

## ASTOR SECTOR ALLOCATION HOLDINGS REPORT 12/31/2017

### OBJECTIVE:

Astor Sector Allocation is a core equity solution that analyzes economic fundamentals at the sector level. It utilizes multiple signals to rotate into and out of sectors depending upon our expectations for growth.

### THE STRATEGY:

- Pursue long-term capital appreciation through sector and core equity allocations
- Seeks to generate excess return through both sector rotation and factor-based security selection (size, style, value/growth) as well as risk management approach during declining economic environments
- Aims to mitigate risk with the flexibility to allocate assets from 100% all-cap domestic equity to a mixture of high levels cash/fixed income, in pursuit of providing some downside protection with risk reduction

CATEGORY	DECEMBER 2017	NOVEMBER 2017
■ Sector	63.97%	63.43%
■ Style	29.89%	29.80%
■ Cash and Fixed Income	6.15%	6.77%



CATEGORY	HOLDING	SYMBOL	% TOTAL ASSETS
sector	Financial Select Sector SPDR	XLF	12.58%
sector	First Trust Technology AlphaDEX	FXL	12.07%
sector	SPDR Health Care Select Sector	XLV	11.04%
style	iShares Russell 2000 ETF	IWM	9.95%
style	SPDR S&P MidCap 400 ETF Trust	MDY	9.98%
style	SPDR S&P500 ETF Trust	SPY	9.96%
sector	First Trust Industrials/Producer Durables	FXR	5.73%
sector	Consumer Discretionary Select Sector SPDR	XLY	5.02%
sector	SPDR Cons Staples Slct	XLP	4.11%
sector	First Trust Consumer Discretionary AlphaDE	FXD	4.11%
sector	Real Estate Select Sector SPDR	XLRE	2.88%
fixed income	iShares Floating Rate Bond ETF	FLOT	2.91%
sector	Utilities Select Sector SPDR	XLU	1.82%
sector	First Trust Materials AlphaDEX	FXZ	1.55%
sector	First Trust Energy AlphaDEX	FXN	1.53%
sector	Energy Select Sector SPDR	XLE	1.52%

Data as of 12/31/2017

The allocations presented are as of the date indicated and are subject to change. The percentage of total assets and asset allocations presented here are those of the Sector Allocation Composite for the period indicated. Any individual investor's portfolio may be allocated differently than presented here due to many factors, including but not limited to, timing of entry into the investment program, discretionary decisions by the clients and referring advisors, and custodial limitations or the manner in which trades are executed. Asset class percentages are rounded. As such, actual position weights may vary and/or the sum total may not equal 100%.

**Cash:** An allocation of uninvested U.S. dollars or an investment in an exchange-traded fund that invests primarily in short-term debt instruments.

**Fixed Income:** An investment in an exchange-traded fund that invests primarily in debt instruments of a corporation or government entity where funds are borrowed from investors for a defined period of time at a fixed interest rate.

**Sector Equity:** An investment in an exchange-traded fund that invests in shares of companies which are classified within a specific sector according to the Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS®)

**Style Equity:** An investment in an exchange-traded fund that invests in the shares of companies as defined by industry standards for market capitalization categories (e.g. large cap, mid cap, and small cap).

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