

## SEEK TO CAPTURE MAJORITY OF EQUITY RETURNS WITH CONSISTENT DOWNSIDE OUTPERFORMANCE

Balanced exposure to high performing companies across the large, mid, & small cap universe. Combined with simple hedging strategies that have a proven track record of reducing losses during market downturns.

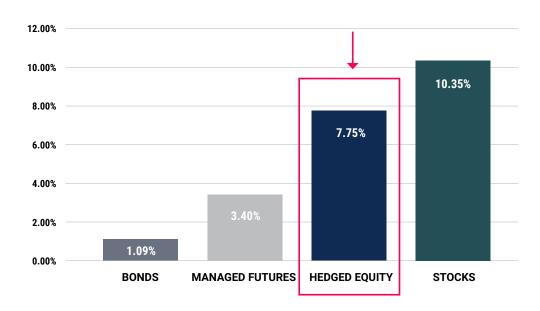
#### 2 SEEK TO REDUCE RISK WITHOUT USING BONDS

Doesn't rely on a favorable interest rate environment and uses disciplined hedges to defend against market volatility.

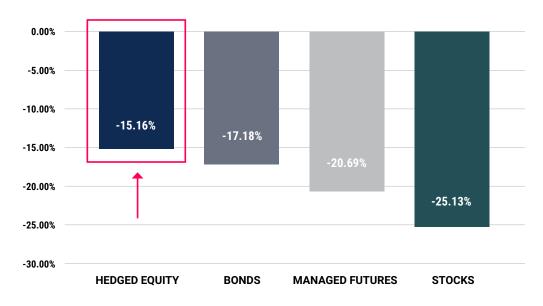
## 3 SEEK TO LIMIT DAMAGE CAUSED DURING MARKET DOWNTURNS

A moderate to conservative risk profile with potentially better outcomes. Hedged equity avoids current challenges for traditional stock and bond funds as well as many alternatives.

#### Majority of Equity Market Returns ANNUALIZED RETURNS



## Less Risk Than Stocks, Bonds, & Managed Futures MAX LOSS



Hedged Equity represented by 50% allocation to JHEQX and 50% allocation to LONGX. Bonds represented by the Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index. Managed Futures represented by the SG Trend Index. Stocks represented by by MSCI All World Index. Source: Portfolio Visualizer, Ultimus, 4/1/2015 - 3/31/2024, quarterly rebalancing.

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## **Financial Advisor Allocation Use Cases:**



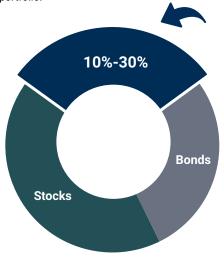
Blend with your alternatives sleeve to help enhance returns



Reduce equity risk without sacrificing returns

#### **Risk Control Sleeve**

The addition of an alternative sleeve provides the potential for a return stream independent of equities and fixed income, and a more balanced portfolio.



The pie chart above represents a hypothetical allocation of 10% - 30% away from stocks and bonds to alternative strategies.

## Hedged Equity helps enhance portfolio returns with limited downside risk

### Calendar Year Returns | As of March 31, 2024

	2015**	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024**
Highest Return	-0.63% Hedged Equity	8.15% Stocks	23.07% Stocks	0.01% Bonds	28.40% Stocks	20.76% Hedged Equity	22.35% Stocks	27.35% Managed Futures	24.42% Stocks	9.01% Stocks
	-1.04% Bonds	6.48% Hedged Equity	15.97% Hedged Equity	-4.10% Hedged Equity	13.60% Hedged Equity	16.50% Stocks	13.66% Hedged Equity	-10.64% Hedged Equity	10.82% Hedged Equity	7.74% Hedged Equity
	-2.71% Stocks	2.65% Bonds	3.54% Bonds	-8.10% Managed Futures	9.23% Managed Futures	7.50% Bonds	9.09% Managed Futures	-13.01% Bonds	5.53% Bonds	6.70% Managed Futures
Lowest Return	-7.05% Managed Futures	-6.14% Managed Futures	2.20% Managed Futures	-8.20% Stocks	8.72% Bonds	6.28% Managed Futures	-1.54% Bonds	-17.73% Stocks	-4.17% Managed Futures	-0.78% Bonds

