



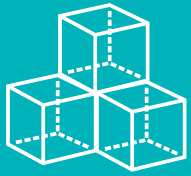
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# How Meeder's Investment Strategies Mitigate Tax Burdens



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## **The Building Blocks** **Meeder Funds: Tactical and “tax aware”**

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## **Strong performance and tax efficient**

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## **Meeder personalized tax managed SMAs**

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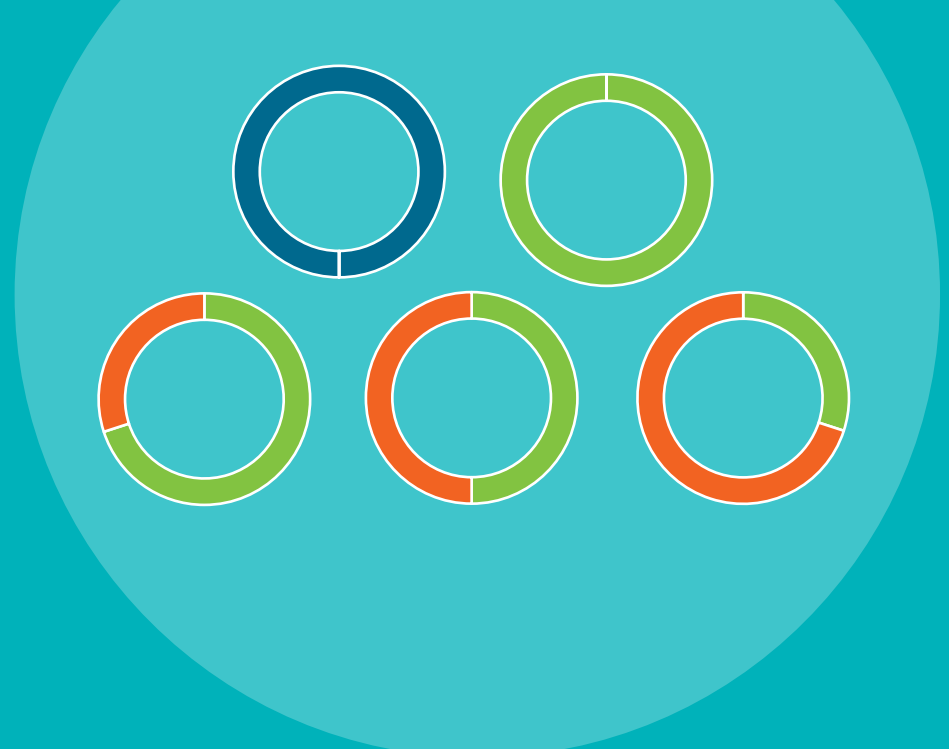
## **Q&A**

# Personalized

STRATEGICALLY TAX  
MANAGED SMAs

# Turn-Key

5 TACTICAL RISK  
BASED PORTFOLIOS



# Meeder Tactical Strategies





**DYNAMIC  
GROWTH**

## Constrained Tactical

- Remains fully invested
- ↕ Domestic
- ↕ International
- Individual stocks and futures contracts



## Unconstrained Tactical

- ↕ Allocates 0%-100% to equity or fixed income
- ↕ Domestic & international
- ↕ Bonds
- ↕ Money market securities
- Individual stocks and futures contracts



TACTICAL  
FIXED  
INCOME

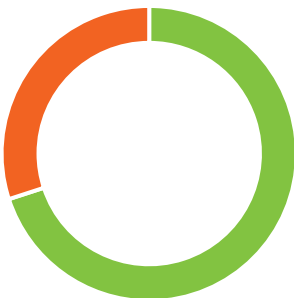
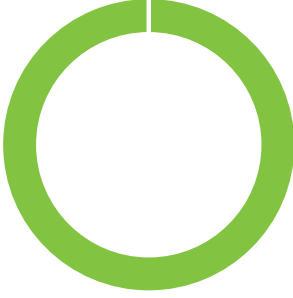
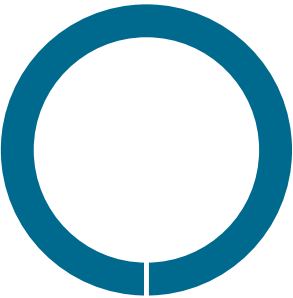
## Unconstrained Tactical Fixed Income

- ↕ Maturity/Duration
- ↕ Investment grade
- ↕ High-yield
- ↕ Emerging markets
- ↕ Money market securities

