

# Diversified Strategist Portfolios Quality Low Volatility

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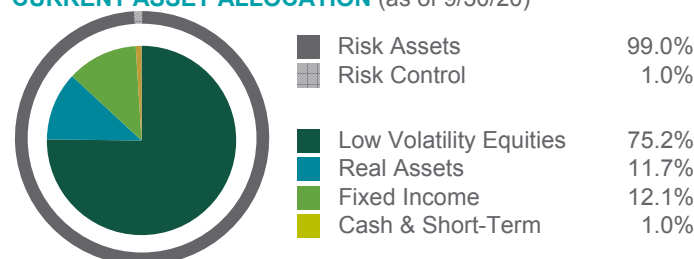
### OBJECTIVE:

Designed for investors seeking long-term capital appreciation with minimal consideration for income.

### CUSTOM BLENDED INDEX:

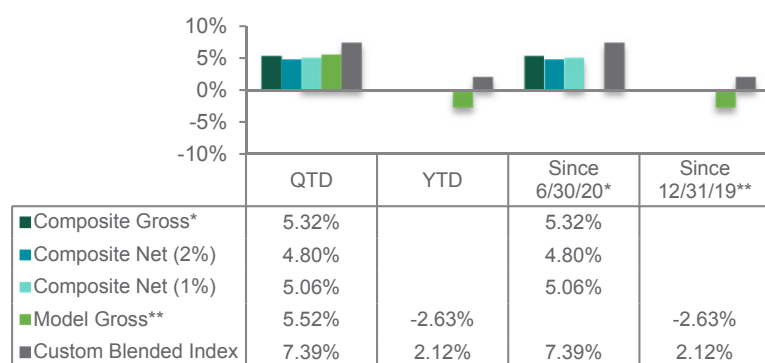
90% MSCI ACWI (net) / 10% Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Bond

### CURRENT ASSET ALLOCATION (as of 9/30/20)



### COMPOSITE PERFORMANCE COMPARISON:

(For period ending 9/30/20)



Returns for periods greater than one year are annualized. \*Gross performance is presented net of fund fees. Index performance returns do not reflect any management fees, transaction costs or expenses. \*\*Model performance is not that of actual client portfolios and contains simulated results. Model Performance does not include the effect of transaction costs, is gross of advisory/model fees, and net of underlying fund fees. It is not possible to invest directly in any index. Past performance is not indicative of future results. Refer to complete disclosure for more details.

**ESTIMATED SEC YIELD<sup>2</sup>:** 2.22%

**ESTIMATED TRAILING 12-MONTH YIELD<sup>2</sup>:** N/A

**WEIGHTED AVERAGE EXPENSE RATIO<sup>3</sup>:** 0.30%

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### ASSET ALLOCATION FULFILLMENT<sup>1</sup> (as of 9/30/2020)

<b>75.2% EQUITY</b>
<b>US Equity</b>
44.4% ETF – FlexShares US Quality Low Volatility Index Fund (QLV)
<b>Developed ex-US Equity</b>
23.8% ETF – FlexShares Developed Markets ex-US Quality Low Volatility Index Fund (QLVD)
<b>Emerging Market Equity</b>
7.0% ETF – FlexShares Emerging Markets Quality Low Volatility Index Fund (QLVE)
<b>11.7% REAL ASSETS</b>
<b>Global Natural Resources</b>
3.7% ETF – FlexShares Morningstar Global Upstream Natural Resources Index Fund (GUNR)
<b>Global Real Estate</b>
3.0% ETF – FlexShares Global Quality Real Estate Index Fund (GQRE)
<b>Global Infrastructure</b>
5.0% ETF – FlexShares STOXX Global Infrastructure Index Fund (NFRA)
<b>12.1% FIXED INCOME</b>
<b>US High Yield Fixed Income</b>
12.1% ETF – FlexShares High Yield Value-Scored Bond Index Fund (HYGV)
<b>1.0% CASH &amp; SHORT-TERM</b>
1.0% Money Market

The portfolio holdings, characteristics and sector allocations are for illustrative purposes only, subject to change and can vary for individual accounts. Allocations may not equal 100% due to rounding. Northern Trust Investments, Inc. products including FlexShares ETFs and Northern Funds represent up to 100% of the portfolio holdings. With respect to such funds, NTI and its affiliates provide investment advisory, custodial, administrative, shareholder support and other services and receive fees. Such investments present a conflict of interest because NTI, an affiliate, or a related person has a financial interest in the transaction. Financial intermediaries and institutional investors that employ NTI for model delivery, or discretionary management may compensate NTI for those services at a fee of up to 0.25%. Refer to complete disclosure for more details.

