



# Richard Bernstein Advisors Global Tactical Asset Allocation Strategy

## Portfolio Highlights

- **Strategy Size (\$ Million):** \$6,837 as of 3/31/21
- **Strategy inception:** August 1, 2010
- **Index:** 50% MSCI ACWI Index, 45% Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index, 5% Bloomberg Barclays US T-Bill Index
- **Performance aim:** Outperform its benchmark by 200 bps gross of fees.
- **Typical number of holdings:** Single Security: 250-450\*\*, ETF Portfolio: 5-25

## 5 Year Risk Measures

	Strategy (Gross)	Benchmark*
<b>Standard Deviation</b>	8.52	7.35
<b>Tracking Error</b>	3.68	
<b>Alpha</b>	1.50	
<b>Beta</b>	1.05	
<b>R2</b>	81.75	
<b>Info Ratio</b>	0.52	
<b>Sharpe Ratio</b>	1.05	0.96
<b>Upside Capture</b>	118.5	
<b>Downside Capture</b>	113.14	

## Investment Process

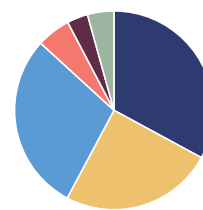
Richard Bernstein Advisors employs a macro-driven, top-down style to construct a global tactical asset allocation portfolio. The investment team uses quantitative indicators and the firm's macro-economic analysis to recommend global equity and fixed income asset classes and several sub-asset classes 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 allocation recommendations based on market mispricings relative to changes in the global economy, geopolitics and corporate profits. The strategic allocation recommendation is based on a long-term neutral policy of 50% equity, 45% fixed-income and 5% cash.
- Asset allocation recommendation guidelines: Equity allocation: 25% to 75%; Fixed-income allocation: 20% to 70%; Alternatives, commodities-related, currencies, cash: 0% to 30%.

## Asset Allocation (%) as of 3/31/2021

- US Equity **32.9**
- Non-US Equity **24.9**
- US Fixed Income **29.0**
- Non-US Fixed Income **5.5**
- Cash **3.4**
- Commodity **4.3**



## Strategy Model Performance+ (%) as of 3/31/2021



\* Benchmark: 50% MSCI ACWI Index, 45% Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index, 5% Bloomberg Barclays 1-3 month US T-Bill. For Index descriptors, see "Index Descriptions" at end of document. Based on monthly data. Source: Richard Bernstein Advisors LLC, Bloomberg, Morning\*. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Please refer to the Performance Disclosures. Inception August 1, 2010. Please note the returns until March 31, 2013 reflect the retroactive selection of ETFs based on RBA's asset class mapping using its real-time asset allocation recommendations. \*\*Single security data not included in report. + See performance disclosures on page 4.

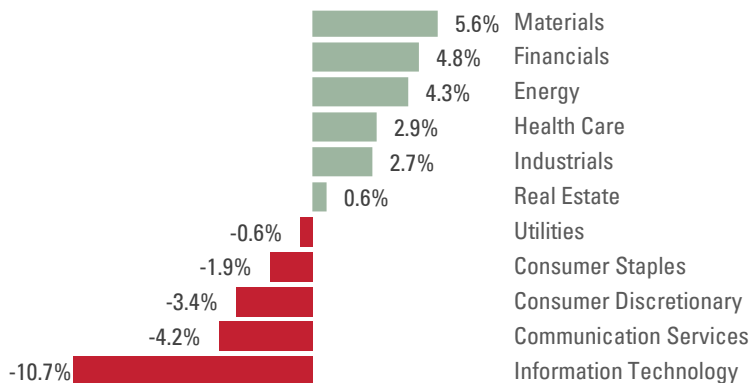
## Strategy Policy Guidelines (%)

