

# Find your investing comfort zone

With Equitable Investment Management Group's Managed Portfolio Strategies

**Available on the LPL Financial Model Wealth Portfolios program** 

# Are you comfortable with the investment risk you're taking?

Successful investors understand risk is part of investing in the market. But they also know they shouldn't take more risk than they're comfortable with; doing so can cause stress and a desire to get in or out of the market at a potentially inopportune time. Instead, they may choose to diversify their investments with a strategy that keeps them in their investing comfort zones no matter what's happening in the market.

With the help of your financial professional, you can choose one of the 12 **Managed Portfolio Strategies** that matches your risk tolerance. Developed by the team of experienced professionals at Equitable Investment Management Group, LLC (EIM), each Managed Portfolio Strategy provides a risk-based asset allocation model through LPL Financial's Model Wealth Portfolios (MWP) program. Choosing one of these Managed Portfolio Strategies may give you the comfort of knowing your investments are diversified and managed by experienced professionals.<sup>1</sup>



1 Investment diversification is a tool that positions assets among major investment categories in an effort to manage risk and enhance return potential, but it does not guarantee a profit or protection against investment loss.

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#### Each strategy offers a risk-reward profile

Each Managed Portfolio Strategy is designed to help meet your investment needs. You simply choose one strategy, and your financial advisor will work through LPL to diversify your assets based on the model you have selected. The EIM team selects and monitors the allocations and adjusts them periodically when warranted so you and your financial professional can focus on the big picture.



#### We use multiple levels of risk management

EIM's strategists oversee the allocations within the selection of mutual funds or a combination of mutual funds and exchange-traded funds (ETFs). While diversification doesn't assure or guarantee a profit or protection against loss in declining markets, it may help to lower your overall risk while potentially mitigating how much return potential you give up to do that.

#### Each Managed Portfolio Strategy's built-in diversification includes:

**Multiple asset classes** — The underlying investments in each Managed Portfolio Strategy are allocated primarily among equity and fixed-income investments, with a small allocation to cash. Diversification is further achieved by evaluating the risk/return trade-off of different asset classes within each asset type, such as investment style (growth vs. value), market capitalization (ranging from small to large companies) and geographic location (United States, other developed markets and emerging markets). Both series include an option that offers exposure to a diversified basket of alternative assets and categories.

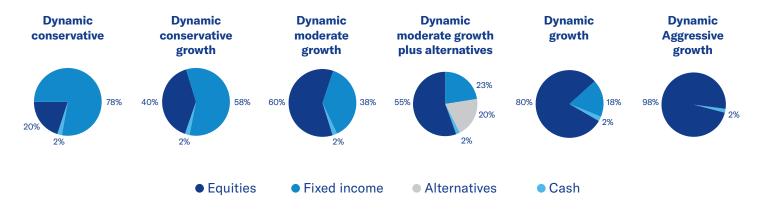
**Actively and passively managed investments** — Both actively and passively managed underlying investments are included within each Managed Portfolio Strategy. Passively managed investments include ETFs and index funds, which seek to either track the investment results or match the performance of a major market index, such as the S&P 500®, and allow us to provide market exposure. Actively managed mutual funds are used, when appropriate, to provide potential performance opportunities and analysis using the underlying fund manager's market experience.

### Select the Managed Portfolio Strategy that's best for you

Once you've decided how long you'd like to invest and how much risk you're comfortable taking, you can select the Managed Portfolio Strategy that best fits your needs.

#### **Dynamic Mutual Fund and ETF Series**

For the investor seeking extended diversification of U.S. equities, international equities and U.S. bonds with a tactical momentum overlay and volatility mitigation and more frequent opportunistic reallocations.



#### **Strategic Mutual Fund Only Series**

For the investor seeking a core investment diversified into U.S. equities, international equities and global bonds with a stable strategic allocation designed to capture long-term returns.



#### Work with a professional

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Talk with your financial professional about your risk tolerance, specifically how comfortable you are with different levels of investment risk, as well as your financial goals and time frame.

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Choose the Managed Portfolio Strategy that best fits your risk tolerance and situation.

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Meet with your financial professional periodically to discuss any changes to your financial situation to ensure your current Managed Portfolio Strategy continues to meet your long-term goals.