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## MAXIMUM GROWTH COMPOSITE RETURNS

RETURNS					TRAILING 3-YEAR RISK		COMPOSITE COMPOSITION					
	Composite Gross	Composite Net 2% Fee	Composite Net 1% Fee Supplemental	Custom Blended Index	Composite	Custom Blended Index	Internal Dispersion	# of Accts*	% Wrap Accounts	Comp Assets (\$MIL)	Comp Assets as % of Firm Assets	Model Delivery Assets (\$MIL)
2020 3Q **	5.32	4.80	5.06	7.39	N/A	N/A	N/A	2	0.0	7.45	0.0	0.02

\*\*Since inception 06/30/2020.

\*For the period June 30, 2020 (inception) to September 30, 2020, 100% of the accounts in the composite do not include any fees for discretionary management, and as such are considered non fee paying accounts for GIPS purposes. However, all accounts in the composite incur fees related to the underlying funds used in the strategy and NTI receives fees from the underlying funds (as described in their respective prospectuses) as the primary source of NTI's compensation for the investment services provided to the funds.

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Composite net returns are presented net of underlying fund fees, transaction costs (for non-wrap accounts), and assumed advisory/wrap fee as noted in column heading. A 2% fee is assumed as the highest advisory/wrap fee for GIPS purposes, a 1% fee is shown as supplemental information. Composite gross returns are presented as supplemental to net returns for comparison purposes only. They are net of underlying fund fees and transaction fees (for non-wrap portion), and gross of advisory fees. The portion of the gross composite attributable to wrap accounts is net of underlying fund fees, and gross of the wrap fee. NTI generally utilizes its own funds within this strategy. NTI receives various fees from the funds via the fund expense ratios. Clients will incur these fees. Clients who access these portfolios through a financial intermediary firm will typically pay additional fees to that firm.

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**The Custom Blended Index** is a blend of 90% MSCI ACWI (net) and 10% Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index, rebalanced monthly. The MSCI ACWI Index (net) is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed and emerging markets. Net total return indices reinvest dividends after the deduction of withholding taxes, using (for international indices) a tax rate applicable to non-resident institutional investors who do not benefit from double taxation treaties. The Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index is an unmanaged index of prices of U.S. dollar-denominated, fixed rate, taxable, investment grade fixed income securities with remaining maturities of one year and longer. Given the stated investment strategy and objectives, these indices are shown because they are considered to be some of the most common indices in the marketplace. Index performance returns do not reflect any management fees, transaction costs or expenses. It is not possible to invest directly in an index. Historical performance of the indices is provided for illustrative purposes only and is not indicative of the performance of any NTI managed portfolio.

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## MAXIMUM GROWTH (Gross of Fees)\* MODEL — SUPPLEMENTAL TO COMPOSITE RETURNS

	QUARTERLY RETURNS				YEAR-TO-DATE RETURNS		TRAILING 3-YEAR RISK	
	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	DSP Model QLV GI (Gross)*	Custom Blended Index	DSP Model QLV GI	Custom Blended Index
2020	--18.93	13.82	5.52		-2.63	2.12	N/A	N/A

## MODEL PERFORMANCE DISCLOSURES:

**Model Performance:** Returns are supplemental to composite returns. Model returns presented here are derived from a contemporaneous model portfolio created by NTI that is the basis from which actual accounts are managed. The model inception date was 12/31/2019. The model is also provided to third party intermediaries for their use in managing their client portfolios.

Changes to model portfolio holdings are reflected on the day in which the model changes were decided using closing prices of ETFs and net asset values of mutual funds, if applicable. Returns include the reinvestment of interest, dividends received, and any capital gains. A minimum allocation to cash of 1.0% is assumed. Performance does not include the effect of transaction costs, is gross of advisory fees, and net of underlying fund fees. NTI generally utilizes its own funds within this strategy. NTI receives various fees from the funds via the fund expense ratios. Clients will incur these fees. Clients who access these portfolios through a financial intermediary firm will typically pay additional fees to that firm. A wrap fee includes all charges for trading costs, portfolio management, custody, and other administrative fees. Actual client fees may differ. Clients should speak to their Financial Advisor for more information regarding fees. Financial intermediaries that employ NTI for model delivery, or discretionary management may compensate NTI for those services, a fee of up to 0.25%. Trailing 3 year risk is defined as the standard deviation of the trailing 36 monthly gross returns annualized.

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