



# Aspiriant Risk-Managed Equity Allocation Fund

## RMEAX | Q3 2023

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### Investment Objective

The Aspiriant Risk-Managed Equity Allocation Fund (“RMEAX” or the “Fund”) seeks to achieve long-term capital appreciation while considering federal tax implications of investment decisions.

### Fund Statistics

Inception Date <sup>1</sup>	4/4/2013
Fund Size (Billions)	\$1.41
# of Holdings <sup>2</sup>	199
% Assets in Top 10 Holdings	75.18
Net Expense Ratio <sup>3</sup>	0.79%
Direct Net Expense Ratio <sup>3</sup>	0.28%
12-Month Yield	0.96%

### Morningstar Statistics\*

Category	US Fund Global Large-Stock Blend
Rating Overall (as of 9/30/23)	★★★
Investments in Category	367
Criteria	Risk-Adjusted Return
Fee Level	Below Average

### Key Characteristics

- Distinct Investment Opportunities – The Fund employs reputable sub-advisers and managers that bring value to the portfolio.
- Risk-Managed Approach - Investments in a well-diversified portfolio of high quality and low volatility stocks, which tend to have lower risk, and may help the Fund protect capital.
- Valuation-Sensitive Approach - Incorporates 7-year asset class forecasts to understand the opportunities and risks presented in various asset classes.

<sup>1</sup>The Fund commenced operations as of the close of business on 4/4/2013. <sup>2</sup>Excludes cash and cash equivalents. <sup>3</sup>As of 8/1/2023. The net expense ratio applicable to investors is 0.79%. Direct net expense ratio does not include acquired fund fees and expenses which were reported to be 0.51%. \*Please reference Summary of Terms and Additional Disclosures.

Net investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current net performance may be lower or higher than the performance information quoted. To obtain performance information current to the most recent month-end, please call 1.877.997.9971. The performance returns for the Fund reflect a fee waiver in effect. In absence of such waiver, the net returns would be reduced.

The MSCI ACWI Index (“ACWI”) does not incur fees. The volatility and performance of the index will be different than an investor's experience in the Fund. ACWI is an uninvestable, unmanaged index that is a free-float weighted equity index representing both domestic and emerging markets.

### Description

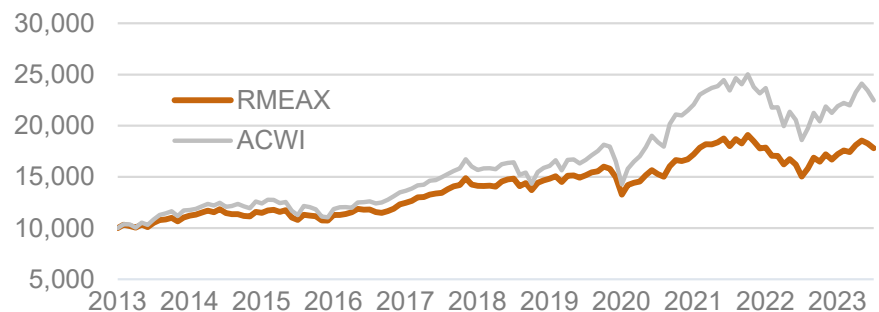
- The Fund invests in a broad and diverse group of equity securities, such as common stock, preferred stock and depositary receipts, of companies in countries within developed and emerging markets.
- The Fund and certain sub-advisers will consider the tax implications of investment decisions and may apply tax management strategies to attempt to improve after-tax returns.

