

**THE ASTOR ECONOMIC INDEX® -  
ASTOR'S DATA DRIVEN SNAPSHOT OF  
THE U.S. ECONOMY**

*Astor Economic Index®  
As of May 31, 2024*



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**ASTOR STRATEGY UPDATE**

At Astor, we believe that typically the stronger the economic environment the better equities will perform. We entered 2024 with below average levels of equities but are **at about average levels today**. We are hoping for clear signs of a recovery so we can increase the allocation to equities.

**ASTOR DYNAMIC ALLOCATION (ADA)  
Equity Allocation Average, Increased at June Meeting**

- At the June meeting the Investment Committee (IC) slightly increased the allocation to equities.

**ASTOR SECTOR ALLOCATION (ASA)  
Equity Allocation Moderate, Stable at June Meeting**

- At the June meeting the Investment Committee left sector allocations unchanged.

**ACTIVE INCOME (AI)**

**Credit Allocation Average, Duration Allocation Moderate, Lengthened Duration in June**

- At the June meeting the IC lengthened Active Income's duration.

**U.S. ECONOMY UPDATE**

**The Astor Economic Index® (AEI)**



Our proprietary Astor Economic Index® is up somewhat since the beginning of the year and is currently at a level consistent with slightly above average growth. The latest payroll report was consistent with decent economic growth, a vital

pillar supporting the economy. However, it should be noted that there are some subtle signs of labor market weakening to keep an eye on.

**Inflation**

Inflation is vastly improved over last year at this time but **still somewhat above the Fed's target and has stopped improving recently**. It is possible that the economy has yet to fully incorporate last year's hikes but perhaps equally possible for inflation to reverse direction.

**Fiscal Policy**

**We expect fiscal contraction in the next few years.** The Inflation Reduction Act is supposed to reduce spending as is the recent deal to extend the debt ceiling in exchange for spending cuts.

**International Environment**

**The world environment is very challenging.** The IMF expects global growth at about the same pace as in 2023, they also recently said that **"The forecast for global growth five years from now—at 3.1 percent—is at its lowest in decades"**. They do expect global inflation to return to trend in the next few years.

**Fed Stance**

**The Fed Funds futures market sees the first of two 2024 cuts in September**, significantly fewer than what was expected at the start of the year. Based on their recent public comments Fed officials seem allowing for a wide range of possible outcomes including standing pat. We are not convinced there will be substantial cuts absent a severe recession.

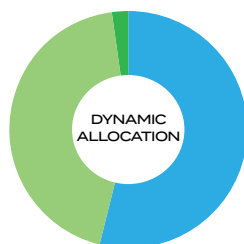
**Economic Summary**

**In our view, the U.S. economy looks to have a slightly above average rate of growth. We are on watch for incipient signs of labor market weakness.** The Fed expects reductions in growth and inflation and we will all be waiting to see what transpires.

## ASTOR DYNAMIC ALLOCATION (ADA)

### TARGET ALLOCATIONS

CATEGORY	MAY 2024	APRIL 2024
Equity	54.0%	54.0%
Commodity	0.0%	0.0%
Fixed Income	44.0%	44.0%
Cash	2.0%	2.0%



### OBJECTIVE

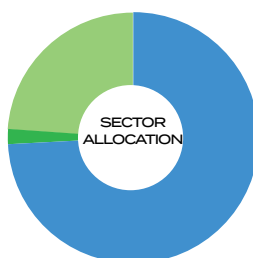
Astor Dynamic Allocation, our flagship strategy, takes a macroeconomics-based approach to asset allocation using the proprietary Astor Economic Index® (AEI).

The strategy adjusts portfolio beta throughout economic cycles by tactically adjusting allocations across a broad range of asset classes.

## ASTOR SECTOR ALLOCATION (ASA)

### TARGET ALLOCATIONS

CATEGORY	MAY 2024	APRIL 2024
Sector Equity	74.3%	74.3%
Cash	2.0%	2.0%
Fixed Income	23.7%	23.7%



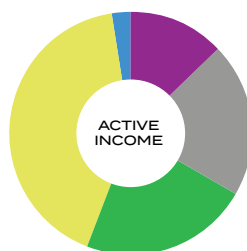
### OBJECTIVE

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.

