

# Low Volatility Managed Account

## TOP HOLDINGS (%)

Texas Instruments Incorporated	2.08
GoDaddy, Inc. Class A	1.98
Amdocs Limited	1.98
Northrop Grumman Corp.	1.98
Motorola Solutions, Inc.	1.95
Verizon Communications Inc.	1.94
eBay Inc.	1.93
Merck & Co., Inc.	1.89
O'Reilly Automotive, Inc.	1.88
VeriSign, Inc.	1.86

Largest company weights are based on market value of the representative account and not necessarily held in all client portfolios. The information shown is not intended to be, nor should it be construed to be, a recommendation to buy or sell an individual security. A list of all holdings from the prior one-year period is available upon request.

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

Name	Industry	Start Date
Harindra de Silva, Ph.D., CFA <i>Portfolio Manager</i>		1986
Ryan Brown, CFA <i>Portfolio Manager</i>		2006

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## Investment objective

Seeks to outperform the Russell 1000® Index with significantly less volatility through rational, systematic application of quantitative techniques.

## Investment strategy

In addition to the objective, the strategy seeks to:

- Reduce volatility
  - Maintain standard deviation of 20% to 30% less than index
- Outperform over a full risk cycle
  - Outperform in falling markets
  - Lag in risk-seeking markets
  - Keep up in moderately rising markets
- Equity exposure
  - Select stocks from the index
  - Fully invested
  - No derivatives
  - Long only and highly liquid

## Portfolio holdings

- Transparent, long only, highly liquid equity portfolio
- No leverage, no derivatives
- Typically 80-150 names, depending on market volatility
- 40-60% turnover per year

## Benchmarks<sup>1</sup>

- Primary: Russell 1000® Index
- Secondary: MSCI USA Minimum Volatility Index
- Tertiary: S&P 500 Low Volatility Index
- Risk-adjusted: 75% Russell 1000, 25% Cash (90 day T-Bill)

## Related Institutional Information

Annualized returns (%)							
	3 months <sup>2</sup>	YTD <sup>2</sup>	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since inception
Related Institutional Composite — Gross (incept 11-1-04)	-2.77	14.27	14.27	4.93	7.19	8.58	9.24
Related Institutional Composite — Net <sup>3</sup>	-3.51	10.84	10.84	1.78	3.97	5.33	6.00
Russell 1000® Index	2.75	24.51	24.51	8.41	14.28	12.87	10.72

The Russell 1000® Index measures the performance of the 1,000 largest companies in the Russell 3000® Index, which represents approximately 92% of the total market capitalization of the Russell 3000 Index. You cannot invest directly in an index.

Portfolio Characteristics			Sector Weightings <sup>4</sup> (% equities)		
Statistic	Portfolio	Benchmark	Sector	Portfolio	Benchmark
Wtd. Avg. market cap (\$B)	180.20	1010.61	Communication services	7.86	9.22
Price/Book	4.39x	4.83x	Consumer discretionary	11.19	11.47
P/E (trailing 1-year)	18.95x	27.43x	Consumer staples	7.37	5.38
EPS 3-5 Year est	12.96%	14.26%	Energy	0.12	3.29
Dividend Yield	1.78%	1.28%	Financials	10.91	14.03
Long-term growth forecast	10.16%	12.85%	Health care	11.76	10.06
			Industrials	8.66	9.00
			Information technology	33.91	30.72
			Materials	0.12	2.20
			Real estate	1.36	2.39
			Utilities	5.82	2.23
			Cash & equivalents	0.92	-
			Other	0.00	0.02

**Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results.** Performance shown is related performance of the institutional composite. For more information, please refer to the attached GIPS® composite report. The Low Volatility strategy is only provided via a non-discretionary model to Sponsors, and as such, Allspring Funds Management does not have a retail SMA performance composite. Performance information shown above is not actual performance for any Allspring Funds Management retail SMA performance composite but is related institutional composite performance for a similar strategy offered by our affiliated institutional investment adviser, Allspring Global Investments, which acts as a sub-adviser for the Low Volatility model provided to Sponsors. The performance is being shown solely as supplemental information to help you understand how a similar strategy offered by an affiliated institutional investment adviser has performed. This is not intended as an offer for any Allspring Global Investments institutional composites or accounts. If your firm (Sponsor) uses this model, actual performance can be obtained from your firm and will differ from the institutional composite performance shown.