### Annualized Net Returns

	QTD	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year	Since Inception
RMEAX	-1.73%	18.43%	5.25%	3.72%	5.40%	5.65%
ACWI	-3.40%	20.80%	6.89%	6.46%	7.56%	8.03%

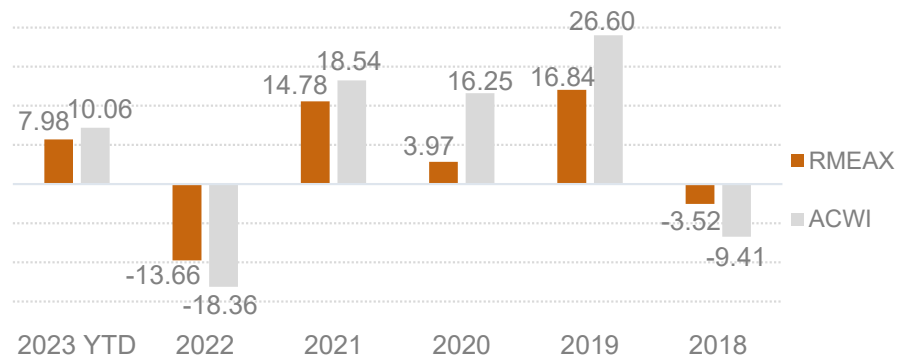
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### Growth of \$10,000 Since Inception



The chart illustrates the net performance of a hypothetical \$10,000 investment made in the Fund since inception. Figures include reinvestment of capital gains and dividends, but do not reflect the effect of any applicable redemption fees which would lower these figures. An investor cannot invest in an index. This chart is not intended to imply any future performance of the Fund. Past performance is not a guarantee of future results.

### Calendar Year Net Returns (%)



Investment Strategies

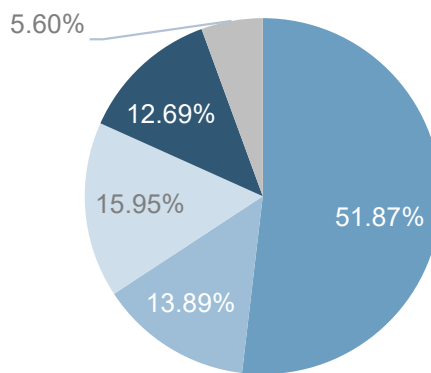
Beta Equities

Beta Equities (“Beta”) are investments in a portfolio of securities that broadly mirrors the underlying holdings of an equity benchmark and closely replicates the risk and return characteristics of the benchmark. Beta exposure can be gained through passively managed mutual funds and exchange-traded funds (“ETFs”), as well as separately managed accounts.

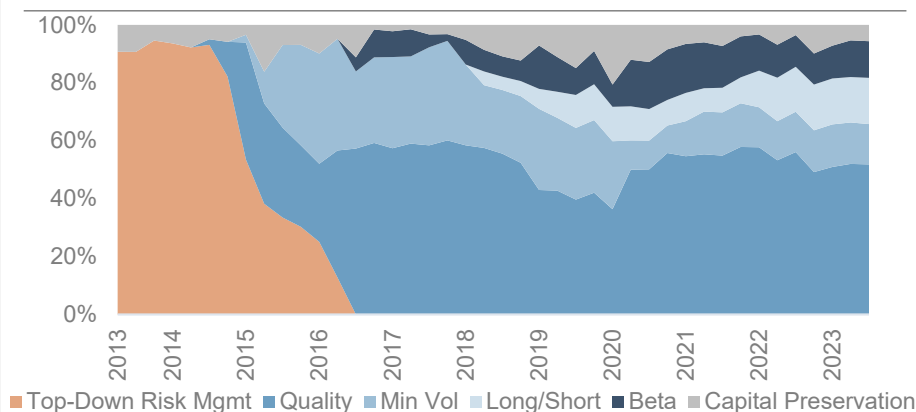
Defensive Equities

Defensive Equities are investments in a portfolio of securities that has a similar return profile of an equity benchmark but with lower volatility or risk. Defensive Equities tend to be characterized as (residual interests in) companies with stable profitability, leading market shares, high returns on capital, and low leverage. Defensive Equities exposure can be gained through actively managed U.S. and foreign open-end and closed-end funds, private funds and separately managed accounts, as well as factor-based passively managed ETFs. Defensive Equities in the portfolio utilize either a Quality, Minimum Volatility (“Min Vol”) or Long/Short strategy.

