Aspiriant Defensive Allocation Fund (RMDFX)

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Investment Objective

The Aspiriant Defensive Allocation Fund ("RMDFX" or the "Fund") seeks to achieve long-term investment returns with lower risk and lower volatility than the stock market, and with relatively low correlation to stock and bond market indexes.

Description

- The Fund seeks to mitigate capital losses in periods of market dislocation, and generate moderate returns in flat or rising markets by allocating its assets among a variety of non-traditional or alternative asset classes.
- The Fund is a "fund of funds[1]" that invests in other funds that are managed by unaffiliated advisers that employ both traditional and alternative strategies to diversify risk and capture returns with less sensitivity to movements in stock and/or bond indices.

(1) Fund of Funds invest with multiple managers through funds or managed accounts. The strategy designs a portfolio diversified across a variety of managers with the objective of significantly lowering the risk (volatility) of investing with an individual manager.

RMDFX – Performance & Commentary
Attractive returns compared to diversified hedge fund strategies.

Performance

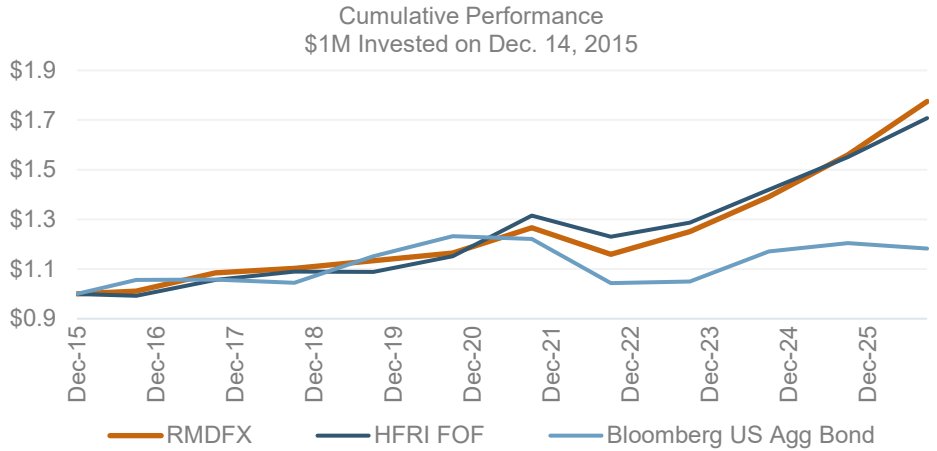
- The Fund outperformed the HFRI FOF, which is illiquid and un-investible, over all periods on the table.
- The Fund has also outperformed the BBg US Agg Bond over all periods on the table.
- The value of $1 million invested on December 14, 2015:
  - RMDFX: $1.77 million
  - HFRI FOF: $1.71 million
  - Bloomberg US Agg Bond: $1.18 million

Commentary

- The Fund attempts to generate returns, volatility and downside characteristics inline with its Benchmark.
- The Fund's flexible mandate allowed it to generate attractive returns over the past few years.
- Core and Alternative positions posted positive returns with macro and commodity-oriented strategies benefiting from sharp moves in rates and energy prices.
- Going forward, we expect the Fund to continue enhancing an overall portfolio's return-to-risk.

Performance	QTD	1-YR	3-YR	5-YR	10-YR	Incept.
RMDFX	2.71%	13.72%	12.37%	6.99%	5.79%	5.46%
HFRI FOF	-1.66%	10.14%	9.92%	5.37%	5.58%	5.08%
BBg US Agg Bond	-3.51%	-1.84%	4.06%	-0.64%	1.14%	1.57%

