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Your Clients' Needs Are Our Focus

# The Client-First Approach

Investment Policy





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Chief Investment Officer Years Experience: 21

David J. Rights

*Director of Research* Years Experience: 46

Steven T. Grant

Senior Portfolio Manager Years Experience: 39

Seasoned

investment

management

team with an

average of 27

years of

industry

experience.

Jamie Mullen

Senior Portfolio Manager Years Experience: 29 Maira Thompson

Senior Portfolio Manager Years Experience: 33

Mason Wev, CFA, CMT Portfolio Manager

Years Experience: 19

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Years Experience: 23

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*Portfolio Manager* Years Experience: 10

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The Language of Risk

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### The Client Comes First

Personalized Portfolio Construction Defined



"Intrinsic value is not measured by how much money you make, it's measured by the size of the problem you solve."

-Joe Jordan

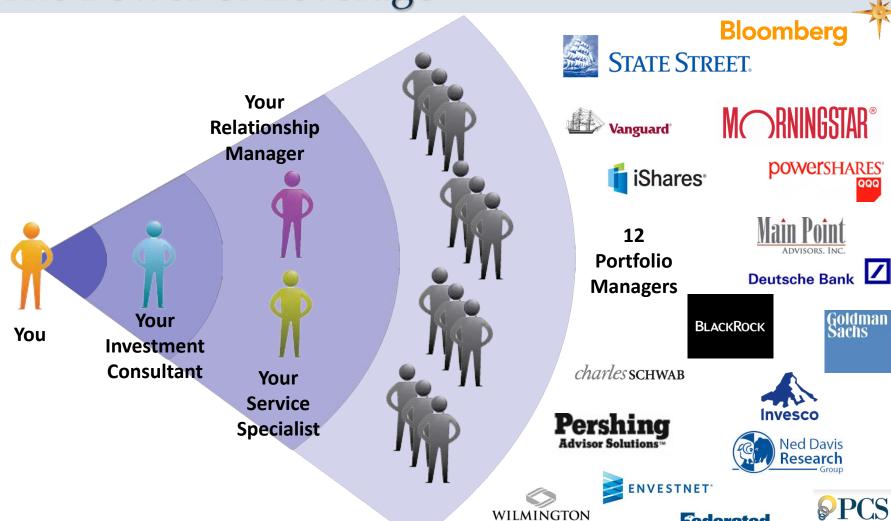


# Investment Planning

A Goal without a Plan Is Just a Wish.



### The Power of Leverage



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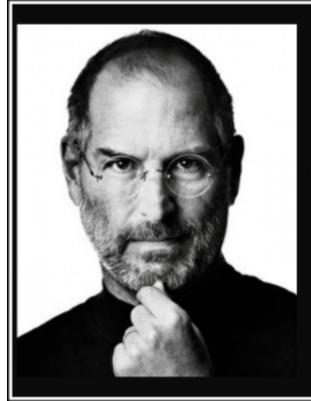


**Federated** 

### Overview



- Better Understanding of the Process
- Address the "Why", not Always the "What" or the "How"
- Benefits to Your Clients and to Your Practice



My favorite things in life don't cost any money. It's really clear that the most precious resource we all have is time.

(Steve Jobs)

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## What is the Opportunity



- 84 Million Baby Boomers
- 10,000/Day Retiring
- \$40 Trillion Dollars at Risk





## Why Case Design & Income Management?



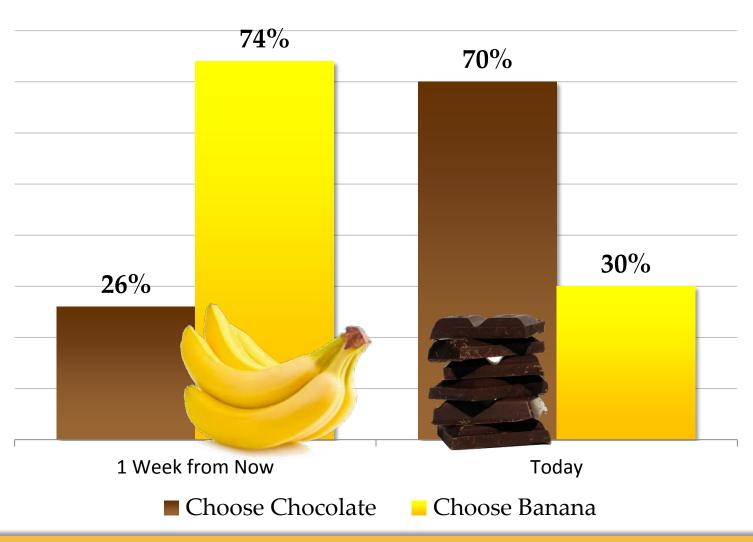
- Nearly 60% of Investors Have No Set Financial Goals
- Almost 70% Have No Financial Plan
- 80% Are Making Decisions on Gut Instinct
  - Only 22% of survey respondents had confidence in their long-term investment strategy





### Client Behavior





Source: Read and van Leeuwen (1998)





## Why Plan?



- Make Smart Decisions with Their Money
- Mitigate Taxes
- Take Care of Heirs
- Make Sure Assets Are Not Unjustly Taken
- Make a Difference (Charity, Philanthropic Efforts)











### Man Completes Life \$130,000 Over Budget



SAN FRANCISCO—Having drastically underestimated the expenses required for such an elaborate production, recently deceased local man Norman Dennison is said to have completed his 84-year life Tuesday approximately \$130,000 over budget. "Though Mr. Dennison attempted to rein in costs at points, when his life wrapped last week, it ultimately proved far more expensive than anticipated," investment advisor Samuel Calvert said of Dennison's existence, pointing to such ballooning financial considerations as meals, wardrobe, and a late-life replacement of his wife, all of which caused outlays to quickly spiral out of control. "Of course, his life ended up running a lot longer than originally planned—and during those last few days, he was racking up expenses of ...





# The Old Playbook: Products First, Clients Last



- Asset management industry traditionally product first, client comes last
- Clients and advisors focused on benchmarks, fueling emotional decision making





# The Old Playbook: What Should We Do About It?



- "If you don't like what's being said, change the conversation." – Don Draper, Mad Men
- Keeping clients focused on their own needs requires asset managers to focus on the clients first and to build the product set around their specific needs.





### The New Playbook: The Client Comes First

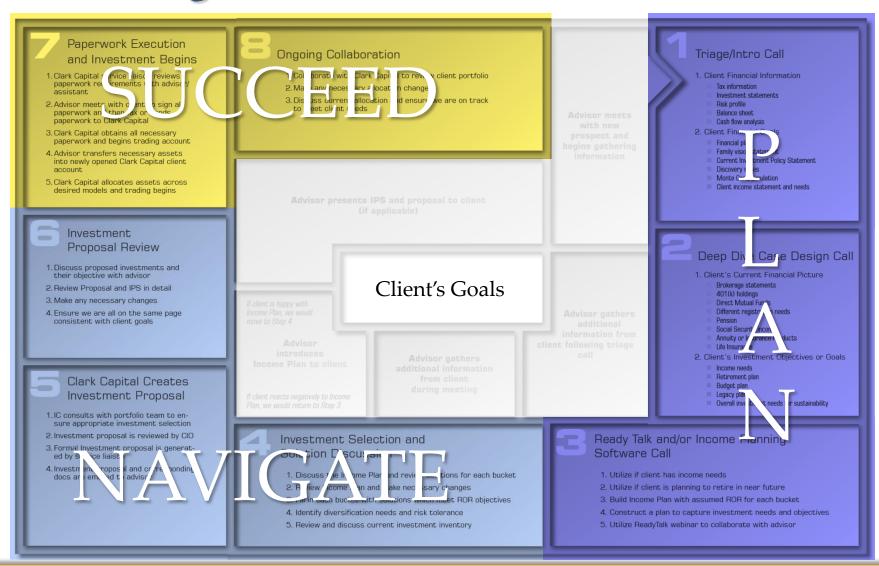


- How Personalization Can Help You Reach the Next Generation of Clients
- How Personalization Can Create Client Advocates
   Leading to Introductions
- Helping Clients Connect More Deeply with their Investments
- Collaborative Teams Working Towards A Common Goal – The Client
- Personal Benchmarking





