



Objective:	Tactical Allocation	Process:	Quantitative
Asset Class:	Global Multi-Asset	Implementation:	ETFs
Holdings:	2 - 5	Style Box:	Large Blend
Inception:	Oct. 2009	Structure:	SMA ³

Description

This strategy complements the core of a portfolio by delivering tactical adjustments to market exposures on a weekly basis. The strategy holds up to five ETFs representing the major risk markets globally, with a fixed income out-position that ranges from zero to 90%. Portfolio changes are driven by a quantitative marker called a “moving average.” Risk market ETFs are retained in the portfolio when they demonstrate a positive trend, and they are removed when the trend turns negative.

Process

Risk market exposures are diversified across four quadrants – domestic equity, international equity, emerging markets and tangible assets (natural resources and real estate). Each quadrant is reviewed on a monthly cycle, but the reviews are staggered weekly throughout the month.

International equities are reviewed on the first Friday of every month; domestic equities on the second Friday; emerging markets on the third Friday, and tangible assets on the final Friday of each month. If the price of a risk market ETF is higher than its moving average on the date of its review, the ETF is retained in the portfolio for another month. When a sector ETF closes below its moving average on a review date, the ETF is sold from the portfolio, and replaced with cash reserves and an ETF for short-term U.S. government bonds.

The objective of this trading discipline is to retain exposure to risk markets when their moving average indicator suggests a relatively favorable short-term outlook, while switching to fixed income and cash when the outlook is less favorable.

Role in Portfolio

The Dynamic Allocation strategy systematically adjusts the risk profile of a diversified portfolio to reflect prevailing market conditions. When the recent trend in the global risk markets has been positive, this strategy is likely to contribute more exposure to risk markets within a diversified portfolio. When the recent trend has been negative, this strategy is likely to shift more resources toward the fixed income allocation of a diversified portfolio.

³ The acronym SMA refers to “Separately Managed Account.”

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