#### Benefits of working with Equitable Investment Management

#### Access professional investment resources

EIM is a registered investment adviser to registered mutual funds and a strategist with respect to the Managed Portfolio Strategies.

One of the main benefits of EIM's Managed Portfolio Strategies is that your investments are monitored by a team of professionals who deliver innovative approaches and products. By utilizing its risk-based asset allocation capabilities, the EIM team seeks to attain attractive risk-adjusted returns over a market cycle.





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#### About Equitable Investment Management<sup>2</sup>

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to manage investment portfolios and underlying separate accounts

Over

60

professionals with 18 years' average experience

\$123.4

in assets under management (AUM) as of December 31, 2024

#### 40 subadvisor relationships,

including AllianceBernstein L.P. (AB), AXA Investment Managers U.S., Inc., Brandywine Global, Essex Investment Management, GAMCO Asset Management and Loomis Sayles & Company, L.P.

- $2 \quad \hbox{Equitable Investment Management Group, LLC, as of June 30, 2024.} \\$
- 3 Equitable Investment Management as of December 31, 2024. Firmwide assets under management (AUM) includes assets managed by Equitable Investment Management, LLC and its investment advisory affiliate, Equitable Investment Management Group, LLC. Equitable Investment Management Group, LLC's AUM (Including offshore assets, but excluding insurance underlying funds-of-funds) was \$122.0 billion, as of December 31, 2024. Equitable Investment Management, LLC and Equitable Investment Management Group, LLC, referred to as EIM, currently share the same infrastructure and officers and directors. Subject to change at any time.





## About Equitable

A good financial strategy is designed to evolve as your life changes, helping you pursue life's possibilities and prepare for life's uncertainties. It starts with understanding your truths, wants and needs so you can face your future with courage, strength and wisdom. We commit to your future as if it were our own with an adaptive approach and powerful strategies, just as we've done for our clients since 1859.<sup>5</sup>

Together, we'll work to turn today's goals into tomorrow's accomplishments.

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To get started today, contact your financial professional.

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The Managed Portfolio Strategies currently consist of mutual funds advised by EIM LLC, affiliated mutual funds not advised by EIM LLC, such as AB funds, and unaffiliated funds and ETFs. The underlying investments that compose the models are available only in the share class offered on LPL Financial's MWP program when made available through the Managed Portfolio Strategies; therefore, the underlying investments or share classes through the models may not necessarily be the least expensive. In some cases, the underlying investment funds in the Managed Portfolio Strategies may have a lower cost share class available on a stand-alone basis for purchase outside of the models or that may be available to other types of investors. Use of Managed Portfolio Strategies will result in the payment of fees to the affiliated mutual funds, 1290 Funds® and AB funds, in the Managed Portfolio Strategies, as provided for in the prospectus of each such underlying investment. The fees received from investment in the affiliated mutual funds will be shared by various affiliates, including Equitable Investment Management and AB, involved in distributing and advising the models and the affiliated funds in Managed Portfolio Strategies. The Managed Portfolio Strategies' allocations and data are subject to change. Asset allocation strategies are subject to the volatility of the financial markets, including that of the underlying investment options' asset classes. Asset allocation and diversification may not protect against market risk, loss of principal or volatility of returns. An investment may be risky and may not be suitable for a client's goals, objectives and risk tolerance. Investment returns and principal value will fluctuate so that a client's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost.

Investments in the underlying funds will be subject to the risks associated with the securities and other investments in which the underlying funds invest, and the ability of each strategy to meet its investment objective will directly depend on the ability of the underlying funds to meet their investment objectives. The underlying investments are subject to the risk that the securities markets will move down, sometimes rapidly and unpredictably, based on overall economic conditions and other factors, which may negatively affect the fund's performance. Equity securities held in underlying investment funds involve the risk that the value of the securities may fluctuate, sometimes widely fluctuate, in response to changes in a company's financial condition as well as general market, economic and political conditions and other factors. Investing in foreign securities involves specific additional risks, including, but not limited to, currency risk, political risk and risk associated with varying accounting standards; investing in emerging markets may accentuate these risks. An underlying investment that invests in smaller companies generally leads to greater price volatility. An underlying investment's fixed-income investments are subject to fluctuations in price due to issuer and credit quality, rising interest rates and inflation.

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