

INCREASING DIVIDEND EQUITY ACCOUNT (IDEA) PLUS (COVERED CALL STRATEGY)

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OBJECTIVE

Dividend-based equity strategy combined with a covered call option strategy on the S&P 500 Index. Focused on generating total return with lowered risk and volatility than the broader market.

INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY

IDEA Plus combines a diversified, stable and increasing dividend equity strategy (Confluence IDEA) with a covered call option strategy to reduce volatility.

The investment philosophy builds upon the required criteria established to create the initial IDEA investable universe. Stocks selected for the strategy are diversified across a variety of sectors, avoiding excess concentrations in particular industries. Companies typically have well-positioned business models, ones that can grow during economic expansions and persevere through recessions and industry downturns. Valuations play an important role, as we believe avoiding excessive valuations is a key metric in managing risk. We also focus on companies where debt levels are manageable. The result is a diversified portfolio of high-quality companies operating stable businesses from which they can offer the prospect of rising dividends to shareholders.

The IDEA strategy coupled with the covered call strategy produces a compelling portfolio with comparable returns to the S&P 500 with less risk.

OVERVIEW

- Approximately 75% of portfolio: IDEA strategy, which invests in high-quality businesses with long track records of distributing earnings to shareholders through dividends
- Remaining 25% of portfolio: ETF position in the S&P 500 Index with a corresponding covered call position (currently SPDR S&P 500 ETF [NYSE: SPY]); can range 15%-40%
- Market capitalizations greater than \$1 billion
- Approximately 1.5% position sizes
- New account fully invested at inception
- Low turnover
- Anticipated dividend growth rate of the aggregate portfolio is important since inflation can erode investment returns and lower purchasing power; however, because the targeted portfolio dividend growth rate is higher than inflation, real income to investors can grow over time
- ♦ Appropriate for clients who are willing to limit upside potential in exchange for downside protection

MARKET CAP ¹	IDEA PLUS
Weighted Avg. Market Cap (\$B)	228.1
Largest Market Cap (\$B)	2,040.3
Median Market Cap (\$B)	70.7
Smallest Market Cap (\$B)	3.8
Large Cap (>\$10B)	94%
Mid Cap (\$10B-\$2B)	7%
Small Cap (<\$2B)	0%

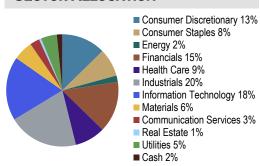
10 LARGEST HOLDINGS ¹	
S&P 500 Index ETF - SPDR (SPY)	30.8%
Expeditors Int'l of Washington, Inc.	1.8%
T. Rowe Price Group, Inc.	1.7%
Analog Devices, Inc.	1.6%
Microsoft Corporation	1.6%
Paychex, Inc.	1.6%
Snap-on Incorporated	1.6%
PPG Industries, Inc.	1.6%
Accenture plc	1.6%
Oracle Corporation	1.6%

CHARACTERISTICS ¹	IDEA PLUS
Dividend Yield	1.7%
Number of Positions	50

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SECTOR ALLOCATION¹



INVESTMENT PROCESS

IDEA SECURITY SCREEN CRITERIA

Approximately 75% of portfolio is the IDEA strategy. The initial security screen for the IDEA portfolio includes the following criteria:

Consistent, Growing Dividends:

- ♦ Consecutive dividends paid over the last 10 years
- No dividend reductions in the last 10 years
- ◆ Dividend raised in 7 of the last 10 years
- Dividend yield greater than 1%

IDEA Criteria Indicate:

- ♦ Stable and growing cash flow
- High-quality companies
- ♦ Moderate to low levels of debt

Based on internal research, the portfolio management team can make special exceptions for companies that have growing dividends but do not pass all of the initial security screen criteria.

IDEA PLUS (COVERED CALL STRATEGY)

Remaining 25% consists of an ETF position in the S&P 500 Index with corresponding covered call position (allocation can range, at times, from 15% to 40% of the portfolio).

