Aspiriant Defensive Allocation Fund
RMDFX | Q3 2026

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.

Fund Statistics

Inception Date[2]	12/14/2015
Fund Size (Billions)	$1.14
# of Holdings[3]	12
% Assets in Top 10 Holdings[3]	91.85
Net Expense Ratio[4]	5.35%
Direct Net Expense Ratio[4]	0.20%

Morningstar Statistics*

Category	US Fund Multistrategy
Rating Overall (as of 9/30/26)	★★★★★
Investments in Category	117
Criteria	Risk-Adjusted Return

Key Characteristics

- Access to Alternative Strategies - The Fund has ability to allocate to different alternative investments strategies which may include market neutral, global macro, managed futures, relative value, long/short, arbitrage strategies.
- Low Correlation with Broader Markets - Non-traditional or alternative asset classes have tended over time to have a lower correlation with the broad US stock and bond markets.
- Risk-Managed Fund - The Fund's adviser is very focused on managing downside risk.

Description

- The Fund is a "fund-of-funds[1]" that seeks to provide an investment return that has lower volatility than traditional asset classes by combining several non-traditional or alternative asset class exposures, including investments that focus on a specialized asset class such as long-short strategies.
- The Fund allocates its assets among a variety of non-traditional or alternative asset classes so as to capture diversifying returns from these non-traditional or alternative sources.

Annualized Returns

	QTD	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year	Since Inception
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%

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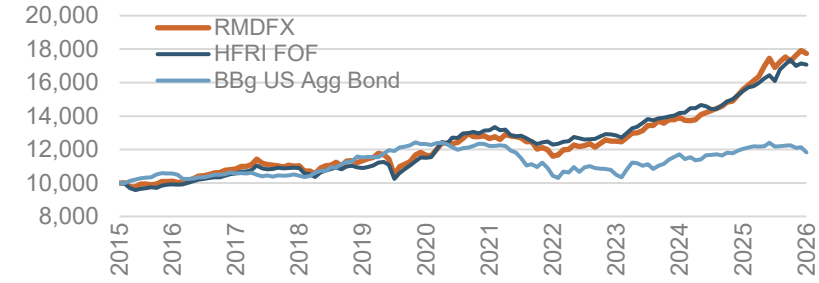
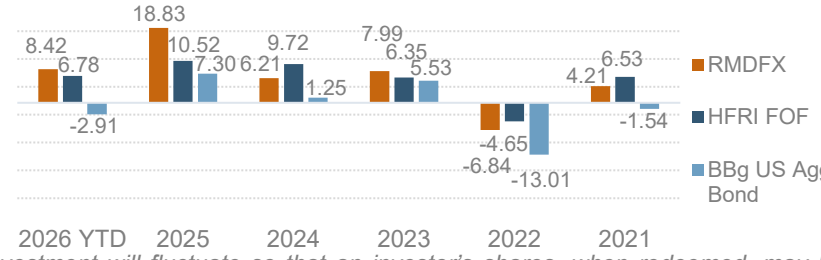
Growth of $10,000 Since Inception



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 Returns (%)



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 HFRI Fund of Funds Composite Index ("HFRI FOF") and Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index ("BBg 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. HFRI FOF is an uninvestable, unmanaged index that is a global, equal-weighted index of Fund of Funds that report to HFR Database. BBg US Agg Bond is an uninvestable, unmanaged index which is a broad-based benchmark measuring investment grade, US dollar-denominated, fixed-rate taxable bonds. [1]The underlying investments may include unaffiliated mutual funds, exchange-traded funds ("ETFs"), and private funds, as well as separately managed accounts. [2]The Fund commenced operations as of the close of business on 12/14/2015. [3]Excludes cash and cash equivalents. [4]As of 8/1/2026. 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%. *Reference Summary of Terms and Additional Disclosures.

Investment Strategies

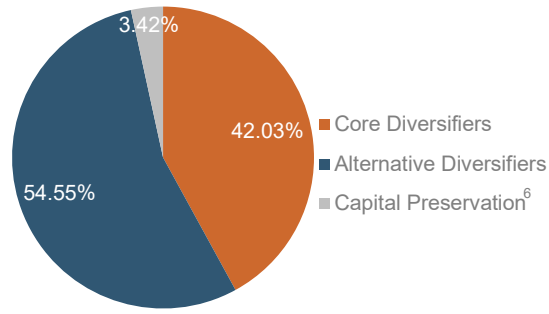
Core Diversifiers

Core Diversifiers are global asset allocation strategies that invest across the full risk spectrum and tend to hold long-only positions. These strategies, and underlying managers, have proven track records of managing risk and shifting exposures to enhance the risk/reward characteristics of the portfolio. Exposures to these strategies are managed with an annualized return objective equal to a cash return plus 4% over a complete market cycle.