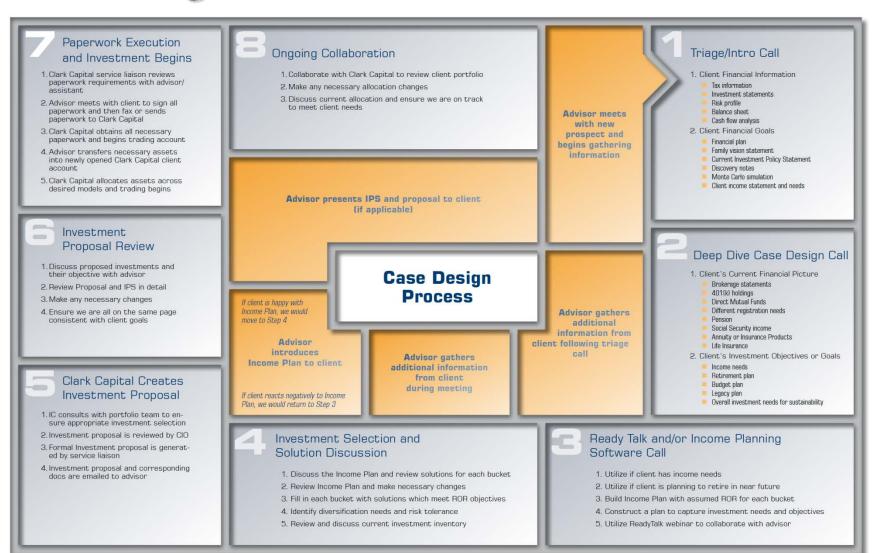
### Case Design Process







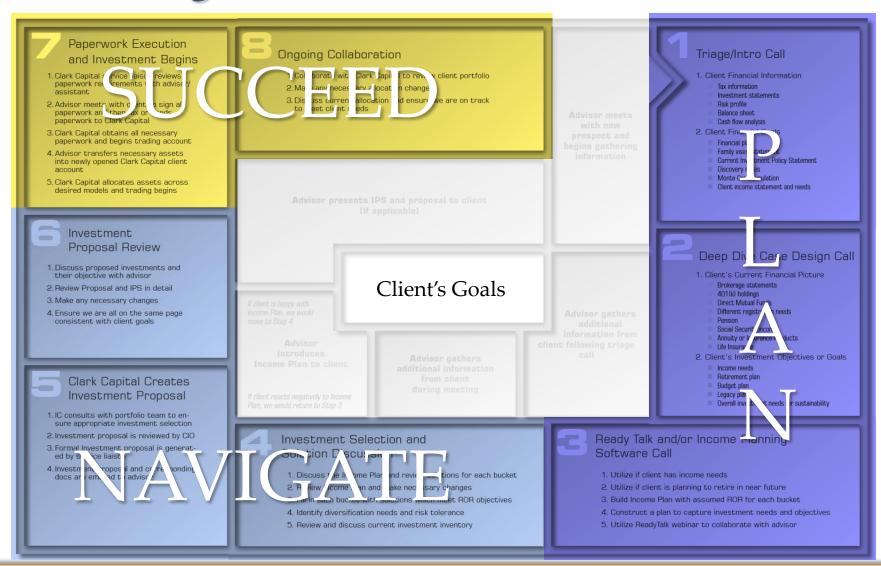
### Case Design Process







### Case Design Process





### Tools at Your Disposal



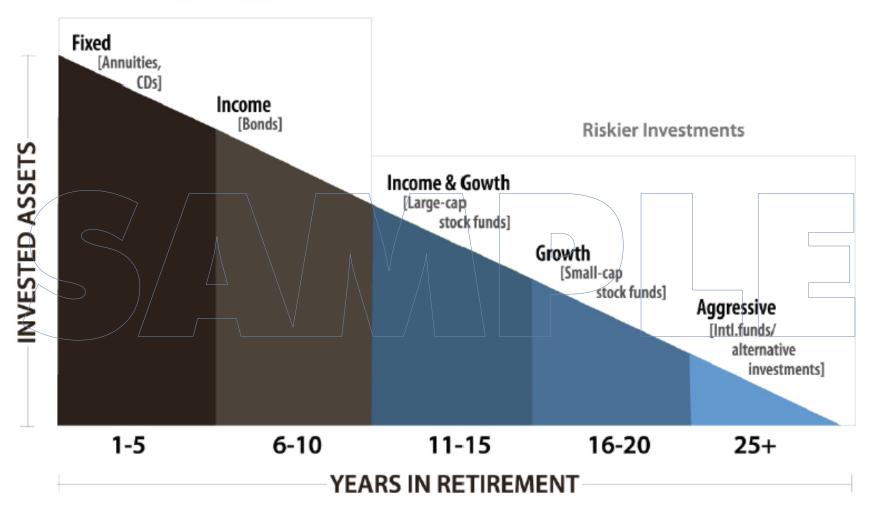
- Case Design Process
- Income Planning Tool Box & Reporting
- Bond Diagnostic
- Morningstar Direct
- Overlap Analysis
- Investment Allocation Concerns, Observations & Recommendations (Current vs Proposed Convo)
- Personalized UMA
- Personal Benchmarking
- Investment Policy Statement





### Income Management

Secure Income







#### YOUR PERSONALIZED SEGMENT ALLOCATION

The following table illustrates the allocation of \$1,069,039.00 into distinct segments. Each segment will provide income for a specific period. A segment may consist of a period in which it grows at an assumed rate of return and also a period in which it is liquidated to produce income.

	PERCENTAGE OF ALLOCAT	TION ROR ASSUMPTION*	TOTAL DURATION
Segment 1	14.31%	4.00%	3 Years
Segment 2	19.31%	4.00%	7 Years
Segment 3	28.58%	6.00%	18 Years
Segment 4	18.96%	6.50%	27 Years
Segment 5	11.67%	7.00%	34 Years
Segment 6	7.17%	8.00%	41 Years
Segment 3 Segment 2			
Segment 3	11		Income Duration Investment Duration
Segment 4	9		
Segment 5	27	7	
Segment 6	34	7	

<sup>\*</sup>Assumptions of segment behavior are based on generally accepted overall investment sector behavior related to general economic cycles. No assurance can be given that the assumptions will prove to be correct, and the difference between assumptions and actual results of specific investments within the segments could vary materially. Past performance does not guarantee future results. An investor should carefully consider the investment objectives before investing. You should consult with your financial and tax advisors before undertaking any investment action.





#### SEGMENT ALLOCATION

One goal of the model is to place smaller amounts of money in more aggressive assets. The more aggressive an investment, the more risk it is subject to. Risky investments will be held for the longest period of time in order to achieve the best possible chance of attaining rate-of-return objectives.

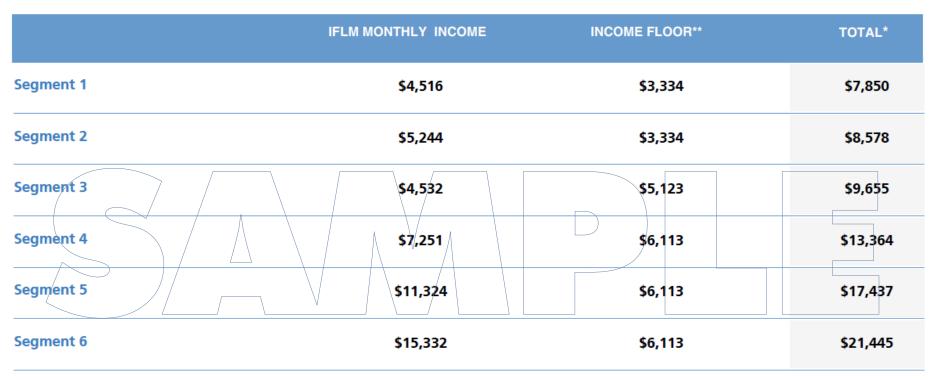
#### **RISK**







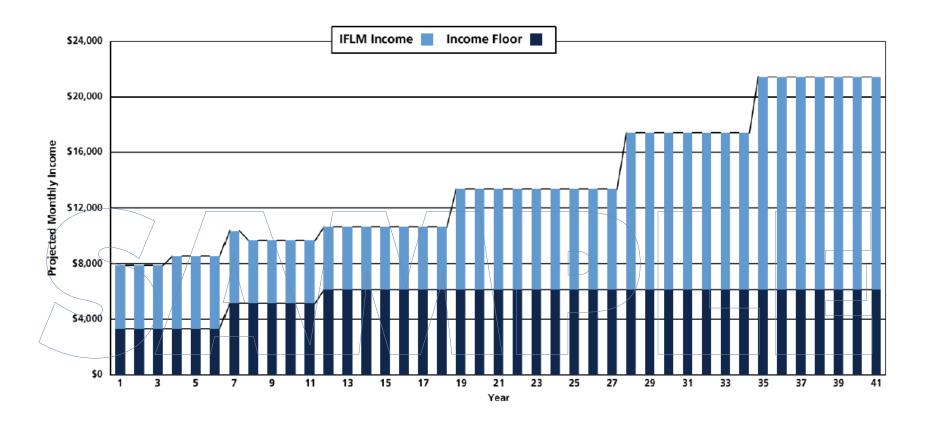
#### TARGETED INCOME BY SEGMENT



<sup>\*</sup> Total income represents the income available in the first year of a segment. Please refer to tracking reports for yearly totals.







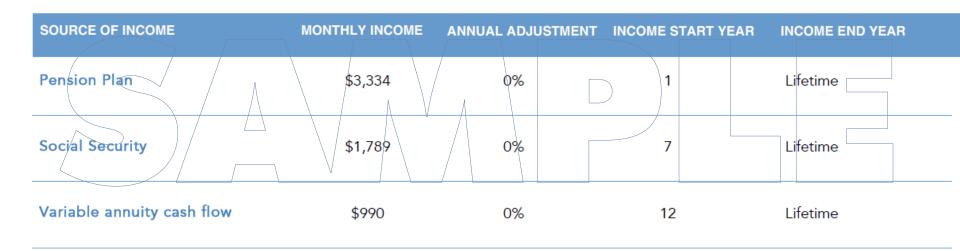




#### INCOME ANALYSIS

#### INCOME FLOOR

Below is a listing of your sources of income floors. These income sources are presumed to be generated from assets apart from those used to fund The Income for Life Model®.







## Investment Proposal

Prepared for **Sample Client** 

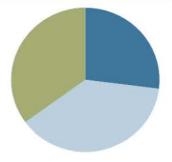
On Behalf of **Sample Advisor** Test Blend Advisor





#### Your Goals

0/0	Name	Personal Benchmark	Investment Amount	Risk Comfort Zone	Time Horizon
27.00%	Segment 1	1.00%	\$540,000.00		One to Three Years
38.00%	Segment 2	4.00%	\$760,000.00		Four to Seven Years
35.00%	Segment 3	2.00%	\$700,000.00		More than Eight



Asset Classes



#### Segment 1

27.00% of Household Portfolio

#### Segment Composition:

60% Navigator Taxable Fixed Income 40% Navigator U.S. Equity Core

**Investment Amount** 

\$540,000,00

**Registration Name** 

Registration 1

Tax Status

Qualified

#### Your Personal Benchmark

ROR Targeted
1.00%

#### Time Frame

One to Three Years

Notes

#### **Model Performance** The performance shown in this report is a blend between the performance of one or more account models.



Fixed Income	60.00%
■ Domestic Equity	39.20%
Cash	0.80%

Segment 1 (Net of 1.22%)	\$829,994.84	
■ Blended Benchmark	\$838,120.53	
Your Personal Benchmark	\$582,039.29	

#### **Calendar Year Performance**

	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	
Segment 1 (Net of 1.22%)	6.53	12.48	9.68	3.69	10.78	20.94	-18.24	
Blended Benchmark	9.10	10.47	9.34	6.38	10.47	13.34	-13.40	
Your Personal Benchmark	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	

**Ending Amounts** 

Rolling Performance	3 Months	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	Since Inception	Beta	Std Dev	Alpha
Segment 1 (Net of 1.22%)	2.18	6.11	8.15	8.22	5.90	1.05	7.85	-0.36
Blended Benchmark	1.59	8.70	8.44	8.81	6.04	1.00	7.10	0.00
Your Personal Benchmark	0.25	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.63

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Percentages may not total 100 due to rounding.

The blended benchmark for Segment 1 consists of the following: 60% of the Barclays U.S. Govt/Credit Bond, 40% of the S&P 500. For a description of each benchmark, see the disclosure at the end.



## Segment 2

38.00% of Household Portfolio

### Seament Composition:

35% Navigator High Dividend Equity 35% Navigator Global Tactical 30% Navigator Fixed Income Total Return

### Investment Amount

\$760,000.00

### **Registration Name**

Registration 1

#### Tax Status

Qualified

### Your Personal Benchmark

ROR Targeted 4.00%

#### Time Frame

Four to Seven Years

Notes

### Model Performance The performance shown in this report is a blend between the performance of one or more account models. Asset Classes \$1,200,000 Inception Date: January 01, 2011 Starting Investment Amount: \$760,000.00 \$1,100,000 \$1,000,000 \$900,000 \$800,000 Domestic Equity 12 13 14 15 Fixed Income **Ending Amounts** Foreign Equity, Developed Segment 2 (Net of 2.00%) \$1,021,070.55 Cash Blended Benchmark \$1.129.617.99 Your Personal Benchmark \$900,577.05 Calendar Year Performance 2014 2013 2011 2012 Segment 2 (Net of 2.00%) 3.89 16.37 8.42 1.19

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16.56

4.07

13.97

4.07

2.43

4.07

7.27

4.07

Blended Benchmark

Your Personal Benchmark

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The blended benchmark for Segment 2 consists of the following: 35% of the S&P 500, 35% of the 50% MSCI ACWI - 50% Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond, 30% of the Barclays U.S. Corporate High Yield Bond. For a description of each benchmark, see the disclosure at the end.

