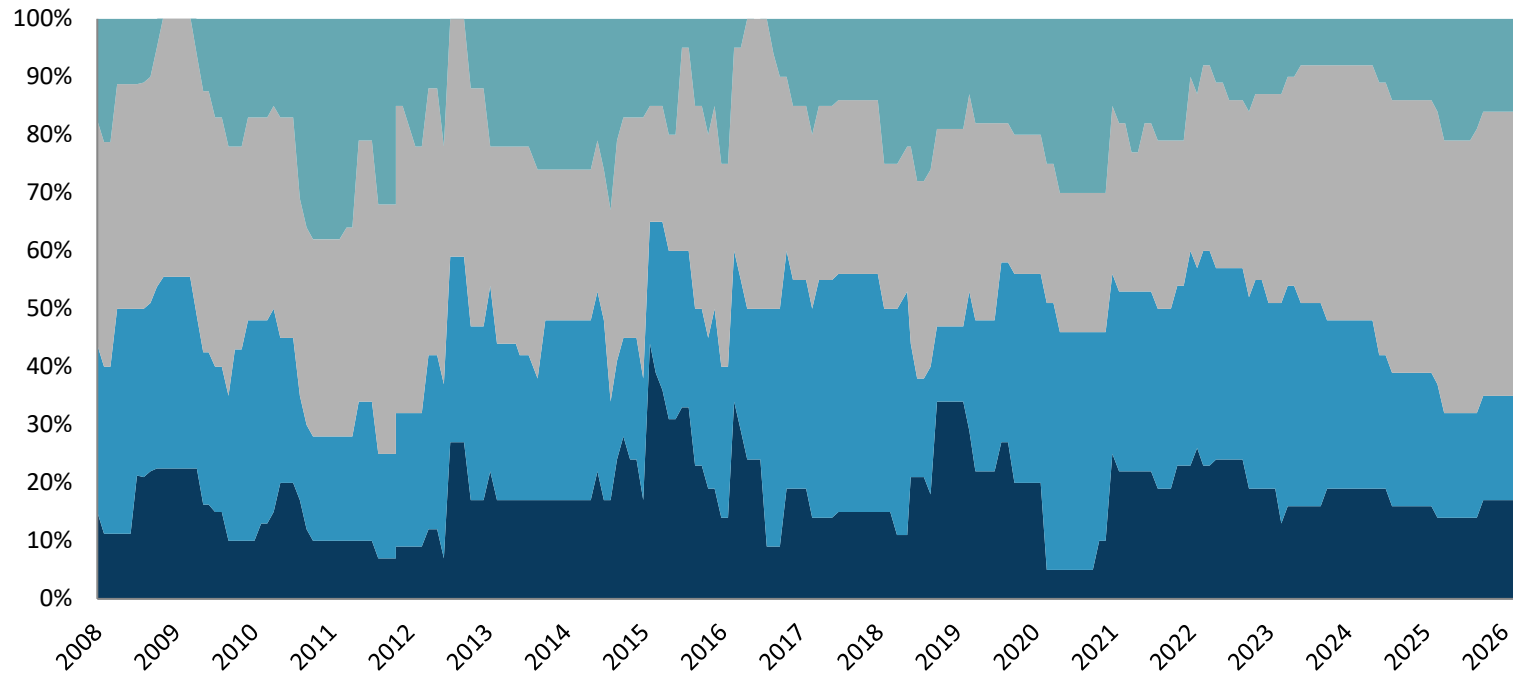


Historical Allocation as of 3/31/2026
 Allocation ranges are approximate ranges, please see disclosures and guidelines for more detail.

Fixed Income Asset Allocation Ranges

Treasuries	IG Credit	Securitized	Non-Core Fixed
0-75% of Allocation	0-50% of Allocation	0-50% of Allocation	0-40% of Allocation

Fixed Income Allocation in Motion



Our Research

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Quarter in Review
Global markets struggled in the first quarter as the Iran war and resulting energy shock weighed on both equities and fixed income. Markets entered the quarter already contending with concerns around AI megafunds and private credit, but the speculation in Iran triggered a sharp rise in energy prices, a deeper equity correction, and higher rates driven by near-term inflation fears. Inconsistent messaging from the Trump Administration amplified volatility in oil prices and broader markets, though by quarter-end the damage, while widespread, remained modest. Global equities fell 3.3% for the quarter, while US investment grade bonds were roughly flat.

