



## Strategy Description

The Tax-Wise Investment Strategy aims to enhance the tax-efficiency of a diversified portfolio across key asset classes and markets, along with a harmonious blend of active and passive management styles. This is primarily achieved through the utilization of highly-rated, actively and passively managed mutual funds & ETFs. Each mutual fund and ETF are meticulously screened and chosen from a broad spectrum of custodian options, based on the potential value especially with tax-efficiency, they could to the portfolio. The chosen funds are usually those that rank highly within their category based on the analytical metrics we scrutinize. Roughly 10 to 15 mutual funds and ETFs are used within a portfolio to fulfill the strategy’s objectives. ETF’s due to their tax-efficient manner in limiting pass-through capital gains are routinely used for portfolio equity exposure. Muni mutual funds are used more frequently for the portfolios fixed mutual funds are used more frequently for the portfolio fixed mutual funds income exposure. The precise number and type of investments fluctuates based on the portfolio objective and the level of asset class exposure.

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

### Strategy Facts

Strategy Inception	2016
Minimum Initial Investment	\$100,000
Strategy Benchmark	Mod Aggressive Benchmark
Number of Holdings	15
Dividend Yield %	2.1%
Net Expense Ratio %	0.29%
Stock Allocation	79%
Bond Allocation	19%
Weighted Avg. Market Cap (\$M)	\$226,867
Effective Duration	4.91
Yield to Maturity	3.53%
Effective Maturity	10.19
Turnover Ratio %	43%
Price / Earnings Ratio	26.7x
Price / Book Ratio	8.1x

### Risk Metrics: 3 Year

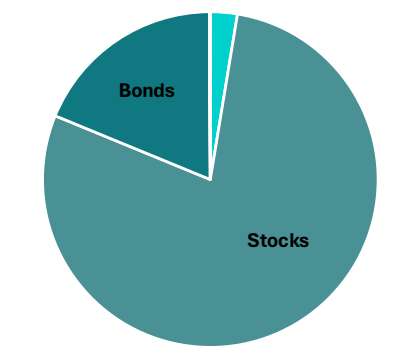
Beta	0.81
Downside (Quarterly)	0.51
Upside (Quarterly)	0.92
Upside/Downside Ratio	1.08
Historical Sharpe Ratio	0.86
Annualized Standard Deviation	9.49%
Batting Average	0.61
Historical Sortino Ratio	1.33
Information Ratio	0.16

\*Annualized Std Deviation - monthly returns

### Top 10 Holdings

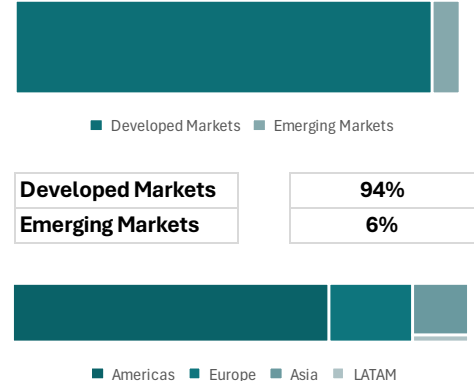
Symbol	Name	% Weight
VONG	Vanguard Russell 1000 Growth Index Fund ETF	14.8%
EFV	iShares MSCI EAFE Value ETF	11.6%
PIZ	Invesco Dorsey Wright Developed Markets Mo ETF	10.5%
VTV	Vanguard Value Index Fund ETF	8.8%
EDIV	State Street SPDR S&P Emerging Markets Div ETF	7.8%
SPHQ	Invesco S&P 500 Quality ETF	7.1%
IMCG	iShares Morningstar Mid-Cap Growth ETF	6.3%
PAMYX	Putnam Strategic Intermediate Municipal Fd Y	5.7%
GSMTX	Goldman Sachs Dynamic Municipal Income Fund Inst	5.7%
JMEE	JPMorgan Small & Mid Cap Enhanced Equity ETF	5.1%