61.95%

29.40%

6.65%

2.00%



## Segment 3

35.00% of Household Portfolio

### Seament Composition:

80% Navigator All Cap Core U.S. Equity 10% Navigator International Equity/ADR 10% Navigator Small Cap Core U.S. Equity

### Investment Amount

\$700,000.00

### **Registration Name**

Registration 1

#### Tax Status

Qualified

#### Your Personal Benchmark

ROR Targeted 2.00%

### Time Frame

More than Eight

Notes

#### Model Performance The performance shown in this report is a blend between the performance of one or more account models. \$1,200,000 Inception Date: January 01, 2008 Starting Investment Amount: \$700,000.00 \$1,000,000 \$800,000 \$600,000 \$400,000 09 10 12 13 15 11 14 **Ending Amounts** Segment 3 (Net of 2.10%) \$1,022,183.04 Foreign Equity, Emerging Blended Benchmark \$1,136,216,30 Your Personal Benchmark \$809,130.07 Calendar Year Performance 2014 2013 2011 2009 2008 2012 2010 9.22 33.64 12.41 -1.3716.13 25.45 -40.66 Segment 3 (Net of 2.10%) 10.09 32.17 16.50 17.36 29.58 -37.77 Blended Benchmark -1.03 2.02 2.02 2.02 2.02 2.02 2.02 2.02 Your Personal Benchmark Since

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1 Year

12.72

10.61

2.02

3 Year

15.25

15.43

2.02

5 Year

13.38

13.73

2.02

Inception

5.36

6.91

2.02

Beta

0.99

1.00

0.00

Std Dev

18.23

17.85

0.00

Alpha

-1.25

0.00

1.74

3 Months

4.39

2.22

0.50

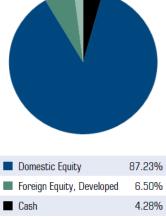
**Rolling Performance** 

Segment 3 (Net of 2.10%)

Your Personal Benchmark

Blended Benchmark

### Asset Classes



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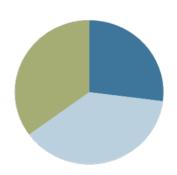
The blended benchmark for Segment 3 consists of the following: 80% of the Russell 3000, 10% of the MSCI ACWI ex U.S., 10% of the Russell 2000. For a description of each benchmark, see the disclosure at the end.

2.00%



### Household Overview

### Portfolio Composition



Segment 1	27.0%
Segment 2	38.0%
Segment 3	35.0%

The blended benchmark for the household consists of the following: 28% of the Russell 3000, 11.4% of the Russell 3000, 13.3% of the Russell 3000, 13.3% of the Russell 3000, 3.5% of the Russell 3000, 3.5% of the Russell 3000, 16.2% of the Russell 3000, 10.8% of the Russell 3000. For a description of each benchmark, see the disclosure at the end.

### Household Strategy Composition

### 28.00% Navigator All Cap Core U.S. Equity

\$560,000.00

This strategy invests in a broad range of U.S. equities and seeks capital appreciation by focusing on high quality, undervalued companies with improving business prospects.

### 16.20% Navigator Taxable Fixed Income

\$324,000.00

This strategy provides strategic exposure to a broad range of taxable bonds. The strategy seeks to deliver total return with a secondary goal of income through a carefully constructed portfolio of bonds.

### 13.30% Navigator Global Tactical

\$266,000,00

This strategy seeks capital appreciation through a tactical unconstrained investment approach focusing on a broad range of equity and fixed income opportunities.

### 13.30% Navigator High Dividend Equity

\$266.000.00

This strategy seeks to provide favorable risk-adjusted returns through a carefully constructed portfolio of high-quality domestic and international equities, REITs, and preferred stocks.

### 11.40% Navigator Fixed Income Total Return

\$228,000,00

This strategy provides tactical exposure to the fixed income markets and seeks to deliver total return with a secondary goal of income.

### 10.80% Navigator U.S. Equity Core

\$216,000,00

This strategy seeks to provide capital appreciation over a market cycle through a carefully constructed portfolio of U.S. exchange traded funds and mutual funds.

### 3.50% Navigator International Equity/ADR

\$70,000.00

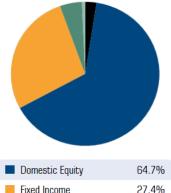
This strategy invests in a broad range of international equities and seeks capital appreciation by focusing on high quality, undervalued companies with improving business prospects.

### 3.50% Navigator Small Cap Core U.S. Equity

\$70,000.00

This strategy invests in small capitalization U.S. equities and seeks capital appreciation by focusing on high quality, undervalued companies with improving business prospects.

### **Asset Classes**



■ Domestic Equity	64.7%
Fixed Income	27.4%
Foreign Equity, Developed	4.8%
Cash	2.5%
Foreign Equity, Emerging	0.7%

Percentages may not total 100 due to rounding.

The model performance presented includes: 28% Navigator All Cap Core U.S. Equity, 11.4% Navigator Fixed Income Total Return, 13.3% Navigator Fixed Income Total Return, 13.3% Navigator High Dividend Equity, 3.5% Navigator International Equity/ADR, 3.5% Navigator Small Cap Core U. S. Equity, 16.2% Navigator Taxable Fixed Income, 10.8% Navigator U.S. Equity Core. Model results are hypothetical and do not reflect trading in actual accounts and are prepared with the benefit of hindsight. The model performance is a blend of actual Clark Capital portfolio performance. Please see attached disclosures.



### Household Performance

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Model results start on 1/1/2011 and run through 3/31/2015. The performance results shown reflect the reinvestment of dividends, reflect the deduction of a 1.82% annual advisory fee and do not reflect the withholding of taxes. Model results are hypothetical and do not reflect trading in actual accounts and are prepared with the benefit of hindsight. The model performance is a blend of actual Clark Capital portfolio performance. Please see attached disclosures.

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Rolling Performance	3 Months	1 Year	3 Year	Since Inception	Beta	Std Dev	Alpha
Sample Client (Net of 1.82%)	2.62	7.48	10.40	9.57	1.05	8.83	-1.62
Blended Benchmark	1.92	8.75	11.61	10.84	1.00	8.27	0.00
Your Household Personal Benchmark of 2.49%	0.62	2.52	2.52	2.52	0.00	0.00	2.43



## Model Performance (as of 3/31/2015)





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## Your Personal Investment Partnership

A Shared Commitment to Ensuring You Achieve Your Desired Outcomes.





## Partnership Roles and Responsibilities

## Sample Client

As an investor, it is your responsibility to provide accurate information to your financial advisor about your financial status, investment goals, and risk tolerance, so that we may provide you with appropriate recommendations. Please notify your investment advisor of any changes in your goals or life circumstances so that your investments may be modified to reflect those changes.

- Provide your advisor with all relevant information about your finances
- Define your financial objectives and goals
- Determine your risk comfort level with the help of your advisor
- Communicate any investment constraints
- Notify your financial advisor of any changes to your goals or life circumstances

Sample Advisor of **Test Blend Advisor** will help you become more knowledgeable by providing research, advice and guidance regarding planning and portfolio management. This will provide you with a process for building, managing and protecting your assets.

- Analyze and evaluate your financial status
- Recommend and implement a personalized wealth management strategy
- Meet with you periodically to review the suitability of your investments and performance relative to your goals and objectives
- Educate and guide you if changes to the investment strategy need to be made as a result of changes to your financial circumstances
- Notify Clark Capital of any changes to your investment objective(s) or any information relative to your accounts or suitability of Clark Capital's services



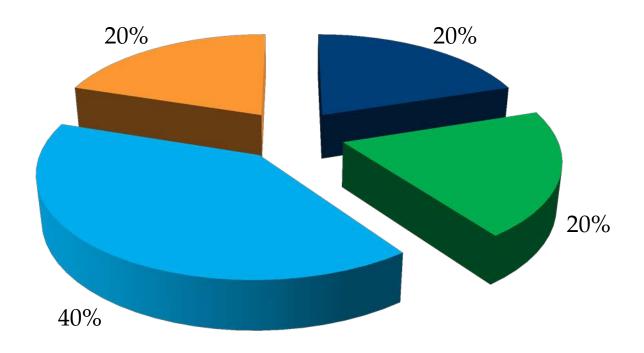
As investment manager, Clark Capital seeks to provide our clients with a disciplined, unemotional, flexible and responsive approach to money management. Our goal is to ensure that you achieve your goals. We support your financial advisor by prudently watching over your assets every day and making adjustments as warranted by your financial plan and the markets.

- Invest your assets in an investment strategy reflective of the investment objectives identified by you and your advisor
- Manage, evaluate, and monitor your investment strategies
- Proactively reallocate your portfolio as market conditions warrant
- Provide you with daily on-line account access and quarterly performance reports/statements
- Suggest changes to your investment strategy when and if your financial circumstances change
- Protect your assets by employing a custodian to hold your assets



## Personalized Investments that Align with Your Financial Plan





- Fixed Income Total Return
- All Cap U.S. Equity Core

- International Equity/ADR
- Taxable Fixed Income





## Benefits to Your Clients and Your Practice



- Why Does Personalization Matter So Much Today?
- What Is the Opportunity for Your Business?
  - Differentiate Your Practice Retirement Planning and Risk Planning
  - Reaching a New Generation of Clients
- How Do You Incorporate Personalization?
  - The Client-First Approach





## How We Help You

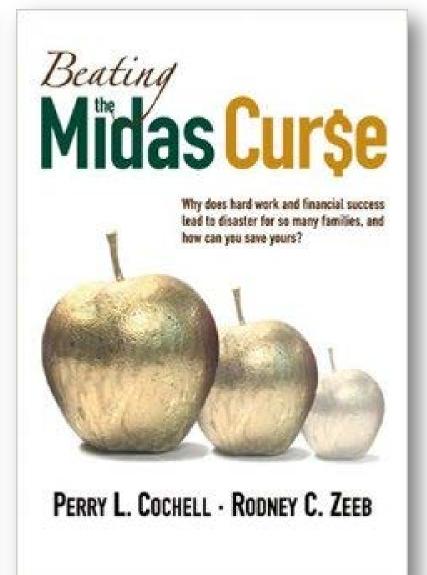


- Personalized Solutions
- A Framework for Asset Allocation
  - Case Design
  - Income Planning We help you build the buckets that are the foundation for the personal benchmark
- Personalized Risk Management Risk Tolerance Changes!
  - Spectrum of Risk Management Tools
  - Sentry: Keep Clients in the Game





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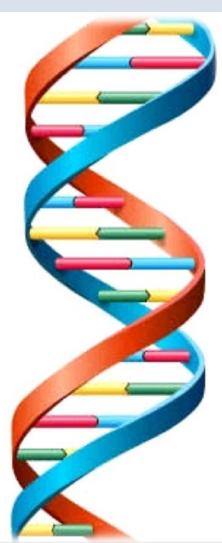


**Investment Philosophy & Process** 

## Is it Really an Active vs. Passive Decision?



Passive



Active



## Active Management Methodologies



- Top-Down
  - Relative Strength
- Bottom-Up
  - Fundamental Analysis

## Diversification Methodologies



- Asset Class
- Risk
- Management Methodology
- Time (Investment Planning)



