

# **SOLUTIONS**

# Risk-Efficient Growth Portfolio Factsheet



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### Portfolio Overview

Natixis Investment Managers Solutions believes markets over the long term are efficient but exhibit short-term inefficiency. As such, we construct a strategic portfolio to capture the long-term risk premiums across asset classes and tactically overweight/underweight the portfolio to capitalize on short-term market opportunities.

Suite of 3 portfolios | Investment minimum: \$25,000

- Each model combines a strategic portfolio utilizing Natixis high conviction active managers with a tactical overlay implemented through ETFs
- The Natixis Investment Managers Solutions Investment Committee develops tactical views based on fundamental analysis, relative value, market technicals, investor sentiment and money flows which are expressed in a three- to six-month outlook
- Highest conviction views are recommended for inclusion into the Model Portfolios with the portfolio management team deciding which asset class tilts to incorporate
- The model portfolios offer three sources of alpha for investors; through the strategic asset allocation, tactical asset class tilts, and manager selection
- Natixis Investment Managers' multi-affiliate line-up of active, independent managers
  provides the portfolios with alpha producing potential across asset classes over full
  market cycles

## Portfolio Construction

Seek to generate alpha through each step of the process

The portfolio construction process consists of five main segments:

- 1. Construction of the strategic portfolio
- 2. Construction of the alternatives sleeve
- 3. Tactical overlay
- 4. Manager allocation and selection
- 5. Risk monitoring











#### Establish Strategic Portfolio

- Maximize return while targeting the benchmark's risk
- Proprietary capital market assumptions

#### Establish Alternatives Sleeve

- Combines exposures in multi-alternative, managed futures, low-volatility equity and credit long/short
- Funded pro-rata based on equity/ fixed weights within each risk profile

#### Incorporate Tactical Tilts

- Apply Investment Committee allocation views
- Monitor tracking error relative to strategic benchmark

#### Populate Fund Allocations

- Utilize active managers to build strategic and alternatives allocations
- Express tactical tilts through passive investments

#### Risk Monitoring

- Monitor portfolio returns, risk, and factor exposures
- Monitor underlying constituent returns, risk and material events

## The Natixis Investment Managers Solutions Approach

Natixis Investment Managers Solutions<sup>1</sup> provides design, development and execution of portfolio strategies tailored to specific investment objectives and unique portfolio constraints. Fully integrated services combine investment expertise with portfolio analysis and construction capabilities to deliver a wide range of customized solutions.

- \$86.3 billion in Assets<sup>2</sup>
- 33 investment professionals
- · 20 years of solutions partnerships

## Leadership:

Marina Gross, Head of Solutions

#### Portfolio Management Team:

Christopher Sharpe, CFA®, FSA Daniel Price, CFA®, FRM Jack Janasiewicz, CFA® Brian Kmetz, CFA®, CIPM

<sup>1</sup>A division of Natixis Advisors, LLC. Natixis Advisors, LLC is one of the independent asset managers affiliated with Natixis Investment Managers.

<sup>2</sup>Assets under administration ("AUA") as of September 30, 2024. AUA, as reported, may include assets for which non-Regulatory AUM services are provided. Non-Regulatory AUM includes assets which do not fall within the SEC's definition of Regulatory AUM in Form ADV, Part 1.

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#### **Risk-Efficient Growth Portfolio**

Composite Performance (as of 12/31/2024)

Average Annualized Total Returns†% (as of 12/31/2024)	3 Months	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception (01/2012)
Growth Portfolio (Gross)	-0.99	9.35	9.35	2.53	6.09	6.21	7.56
Growth Portfolio (Net)	-1.73	6.14	6.14	-0.50	2.96	3.08	4.39
Benchmark	-1.65	11.19	11.19	2.88	6.78	7.24	8.52

Portfolio Allocations (as of 12/31/2024)



Underlying Portfolio Holdings (as of 12/31/2024)

	Asset Class	Weight
Large Cap Equity	US Equity	40.1%
Loomis Sayles Growth Y		9.6%
Oakmark Fund Investor		9.6%
Vaughan Nelson Select Fund Y		9.2%
iShares Core S&P 500 ETF		6.2%
Vanguard Mega Cap Growth ETF		4.5%
iShares U.S. Transportation ETF		1.0%
Small/Mid Cap Equity	US Equity	1.7%
Vaughan Nelson Mid Cap Fund Y		1.7%
International Developed Equity	Non-US Equity	15.2%
Oakmark International Fund Investor		4.4%
WCM Focused International Growth Fund Inst		4.4%
JPMorgan BetaBuilders Japan ETF		3.7%
SPDR EURO STOXX 50 ETF		2.7%
Emerging Markets Equity	Non-US Equity	6.5%
iShares Core MSCI Emerging Markets ETF		2.6%
iShares MSCI Emerging Markets Asia ETF		2.6%
WCM Focused Emerging Markets Fund Inst		1.2%
Investment Grade Fixed Income	Fixed Income	22.0%
Loomis Sayles Core Plus Y		9.5%
Loomis Sayles Investment Grade Bond Y		5.7%
Oakmark Bond Investor		3.8%
Schwab Short-Term U.S. Treasury ETF		3.0%
Emerging Markets Debt	Fixed Income	1.5%
iShares J.P. Morgan USD Emerging Markets Bond ETF		1.5%
Alternatives	Alternatives	11.0%
Gateway Y		6.5%
Virtus AlphaSimplex Managed Futures Strategy Fund Class I		2.5%
Victory Market Neutral Income Fund Inst		2.0%
Cash & Equivalents		2.0%
Cash		2.0%
Weighted Net Expenses (%)		0.58

