

The Next Generation of Global Alternative Investing

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A Partnership To Provide Holistic and Income Model Portfolios



Axxcess And Highmore Have Partnered To Address The Needs Of Clients In The Current Market

Axxcess has partnered with global alternative asset management firm Highmore to provide alternative investment solutions for clients, to solve for income, capital growth and diversification

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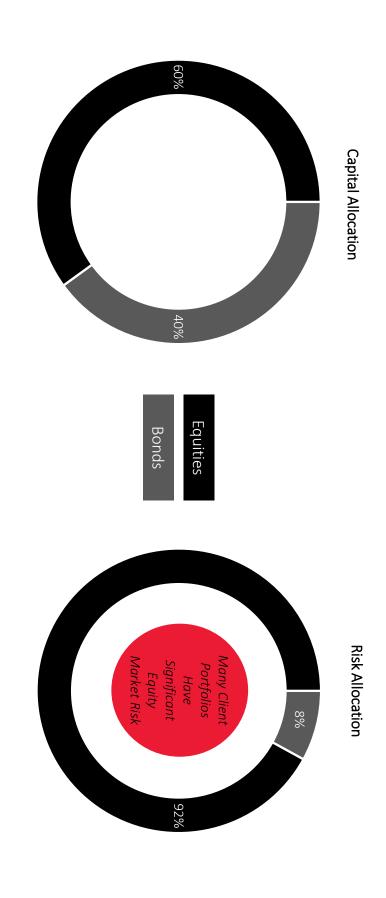
Clients will gain access to these solutions through Highmore's Conservative, Balanced, Growth and Alternative Income Models

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Highmore will provide Axxcess advisors and their clients to differentiated and turn-key solutions

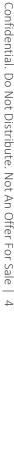
Elevated Market Valuations Exist, With Portfolios Dominated By Equity Risk

as a result they are highly vulnerable to the risk of capital loss after the prolonged equity bull market. Most investors may not realize that the portfolios they think are diversified are in fact dominated by equity market risk, and



Source: Bloomberg , Highmore

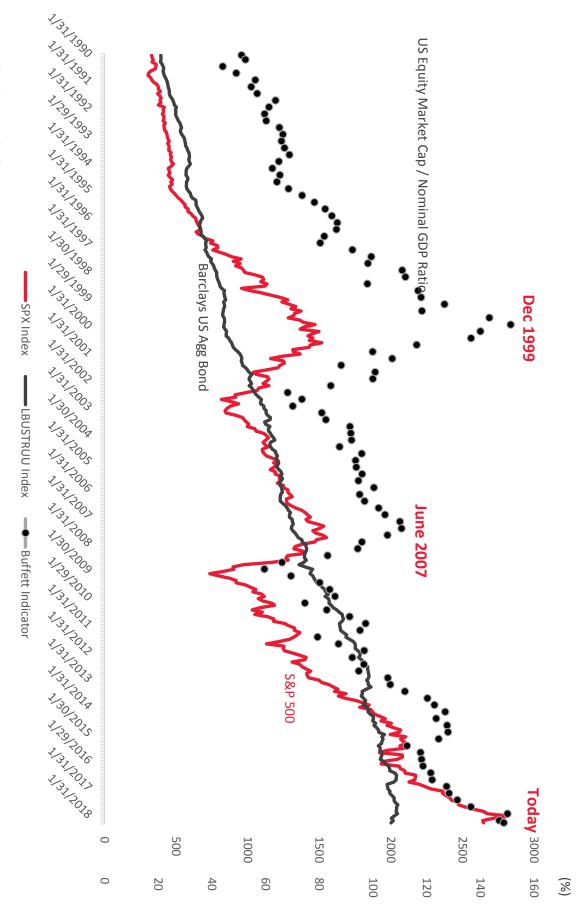
Note: Equity Risk is assumed at 15%, Bond Risk is assumed at 5% and Equity and Bond correlation is assumed at 0.2 for illustration only. This is close to the historical data





Investor Portfolios Are Increasingly Vulnerable To Material Declines Due To Elevated Valuations

Equity valuation today is higher than pre-financial crisis peak and close to tech bubble peak.



