

# CataMetrics Structured Strategies Make the Power of Markets Work for You



### The Structured Approach: Philosophy

### Over the long term, markets work.

The Structured strategies are built on the philosophy that a diversified, disciplined, and low-cost portfolio is the best way to leverage the power of global markets.

#### **DIVERSIFIED**

Nobel prize-winning economist Harry Markowitz is famously attributed with saying that the only "free lunch" in investing is diversification. By diversifying, you can maximize potential returns for a given amount of risk. The Structured strategies are grounded in the *Global Market Portfolio* and are among the most broadly diversified portfolios in the market.

#### **DISCIPLINED**

Research by Nobel prize-winning economists William Sharpe<sup>1</sup> and Eugene Fama<sup>2</sup> suggests that it's almost impossible to consistently beat the market. That's why the Structured strategies follow a disciplined and passive approach to investing. Regardless of how markets are performing in the short run, Structured stays invested and ready for long-term growth.

#### **LOW COST**

Structured is built using inexpensive, highly-liquid ETFs to minimize costs and help investors keep more of their earnings. Cost is one of the single biggest factors impacting investment performance that can be controlled, and Structured aims to keep costs down without sacrificing quality.

### THE GLOBAL MARKET PORTFOLIO

The Global Market Portfolio is what you would own if you could build a portfolio of all the investable financial assets in the world, weighted by their market capitalizations. Financial theory suggests that this may be one of the most efficient portfolios you can own, so it's no surprise that it guides many of the largest and most sophisticated investors in the world.

As of 2015, the *Global Market*Portfolio was estimated to be made up of 48% stocks and 52% bonds, with a value of \$107 trillion!<sup>3</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> William F. Sharpe, "Likely Gains from Market Timing," Financial Analysts Journal, Vol. 31, No. 2 (Mar. - Apr., 1975), pp. 60-69

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Eugene Fama, "Efficient Capital Markets: A Review of Theory and Empirical Work," *The Journal of Finance*, Vol. 25, No. 2 (May 1970), pp. 383-417

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> An Introduction to Structured Strategies, CataMetrics Management, 2016

### The Structured Approach: What is Structured

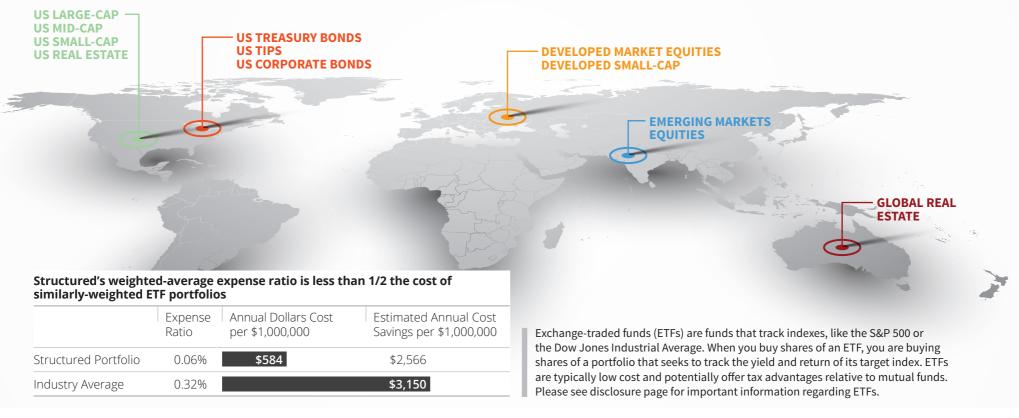
Starting from an approximation of the Global Market Portfolio, represented by the Structured Global Market Portfolio strategy, Structured is offered in six strategies that are modified to accommodate varying levels of risk tolerance and geographic preferences.