## Investment Philosophy

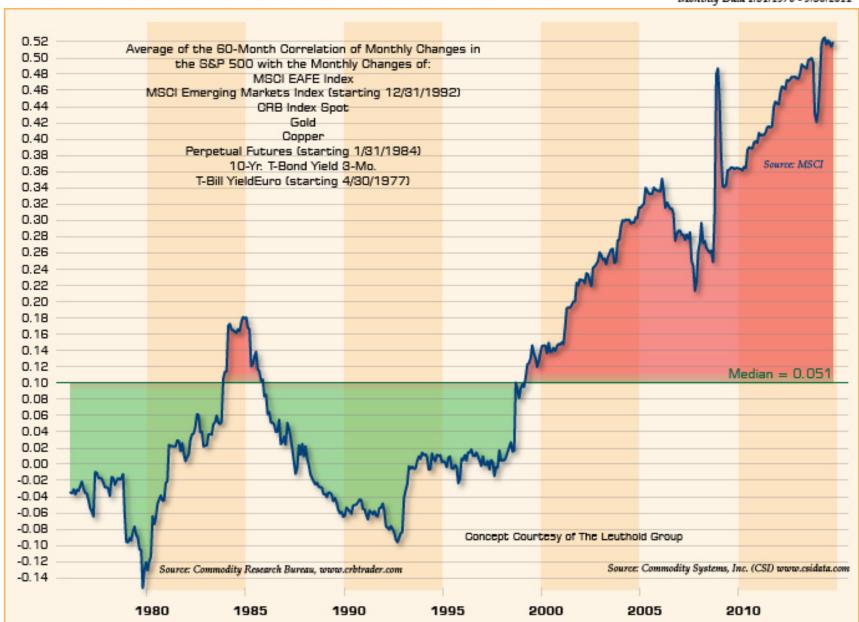


- Seek to provide superior risk adjusted returns through a disciplined process focused on
  - Meaningful diversification
  - Opportunistic asset allocation
  - Systematic risk management











## Correlation



	1990 t	1990 to 1999		o 2009	Bear Market	Recovery Period
	Bull Correlation 1990s	Bear Correlation 1990s	Bull Correlation 2000s	Bear Correlation 2000s	10/1/2007 to 2/28/2009 Correlation	3/1/2009 to 8/31/2013 Correlation
S&P 500	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Russell 1000 Value	0.80	0.92	0.86	0.85	0.98	0.99
Russell 2000	0.51	0.66	0.43	0.67	0.96	0.93
MSCI EAFE	0.37	0.55	0.63	0.83	0.91	0.89
MSCI World Ex US	0.38	0.57	0.64	0.83	0.91	0.92
MSCI Emerging Markets	0.31	0.68	0.47	0.66	0.80	0.83
DJ Credit Suisse Hedge Fund			0.09	0.41	0.58	0.80
S&P GS Commodity Index	-0.14	-0.12	0.08	0.39	0.56	0.65
NAREIT US Real Estate	0.18	0.47	0.25	0.55	0.84	0.77
BC US Corporate High Yield	0.15	0.57	0.31	0.56	0.71	0.73
BC US Agg Bond TR USD	0.27	0.13	0.00	0.15	0.36	-0.16
CBOE Market Volatility	-0.11	-0.66	-0.32	-0.46	-0.71	-0.76

The volatility (beta) of a client portfolio may be greater or less than its respective benchmarks. It is not possible to invest in these indices.

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Source: Morningstar Direct





## Frequency of Declines



S&P 500 Declines	Occurrences Per Year	Frequency Average	Probability of Decline Moving to Next Stage	Mean Decline
-5% or more	3.5	Every 14 weeks	32%	-10.9%
-10% or more	1.1	Every Year	46%	-19.6%
-15% or more	0.5	Every 2 years	58%	-28.2%
-20% or more	0.3	Every 3 years	N/A	-35.7%

Source: Ned Davis Research — The Anatomy of Standard & Poor's 500 Stock Index Declines 1/3/1928 to 4/17/2014. Most recent data available.





## Modern Portfolio Theory's Cruel Joke



Good Times	Bad Times
Low Correlation	High Correlations
Low Volatility	High Volatility
High Returns	Low Returns

"Any plan conceived in moderation, must fail when circumstances are set in extremes."

Prince Metternich







# Relative Strength What Is It? How Does It Work?



- Clark Capital Relative Strength Specifics
  - Price of one security divided by price of comparative security or benchmark tracked over time
  - Positive Relative Strength means that security is rising more than the benchmark in rising markets and going down less in downtrends
  - An oscillator is used to smooth the Relative Strength line and identify trends with buy and sell targets
  - Time Frame All models optimized for 3 to 6 trades per year

## Why Do We Think Relative Strength Works?



- Unemotional Disciplined Process
- Purely Quantitative Models
- Allows Price Movements of Global Markets to Determine Trends
- Markets Are Efficient
- Relative Strength Is Not Fundamentally Oriented
- No Forecasting
- Historical Data Only



## Why Do We Think Relative Strength Works?



- Relative Strength is durable and adaptive over time
- Relative Strength adapts to new themes as they emerge
- Ken French, Dartmouth College, has shown that for over 80 years relative strength has been an effective return factor, and it's been the strongest of all the various return factors he has studied.

## Research Process



- Analysis & Rankings
  - Each security is analyzed and ranked
  - Top two quartiles constitute the investing universe
  - Each buy candidate analyzed for external events, liquidity constraints and overall portfolio diversification needs
  - Individual security position sizes determined by portfolio management team



## Research Process



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Security 04	+	_	+		+	+	_	_	+	+	6
Security 05	+	+	_	+		_	+	_	_	+	5
Security 06	-	_	+	_	+		+	_	_	_	3
Security 07	+	+	+	+	+	_		+	_	_	6
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Security 09	_	+	+	_	+	+	_	_		+	5
Security 10	_	+	_			_	_	+	+		3



## Research Process



- Over 21,500 Models
- Investable Universe 208 exchange traded funds
- 85% Quantitative Research
- 15% Qualitative Analysis









## What It May Take to Break Even after a Loss



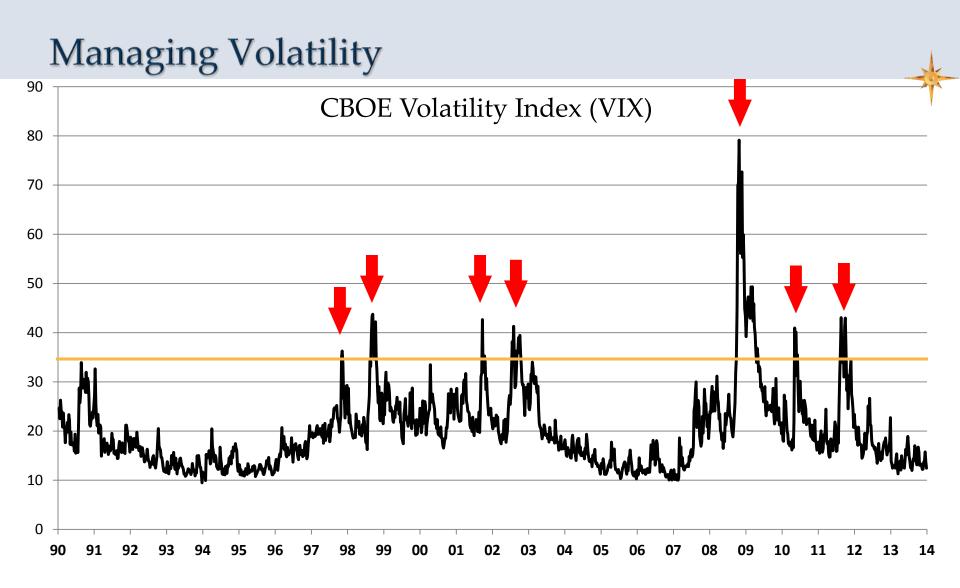
 These returns will be reduced by the deduction of advisory fees and other fees that may be incurred in the management of the account.

	Saving	Withdrawing Income
If investment is down	Return needed to break even (without withdrawals)	Return needed to break even (withdrawing 5% at the end of each year)
10%	11.10%	17.60%
20%	25.00%	33.30%
25%	33.30%	42.90%
30%	42.90%	53.80%
40%	66.70%	81.80%

Source: Clark Capital Research







The VIX measures implied volatility from options that trade on the S&P 500. Implied volatility is a forward-looking measure of risk and is used as an input for managing our hedged portfolios.

Source: Bloomberg





## Hedge Strategy Objectives



- Reduce portfolio volatility
- Prevent large portfolio losses through systematic allocation to volatility
- Provide consistent negative correlation in all market environments
- Provide systematic risk management without forecasting or market timing influence
- Provide confidence in the expected outcome in all market environments
- Provide continuous hedge to help lower risk from event driven declines (i.e. natural disaster, terrorist attacks)





## Potential Client Benefits of the Sentry Strategy

- Client anxiety is reduced during times of market stress
- Clients stay invested
- Clients stay committed to a financial plan over full market cycles (i.e. in both bear and bull markets)
- Promotes better client outcomes





# Potential Partner Benefits of the Sentry Strategy



- Promotes better client outcomes
- Reduces client anxiety during times of market stress
- Assists advisors with retention
- Helps to preserve fee based revenue in bear markets
- Grows revenue during times of economic expansion
- Provides competitive advantage among peers





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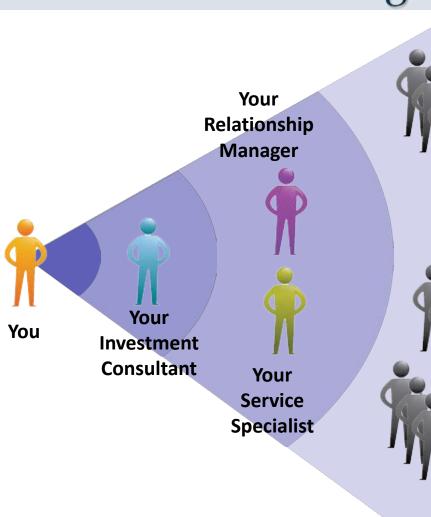
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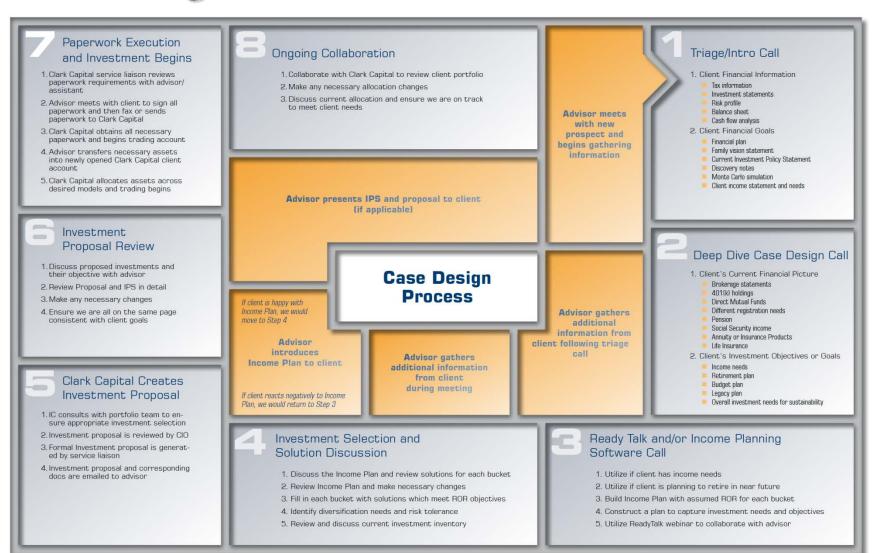
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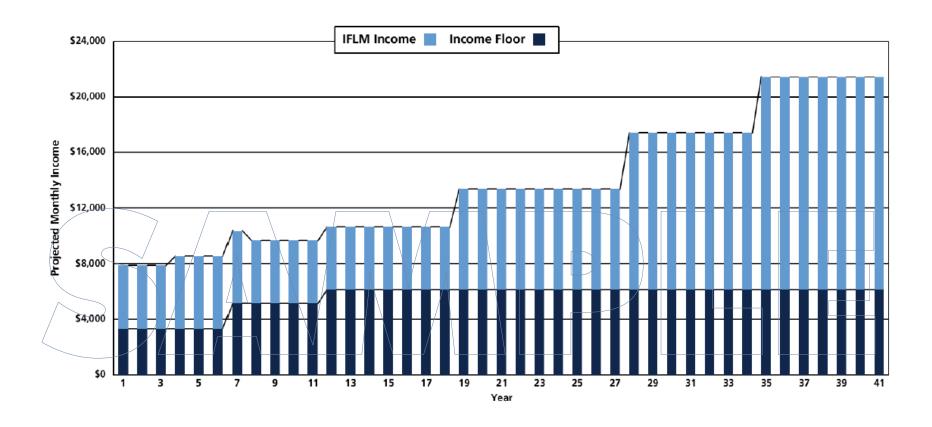


