

Hedged Equity & The New Modern Portfolio

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The Dual Dilemma

State of Bond Markets

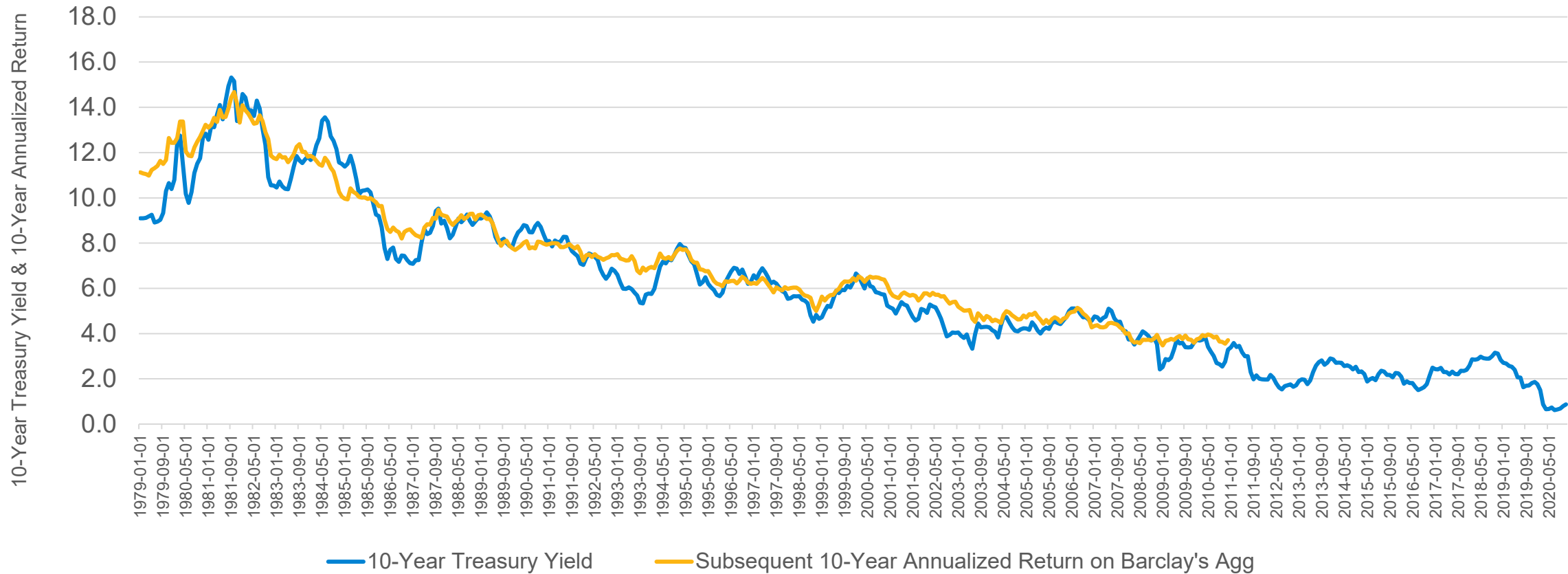
- Bond bull market appears out of gas
- Traditional role of bonds in peril
- Low Yields, High Duration Risk
- QE Forever?
- Inflation concerns rising

State of Equity Markets

- US equity markets near all-time highs
- Valuations appear rich
- “Irrational Exuberance II: The Sequel”?
- Long-term return expectations are muted

Yield: Driver of Bond Returns

Relationship Between 10-Year Treasury Yields and Subsequent Returns on Barclay's U.S. Aggregate Bond Index



Source: Swan Global Investments, Zephyr StyleADVISOR

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Two Drivers of Inflation

Supply Side

- Bottlenecks in global supply chains
- Lingering effect of trade wars

Demand Side

- Pent-up demand from a year of lock-down
- \$1.9tn in stimulus, with talk of trillions more

Limited supply + increased demand
= higher prices
= inflationary pressures

Sensing Inflation Pressure?