Source: Bloomberg , Federal Reserve

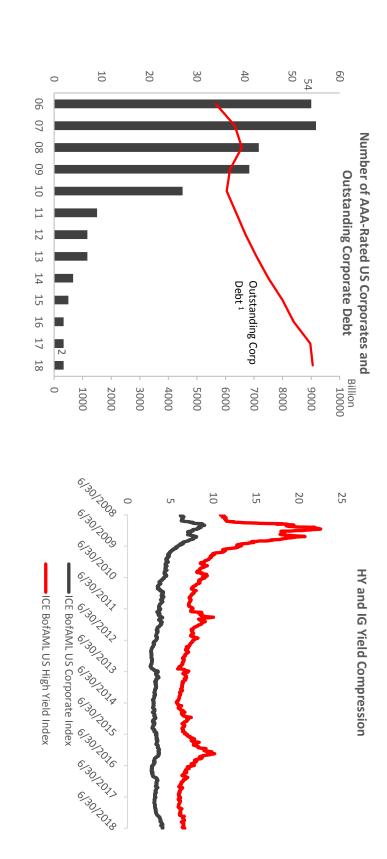
Note: Q1 2018 US Equity Market Cap/ Nominal GDP Ratio data comes from Bloomberg (Buffett Indicator). Market Cap to GDP is a long-term valuation indicator.



And At The Same Investor Are Overreaching For Yield Against A Decline In Credit Quality

AAA rated corporates from 54 in 2006 to 2 in 2018 combined with corporate leverage reaching the crisis high. asset classes and in our view has been most acute in fixed-income. The charts below show a compression in yields across both investment grade and high yield while at the same time we can see the reduction in credit quality with the decline in the number of The unprecedented monetary easing following the Global Financial Crisis has resulted in the compression of risk premiums across all

absolute yield increasingly at the expense of credit quality and duration. quality. Even private debt markets have not been immune from the compression in yields and we are seeing investors focus on Against this backdrop, investors should be mindful of searching for yield against a backdrop of rising leverage and declining credit



for HY and IG yield. Indexes refereed here are HOAO and COAO Source: Bloomberg and Highmore. Chart on the left is as of Q1 2018. DOUTCORP Index(FOF US Debt Outstanding by Sector Corporate) is used. Yield to Maturity is used



Into Existing Client Portfolios To Client Portfolios <u>OR</u> Integrated Range To Be Used For New **Dynamic Liquidity Portfolios** Highmore Has Created Its Mitigate Market Risks.

Introduction To Highmore



Highmore is a global alternative asset management firm, investing in both public and private markets, directly and indirectly, across asset classes and investment structures. Our approach addresses two common yet flawed investment practices: relying upon past performance as a predictor of future success, and human bias for the familiar.

Uniquely, Highmore's investment approach identifies the DNA of exceptional investment talent, because we believe the most reliable indicator of investment success is human behavior. We focus on opportunities in the growth stage of their investment life cycle, which we believe are more likely to provide greater alignment, transparency, and investment outperformance.

Through a proprietary investment process that identifies those variables that most link to investment performance, Highmore brings the next generation of alternative investing to clients seeking genuinely differentiated investments.

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Highmore currently manages, advises and oversees assets in excess of \$1.7 billion.



Led By A Team With Proven Investment Experience And A Long-Shared History

America Merill Lynch, Citigroup and Oppenheimer & Co., where the team oversaw assets in excess of \$25 billion Highmore's team has experience and a long-shared history at firms such as Man Group, FrontPoint Partners, Bank of

Portfolio Management

- Portfolio management team member for the \$3.2bn
 FrontPoint Multi-Strategy Fund
- Portfolio manager for the \$4bn+ multi-asset class
 Citibank Umbrella Fund
- Senior team member for FrontPoint Volatility
 Investments Strategy
- Founded customized portfolio business at Citibank, and Bank of America / Merrill Lynch
- Managed multi-risk level alternative investment portfolio team for Bank of America / Merrill Lynch