Strategy Allocations<sup>4</sup>



Historical Allocations<sup>4</sup>



Underlying Fund Allocations<sup>4</sup>

Manager	Strategy	Allocation	Description
GMO Quality <sup>5,6</sup>	Quality	34.16%	The strategies utilize a combination of quantitative and fundamental factors to identify high quality companies which historically exhibit lower volatility
iShares MSCI Global Min Vol Factor ETF <sup>5</sup>	Min Vol	10.35%	The ETF tracks an index composed of global equities that have lower volatility characteristics relative to the broader markets
RIEF Strategic Partners Fund LLC (“RIEF”) <sup>5</sup>	Long/Short	9.52%	RIEF is managed by Renaissance Technologies LLC, one of the pioneers of quantitative investment strategies. RIEF is a long/short equity strategy and generally maintains close to 100% net long exposure (through 175% long and 75% short exposures)
Schwab Fundamental Emerging Markets Large Company Index ETF <sup>5</sup>	Beta	7.90%	The fund utilizes a top-down approach to focus on attractive companies and sectors, with quantitative and fundamental inputs and a value bias
Wellington Global Quality Growth	Quality	6.89%	The strategy uses quantitative and fundamental inputs to identify quality businesses with high revenue growth, capital return to shareholders, and low free cash flow valuations
GMO Equity Dislocation Investment Fund <sup>5</sup>	Long/Short	6.43%	The fund utilizes a market neutral strategy that seeks to short the most overpriced growth stocks and own the most attractively priced value stocks
Capital Preservation (cash and cash alternatives)	-	5.60%	The segment is intended to preserve capital, generate income and provide liquidity. It is not guaranteed by the FDIC, or any government agency, and may lose value
Aperio Group, LLC	Quality	5.42%	The strategy uses factor model to select equities that historically exhibits lower volatility due to traditional quality characteristics
AQR Large Cap Defensive Style Fund <sup>5</sup>	Quality	5.40%	The fund considers price and fundamental factors, including quality, to target large- and mid-cap U.S. stocks with lower-than-average risk through active management
Baillie Gifford Emerging Markets Equities Fund <sup>5</sup>	Beta	4.79%	The fund employs a bottom-up stock selection approach, with a top-down currency overlay, to invest in growing companies expected to outperform in the long term
Bridgewater All Weather China, Ltd. (“All Weather China”) <sup>5</sup>	Min Vol	3.54%	All Weather China is managed by Bridgewater Associates, LP. The fund seeks to maintain balanced risk allocations across the portfolio and generate returns that are more resilient to a variety of changing economic conditions

<sup>4</sup>Weights are based off the Fund’s total investments. <sup>5</sup>The Fund may invest directly in other investment companies or pooled investment vehicles (such as, U.S. and foreign open-end and closed-end funds, ETFs, and private funds). Acquired fund fees & expenses are incurred as a result of investing in such investments. <sup>6</sup>Consists of sub-advised assets and assets invested in a mutual fund (GMO Quality Fund VI (GQLOX)) managed by Grantham, Mayo, Van Otterloo & Co. LLC, collectively, “GMO Quality”.

Risk Management

Industry and Security Selection

Using quantitative techniques and/or fundamental analysis, Defensive Equities' managers dynamically screen companies using a variety of factors to rank industries and companies with the most desirable characteristics to construct and rebalance a portfolio. Managers may, from time to time, also utilize certain tax management strategies to improve after-tax returns.