Short-Term Pressures

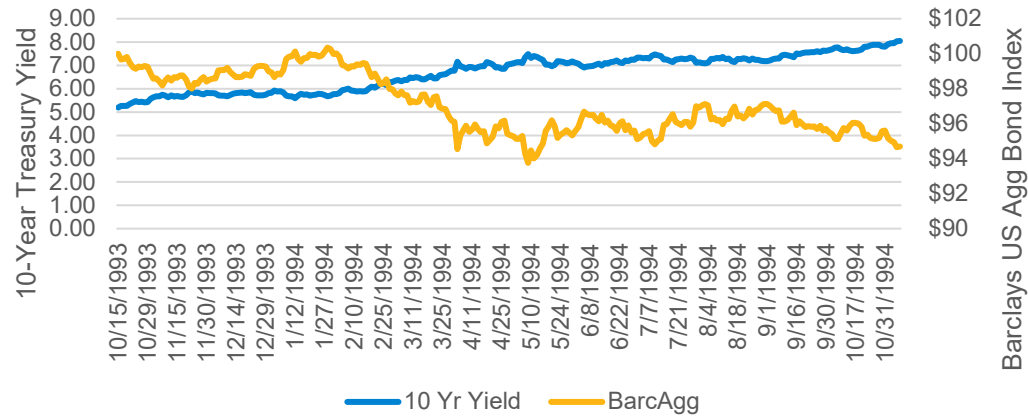
- Post-COVID demand surge
- Supply chain bottlenecks
- Dovish monetary policy

Longer-Term Pressures

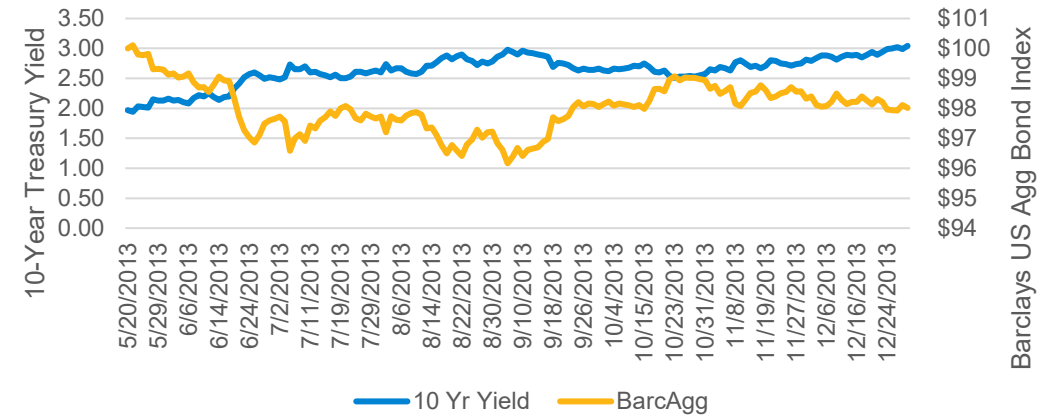
- Pro-labor / Anti-business regulations & laws
- Poorly skilled labor
- De-globalization
- Massive increase in debt & deficits

Periods of Rising Rates

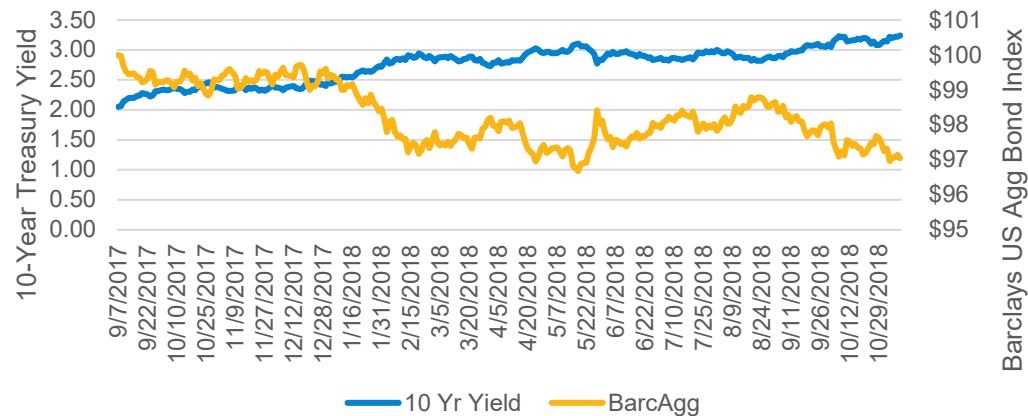
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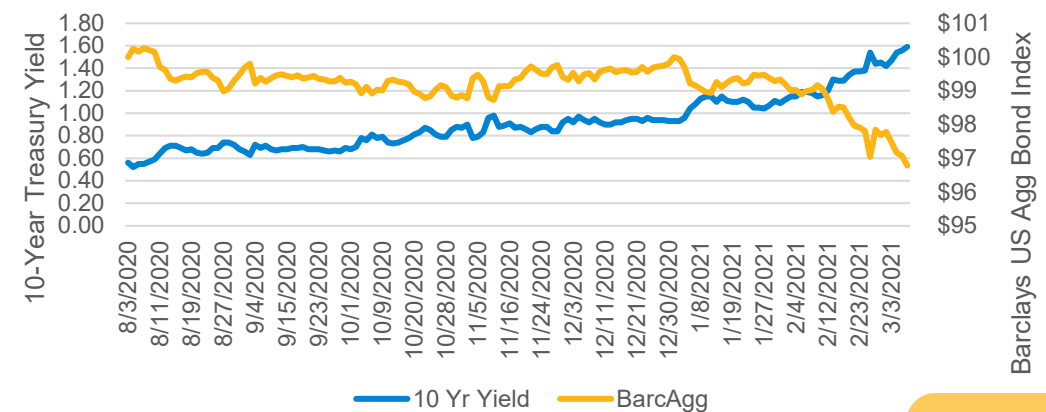
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2018 About-Face