Due Diligence and Structuring

- Successfully negotiated and structured investment team partnerships
- Senior members sourcing emerging managers at Man Investments and FrontPoint Partners with AUM of \$40bn and \$11bn respectively
- Led 3rd party private equity and hedge fund of funds group at Bank of America/Merrill Lynch with AUM of \$3bn and \$15bn respectively
- Management of alternative investments due-diligence process at Oppenheimer & Co. with \$3bn AUM

Asset Allocation and Research

- Built and oversaw customized portfolios for pension plans at FrontPoint Partners
- Head of Behavioral Finance at Bank of America/Merrill Lynch
- Created proprietary analytics and portfolio allocation tool for Bank of America/Merrill Lynch
- Led alternative investments asset allocation models at Citigroup
- Created multi-dimensional due diligence and portfolio management framework

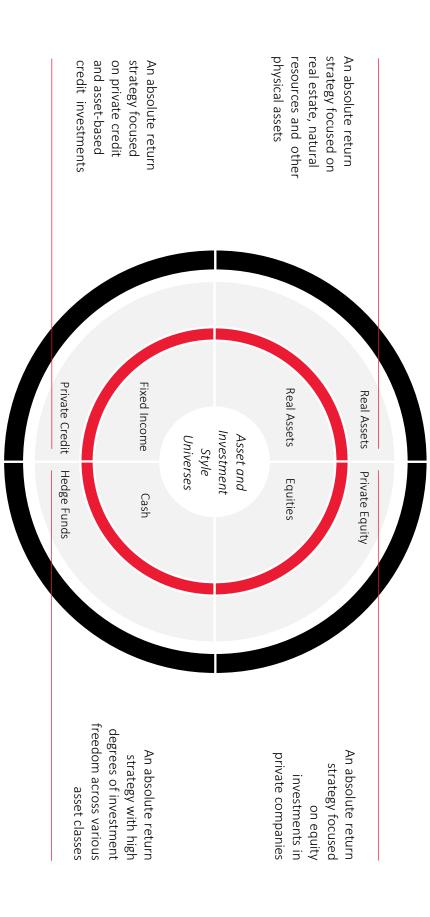
Business Development

- Strategic direction and management of \$3bn
 Alternative Investments Group at Oppenheimer & Co.
- Developed strategic relationships at FrontPoint Partners with pension plans and sovereign wealth funds
- Founded TPG Alternative Solutions Group at Citigroup and the Alternative Investment Solutions Group at Bank of America/Merrill Lynch
- Restructured and built alternative investments group at Oppenheimer and increased profitability

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Investing Opportunistically Across The Core Investment Styles Comprising Alternative Investments

and are willing to pay a premium for scarcity of approach and barriers to replication. Highmore takes a structure agnostic approach to investing across investment styles in both public and private markets



Source: Highmore



Highmore Holistic Risk Targeted Models

Highmore's **Risk Targeted Models** are designed to provide clients with a diversified holistic investment portfolio, designed using a risk targeting approach. This approach results in a client's ability to chose between a conservative, balanced or growth model.

The <u>Conservative Model</u> aims to preserve the portfolio's value with the aim of targeting low volatility of returns and generate returns primarily through fixed-income and credit investments, while on average being at 1/3 of equity market volatility.

The Balanced Model aims to generate returns through a combination of capital growth and current income strategies with moderate volatility (1/2 of equity market volatility) relative to equity markets.

The Growth Model aims to generate returns predominantly through capital appreciation with equity-like volatility through investing in equity and equity-like instruments, while having 2/3 of equity market volatility

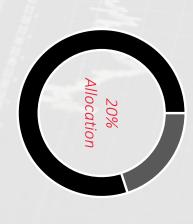
The models can be invested standalone as a client's overall holistic portfolio *or* as a **20%** allocation of a traditional client portfolio.

Highmore Alternative Income Model

Highmore's **Alternative Income Model** is designed to address the needs of clients focused on enhancing their ability to generate current income or for those looking to complement their existing fixed income portfolio allocation.

