



Structured Investing is based on:

# 80+ years of financial market data

# Nobel Prize-winning economic research

In-depth studies of investor psychology and behavior

Markets Work	Risk & Return Are Related	Diversify With Structure	Customize Your Portfolio	Invest For The Long Term
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**Efficient Markets Hypothesis** — 1965 *Eugene F. Fama, University of Chicago* 

- Current prices incorporate all available information and expectations and are the best approximation of intrinsic value
- Price changes are due to unforeseen events
- Mis-pricings do occur but not in predictable patterns

**Behavior of Securities Prices — 1965** Paul Samuelson, MIT 1970 Nobel Prize in Economics

- Market prices are the best estimates of value
- Price changes are random
- Future share prices are unpredictable

### Structured Investing Approach

#### Don't Try to Beat the Market

• Active management cannot consistently add value through security selection and market timing

#### **Capture Market Rates of Return**

• We seek to capture market rates of return by investing in large numbers of stocks in selected asset classes, resulting in portfolios with thousands of stocks

#### Exclude Certain Groups of Stocks with Heightened Risk or Inefficiency

• We exclude new stocks (IPOs), financially distressed and bankrupt companies, and illiquid stocks

#### **Minimize Trading Costs**

- We own representation in the selected asset classes and hold onto them, rather than frequently buying and selling
- We don't attempt to track indexes as this can result in significant trading costs
- Our portfolio managers have flexibility on when to add or remove individual stocks from asset classes



# Active Money Managers Have Difficulty Beating the Market

#### Mutual Fund Manager Performance from 2007 - 2011

61%	62%	73%	78%	
of intermediate fixed income managers	of large-cap managers	of U.S. small-cap managers	of international managers	
underperformed the Barclays Intermedi-	underperformed the S&P 500	underperformed the S&P SmallCap	underperformed the S&P700 Index	
Credit Bond Index	muex	000 muex		

Source: Standard and Poor's Index Versus Active Group, March 2012

Indexes are not available for direct investment. Their performance does not reflect the expenses associated with the management of an actual portfolio. The fund returns used are net of fees, excluding loads. Returns are based upon equal-weighted fund counts. The data assumes reinvestment of income and does not account for taxes or transaction costs. The risks associated with stocks potentially include increased volatility (up and down movement in the value of your assets) and loss of principal. Bonds are subject to risks, including interest rate risk which can decrease the value of a bond as interest rates rise. Investing in foreign securities may involve certain additional risks, including exchange rate fluctuations, less liquidity, greater volatility, different financial and accounting standards and political instability. Passive money management, like active money management, cannot guarantee a profit or protect against a loss. Past performance is not a guarantee of future results.



# **Structured Investing Approach**

#### Take 3 risks identified by academic research as worth taking

- 1. Invest in stocks
- 2. Emphasize small companies
- 3. Emphasize value companies

The risks associated with investing in stocks and overweighting small company and value stocks potentially include increased volatility (up and down movement in the value of your assets) and loss of principal. Investors with time horizons of less than five years, should consider minimizing or avoiding investing in common stocks. Although the Fama/French research findings identified the above three risks as worth taking, that does not necessarily mean these are the only risks worth taking.



### **Invest in Stocks**

#### Growth of \$1 Jan. 1, 1927 – Dec. 31, 2011



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### **Emphasize Small Companies**

#### Growth of \$1 Jan. 1, 1927 – Dec. 31, 2011



# Small company stocks have higher expected returns and risk than larger company stocks

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### **Emphasize Value Companies**

#### Growth of \$1 Jan. 1, 1927 – Dec. 31, 2011



# "Value" stocks have higher expected returns and risk than "Growth" stocks

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### **EFFECTIVELY DIVERSIFY**

### Diversification and Portfolio Risk – 1952

Harry Markowitz, University of Chicago 1990 Nobel Prize in Economics

- Diversification reduces risk
- Assets should be evaluated not by individual characteristics but by their effect on a portfolio
- An optimal portfolio can be constructed to maximize return for a given risk level

# **Structured Investing Approach**

#### **Combine Multiple Asset Classes**

• Seek to combine multiple asset classes that have historically experienced dissimilar return patterns across various financial and economic environments. Diversification does not guarantee a profit or protect against a loss

#### **Diversify Globally**

• More than 53% of global stock market value is non-U.S., and international stock markets as a whole have historically experienced dissimilar return patterns to the U.S.