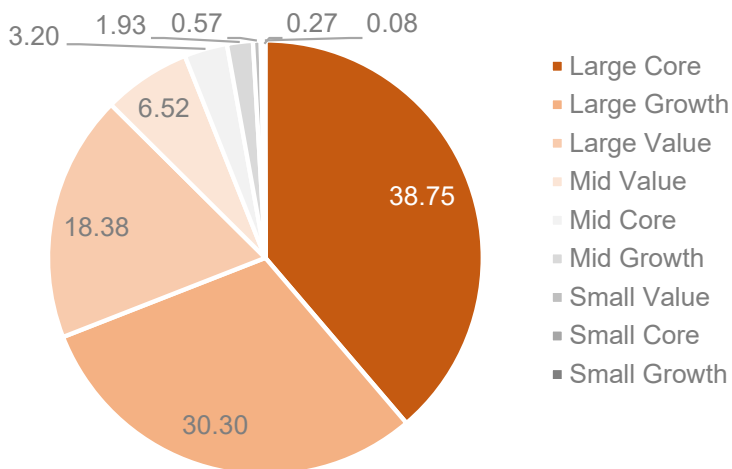
Country Exposures

Defensive Equities' managers can adjust portfolio weightings to or away from markets or countries with forward return expectations significantly different from ACWI. By applying a macro or top-down overlay on the investment landscape, managers can focus their industry and security selection process on the markets with the most favorable opportunities.

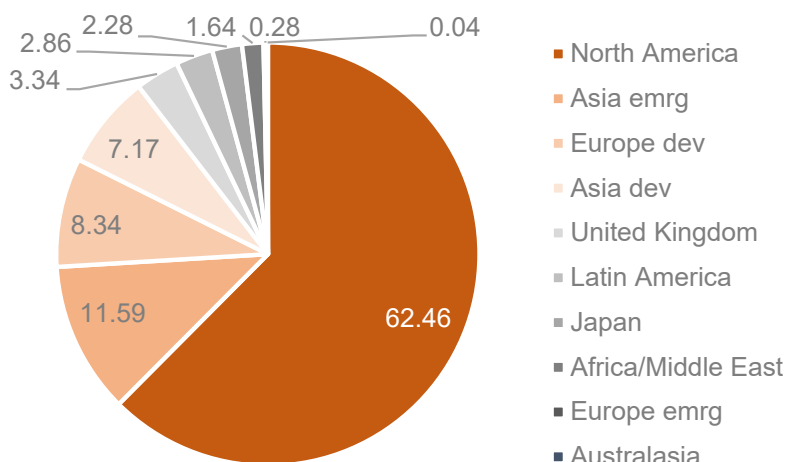
Overall Portfolio

Risk management is also undertaken at the Fund level as the opportunity set for equity markets changes. As the outlook for equity returns improves, we expect to increase the Fund allocation to low-cost Beta Equities strategies to most efficiently capture upside market movements. Conversely, we anticipate holding a larger weight to Defensive Equities when the return outlook for equities deteriorates in order to soften any downside volatility.

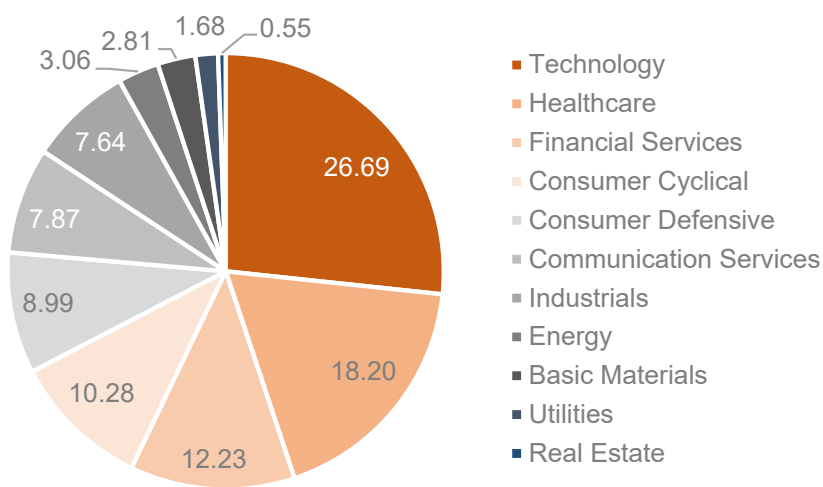
Style Allocation (%)<sup>6</sup>



Regional Allocation (%)<sup>6</sup>



Sector Allocation (%)<sup>6</sup>



<sup>6</sup>Weights are based off the Fund's total investments, excluding private funds, cash and cash equivalents. The allocations include underlying holdings of the acquired mutual funds and ETFs as reported by Morningstar which might be reported on a delayed basis.