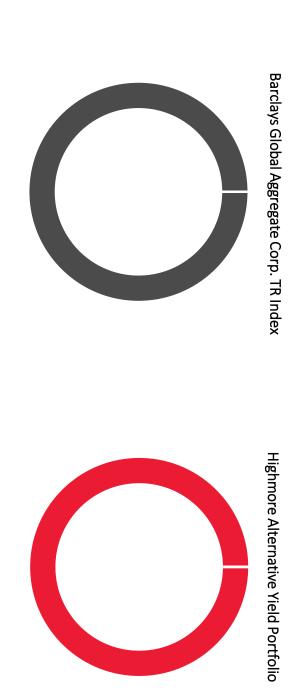
The model is designed to display a lower correlation and beta to the traditional fixed income markets.

The model can be invested in as a standalone investment for investors looking to enhance or complement their current income *or* as a **20%** complement to their existing fixed income allocation.



The Alternative Income Models On A Standalone Basis Outperform Traditional Fixed Income Portfolios

Barclays Global Aggregate Corporate TR Index vs Highmore Alternative Yield



Indicative Yield	Beta to S&P	Annualized Alpha to S&P	Correlation to S&P	Sharpe Ratio	Annualized St. Dev.	Annualized Return
2.04%	0.16	-0.44 %	0.36	0.34	4.2%	1.7%
7.54%	0.29	4.13%	0.49	1.4	5.8%	8.4%

applied to Highmore models. Yield to Worst is used for Barclays Global Aggregate Corp. TR Index. Source: Highmore, Bloomberg. Return is analyzed between January 2013 to June 2018. 20% is funded from both traditional Fixed Income. 0.5% of management fee is

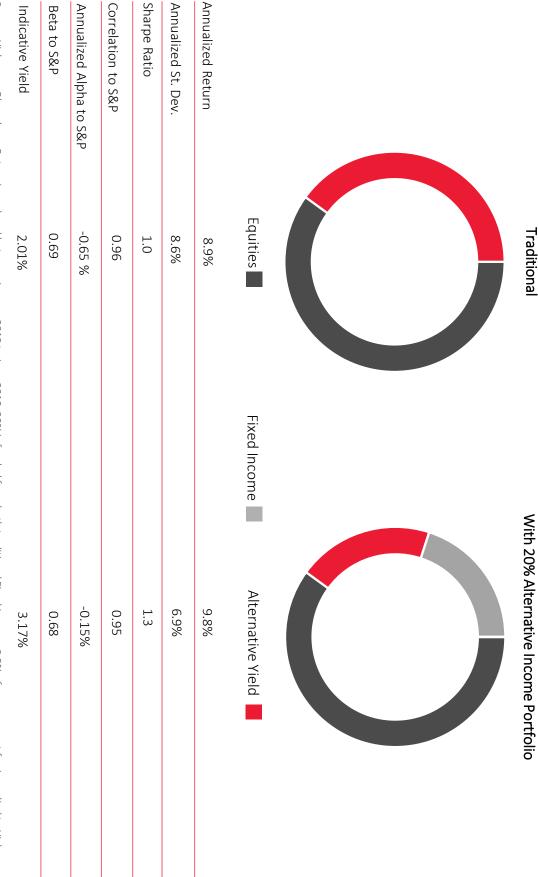
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Clients Can Enhance Their Fixed Income Allocation By Allocating To The Alternative Income Model

benchmarks. The current estimated indicated yield is 7.54%. Highmore Alternative Income portfolio is constructed to aim to attractive yield with a better risk/return profile than High Yield