Post-COVID

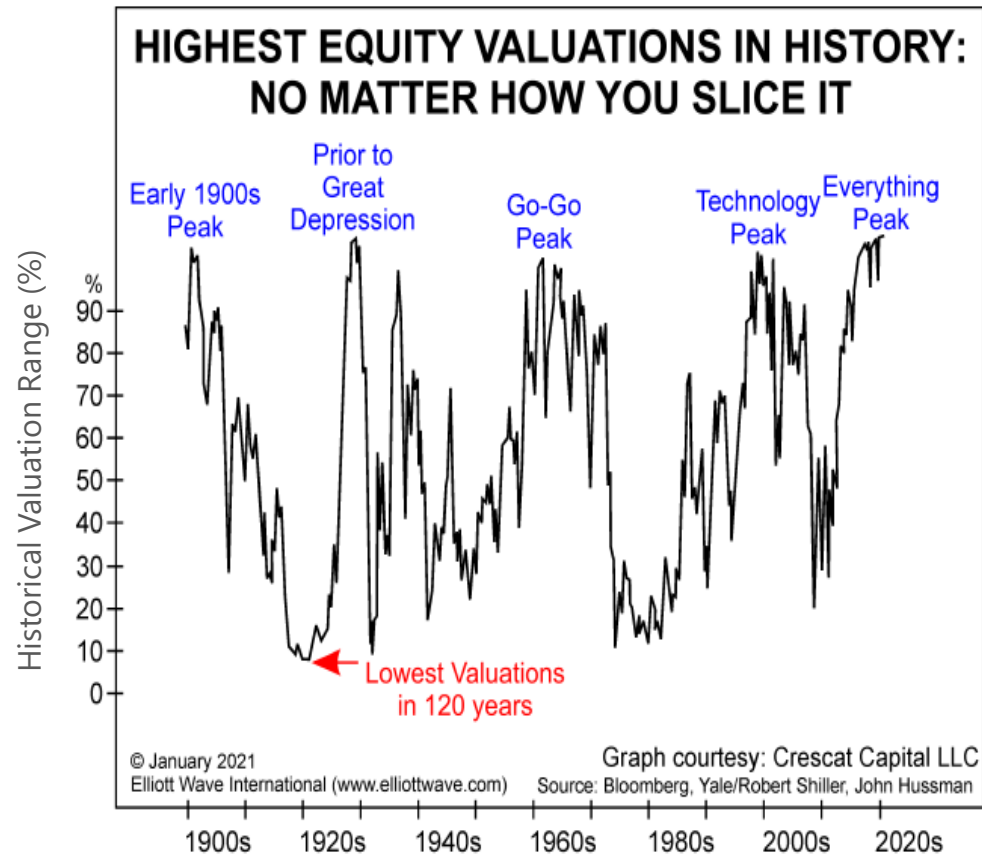


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Market Valuations Appear Rich