#### Invest in Thousands of Securities

• Compared to a portfolio concentrated in a small number of securities, investing in thousands of securities around the world can limit portfolio losses during a severe market decline by reducing company-specific risk

#### Invest in High-Quality, Short-Term Fixed Income

- Fixed income's role in our portfolios is to reduce volatility. We seek to accomplish this by employing:
  - Shorter maturities that have low correlations historically with stocks
  - High-quality instruments to lower default risk



# The Need for Diversification

#### Asset Class Index Performance 1997 – 2011

1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Annualized Returns	
Small Value	Large Growth	Emerging Markets	REITs	Small Value	5 Year Gov't	Small Value	REITs	Emerging Markets	REITs	Emerging Markets	5 Year Gov't	Emerging Markets	Small Value	5 Year Gov't	Small Value	Highest
36.94% Large Value	36.65% S&P 500 Index	66.49% Small Growth	26.37% 5 Year Gov't	40.59% REITs	12.95% REITs	74.48% Emerging Markets	31.58% Small Value	34.00% EAFE	35.06% Emerging Markets	39.39% Large Growth	13.11% Inflation (CPI)	78.51% Small Value	34.59% Small Growth	9.46% REITs	9.76% REITs	Return
33.75% S&P 500 Index	28.58% EAFE	54.06% Large Growth	12.60%	13.93% 5 Year Gov't	3.82% Inflation (CPI)	55.82% Small Growth	27.33% Emerging Markets	13.54% REITs	32.17% EAFE	15.70% EAFE	0.09% S&P 500 Index	70.19% Large Growth	31.83% REITs	8.29% Large Growth	8.91% Emerging Markets	
33.36% Large Growth	20.00% Large Value	30.16% EAFE	3.38% Small Value	7.61% Inflation (CPI)	2.39% Emerging Markets	54.72% EAFE	25.55% EAFE	12.16% Large Value	26.34% Large Value	11.17% 5 Year Gov't	-37.00% REITs	38.09% Small Growth	27.96% Large Value	6.42% Inflation (CPI)	6.87% 5 Year Gov't	
31.67% REITs	11.95% 5 Year	26.96% S&P 500	-3.08% Large	1.55% Emerging	-6.17% Small	38.59% REITs	20.25% Large	9.70% Small	21.87% Small	10.05% S&P 500	-37.73% Large	38.09% Large	20.17% Emerging	2.96% S&P 500	6.31% S&P 500	
20.26%	Gov't 10.22%	Index 21.04%	Value -6.41%	Markets -2.62%	Value -11.72%	37.13%	Value 17.74%	Growth 6.02%	Value 21.70%	Index 5.49%	Growth -39.12%	Value 37.51%	Markets 18.88%	Index 2.11%	Index 5.45%	
Small Growth	Small Growth	Large Value	S&P 500 Index	Large Value	EAFE	Large Value	Small Growth	S&P 500 Index	S&P 500 Index	Small Growth	EAFE	EAFE	Large Growth	Small Growth	Large Growth	
14.88% 5 Year Gov't	4.08% Inflation	6.99% Small Value	-9.10% EAFE	-2.71% Small Growth	-15.94% Large Growth	36.43% S&P 500	11.16% S&P 500	4.91% Small Value	15.80% Small Growth	4.99% Inflation (CPI)	-43.38% Small Growth	31.78% REITs	17.64% S&P 500	-4.43% Small Value	4.89% Small Growth	
8.38%	(CPI) 1.60% Small	4.37%	-14.17%	-4.13%	-21.93%	28.69%	10.88%	4.46%	9.26%	4.09%	-43.41%	27.99%	15.06%	-10.78%	3.98%	
	Value	Inflation (CPI)	Growth	Index	Index	Growth	Growth	(CPI)	Growth	Value	Value	Index				
1.78% Inflation (CPI)	-10.04% REITs	2.68% 5 Year Gov't	-14.33% Small Growth	Large Growth	Large Value	5 Year Gov't	5.27% Inflation (CPI)	3.42% Large Growth	5.97% 5 Year Gov't	-12.24% REITs	Large Value	Inflation (CPI)	5 Year Gov't	-12.14% Emerging Markets	Inflation (CPI)	
1.70% Emerging	-17.50% Emerging	-1.76% REITs	-24.50% Emerging	-21.05% EAFE	-30.28% Small	2.40% Inflation	3.25% 5 Year	3.39% 5 Year	3.15% Inflation	-15.69% Small	-53.14% Emerging	2.72% 5 Year	7.12%	-18.42% Large	2.38% Large	<b>♥</b>
Markets	Markets	-4.62%	Markets	-21.44%	Growth -34.63%	(CPI) 1.88%	Gov't 2.26%	Gov't 1.35%	(CPI) 2.55%	Value -18.38%	Markets	Gov't -2.40%	Inflation (CPI) 1.50%	Value -19.90%	Value 1.16%	Return