Example Traditional 60 / 40 Model with 20% Alternative Income Portfolio



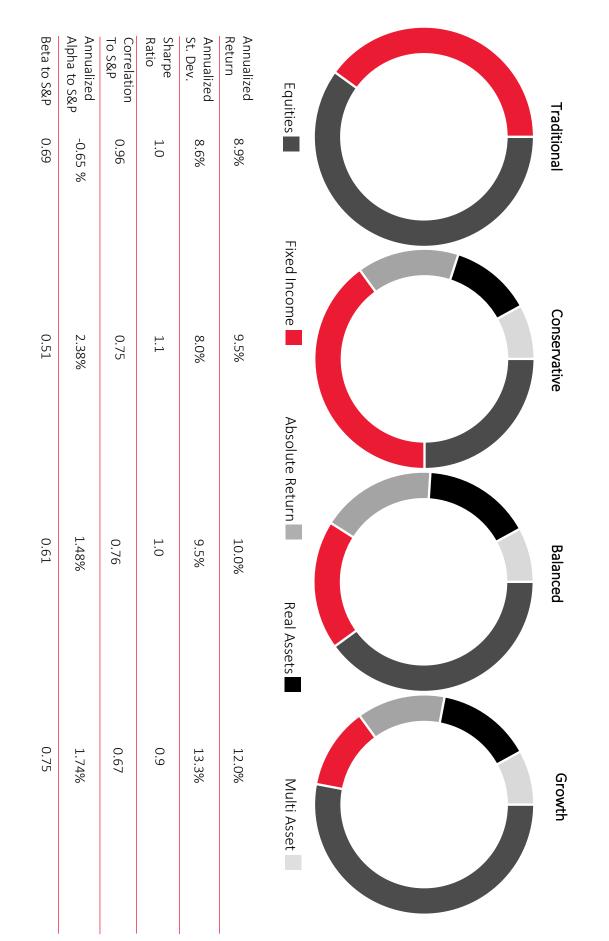
Source: Highmore, Bloomberg. Return is analyzed between January 2013 to June 2018. 20% is funded from both traditional Fixed Income. 0.5% of management fee is applied to Highmore

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The Risk Targeted Models On A Standalone Basis Outperform Traditional 60 - 40 Portfolios

Example Liquid Alternative Investment Portfolios vs Traditional 60 / 40 Model



Source: Highmore. NET Return is analyzed between September 2009 to June 2018

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Alternatively Risk Targeted Models Can Be Integrated Into A Client's Existing Portfolio To Achieve Benefits

Example Traditional 60 / 40 Model with 20% In Liquid Alternative Investment Portfolios



applied to Highmore models. Source: Highmore, Bloomberg. Return is analyzed between September 2009 to June 2018. 20% is funded from both Equity and Fixed Income on a pro-rated basis. 0.5% of management fee is



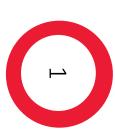


Using Highmore Models In Client Portfolios



Highmore Model Portfolios Are Designed To Be Used In One Of Two Ways For Client Portfolios

or integrated into a client's existing portfolio. Depending on a client's needs, the Highmore Model Portfolios can be either used as stand alone investment portfolios,



Using Models For New Money Allocations

The models can be used when a client has assets which need to be allocated, and they do not have an existing portfolio to integrate with new investments.





For the **Risk Targeted Models** the resulting portfolio is based on a client's risk target and provides both equity and income generating exposures.

For an allocation to the **Alternative Income Model**, clients are gaining exposure to a current income focused model.

Allocating To The Models

Chose one of the three risk targeted models – conservative, balanced or growth and allocate full client portfolio to provide a holistic portfolio.

If allocating to the Alternative Income Model, invest full allocation of fixed income allocation.



Integrating Allocations Into Existing Portfolios

The models can be used when a client currently has an existing holistic or fixed income portfolio and is looking to improve both returns and risk characteristics of their portfolio (s).



The risk targeted portfolios can be invested in as part of a client's traditional 60-40 allocation for those looking to improve their risk-return profile. For investors looking to improve their fixed income portfolio, an allocation to Alternative Income Model will suffice.

Allocating To The Model

For the Risk Targeted Models, target a weight of 20% of a client's overall portfolio.

For the Alternative Income Model, target a weight of 20% of a client's fixed income portfolio.