## The Structured Strategy: What is Structured

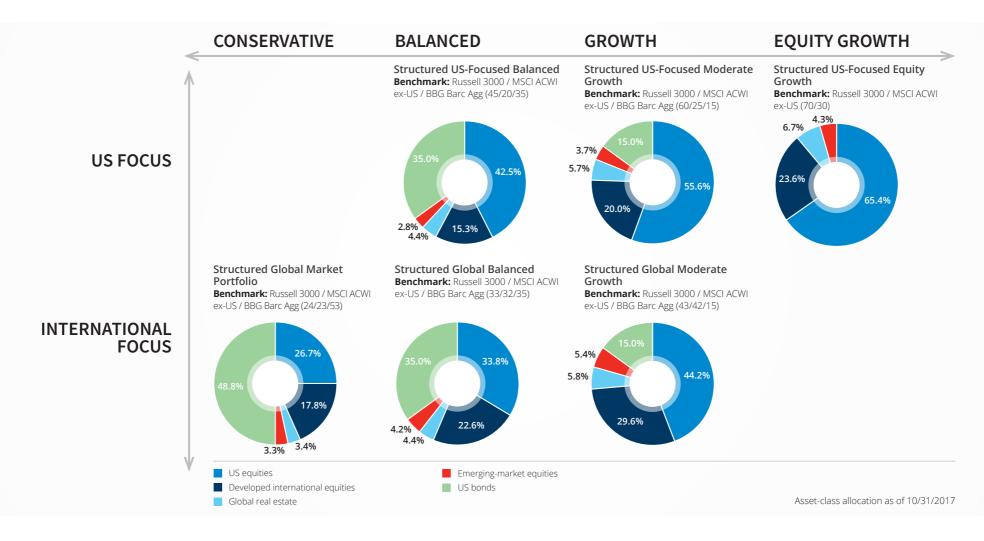
Each strategy is built using 8 to 12 exchange-traded funds (ETFs) that track key asset classes around the world. These funds are selected for their low cost, liquidity, and close tracking of the asset classes they represent.

Rebalancing occurs quarterly to ensure asset-allocation discipline.



The illustration results are only an estimate and do not reflect manager fees or advisory fees charged by your investment adviser. Industry blended average based on similarly allocated portfolios. Average ETF cost based on asset-weighted average cost. Source: Morningstar, "The Cost of Owning ETFs and Mutual Funds," Morningstar, Dec. 2014, p. 5

## The Structured Strategies: What is Structured



### The Structured Investor: Whom it's For

The Structured strategy relies on time and consistent exposure to the markets.

### The Structured investor is:

### **PATIENT**

Structured usually is best suited for investors who believe in disciplined asset allocation and have sufficient time to make up for periodic declines.

### **RISK TOLERANT**

While Structured offers six strategies with varying risk levels, it is a long-term strategy that maintains exposure to key asset classes regardless of short-term performance.

### **FEE CONSCIOUS**

Structured seeks to minimize management and trading costs, allowing investors to reap more of the benefits of long-term growth.

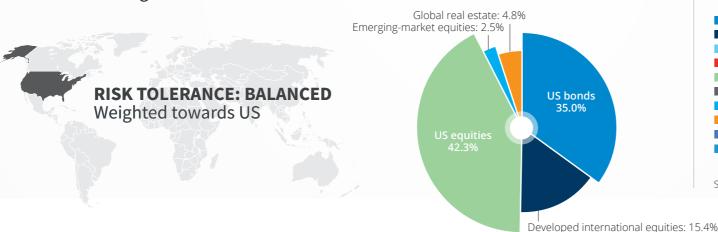
# **Choosing Structured: Example**

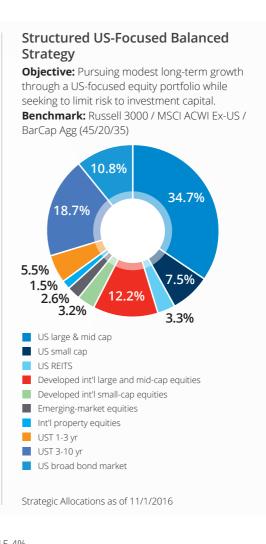
**THE CLIENT:** A risk-tolerant investor with a 20-year plus time horizon. She has performed poorly in recent years due to emotionally-driven trading decisions and high-cost strategies.

