

FREEDOM

Defensive Balanced Strategy

Model Code: CDBN

Q4
2023

39% Equity / 26% Fixed Income / 3% Alternative / 32% Cash and Cash Alternatives

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE: Designed to preserve portfolio value while providing conservative growth potential, this diversified portfolio may be appropriate for those investors who have a strong aversion to volatility and are somewhat sensitive to market fluctuations. The portfolio's meaningful weighting to cash and cash alternatives (targeted at 38%) is designed to dampen the volatility and downside potential of the portfolio while the remaining balance between equities and fixed income acts as a hedge against inflation. Please note the advisory fee will be assessed to the cash position and this strategy may not be appropriate for those clients who wish to be fully invested in the market

ALLOCATION BREAKDOWN (%)



Returns through 12/31/2023, \$25,000 minimum investment.

PERFORMANCE REVIEW						
	Trailing 1-Yr	3-Yr	5-Yr	10 Yr or Since Inception ¹	Inception Date	Std Dev/ 5-Yr
Defensive Balanced Strategy (Gross)	9.56	3.12	5.84	4.31	6/1/2012	8.44
Defensive Balanced Strategy (Net)	7.14	0.83	3.49	2.00	6/1/2012	8.41
INDEX	Trailing 1-Yr	3-Yr	5-Yr	10 Yr or Since Inception ²		Std Dev/ 5-Yr
MSCI ACWI Index	22.20	5.75	11.72	7.92		19.96
MSCI EAFE Index	18.24	4.02	8.16	4.28		20.34
S&P 500 Index	26.29	10.00	15.69	12.03		19.72
Bloomberg US Aggregate Index	5.53	-3.31	1.10	1.81		6.57
ICE BofA 3 Month US T-Bill	5.02	2.15	1.88	1.25		0.95

¹Since inception performance is shown if 10 years of performance for the strategy is not available.

²Since inception index performance is from the inception date of the strategy if less than 10 years.

All investments are subject to risk and you may incur a profit or loss. There is no assurance that any investment strategy will be successful. Past performance does not guarantee future results. Asset allocation and diversification does not ensure a profit or protect against a loss. Returns of the benchmark indices shown, which are not available for direct investment, would also be reduced by the deduction of fees and expenses were an index available for direct investment. The charts and tables presented herein are for illustrative purposes only and should not be considered as the sole basis for your investment decision. It is important to carefully consider your investment objectives, risk tolerance, tax objectives and liquidity needs before choosing an investment strategy. Composite returns are shown on a gross and net basis. The maximum advisory fee rate reflected in the net performance presented above is described in the disclosures labeled *Important information related to composite performance returns*, as well as other important disclosures beginning on page 2.

OUR FOUR-STEP PROCESS

The AMS Investment Committee adheres to a disciplined, four-step investment process that is designed to ensure that every investor receives a portfolio carefully tailored to meet their individual objectives.

1 Capital Market Assumptions

Develop forward looking risk, return and correlation assumptions for different asset classes

2 Asset Allocation

Optimize the asset allocation and build efficient portfolios from the selected asset classes

3 Investment Selection

Construct portfolios by selecting high quality investment solutions that have consistently compensated investors for the risk taken in their portfolios

4 Ongoing Consulting Process

Continuously monitor every element of the process to ensure that we are providing a sophisticated program that works towards reaching each client's goals

In such cases, the returns, shown reflect the performance of the share class used in the Freedom strategies blended with the returns of the original share class for periods prior to the inception of the share class used in the Freedom strategies.

Such performance substitutions are performed by the fund companies and are based on the rationale that the different share classes have a common underlying portfolio and may therefore have been reasonably expected to perform similarly, allowing for the different cost structures. Adjustments are made, as a downward revision to performance, in the event that the new class has a higher expense ratio than the alternative share class. If the share class acquired in the Freedom account has a lower expense ratio, no performance adjustment is made.

Important information related to composite performance returns:

Where shown, performance figures are for informational purposes only and should not be used as the sole basis of your investment decision. Past performance is not indicative of future results, and the choice of a portfolio should not be based upon performance shown.

Performance in this report is presented using the time-weighted return methodology, which attempts to smooth out the impact of contributions and/or withdrawals (or "cash flows"), if any, from the underlying accounts invested in the strategy when calculating the returns. Time-weighted returns are presented for the purpose of standardizing performance for comparison to the benchmark indices, which do not experience such cash flows and cannot be invested in directly. Alternatively, asset-weighted returns (also known as dollar- or money-weighted returns and not used in this presentation) reflect the timing and size of cash flows on an individual account's performance, and while it is a more accurate representation of true account performance of an account when these cash flows occur, it limits the usefulness of comparing how investments are performing in relation to the index since these indices do not experience such flows. That is, contributions to or withdrawals from an account are invested in or redeemed from the portfolio as they occur and therefore asset-weighted returns will impact the performance of an account based on the prices of the securities when these flows occur.