Covered Call Strategy:

- Sells (writes) call option contracts on the S&P 500 Index ETF shares, giving an option buyer the right, but not obligation, to buy the shares at a set price (strike price) until the option expires
- Covered calls sold only on the S&P 500 Index ETF position, preserving the capital appreciation potential of the IDEA portfolio and only limiting the upside potential of the S&P 500 Index ETF
- Covered call positions are actively managed to maximize strike and term considerations
- Option contracts can be rolled prior to expiration to limit the probability of assignment

How is IDEA Plus Different?

- Designed to reduce volatility of the IDEA strategy
- Covered calls cushion declines in the portfolio in down markets
- As a result, IDEA Plus will likely outperform IDEA strategy in flat to down markets and underperform IDEA in rising markets
- Call premium will fluctuate depending on price volatility of S&P 500 Index ETF and strike price relative to prevailing ETF price
- Minimum account size requirement is \$150,000

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Confluence Investment Management is an independent Registered Investment Advisor located in St. Louis, Missouri, that provides professional portfolio management and advisory services to institutional and individual clients. Confluence's investment philosophy is based upon independent, fundamental research that integrates evaluation of market cycles, macroeconomics and geopolitical analysis with the firm's value-driven, company-specific approach. The portfolio management philosophy begins by assessing risk and follows through by positioning clients to achieve their income and growth objectives.



SINCE INCEPTION**





STATISTICAL ANALYSIS4

Since Inception**	Pure Gross-of-Fees ¹	S&P 500
Downside Capture Ratio	86.53	100.00
Alpha	-0.53	0.00
Beta	0.78	1.00
Annualized Standard Deviation	11.17%	13.86%
R-Squared	0.94	1.00
Sharpe Ratio	1.03	1.12

^{**}Inception is 12/1/2011

ANNUAL DIVIDEND STATISTICS FOR IDEA **PORTFOLIO**

AT 12/31

			Divio	lend Chang	ge from Prior	Year*	Annual Dividend Increases Over Past 10 Years*				
		Avg.	# 0	of companies n	vith	Avg.	#	Avg. 10 yr			
Year	Holdings	Yield ⁺	Increase	Flat	Decrease	Growth	10 years	9 years	< 9 years	Growth	
2009	49	2.8%	45	4	0	8.1%	38	6	5	13.3%	
2010	49	2.8%	45	4	0	8.0%	38	3	8	12.6%	
2011	49	2.8%	46	3	0	9.6%	38	4	7	12.5%	
2012	48	3.1%	46	2	0	9.1%	39	5	4	12.8%	
2013	49	2.3%	48	1	0	10.0%	41	3	5	13.1%	
2014	49	2.4%	48	1	0	10.3%	39	3	7	12.7%	
2015	49	2.8%	47	2	0	9.7%	40	3	6	11.9%	
2016	50	2.3%	46	4	0	7.2%	39	1	10	11.4%	
2017	48	2.1%	45	3	0	7.5%	37	1	10	10.5%	
2018	49	2.4%	47	2	0	9.6%	39	3	7	9.9%	
2019	49	2.0%	49	0	0	11.6%	41	2	6	10.8%	
2020 ¹	49	2.0%	46	3	0	7.4%	42	4	3	10.9%	

^{&#}x27;Dividend Change' and 'Annual Dividend Increases' sections exclude impact of special dividends and spin- offs. 1 Excludes impact of temporary dividend suspensions during the pandemic of 2020. + Average dividend yield of portfolio holdings at 12/31, calculated based on annualized current dividends plus any special dividends paid during the year. (Yield data source: FactSet)

PERFORMANCE COMPOSITE RETURNS (FOR PERIODS ENDING JUNE 30, 2021)