**Source:** Ultimus, Portfolio Visualizer. Stocks represented by MSCI All World Index, Bonds represented by Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index, Hedged Equity represented by 50% JHEQX/50% LONGX, Managed Futures represented by SG Trend Index. Date range: 4/1/2015 - 3/31/2024, Quarterly Rebalancing. 'Partial year of 4/1/15-12/31/15 "Partial year of 1/1/24-3/31/24



#### **Reasons to Invest**



#### **Downside Risk Control**

Diversify a portfolio against over-reliance on traditional equity and fixed income investments and prepare investors for a wide range of market environments.



#### **Designed for Financial Advisors**

An alternative strategy designed with the financial advisor's client top of mind; a low fee, tax efficient, and balanced hedged equity portfolio can enhance investor results.



#### **Desired Outcomes**

Captures returns from multiple hedged equity managers, potentially allowing for low volatility returns that can help investors stay invested for the long term.

## **Leaders in Alternative Mutual Funds**

#### **Portfolio Managers**



**Cole Wilcox** 25+ years investment experience



**Sarah Baldwin** 15+ years investment experience

#### **Experience**

Longboard was founded 20 years ago as a private partnership. The firm is led by portfolio managers with 40+ years of alternative investment expertise.

40+ Years

#### Track Record\*

The strategy features the same lead portfolio manager and Chief Investment Officer since inception.

19 Years

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<sup>\*</sup>Longboard Asset Management's GIPS Composite began in November 2005 and the strategy was applied to the mutual fund launched in March 2015.



## **Multi-Strategy Alternative Diversification**

#### What is the Portfolio?

A multi strategy U.S. hedged equity portfolio balanced across two complementary alternative mutual funds employing disciplined and diversified hedging strategies.

# ■ 50% JHEOX ■ 50% LONGX

#### Why Multi Strategy Diversification?

Seeks to achieve the majority of stock market returns while also reducing downside risk in falling markets. Seeks to reduce downside risk in falling markets while also achieving the majority of stock market returns in rising markets.

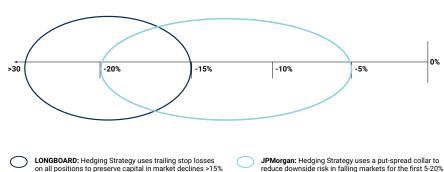
#### JPMorgan - Hedged Equity Large Cap (JHEQX)

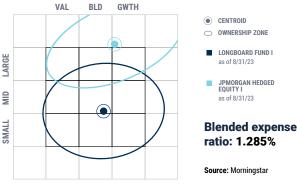
Seeks to provide a majority of the S&P 500 Index's returns with less volatility and limited downside risk. Invests in a portfolio of U.S. large cap stocks while employing a disciplined options strategy that seeks to reduce downside risk in falling markets for the first 5-20%.

#### Longboard - Hedged Equity Small/Mid Cap (LONGX)

Seeks to provide returns that exceed the Russell 2000 index with less volatility and limited downside risk. Invests in a portfolio of high performing U.S. small and mid cap stocks while employing a disciplined hedging strategy. Seeks to reduce downside risk in falling markets. Most hedged in market declines exceeding >15%.

#### **Diversified Hedging Strategies**





**Balanced Market Cap & Style Exposure** 

Balanced U.S. equity exposure with limited downside risk

**Diversified hedging** strategies

Seeks to smooth the ride of investing

## Strategy Diversification Smooths Performance Cycles

Annual returns rankings of the Hedged Equity blend and its components, 4/1/2015 - 3/31/2024



2015*	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024**
0.93%	9.58%	19.30%	-0.71%	13.82%	27.70%	13.88%	-8.06%	16.06%	9.66%
Longboard	JPMorgan	Longboard	JPMorgan	Longboard	Longboard	Longboard	JPMorgan	JPMorgan	Longboard
-0.63%	6.48%	15.97%	-4.10%	13.60%	20.76%	13.66%	-10.64%	10.82%	7.74%
Hedged									
Equity									
-2.30%	2.98%	12.70%	-7.44%	13.31%	14.10%	13.43%	-13.20%	5.59%	5.83%
JPMorgan	Longboard	JPMorgan	Longboard	JPMorgan	JPMorgan	JPMorgan	Longboard	Longboard	JPMorgan

Source: Ultimus, Portfolio Visualizer, Quarterly rebalancing. \*2015 is a partial year beginning in April. \*2024 is a partial year from 1/1/2024 - 3/31/2024.