## ACTIVE INCOME (AI)

### TARGET ALLOCATIONS

CATEGORY	MAY 2024	APRIL 2024
High Yield	20.5%	20.5%
Senior Loan	22.5%	22.5%
Investment Grade	41.5%	49.5%
Cash	2.5%	2.5%
Treasury	13.0%	5.0%



### OBJECTIVE

Astor Active Income employs a fundamental approach to income investing, assessing risk and opportunity across the capital market spectrum. The strategy is designed to complement traditional income strategies in a portfolio by using an active approach.

The strategy seeks to find the asset mix that provides a more attractive yield-to-risk ratio compared to that of intermediate-term Treasury bonds.

\*The presented data represents the target allocations as determined by Astor's Investment Committee, for the referenced strategy and as of the stated time period. See additional disclosures for further information.

## STRATEGY PERFORMANCE

As of 05/31/2024

	MAY 2024	YTD	ANNUALIZED 1-YR	ANNUALIZED 5-YR	ANNUALIZED 10-YR
Dynamic Allocation (net)	2.36%	4.40%	12.02%	4.38%	4.23%
60% S&P 500/40% Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index	3.65%	6.01%	16.88%	9.47%	8.24%
Sector Allocation (net)	1.76%	4.25%	11.95%	7.27%	5.00%
S&P 500 Index	4.96%	11.30%	28.19%	15.80%	12.69%
Active Income (net)	0.89%	1.60%	5.73%	0.02%	0.73%
Bloomberg U.S. Agg. Bond Index	1.70%	-1.64%	1.31%	-0.17%	1.26%

Source: Astor Data: 05/31/2024, Bloomberg. The performance presented is net of fees and assumes the reinvestment of dividends. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Please refer to the accompanying disclosures for additional information concerning these.

## DISCLOSURES

Valuations are computed and performance is reported in U.S. dollars. Performance results assume the reinvestment of dividends. Certain client accounts may take dividends as distributions. For the time periods shown, an annual 2% model fee is used for the Dynamic Allocation, Sector Allocation, and Active Income Composites. Net-of-fees performance is calculated on a monthly basis by reducing gross-of-fees returns by the applicable model fee. The model fee is representative of the actual fees charged to client accounts which cover trading, advisory, and other costs. The model fee produces a more conservative return than when calculated with actual fees. Generally, accounts will pay for transaction costs within a bundled fee which may also include items such as advisory, administrative, and custodial fees. In addition to these expenses, Astor primarily purchases securities which contain embedded expenses. These costs result in a layering of fees. Please note performance results include accounts which pay trading costs separately and accounts which pay a bundled fee inclusive of advisory and trading costs. No performance-based fees are assessed. The annual fee paid by clients will typically range from 1.00%-3.00% of the clients' assets under management. Astor receives a portion of this total fee as compensation for provided advisory services. Astor's annual management fee varies based upon custodial arrangements, account size, and other factors.

The Astor Dynamic Allocation Composite is a multi-asset, tactical allocation strategy that exclusively uses exchange-traded funds (ETFs). The Composite will invest in a mix of asset classes, including equity, fixed income, commodities, and currencies depending on the economic and market environment. During economic contractions, the Composite seeks to reduce risk by utilizing defensive positioning such as inverse equity and fixed income. The strategy may employ the use of unleveraged inverse exchange-traded funds, designed to track a single multiple of the daily inverse performance of a given index. Effective January 1, 2020 only wrap fee accounts are included in the Composite. For purposes of defining the composite of accounts, a minimum account size of \$25,000 is imposed monthly. Prior to January 1, 2020 the minimum account size was \$50,000. The benchmark is 60% S&P 500/40% Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index, a custom blended benchmark.

The Sector Allocation Composite is a tactical strategy focused on the generation of returns through shifts in domestic equity sector allocations. The Composite exclusively uses exchange-traded funds (ETFs) and focuses on investing in domestic equities during economic expansions while reducing equity exposure for fixed income and cash in weak economic periods. Prior to May 2014, the Composite previously invested in various other asset classes, including commodities, international equity, and currencies. These asset classes were removed due to evolution of the strategy model and investment universe. The Composite includes a minimum 15% domestic equity allocation and does not invest in inverse funds. For purposes of defining the composite of accounts, a minimum account size of \$25,000 is imposed monthly. Prior to January 1, 2020 the minimum account size was \$50,000. Effective January 1, 2020 only wrap fee accounts are included in the Composite. The benchmark is the S&P 500 Index.