	Pure Gross- of-Fees ¹	Net-of- Fees ²	Benchmark (75 S&P500/ 25 BXM)	Calendar Year	Pure Gross- of-Fees ¹	Net-of- Fees ²	Benchmark (75 S&P500/ 25 BXM)	Difference (Gross- Custom)	# of Portfolios	Composite Assets (000s)	Total Firm Assets (000s)	Composite 3yr Std Dev	Benchmark 3yr Std Dev	Composite Dispersion			
Since.	12.2%	8.9%	13.9%	2011**	2.0%	1.8%	1.6%	0.5%	1	\$106	\$937,487	N/A	N/A	N/A			
Inception**	12.270	0.570	13.570	2012	9.2%	6.0%	13.2%	(4.1%)	10	\$1,175	\$1,272,265	N/A	N/A	N/A			
5-Year*	12.0%	8.7%	15.0%	2013	26.5%	22.7%	27.4%	(0.9%)	12	\$2,086	\$1,955,915	N/A	N/A	0.3%			
3-Year*	11.6%	8.3%	15.3%	2014	10.4%	7.1%	11.7%	(1.3%)	20	\$4,239	\$2,589,024	7.0%	8.0%	0.2%			
				2015	3.0%	(0.1%)	2.4%	0.6%	25	\$5,883	\$3,175,419	8.3%	9.2%	0.3%			
1-Year	28.3%	24.5%	37.4%	2016	14.5%	11.1%	10.8%	3.7%	32	\$8,631	\$4,413,659	8.0%	9.3%	0.3%			
YTD	10.9%	9.2%	14.2%	2017	17.5%	14.0%	19.6%	(2.1%)	36	\$10,696	\$5,944,479	7.3%	8.7%	0.4%			
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QTD	4.7%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	7.7%	2019	25.5%	21.7%	27.4%	(1.9%)	60	\$16,595	\$7,044,708	9.8%	10.8%	0.7%
*Average ann	*Average annualized returns Portfolio Benchmark				6.0%	2.9%	12.8%	(6.8%)	56	\$16,114	\$6,889,798	15.0%	17.3%	0.9%			

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Custom benchmark (calculated monthly) consists of a blend of 75% S&P 500 and 25% CBOE S&P 500 BuyWrite Index (BXM). (Source: Bloomberg)

S&P 500 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)

SOP 3009 Index — A capitalization-weighted index of sour stocks designed to the measure performance of the broad domestic economy intrough changes in the aggregate market value of sour stocks representing all major industries. (Source: Bloomberg)

CBOE S&P 500 BuyWrite® Index (BXM) — A passive total return index based on buying an S&P 500 stock index portfolio, and then writing (or selling) the near-term S&P 500 Index covered call option every month with an exercise price just above the prevailing index level (i.e., slightly out of the money). (Source: CBOE)

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The Increasing Dividend Equity Account (IDEA) Plus strategy was incepted on December 1, 2011, and the current IDEA Plus Composite was created on February 1, 2012. Confluence Investment Management 1, 2012. Septiment and include the reinvestment of all fless and include the reinvestm

**Alstorical Return & Risk Chart—Volatility is calculated taking the square root of the strategy's primary (blended) benchmark above. The S&P 500* is shown to represent U.S. equity performance and for illustrative purposes only. (Data source: Confluence/Bloomberg, using monthly & quarterly returns)

**Statistical Analysis—Downside Capture Ratio: Measures performance in down markets relative to index (down market: any quarter where the market return is less than zero); lower Downside Capture Ratio indicates manager protected capital better during a market decline. Alpha: Measures portected capital better during a market decline. Alpha: Measures portected capital better during a market decline. Alpha: Measures portected capital better during a market decline. Beta of 1.1 indicates the indicates the investment has approx. 10% in returns than benchmark index; eg., how manager performed if the market had no gain or loss. Beta: Measures portfolio volatility (systematic risk) compared to indicate some variability in returns. R-Squared: Indicates the investment has approx. 10% in returns than dex. Standard Deviation: Measures price variability (insk) over a period of time; higher Standard Deviation indicates standard Deviation indicates the investment has period of time; higher Standard Deviation indicates the investment has approx. 10% in section of time; higher Sharpe Ratio: Quantifies risk-adjusted performance by measuring excess return per unit of risk; higher Sharpe Ratio suggests better risk-adjusted performance. (Data source: Zephyr's PSN SMA Dalabase)

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