# Meeder Tactical Model Portfolios



Lifetime Investment Program™



	DYNAMIC GROWTH	GROWTH	MODERATE GROWTH	CONSERVATIVE GROWTH	CONSERVATIVE
GROWTH	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
DEFENSIVE EQUITY	0%	100%	70%	50%	30%
FIXED INCOME	0%	0%	30%	50%	70%

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# The Building Blocks for our Portfolios



# Meeder Growth Portfolio

Lifetime Investment Program™

As of December 31, 2023



## Underlying Funds

<b>Meeder Muirfield Fund</b>	60%
<b>Meeder Spectrum Fund</b>	20%
<b>Meeder Dynamic Allocation Fund</b>	10%
<b>Meeder Balanced Fund</b>	10%



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# 3 Tools We Use for Tax Aware Investing

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# Tools We Use for Tax Aware Investing

## Stock Market Futures Contracts

### Tracks an index

S&P 500, midcaps,  
small-caps, international

### Highly liquid

One million S&P 500 futures  
contracts traded daily

Equals \$250 billion per day

### Incredibly cost-efficient

\$12 to buy \$1 million of  
S&P 500 exposure

No expense ratio

### Tax efficient

60% long-term capital gain  
40% short-term capital gain

# Tools We Use for Tax Aware Investing

## Hedging: A Hypothetical Illustration #1

**\$100 million in a Meeder mutual fund** that is 100% invested

**20% defensive**  
Short \$20 million in futures

**Net equity**  
is \$80 million

**Do not have to sell any** individual securities

**Portfolio performance**  
acts as if it is 80% invested

**If there is a gain on the futures contracts,**  
it is 60% long-term and 40% short-term capital gains

# Tools We Use for Tax Aware Investing

## Hedging: A Hypothetical Illustration #2

**\$100 million in a Meeder mutual fund** that is 95% invested

**To increase exposure 5%,** Meeder buys \$5 million in futures

**Net equity** is \$100 million

**Do not have to buy any** individual securities

**Portfolio performance** acts as if it is 100% invested

**If there is a gain on the futures contracts,** it is 60% long term and 40% short term capital gains

# Tools We Use for Tax Aware Investing

**Individual Securities** APPLE | NVIDIA | GOOGLE



Purity in  
portfolio  
construction

Tax loss  
harvesting



# Tools Used for Tax Aware Investing

**Tax Equalization: IRS Section 562** Rules applicable in determining dividends eligible for dividends paid deduction

**With each redemption,  
a portion of the fund's realized gains are:**

1

Deemed to  
have already  
been distributed

2

Excluded from the  
Meeder Funds' year-end  
capital gain distributions



# RESULTS FROM USING THESE TOOLS

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# Lipper Leaders Tax Efficiency

