

Flexible Allocation Strategy – Conservative

3Q 2024

SSI Flexible Allocation – A Tactical Solution that Seeks to

- Provide **long term growth after inflation** with moderate risk
- Protect capital** in times of rising market and economic risks that are not adequately reflected in security prices
- Capitalize** on the exceptional investment opportunities that often occur during periods of market disruption
- Active portfolio management combining **Quantitative Analysis with a Fundamental Overlay**



WINNER
Multi Asset Strategist¹
SSI Investment Management
SSI Flexible Allocation Portfolio



Morningstar
Overall Rating²

Quarterly Performance Review Conservative Portfolio (Inception: 8/1/2015)	3Q 2024	Annualized Returns (%)			
		1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	Since Inception
Flexible Allocation (G)	4.50	20.22	3.50	7.92	7.13
Flexible Allocation (N)	4.24	19.03	2.47	6.87	6.08
40/60 Custom Benchmark ³	5.56	21.13	4.12	7.33	7.39
Morningstar Mod Conserv. Tgt Risk Index ⁴	6.32	18.53	2.25	5.20	–
Morningstar Mod Conserv. Allocation Category ⁵	4.60	14.25	1.77	3.50	–
Lipper Conservative Funds ⁶	5.21	16.55	1.91	4.15	–

- Portfolio of Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs)

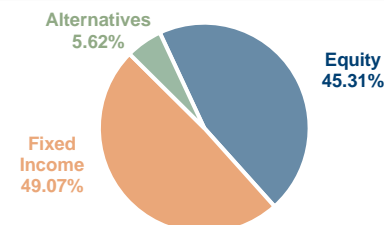
- Effective & Efficient

- Independent – can select from the entire ETF universe

- No levered or inverse ETFs

Category Ranking ⁷	3 Year	5 Year
Morningstar Rating TM	★★★	★★★★★
Number Rated	455	408
Absolute Rank	168	23
Percentile Rank	37th	6th

Current Portfolio Allocation



Equity

Large-Cap Core	35.93%
Small-Cap Value	4.01%
Large-Cap Growth	2.38%
International Em Mkts	1.51%
REITs	1.48%

Fixed Income

Long Bond	22.80%
Short Bond	14.49%
Bank Loan	4.69%
High Yield	1.95%
Cash	5.14%

Alternatives

Convertibles	3.01%
Hedged Equity	2.61%

Key Metrics ⁷	3 Year		5 Year	
	SSI Flexible Allocation Conservative	Morningstar Moderately Conservative Allocation	SSI Flexible Allocation Conservative	Morningstar Moderately Conservative Allocation
Alpha	-0.27	-2.05	1.59	-1.54
Beta	0.78	0.57	0.80	0.54
R2	94.77	89.14	94.29	86.06
Standard Deviation	10.11	7.69	10.15	7.21
Sharpe Ratio	0.01	-0.25	0.56	0.16
Upside Capture	81.66	55.66	88.00	52.03
Downside Capture	78.89	57.79	76.95	53.74

Notes regarding Morningstar ratings, Investnet yearly competition, strategies and custom benchmarks, as well as performance disclosures are located on pages 2 & 3 of this document.

Quarterly Commentary

- The third quarter was another strong period for the equity markets, with the S&P 500 gaining 5.89%
- Equity returns broadened out, with small caps outperforming (Russell 2000 +9.3%) while a rotation away from tech stocks led the S&P 500 Index to outperform the “Magnificent 7”
- Fixed income returns benefitted from a drop in interest rates and the Bloomberg Aggregate Bond Index ended the quarter up 5.20%
- The investment environment is generally favorable with the economy resilient, inflation decelerating and the Fed reducing interest rates
- SSI’s quantitative model remains positive toward equities on an intermediate term basis
- The Strategy is positioned well for the current environment, but we are monitoring key variables and will adjust portfolio as environment evolves

Risk Controls

Risk Management is a Multi-level Process

- TAA quantitative model designed to evaluate risk level in markets and guide adjustments to portfolio
- PM team evaluates quantitative output fundamentally and considers other risks

Factors that drive risk reduction include

- Risk of economic contraction
- Change in market trend
- Policy changes and geopolitical events
- Deteriorating credit conditions
- Heightened volatility
- Lack of liquidity

SSI Investment Management

Committed to meeting investor objectives by delivering differentiated and value-added investment solutions

- Founded in 1973, SSI Investment Management is an asset management firm that focuses on innovative, alternative ideas that deliver competitive returns while providing risk mitigation
- SSI has a long history working with Financial Institutions and Advisors to help clients meet objectives through compelling investment solutions
- The investment team has successfully managed portfolios through all kinds of market cycles since the 1990’s

Current Holdings⁸

Equity	
IVV	iShares Core S&P 500
IWN	iShares Russell 2000 Value
QUAL	iShares MSCI Quality
IYW	iShares Technology
SDVY	First Trust SMID Rising Dividend
IYR	iShares US Real Estate
IEMG	iShares Core MSCI Em Mkts
Fixed Income	
LQD	iShares iBoxx \$ Inv Grade Corporate Bond
IEF	iShares 7-10 Year Treasury Bond
BKLN	Invesco Senior Loan
JAAA	Janus Henderson AAA CLO
FLOT	iShares Floating Rate Bond
LMBS	First Trust Low Duration Opportunities
SHYG	iShares 0-5 Year High Yield Corporate Bond
Alternative	
ICVT	iShares Convertible Bond
BUFR	First Trust Vest Fund of Buffer