When accounts open in the Freedom program, performance is based on a size-weighted (asset-weighted) composite of all fully discretionary, wrap-fee accounts managed in the investment strategy. Composite performance begins when the strategy has three or more accounts opened and invested in the Freedom strategy for more than one quarter. Canceled accounts remain in the composite through their last full quarter. Composite performance is compiled from sources believed to be reliable; however, performance has not been independently verified by a third-party auditor. Reported composite performance was not duplicated by any individual account, resulting in a different return for any one particular investor.

Gross performance does not show the impact of investment advisory program fees and expenses, which are incurred in a Freedom program account, and will have an effect that could be significant on the returns you may individually experience. Similarly, returns of the benchmark indices shown, which are not available for direct investment, would also be reduced by the deduction of fees and expenses were an index available for direct investment. The gross performance displayed is historical and is comprised of client accounts invested in the applicable strategy and represents the actual performance experience of these clients. Net performance reflects the semimonthly reimbursement of 12b-1 mutual fund fees, when received and as applicable, as well as the deduction of the maximum Freedom program fee of 2.25% from the gross performance to illustrate the maximum performance impact of these fees. Individual clients may be assessed a lower Freedom program fee than the maximum based on the size of their advisory relationship with Raymond James and pricing arrangements made with their financial advisor. Although an investor may experience a lower fee impact on their individual performance based on the asset value of their relationship and personalized pricing arrangement (if any) with their financial advisor, the maximum fee net returns are shown to illustrate the effect that the maximum fees that could be charged would have on the performance shown.

Composite performance is calculated on a monthly basis, and these monthly returns are then linked to calculate the periodic trailing and calendar year returns. The net fee is calculated by dividing the maximum annual program fee by 12 to reflect the monthly fee rate and the result is then deducted from the monthly gross return. Performance returns presented herein reflect the effects of compounding, where each periodic return is impacted by the prior period's return so that gains or losses earlier in the period will compound over the entire period. For example, a \$100,000 account that experienced a 5% return during the period would have an ending value of \$105,000, and this end of period value will be the beginning value for the next performance period instead of using the original \$100,000 investment. For clarity, the impact of compounding on the net fee returns will result in the difference between the gross and net return for the period being higher or lower than the maximum program fee.

Performance data has not been audited by a third party and are subject to revision. Thus, the composite returns shown above may be revised and Raymond James will publish any revised performance data. Raymond James reserves the right to replace an existing fund in a strategy at any time.

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Important information related to portfolio risks:

The Freedom Program may not be appropriate for all investors. Funds have unique distinguishing characteristics and their cost structures differ, sometimes significantly. Advisory fees charged for the management of your account are in addition to annual management fees, operating expenses and distribution fees assessed by Funds. The Freedom Program may be appropriate for a client who is interested in an account that offers multiple asset allocation strategies, automatic fund selection, and annual rebalancing. It is important to carefully consider your investment objectives, risk tolerance, tax objectives and liquidity needs before choosing an investment strategy. All investments carry a certain degree of risk and no one particular investment strategy is suitable for all types of investors. Asset allocation and diversification does not ensure a profit or protect against a loss. This should not be considered forward looking and are not guarantees of future performance of any investment. There is no assurance that any investment strategy will be successful.