Equity Valuation as of 12/31/2020



Model Factors	Most Recent Values	Historical Percentile
Median EV to Sales (Ex-Financials)	4.0	100%
US Total Market Cap to GDP	170%	100%
EV to Free Cash Flow Margin-Adjusted (Ex-Financials)	48.8	100%
Median Price to Sales	2.8	100%
Median Price to Book	3.9	100%
Median EV to EBITDA (Ex-Financials)	15.0	100%
Aggregate EV to Sales	3.0	100%
Aggregate EV to Trailing 12 M EBITDA	17.5	100%
Aggregate EV to 2021 EBITDA Estimate	15.9	100%
Aggregate Price to 2021 Book Value Estimate	3.8	100%
Aggregate Price to Tangible Book Value	12.8	100%
Aggregate Price to Earnings	27.9	98%
Cyclically Adjusted P/E (CAPE)	32.9	97%
Aggregate Price to 2021 Earnings Estimate	25.6	97%
Aggregate Price to Book	3.9	91%

*Numbers as of November 2020

Table courtesy: Crescat Capital LLC

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How Are Investors Responding?

Conservative

- Piling into cash
- More structured products
- Traditional havens like gold

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Aggressive

- Increasing stock allocations, chasing “winners” in NASDAQ
- Bonds: Chasing yield by increasing credit & duration risk
- Speculative bets like cryptocurrency, NFTs, SPACs

Need a 'Hedge' for Both Tails

Left Tail Risk

Market Crisis (COVID-19)

