



# Richard Bernstein Advisors Global Aggressive ETF Strategy

## Richard Bernstein Advisors

Richard Bernstein Advisors LLC ("RBA") is an investment manager focusing on long-only, global equity and asset allocation investment strategies. The Firm manages \$10.5 billion (as of 9/30/2020) and is unique in its "top-down" research approach versus the traditional "bottom up" style of most asset management firms.

## Global Aggressive ETF Strategy Investment Process

Richard Bernstein Advisors employs a macro-driven, top-down style to construct a global tactical asset allocation portfolio. The investment team uses quantitative indicators and the firm's macro-economic analysis to recommend global equity and fixed income asset classes and several sub-asset classes and sectors using only US listed ETFs. Typical factors and indicators include: global valuations; global yield curves; asset class, regional, and country correlations; profit cycle analyses, and style and sector rotation; earnings analysis; investor sentiment and other factors.

## Asset Allocation Guidelines

- Asset allocation and implementation recommendations are made by the investment committee led by Richard Bernstein. Exposure recommendations among asset classes will be based on the team's assessment of proprietary and non-proprietary quantitative indicators, and the firm's macro-economic analysis. After assessing numerous models and indicators, the final allocation recommendations are made by the team.
- Structural asset correlations are an integral part of RBA's diversification strategy. These tend to be longer term in nature, and thus less affected by short-term market volatility and fluctuations. RBA also seeks to balance portfolio risk with investment themes and opportunities potentially not yet fully recognized by the market.
- Shorter-term tactical strategies, 12 - 18 months, are formulated within the framework of the firm's core concepts of long-term asset allocation. The team makes tactical allocations based on market mispricings relative to changes in the global economy, geopolitics and corporate profits. The strategic allocation is based on a long-term neutral policy of 80% equity, 15% fixed-income and 5% cash.
- Asset allocation recommendation guidelines: Equity allocation: 70% to 90%; Fixed-income allocation: 5% to 25%; Alternatives, commodities-related, currencies, cash: 0% to 15%. Benchmark is: 80% MSCI ACWI Index, 15% Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index, 5% Bloomberg Barclays 1-3 month US T-Bill.

## Portfolio Selection

- The strategy has the ability to recommend any global asset class - essentially a "go anywhere" strategy and can invest in any sector, market cap, duration, credit, style or country/region. Individual ETF recommendations to implement the asset allocation strategy will be based on quantitative screening, risk-analysis and qualitative review.
- Annual turnover is typically expected to be less than 50%, except in cases of unusual economic or market volatility, which could increase turnover.

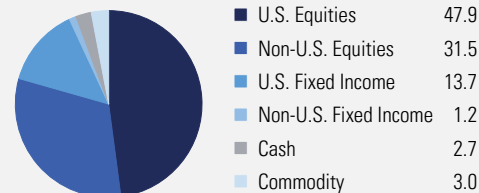
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Model performance information included in this Profile is as of current quarter-end and subject to change. Prior period returns may have been restated to conform to this presentation. All other information is as of the most recent quarter end. See disclosure at the end of the Profile for further information.

Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

Q3-2020

### Asset Allocation (%)



### Top 10 ETF Holdings (%)

ETF Name	Percentage (%)
iShares MSCI USA Quality Factor ETF	31.4
iShares MSCI China ETF	8.8
Vanguard FTSE Europe ETF	7.1
iShares MSCI International Quality Factor ETF	7.0
Health Care Select Sector SPDR Fund	6.6
iShares 1-3 Year Treasury Bond ETF	5.3
iShares Global Consumer Staples ETF	5.0
iShares 5-10 Year Investment Grade Corporate Bond ETF	4.8
iShares Global Materials ETF	4.0
iShares MSCI EAFE Small-Cap ETF	3.9

