

NORTH SQUARE

# Tactical Defensive Fund

TICKER Class I: ETFWX | Class A: ETRFX | Class C: ETFZX

## INVESTMENT APPROACH

The Tactical Defensive Fund is a trend based strategy seeking capital appreciation while reducing the probability of meaningful loss.

## TACTICAL ALLOCATION

A trend-based strategy with two components at work

### COMPONENT 1:

#### CYCLICAL TRENDS

**Designed to be fully invested during longer term growth cycles while becoming defensive during periods of decline**

- Technical analysis focused on intermediate and long-term measures.
- Seeks to construct portfolio of 3–6 holdings.
- Adjust allocation consistent with market cycle. Can hold defensive ETFs when market conditions change.

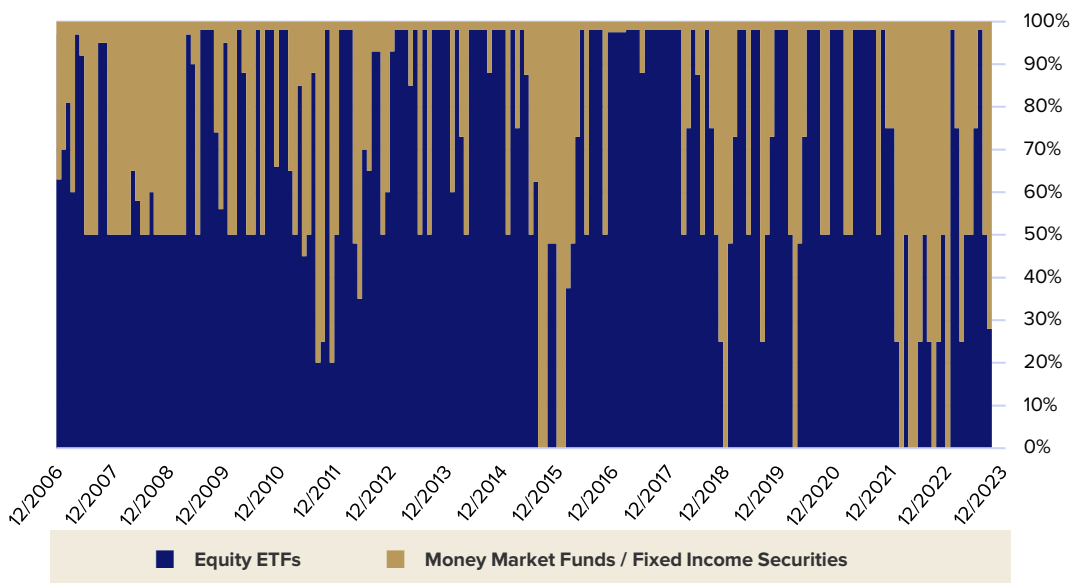
### COMPONENT 2:

#### SHORTER TERM TRENDS

**Seeks short-term equity appreciation with a secondary emphasis on capital preservation during shorter term pullbacks**

- Daily, technical measures determine equity risk levels.
- Seeks to construct portfolio of approximately 2–7 ETFs.

## MONTH END ALLOCATION



## OVERALL MORNINGSTAR RATING

★ ★ ★

## MORNINGSTAR CATEGORY TACTICAL ALLOCATION

Class I shares rated 3 overall stars by Morningstar among 234 Tactical Allocation funds for the period ended 12/31/23 based on risk-adjusted performance. For the 3-year period the fund was rated 4 stars out of 234 funds, while for the 5-year period the fund was rated 3 stars out of 214 funds and 3 stars out of 140 funds for the 10-year period.

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

### Brad Thompson, CFA

38 years industry experience

### Clayton Wilkin, CFA

12 years industry experience

## FUND FACTS

Subadvisor	NSI Retail Advisors, LLC
Benchmark	Morningstar Moderate Target Risk Index
Total Net Assets	\$58.34M



### AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (%)

	QTD	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	10 Yrs	Since Inception*
CLASS I	5.35	5.88	5.88	3.46	5.36	4.33	5.21
CLASS A (Load)	-0.72	-0.42	-0.42	1.21	3.93	3.49	3.68
CLASS A (No-Load)	5.32	5.65	5.65	3.22	5.16	4.11	4.03
CLASS C (Load)	4.09	3.80	3.80	2.45	4.36	3.31	4.30
CLASS C (No-Load)	5.09	4.80	4.80	2.45	4.36	3.31	4.30
MS MTR Index	9.50	13.22	13.22	2.07	7.38	5.72	