# Case Design Process









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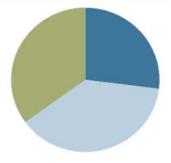






#### Your Goals

0/0	Name	Personal Benchmark	Investment Amount	Risk Comfort Zone	Time Horizon
27.00%	Segment 1	1.00%	\$540,000.00		One to Three Years
38.00%	Segment 2	4.00%	\$760,000.00		Four to Seven Years
35.00%	Segment 3	2.00%	\$700,000.00		More than Eight













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Market Outlook



### Our 2015 Outlook – Executive Summary

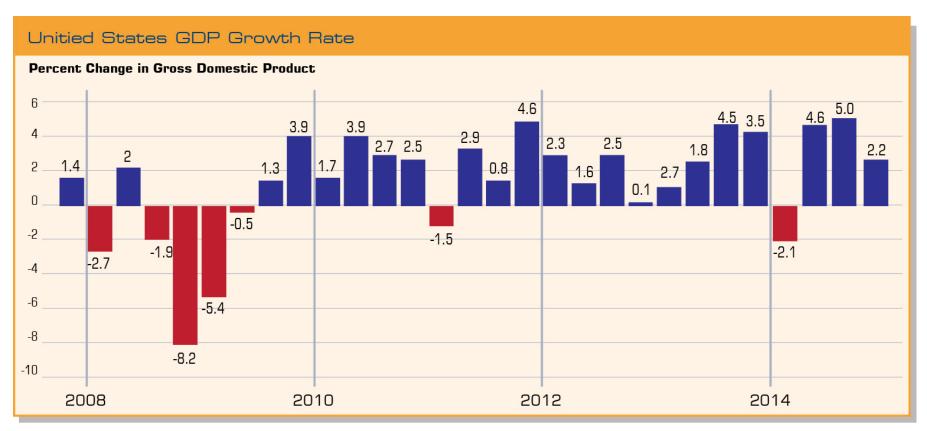


- Pre-election year historic bullish tendencies. Strongest of the 4-year cycle. As January goes, so does rest of year.
- 2015 S&P 500 Range 1800-2500. Strong momentum, earnings growth, seasonal trends suggest year-end target of 2275, 10% gain in S&P 500.
- Small cap outperformance likely, at least during first half of 2015. Favor consistent earnings growers in 2015.
- Overvaluations and bullish extremes in sentiment suggest gains could be limited and less than historical precedent. Surge in passive index net inflows suggests caution.
- Market gains 6 months ahead of first Fed rate hike.
- Long-term attractive Relative Valuations for stocks. Commodity secular bear market.
- Economy Leading indicators suggest continued economic growth. U.S. economy we expect 3.0% growth. Modest inflationary pressures. Global economy to grow 3.5%. Europe to avoid recession but experience sub-par growth.
- Mixed inflation outlook. Decline in oil offset building wage pressures. Expect inflation to come in at 2.1%, slightly above Fed target.
- Federal Reserve first rate hike in June. Expect Fed to begin shrinking balance sheet.
- Fixed Income Flattening yield curve as Fed hikes rates. Favor credit over duration risk. Municipal bonds appear attractive and set for upgrade cycle.









Source: www.tradingeconomics.com | U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

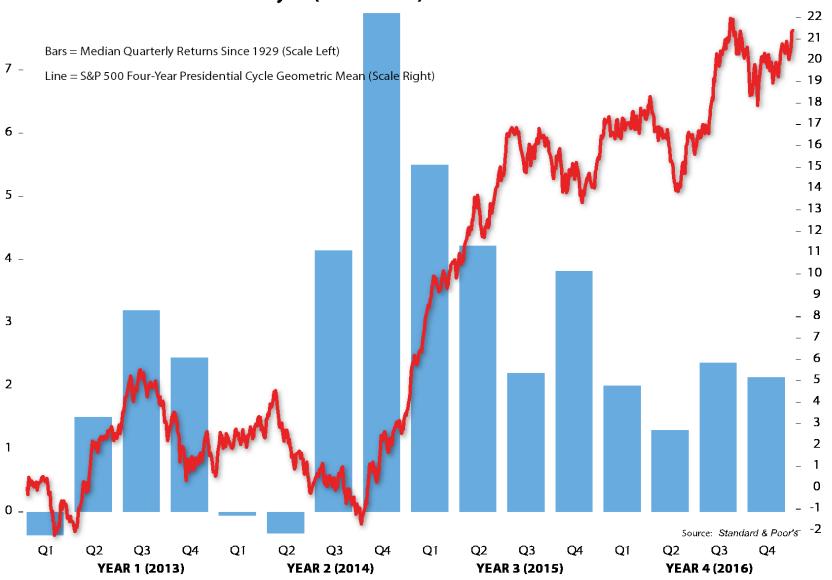
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#### S&P 500 Four-Year Presidential Cycle (1929 - 2013)

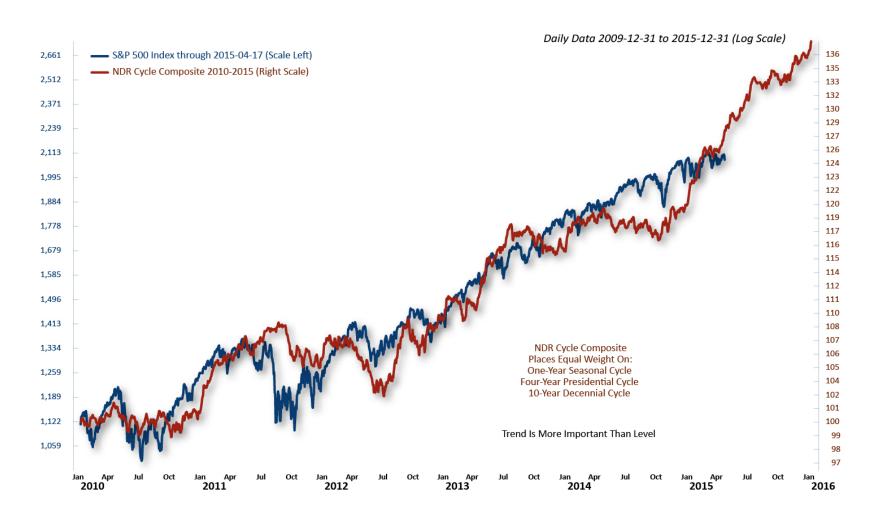


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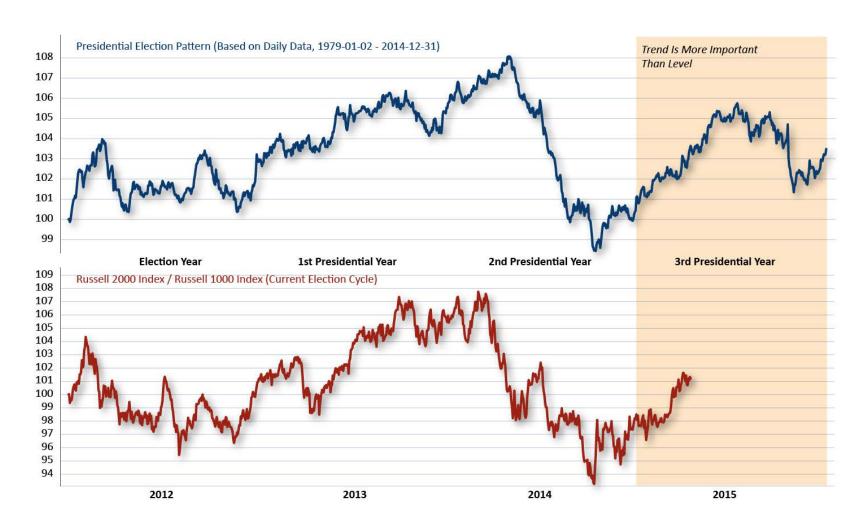
### S&P 500 Index vs. NDR Cycle Composite