## Return Statistics: Since Inception

	RMEAX	ACWI
Return	5.65%	8.03%
Sharpe Ratio	0.44	0.51
Average Gain	2.38%	3.08%
Average Loss	-2.41%	-3.61%
Up Capture Ratio	71.60	100.00
Down Capture Ratio	73.02	100.00

## Return Statistics: Since Inception

	RMEAX	ACWI
Standard Deviation	10.53%	14.36%
Beta	0.70	1.00
Average Drawdown	-7.85%	-9.97%
Max Drawdown	-21.27%	-25.63%
Tracking Error	5.12	0.00
R <sup>2</sup>	92.77	100.00

## Fund Performance Comparison and Summary

RMEAX generated a net investment return of -1.73% during the third quarter, compared to its benchmark, ACWI, which returned -3.40% over the same period.

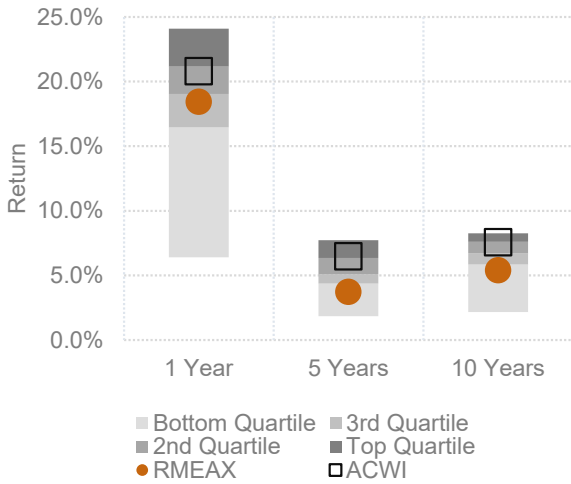
Equity markets pulled back in the third quarter as investors adjusted to a “higher for longer” interest rate outlook. Domestic stocks outpaced international stocks, but trailed emerging market stocks.

Quality strategies, which represented approximately 52% of the Fund's investments, returned -3.64% net for the quarter. Min Vol and Long/Short exposures combined accounted for approximately 30% of the Fund's investments at quarter end and advanced 1.65% net. The Fund's allocation to Beta Equities represented roughly 13% of total investments and returned -3.06% net over the prior three months. The balance of the Fund was invested in Capital Preservation strategies. The total Private Funds Composite generated a net return of 2.71% for the quarter.

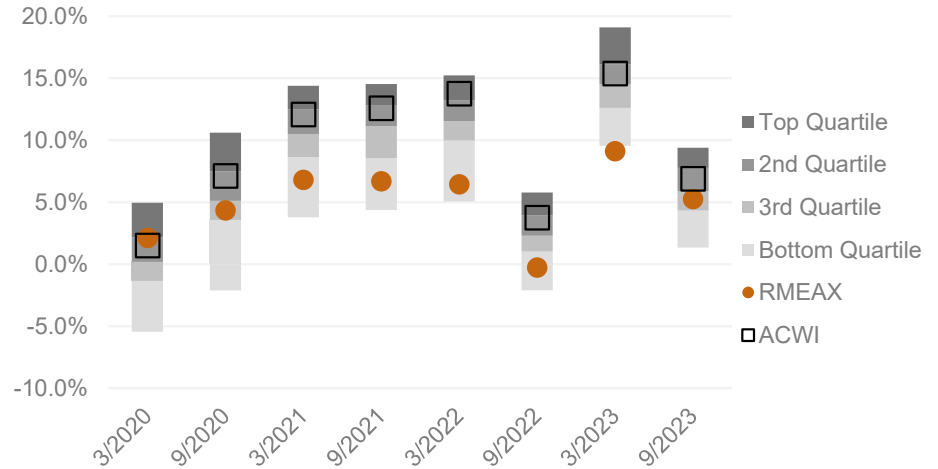
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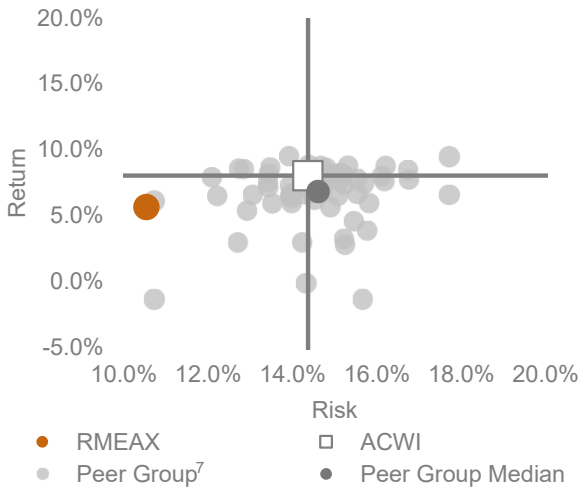
Performance Relative to Peer Group<sup>7</sup>