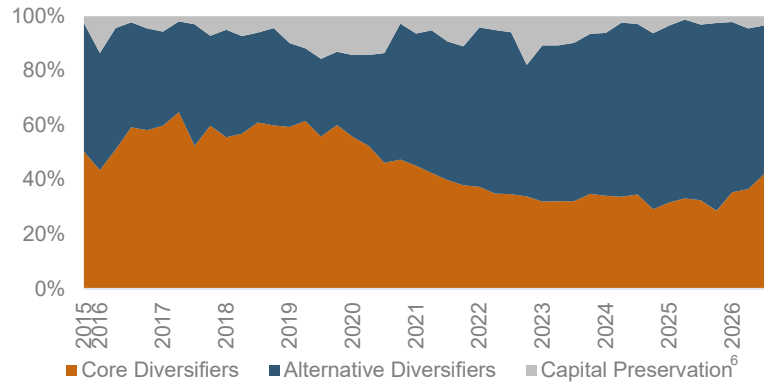
Alternative Diversifiers[7]

Alternative Diversifiers are investments in strategies that exhibit less systematic risk and with historical returns that are less correlated to movements in the equity and bond markets. Exposures to these strategies are managed with an annualized return objective equal to a cash return plus 2% over a complete market cycle.

Strategy Allocations[5]



Historical Allocations[5]



Top 10 Underlying Fund Allocations[5,8]

Manager	Strategy	Allocation	Description
GMO Benchmark-Free Allocation Fund	Core / Alternative	25.69%	The fund is a nontraditional fund that seeks positive total returns through tactical allocations to equity, bond, and alternative investments
Wilshire Bridgewater Managed Alpha (Ireland) Fund	Alternative	12.25%	The fund seeks to achieve attractive return-to-risk ratios through lowly correlated, diversified trading strategies applied across global markets
Victory Pioneer Multi-Asset Income Fund	Core	9.89%	A flexible, income-focused strategy that seeks to generate yield and long-term capital appreciation by rotating across global equities, bonds, and other asset classes
AQR Diversifying Strategies Fund	Core	8.80%	The fund combines active multi-asset and absolute return strategies across markets to seek capital appreciation with reduced correlation to traditional markets
iShares Gold Trust	Alternative	7.25%	Seeks to track the price of gold bullion
Eaton Vance Global Macro Absolute Return Advantage Fund	Alternative	7.23%	The fund is unconstrained to a traditional benchmark; fund managers scour the globe in search of investment opportunities both long and short
GMO Equity Dislocation Investment Fund	Alternative	5.77%	The fund utilizes a market neutral strategy that seeks to short the most overpriced growth stocks and own the most attractively priced value stocks
Millennium International, Ltd.	Alternative	5.75%	Targets above-average appreciation with little correlation to overall markets. Millennium's multi-strategy approach leverages the insights of independent investment teams to maximize the fund's returns, with rigorous risk management
Lazard Rathmore Alternative Fund	Alternative	5.07%	The fund seeks to achieve absolute returns via an actively traded convertible arbitrage/special situations strategy
SPDR Bridgewater All Weather ETF	Core	4.22%	The fund holds a globally diversified portfolio of stocks, bonds, inflation-linked securities, and commodities with each piece sized to contribute equally to risk

[5]Weights are based off the Fund's total investments. [6]The capital preservation segment (cash and cash alternatives) is intended to preserve capital, generate income and provide liquidity. The segment is not guaranteed by the FDIC, or any government agency, and may lose value. [7]These strategies may invest in derivatives (e.g., futures, forwards, swaps or swaptions). A derivative is a contract whose value is based on (or derived from) the performance of an underlying financial asset, index, rate, instrument or economic measure. [8]The Fund invests in shares of other investment companies including other mutual funds, ETFs and private funds. Acquired fund fees & expenses are incurred as a result of investing in such investment companies.

Risk Management

Core Diversifiers

Manage risk by evaluating and allocating capital across the risk spectrum. As the macro environment changes, strategies dynamically shift exposures between lower volatility (e.g., cash, investment grade bonds) and more opportunistic investments (e.g., small cap equities, emerging market equities) in an attempt to generate higher risk-adjusted returns.

Alternative Diversifiers

Maintain flexibility to take long and/or short positions to isolate and capture returns that have less correlation to changes in the equity or bond markets. By fully or partially offsetting unwanted or undesirable risk exposures, these strategies reduce portfolio volatility and dampen the likelihood of a permanent impairment of capital.