# Russell 2000 Index / Russell 1000 Index Four-Year Presidential Cycle vs. Current Election Cycle

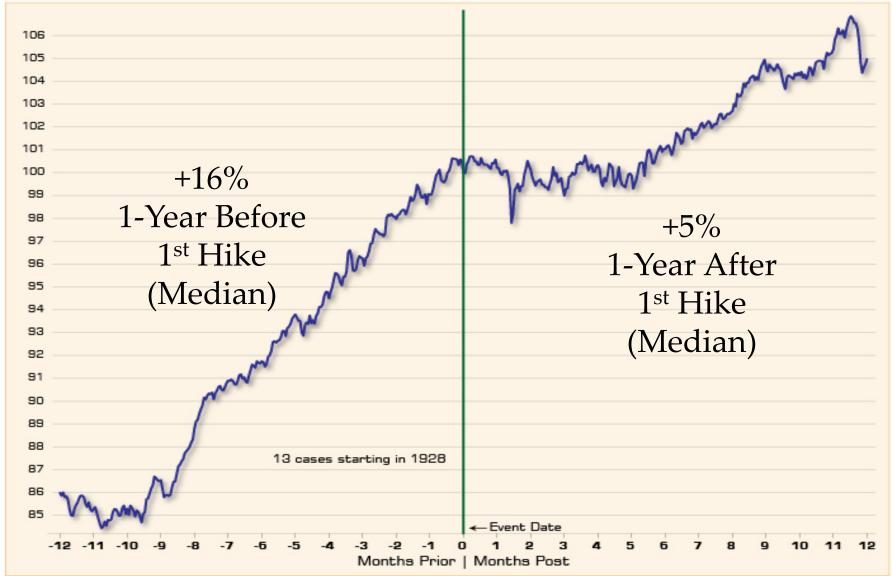


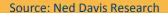








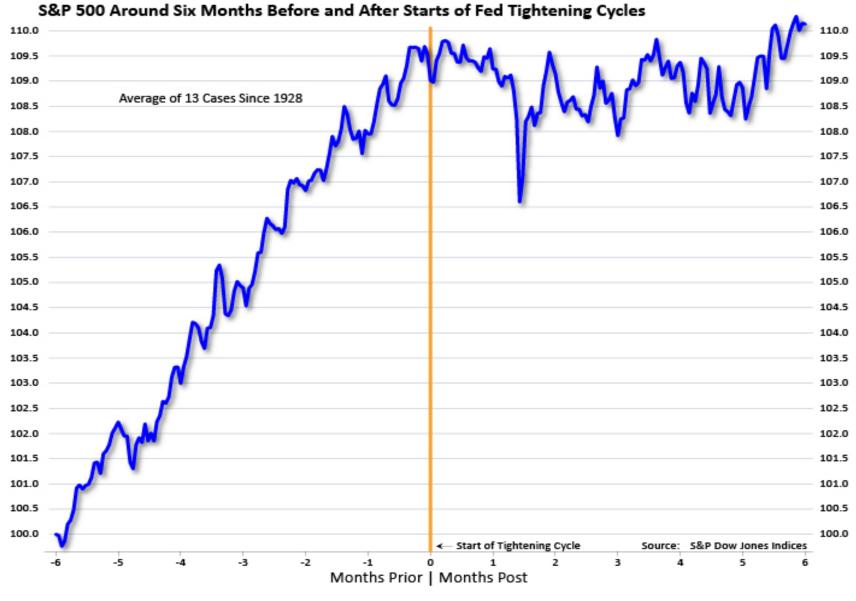










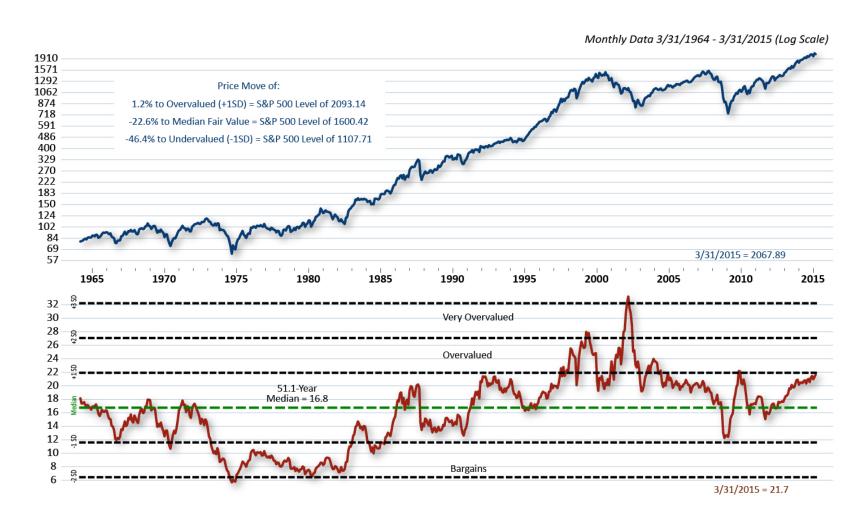








#### Standard & Poor's 500 Stock Index



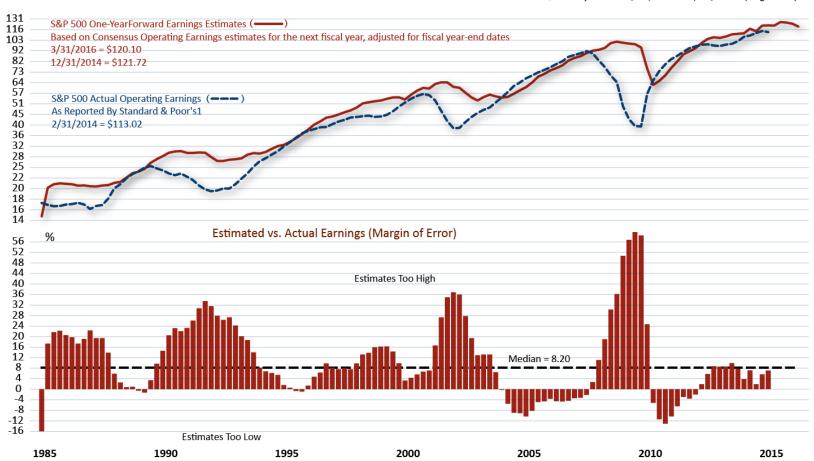
S&P 500 Median Price/Earnings Ratio (NDR Calculation) with Historical Median





### S&P 500 Actual Operating Earnings vs Earnings Estimates

Quarterly Data 12/31/1984 - 3/31/2016 (Log Scale)

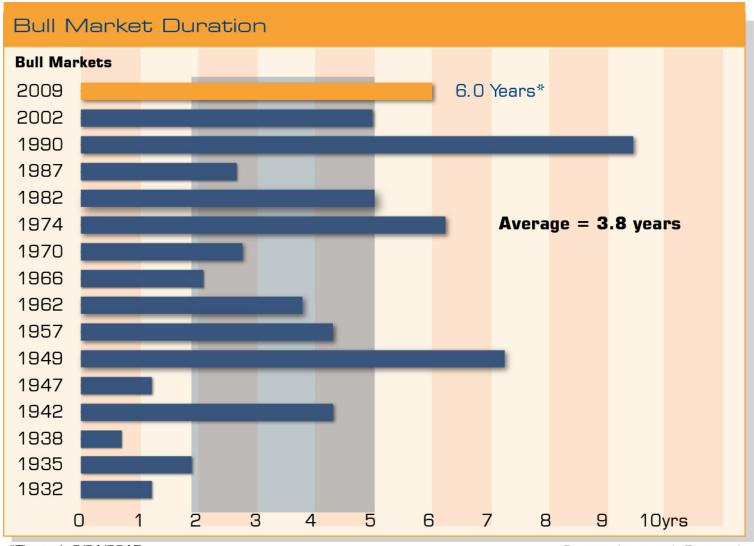












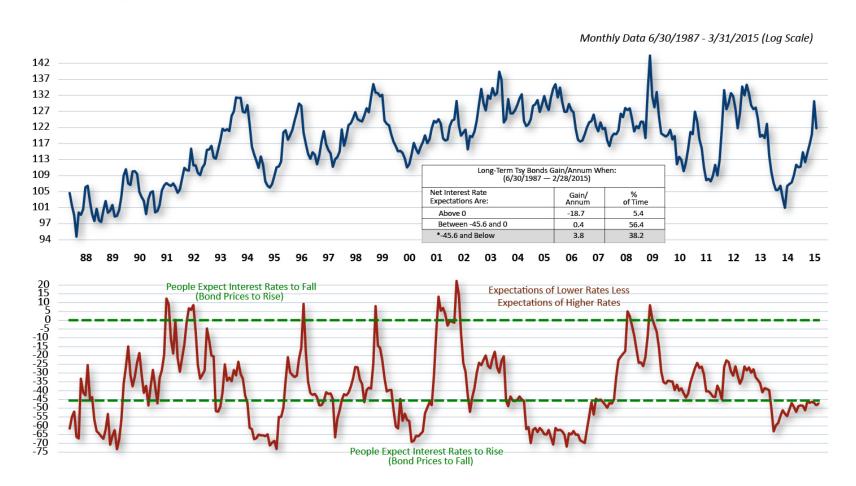
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### Barclays Long-Term Treasury Bond Price Index

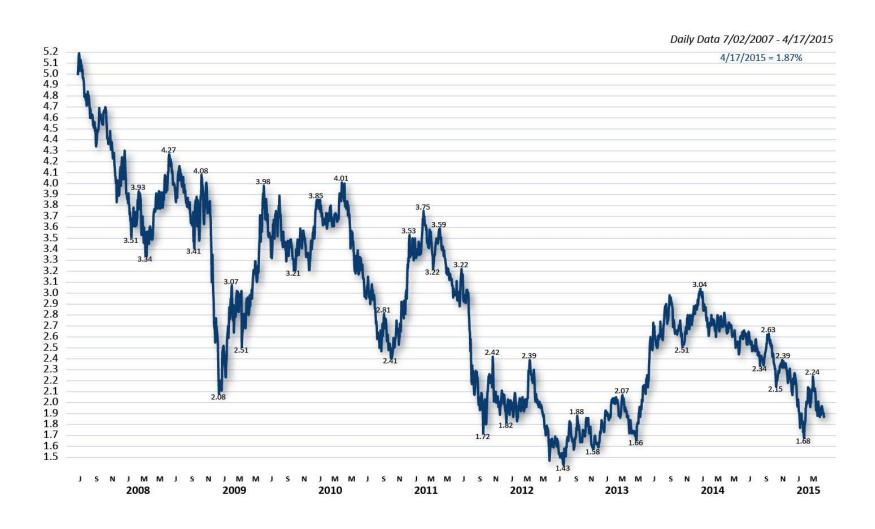


### Conference Board's Interest Rate Expectations Survey





### 10-Year Constant Maturity Treasury Note Yields (Since 2007)







# Interest Rate Rise — How Each Type of Bond Might Perform Based on Historical Data

Type of Bond	Economy Does Well	Economy Stagnates	Economy Does Poorly
Treasury Bills	Poorly	Mediocre	Well (Nominally)
Treasury Bonds	Poorly	Mediocre	Well (Nominally)
Investment Grade Corporate Short Duration	Mediocre	Mediocre	Mediocre
Investment Grade Corporate Long Duration	Poorly	Poorly	Poorly
High Yield	Well	Poorly	Poorly
Floating Rate	Well	Mediocre	Poorly

Source: The Armstrong Advisory Group



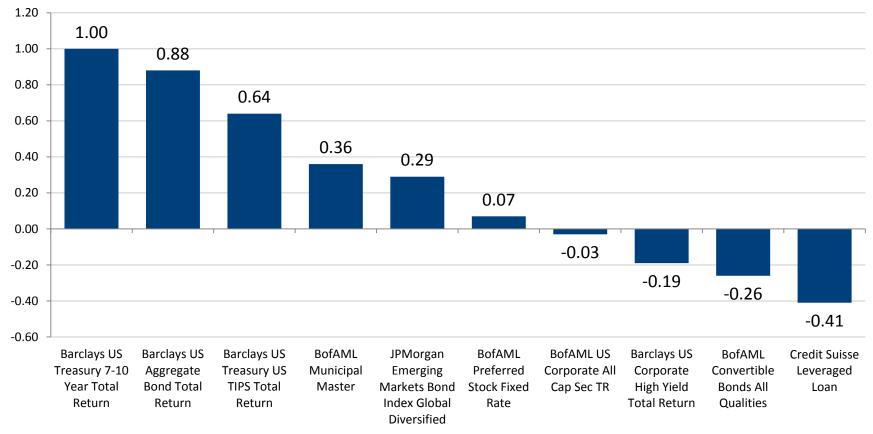


# Finding Securities with a Negative Correlation with U.S. Treasuries

Fixed-Income Sectors to 7-10 Year Treasuries



Correlations to: Barclays U.S. Treasury 7-10 Year Total Return Index (10 years ended March 31, 2014)



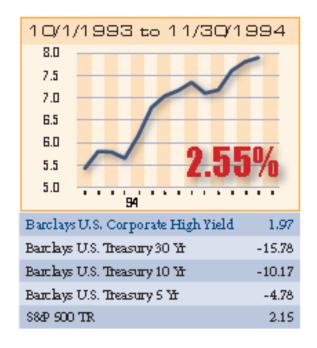
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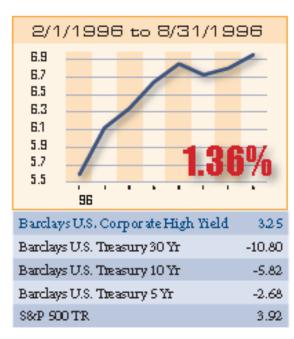


