



Seeking to Unlock the Benefits of Diversification Without the Behavioral Drag

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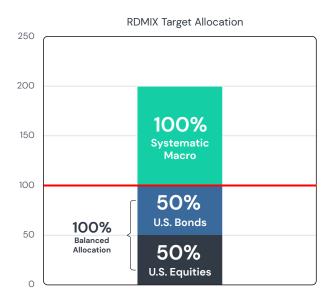
# Having a tough time sticking with your diversifying, alternative investments when equities are doing well?

Return Stacked® Funds seek to provide the diversification your clients want while minimizing the behavioral gaps of holding something different

## What is Return Stacking?

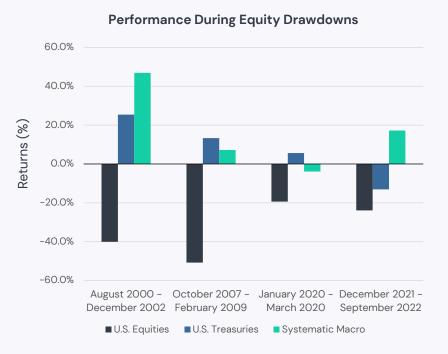
At its core, return stacking is the idea of layering one diversified investment return on top of another, seeking more than \$1.00 of exposure for each \$1.00 invested.

In RDMIX, we seek to stack 100% of a systematic macro strategy on top of 100% of a U.S. balanced allocation.



Red line is the cutoff between a traditional portfolio exposure and the exposure an investor may receive through RDMIX.

### Why Systematic Macro?



## Historically, Systematic Global Macro strategies have exhibited:

Positive long-term returns.

low correlation to both stocks and bonds.

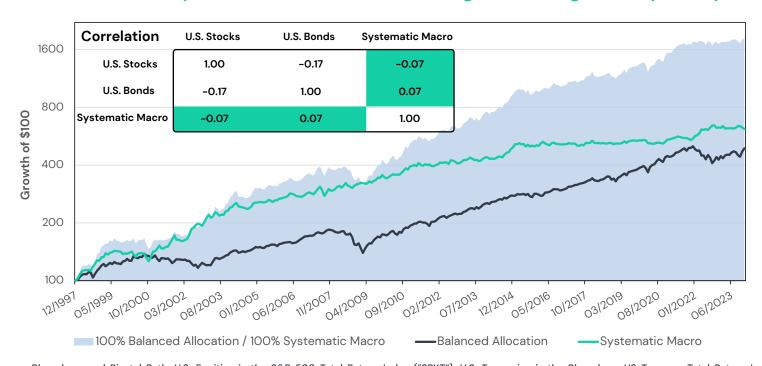
Positive returns during equity drawdowns.

Positive returns during inflationary periods.

Source: Bloomberg and Pivotal Path. U.S. Equities is the S&P 500 Total Return Index ("SPXT"). U.S. Treasuries is the Bloomberg US Treasury Total Return Index ("LUATTRUU"). U.S. Corporates is Bloomberg US Corporate Total Return Index ("LUACTRUU"). Systematic Macro is the PivotalPath GlobalMacro:Quantitative Index ("GBMQNT"). You cannot invest in an index. Please see glossary at the end of this presentation for index definitions. Returns are gross of all fees and taxes, except for Systematic Macro, which is net of underlying management fees. Returns assume the reinvestment of all distributions. Past performance is not indicative of future results. Index performance is not representative of fund performance. Leverage Risk: As part of the Fund's principal investment strategy, the Fund will make investments in futures contracts to gain long and short exposure across four major asset classes (commodities, currencies, fixed income, and equities). These derivative instruments provide the economic effect of financial leverage by creating additional investment exposure to the underlying instrument, as well as the potential for greater loss.

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# We believe combining full allocations to a balanced portfolio and a systematic macro strategy into one fund helps reduce the behavioral challenges of owning each separately.



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## RDMIX - Practical Implementation



Replacing U.S. balanced allocation with RDMIX allows investors to introduce systematic macro as an overlay to their strategic portfolio. The size of the allocation determines the size of the overlay.

For illustrative purposes only. 60/40 is 60% Stocks / 40% Bonds. 50/30/20 is 50% Stocks / 30% Bonds / 20% RDMIX. Capital efficiency refers to the ability for an investment to provide exposure to a particular asset class or strategy while using fewer assets. The composition of RDMIX is illustrative of the Fund's target allocation. Stocks are any equity exposure. Bonds are broad-based U.S. fixed income (individual securities or ETFs) and/or Treasury futures. "X-Ray" refers to the actual exposures the 50/30/20 portfolio has when the 20% portion is invested in RDMIX. Starting with a 60/40 portfolio and selling 10% from stocks and 10% from bonds to buy 20% of RDMIX, the portfolio will return to the original stock and bond exposures PLUS a 20% exposure to a systematic macro strategy.

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### A (short) list of institutions using return stacking concepts



This was the first time I was ever really introduced to portable alpha.

I was like, "Wait a minute... They're cheating, but they're winning."

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- Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund
- Missouri State Employees'
  Retirement System
- Pennsylvania Public School Employees' Retirement System
- Oregon Public Employees Retirement Fund

- State of Wisconsin Investment Board
- Teacher Retirement System of Texas
- Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System
- South Carolina Retirement
  System Investment Commission

- Delta Airlines
- Eli Lilly and Company
- RTX Corporation
- The Rockefeller Foundation

#### **Notes & Disclosures**

Past Performance is not a guarantee of future results.

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#### Definitions

Alternative investments are financial assets that do not fall into one of the conventional investment categories. Bloomberg US Corporate Total Return Index measures the investment grade, fixed-rate, taxable corporate bond market. It includes USD-denominated securities publicly issued by US and non-US industrial, utility, and financial issuers. Bloomberg US Treasury Total Return Index measures U.S. dollar-denominated, fixed-rate, nominal debt issued by the U.S. Treasury. Diversification is a risk management strategy that creates a mix of various investments within a portfolio. Pivotal Path Global Macro Quantitative Index is designed to track the returns of quantitative global macro hedge fund strategies. Systematic Macro Strategy refers to a strategy that invests long and short across equities, bonds, currencies, and commodities using a variety of quantitative investment signals. U.S. Balanced Allocation refers to a 50% allocation to U.S. stocks and a 50% allocation to U.S. bonds. S&P 500 Total Return Index is an abbreviation for the Standard & Poor's 500, a market-capitalization-weighted index of 500 leading publicly traded companies in the U.S that also includes dividend gains.

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