Portfolio Characteristics

Equity	
Average Market Cap (in Millions)	\$275,567
Average Price/Earnings	22.1X
Largest Sector Overweights:	Real Estate
	Materials
Largest Sector Underweights:	Technology
	Health Care
Fixed Income	
Average Effective Duration	4.52 yrs
Average Effective Maturity	8.42 yrs
Average Credit Quality	A
Average Coupon	5.06%
Current Yield	4.51%

¹ The 2022 yearly awards, presented by Envestnet | PMC and Investment Advisor recognize active managers who have beaten their benchmarks, shown solid performance in general over time and are the best in their respective asset class. Eligibility requires the portfolio manager have \$200 million in assets and three years of experience. Additionally, the managers also need to be open to new investment on the Envestnet platform. Award finalists were chosen using Envestnet | PMC’s proprietary, systematic, and multi-factor methodology for evaluating managers, which takes a variety of qualitative and quantitative criteria into consideration, such as investment process and style, performance, firm profile, customer service, and tax efficiency. SSI Investment Management did not pay to participate.

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³ Custom Benchmark: 40% S&P 500 / 60% Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index - prior to January 31, 2021 the benchmark was 50% S&P 500 / 50% Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index. Benchmark return data in addition to “Custom Benchmark” is supplemental to SSI’s GIPS reports.

⁴ Morningstar Moderate Conservative Target Risk Group: 40% Global Equity Exposure / 60% Global Bond Exposure benchmark. Source: Morningstar.

⁵ Morningstar Moderate Conservative Allocation Category. Source: Morningstar.

⁶ Lipper Conservative Funds: Lipper Mixed-Asset Target Allocation Conservative Funds (81 Funds)

⁷ Comparison to the Morningstar Primary Category Index: Morningstar Mod Con Tgt Risk TR USD (FOUSA08PJX). Key Metric statistics based off of gross of fee performance. Source: Morningstar.

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Policies

SSI's policies for valuing portfolios, calculating performance, and preparing compliant presentations are available upon request.

The Composite & Benchmark (Description & Material Risks)

SSI's Flexible Allocation Strategy - Conservative invests in a portfolio primarily of Exchange Traded Funds but may include Exchange Traded Notes and other Mutual Funds. The exposure to various asset classes including, but not limited to, equity, fixed income and cash may range from 0-100%. The composite contains fully discretionary accounts including those no longer with the firm. SSI believes a performance comparison versus the Balanced Index is appropriate. Prior to January 1st, 2021, the Balanced Index was 50% of the total return of the S&P 500 and 50% of the Bloomberg Aggregate Bond Index. Effective January 1st, 2021, the Balanced Index will be 40% of the total return of the S&P 500 and 60% of the Bloomberg Aggregate Bond Index. Portfolios in this composite may have asset allocations that are different from the allocation of the Balanced Index. These allocations may generally range from 30% equities & 70% fixed income/cash to 50% equities & 50% fixed income/cash. The volatility of this strategy may be greater than the Balanced Index due to changes in asset allocation. The return, if any, is dependent upon SSI's discretionary management. The Bloomberg Aggregate Bond Index is made up of government securities, mortgage-backed securities, asset-backed securities and corporate securities to simulate the universe of bonds in the market and the maturities of the bonds in the index are more than one year. Any other indices shown are not necessarily comparable to SSI's Flexible Allocation Strategy - Conservative. These are widely recognized market indices that are shown for informational purposes only and are supplemental to SSI's GIPS reports. Investors should be aware that individuals cannot invest directly in any index, and index performance does not include transaction costs or other fees, which will affect actual investment performance. Benchmark rebalancing frequency: monthly. Composite inception date August 1, 2015; composite created August 1, 2015.

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Returns are presented gross and/or net of management fee. Actual results of an individual account may be materially different from the performance shown herein because of differences in inception date, transaction and related costs, investment guideline restrictions, fees and other factors. All performance is based in U.S. dollars and reflect, on a percentage basis for each of the periods indicated: (a) the actual net increase (decrease) of all SSI Flexible Allocation Strategy - Conservative portfolios, dollar-weighted, including adjustments for unrealized gains and losses, the reinvestment of dividends and other earnings, the deduction of some investment costs, the deduction of mutual fund costs, and are time-weighted to adjust for additions and withdrawals, and (b) the net increase (decrease) of the Balanced Index. Net performance for fee paying portfolios is reduced by SSI's actual investment management fees and non-fee paying portfolios are reduced by a 1% annual model fee (2015-present). Model fees are deducted on a monthly basis. Gross performance does not include deduction of SSI's investment management fees. If performance is gross of management fees, client's actual return will be reduced by the management fees and any other expenses which may be incurred in the management of an investment advisory account. See SSI's Form ADV, Part 2A for a complete description of the investment advisory fees customarily charged by SSI. As an example, an account with an initial \$1,000,000 investment on January 1, 2022, earning a recurring 5% semi-annual gross return (10.25% annualized), and paying a .5% semi-annual management fee (1% annual fee) would have grown to \$1,340,096 on a gross of fees basis and \$1,300,392 on a net of fees basis by December 31, 2024 (3 years).

List of Composites

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