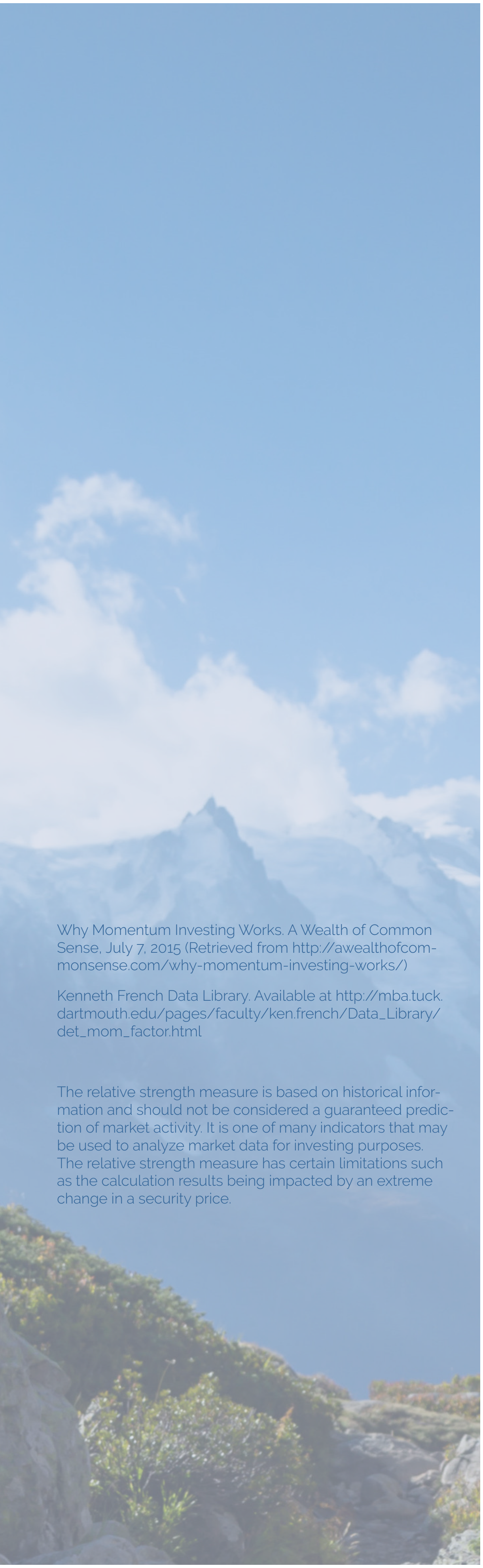
Clark Capital
MANAGEMENT GROUP

Navigator®
Global Risk
Management Strategies

Navigate Global Equity Markets with Confidence

Market conditions change, and so do market risks. The Navigator® Global Risk Management Strategies utilize a disciplined, quantitative approach that seeks to constantly manage risks and provide a durable global equity allocation across market cycles.



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A Relative Strength Approach to Managing Risk

Relative strength is a momentum-based strategy grounded in over 80 years of research by Nobel prize-winning economist Eugene Fama and Dartmouth professor Kenneth French. The pair found that over time, momentum was the largest driver of consistent outperformance.

- Clark Capital has been utilizing this relative strength approach since 2005 to help identify opportunities and risks in U.S. fixed income.
- In our fixed income strategies, our proprietary quantitative risk management models identify when the portfolios should favor risk-on assets (high yield bonds/investment grade) or risk-off assets (U.S. Treasuries or cash equivalents).
- We believe that risk in the credit markets translates to risk in the equity markets and that the high yield bond market can be used as a proxy for equity markets.

Correlation: The Connection Between High Yield and Equities

Over the past 10 years, high yield bonds have been highly correlated to both U.S. and international equity markets.

	BBgBarc US Corporate High Yield	S&P 500	MSCI World	BBgBarc US Treasury 7-10 Yr
BBgBarc US Corporate High Yield	1.00			
S&P 500	0.80	1.00		
MSCI World	0.84	0.97	1.00	
BBgBarc US Treasury 7-10 Yr	0.20	0.10	0.11	1.00

Source: Morningstar Direct. As of 12/31/2023. For illustrative purposes only. Past performance is not indicative of future results.