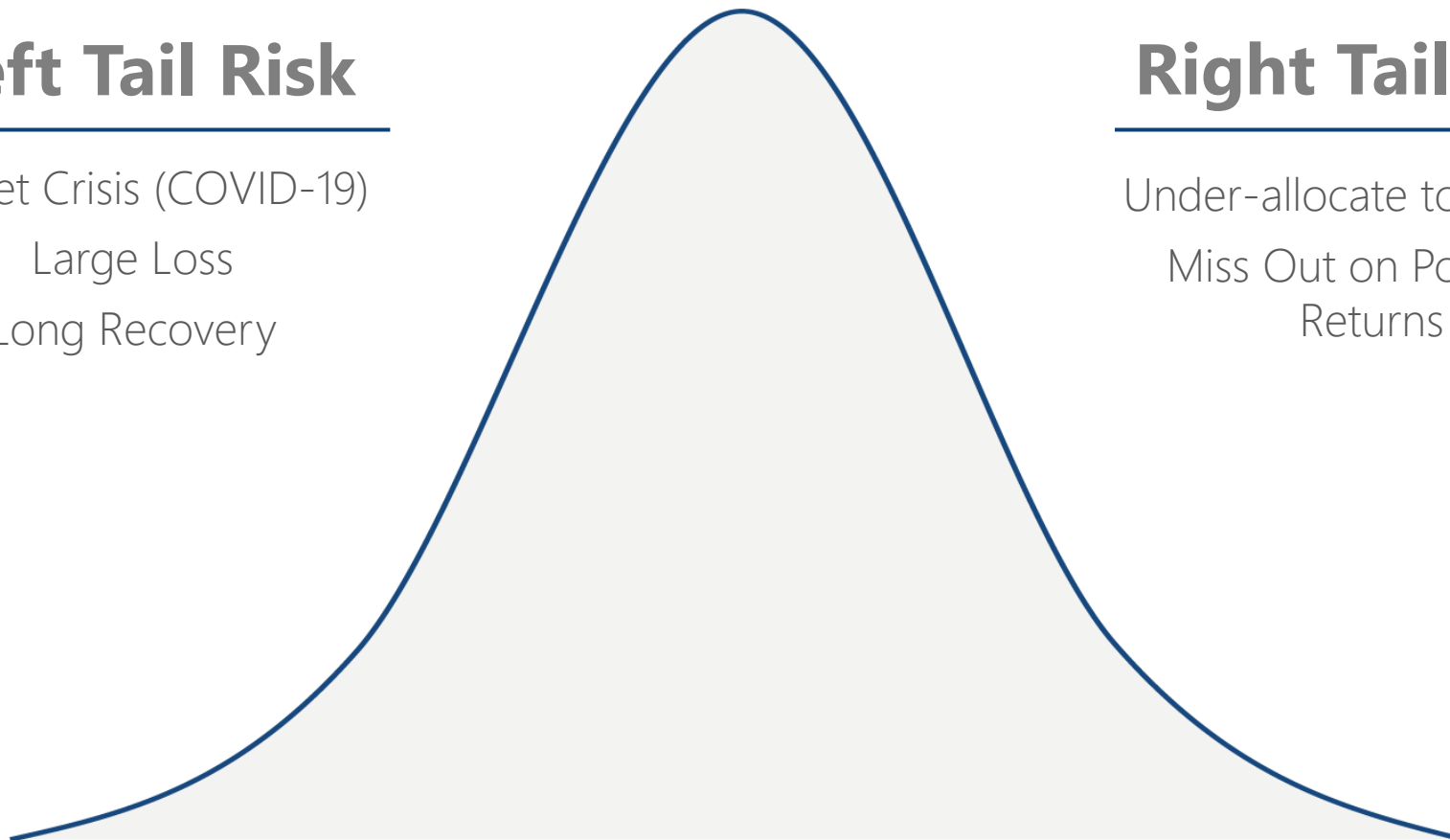
Large Loss

Long Recovery

Right Tail Risk

Under-allocate to Equities

Miss Out on Potential
Returns



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Equity

Seek
Growth



Swan DRS



Hedge

Seek to
Mitigate Risk



Options

Seek
Additional Return

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Defined Risk Strategy: Distinct, Time-Tested Process

1 Invest in Equities

WHY?

To participate in equity markets.

- Always Invested – Passive position in low-cost equity index ETFs
- No market timing or stock selection

2 Hedge the Equities

WHY?

To mitigate risks of bear markets.

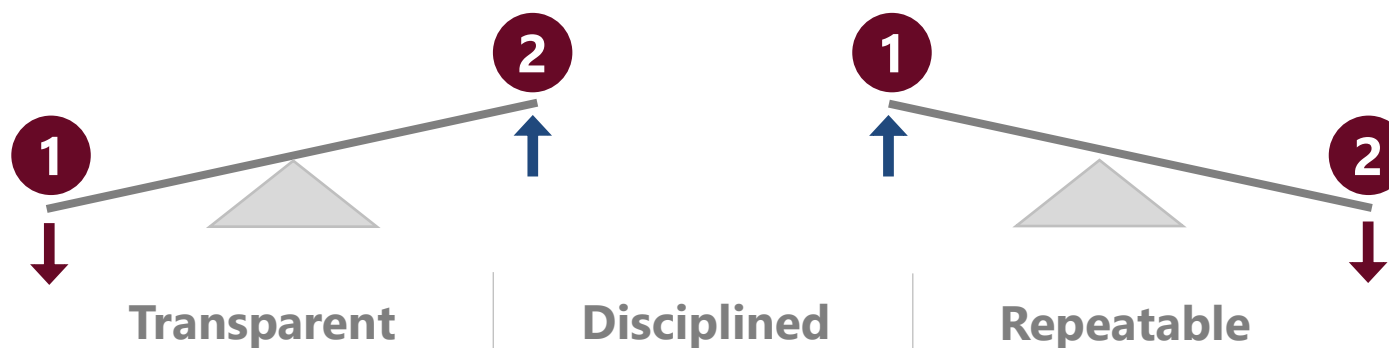
- Always Hedged – Actively managing long-term put options (LEAPs), generally one to two years to expiration, initially
- Purchased at, or near-the-money

3 Seek Additional Return

WHY?

To offset the cost of the hedge.