### Asset Allocation



Cash	2.6%	Convertible	0.0%
Stocks	78.6%	Preferred	0.0%
Bonds	18.7%	Other	0.1%

### Region Exposure



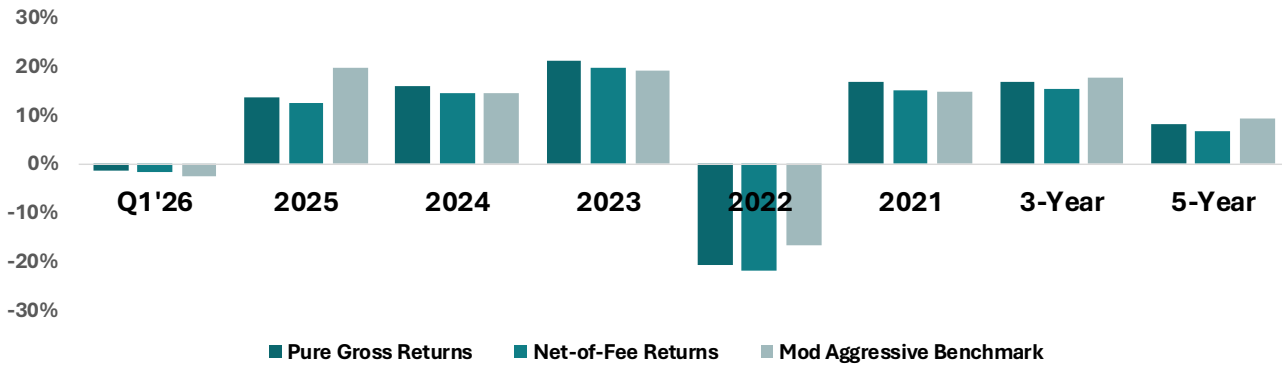
Americas	70%	Asia	11%
Europe	18%	LATAM	2%

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



Total Returns (%)

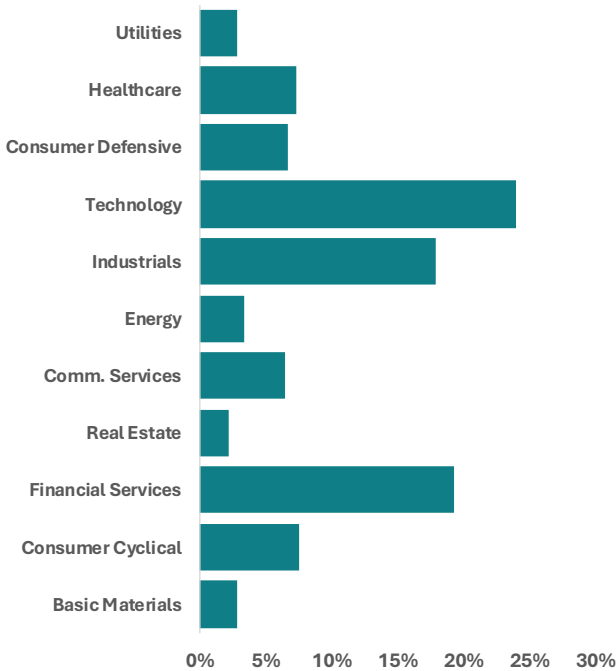
	Q1'26	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	3 Year Annualized	5 Year Annualized	10 Year Annualized	Since Inception
Pure Gross Returns	-1.37%	13.77%	15.84%	21.12%	-20.84%	16.78%	16.83%	8.08%	-	-
Net-of-Fee Returns	-1.68%	12.37%	14.48%	19.79%	-21.91%	15.18%	15.46%	6.73%	7.10%	7.10%
Mod Aggressive Benchmark	-2.47%	19.68%	14.50%	19.23%	-16.84%	14.71%	17.78%	9.28%	-	-



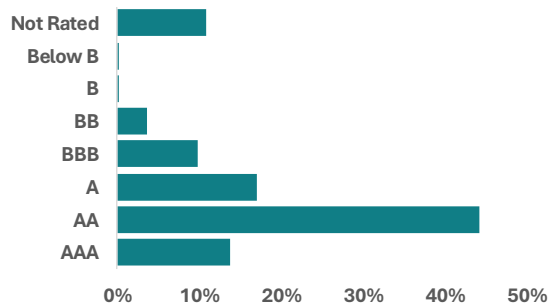
\*All returns are calculated in US Dollars

\*\*Blended Moderately Aggressive Benchmark 20% Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index (BBUSATR), 80% MSCI ACWI Total Return (MSACWTR)

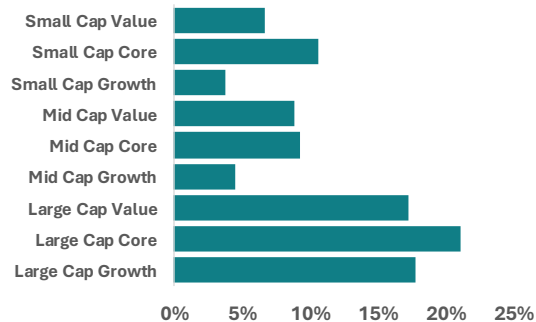
Stock Sector Exposure



Bond Credit Quality Exposure



Equity Style Exposure





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- Opening of new investments
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