Energy prices experienced the most extreme moves. Brent futures rose roughly 50% since the start of the conflict, climbing from the \$60s to above \$100, while physical prices reflected in Dated Brent exceeded \$140 — levels not seen since 2008. Within equities, energy drove late-quarter performance, disproportionately assuming energy-dependent regions: Asia led 13% and Europe declined 8% in March. For the full quarter, US equities lagged EAFE (0.4%) but developed markets (0.6%) and EEM (-0.1%) gave the strong start for non-US equities in the first two months of the quarter.

Fixed income markets have largely interpreted the shock as a near-term, supply-driven inflation event. Yields moved higher and curves flattened as markets pushed expected Fed easing out of 2026, with the 3d15s curve flattened by roughly 50 basis points. Near-term inflation expectations reflected sharply, with one-year TIPS-implied inflation rising above 5%, though longer-term expectations remained anchored near 2.5%. Most core investment-grade markets delivered flat total returns, as higher yields were offset by strong income carry. Credit modestly underperformed amid risk-off sentiment and supply pressures, with spreads widening by roughly 10 basis points. Higher quality sectors outperformed, including agency MBS, which generated small positive returns (+0.4%) for the quarter. Emerging market debt lagged further (-7%), while pressures in private credit were most evident in business development companies, with EDC fixed income down 1% and EDC equities down roughly 5%.

Macro Outlook & Positioning
The Iran war has increased near-term tail risks and, alongside private credit concerns and rising AI skepticism, has bruised sentiment and dampened growth outlooks. Stepping back from the headlines (and tweets), market pricing and historical norms still argue for a base-case view that the Iran war represents more of an inflation shock than a long-lasting growth shock. The cycle is likely delayed, not derailed.

Asset Allocation Perspectives

January 2026

Market Outlook and Key Investment Themes

Global Asset Allocation ETF Strategies Performance Commentary | First Quarter 2026

EQUITY ALLOCATION PERFORMANCE

Contributors

- US Small Cap
- International Equities

Detractors

- US Large Cap Equities
- US Industrials Sector

Markets entered the first quarter contending with concerns around AI margins and private credit, but the Iran war triggered an energy shock, weighing on risk sentiment. Headline uncertainty amplified volatility in oil prices and broader markets, although by quarter-end the damage, while widespread, remained modest. Global equities fell 3.3% for the quarter.

Given the challenging environment for equities on the quarter, the strategy was slightly negative but outperformed the global equity index. The strategy's allocation to US small cap and international developed market equities was the largest contributor.

Notable Portfolio Adjustments During the Quarter

- Increased Industrials
- Increased US Growth, Bonds
- Decreased International
- Increased Small Cap

OUTLOOK & CURRENT POSITIONING

- The Iran war has increased near-term tail risks and, alongside private credit concerns and rising AI skepticism, has bruised sentiment and dampened growth outlooks. Stepping back from the headlines (and tweets), market pricing and historical norms still argue for a base-case view that the Iran conflict represents more of an inflation shock than a long-lasting growth shock. The cycle is likely delayed, not derailed.
- We have increased equity exposure across balanced accounts, funded from fixed income, and raised our US weighting relative to international markets. In the US, equity multiples have compressed while full-year earnings expectations remain positive, supporting a rotation toward US growth equities. In contrast, international developed markets — particularly Europe, the UK, and Japan — remain more exposed to elevated energy prices due to their reliance on energy imports.
- Within core plus fixed income strategies, we maintain moderate and well-diversified exposure to non-core sectors. We reduced high yield and loan exposure in the second half of 2025 and exited high yield entirely in early 2026, reallocating toward preferred stock and high-income securitized exposure.

FIXED INCOME ALLOCATION PERFORMANCE

Contributors

- MBS
- Corporate Bonds (IG/HY)

Detractors

- Preferefcs
- Overweight Loans

Bond markets have largely interpreted the oil shock as a near-term, supply-driven inflation event. During the first quarter, yields moved higher and curves flattened as markets pushed expected Fed easing out of 2026. Near-term inflation expectations narrowed sharply, with one-year TIPS-implied inflation rising, but longer-term expectations remained anchored. Most investment-grade markets delivered flat total returns, as higher yields were offset by strong income. Higher quality sectors outperformed, including agency MBS.

The fixed income strategy was largely flat on the quarter given the volatility of the bond markets. The strategy's overweight to MBS helped to balance out the higher contribution from non-core segments, such as preferreds and loans.