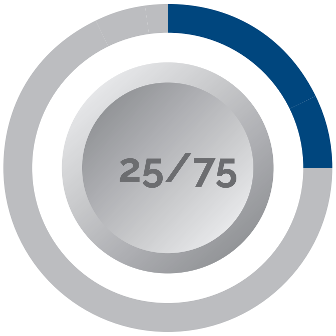
Navigator® Global Risk Management Strategies

The Navigator® Global Risk Management Strategies utilize Clark Capital's proprietary quantitative risk management model to help identify risks in the global equity markets and shift to potentially safer, risk-off assets when guided by the model.

The desired result is an unbiased, unemotional and repeatable process that seeks long-term capital appreciation while minimizing overall volatility.

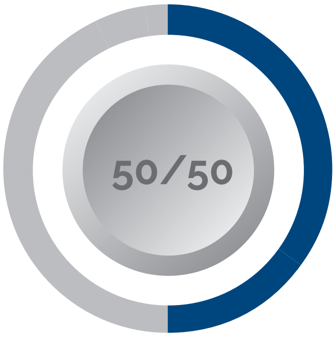
Navigator® Global Risk Management Strategies are Available in 3 Risk Allocation Profiles:

CONSERVATIVE



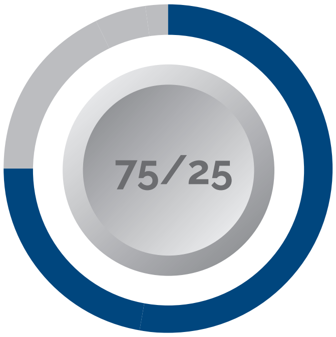
The **Conservative** strategy is comprised of 25% global equity and 75% fixed income when the models favor risk-on assets. The allocation is designed to provide current income and modest capital appreciation potential for investors with a slightly below average tolerance for risk.

MODERATE



The **Moderate** strategy is comprised of 50% global equity and 50% fixed income when the models favor risk-on assets. The allocation is designed to provide capital appreciation and some current income over a long-term investment horizon for investors with about an average tolerance for risk.

GROWTH



The **Growth** strategy is comprised of 75% global equity and 25% fixed income when the models favor risk-on assets. The allocation is designed to provide capital appreciation over a long-term investment horizon for investors with an above average tolerance for risk.

Risk-On/Risk-Off Transitions

Risk-On

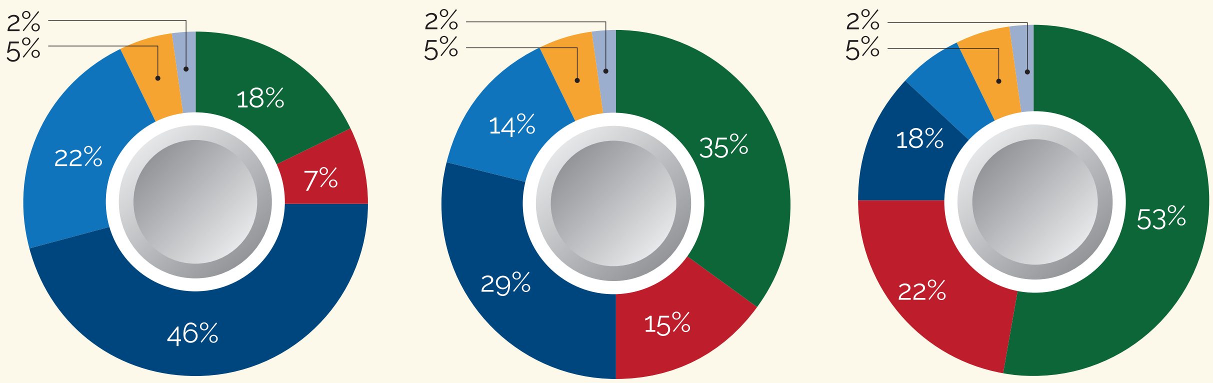
When the models favor risk-on assets, the strategies will allocate to what we believe is an appropriate blend of U.S. equity, international equity, high yield and investment grade bonds.

Risk-Off

When the models favor risk-off assets, the strategies will shift to either U.S. Treasuries or cash equivalents.