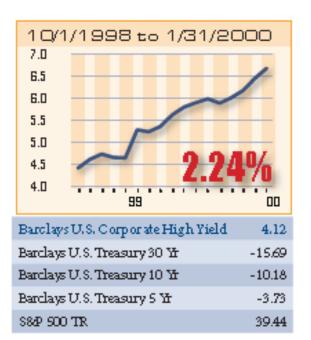


## Rising Rate Periods









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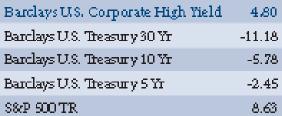
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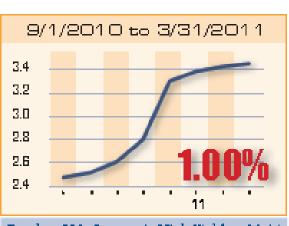








Barolays U.S. Corp or ste High Yield	58.21
Bardays U.S. Treasury 30 Yr	-25.88
Bardays U.S. Treasury 10 Vf	-9.76
Bardays U.S. Treasury 5 Yr	-135
884P 500 TTR	26.46



Barclays U.S. Corporate High Yield	10.46
Bardays U.S. Treasury 30 Yr	-13.55
Bardays U.S. Treasury 10 Yr	-6.04
Bardays U.S. Treasury 5 Yr	-2.17
8&P 900 TR	27.78

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# Rising Rate - Current Period





Barclays U.S. Corporate High Yield	9.58
Barclays U.S. Treasury 30 Yr	-14.31
Barclays U.S. Treasury 10 Yr	-6.21
Barclays U.S. Treasury 5 Yr	-1.70
S&P 500 TR	25.75

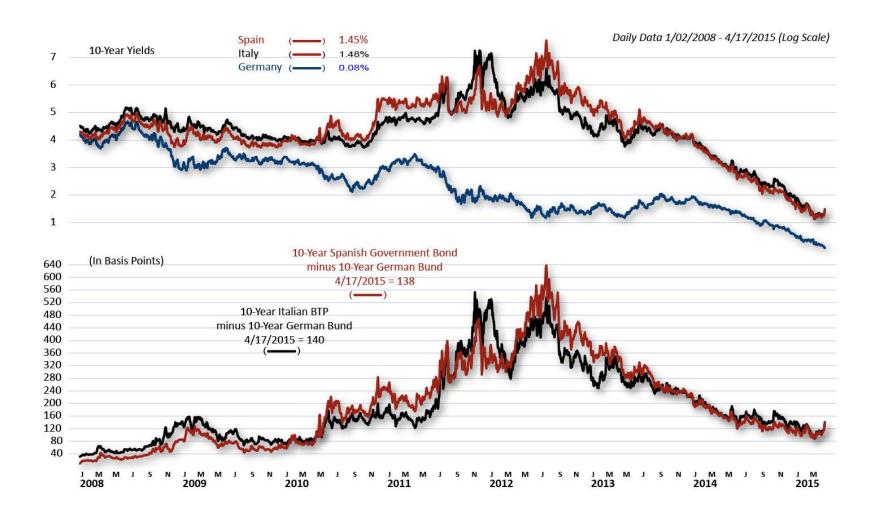
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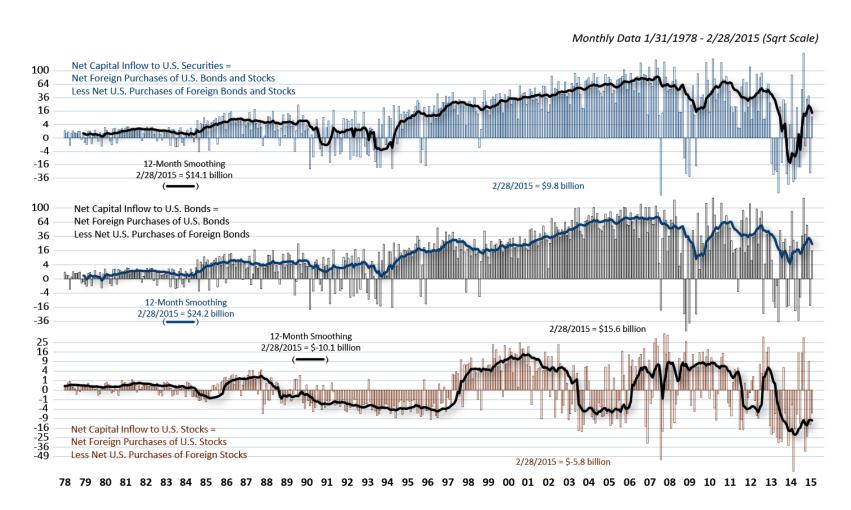


### German, Italian, and Spanish 10-Year Government Yields and Spreads





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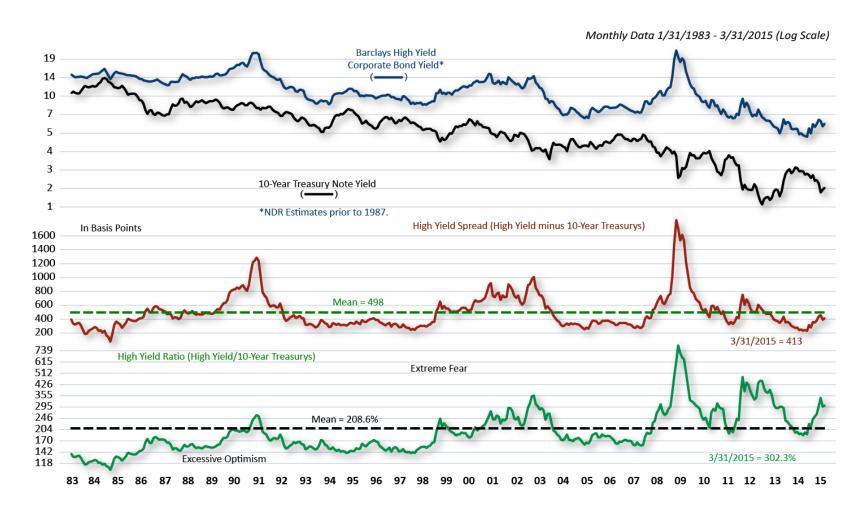


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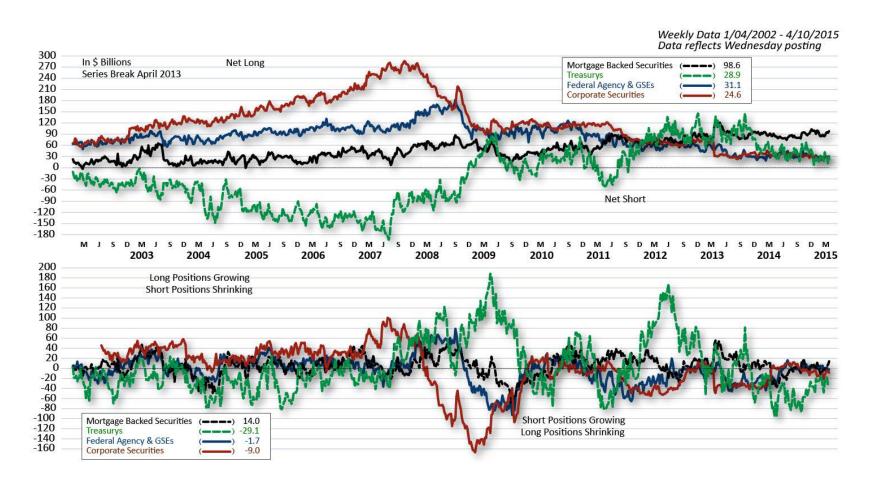
### High Yield Corporate Spreads (Relative to 10-Year Treasurys)







#### Primary Dealer Positions in Securities



Year-to-Year Dollar Changes of Primary Dealer Positions





### Continuous Commodity Index (CCI) - Long-Term Trends

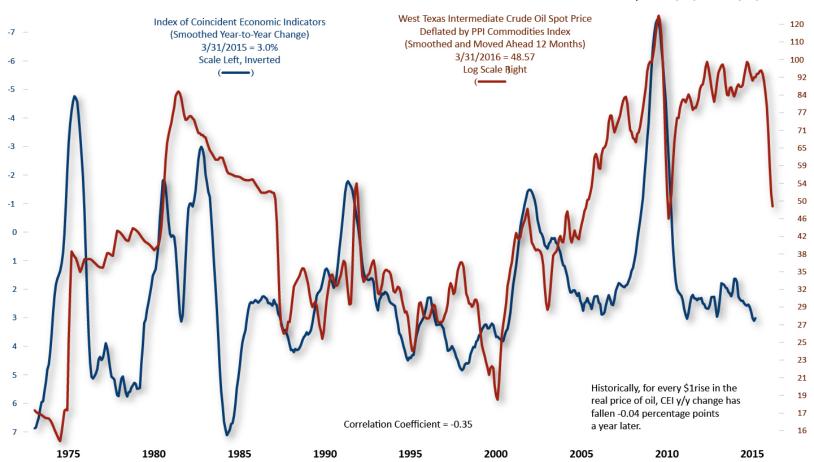






### The Economy vs Real Oil Prices

#### Monthly Data 1/31/1973 - 3/31/2016

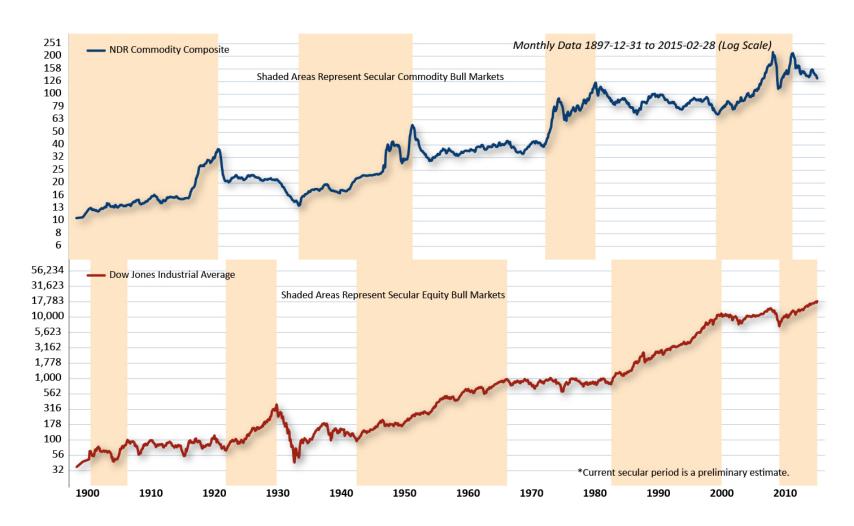


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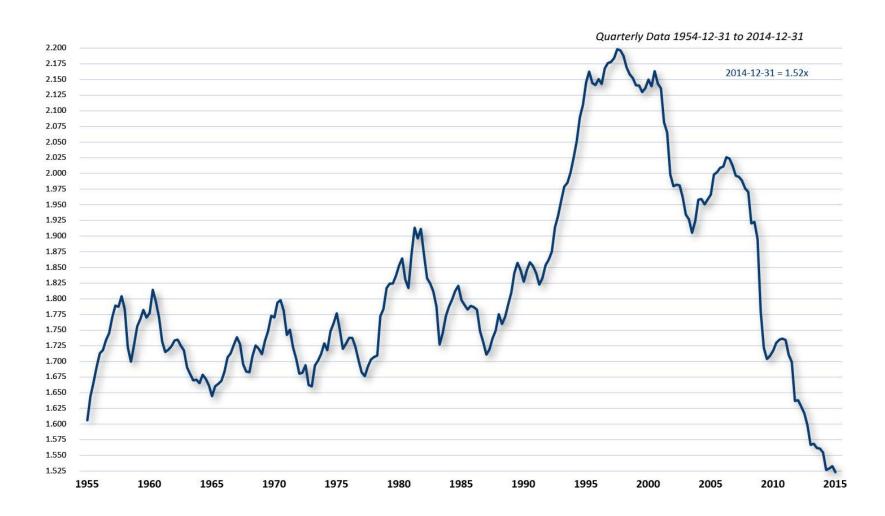