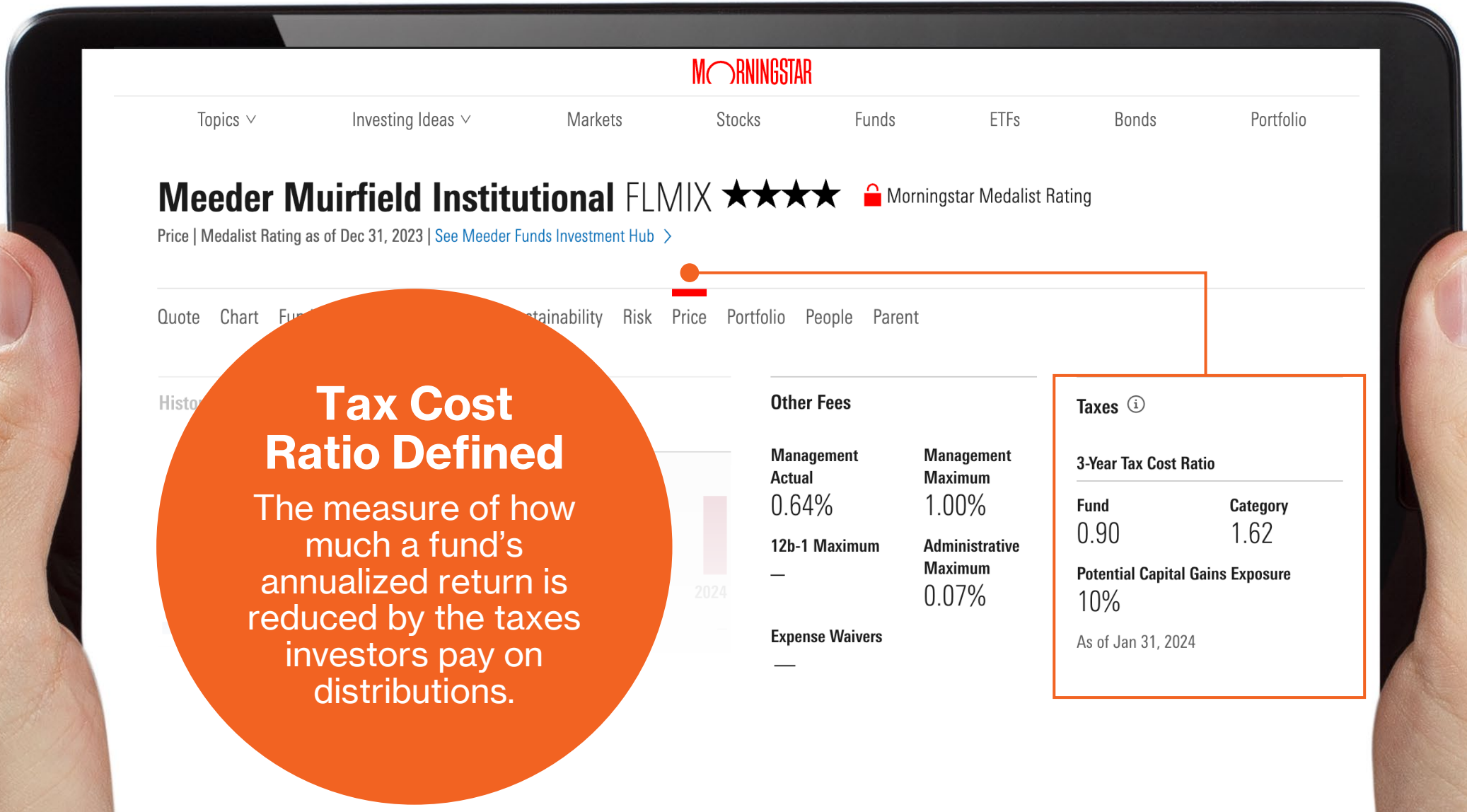


As of January 31, 2024

FUND	OVERALL TAX EFFICIENCY RATING	FUNDS RANKED
Meeder Muirfield	5	411
Meeder Moderate Allocation	5	541
Meeder Conservative Allocation	5	313
Meeder Tactical income Fund	5	303
Meeder Dynamic Allocation	4	146
Meeder Global Allocation	4	411
Meeder Quantex	4	334
Meeder Balanced	4	411
Meeder Spectrum	3	189

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# Morningstar.com: Tax Cost Ratio



**Tax Cost Ratio Defined**  
 The measure of how much a fund's annualized return is reduced by the taxes investors pay on distributions.

MORNINGSTAR

Topics ▾ Investing Ideas ▾ Markets Stocks Funds ETFs Bonds Portfolio

**Meeder Muirfield Institutional FLMIX** ★★★★★  Morningstar Medalist Rating

Price | Medalist Rating as of Dec 31, 2023 | [See Meeder Funds Investment Hub >](#)

Quote Chart Fund Sustainability Risk Price Portfolio People Parent

Historical Performance

Other Fees	
Management Actual	Management Maximum
0.64%	1.00%
12b-1 Maximum	Administrative Maximum
—	0.07%
Expense Waivers	—

Taxes ⓘ	
3-Year Tax Cost Ratio	
Fund	Category
0.90	1.62
Potential Capital Gains Exposure	
10%	
As of Jan 31, 2024	

# Meeder's tactical mutual funds take advantage of all these tools.

Many other tactical managers – mutual funds and model portfolios – cannot and do not utilize these tools.

