# **Asset Allocation**

# **Aggressive Growth**



Fourth Quarter 2025

# **Objective**

Primary objective is capital appreciation with a high tolerance for risk.

# **Investment Philosophy**

Asset allocation is a time-tested approach that addresses risk through diversification, while positioning portfolios to achieve growth, income, and other client-specific objectives. Confluence employs an adaptive approach to asset allocation that evaluates the investing landscape against the backdrop of the pending business cycle, as we recognize that risk levels and return potential rise and fall over market and economic cycles.

Through a disciplined, consensus-driven process, the Confluence team estimates the performance of 12 different asset classes in terms of risk, return, and yield looking forward three years. The intention is to remain within an acceptable risk profile, while changing the asset class mix to optimize return potential. Allocations are adjusted depending upon the investment committee's changing views of the marketplace and economy, utilizing over/underweights to focus on particular industry sectors, maturities, commodities, or countries. Confluence's Asset Allocation portfolios offer a broad spectrum of risk profiles and are implemented using exchange-traded funds (ETFs).

### **Overview**

- Focused on capital appreciation with relatively high levels of risk
- Allocations may include domestic and foreign equity asset classes, commodities, real estate, and occasionally fixed income investments
- May be more concentrated in asset classes with higher return potential, including those with higher levels of volatility
- Profile is similar to that of an aggressively positioned, all-equity portfolio
- Appropriate for equity-oriented investors with a higher risk tolerance
- Strategy assets: \$41.6 million<sup>1</sup>

# **Current Holdings<sup>2</sup>**

(As of 10/21/2025 rebalance)

Characteristics	
Weighted SEC Yield	1.6%
Volatility Ceiling	20.0%
Number of Securities	12
Annual Turnover (3-Yr Rolling as of 12/31/24)	76%

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5 Largest Holdings	
SPDR® Developed World ex-US ETF - SPDW	28.5%
SPDR® Portfolio S&P 500 Growth ETF - SPYG	20.4%
SPDR® Gold MiniShares ETF - GLDM	15.0%
SPDR® Portfolio S&P 500 Value ETF - SPYV	8.2%
iShares Core MSCI Europe ETF - IEUR	5.7%

### **Asset Allocation**

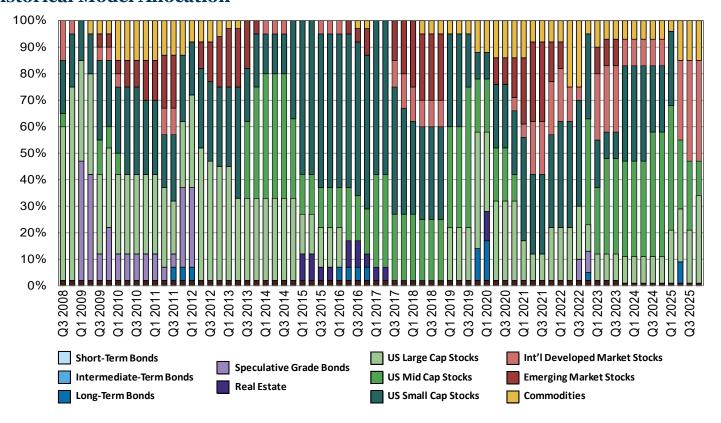
# 15% US Large Cap Stocks US Mid Cap Stocks International Developed Market Stocks Commodities Cash

### Recent Portfolio Changes<sup>3</sup>

In Aggressive Growth, we increased exposure to domestic large caps at the expense of mid-caps. Large caps are expected to continue benefiting from passive flows and a generally supportive fiscal and regulatory backdrop. Equities tilt modestly toward growth over value and hold defense-oriented and dividend-paying positions. Within international developed equities, we continue to hold broad-based, Europe-focused, and small cap value ETFs. We maintain our position in gold, recognizing its role as a portfolio stabilizer amid elevated geopolitical uncertainty.

<sup>1</sup> Strategy assets = \$11.3 million assets under management (AUM) + \$30.3 million assets under advisement (AUA); as of 6/30/25.

## **Historical Model Allocation**



## **Performance Composite Returns<sup>4</sup>** (For periods ending September 30, 2025)

	Since Inception**	15-Year*	10-Year*	5-Year*	3-Year*	1-Year	YTD	QTD
<b>Aggressive Growth</b> <i>Pure Gross-Of-Fees</i> <sup>5</sup>	8.3%	9.7%	10.4%	10.0%	13.8%	3.9%	6.1%	7.7%
Max Net-Of Fees <sup>6</sup>	5.1%	6.5%	7.1 %	6.8%	10.4%	0.8%	3.8%	6.9%
S&P 500	12.3%	14.6%	15.3%	16.4%	24.9%	17.6%	14.8%	8.1%