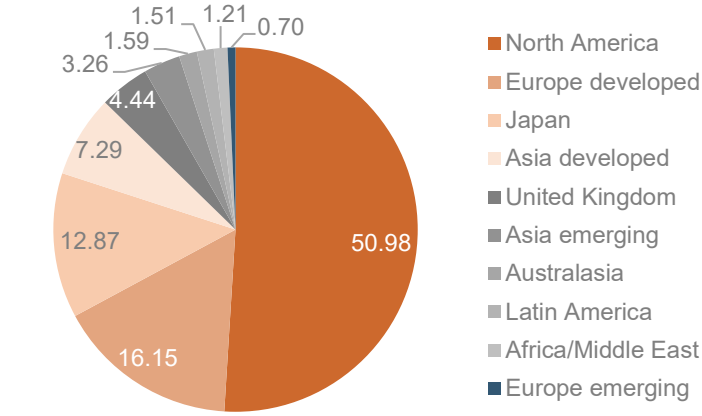
Overall Portfolio

Risk management is also undertaken as the opportunity set for risky assets changes. As our outlook improves, we expect to increase the allocation to Core Diversifiers. Conversely, the allocation to Alternative Diversifiers (and potentially to cash) would increase when we expect the environment and return opportunity for risky assets to deteriorate.

Return Statistics: Since Inception	RMDFX	HFRI FOF
Return	5.46%	5.08%
Sharpe Ratio	0.54	0.55
Average Gain	1.29%	1.13%
Average Loss	-1.28%	-1.14%
Up Capture Ratio	94.64	100.00
Down Capture Ratio	78.53	100.00

Risk Statistics: Since Inception	RMDFX	HFRI FOF
Standard Deviation	5.89%	5.07%
Beta	0.91	1.00
Average Drawdown	-3.89%	-3.21%
Max Drawdown	-11.01%	-9.04%
Tracking Error	3.65	0.00
R^2	62.11	100.00

Regional Allocation (%)[8]



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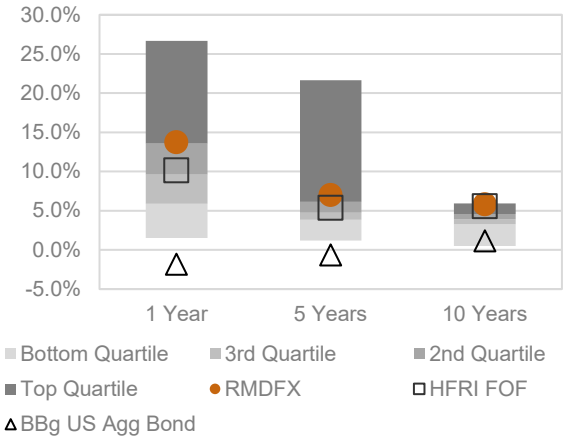
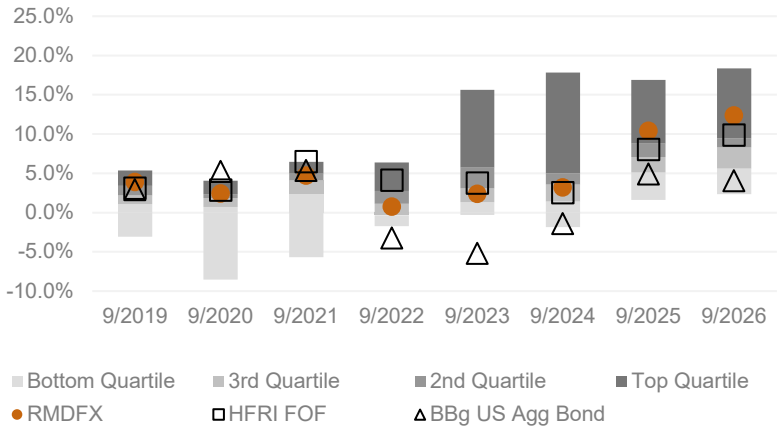
[8]Weights are based off the Fund's total investments, excluding private funds, cash and cash equivalents. The allocations include underlying holdings of the acquired mutual funds and ETFs as reported by Morningstar which might be reported on a delayed basis.

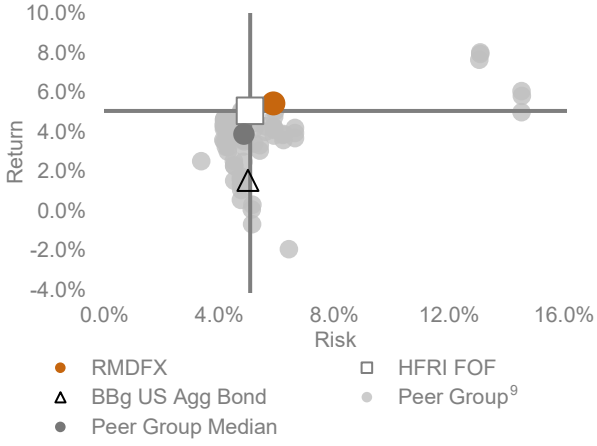
Performance Relative to Peer Group[8]