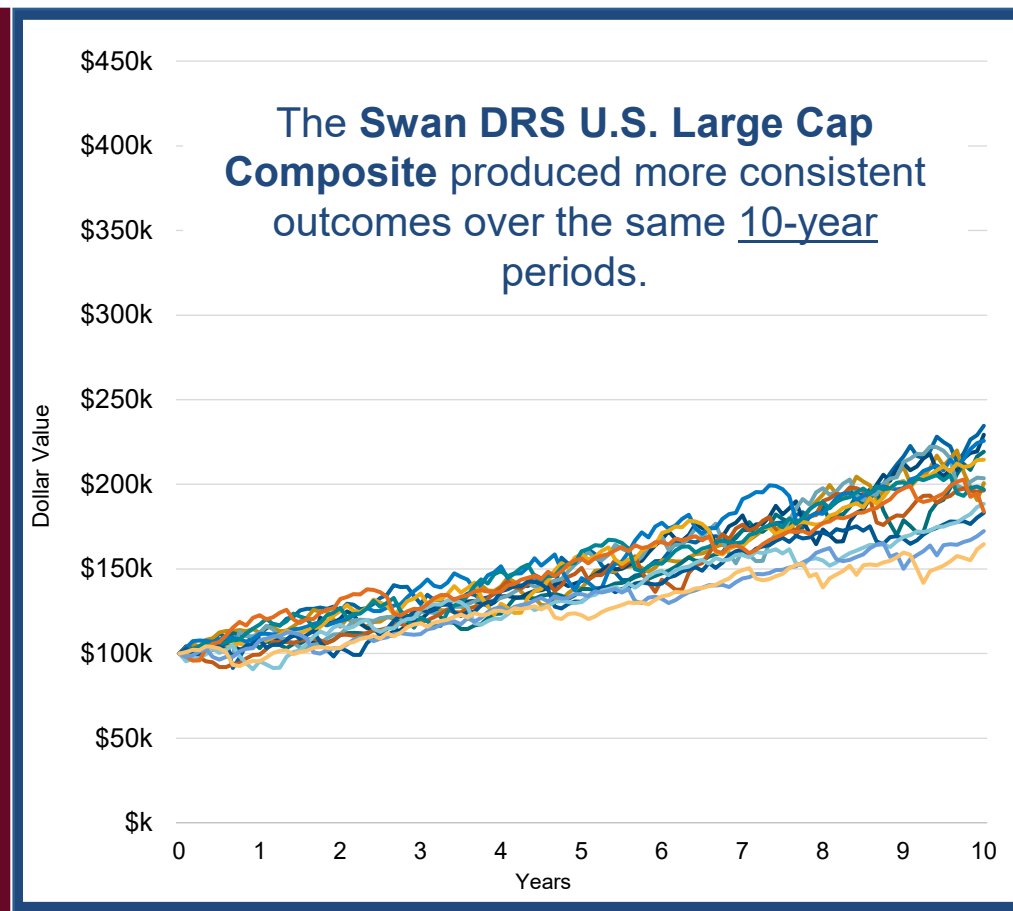
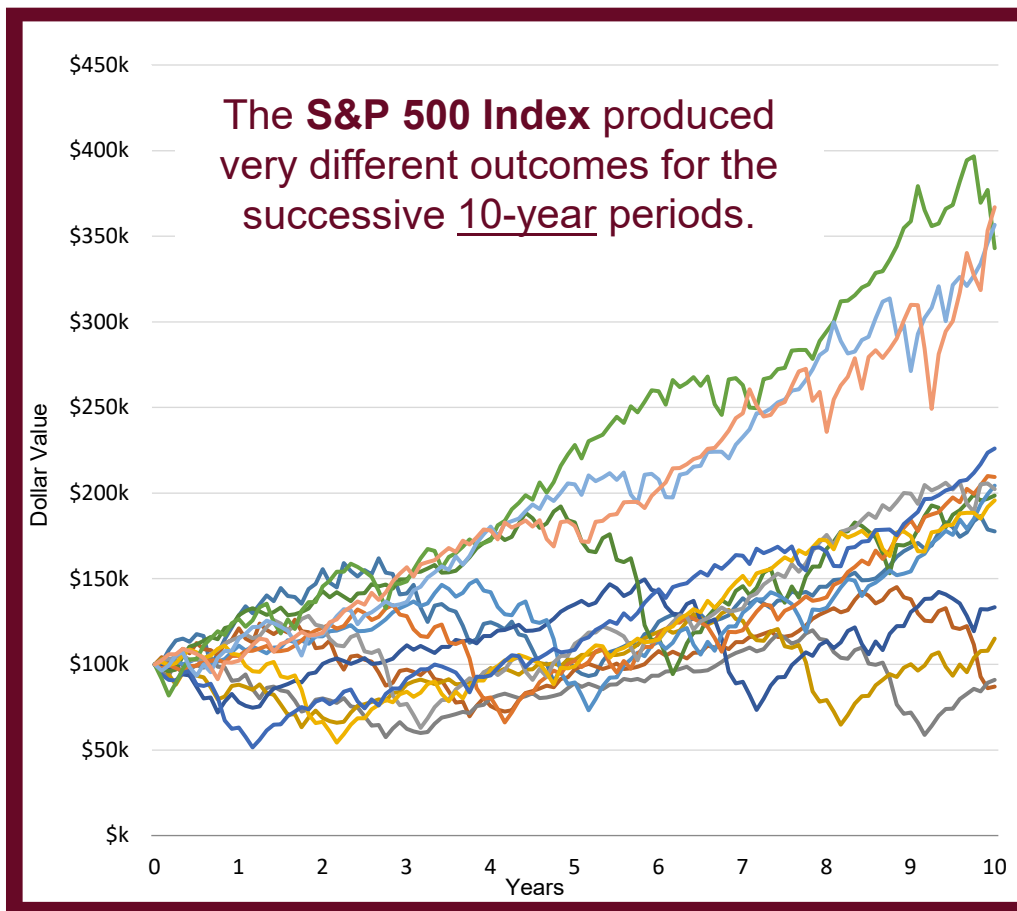
- Actively managing shorter-term options portfolio
- Utilizing a disciplined, rules-based approach