Diversification does not guarantee a profit or protect against a loss

Data Sources: Center for Research in Security Prices (CRSP), BARRA Inc. and Morgan Stanley Capital International, January 2012 All investments involve risk. Foreign securities involve additional risks, including foreign currency changes, political risks, foreign taxes, and different methods of accounting and financial reporting. Past performance is not indicative of future performance. Treasury bills are guaranteed as to repayment of principal and interest by the U.S. government. This information does not constitute a solicitation for sale of any securities. CRSP nanks all NYSE companies by market capitalization and divides them into 10 equally-populated portfolios. AMEX and NASDAQ National Market stocks are then placed into deciles according to their respective capitalizations, determined by the NYSE breakpoints. CRSP Portfolios 1-5 represent large-cap stocks; Portfolios 6-10 represent small cap; Value is represented by companies with a book-to-market ratio in the top 30% of all companies. ScP 500 Index is the Standard & Poor's 500 Index. The ScP 500 Index measures the performance of large-capitalization U.S. stocks. The ScP 500 is an unmanaged market value-weighted index of 500 stocks that are traded on the NYSE, AMEX and NASDAQ. The weightings make each company's influence on the index performance directly proportional to that company's market value. The MSCI EAFE Index (Morgan Stanley Capital International Europe, Australiasi, Far East Index) is comprised of over 1,000 companies representing the stock markets of Europe, Australia, New Zealand and the Far East, and is an unmanaged index. EAFE represents non-U.S. large stock: Foreign securities involve additional risks, including foreign currency changes, political risks, foreign taxes and different methods of accounting and financial reporting. Consume Price Index (CPI) is a measure of inflation. REITs, represented by the NASE function of the top additional risks, including foreign currency changes, political risks, foreign taxes and different methods of acc

### **Invest Internationally**

#### **Global Market Capitalization**

# U.S. and International Markets Perform Differently

Rolling 12-month Variance (Jan. 1972 – Dec. 2011)



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# Invest in High-Quality, Short-Term Fixed Income

- Generally, longer maturity bonds entail more risk
- Investors are typically not properly compensated for that additional risk (see chart below)
- However, higher-quality, shorter maturities can help dampen portfolio volatility

#### **Risk and Rewards Examined for Bonds**

1964 – 2011



Source: One-Month U.S. Treasury Bills, Five-Year U.S. Treasury Notes, and Twenty-Year (Long-Term) U.S. Government Bonds provided by Ibbotson Associates. Six-Month U.S. Treasury Bills provided by CRSP (1964-1977) and Merrill Lynch (1978-present). One-Year U.S. Treasury Notes provided by the Center for Research in Security Prices (1964-May 1991) and Merrill Lynch (June 1991-present). Morningstar data © 2011 Stocks, Bonds, Bills, and Inflation Yearbook (2012), Morningstar. The Merrill Lynch Indices are used with permission; copyright 2012 Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated; all rights reserved. Assumes reinvestment of dividends. Past performance is not indicative of future results. All investments involve risk. Standard deviation annualized from quarterly data. Standard deviation is a statistical measurement of how far the return of a security (or index) moves above or below its average value. The greater the standard deviation, the riskier an investment is considered to be.

