

# **Strategic Core**

## **Model Portfolios**

The Strategic Core Model Portfolios are designed to deliver benchmark-plus total returns while diversifying the risk exposure of various asset classes over the long term. These models are managed by OneAscent's Multi-Asset Team which has 50+ years of combined investment experience and oversees \$1B+ in assets.

#### Values-Aligned

Proprietary Eliminate & Elevate screening process

Multiple data sources

#### Multi-Manager

Includes proprietary and best-in-class 3rd party managers Active + Passive blend

#### **Purposefully Diversified**

Global asset allocation

Minimal overlap
across underlying
holdings

#### **Strategy Details:**

Target Asset Mixes: Five (100/0, 80/20, 60/40, 40/60, 20/80)

**Investment Vehicles:** ETFs and Mutual Funds

**Trading Frequency:** Strategic / Tax-Aware (<4x per year)

**Investment Minimum: \$5,000** 

### 4Q 2024 Commentary

At the start of 2024, few market participants anticipated the US equity market would deliver returns exceeding 20%. After strong returns in 2023, valuations were historically high—nearly 20 times forward estimates—and rate cut expectations suggested weaker economic activity ahead. However, modest labor market weakness and continued disinflation allowed the Fed to lower rates by 100 basis points over the last four months of the year. Optimism about an extended rate-cutting cycle and the election outcome drove valuations to the very high end of historical ranges.

Equity performance was concentrated among a narrow list of 7 large-cap growth companies, known as the Magnificent 7 or 'Mag 7'. The Mag 7 ended the year up over 65%, with a weighting of more than 35% of the S&P 500; by several measures, the US stock market is as concentrated as it has been in decades. Mag 7's contribution was so significant that it lifted large-cap US equities returns to just shy of 25%. The rest of the S&P 500, small-cap companies, mid-cap companies, and international equities lagged the concentrated performance of the S&P 500.



Additionally, the 10-year treasury yield moved from below 4% to over 4.5% throughout the year as the headwind from higher rates, driven by an improving growth outlook, kept fixed income returns relatively low.

When market performance becomes heavily concentrated, many investors abandon their principles to chase returns, making diversification appear less attractive. While diversification did not benefit portfolios in 2024, we believe that global markets are likely to begin embracing diversification again in 2025 as the earnings disparity of 2023 and 2024 gives way to a broadening earnings backdrop. A normalization of fundamentals should support the relative valuations of smaller-cap companies, value, and international equities, and we anticipate that performance should follow suit.

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<sup>i</sup>Source: JP Morgan Is Stock Market Concentration Rising? | J.P. Morgan Research, Morgan Stanley Analyzing Stock Market Concentration | Morgan Stanley

"Source: Bloomberg

### **Trailing Returns**

	3 MONTH	YTD	1 YEAR	3 YEAR	5 YEAR	SINCE INCEPTION
<b>Equity</b> Equity Benchmark	<b>-3.11</b> -2.06	<b>8.70</b> 13.32	<b>8.70</b> 13.32	<b>0.03</b> 3.79	<b>7.31</b> 8.69	<b>9.43</b> 10.47
<b>Growth</b> Growth Benchmark	<b>-2.99</b> -2.24	<b>7.45</b> 10.90	<b>7.45</b> 10.90	<b>-0.34</b> 2.60	<b>6.02</b> 6.93	<b>7.03</b> 7.56
<b>Moderate</b> Moderate Benchmark	<b>-2.87</b> -2.44	<b>6.18</b> 8.49	<b>6.18</b> 8.49	<b>-0.80</b> 1.38	<b>4.61</b> 5.15	<b>5.43</b> 6.01
<b>Conservative</b> Conservative Benchmark	<b>-2.61</b> -2.64	<b>5.16</b> 6.08	<b>5.16</b> 6.08	<b>-1.11</b> 0.15	<b>3.19</b> 3.35	<b>3.69</b> 4.41
Preservation Preservation Benchmark	<b>-2.60</b> -2.84	<b>3.99</b> 3.66	<b>3.99</b> 3.66	<b>-1.44</b> -1.12	<b>1.50</b> 1.53	<b>2.99</b> 3.20

### **Calendar Year Returns**

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
<b>Equity</b>	<b>26.85</b> 26.38	<b>23.60</b>	<b>15.02</b>	<b>-22.01</b>	<b>18.07</b>	<b>8.70</b>
Equity Benchmark		15.78	17.20	-17.35	19.36	13.32
<b>Growth</b>	<b>22.75</b> 22.85	<b>20.46</b>	<b>12.36</b>	<b>-20.33</b>	<b>15.61</b>	<b>7.45</b>
Growth Benchmark		14.12	13.45	-16.48	16.59	10.90
<b>Moderate</b>	<b>18.16</b> 19.31	<b>16.51</b>	<b>10.19</b>	<b>-18.67</b>	<b>13.04</b>	<b>6.18</b>
Moderate Benchmark		12.47	9.70	-15.61	13.83	8.49
<b>Conservative</b>	<b>14.73</b>	<b>13.17</b>	<b>6.92</b> 5.95	<b>-17.09</b>	<b>10.90</b>	<b>5.16</b>
Conservative Benchmark	15.78	10.82		-14.74	11.06	6.08
Preservation Preservation Benchmark	<b>11.33</b>	<b>8.50</b>	<b>3.72</b>	<b>-15.06</b>	<b>8.40</b>	<b>3.99</b>
	12.25	9.16	2.21	-13.88	8.30	3.66

