

1 PHILOSOPHY

Astor's goal is to avoid/reduce losses that investors typically experience during downturns in the U.S. Economy.

2 ECONOMIC DATA

Astor collects many of the different economic data points that are published over the course of a month. These are data points that people hear on the news all the time:

- **Non-Farm Payrolls:** # of people getting a paycheck in the U.S.
- **Jobless Claims:** How many people filed for unemployment
- **ISM Manufacturing:** Measures manufacturing activity based on a monthly survey
- **Durable Goods:** How much "stuff" is being made that makes "stuff". Ex: *machines, widgets, factories, etc.*

3 AVOIDING/REDUCING LARGE LOSSES

Astor believes that if the economy is healthy, the likelihood of a major downturn in stocks is low. However, if the economy is getting weaker (less people are getting paychecks, companies are starting to make less stuff), then the probability of a major downturn goes up.

4 ASTOR PROCESS

Astor can adjust its portfolios on a monthly basis. The goal is to capture positive returns when the economy is expanding and to reduce risk (or market) exposure when the economy is contracting.

5 FLAGSHIP STRATEGY

Astor's flagship strategy, Astor Dynamic Allocation (ADA) can hold 0-90% in equities. The strategy seeks to capture positive returns during economic expansions and reduce risk (or market) exposure to avoid major losses during recessions.

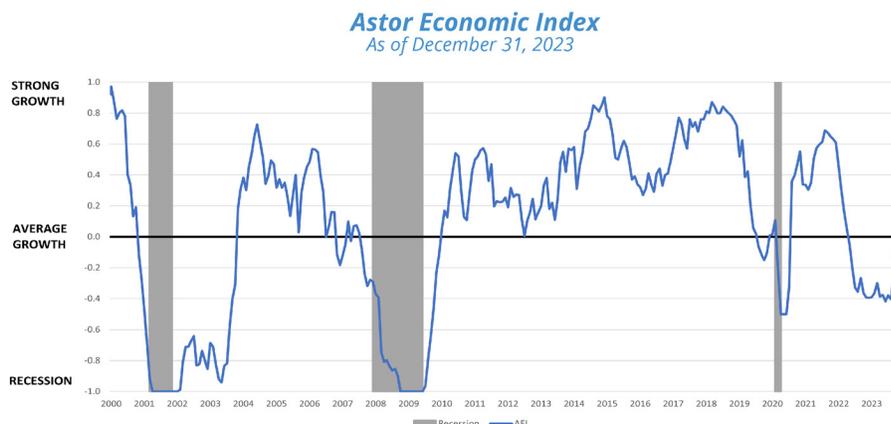
6 THE ASTOR ECONOMIC INDEX® (AEI)

Astor's Investment Committee (IC) uses the AEI to determine the overall health of U.S. economy. When the index is positively sloped, it is likely that the IC is adding equity-like risk to the strategy. When the index is negatively sloped, it is likely that the IC is reducing equity-like risk.

7 OUR FIRM

Our data-driven strategies cater to varying risk tolerances and portfolio objectives. We help hundreds of investors make informed asset-allocation decisions. We are fundamentally driven to keep our finger on the pulse of the economy. Our investment philosophy is based upon the belief that diligent analysis of economic data can provide valuable signals for longer-term financial market allocations.

Astor Economic Index® & Recession Overlay



Source: Astor Calculations, NBER Data: 12/31/1999 - 12/31/2023. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. The Astor Economic Index® should not be used as the sole determining factor for your investment decisions. There is no guarantee the index will produce the same results in the future. An investment cannot be made in the index. **Investing involves risk including potential loss of principal. There is no guarantee an investment strategy will achieve its objectives.**



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The Strategy can also purchase unleveraged, inverse fixed income and equity ETFs. Inverse ETFs attempt to profit from the decline of an asset or asset class by seeking to track the opposite performance of the underlying benchmark or index. Inverse products attempt to achieve their stated objectives on a daily basis and can face additional risks due to this fact. The effect of compounding over a long period can cause a large dispersion between the ETF and the underlying benchmark or index. Inverse ETFs may lose money even when the benchmark or index performs as desired. Inverse ETFs have potential for significant loss and may not be suitable for all investors. Investors should carefully consider the investment objectives, risks, charges, and expenses of the ETFs held within Astor’s strategies before investing. This information can be found in each fund’s prospectus.

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