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The graphs above show an investment of \$100,000 over fourteen successive, 10-year investment periods. The first period is 1/1998 to 12/2007; the last period is 1/2011 to 12/2020. All but two of these periods contain at least one bull market and one bear market (1/2009 to 12/2018 and 1/2010 to 12/2019).

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Building Blocks

Exchange Traded Funds

- U.S. Large Cap (ticker: HEGD)

Open-End Mutual Funds

- U.S. Large Cap (S&P 500)
- U.S. Large Cap Growth (S&P 500)
- U.S. Small Cap (Russell 2000)
- Foreign (MSCI EAFE)
- Emerging Markets (MSCI EM)

Separately Managed Accounts

- U.S. Large Cap
- U.S. Large Cap Growth
- U.S. Large Cap Prime
- U.S. Small Cap
- Foreign Developed
- Emerging Markets

Passive Hedge Management

Pacer-Swan SOS ETF Series

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- SOS Moderate
- SOS Conservative
- SOS Fund of Funds

Swan SOS Shield[®] SMA Series

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- SOS Shield[®] Moderate
- SOS Shield[®] Conservative



Overlays

Hedged Equity Overlays*

Single or Multi-Asset
Equity Portfolio Overlays

Custom Portfolio Overlays*

Concentrated Equity Holdings,
Low-Cost Basis Equity

Portfolio Implementation

Hedged Equity Applications

- 1. Bond Surrogate:** Provide equity-fueled returns while mitigating risk; reduce credit and interest rate risks
- 2. Equity Supplement:** Reduce risk in equity portfolios and capitalize on full market cycles
- 3. Cash Off sidelines:** Re-enter equity markets while mitigating risk versus long-only equity investments

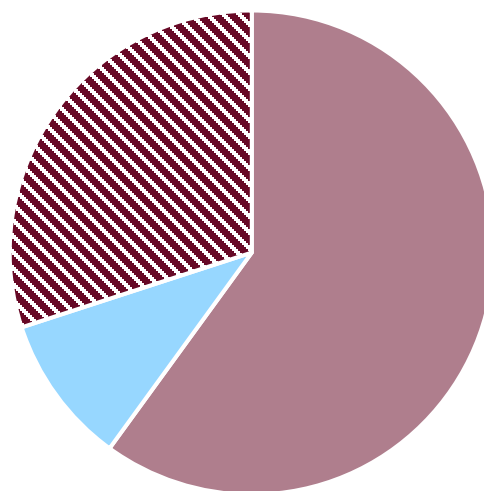
A 'New' Balanced Modern Portfolio

Hedged Equity – Strategic Allocation as Bond Surrogate

Reduce Left Tail Risk

- Prevent Over-Allocation to Long-Only Equities
- Reduce Interest Rate Risk
- Reduce Credit Risk

60 / 30 / 10



■ Equities ■ Bonds ■ Hedged Equity

Reduce Right Tail Risk

- Capitalize on strength of equity markets
- Benefit from fed monetary & fiscal policy
- Reduce allocation to low yield bonds
- Get cash off sidelines