Sector weightings, portfolio characteristics, holdings, and return and risk characteristics are based on a representative account within the institutional composite. 1. The U.S. Low Volatility strategy is designed to maintain 20-30% less volatility than the Russell 1000 and seeks to outperform the broad US Equity Market over a full market cycle. As such, the Russell 1000 Index (primary benchmark) is an appropriate long-term benchmark. As a result of the portfolio's long-term investment horizon, when evaluating performance over the short-term, the performance uses a (non-official) risk-adjusted benchmark (75% Russell 1000, 25% Cash) to generate performance comparisons. Considering the objectives of the U.S. Low Volatility Equity strategy, as a secondary benchmark, the MSCI USA Minimum Volatility Index (Gross) offers an added comparison with a similar focus on volatility. MSCI makes no express or implied warranties or representations and shall have no liability whatsoever with respect to any MSCI data contained herein. The MSCI data may not be further redistributed or used as a basis for other indexes or any securities or financial products. This report is not approved, reviewed, or produced by MSCI. 2. Returns of less than one year are not annualized. 3. The net return is calculated based on the gross returns reduced by a typical 3% maximum annual wrap fee that could be charged to an account. 4. Sector weightings may not add up to 100% due to rounding.



## GIPS® Composite Report

Period	Gross Annual Return (%)	Net Annual Return (%)	Primary Index Return (%)	Secondary Index Return (%)	Tertiary Index Return (%)	Composite 3-Yr Std. Dev. (%)	Primary Index 3-Yr Std. Dev. (%)	Secondary Index 3-Yr Std. Dev. (%)	Tertiary Index 3-Yr Std. Dev. (%)	Internal Dispersion (%)	Number of Accounts	Composite Assets (\$-mm)	Total Firm Assets (\$-mm)
2024	14.27	13.81	24.51	15.99	14.26	13.09	17.40	13.64	13.19	0.32	6	1,154.97	458,112
2023	4.18	3.76	26.53	9.79	0.72	13.13	17.42	14.03	14.07	0.28	6	1,369.09	432,838
2022	-2.96	-3.35	-19.13	-9.19	-4.59	17.72	21.33	17.49	17.38	0.59	9	2,387.80	374,321
2021	16.53	16.07	26.45	21.01	24.42	15.81	17.71	14.56	15.24	0.55	10	2,978.18	483,747
2020	5.11	4.69	20.96	5.76	-1.11	15.72	19.10	14.57	14.61	0.79	11	3,554.15	508,914
2019	28.56	28.05	31.43	27.96	28.26	8.69	12.05	8.71	8.72	0.58	12	4,061.53	419,579
2018	-4.57	-4.96	-4.78	1.55	0.27	8.56	10.95	8.99	9.09	0.34	11	3,399.50	371,582
2017	13.44	12.99	21.69	19.18	17.41	7.05	9.97	8.00	8.54	0.71	16	5,634.86	385,111
2016	10.51	10.07	12.05	10.67	10.37	7.98	10.69	8.79	9.37	0.52	19	5,457.48	N/A
2015	4.67	4.26	0.92	5.64	4.34	8.84	10.48	9.13	9.98	0.35	19	4,829.65	N/A

Primary: Russell 1000® Index

Secondary: MSCI USA Minimum Volatility Index

Tertiary: S&P 500 Low Volatility Index

Source: Allspring Global Investments

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Index returns are provided to represent the investment environment existing during the time periods shown and are not covered by the report of independent verifiers. The MSCI USA Minimum Volatility (Gross) Index aims to reflect the performance characteristics of a minimum variance strategy applied to the large and mid cap USA equity universe. The S&P 500 Low Volatility Index measures the performance of the 100 least volatile stocks in the S&P 500 Index. For comparison purposes, the indices are fully invested, which include the reinvestment of income. The returns for the indices do not include any transaction costs, management fees or other costs.

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