Implementation

Ongoing Support

Highmore's monthly investment committee meets to discuss newly diligenced funds, asset allocation of the models, and any recommended changes

Changes to models will be communicated to advisors shortly after the investment committee meets

Advisors with new model clients can complete a brief online suitability - behavioral questionnaire (which takes less than 10 minutes), which can be used to target model use, as well as ongoing targeted support if desired

Models are easily purchased and are managed and rebalanced by the Highmore team without any management needed by advisors once the models are purchased

Often there will be no changes to the models on a monthly basis, as we view alternative allocation as longer-term in outlook

Monthly publishing and updates on asset allocation of models, monitoring of underlying investments, and any recommended changes

Customized monthly commentary on client support based upon the Highmore Suitability and Investor Personality Assessment completed by clients at time of onboarding

Ongoing education support by Highmore on underlying investments in the models, as well as more general educational pieces to help support the sales and support process

Sales support by Highmore for advisors where requested

Training for advisor by Highmore on how to sell the models to clients and their potential benefits

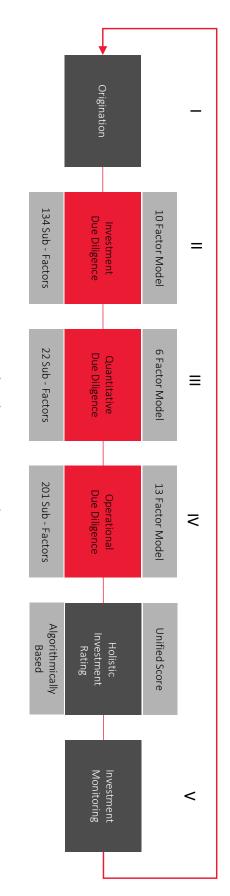
Customization for more complex and larger client relationships



Underlying Model Investments Are Analyzed And Selected Using Highmore's Proprietary Approach

factors such as behavioral analytics, dynamic factor weights and holistic investment ratings Highmore's investment diligence framework is designed as a scientific and repeatable process which incorporates proprietary

Highmore Investment Diligence Framework



Example Diligence Map And Scoring

and then summed to result in a out of 10 points, resulting in a final Scoring on all sub-factors is scored diligence score then summed and weighted to and operational diligence which is score for investment, quantitative weighted score for each factor, Scoring final investment Counter Party Risk Technology and Infrastructure 10.00 4.00 Back Office Accounting/NAV Derivatives The final diligence score and to investment decision making guarantees an investment, but no particular absolute in terms of making a final diligence map is not used as an repeatable and scientific approach instead investment decision (i.e. there is the score is Usage score which

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Potential Problems 1) Investors make 50/50 bets 2) They treat gains and losses with equal aplomb 3) Risk of loss of capital is not dealt with	Counter-intuitive: This means a year of losses could have theRe:same variance as a year of gains. An asset with a string of losses could have the same "risk" as another with a string of megains.me	Risk is measured by volatility, which is calculated from deviations of periodic (e.g.: monthly) actual returns during a is t period (year) from the average (e.g.: monthly) return of that year. Mathematically, these deviations are squared, resulting ins in "variance", always a positive number.	Asset returns are assumed to have normal distributions, a bell-shaped curve with its bottom flared out; meaning, there are equal chances of gains or losses	MVO was pioneered over half a century ago and used too Resimplistic assumptions about the real world	Mean Variance Optimization (MVO)	Traditional Industry Portfolio Construction
Investor preferences 1) Investors make bets if they believe chances for gains are greater than chances of loss. Conversely ,they try to avoid bets with significant chances of loss 2) They are happier with gains, unhappy with losses, and	Reality: An asset with positive skew is preferred to a negatively-skewed asset, even if they both have the same mean and variance/volatility.	Risk is the downside risk, the risk of losses. Mathematically, it is the left tail risk of the non-normal distribution. An asset with returns skewed to the left (negative skew - it has more instances of losses than gains) has a larger tail risk than an asset skewed to the right (more occurrences of gains – positive skew)	Asset returns, in the real world, are non-normal distributions, i.e., chances for gains or losses are not equal, and losses/gains can be much larger than expected	Recent research allows real world assumptions and deals realistically with investor concerns	Minimize frequency and size of investment loss	<u>Highmore Approach</u>

Source: Highmore



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