Impacts on Portfolio Risk/Return

Summary Statistics: July 1, 1997 – March 31, 2021	Return	Beta vs. SP 500	Standard Deviation	Sharpe Ratio
60% S&P 500 40% Barclays US Agg	7.44%	0.60	9.27%	0.59
60% S&P 500 30% Barclays US Agg 10% Swan DRS Hedged Equity	7.72%	0.63	9.78%	0.59
60% S&P 500 20% Barclays US Agg 20% Swan DRS Hedged Equity	7.98%	0.66	10.35%	0.58
60% S&P 500 10% Barclays US Agg 30% Swan DRS Hedged Equity	8.23%	0.70	10.98%	0.57

Source: Zephyr StyleADVISOR and Swan Global Investments; the S&P 500 Index and the Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index are an unmanaged index and cannot be invested into directly. Swan DRS Hedged Equity refers to the Swan Defined Risk US Large Cap Composite results, displayed herein net of fees, as of 3/31/2021. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

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Year	Swan DRS US Large Cap Composite					S&P 500 ("The Benchmark")		60% S&P 500/40% Barclays Aggregate	
	Net-of-Fee Return	Composite Dispersion	Composite Assets (No. of Accounts / AUM in Millions)	Firm Assets in Millions	3-Yr Annualized Standard Deviation	Return	3-Yr Annualized Standard Deviation	Return	3-Yr Annualized Standard Deviation
1997*	19.17%	-	1 / .22	\$0.22	-	10.58%	-	9.01%	-
1998	11.55%	-	1 / .32	\$0.32	-	28.58%	-	20.98%	-
1999	12.26%	-	2 / .72	\$0.72	-	21.04%	-	12.00%	-
2000	3.17%	-	3 / .92	\$0.92	-	-9.10%	-	-0.99%	-
2001	7.46%	-	3 / 1.66	\$1.66	7.23%	-11.89%	16.71%	-3.71%	9.99%
2002	12.22%	-	3 / 1.97	\$1.97	10.20%	-22.10%	18.55%	-9.82%	10.77%
2003	-0.65%	5.68%	6 / 3.74	\$3.74	10.11%	28.68%	18.07%	18.48%	10.26%
2004	11.76%	5.80%	8 / 4.66	\$4.66	9.89%	10.88%	14.86%	8.30%	8.49%
2005	6.69%	2.66%	8 / 4.98	\$4.98	6.12%	4.91%	9.04%	4.00%	5.61%
2006	17.26%	3.71%	12 / 7.69	\$7.69	4.52%	15.79%	6.82%	11.12%	4.33%
2007	8.39%	3.79%	14 / 9.40	\$9.40	5.92%	5.49%	7.68%	6.22%	4.56%
2008	-4.57%	5.00%	17 / 15.65	\$15.65	9.34%	-37.00%	15.08%	-22.06%	9.48%
2009	22.63%	4.18%	73 / 55.78	\$55.78	10.70%	26.46%	19.63%	18.40%	12.40%
2010	7.88%	2.21%	105 / 97.90	\$97.90	10.57%	15.06%	21.85%	12.13%	13.56%
2011	-4.59%	3.16%	146 / 59.44	\$59.44	9.21%	2.11%	18.71%	4.69%	11.28%
2012	8.29%	1.44%	436 / 129.08	\$386.76	7.45%	16.00%	15.09%	11.31%	8.64%
2013	14.21%	1.56%	423 / 309.7	\$1,052.99	6.62%	32.39%	11.94%	17.56%	7.00%
2014	6.23%	0.65%	599 / 434.3	\$1,810.04	4.75%	13.69%	8.97%	10.62%	5.48%
2015	-2.11%	1.36%	766 / 473.21	\$2,446.11	5.79%	1.38%	10.47%	1.28%	6.37%
2016	9.08%	0.90%	1,207 / 675.64	\$3,620.08	5.38%	11.96%	10.59%	8.31%	6.33%
2017	11.51%	0.78%	1,630 / 982.45	\$4,975.33	4.99%	21.83%	9.92%	14.21%	5.85%
2018	-6.83%	1.13%	1,292 / 756.36	\$4,063.88	6.23%	-4.38%	10.80%	-2.35%	6.38%
2019	14.93%	1.15%	1,144 / 638.36	\$3,065.24	7.01%	31.49%	11.93%	22.18%	10.09%

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