Exchange-Traded Fund Portfolios

Asset Allocation

Lower-cost, tax-efficient exchange-traded fund (ETF) model portfolios in five core choices that span the risk spectrum.





A range of core ETF choices for every stage of your lifetime

The ETF portfolios we offer are actively managed by a team of professionals using a research-driven process to help create diversified, low-cost, and tax-efficient portfolios.

We Find Value

Our investment professionals around the world study global markets to find what others may be missing. We begin with a blank sheet of paper, not a benchmark, pushing ourselves to find value, which we define as getting more than what you pay for. Our disciplined and principled approach to finding value builds risk management into every purchase.

ETFs vs. Mutual Funds: What's the Difference?

Exchange-traded funds track a market index, such as the S&P 500. Like mutual funds, they're pooled investment fund vehicles. However, unlike mutual funds that price and trade once a day, ETFs trade on the major exchanges like stocks, and their prices track the underlying value of the securities in the indexes they are designed to match. This flexibility, combined with the cost and tax savings they offer, has made ETFs popular with investors.

Morningstar, Inc. Research

We use a bottom-up, fundamental approach to evaluate each ETF. We begin with trusted data from our parent company, Morningstar, Inc., where analysts cover the stocks inside dozens of ETFs, examining profitability, growth characteristics, and business risk. We roll up the analyst rating for each stock to help assess the attractiveness of an ETF as a whole. From there, we use a proprietary methodology—including reviews of costs and risk—to select an ETF. Only our highest-conviction picks make it into your portfolio.

Tax- and Cost-Effective Management

Because markets are in constant motion, we constantly monitor our portfolios, to help ensure each portfolio sticks to its risk and return objectives. We rebalance or replace holdings when necessary. We also seek to minimize the costs that you pay, trading infrequently to help keep costs and taxes in check.

Building Holistic Portfolios

Each portfolio is created using our investment process.



In-Depth Valuation Analysis

We analyze capital markets with a valuation lens to find ways we can get more than we'll pay for, and gauge market sentiment to help ensure we're taking a contrarian look at markets.

Develop Asset Class Views

Our asset allocation best thinking stems from valuationbased opportunities in stock and bond markets, as we seek to maximize return for a given level of risk.

Investment Selection

Assessing ETFs must go beyond cost. Starting with data and analysis from Morningstar, Inc., we examine each ETF's risk characteristics and assess how it will fit into our portfolios.

Portfolio Construction

When building portfolios, we look at the whole picture. Considering risk and return characteristics of investments may adjust our asset class thinking as we bring pieces together into a portfolio.

Ongoing Monitoring

As markets change, so do our portfolios. Our investment team monitors them each day to stay well-positioned and risk-aware through the market's ups and downs.

Asset Allocation Portfolios

Our model portfolios are carefully designed to put your needs front and center—where they belong. We think your portfolio should be working for you no matter what investment approach or style is in favor at any given time. That's why we keep them broadly diversified

across asset classes, managers, and investment styles. To select a portfolio, talk to your financial advisor, who can help you build a wealth strategy focused on your long-term goals.

Portfolios	% Asset Allocation	Goal
Aggressive Growth	 67 U.S. Stocks 28 International Stocks 3 U.S. Bonds International Bonds 2 Short Term Reserves 	Long-term capital appreciation. Designed to help investors to participate fully in the growth the stock market can offer, the portfolio invests primarily in domestic and foreign equities, while seeking to cushion equity market downturns with modest exposure to fixed-income securities.
Growth	 56 U.S. Stocks 24 International Stocks 15 U.S. Bonds 3 International Bonds 2 Short Term Reserves 	Long-term capital appreciation. Designed to help investors to take advantage of the potential for stock market growth by investing primarily in domestic and foreign equities.
Moderate Growth	 42 U.S. Stocks 18 International Stocks 32 U.S. Bonds 6 International Bonds 2 Short Term Reserves 	Long-term growth with moderate volatility. Built with a focus on providing balanced and varied exposure by investing in both equity and fixed-income securities.
Income & Growth	 28 U.S. Stocks 12 International Stocks 46 U.S. Bonds 9 International Bonds 5 Short Term Reserves 	Moderate capital appreciation combined with current income. Combines the growth potential of equities with the balance that fixed-income securities can provide.
Conservative	 14 U.S. Stocks 6 International Stocks 58 U.S. Bonds 12 International Bonds 10 Short Term Reserves 	Protection from capital loss and a safeguard against inflation. Invested in fixed-income and equity securities, it's designed to be best-suited for investors who value current income and stability over all else.
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Through Morningstar Managed Portfolios, investment advisers can offer the professional guidance and access to strategies that can help you achieve your goals. The model portfolios are designed to be part of a long-term investing plan that helps meet your needs at each stage of your lifetime.

Important Information

It is important to note that investments in securities (e.g., mutual funds, exchange-traded funds, common stocks) involve risk and will not always be profitable. ETFs, like all investments, carry certain risks that may adversely affect their net asset value, market price, and/or performance. An ETF's net asset value (NAV) will fluctuate in response to market activity. Because ETFs are traded throughout the day and the price is determined by market forces, the market price you pay for an ETF may be more or less than the net asset value. Because ETFs are not actively managed, their value may be affected by a general decline in the U.S. market segments relating to their underlying indexes. Similarly, an imperfect match between an ETF's holdings and those of its underlying index may cause its performance to not match the performance of its underlying index. Like other concentrated investments, an ETF with concentrated holdings may be more vulnerable to specific economic, political, or regulatory events than an ETF that mirrors the general U.S. market.

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