RISK-ON

3 ALLOCATION PROFILES



CONSERVATIVE

U.S. Equity	18%
International Equity	7%
High Yield	46%
Investment Grade	22%
U.S. Treasuries	5%
Cash Equivalents	2%

MODERATE

U.S. Equity	35%
International Equity	15%
High Yield	29%
Investment Grade	14%
U.S. Treasuries	5%
Cash Equivalents	2%

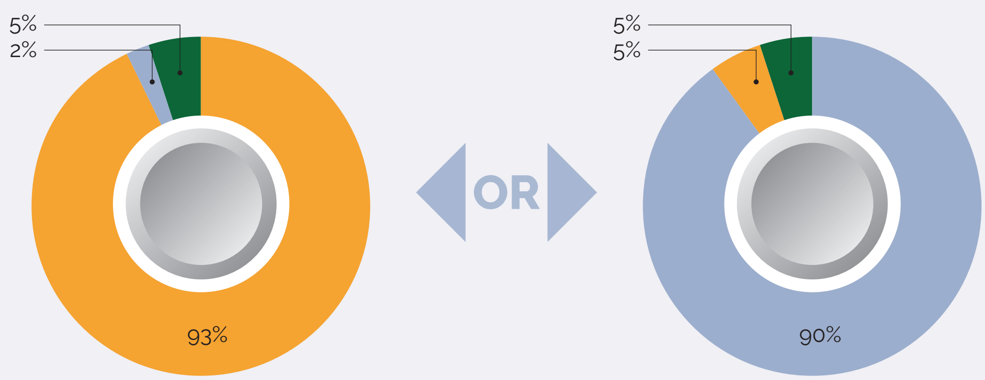
GROWTH

U.S. Equity	53%
International Equity	22%
High Yield	12%
Investment Grade	6%
U.S. Treasuries	5%
Cash Equivalents	2%

The equity allocation typically targets a 70%/30% exposure to U.S./International equity and large/small-cap, respectively. The strategy may, at times, tactically adjust the geographic and/or market cap exposure by up to +/- 10%.