Calendar Year	Pure Gross- Of-Fees <sup>5</sup>	Max Net- Of-Fees <sup>6</sup>	Benchmark (S&P 500)	Difference (Gross- Benchmark)	# of Portfolios	Composite Assets (000s)	Total Firm Assets (000s)	Composite 3yr Std Dev	S&P 500 3yr Std Dev	Composite Dispersion
2008**	(29.1%)	(30.0%)	(27.9%)	(1.3%)	1	\$18	\$291,644	N/A	N/A	N/A
2009	30.9%	27.0%	26.5%	4.4%	12	\$1,040	\$533,832	N/A	N/A	N/A
2010	17.1%	13.6%	15.1%	2.0%	23	\$2,744	\$751,909	N/A	N/A	0.3%
2011	(4.3%)	(7.2%)	2.1%	(6.4%)	19	\$2,613	\$937,487	19.0%	18.7%	0.1%
2012	10.4%	7.2%	16.0%	(5.6%)	23	\$3,654	\$1,272,265	15.8%	15.1%	0.1%
2013	23.7%	20.0%	32.4%	(8.7%)	21	\$4,949	\$1,955,915	12.7%	11.9%	0.1%
2014	9.6%	6.4%	13.7%	(4.1%)	22	\$5,808	\$2,589,024	10.0%	9.0%	0.1%
2015	(2.2%)	(5.1%)	1.4%	(3.6%)	24	\$5,925	\$3,175,419	10.8%	10.5%	0.2%
2016	16.1%	12.6%	12.0%	4.1%	21	\$5,737	\$4,413,659	11.9%	10.6%	0.2%
2017	13.9%	10.5%	21.8%	(7.9%)	22	\$6,967	\$5,944,479	10.9%	9.9%	0.0%
2018	(11.1%)	(13.7%)	(4.4%)	(6.7%)	22	\$6,083	\$5,486,737	11.9%	10.8%	0.3%
2019	22.5%	18.8%	31.5%	(9.0%)	20	\$6,594	\$7,044,708	12.6%	11.9%	0.2%
2020	30.8%	26.9%	18.4%	12.4%	18	\$8,049	\$6,889,798	17.7%	18.5%	0.2%
2021	14.4%	11.0%	28.7%	(14.3%)	20	\$9,325	\$7,761,687	15.9%	17.2%	0.2%
2022	(12.0%)	(14.6%)	(18.1%)	6.1%	17	\$6,949	\$6,931,635	17.5%	20.9%	0.4%
2023	16.6%	13.2%	26.3%	(9.6%)	21	\$9,823	\$7,200,109	15.2%	17.3%	0.3%
2024	9.7%	6.4%	25.0%	(15.3%)	26	\$12,111	\$7,280,773	16.7%	17.2%	0.1%
*Average annualized returns **Inception is 8/1/2008				See	See performance disclosures on last page.					

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<sup>3</sup> Recent Portfolio Changes—The investment or strategy discussed may not be suitable for all investors. Investors must make their own decisions based on their specific investment objectives and financial circumstances.

**Benchmark:** S&P 500<sup>®</sup> Index - A capitalization-weighted index of 500 stocks designed to measure performance of the broad domestic economy through changes in the aggregate market value of 500 stocks representing all major industries. (*Source: Bloomberg*)

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<sup>5</sup> Pure gross returns are shown as supplemental information to the disclosures required by the GIPS<sup>®</sup> standards.

<sup>6</sup> Net-of-fee performance was calculated using the highest applicable annual bundled fee of 3.00% applied quarterly. This fee includes brokerage commissions, portfolio management, consulting services and custodial services. The Confluence fee schedule for this composite is as follows: 0.40% on the first \$500,000; 0.35% on the next \$500,000; and 0.30% over \$1,000,000. There are no incentive fees. Clients pay an all-inclusive fee based on a percentage of assets under management. The collection of fees produces a compounding effect on the total rate of return net of fees. Subsequent to July 1, 2019, bundled fee accounts make up 100% of the composite. Actual investment advisory fees incurred by clients may vary. Wrap fee schedules are provided by independent wrap sponsors and are available upon request from the respective wrap sponsor.

Performance prior to April 1, 2009, is based on the Aggressive Growth–Foundation–Direct Composite which was created on August 1, 2008. This composite includes accounts that pursue the Aggressive Growth strategy, but have a different fee structure and have a smaller balance so they forgo the sector-specific breakout of equity market allocations. Gross returns from the Aggressive Growth–Foundation–Direct Composite include transaction costs and net-of-fee performance was calculated using the highest applicable annual bundled fee of 3.00% applied quarterly. A complete list of composite descriptions is available upon request. Policies for valuing investments, calculating performance, and preparing GIPS Reports are available upon request. The annual composite dispersion is an equal weighted standard deviation, using gross-of-fee returns, calculated for the accounts in the composite for the entire year. The three-year annualized standard deviation measures the variability of the composite gross returns over the preceding 36-month period. The Aggressive Growth–Plus Composite contains fully discretionary Aggressive Growth–Plus wrap accounts. The Aggressive Growth strategy is implemented using ETFs and the investment objective is the pursuit of nominal returns (yield and growth) in excess of inflation, subject to the limitations of the risk constraint for the Aggressive Growth strategy. The allocation is implemented using ETFs and may include domestic and international equity asset classes, as well as commodities, real estate and occasionally, fixed income investments. This portfolio may be appropriate for equity-oriented investors with a higher risk tolerance.

\*\*Results shown for the year 2008 represent partial period performance from August 1, 2008, through December 31, 2008. N/A-Composite Dispersion: Information is not statistically meaningful due to an insufficient number of portfolios in the composite for the entire year. N/A-3yr Std Dev: Composite does not have 3 years of monthly performance history.