

# INVESTMENT STRATEGIES

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## SWAN Alternative Strategies: U.S. Hedged Equity

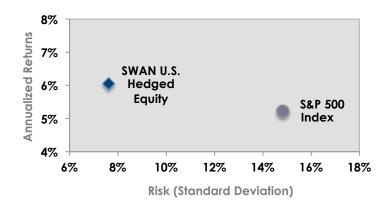
#### **Investment Strategy**

**SWAN Hedged Equity** is a strategy designed for more risk-averse investors to realize the growth potential of stocks but guard against the full impact of market losses. Equity investments in these portfolios remain hedged against broad market risk to prevent significant losses during volatile markets. We attempt to generate additional gains and to avoid potential losses by continually hedging each portfolio. Additional gains may be realized from premiums received selling cash-backed put options and covered call options on individual stocks. Potential losses can be limited by counteracting market sell-offs with S&P 500 put options. The result should be stable returns that reflect a combination of the lower volatility of bonds and the higher appreciation of stocks. Margin, or leverage in the form of borrowed funds, is never used.

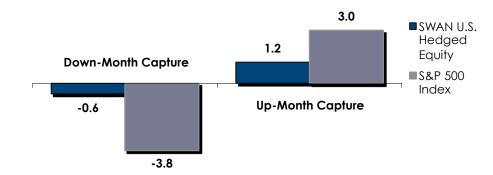
#### **Portfolio Highlights**

- Downside protection, current income, and upside participation are primary objectives of this strategy
- Selection process driven by economically profitable businesses trading at prices below intrinsic value
- Focused portfolio diversified with up to 20 equally-sized stock positions and protective put options
- For taxable accounts, offsetting returns of stocks and protective put options are inherently tax-efficient

# Value-Added Performance 1,2 Composite Gross Returns Since Inception (12/31/2000)



**Return Stability** 1, 2, 3 Composite Gross Returns Since Inception (12/31/2000)



- <sup>1</sup> Based on the weighted-average monthly returns of SWAN's Composite of U.S. Hedged Equity Accounts on a Gross-of-Fees basis. Returns on Gross-of-Fees basis do not reflect custodial fees and investment management fees, but do reflect trading costs and reinvestment of income. Returns on a Net-of-Fees basis would also reflect custodial fees and investment management fees according to SWAN's fee schedule. Applying SWAN's highest historical [and current] fee of 1.25% annually, the presented Annualized Return is reduced from 6.05% to 4.74% and the presented Average Down-Month and Average Up-Month are reduced from -0.6% to -0.7% and 1.2% to 1.1%, respectively.
- <sup>2</sup> Based on the monthly returns of the Standard & Poor's 500 Index, which SWAN uses as a primary performance benchmark. The source of monthly data is S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC, a division of S&P Global.
- <sup>3</sup> The Average Down-Month is based on 70 months that the S&P 500 Index had a negative total return. The Average Up-Month is based on 119 months that the S&P 500 Index had a positive (or zero) total return.

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#### Firm Overview

**SWAN Asset Management** offers traditional and alternative equity management to address the specific needs and preferences of institutional and individual investors. Our objective is to preserve capital and to provide higher returns with less risk than the market. To accomplish this goal, we concentrate on the fundamental importance of profitability and value. Portfolios are constructed with focused positions since we view too much diversification as lowering the opportunity for higher returns without reducing risk. In general, stock holdings are characterized by high returns on capital, steady growth, reasonable valuation and diversification across six, or more, economic sectors. All portfolios are held by independent custodians.

#### Representative Account 1

#### **Portfolio Characteristics**

# Top Holdings <sup>2</sup> % Philip Morris 5.7 Time Warner 5.6 McDonalds 5.4 Procter & Gamble 5.2 Merck 5.1 SPX 12/21/18 1800 Put 5.7

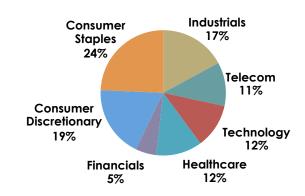
Financial Overview <sup>3</sup>	Data*
Return on Equity	24.0%
Projected Growth	7.7%
Indicated Yield	2.8%
Forward P/E	17.8x
Price/Cash Flow	12.8x
Price/Book	3.6x

<sup>\*</sup>Source: Morningstar.

#### **Asset Allocation**



#### **Industry Allocation**



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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Based on a representative fully-discretionary account currently managed according to SWAN's U.S. Hedged Equity strategy and included in SWAN's Composite of U.S. Hedged Equity Accounts.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Top Holdings are intended only as sample of the types of securities that SWAN has purchased and held and may differ from other accounts and change any time without notice. The securities listed are not recommendations to buy, sell or hold.

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## Composite Performance and Return Statistics

3Q2016

Annual	U.S. Hedged Eq	uity Composite 1	S&P 500 Index <sup>2</sup>
	Gross-of-Fees	Net-of-Fees	
2001	4.06%	2.77%	-11.91%
2002	-2.68	-3.89	-22.14
2003	2.64	1.37	28.63
2004	11.80	10.42	10.92
2005	-1.15	-2.38	4.90
2006	18.90	17.45	15.80
2007	0.26	-0.99	5.48
2008	13.76	12.36	-37.04
2009	9.62	8.27	26.52
2010	6.77	5.45	14.78
2011	4.33	3.04	2.14
2012	-0.85	-2.08	15.95
2013	15.15	13.73	32.44
2014	11.32	9.95	13.32
2015	-3.00	-4.21	1.41
2016Q3	7.62	6.62	7.85
Cumulative			
	152.37%	107.44%	122.82%
Annualized			
1-Year	11.11%	9.74%	15.45%
3-Year	6.68	5.36	11.05
5-Year	5.90	4.59	16.29
10-Year	6.95	5.63	7.18
Inception	6.05	4.74	5.22
Statistics <sup>3</sup>			
Standard Deviation	7.62%	7.62%	14.83%
Sharpe Ratio	0.63	0.46	0.33
Best 12 Months	22.77%	21.27%	53.70%
Worst 12 Months	-7.41%	-8.57%	-43.35%
Beta	0.20	0.20	-
Alpha	0.41%	0.31%	-
R-Squared	0.16	0.16	-
Up Capture	38.69%	35.25%	-
Down Capture	16.05%	18.83%	-
Tracking Error	13.74%	13.74%	-

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