- Fixed-income securities (or "bonds") are exposed to various risks including but not limited to credit (risk of default or principal and interest payments), market and liquidity, interest rate, reinvestment, legislative (changes to the tax code), and call risks.
- There is an inverse relationship between interest rate movements and fixed income prices. Generally, when interest rates rise, fixed income prices fall and when interest rates fall, fixed income prices generally rise. Short-term bonds with maturities of three years or less will generally have lower yields than long term bonds which are more susceptible to interest rate risk.
- Callable bonds generally offer a higher yield than non-callable bonds as they have the option to call the bonds and repay the principal prior to maturity. Issuers will generally be inclined to initiate a call if interest rates have declined since the bonds were first issued, as they can reissue new bonds at a lower interest rate. Investors will then be positioned to reinvest return on principal in a declining interest rate environment, thus receiving a lower yield going forward.
- Credit risk includes the creditworthiness of the issuer or insurer, and possible prepayments of principal and interest. Bonds may receive credit ratings from a number of agencies however, Standard & Poor's ratings range from AAA to D, with any bond with a rating BBB or higher considered to be investment grade. Securities rated below investment grade generally provide a higher yield but carry a higher risk of default which could result on a loss of the principal investment. Because high-yield bonds have greater credit and default risk they may not be appropriate for all investors. While bonds rated investment grade have lower credit and default risk, there is no guarantee securing the principal investment.
- Investors should consider the Yield to Worst (YTW) of a bond or bond portfolio versus the Current Yield as the YTW is the lowest potential yield that that can be received without default. YTW takes into account any bonds that could be called prior to maturity.
- Securities issued by certain U.S. government-related organizations are not backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government and therefore no assurance can be given that the U.S. government will provide financial backing should an issue default.
- Please note these portfolios may be subject to state, local, and/or alternative minimum taxes. You should discuss any tax or legal matters with the appropriate professional.
- International investing involves special risks, including currency fluctuations, different financial accounting standards, and possible political and economic volatility.
- Investing in emerging markets can be riskier than investing in well-established foreign markets. Emerging and developing markets may be less liquid and more volatile because they tend to reflect economic structures that are generally less diverse and mature and political systems that may be less stable than those in more developed countries.

- Investing in small-cap stocks generally involves greater risks, and therefore, may not be appropriate for every investor. Stocks of smaller or newer or mid-sized companies may be more likely to realize more substantial growth as well as suffer more significant losses than larger or more established issuers.
- Commodities trading is generally considered speculative because of the significant potential for investment loss. Among the factors that could affect the value of the fund's investments in commodities are cyclical economic conditions, sudden political events, changes in sectors affecting a particular industry or commodity, and adverse international monetary policies. Markets for precious metals and other commodities are likely to be volatile and there may be sharp price fluctuations even during periods when prices overall are rising.
- Specific sector investing such as real estate can be subject to different and greater risks than more diversified investments. Declines in the value of real estate, economic conditions, property taxes, tax laws and interest rates all present potential risks to real estate investments.
- Some accounts may invest in Master Limited Partnership ("MLP") units, which may result in unique tax treatment. MLPs may not be appropriate for ERISA or IRA accounts and cause K-1 tax treatment. Please consult your tax adviser for additional information regarding the tax implications associated with MLP investments.
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- These portfolios may be subject to international, small-cap and sector-focus exposures as well. Accounts may have overweighted sector and issuer positions and may result in greater volatility and risk.

Definitions and Benchmark Information:

Standard Deviation is a measure of volatility, commonly viewed as risk. Regarding quarterly returns, it is the square root of the variance, which equals the expected value of the squared deviation from the mean value. A more volatile investment will have a higher standard deviation while the deviation of a more stable investment will be lower.

Broad benchmarks are presented to illustrate the general price movement in one or more broad, widely accessible asset class. These benchmarks are not intended to represent the security selection process or holdings, but serve as a frame of comparison using established, well-known indices. These indices are not available for direct investment. A person who purchases an investment product which attempts to mimic the performance of an index will incur expenses such as management fees, transaction costs, etc. which would reduce returns.

Standard & Poor's 500 (S&P 500) Index: This index is a broad-based measurement of changes in stock market conditions based on the average performance of 500 widely held common stocks. It consists of 400 industrial, 40 utility, 20 transportation, and 40 financial companies listed on U.S. market exchanges. This is a capitalization-weighted calculated on a total return basis with dividends reinvested. The S&P represents about 75% of the NYSE market capitalization.

MSCI EAFE (Morgan Stanley Capital International) (Europe, Australasia, Far East) Index: A free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed markets, excluding the United States & Canada. The index consists of the following 21 developed market countries: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom.

MSCI (Morgan Stanley Capital International) ACWI (All Country World Index): A free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index designed to measure the equity market performance of developed and emerging markets. The index consists of 47 country indices comprising 23 developed and 24 emerging market countries. Developed markets are: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom and United States. Emerging markets are: Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, Czech Republic, Egypt, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Korea, Kuwait, Malaysia, Mexico, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey and United Arab Emirates.

Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index: The index is a measure of the investment grade, fixed-rate, taxable bond market of roughly 6,000 SEC-registered securities with intermediate maturities averaging approximately 10 years. The index includes securities from the Treasury, Government-Related, Corporate, MBS, ABS, and CMBS sectors.

ICE BofAML 3-Month Treasury Bill Index: The index is an unmanaged market index of US Treasury securities maturing in 90 days that assumes reinvestment of all income.

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