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# Performance Highlights



**We do not let  
the tax tail  
wag the dog**



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# Objectives for Meeder Tactical Funds & Portfolios

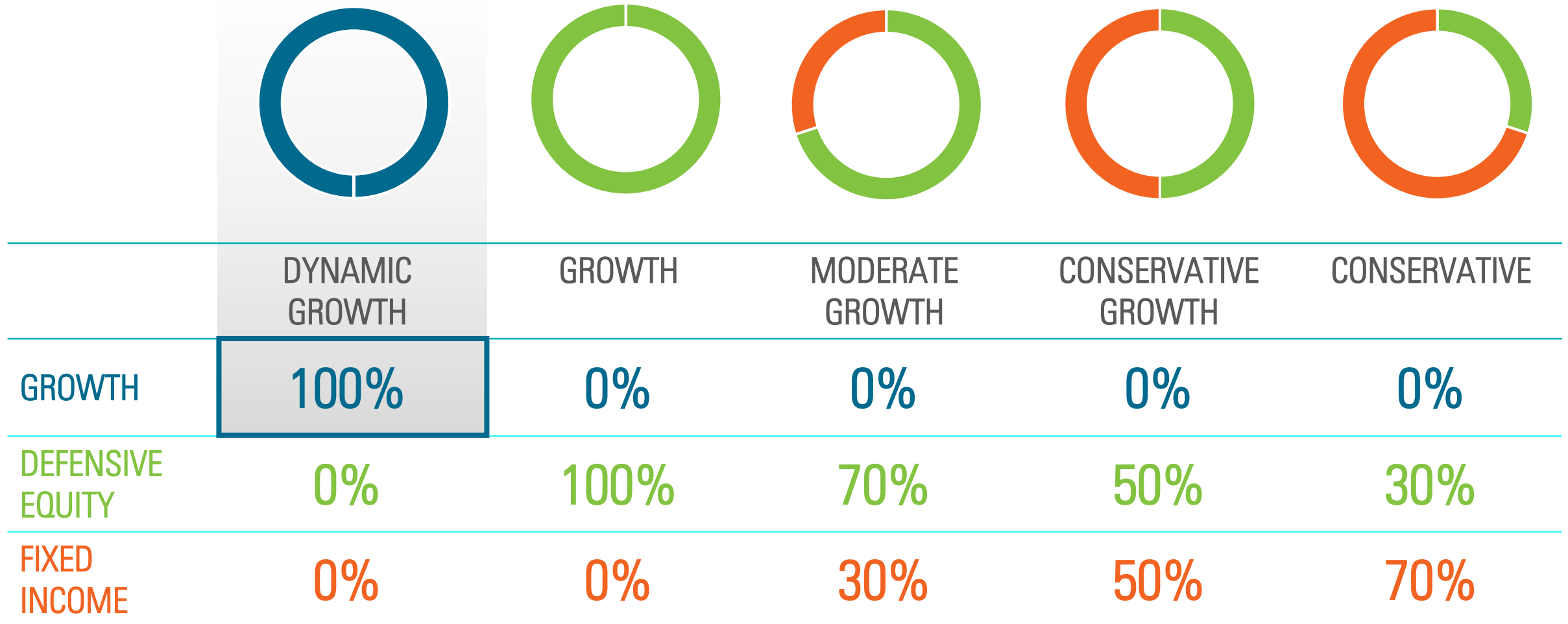


TOP 1/3 OF OUR  
PEER GROUP

OVER A FULL MARKET CYCLE

# Meeder Tactical Model Portfolios

Lifetime Investment Program™



# Meeder Dynamic Allocation Fund



**Ranked #1  
Aggressive Allocation  
Fund by U.S. News  
and World Report**

As of January 2024.

Ranked #1 out of 173 Aggressive Growth Funds based on equal weighting of the overall ratings provided by five data sources, Morningstar, Lipper, Zacks, TheStreet and CFRA. By US News.

SOURCE: U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT

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# Meeder Dynamic Allocation Fund (DYGIX): Institutional

## MORNINGSTAR PERCENTILE RANKINGS

As of January 31, 2024

	1-YEAR	3-YEAR	5-YEAR	10-YEAR
<b>Dynamic Allocation</b> Aggressive Allocation Category	<b>18</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8</b>
Number of Investments Ranked	186	184	178	167

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# Meeder Dynamic Growth Portfolio



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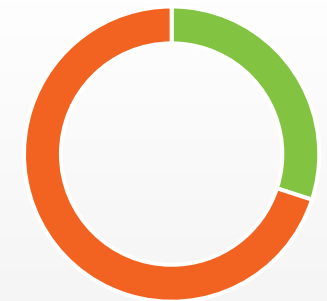
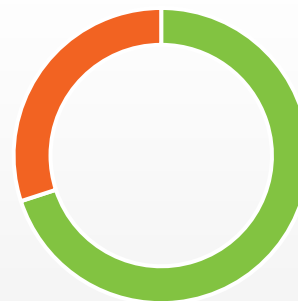
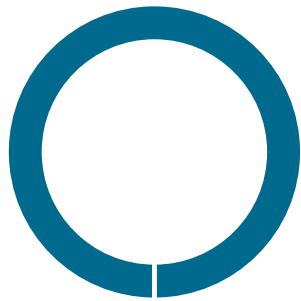