Performance data shown represents past performance and is not guarantee of, future results. Returns annualized for periods greater than one year. All performance referenced is historical and is no guarantee of future results. The net performance is net of the expenses of underlying mutual fund and ETF holdings as well as a maximum annual fee of 3% that is applied prorated at month end. The gross performance is net of the expenses of underlying mutual fund and ETF holdings and does not include advisory, overlay, platform, investment management fees, investment advisory fees, custody fees or deductions for income taxes. The composite performance results shown for each model represent the performance of one fully discretionary, unconstrained, proprietary separate account managed by Natixis Advisors, LLC in accordance with the model. This account originally funded the model portfolios and is being used to maintain the performance track record. The returns shown include reinvestment of dividends, capital gains, income and/or earnings distributed from the underlying holdings.

Natixis established seed accounts and the accounts were charged commissions for certain trades, thus lowering portfolio returns compared to calculating performance based on an asset-based (bundled) fee that is charged for Risk-Efficient model portfolios which impacted the Growth and Moderate sleeves. The higher commission trading fees for seed accounts

asset-based (bundled) fee that is charged for Risk-Efficient model portfolios which impacted the Growth and Moderate sleeves. The higher commission trading fees for seed accounts has been replaced with an asset-based (bundled) fee arrangement when calculating pure gross returns, and net-of-fee returns are reduced by the model bundled fee 3%.
† Performance for periods less than one year is cumulative, not annualized. Returns are considered to be composite and are subject to change. Portfolio current weights and holdings are subject to change and are based off target allocations. The allocations are approximate and may not total 100 percent. For information on benchmark compositions pleaser refer to the disclosure at the end of this presentation. It is not possible to invest directly in an index. Index returns are unmanaged and do not reflect the deduction of any fees or expenses. Individual client portfolio results managed by third party advisors may differ depending on a number of factors including, but not limited to, fees assessed by the third party advisor, advisor's discretion in implementing the investment strategy, timing of cash flows, and account level investment restrictions.

The returns for the portfolio were obtained during a period of fluctuating interest rates, bond prices, and should not be considered representative of the returns you could expect to realize from any future investment in the portfolio. The underlying holdings contained in, or the investment strategies followed with respect to the portfolio may have changed materially during the time period portrayed and may not relate to the type of securities or advisory services currently offered. As market conditions can fluctuate suddenly and fequently the portfolio holdings and investment mix may change which can result in an investor's performance deviating from the performance portrayed.

Source: Natixis Investment Managers Solutions and FactSet.

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Benchmark Compositions: The Conservative Benchmark is composed of 34% MSCI ACWI Index / 51% Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index / 15% Wilshire Liquid Index. The Moderate Benchmark is composed of 51% MSCI ACWI Index / 34% Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index / 15% Wilshire Liquid Index. The Growth Benchmark is composed of 59.5% MSCI ACWI Index / 25.5% Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index / 15% Wilshire Liquid Index. Index returns are presented as a general indicator of market performance during the periods depicted. Index performance is not indicative of the performance of any investment and do not reflect fees, expenses, or sales charges. The index composition may not reflect the manner in which the portfolio is constructed and portfolio characteristics including volatility, risk and return features may deviate from those of the benchmark.

The ability to select an index for comparison may make the results of the portfolio look comparatively more favorable than if another index had been selected. All indexes are unmanaged and cannot be invested into directly.

Definitions: The MSCI All Country World® Index ("MSCI ACWI") is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index designed to provide a broad measure of equity-market performance throughout the world. The MSCI ACWI is comprised of stocks from 23 developed countries and 24 emerging markets. The Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond® Index is a broad-based index that covers the U.S.-dollar-denominated, investment-grade, fixed-rate, taxable bond market of SEC-registered securities. The index includes bonds from the Treasury, government-related, corporate, mortgage-backed securities, asset-backed securities, and collateralized mortgage-backed securities sectors. The Wilshire Liquid Alternative Index measures the collective performance of the five Wilshire Liquid Alternative strategies that make up the Wilshire Liquid Alternative Universe. The Wilshire Liquid Alternative Equity Hedge Index (WLIQAEH), Wilshire Liquid Alternative Global Macro Index (WLIQAGM), Wilshire Liquid Alternative Relative Value Index (WLIQARV), Wilshire Liquid Alternative Multi-Strategy Index(WLIQAMS), and Wilshire Liquid Alternative Event Driven Index (WLIQAED). You may not invest directly in an index.

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