- Normal tactical deviations will be within 10% of RBA long-term neutral policy
- “High-Conviction” tactical deviations will be within 25% of RBA long-term neutral policy
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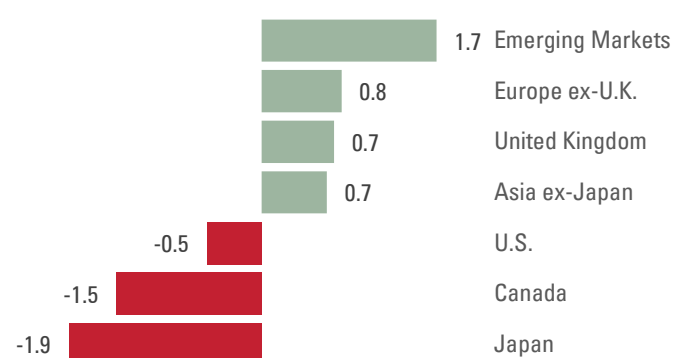
Asset Class	Long-Term “Neutral” Allocation Ranges	“High-Conviction” Allocation Ranges	Current Model Allocation as of 3/31/2021	Benchmark Allocation as of 3/31/2021
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>25 - 75</b>	<b>57.8</b>	<b>50.0</b>
U.S. Equity		0 - 75	32.9	28.8
Non-U.S. Equity		0 - 75	24.9	21.2
<b>Total Fixed Income</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>20 - 70</b>	<b>34.5</b>	<b>45.0</b>
U.S. Fixed Income		0 - 70	29.0	41.4
Non-U.S. Fixed Income		0 - 70	5.5	3.6
<b>Total Cash/Other (Commodities, Currencies, etc.)</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0 - 30</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>5.0</b>
Cash		0 - 30	3.4	5.0
Other		0 - 30	4.3	0.0

## Relative Equity Sector and Region Exposure vs MSCI ACWI Index (%)

Relative Equity by Sector (%)



Relative Equity by Weights (%)

Top 10 Holdings<sup>1</sup> as of 3/31/2021 (%)

iShares MSCI USA Quality Factor ETF	11.2	iShares 10-20 Year Treasury Bond ETF	5.0
iShares Interest Rate Hedged Long-Term Corporate Bond ETF	10.1	iShares 7-10 Year Treasury Bond ETF	4.5
iShares Russell 2000 Value ETF	8.5	Granitshares Gold Trust	4.3
iShares MSCI International Quality Factor ETF	8.5	iShares MSCI EAFE Small-Cap ETF	3.8
First Trust Low Duration Opportunities ETF	7.2	SPDR S&P Regional Banking ETF	3.5

Source: Richard Bernstein Advisors LLC, Bloomberg. Weightings are calculated on an equity-only basis. Allocations are subject to change due to active management. Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.  
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<sup>1</sup> Holdings information may differ if presented as of trade date. Due to rounding, holdings of less than 0.005% may show as 0.00%. Portfolio information subject to change due to active management. Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.

The specific securities mentioned are not representative of all the securities purchased, sold or recommended for advisory clients.

## Investment Outlook and Positioning

At RBA, we maintain a focus on corporate profits, liquidity and sentiment as the cornerstones of our investment process. Given the combination of accelerating vaccine production, record stimulus and the low base of depressed profits in 2020, 2021 is likely to see the best corporate profit growth in a decade. Meanwhile, the supportive policy backdrop has resulted in unprecedented levels of liquidity in financial markets and the economy. While investor sentiment and asset valuations appear elevated in significant portions of the financial markets, it tends to be skewed toward certain sectors and themes, while other ignored areas of the global equity markets provide significant opportunities.

Our portfolio reflects the accelerating profit outlook for 2021 by having exposure to the areas of the market likely to be the drivers of that acceleration. At the same time, we strive to protect the portfolio from the market risks signaled by elevated valuations and rising investor confidence by maintaining lower exposure to those assets where optimism and complacency appear the most concentrated.

## Current Themes (As of 3/31/2021)

### U.S. Equities

- ↑ Overweight equities overall while roughly neutral US equities.
- ↑ Overweight investments most leveraged to the profit recovery, including Small Caps, Value, Materials, Financials, Energy and Industrials.
- ↓ We attempt reduce portfolio risk by maintaining low exposure to expensive and popular market themes, including Information Technology and Communication Services.

### Non-U.S. Equities

- ↑ Modestly overweight non-US equities.
- ↑ Overweight non-China Emerging Markets and Europe while underweight Japan and Canada.
- ↑ The recovery in the global profit cycle is accelerating as the result of stimulus and post-pandemic normalization.