## Underlying Funds

<b>Meeder Dynamic Allocation Fund</b>	<b>61%</b>
Meeder Global Allocation Fund	20%
Meeder Spectrum Fund	10%
Meeder Quantex Fund	9%

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FIXED INCOME	0%	0%	30%	50%	70%



# Meeder Muirfield Fund (FLMIX): Institutional MORNINGSTAR PERCENTILE RANKINGS As of January 31, 2024

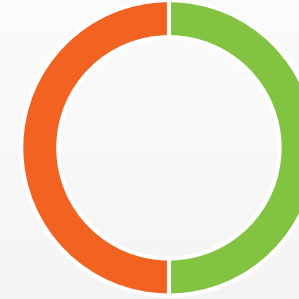
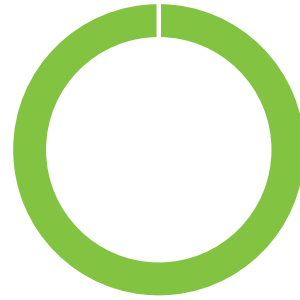
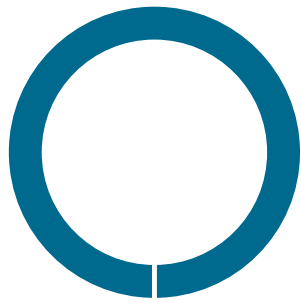
	1-YEAR	3-YEAR	5-YEAR	10-YEAR
<b>Muirfield</b> Tactical Allocation Category	<b>19</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>8</b>
Number of Investments Ranked	<b>237</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>164</b>

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# Meeder Tactical Model Portfolios

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# Meeder Tactical Income Fund (BNDIX): Institutional

## MORNINGSTAR AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS

As of January 31, 2024

	1-YEAR	5-YEAR	10-YEAR
<b>Tactical Income</b> Nontraditional Bond Category	<b>6.07%</b>	<b>2.74%</b>	<b>2.17%</b>
Bloomberg Agg Index TR	2.10%	0.83%	1.63%

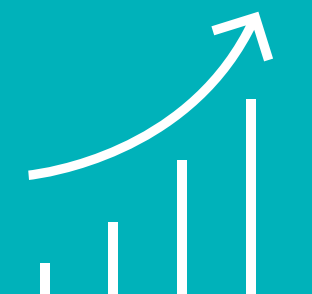
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# VALIDATION OF OUR INVESTMENT PROCESS



# COMMITMENT TO CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT



# Why We Use Meeder Funds to Build Our Tactical Portfolios?

**We would not be able to implement our tactical strategies in a turn-key model SMA** or model portfolios owning ETFs or non-proprietary mutual funds

**More tax efficient** than tactically buying ETFs or non-proprietary mutual funds

We are able to use **futures contracts** to implement strategies

Owning individual securities **eliminates overlap and allows for tax loss harvesting**

Participants do not have to report **wash sales**

**Simplified** tax reporting

**No strategist fee**



THE MEEDER FUNDS  
EFFECTIVE  
& EFFICIENT



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# Meeder Tax Managed Separately Managed Accounts (SMAs)