### Equity Sector Weights (%)

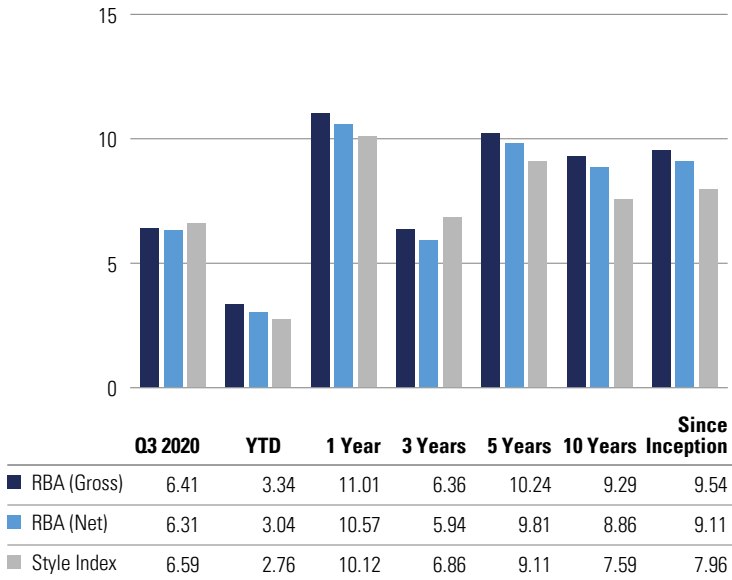
Sector	Portfolio Weight (%)	Equity Portion of Benchmark (%)
Communication Services	7.4	9.3
Consumer Discretionary	10.9	12.9
Consumer Staples	11.8	8.1
Energy	4.5	2.8
Financials	8.2	12.5
Health Care	17.1	12.6
Industrials	10.7	9.6
Information Technology	13.0	21.6
Materials	11.0	4.8
Real Estate	2.3	2.8
Utilities	3.1	3.1

### Hypothetical/Model Performance Calendar Year Return (%)

Year	Mgr (Gross) (%)	Mgr (Net) (%)	Style Index (%)
2020 (YTD)	3.34	3.04	2.76
2019	22.77	22.28	22.55
2018	-10.74	-11.10	-7.39
2017	20.81	20.34	19.47
2016	13.01	12.56	6.84
2015	-0.18	-0.58	-1.66
2014	5.54	5.12	4.30
2013	24.26	23.78	17.60
2012	14.45	14.00	13.58
2011	-2.24	-2.63	-4.46

Style Index: 80% MSCI ACWI Index, 15% Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index, 5% Bloomberg Barclays 1-3 month US T-Bill.

**Annualized Model Performance (%) Ended September 30, 2020**

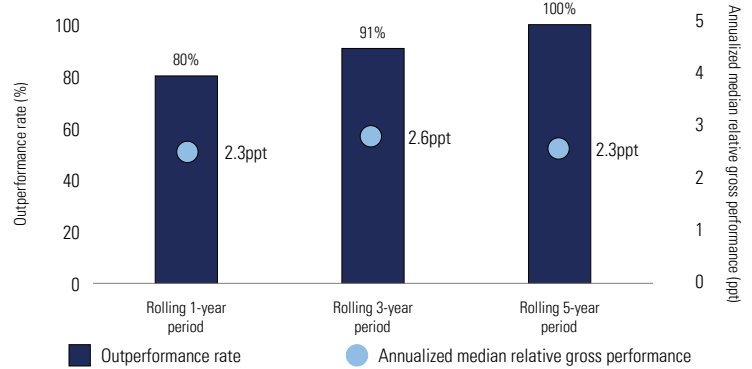


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**Risk/Return Analysis October 2015 - September 2020**

	Annualized Return (%)	Standard Deviation	Sharpe Ratio
RBA (Gross)	10.24	11.96	0.78
RBA (Net)	9.81	11.96	0.74
Style Index	9.11	11.50	0.72

**Historical Probability of Model Outperforming Style Index August 2010 - September 2020**



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The Adviser has calculated model portfolio performance from August 1, 2010. During the period from August 1, 2010 through March 31, 2013, the Adviser provided asset allocation recommendations for each sub-asset class to a platform sponsor, which then selected exchange-traded funds ("ETFs") with the assistance of the Adviser by mapping each sub-asset class recommendation to a specific ETF. For the period after March 31, 2013, the model portfolio performance reflects the Adviser's asset allocation recommendations for each sub-asset class and its actual ETF recommendations in real time. As the portfolio is a model, it does not reflect any investor's actual experience and investors may have achieved greater or lesser performance than the model portfolio. The model performance shown does not reflect any material market or economic factors that may have affected the actual performance of the model portfolio if the Adviser had actually been managing the portfolio during the relevant time periods. Investors should not rely on the model performance since it does not reflect the actual management of assets.

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The benchmark has been constructed using the indexes identified above. The indexes were chosen because they represent the broad based markets in the international equity, U.S. Fixed Income and Money Market asset classes. The index weightings percentages are based on a long-term "neutral" allocation to each index determined by the Adviser. Benchmark index results shown are not reduced by fees as an index is unmanaged. Further, securities contained in an index will vary from those in the model portfolio and actual managed accounts. Indices are shown for convenience purposes only and are not available for direct investment.

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Index and portfolio data herein have been supplied by outside sources, including, Richard Bernstein Advisors LLC, and are believed to be reliable as of the date indicated. The source for ETF returns is Bloomberg.

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