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## ASYMMETRY IN MOTION

Dear Investors and Friends of ACM:

As you may now, ACM doesn't have a formal, definitive view or forecasts for the financial markets. This is where we feel we are truly unique! Like others, we may opine on our personal views about the economy, interest rates, the Fed, valuations, geopolitical risks, the war in Ukraine, inflation, program trading, COVID, FAANG, among many other factors. Where it does matter is how these factors impact the deviations, whether up or down, of our target allocations for equities (70%), bonds (15%), and volatility (15%). From experience, we know that increased uncertainties around these factors may impact overall volatility, which seems to be quite apparent today. Regardless, we attempt to ensure that asset weightings are decreasing in a rising market and increasing when it declines in a disciplined and unemotional manner. Long-term, our value is derived from a proprietary rebalancing methodology of highly uncorrelated assets. For example, the S&P 500 and the VIX (volatility), components that we use in our strategy, have historically proven to be the most negatively correlated assets. They move in an inverse manner most optimally. This is the essence of what is most important for ACM.

Our **Risk Managed US Equity Fund** performed as follows for the quarter ending March 31, 2022, on a net basis:

<i>As of 3/31/2022</i>	<b>YTD Return</b>
<b>ACM Fund</b>	<b>-4.79%<sup>1</sup></b>
70% IVV, 30 AGG – 70/30	-5.06%
S&P 500 Total Return – S&P 500 TR	-4.60%
HFRX Equity Hedge Index – HFRXEH	-0.29%
EALTS Index	-4.82%



Whereas our strategy is not an easy “apples to apples” comparison to a specific benchmark, we show multiple benchmarks to enlighten a more comprehensive perspective. Some thoughts are as follows:

- **A hybrid 70/30 benchmark** which includes the S&P 500 and the US Aggregate Bond Index, or Agg, a broad base index representing intermediate term investment grade bonds traded in the US. This index tracks treasuries, mortgage-backed securities (MBS) and asset-backed securities (ABS) to simulate the universe of investable bonds that meet certain criteria. Relevancy of such a comparison has merit for a multi-asset strategy, like what we manage. Again, we invest in equities, bonds, and volatility with target allocations for each of 70%, 15%, and 15%. Bonds and volatility serve as hedges for our equity exposure.
- **The S&P 500** is a bellwether for US equity performance but somewhat limited for us given our current and consistent exposure of only approximately 30% to the S&P 500. Our other equity components include the Russell 1000 Index of 25%, S&P Mid-Cap at 10%, and the Russell 2000 comprising 5%. As a result, our broader overall equity exposure is 70% with specific predetermined rules to rebalance when any of these equity components deviate from their respective targets.
- **The Equity Hedge Index (HFRXEH)** is a measure for alternatives strategies (hedge funds). Our Fund seeks to deliver an asymmetric risk/return over the long-term with meaningful participation in upside equity performance while limiting the downside. Thus, this benchmark can be viewed as an appropriate measure for comparison purposes. It should be noted that there are several hedge fund indices. They typically measure the median performance of arbitrarily selected groups of hedge funds and may not be optimal for capturing market risk for the broader hedge fund universe.
- **The EALTS benchmark** was created by ACM and launched in May of 2017 with S&P Dow Jones serving as the calculation agent. Please refer to our link <https://www.spglobal.com/spdji/en/custom-indices/asymmetric-capital-management/acm-risk-managed-us-equity-index/#overview>

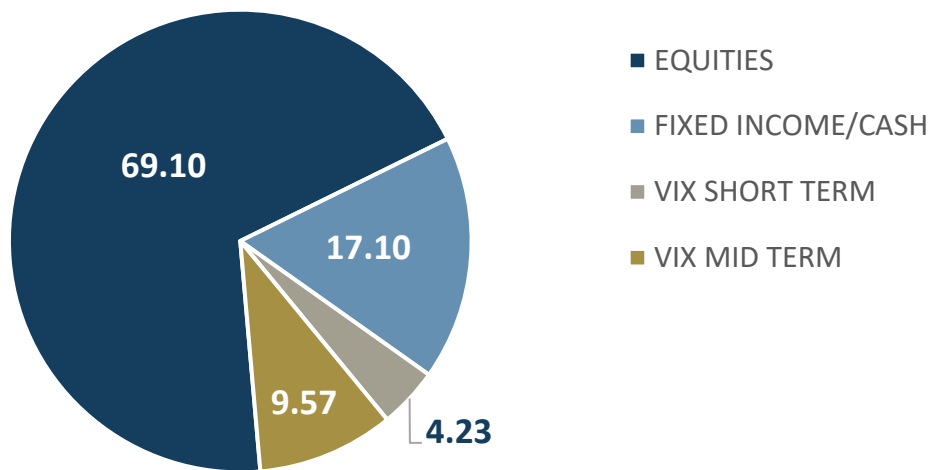


Even though it is not an investable benchmark per se, other than for our benefit, it serves the purpose of relating the performance of our innovative construct and provides public awareness. Given that our Fund performance is shown on a net basis, which includes fees, we expect to track the performance of EALTS quite closely over time.