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# Tactical

MEEDER LIFETIME  
PLATFORM MODELS

# Strategic

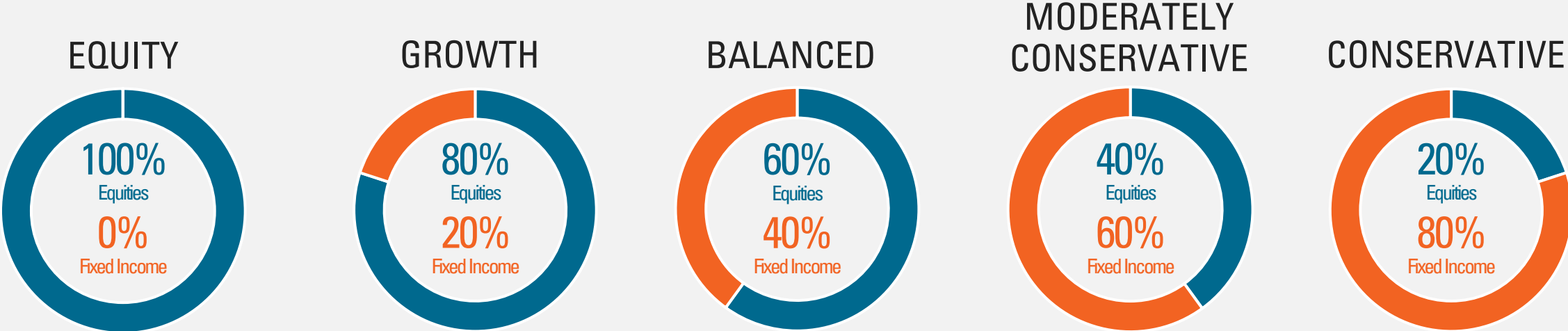
TAX MANAGED  
SEPERATLY MANAGED  
ACCOUNTS (SMAs)



# Meeder Tax Managed Portfolios (SMAs)



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**Personalization | Active Tax Management | Risk Management**

# Meeder Tax Managed Solutions



Each portfolio is **uniquely constructed** to the client

**Manage around outside accounts and risks** in portfolio construction

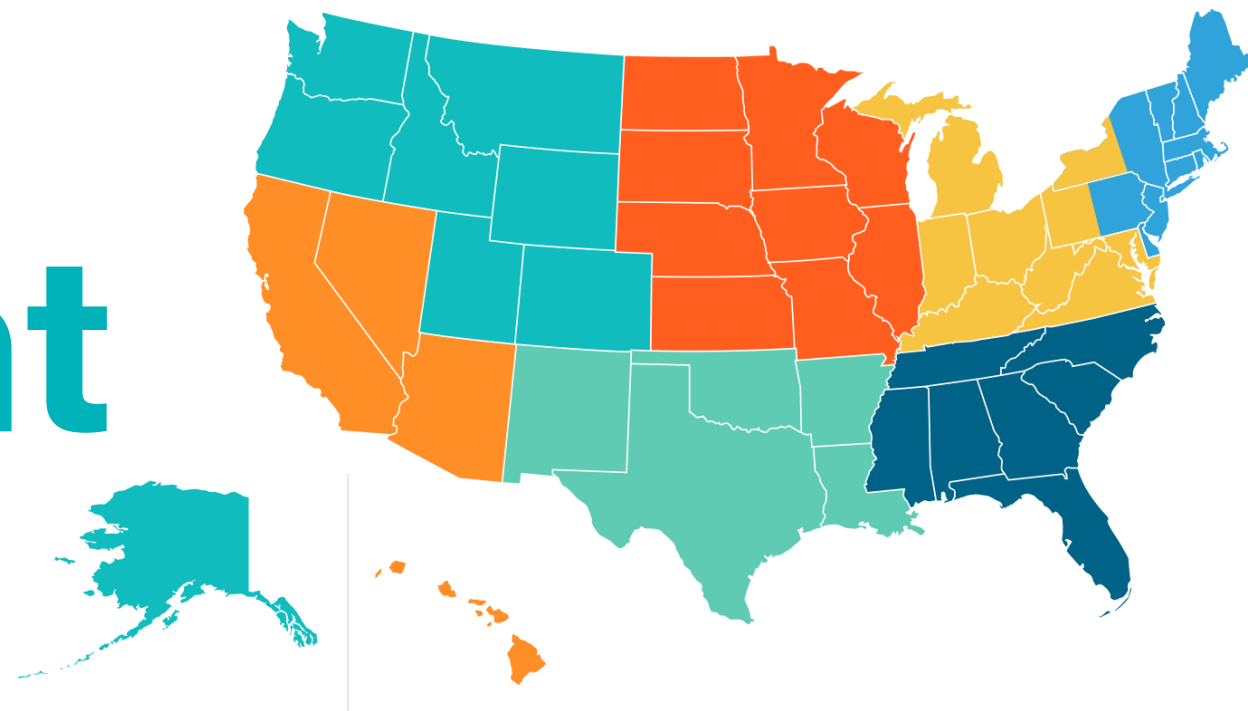
**Create a unique tax budget** for each client

Existing **positions transfer in kind**

**Implement tax strategies** – tax loss harvesting, gain deferral – to maximize after-tax returns

**No wash sales**

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