#### Commodities & Stocks - Secular Bulls





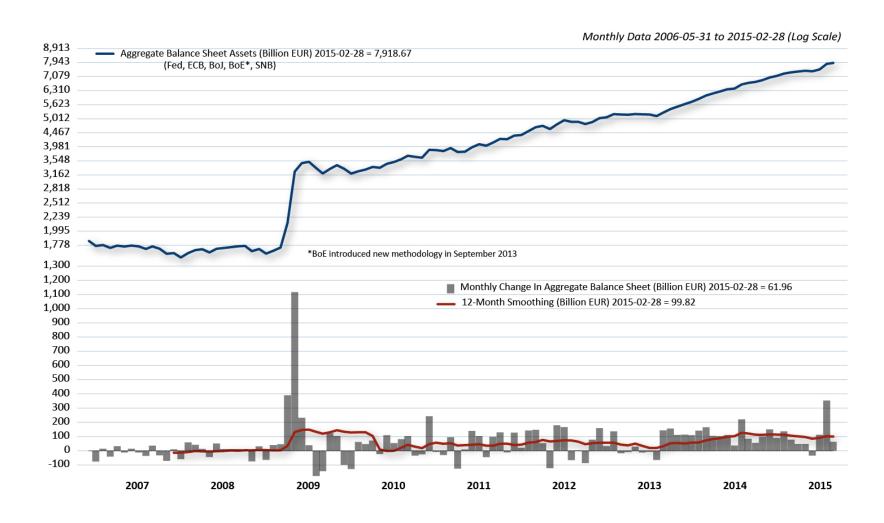
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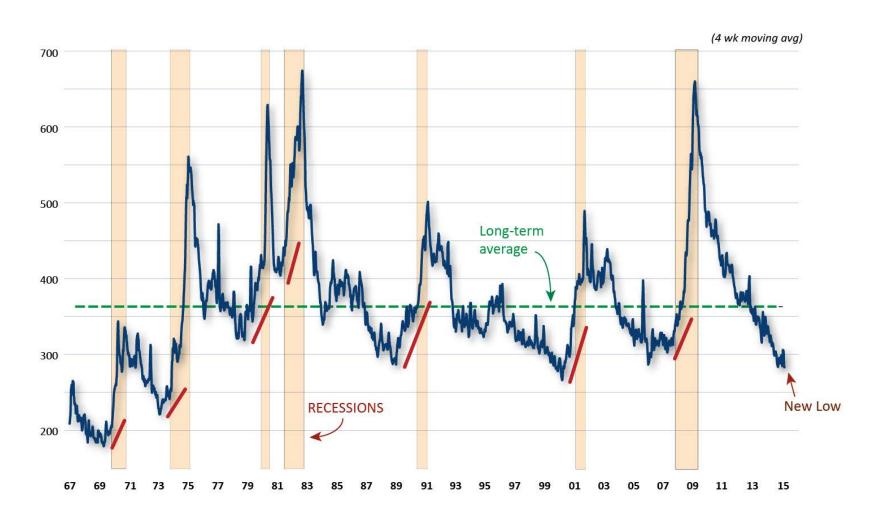
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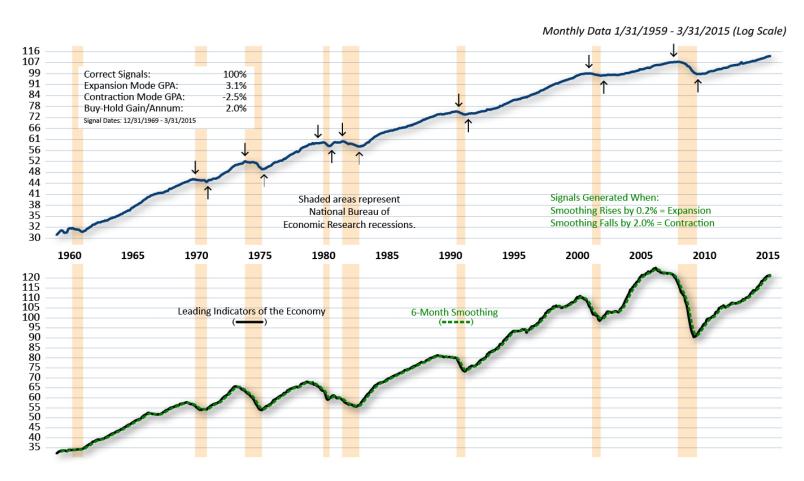
### **Unemployment Claims**







### The Economy (The Index of Coincident Economic Indicators)



The Index of Leading Economic Indicators





## LEI Recession Lead Times



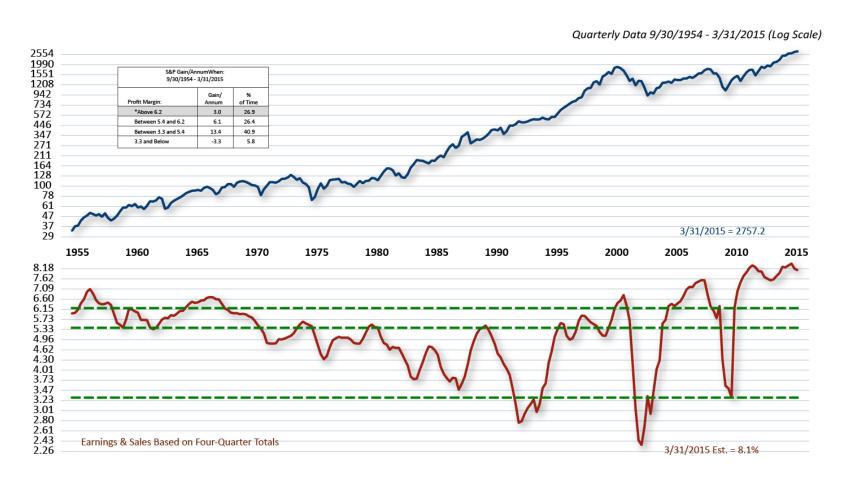
		Months from
LEI Peak	Recession Start	Peak to Start
12/31/1959	4/30/1960	4
4/30/1969	12/31/1969	8
2/28/1973	11/30/1973	9
10/31/1978	1/31/1980	15
10/31/1980	7/31/1981	9
1/31/1989	7/31/1990	18
4/30/2000	3/31/2001	11
3/31/2006	12/31/2007	21

Source: Ned Davis Research





#### Standard & Poor's Industrial Average

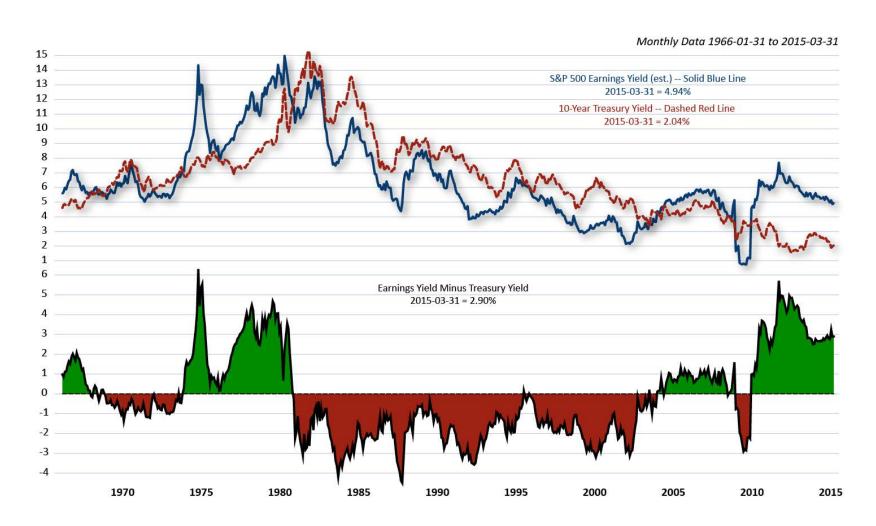


Standard & Poor's Industrial Average Profit Margin (Earnings/Sales)





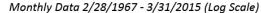
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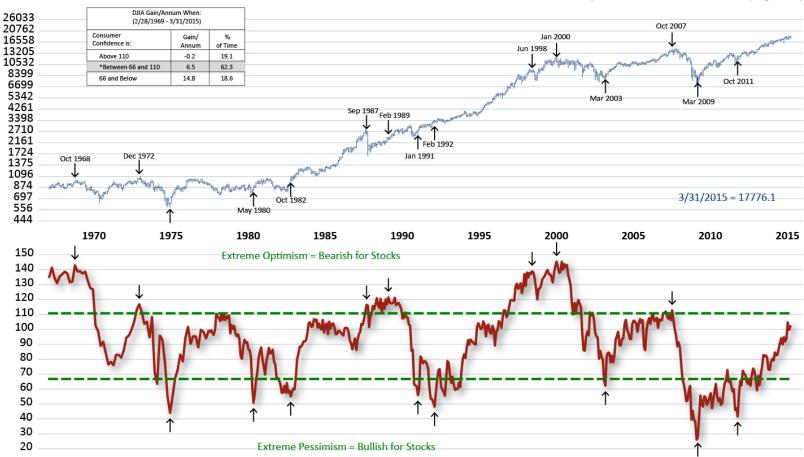






#### Dow Jones Industrial Average





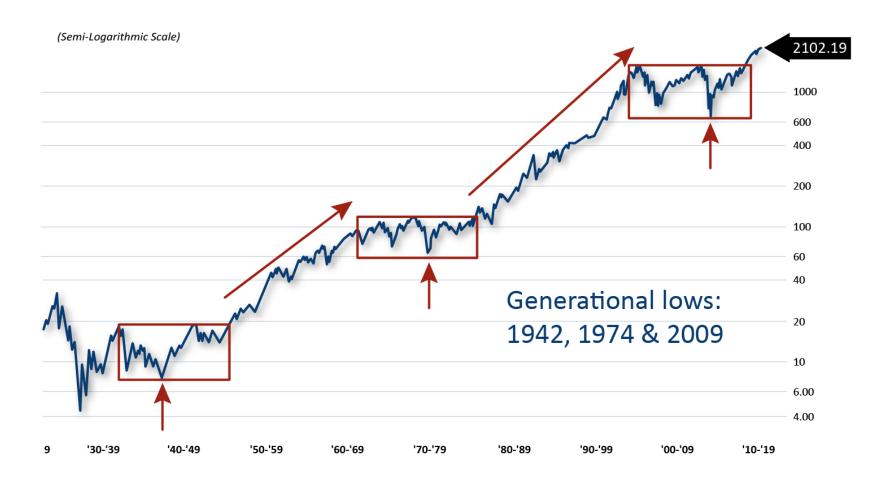
Consumer Confidence (Conference Board)



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#### S&P 500 Monthly Closing Price









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