

# A Smarter Way to Invest

## **Stable Fixed Income**

Data as of 6/30/18

#### Risk Score<sup>™</sup>

RISK 23

Riskalyze: #SWCNI

#### **Investment Discipline**

Stable Fixed Income is our most conservative investment model. It holds fixed income ETFs with shorter durations and varying sector exposure to provide a counterbalance to the other equity-based models we offer. This is a passive model that does not often make changes other than to adjust the relative weighting of the holdings inside.

#### **Model Objective**

This model's primary objective is principal preservation. It also provides a small dividend yield. Returns tend to be fairly flat and are influenced primarily by interest rate and inflation expectations both domestically and globally. During periods of extreme volatility in interest rate and inflation expectations, this model may see above average price fluctuations.

#### Dividend Yield

YIELD 2.1%

#### Returns (net of max fee)

2012*	2.22%
2013*	-5.26%
2014*	0.66%
2015*	-2.16%
2016*	-0.28%
2017*	1.69%
2018	-1.06%

#### **Return Statistics**

Ann. Since Inception

Last Quarter

Trail 12 Months

-1.06%

#### **Risk Statistics**

Max Drawdwn	-1.72%
Recovery Time	NA
MAR Ratio	0.24
Alpha (1 Yr)	-2.74%
Beta (1 Yr)	-0.03
Std Dev (1 Yr)	1.55%
Sharpe (1 Yr)	-1.96

### Correlation in the Bond Market and the Importance of Diversification



- 1 S&P 500
- 2 Treasury Bonds (IEF)

\*Backtested through 2/28/17

- 3 Inv Grd Corp Bonds (VCIT)
- 4 Hi Yld Corp Bonds (HYG)
- 5 Municipal Bonds (MUB)
- 6 International Bonds (BNDX)
- 7 Emerg Mkt Bonds (IEMG)

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Correlation:

Postive

Minimal

Negative

Many investors are familiar with the concept of diversification; avoid putting all your eggs in one basket. In the equity markets, this means buying stock in companies of different sizes, different countries of origin, and different sectors. This same principal applies to investments in bonds. The matrix to the left shows how correlated the various bond market sectors are to the S&P 500 (outlined in black) as well as to each other (no outline).

As you can see, the sectors we incorporate in our income models range from high to moderate positive correlation to the S&P 500 (when stocks move up, these bond sectors tend to rise as well) all the way to negative correlation to the S&P 500 (when stocks move up, these sectors tend to fall and vice versa). Our aim in doing this is to always have the potential for gains in certain sectors while collecting dividend income from all sectors.

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Backtesting was performed assuming quarterly rebalances, reinvested dividends, and using actual security weightings as used in the model. For times when histrocial price data was not available, the most highly correlated alternative fund's price data was used. Actual return data is used where available.