In summary, there are challenges for aligning an investment strategy to an appropriate benchmark. Therefore, we believe having a view on multiple benchmarks is helpful along with understanding some of the different nuances for each. In the end, investors want their investments working as intended with the right expectations. For our Risk Managed US Equity, it is reasonable to expect meaningful upside market participation with less downside over the long-term. Also, it is a way to benefit when the magnitude and duration of volatility increases for whatever reasons. We did experience some gyrations in volatility from the recent period but nothing sustainable or indicative of a more prolonged downturn in equities. However, this can change rapidly and when it does, we will strive to make it work in our favor from rebalancing.

**Shown below are the current allocations for each asset class along with their components and respective performance:**

**ALLOCATIONS (%)**



*As of 3/31/2022*



## ALLOCATIONS *(cont.)*

### Allocations by Holding:

<i>As of 3/31/2022</i>	ALLOCATION
iShares Core S&P 500 ETF – IVV	29.53%
iShares Russell 1000 ETF - IWB	24.57%
iShares Core S&P Mid-Cap ETF - IJH	10.00%
iShares Russell 2000 ETF - IWM	5.00%
iShares 20+ Year Treasury Bond ETF - TLT	9.93%
CASH	7.17%
SHORT VIX FUTURES – SHORT TERM	4.23%
LONG VIX FUTURES – MID TERM	9.57%

### Quarterly Returns

<i>As of 3/31/2022</i>	QTD Return
iShares Core S&P 500 ETF – IVV	-4.57%
iShares Russell 1000 ETF - IWB	-5.14%
iShares Core S&P Mid-Cap ETF - IJH	-5.13%
iShares Russell 2000 ETF - IWM	-7.54%
iShares 20+ Year Treasury Bond ETF - TLT	-10.62%

*Source: Bloomberg*



In deconstructing performance for the recent quarter, the contribution to return is shown for each component with comments.

## Contribution Returns

<i>As of 3/31/2022</i>	<b>CONTRIBUTION</b>
iShares Core S&P Mid-Cap ETF - IJH	-0.42%
iShares Core S&P 500 ETF – IVV	-1.20%
iShares Russell 1000 ETF – IWB	-1.19%
iShares Russell 2000 ETF - IWM	-0.34%
<b>TOTAL EQUITIES</b>	<b>-3.32%</b>
iShares 20+ Year Treasury Bond ETF - TLT	-1.09%
<b>TOTAL FIXED INCOME</b>	<b>-1.09%</b>
<b>LONG VIX FUTURES</b>	<b>0.63%</b>
<b>SHORT VIX FUTURES</b>	<b>-0.91%</b>

- Even with only a total allocation of 15% for the S&P Mid-Cap (-5.13%) and Russell 2000 (-7.54%) it detracted 0.76% as they each performed worse than the S&P 500 and the Russell 1000.
- 20+ Treasury Bonds (TLT), with a 10% allocation, attributed -1.09% given the rise in interest rates. The TLT, which was -10.62% for the quarter, also hit a 52-week low during this period. It also declined more than 2X the decline in the equity market.
- As an offset and strategic hedge to equities, volatility, with an overall allocation of approximately 15%, was slightly negative during the quarter with a -0.28% deduction on a net basis. Please note that we will always be net long volatility.



## In Summary

A key benefit of our rebalancing methodology is to weather many different market environments. During the recent period, equities were down, bonds were down worse, and volatility was rather mundane. In the short-term, these assets may not move as per their historical long-term correlations, as evidenced from the recent quarter. You should expect that market environments will continue to evolve and change, and we will leave the forecasts to others. Our focus will remain on rebalancing these long-term negatively correlated assets attempting to provide meaningful upside equity market participation while limiting downside.

We are grateful for your support and look forward to benefitting from **“Asymmetry in Motion”** in the future. Please be healthy and safe!

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter J. Johnson", written in a cursive style.

Peter J. Johnson



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