#### Standardized Performance (Net of Fees)

As of 3/31/2024	LONGX	JHEQX		
1Y	+18.18%	+15.00%		
5Y	+10.40%	+9.77%		
10Y	-	+7.99%		
Since Inception	+7.37%	+7.97%		

Source: Ultimus, Portfolio Visualizer. LONGX inception date: 3/19/15 (I share).

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#### **Important Risk Information**

#### PROSPECTUS OFFERING DISCLOSURE

Investors should carefully consider the investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses of the Longboard Fund. This and other important information about the Fund is contained in the prospectus, which can be obtained at http://www.longboardfunds.com or by calling 855-294-7540. The prospectus should be read carefully before investing.

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The comparison fund referenced (JHEQX) was chosen based on a series of parameters which include review of the top-ranked alternative investment funds as categorized by Morningstar via YCharts that have an inception date prior to LONGX's inception date of 3/19/2015 that provide risk-adjusted returns through a hedged equity strategy. The fund used in this comparison is a well-known fund and therefore may be more widely used amongst advisors. JHEQX was selected to blend in the hedged equity model shown in this piece due to its widespread use among advisors when building out the alternatives or hedged equity sleeves of investment portfolios. Often another fund may be included in the alternatives or hedged equity sleeve to offer potential diversification benefits for a blended fee. Longboard Fund: Gross expense ratio: 1.99%; Net expense ratio: 1.99%, no expense limitation. JPMorgan Hedged Equity: Gross expense ratio 0.58%, Net expense ratio: 0.58%, no expense limitation.

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There is a risk that issuers and counterparties will not make payment on securities and other investments held by the fund, resulting in loss. The fund's use of derivatives (including futures, forward contracts and swap agreements) involves risks different from and possibly greater than those associated with investing directly in securities including leverage risk, counterparty default risk, tracking risk and liquidity. The price of equity security fluctuates based on changes in a company's financial condition and overall market and economic conditions. Investments in ETFs may involve extra expenses and may not perform as expected and may not replicate the performance of the underlying index.

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The fund may trade more, incurring higher brokerage fees and tax liability to shareholders. The fund has a limited history of operation and an investment entails a high degree of risk. Large Cap companies may be unable to respond quickly to new competitive challenges such as changes in consumer tastes.

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#### **DEFINITIONS**

**Beta:** Measure of the systematic risk of a security or portfolio in comparison to the market as a whole.

**Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index:** The Bloomberg USAgg Index is a broad-based flagship benchmark that measures the investment grade, US dollar-denominated, fixed-rate taxable bond market.

**CAGR:** Compounded Annual Growth Rate, which is the rate of return that would be required for an investment to grow from its beginning balance to its ending balance, assuming the profits were reinvested at the end of each period of the investment's life span.

**Maximum Drawdown:** The maximum loss from a peak to a trough of an investment or portfolio, before a new peak is attained.

Morningstar Moderate Target Risk Index: Index representing a balanced portfolio of 60% equities and 40% bonds.

Russell 2000 Index: A small-cap stock market index of the smallest 2,000 stocks in the Russell 3000 Index.

**S&P 500 TR Index:** A stock market index that measures the stock performance of 500 large companies listed on stock exchanges in the United States. It is one of the most commonly followed equity indices, and many consider it to be one of the best representations of the U.S. stock market.

Standard Deviation: A measure of an investment's volatility. Standard Deviation measures how much the investment returns deviate from the mean of the probability distribution of investments (how much the investment will deviate from its expected return). Investors use this metric to help determine an investment or portfolio's annual return by considering it historical volatility.

Diversification does not eliminate the risk of experiencing investment losses.

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