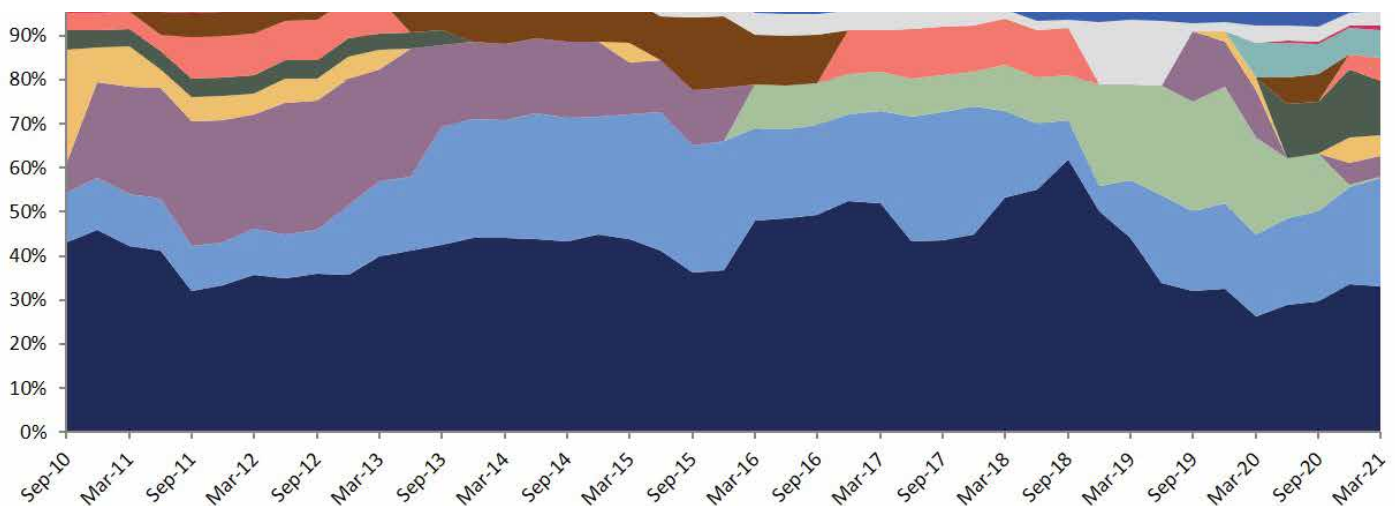
### Fixed Income

- ↓ Underweight versus blended benchmark.
- ↑ Overweight US and Emerging Market corporate credit exposure and underweight duration.

### Commodities/other

- ↑ Overweight gold as a hedge against equity volatility and inflation.

## Asset Class Weightings Q4 2010 - Q1 2021 (As of 3/31/2021)



Source: Richard Bernstein Advisors LLC, Bloomberg. Percent of total net assets. Allocations are subject to change due to active management.



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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 "initial period"), 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. The model portfolio performance included herein for the initial period was calculated by the Adviser using its asset allocation recommendations for each sub-asset class, which were determined in real time and delivered to the platform sponsor on a monthly basis, but the Adviser retroactively selected the ETFs to implement such recommendations. The Adviser also utilized the asset class allocation guideline ranges for equity, bonds and cash as provided by the platform sponsor during the initial period, which are narrower than the Adviser's current asset class allocation guideline ranges.

**Accordingly, for the period of August 1, 2010 until March 31, 2013, the model portfolio, while based on the Adviser's real time asset allocation recommendations, is hypothetical, and the performance does not represent actual trading results.** Hypothetical performance results have many inherent limitations. The hypothetical model performance was prepared with the benefit of hindsight and does not account for financial risk nor is it indicative of the skill of RBA as an investment adviser. Hypothetical performance attempts to indicate how a product constructed with the benefit of hindsight would have performed during a certain period in the past if the model had been in existence during such time. No representation is being made that any client will or is likely to achieve profits or losses similar to those shown. In fact, there are frequently sharp differences between hypothetical performance results and the actual results subsequently achieved by any particular trading program. Another inherent limitation on these results is that the allocation decisions reflected in the performance record do 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. Moreover, changes in the assumptions that were used to calculate the returns may have a material impact on the returns presented. No representations and warranties are made as to the reasonableness of the assumptions. Past performance — and especially hypothetical performance — is not indicative of future results.

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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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