### CALENDAR YEAR RETURNS (%)

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
CLASS I	4.66	-9.56	10.65	15.51	-2.72	12.61	4.11	13.76	-8.04	5.88
MS MTR Index	4.89	-1.79	8.57	14.66	-4.76	19.03	12.82	10.19	-14.77	13.22

\*Class I shares inception date is 5/28/2010; Class A shares inception date is 9/15/2006; Class C shares inception date is 10/1/2009. The Fund has adopted the historical performance of the Stadion Tactical Defensive Fund, a former series of Stadion Investment Trust, as a result of a reorganization consummated after the close of business on June 11, 2021. Please see the Fund's prospectus for additional information.

Call 855-551-5521 or visit [northsquareinvest.com](http://northsquareinvest.com) for the most recent month-end performance results. Fund facts are as of 12/31/23 unless otherwise stated. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. The performance data quoted represents past performance, which is no guarantee of future results. Investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost.

### 5-YEAR RISK CHARACTERISTICS

	Tactical Defensive Fund	S&P 500
Standard Deviation	10.79%	18.52%
Beta vs S&P 500	0.47	1.00
Correlation to S&P 500	0.80	1.00
Sharpe Ratio	0.35	0.78
Maximum Drawdown	-15.08%	-23.87%

### TOP HOLDINGS

Equity ETFs	98%
Fixed Income Securities	0%
Money Market Fund(s)	2%

**Principal Risks of Investing:** Risk is inherent in all investing including an investment in the Fund. An investment in the Fund involves risk, including, the following principal risks, among others: Management and Strategy Risk, ETF and Mutual Funds Risk, Fixed Income Securities Risk, Interest Rate Risk, Credit Risk, Liquidity Risk, Equity Risk, Market Risk, Currency Risk, Foreign Investment Risk, Large-Cap Company Risk, Sector Focus, Portfolio Turnover Risk, Small Cap and Mid Cap Company Risk, and Government-Sponsored Entities Risk. Summary descriptions of these and other principal risks of investing in the Fund are set forth in the Fund's prospectus. Before you decide whether to invest in the Fund, carefully consider these risks associated with investing in the Fund, which may cause investors to lose money. There can be no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objective. An investment in the Fund is not a deposit of the bank and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency. Please see the Fund's prospectus for additional risk disclosures.

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### EXPENSE RATIO

Gross Ratio Class A:	2.09%
Net Ratio Class A:	2.07%
Gross Ratio Class C:	2.86%
Net Ratio Class C:	2.82%
Gross Ratio Class I:	1.89%
Net Ratio Class I:	1.82%

The expense ratios are as shown in the Fund's most recent prospectus. The difference between gross and net operating expenses reflects contractual fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements in place until September 30, 2025. Please see the Fund's prospectus for more details.

**Class A shares maximum sales charge (load) imposed on purchases is 5.75%.**



The Statistics presented are defined as follows:

**Beta** is a measure of systematic risk, or the sensitivity of a manager to movements in the benchmark. A beta of 1 implies that you can expect the movement of a manager's return series to match that of the benchmark used to measure beta.

**Maximum Drawdown** measures the largest percentage decline from a peak to a trough

**Standard Deviation** measures the average deviations of a return series from its mean, and is often used as a measure of risk.

**Sharpe Ratio** measures the excess return per unit of deviation, or risk.

**Correlation** is a measure of how investments move in relation to one another. A correlation of 1 means the two asset classes move exactly in line with each other, while a correlation of -1 means they move in the exact opposite direction.

The S&P 500 Index is the Standard & Poor's Composite Index of 500 stocks and is a widely recognized, unmanaged index of common stock prices. One cannot invest directly in an index. The Index is shown for comparative purposes only.

The Morningstar Target Risk Index family is designed to meet the needs of investors who would like to maintain a target level of equity exposure through a portfolio diversified across equities, bonds and inflation-hedged instruments. The Morningstar Moderate Target Risk Index, the Fund's benchmark, seeks approximately 60% global equity exposure. All Benchmarks composite data supplied by third party vendors, assumes re-investment of all dividends. One cannot invest directly in an index. The Index is shown for comparative purposes only.

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