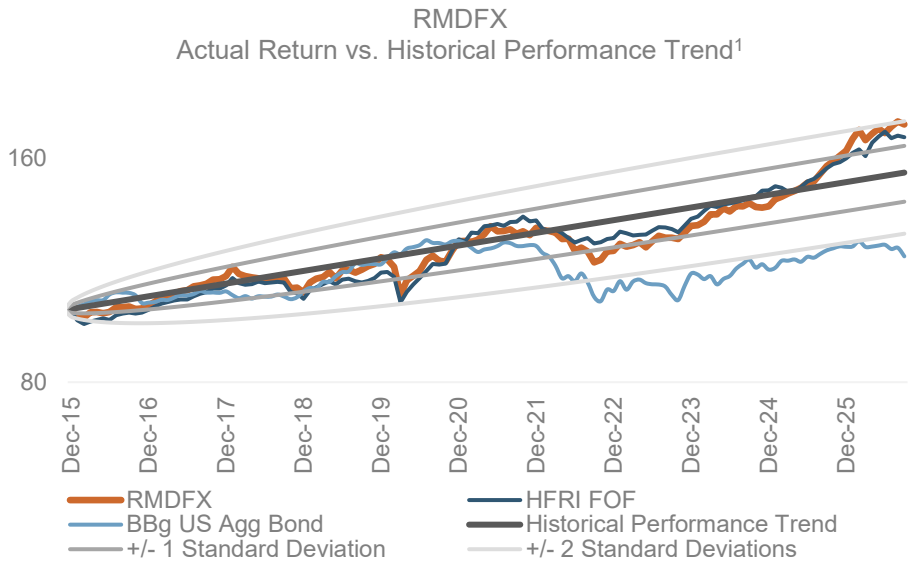
Inception is 12/14/2015. Performance data quoted represents past performance. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Net investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. 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. Performance is annualized for periods greater than one year. Indices are unmanaged and have no fees. It is not possible to invest directly in an index. All Fund performance is quoted net of all fees and expenses which reduce performance.



The chart illustrates the net performance of a hypothetical $1 million 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. This chart is not intended to imply any future performance of the Fund.

Data as of 9/30/2026. Source: Aspiriant analysis, data from Morningstar Direct. The HFRI Fund of Funds Composite Index ("HFRI FOF" or "Benchmark") and the Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index ("Bloomberg US Agg Bond") do not incur fees. The volatility and performance of the indices will be different than an investor's experience in the Fund. The HFRI FOF is an uninvestable, unmanaged index that is a global, equal-weighted index of Fund of Funds that report to HFR Database. Bloomberg US Agg Bond is an uninvestable, unmanaged index which is a broad-based benchmark measuring investment grade, US dollar-denominated, fixed-rate taxable bonds. See additional footnotes.

RMDFX – Performance & Capture Ratio
Comparable performance and upside/downside capture ratio.



Since Inception Performance

- The Fund has narrowly outperformed its Benchmark but has meaningfully outpaced the Historical Performance Trend[1].
- The value of $1 million invested on December 14, 2015:
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  - HFRI FOF: $1.71 million
  - Bloomberg US Agg Bond: $1.18 million

Upside & Downside Capture Ratio	3-YR	5-YR	7-YR	10-YR	Incept.
Upside Capture	99	102	92	95	95
Downside Capture	8	63	78	83	79
Overall Capture Ratio	12.27	1.60	1.17	1.15	1.20
Quartile (peer group comparison)	1st	1st	1st	1st	1st

Benchmark: HFRI FOF

Upside/Downside Capture Ratio

- The Fund's upside/downside capture ratio has ranked in the first quartile compared to its peer group.[2]
- Greater than 1.0x means averaging higher participation in up-markets and lower participation in down-markets.