# **CUSTOMIZE YOUR PORTFOLIO**

### Your Portfolio Should Reflect Your Unique Situation



Using our Investor Profile Questionnaire we will work with you to answer these questions



# **Constructing Your Portfolio**

- *Structured Investing* portfolios cover a wide range of investor goals and risk tolerances. All of these portfolios are constructed using our investment philosophy and methodology
- Based on your answers to the Investor Profile Questionnaire, we will identify which portfolios suits you and your investment objectives, comfort with risk and time horizon
- *Structured Investing* portfolios vary in terms of composition and asset class weighting, but they all share the goal of capturing market returns while minimizing volatility for the selected level of risk

# Once your portfolio is constructed, we will work with you to keep aligned with your long-term goals



The extensive diversification achieved through the Structured Investing approach does not guarantee a profit or protect against a loss. The investment return and the principal value of your portfolio will fluctuate, and at any point, may be worth more or less than your original investment

#### **Behavioral Finance**

Daniel Kahneman, Princeton Nobel Prize in Economics, 2002

- Applies scientific research on human and social cognitive and emotional biases to better understand economic decisions and how they affect market prices, investment returns, allocation of resources
- Concerned with the economic rationality/irrationality of human psychology. The more emotional an event, the less sensible people are

## Structured Investing Approach

#### Stay focused on the long term

- Lack of discipline, emotion and trying to time the market can affect your long-term investing success
- Make sure you are guided by an investment policy

#### Regularly review your portfolio

- Make adjustments depending on changes in your life
- Rebalance periodically to keep your portfolio aligned with your goals

#### Don't go it alone

• An independent Financial Advisor can help you stay on track and focused on your long-term goals



# The Cycle of Market Emotions

#### Emotion often leads to trying to time markets



For illustration purposes only.

### "Time in" vs. "Timing" the Market

#### Performance of the S&P 500 Index 1970 - 2011



Performance data for January 1970-August 2008 provided by CRSP; performance data for September 2008-December 2011 provided by Bloomberg. The S&P data are provided by Standard & Poor's Index Services Group. US bonds and bills data © Stocks, Bonds, Bills, and Inflation Yearbook <sup>®</sup>, Ibbotson Associates, Chicago (annually updated work by Roger G. Ibbotson and Rex A. Sinquefield). Indexes are not available for direct investment. Their performance does not reflect the expenses associated with the management of an actual portfolio. Past performance is not a guarantee of future results. Values change frequently and past performance may not be repeated. There is always the risk that an investor may lose money.

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# Stay the Course

#### Average Investor vs. Major Indices 1992 – 2011



Average stock investor and average bond investor performances were used from a DALBAR study. Quantitative Analysis of Investor Behavior (QAIB), 03/2012. QAIB calculates investor returns as the change in assets after excluding sales, redemptions, and exchanges. This method of calculation captures realized and unrealized capital gains, dividends, interest, trading costs, sales charges, fees, expenses, and any other costs. After calculating investor returns in dollar terms (above), two percentages are calculated: Total investor return rate for the period and annualized investor return rate. Total return rate is determined by calculating the investor return dollars as a percentage of the net of the sales, redemptions, and exchanges for the period. The fact that buy-and-hold has been a successful strategy in the past does not guarantee that it will continue to be successful in the future.

## EXERCISE PATIENCE & DISCIPLINE

### **Rebalance to Maintain Selected Asset Class Ranges**

- Helps ensure that your portfolio remains aligned with your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon
- Designed to prevent portfolio "drift"
- Without rebalancing, changes in value of a portfolio's assets over time can impact portfolio's asset allocation

#### Sample 50% Stocks/50% Bonds Portfolio Without Rebalancing 1992 - 2011



Data source: Center for Research in Security Prices (CRSP), January 2012. Past performance is no indication of future results. All investments involve risk, including loss of principal. Stocks are represented by the S&P 500 Index. Bonds are represented by the SBBI Long-Term Bond Index. Indexes are unmanaged baskets of securities in which investors cannot invest and do not reflect the payment of advisory fees associated with a mutual fund or separate account. Returns assume dividend and capital gain reinvestment. Rebalancing does not guarantee a return or protect against a loss.

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# **Monitor Regularly**

- Helps answer: "How am I doing?"
- Designed to ensure changes in your life or financial situation are reflected in your investment plan
- Includes regular communications and clear and concise reporting



### Work with an Independent Financial Advisor

- Provides you with advice, guidance, monitoring and discipline
- Can help you address a wide range of investment and financial needs
- Independent Financial Advisors who offer the *Structured Investing* approach have a legal responsibility to:
  - 1. Act in each client's best interests with the skill, care and diligence of a prudent expert
  - 2. Provide qualifications and compensation in writing
  - 3. Disclose conflicts of interest

Independent Financial Advisors who offer the Structured Investing approach have a duty of loyalty, care and competence and are held to a high standard of trust





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