The Active Income Composite is an actively managed strategy designed to produce income and to generate long-term capital appreciation by exclusively investing in exchange-traded funds (ETFs). The Composite invests primarily in fixed income securities and dividend-yielding equities. The portfolio manager may, at their discretion, depart from the targeted allocation range when they feel that certain sections of the financial markets are over or under valued. The strategy may employ the use of unleveraged inverse exchange-traded funds, designed to track a single multiple of the daily inverse performance of a given index. For purposes of defining the composite of accounts, a minimum account size of \$25,000 is imposed monthly. Prior to January 1, 2020 the minimum account size was \$50,000. The benchmark is the Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index. The performance of the Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index is shown for comparison because Astor uses index instruments tied to these products. Although the Composite invests in securities which may invest in assets besides fixed income securities and may invest in assets that move inversely with fixed income, the performance of the Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index is presented because it is a widely used benchmark and indicator of bond market performance.

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Astor can also purchase unleveraged, inverse fixed income and equity ETFs in select strategies. 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.

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The asset classes and weights shown here represent the target allocations for the referenced strategies. 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, the structure of the invested product, custodial limitations, and/or the manner in which trades are executed. Securities and weights are subject to change without notice.

## DEFINITIONS

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

**Commodity:** An investment in an exchange-traded fund that invests primarily in physical commodities such as precious metals, agriculture crops, livestock, and energy sources.

**Duration:** A measure of the price sensitivity of a bond when interest rates fluctuate, expressed in years. Astor calculates a modified duration and classifies short-term as between 0-3 years, intermediate-term as 3-7 years, and long-term as 7+ years.

**Equity:** An investment in an exchange-traded fund that invests primarily in the shares of publicly-traded companies.

**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.

**High Yield:** An investment in an exchange-traded fund that invests primarily in the category of debt instruments which have a higher risk of default and thus pay a higher yield. These debt instruments are rated below a certain level by the major credit rating agencies due and are also known as "junk bonds." (For Moody's rating scale this generally means bonds rated Ba and lower and for Standard & Poor's, bonds rated BB and lower.)

**Investment Grade:** An investment in an exchange-traded fund that invests primarily in the category of debt instruments which are rated above a certain level by the major credit rating agencies due to their increased likelihood of meeting payment obligations. (For Moody's rating scale this generally means bonds rated Baa and higher and for Standard & Poor's, bonds rated BBB and higher.)

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

**Senior Loan:** An investment in an exchange-traded fund that invests primarily in debt obligations issued by financial institutions who hold legal claim to the borrower's assets above all other debt obligations.

**Treasury:** An investment in an exchange-traded fund that invests primarily in the debt obligations of the United States government including notes, bills, bonds, and inflated-protected securities (TIPS).

## BENCHMARK INFORMATION:

**Standard & Poor's 500 Total Return Index:** *The S&P 500 Index measures the performance of 500 large cap stocks, which together represent approximately 80% of the total equities market in the United States. The Total Return calculation includes the price-plus-gross cash dividend return. S&P 500 is registered trademark of McGraw Hill Financial.*

**60% S&P 500 Index/40% Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index:** *A custom blended benchmark consisting of the summed returns of 60% of the S&P 500 Total Return Index and 40% of the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index. Its performance is calculated monthly, shown net of all fees, with dividends reinvested.*

**Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index:** *The Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index is a broad-based index representing the dollar-denominated investment grade bond market which includes Treasuries, government securities, and mortgage securities. Annual returns are calculated using cash monthly prices with dividends reinvested.*

The performance shown is based on composites of managed accounts and is not calculated or derived from any relationship where Astor provides non-discretionary advisory services in the form of model distribution. The performance of the composite accounts will differ from non-managed accounts due to factors such as Astor's lack of trading authority, timing of trades, client inception, additions or withdrawals, platform-imposed restrictions, and others. Any performance shown should not be interpreted as the performance a client has received or will receive in a non-discretionary relationship. The composite program may not be available to you.

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