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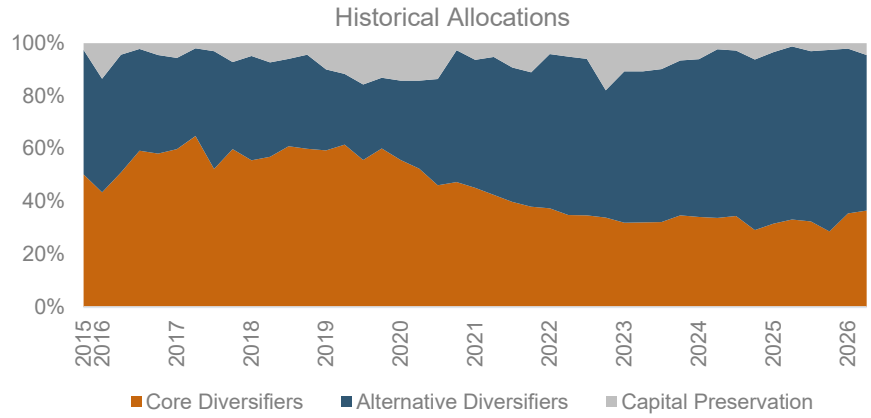
(1) A Historical Performance Trend of 4% was selected to represent long-term historical performance as an approximation of the HFRI FOF's return of 3.75% annualized from 1/1/2000 – 12/31/2020. This time period represents at least two market cycles. Aspiriant considers a full market cycle to be the period between two peaks, which includes both a bear and a bull market and generally spans 7 to 10 years.
(2) Peer group is defined as Open End Funds in the Morningstar U.S. Multistrategy category. While these portfolios explore the whole world, most of them focus on the U.S., Canada, Japan and the larger markets in Europe. As of 9/30/2026, the Peer Group consists of 100, 99, 94, 73 and 72 funds for the 3-, 5-, 7-, 10-Year and Since Inception periods, respectively. See additional footnotes.

RMDFX – Historical Allocations & Portfolio Positioning
The Fund is well-diversified with access to skill-based managers.

Historical Allocations

- The Fund currently employs two diversifying strategies: core and alternative.
- Combined, we expect the two strategies to create stability and help the Fund achieve its objective.



Core Diversifiers

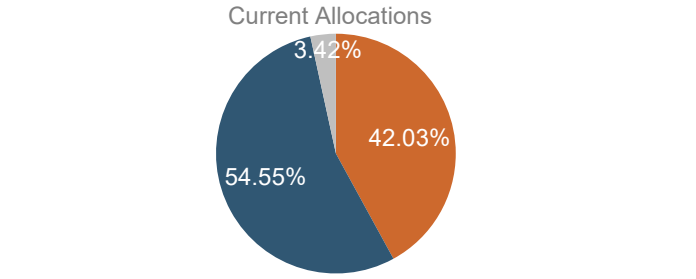
- Victory Pioneer Multi-Asset Income Fund (PMFKX)
- AQR Diversifying Strategies Fund (QDSRX)
- State Street Bridgewater All Weather ETF (ALLW)
- iShares Core 60/40 Balanced Allocation ETF (AOR)

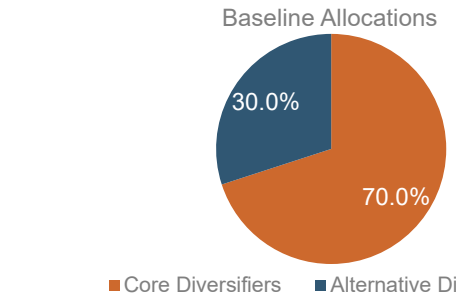
Core/Alternative Diversifiers

- GMO Benchmark-Free Allocation Fund (GBMBX)

Alternative Diversifiers[1]

- Wilshire Bridgewater Managed Alpha (Ireland) Fund
- iShares Gold Trust (IAU)
- Eaton Vance Global Macro Abs Ret Advtg Fund (EGRSX)
- GMO Equity Dislocation Investment Fund
- Millennium International, Ltd.
- Lazard Rathmore Alternative Fund
- Elliott Associates, L.P.
- Capital Preservation[2]