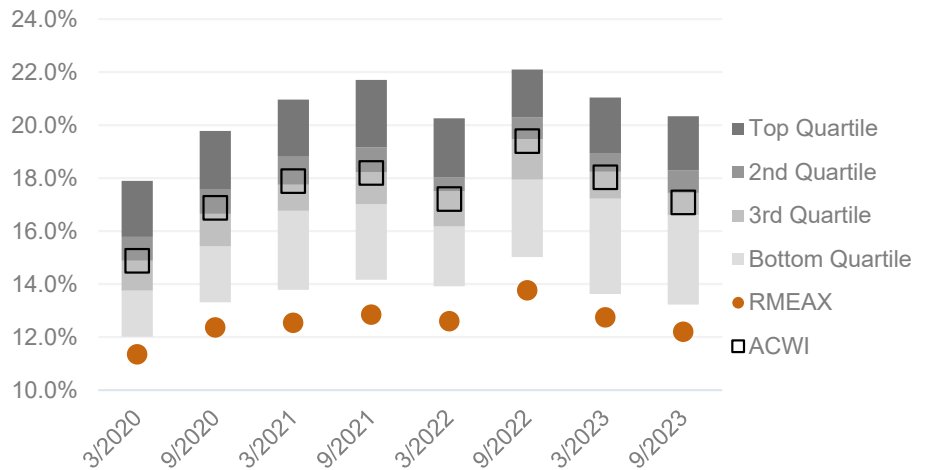
3-Year Return Rolling



Return vs Risk: Since Inception



3-Year Standard Deviation Rolling



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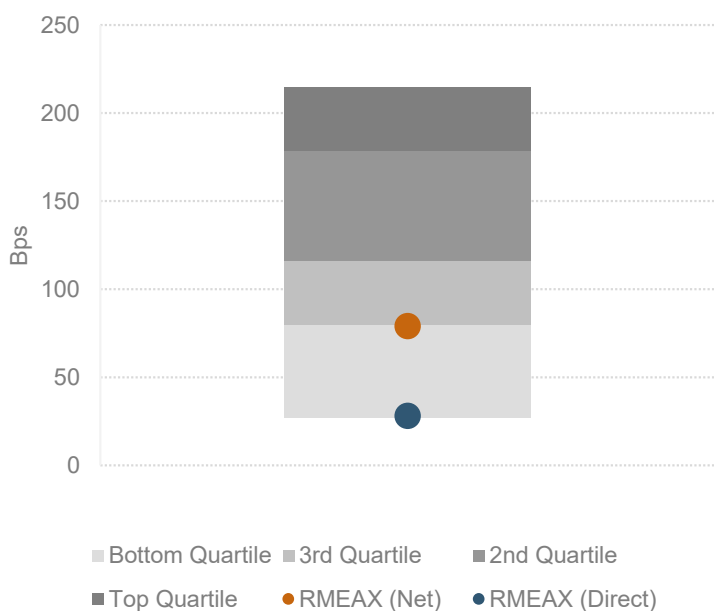
<sup>7</sup>Peer group is US Open End Funds in the Morningstar Global Large-Stock Blend Category.