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The benchmark for the Strategic Equity strategy is 30% S&P 500 TR USD, 30% Russell 2500 TR USD, 40% MSCI ACWI Ex USA NR USD. The benchmark for the Strategic Growth strategy is 24% S&P 500 TR USD, 24% Russell 2500 TR USD, 32% MSCI ACWI Ex USA NR USD, 20% Bloomberg US Agg Bond TR USD. The benchmark for the Strategic Moderate strategy is 18% S&P 500 TR USD, 18% Russell 2500 TR USD, 24% MSCI ACWI Ex USA NR USD, 40% Bloomberg US Agg Bond TR USD. The benchmark for the Strategic Conservative strategy is 12% S&P 500 TR USD, 12% Russell 2500 TR USD, 16% MSCI ACWI Ex USA NR USD, 60% Bloomberg US Agg Bond TR USD. The benchmark for the Strategic Preservation strategy is: 6% S&P 500 TR USD, 6% Russell 2500 TR USD, 8% MSCI ACWI Ex USA NR USD, 80% Bloomberg US Agg Bond TR USD.



### **Asset Allocation**











ASSET CLASS	EQUITY	GROWTH	MODERATE	CONSERVATIVE	PRESERVATION
US Large Cap	29.0%	23.2%	17.4%	11.6%	5.0%
US SMID Cap	31.0%	24.8%	18.6%	12.4%	7.0%
Developed Markets	30.0%	24.0%	18.0%	12.0%	8.0%
Emerging Markets	10.0%	8.0%	6.0%	4.0%	-
Fixed Income	-	20%	40%	60%	80%

#### **Market Risk Table**

	STD. DEVIATION	вета	ALPHA	R-SQUARED	TRACKING ERROR
<b>Equity</b>	<b>17.07</b> 17.20	<b>0.98</b>	<b>-3.69</b>	<b>96.89</b>	<b>3.00</b>
Equity Benchmark		1.00	0.00	100.00	0.00
<b>Growth</b>	<b>14.83</b>	<b>0.97</b>	<b>-2.95</b>	<b>97.38</b>	<b>2.40</b> 0.00
Growth Benchmark	15.01	1.00	0.00	100.00	
<b>Moderate</b> Moderate Benchmark	<b>12.67</b> 12.92	<b>0.97</b> 1.00	<b>-2.28</b> 0.00	<b>98.07</b> 100.00	<b>1.78</b> 0.00
<b>Conservative</b> Conservative Benchmark	<b>10.65</b> 10.97	<b>0.96</b> 1.00	<b>-1.44</b> 0.00	<b>98.27</b> 100.00	<b>1.44</b> 0.00
<b>Preservation</b> Preservation Benchmark	<b>8.75</b>	<b>0.94</b>	<b>-0.68</b>	<b>98.51</b>	<b>1.19</b>
	9.23	1.00	0.00	100.00	0.00

The benchmark used for this strategy is a blend of three broad based market indices and benchmark performance is calculated by Morningstar. Blended benchmarks are rebalanced back to their target weights each calendar year. The three broad market indices are S&P 500, Russell 2500, and MSCI ACWI ex USA. The S&P 500 is a market cap-weighted index of the 500 largest U.S. publicly traded companies. The Russell 2500 is a market cap-weighted index that includes the smallest 2,500 companies covered in the Russell 3000 universe of U.S. companies. The MSCI ACWI ex USA (Morgan Stanley Capital International All Country World Index Ex-U.S.) is a market-cap weighted index designed to provide a broad measure of stock performance throughout the world, with the exception of U.S.-based companies. Index performance is for illustrative purposes only. Index performance does not reflect any management fees, transaction costs, or expenses. Indexes are unmanaged and one cannot invest directly in an index.

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### **Portfolio Characteristics**

	EQUITY	GROWTH	MODERATE	CONSERVATIVE	PRESERVATION
Inception Date	12/13/18	5/24/17	5/24/17	5/24/17	12/13/18
Weighted Internal Expense	0.87%	0.82%	0.77%	0.71%	0.67%
Management Fee	0.25%	0.25%	0.25%	0.25%	0.25%
Yield	1.23	1.94	2.63	3.32	3.87
Turnover	59	80	100	119	137

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