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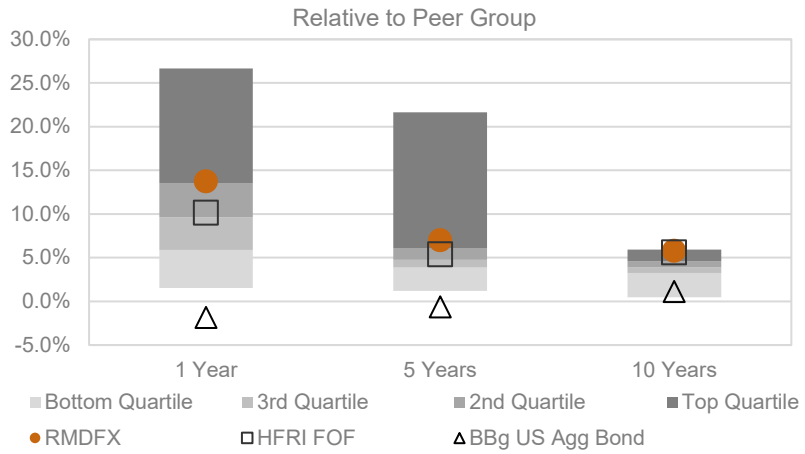
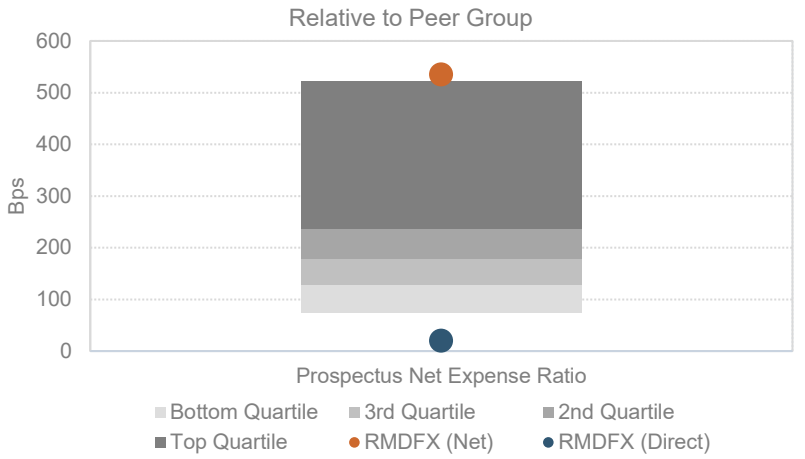
RMDFX vs Peer Group – Rolling Returns & Fund Expenses
Upper quartile returns and low direct costs.



Annualized Performance

- Over the past year, RMDFX has produced top quartile returns while outperforming its Benchmark.
- Over the past five years, RMDFX has produced top quartile returns and outperformed the Benchmark.
- Over the past ten years, RMDFX has outperformed the Benchmark and the majority of its peer group[1].



Expenses[2]

- The direct net expense ratio is 0.20%.
- The gross expense ratio is 5.43%, and the net expense ratio applicable to investors is 5.35%.
- Direct net expense ratio does not include acquired fund fees and expenses which were reported to be 5.15%.