## Fund Facts

Ticker Symbol	RMEAX
CUSIP	04537V105
Minimum Purchase Amount	No Minimum
Dividends	Distributed Annually
12b-1 Fee	None
Redemption Fee	None
Gross Expense Ratio <sup>8</sup>	0.93%
Net Expense Ratio <sup>8</sup>	0.79%
Direct Net Expense Ratio <sup>8</sup>	0.28%
SEC 30-Day Yield <sup>9</sup>	1.61%
SEC 30-Day Unsubsidized Yield <sup>9</sup>	1.47%
Distribution Rate on NAV <sup>9</sup>	2.16%

## More Information

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Net Expense Ratio Relative to Peer Group<sup>7,8</sup>

## Monthly Investment Returns (%)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2023	4.33	-2.99	3.23	2.04	-0.86	3.96	2.42	-1.55	-2.54				7.98
2022	-3.21	-3.78	0.48	-4.53	-0.07	-4.82	3.18	-3.15	-7.27	5.22	6.67	-2.29	-13.66
2021	-0.50	1.01	2.94	3.69	1.88	-0.07	1.12	2.02	-3.96	3.79	-2.24	4.54	14.78
2020	-1.25	-5.22	-11.41	7.10	1.49	0.82	4.29	3.26	-2.48	-1.70	6.75	3.82	3.97
2019	5.26	1.64	1.15	1.67	-3.81	4.19	0.22	-1.41	1.58	1.86	0.66	2.96	16.84
2018	4.77	-4.19	-0.83	-0.15	0.23	-0.68	3.59	1.33	0.58	-5.00	2.13	-4.82	-3.52
2017	1.97	3.52	1.27	1.59	2.73	0.24	1.76	0.79	0.55	2.57	2.12	0.80	21.78
2016	-3.67	-0.10	5.14	0.00	0.72	1.62	2.83	-0.69	0.17	-2.16	-0.62	1.45	4.51
2015	-0.36	3.97	-0.87	2.01	0.60	-1.71	1.47	-6.15	-2.09	4.56	-0.71	-0.52	-0.25
2014	-3.10	3.48	1.73	0.80	1.77	1.65	-1.37	2.60	-3.21	-0.87	0.00	-1.59	1.64
2013				3.30 <sup>^</sup>	-1.16	-1.57	2.99	-2.51	4.26	2.57	0.56	1.42	10.04 <sup>^</sup>

Since Inception Return (Annualized)	5.65%	Since Inception Sharpe Ratio	0.44
Since Inception Standard Deviation (Annualized)	10.53%	Since Inception Beta	0.70

<sup>8</sup>As of 8/1/2023. The adviser has contractually agreed to waive its advisory fee from 0.24% to 0.16% and administrative services fee from 0.10% to 0.04% through 7/31/2024. Each arrangement may be terminated only by the Aspiriant Trust's Board of Trustees. The net expense ratio applicable to investors is 0.79%. Direct net expense ratio does not include acquired fund fees and expenses which were reported to be 0.51%. <sup>9</sup>The SEC 30-Day Yield is computed under SEC standardized formula and is based on the most recent trailing 30-day period. The Fund's actual distribution rate will differ from the SEC yield, and any income distributions from the Fund may be higher or lower than the SEC yield calculations. Unsubsidized yields do not reflect fee waivers in effect. Distribution Rate on NAV is the latest declared annual distribution per share, divided by NAV per share, as of 12/31/2022. Distributions may be paid from sources other than ordinary income, such as short-term capital gains, long-term capital gains or return of capital. <sup>^</sup>Fund's inception (4/4/2013) to date. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. All investments may lose value over time. Performance is annualized for periods greater than one year. All Fund performance is quoted net of all fees and expenses which reduce performance. ACWI does not incur fees. The volatility and performance of the index will be different than an investor's experience in the Fund.

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