#### THE OBJECTIVE:

- Find a simple, cost-effective investment solution that is easy to monitor
- Enhance long-term growth opportunities
- Maintain a core allocation to capital-preserving investments

**THE RECOMMENDATION:** The Structured US-Focused Balanced strategy, which balances a low-risk foundation of high-quality US Treasury and corporate bonds with higher-risk US and international stocks.





# **Taking the Long-Term View: Performance**

While any holding within a portfolio can decline at any point in time, an investor in a well-diversified, disciplined and low-cost portfolio should benefit over the long-term.

#### **DIVERSIFIED**

Structured is based on research which shows that investing in assets with low correlations reduces portfolio risk without sacrificing long-term returns.

A fall in any one portfolio holding will likely be cushioned in a well-diversified portfolio.

#### **DISCIPLINED**

Structured adheres to the principle of long-term, low-cost, passive investing.

Structured strategies remain allocated to all selected asset classes throughout every market cycle, so that you are more likely to participate in rising markets.

#### **LOW COST**

Low fees have been shown to reduce drag on returns, helping you make the most of long-term growth.

The effect of fees is significant: The difference between 1% versus 2% on a \$100,000 portfolio growing at 6% a year adds up to about \$46,000 in fees over a 20 year period.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Calculation comparison between two portfolios: One with an initial investment of \$100,000 growing at a rate of 6% per year, with annual fees of 1% per year for 20 years. The other is exactly the same but with charges of 2% per year. Assuming no contributions are made to either portfolio, the first portfolio will grow to \$265,000 in 20 years, and the second will grow to \$219,000.

## **Taking the Long Term View**

### The long term is where diversification, discipline, and low costs shine.

Historically, even conservative portfolios can experience volatile performance from one year to the next. For example, between 1976 and 2016, this moderately conservative allocation had annual returns that ranged from -29.64% to 49.38%.

Staying invested and disciplined in the face of this kind of volatility can be difficult. But for the long-term investor, it's also important. Diversification and discipline do their best work over the long run. When measured in decades, this portfolio's annualized rolling-average returns were always positive. In 20-year blocks they ranged from 7.21% to 15.68%.

Over the long run, markets work. Structured works with them.

#### **Longer Holding Periods May Narrow Outcomes**

- 65% S&P 500 and 35% Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index
- Minimum, maximum and average annualized return for rolling 1, 5, 10 and 20-year periods 1/30/1976-3/31/2016

Source: Bloomberg, CataMetrics Management, LLC



## The Structured Advantage: Benefits

Take Structured's academically grounded approach to investing and reap the benefits of long-term, disciplined, and low-cost exposure to global investment opportunities.



### **GLOBAL DIVERSIFICATION**

Nobel prize-winning economist Harry Markowitz showed that diversification maximizes risk-adjusted returns. Economist William Sharpe later concluded that the most efficient method of diversifying is to invest around the world.



### **DISCIPLINE**

A large body of research supports the performance of passive strategies over long time horizons. A 2010 study<sup>5</sup> co-authored by another Nobel prize-winning economist, Eugene Fama, found that most actively managed strategies underperform their benchmarks over the long run.



### **LOW COST**

A key weakness in most investment strategies is their high fees, which drag down portfolio returns. Structured's use of low-cost and tax-efficient ETFs helps to minimize cost and provide more opportunity for long-term growth.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Eugene F. Fama, Kenneth R. French, "Luck Versus Skill in the Cross Section of Mutual Fund Returns," *The Journal of Finance*, 2010, 65(5), pp. 1915-47

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