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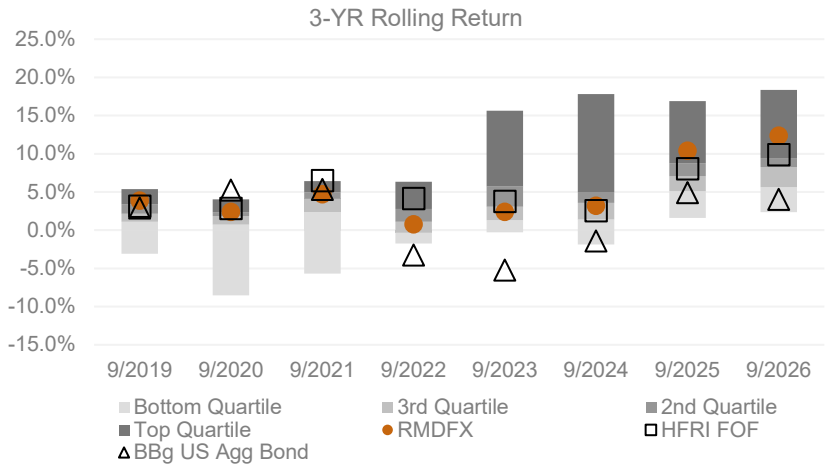
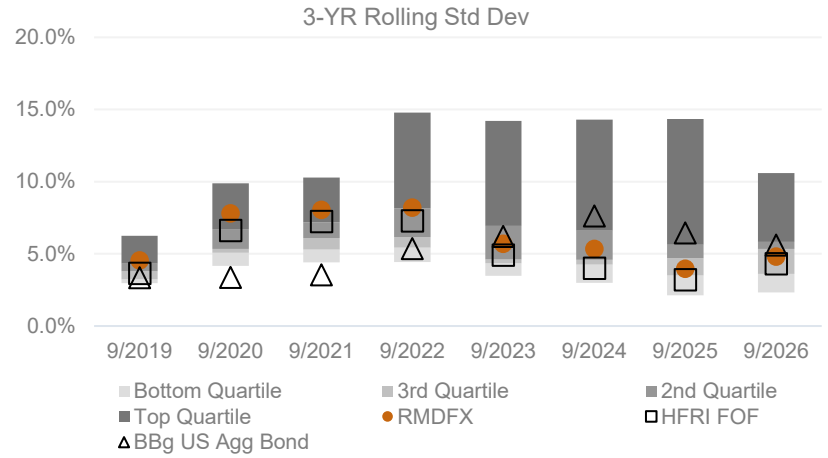
RMDFX vs Peer Group – Rolling Performance
Improving returns and risk compared to its peer group.



3-Year Rolling Return

- RMDFX has largely generated upper to mid-quartile returns compared to its peer group[1].



3-Year Rolling Standard Deviation

- Over more recent rolling periods, RMDFX has exhibited mid-quartile risk compared to its peer group.

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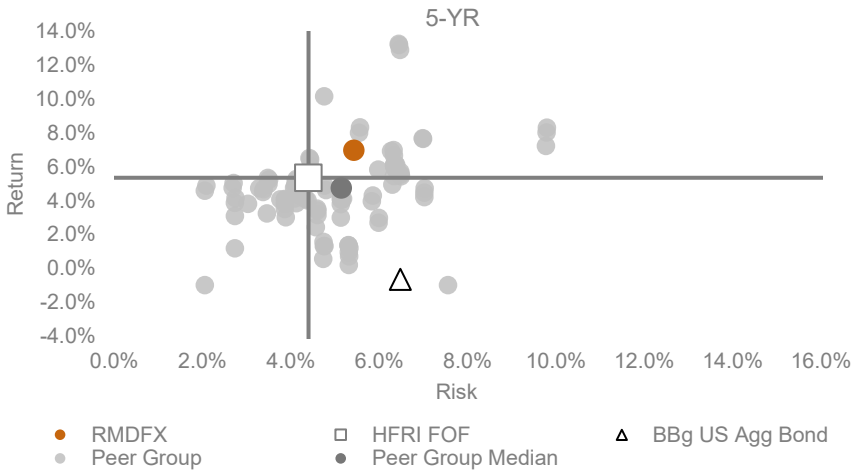
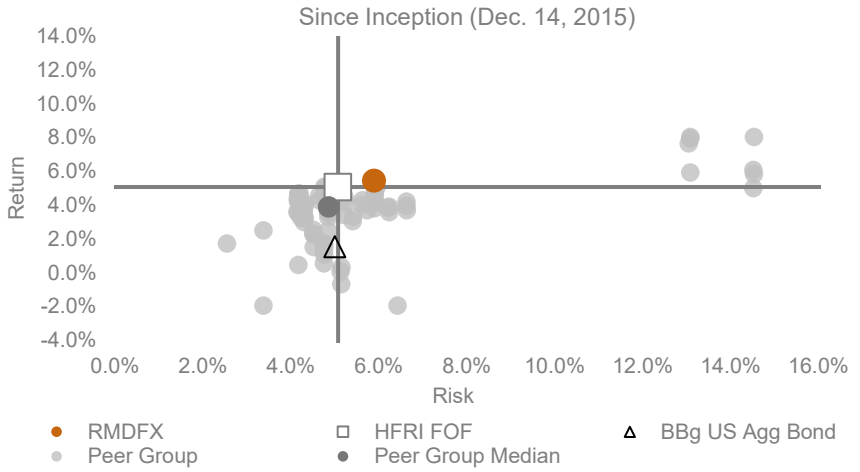
RMDFX – Annualized Return vs Risk
Higher return and risk to its Benchmark and peer group median.