RISK-OFF

ALL PROFILES SHIFT TO ONE RISK-OFF ALLOCATION



WHEN THE MODELS FAVOR U.S. TREASURIES

U.S./Int'l. Equity	5%
U.S. Treasuries	93%
Cash Equivalents	2%

WHEN THE MODELS FAVOR CASH

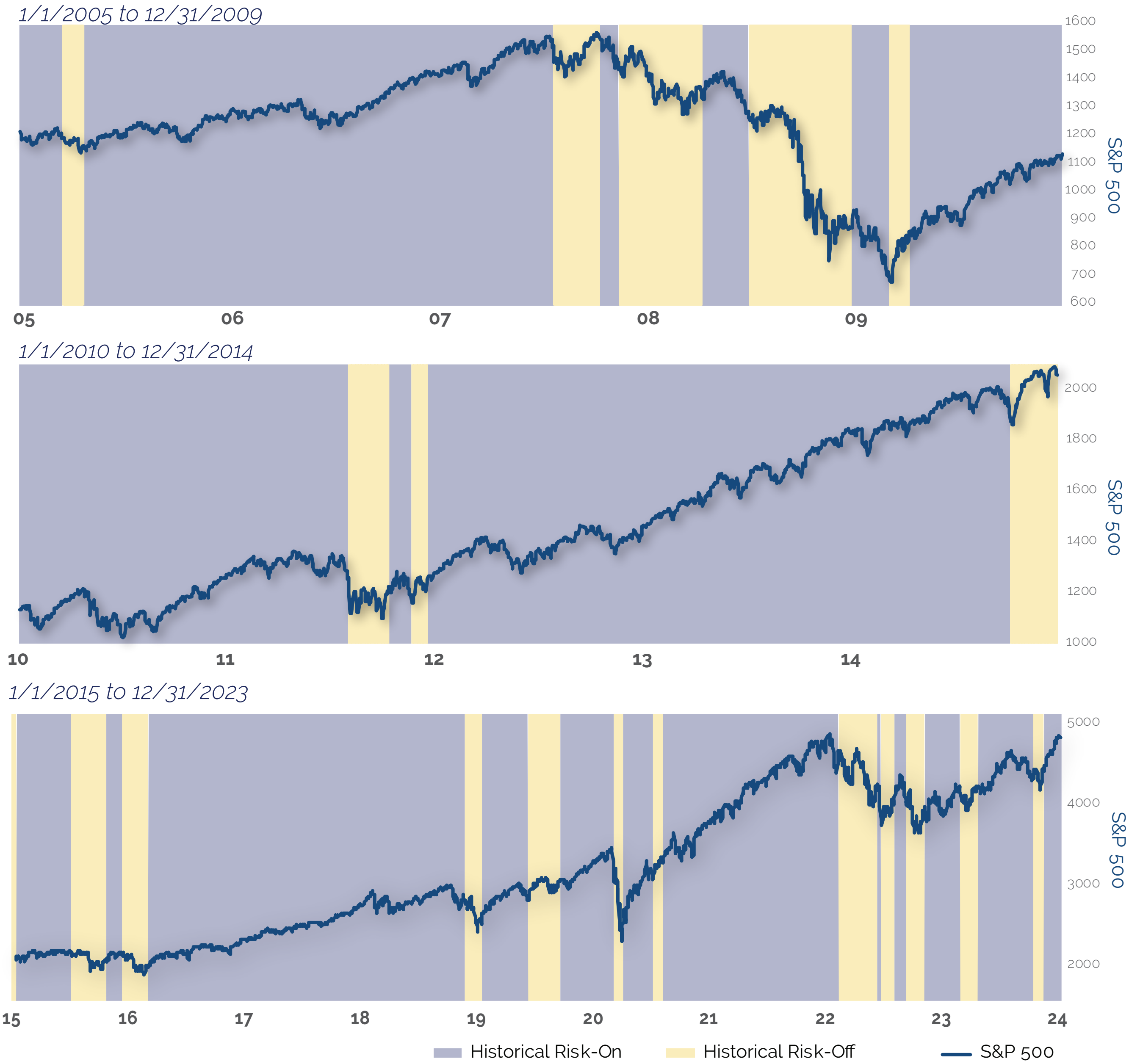
U.S./Int'l. Equity	5%
U.S. Treasuries	5%
Cash Equivalents	90%

The investment grade fixed income allocation utilizes a separate model and will not always rotate risk-on/risk-off at the same time as the global equity and high yield allocation.

Tactical Shifts for Seeking Downside Protection

The below charts* show Clark Capital's quantitative risk management model's allocations to risk-on and risk-off assets against the S&P 500 over the past 15 years. The model aims to identify outperforming and underperforming trends in an attempt to provide investors with downside protection across market cycles.

Quantitative Risk Management Model (Risk-on & Risk-off) vs. the S&P 500



*Source: Clark Capital Management Group. For illustrative purposes only. The charts show Clark Capital's allocations to risk-on and risk-off assets in the Fixed Income Total Return ("Guardian Bond") strategy from 2005-2023. Allocations to risk-on are when the strategy was invested in over 50% of high yield bonds. Allocations to risk-off are when the strategy was less than 50% in high yield bonds. Past performance is not indicative of future results. See additional disclosures for more information.

Our risk management model has historically favored risk-on assets over 80% of the time.

Navigate a Smoother Ride

Persistent exposure to downside market volatility can negatively impact the ending value of an investor's portfolio. The Navigator® Global Risk Management Strategies are designed to adapt to changing market risks. With the ability to shift to safer asset classes, the portfolio aims to help clients remain confident in their long-term goals and objectives while staying within their risk comfort zone.

For more information on the Navigator® Global Risk Management Strategies, contact your Investment Consultant or call 800.766.2264.

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The MSCI World is a market cap weighted stock market index comprised of 1,655 stocks from companies around the world.

The Bloomberg Barclays 7-10 Year US Treasury Index measures US dollar-denominated, fixed-rate, nominal debt issued by the US Treasury.

The Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Corporate High-Yield Index covers the U.S. dollar-denominated, non-investment grade, fixed-rate, taxable corporate bond market. Securities are classified as high-yield if the middle rating of Moody's, Fitch, and S&P is Ba1/BB+/BB+ or below.

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