

Monthly Update

Flexible Allocation Strategy








WINNER
Multi Asset Strategist¹

SSI Investment Management
SSI Flexible Allocation Portfolio

**Morningstar
Overall Rating**²

SSI Flexible Allocation – A Tactical Solution that Seeks to

- Provide **long term growth after inflation** with moderate risk
- **Protect capital** in times of rising market and economic risks that are not adequately reflected in security prices
- **Capitalize** on the exceptional investment opportunities that often occur during periods of market disruption

Performance (preliminary as of October 31, 2022)			Annualized Returns					
			OCT 2022	YTD 2022	1 YR	3 YRS	5 YRS	10 YRS
			%	%	%	%	%	%
Morningstar Rating  	Conservative Portfolio (Inception: 8/1/2015)							
	SSI Flexible Allocation (G)	2.77	-16.33	-15.13	4.55	5.50	-	5.63
	SSI Flexible Allocation (N)	2.69	-17.03	-15.98	3.54	4.47	-	4.60
	40/60 Custom Benchmark ³	2.43	-16.04	-14.72	2.98	4.94	-	5.67
	Lipper Conservative Funds ⁴	1.69	-14.79	-14.34	-0.09	1.58	-	-
Morningstar Rating 5 Year  	Moderate Portfolio (Inception: 5/1/2009)							
	SSI Flexible Allocation (G)	4.59	-16.96	-15.11	6.65	7.05	7.92	7.50
	SSI Flexible Allocation (N)	4.54	-17.43	-15.69	5.93	6.32	7.17	6.74
	60/40 Custom Benchmark ⁵	4.31	-16.44	-14.51	4.90	6.33	7.41	7.73
	Lipper Moderate Funds ⁶	3.76	-15.63	-14.72	2.20	3.20	5.19	-
Morningstar Rating 5 Year  	Moderately Aggressive Portfolio (Inception: 8/1/2015)							
	SSI Flexible Allocation (G)	6.27	-18.22	-15.98	8.71	8.47	-	8.49
	SSI Flexible Allocation (N)	6.19	-18.90	-16.82	7.73	7.46	-	7.45
	80/20 Custom Benchmark ⁷	6.20	-17.00	-14.47	7.83	8.58	-	9.03
	Lipper Growth Funds ⁸	4.98	-16.68	-15.52	4.17	4.64	-	-

Notes regarding Envestnet, Morningstar ratings, strategies, custom benchmarks and Lipper Funds, as well as performance disclosures are located on pages 2-5 of this document.

October Commentary

- SSI's Flexible Allocation Strategies generated gains and outperformed the benchmarks
- At this juncture, our investment process continues to indicate that some caution is prudent
- Portfolio positioning is slightly defensive with equity allocations below the benchmarks and cash levels temporarily elevated
- Equity portfolio benefited from strength in Energy (XLE) - remaining Technology (IYW) position underperformed before it was sold early in the month
- With rates rising further, the limited interest rate sensitivity (short duration) of fixed income holdings helped returns
- Alternatives (CWB) contributed to the positive results
- Although the timing remains uncertain, we are prepared to more opportunistically position the portfolio to capitalize on this market disruption as the economic and market environment eventually stabilize and improve

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Three Distinct Portfolios to Meet Varying Investor Objectives

Current Holdings

Equity Allocation

	Targeted	Range	Current
Conservative	40%	10-55%	37%
Moderate	60%	30-75%	57%
Moderately Aggressive	80%	50-85%	77%

Equity

IVV	iShares Core S&P 500
IBB	iShares Biotechnology
XLE	Energy Select Sector SPDR

Fixed Income

FTSL	First Trust Senior Loan
VCSH	Vanguard Short-Term Corporate Bond
IEF	iShares Treasury Bond
FPE	First Trust Pfd Securities and Income
LMBS	First Trust Low Duration Opportunities

Alternative

CWB	SPDR Bloomberg Convertible Securities
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Investment Professionals



Ken Raguse, CFA
Portfolio Manager
29 Yrs. Experience



Steve Wachtel, CFA
Portfolio Manager
21 Yrs. Experience



Tim Ruiz
Portfolio Manager
29 Yrs. Experience

- Three Portfolio Managers on the Flexible Allocation Strategy team with an average of 26 years of industry experience
- 11 Investment professionals who have been with SSI for an average of 19 years
- Over a decade of experience managing the Strategy at SSI

About SSI

- Headquartered in Los Angeles, California
- \$2.1 Billion AUM
- 12 Investment Professionals
- Founded in 1973
- 30 Employees

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³ Historical Strategy's benchmark for SSI Flexible Allocation Conservative Portfolio: 50% S&P 500 / 50% Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index (8/1/2015 -12/31/2020). Beginning January 1, 2021 40% S&P 500 / 60% Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index is the new benchmark.

⁴ Lipper Mixed-Asset Target Allocation Conservative Funds: 75 Funds reported. Lipper data sourced through Refinitiv Eikon.

⁵ Historical Strategy's benchmark for SSI Flexible Allocation Moderate Portfolio: 50% S&P 500 / 50% T-Bills (5/1/2009 -7/31/2015). Beginning August 1, 2015 60% S&P 500 / 40% Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index is the new benchmark.

⁶ Lipper Mixed-Asset Target Allocation Moderate Funds: 138 Funds reported. Lipper data sourced through Refinitiv Eikon.

⁷ Benchmark for SSI Flexible Allocation Moderately Aggressive Portfolio: 80% S&P 500 / 20% Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index is the new benchmark.

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