3-Year Return Rolling



Return vs Risk: Since Inception



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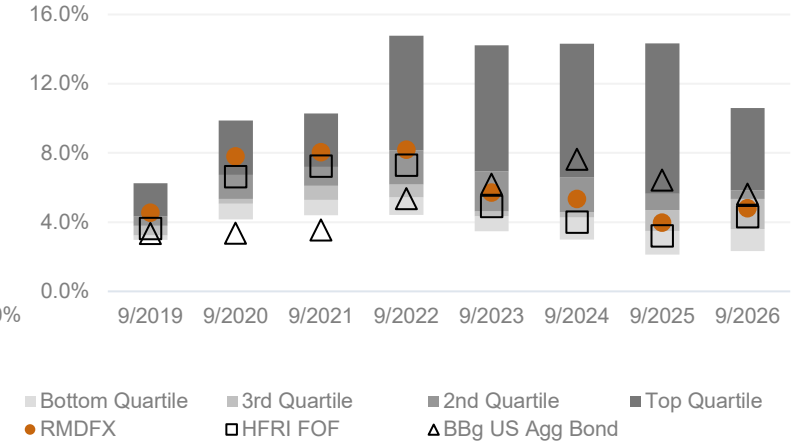

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[9]Peer group is defined as US Open End Funds in the Morningstar Multistrategy Category.

Fund Performance Comparison and Summary

RMDFX generated a net investment return of 2.71% during the third quarter, compared to HFRI FOF, which returned -1.66%, and Bloomberg US Agg Bond, which returned -3.51%, over the same period.

Domestic equities advanced overall, led by value and large-cap stocks, while domestic small caps fell sharply. International developed markets also gained, with smaller companies outperforming larger peers. Fixed income markets declined meaningfully for the quarter, as oil reignited inflation concerns and the Federal Reserve hiked interest rates. Diversifying strategies, which tend to exhibit less sensitivity to movements in equity and bond markets, provided valuable ballast, with macro and systematic strategies benefiting from sharp moves in rates and energy prices.

Core Diversifiers, which represented approximately 42% of the Fund's total assets, produced a net return of 2.46%. Alternative Diversifiers, which tend to be less sensitive to the oscillations of equity and fixed income markets, comprised approximately 55% of the Fund's total assets and returned 3.12% net during the third quarter. The balance of the Fund was invested in Capital Preservation strategies. The total Private Funds Composite generated a return of -1.26% net for the quarter.

Fund Facts

Ticker Symbol	RMDFX
CUSIP	04537J201
Minimum Purchase Amount	No Minimum
Dividends	Distributed Annually
12b-1 Fee	None
Redemption Fee	None
Gross Expense Ratio[9]	5.43%
Net Expense Ratio[9]	5.35%
Direct Net Expense Ratio[9]	0.20%
SEC 30-Day Yield[10]	2.25%
SEC 30-Day Unsubsidized Yield[10]	2.17%
Distribution Rate on NAV[10]	4.63%

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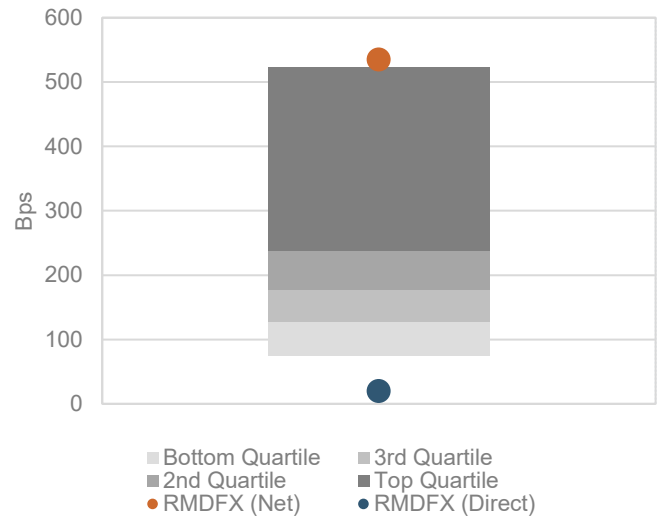
Net Expense Ratio Relative to Peer Group[9,10]



[10]As of 8/1/2026. The adviser has contractually agreed to waive its administrative services fee from 0.10% to 0.02% through 7/31/2027. This arrangement may be terminated only by the Aspiriant Trust's Board of Trustees. 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%. [10]The SEC 30-Day Yield is computed under an 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. Unsubsidized yields do not reflect fee waivers in effect. Distribution Rate on NAV is calculated by annualizing the Fund's most recent distribution per share divided by NAV per share at the end of the period. Distributions may be paid from sources other than ordinary income, such as short-term capital gains, long-term capital gains or return of capital.

Monthly Investment Returns (%)

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

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