Notable Portfolio Adjustments During the Quarter

- Increased Cash Loans
- Exited High Yield

Asset Class Views

Equities vs. Fixed Income


We carry an overweight in equities vs. fixed income. Given our base case that the US will avoid a recession and benefit from supportive monetary and fiscal policy in 2026, we see relative upside potential in equities compared to bonds.

Equity	View	Reasoning
US Equities	▲	We recently moved to an overweight in US equities relative to international markets. Near-term risks appear more skewed to the upside with a multiple compression in the face of solid-earnings outlooks, a potential fiscal boost during April tax season, and the likelihood of a scaling back of combat operations in Iran during this period.
Developed International	▼	International developed markets, particularly Europe, the UK, and Japan, remain vulnerable to elevated energy prices due to their reliance on energy imports. Slowing growth in these regions could pressure returns, leading us to reduce EAFE exposure into 2Q.
Emerging Markets	○	We maintain a neutral allocation to EM as valuations are attractive and there is growth upside in India and parts of Asia and LATAM. This is countered by structural weakness in China and elevated macro and geopolitical risks globally.
Style/Sector/Factor	○	From a style and sector perspective, we favor growth, having increased our exposure during Q4 as valuations became more attractive, and cyclical, given their solid-led growth outlook. We are also tilted exposure toward heavy industry and power infrastructure to benefit from the capex spending theme.
Fixed Income	View	Reasoning
US Treasuries	▼	We are underweight Treasuries overall with a tilt toward longer-duration exposure. This is balanced with a credit allocation biased toward the front-end, to ramp down overall spread sensitivity. This positioning also allows us to keep modestly longer-dated/benchmark duration at the portfolio level to balance our non-core risk and increased securitized exposure.
Investment Grade Credit	○	Market weight-type exposure still makes sense in US credit given strong fundamentals and demand for yield but full valuations. We continue to have a tilt toward short-dated credit to enhance quality and liquidity, and we continue to diversify our overall spread risk with increased MBS exposure.
Securitized	▲	We continue to like the agency mortgage sector from both a relative value and macroeconomic standpoint. Mortgages offer attractive yields to Treasuries and are resilient without the credit risk and should benefit from lower risk aversion. We have increasingly skewed exposure toward actively managed ETS as issuer and structural selection are an important excess return driver within securitized markets.
Non-Core Fixed Income	○	We believe a moderate allocation to non-core assets is appropriate to diversify sources of yield and return. Given tight US credit spreads and an easing Fed, we have lowered high yield and loan allocations in favor of increased preferred stock and high-income securitized exposure.

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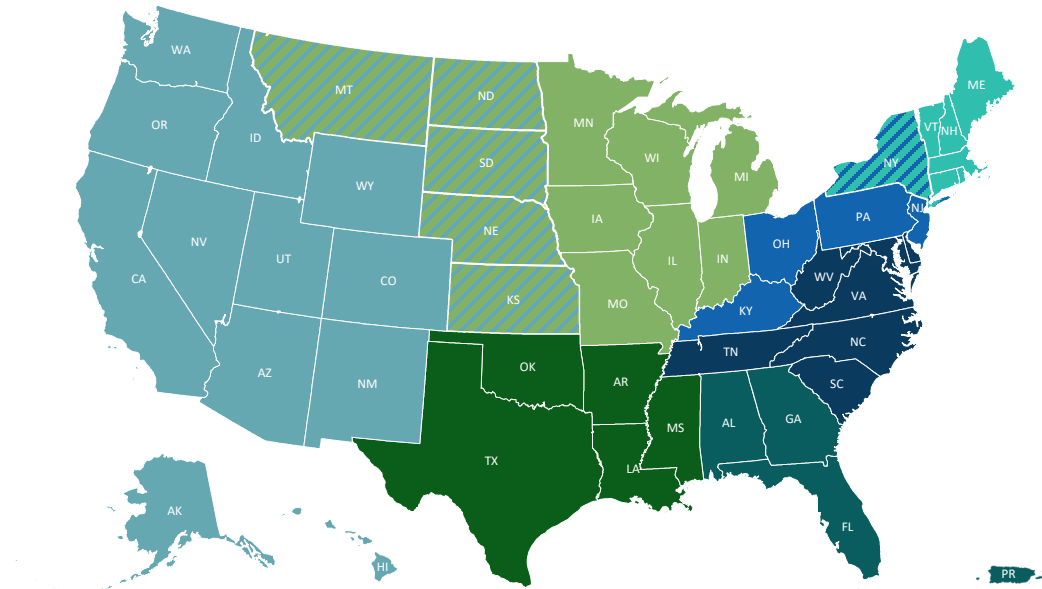
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