Return vs Risk – 5-Year Annualized

- RMDFX generated higher return and higher risk compared to its Benchmark.
- RMDFX produced a higher return, with marginally higher risk, when compared to its peer group[1] median.



Return vs Risk – Since Inception

- RMDFX generated higher return but exhibited higher risk whe compared to its Benchmark.
- RMDFX generated a higher return with higher risk as compared to its peer group median.
- RMDFX has outperformed the vast majority of its peer group.

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RMDFX – Historical Monthly Performance
Attractive risk-adjusted return since inception.

Monthly Investment Returns — As of September 30, 2026

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Fund Annual Return	HFRI FOF Annual Return	BBg US Agg Bond Annual Return
2026	3.70	2.76	-3.08	2.04	1.60	-1.42	1.99	1.64	-0.92				8.42	6.78	-2.91
2025	2.20	0.84	0.93	0.83	1.00	1.62	0.36	2.39	2.42	1.52	1.66	1.63	18.83	10.52	7.30
2024	0.19	1.06	2.30	0.00	1.97	-1.01	1.67	-0.09	1.00	-1.18	-0.18	0.37	6.21	9.72	1.25
2023	2.22	-0.89	0.50	0.89	-1.57	1.90	1.67	-0.58	0.00	-0.39	1.95	2.11	7.99	6.35	5.53
2022	-0.65	-0.28	-0.57	-1.90	0.10	-3.67	0.90	-1.09	-3.31	0.73	2.68	0.18	-6.84	-4.65	-13.01
2021	0.09	-0.28	0.65	1.75	2.44	-1.50	0.09	0.45	-1.34	0.81	-1.25	2.32	4.21	6.53	-1.54
2020	-0.66	-2.29	-8.31	4.69	1.32	1.51	3.56	1.24	-1.51	-0.29	3.37	3.04	5.09	10.27	7.51
2019	3.16	1.19	0.49	1.55	-1.91	2.54	0.19	-0.95	0.96	1.04	0.66	2.14	11.51	7.77	8.72
2018	2.98	-2.17	-0.74	-0.37	-0.28	-0.66	0.94	-0.47	0.19	-3.00	0.19	-1.50	-4.90	-3.48	0.01
2017	1.10	1.48	0.29	0.78	0.77	0.29	1.24	0.28	0.47	1.31	0.09	0.96	9.41	7.77	3.54
2016	-2.40	0.00	1.64	0.10	-0.40	0.40	1.51	0.00	0.20	-0.79	0.20	0.95	1.36	0.51	2.65
2015												0.10	0.10	-0.42	-0.14

Since Inception Net Return (Annl.)	5.46%	Since Inception Sharpe Ratio	0.54
Since Inception Standard Deviation (Annl.)	5.89%	Since Inception Beta (to HFRI FOF)	0.91

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Aspiriant Defensive Allocation (RMDFX) Additional Footnotes

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