

# Quartz *adapt*CORE Portfolios

Multi-strategy solution that delivers a blended portfolio of Quartz Strategies defined by full-cycle risk profile.



Strategy Fact Sheet

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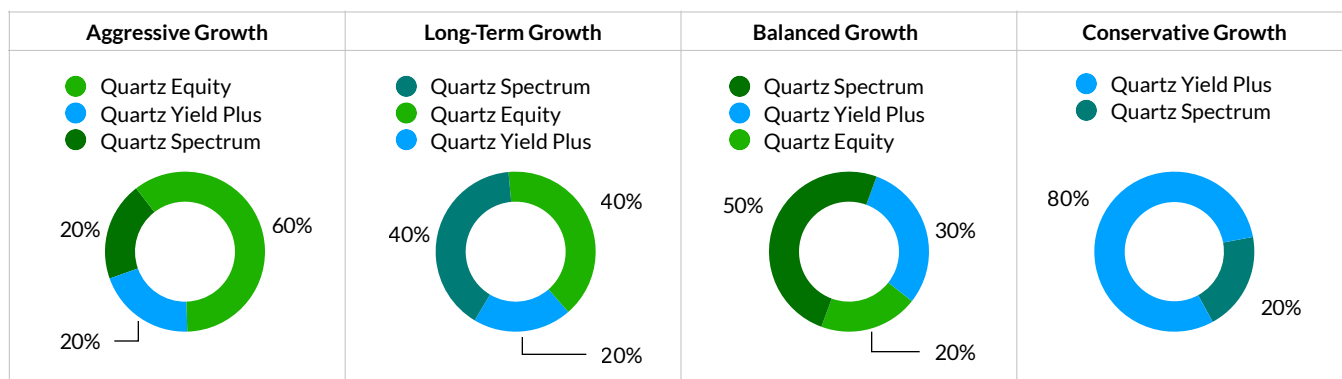
Designed for investors looking to invest in multiple Quartz Partners Strategies in a risk-based blend, the *adapt*CORE Portfolio Series combines multiple Strategies into a single portfolio. With options ranging from conservative growth to aggressive growth\*, *adapt*CORE can make it easier to select the appropriate portfolio.

- Tactical asset allocation within each Strategy module
- Rebalanced dynamically
- Alternative to single strategy investments for smaller accounts

**Strategy Description:** These 4 multi-strategy portfolios are built through allocations to our Quartz Strategies to provide a total portfolio solution and help balance risk and return. Each target-risk portfolio offers an all-inclusive portfolio solution which seeks positive total returns within its asset class and risk constraints. Please refer to the aforementioned individual Quartz Strategies for a full and complete description.

*\*Over a full market cycle, defined as approximately 5-7 years, the Portfolios seek risk levels consistent with the stated risk profile. However, the underlying strategies' focused investment approach may lead to extended market periods in which the portfolios may reflect a higher or lower risk profile.*

## *adapt*CORE Strategy Blends



## *adapt*CORE Portfolio Allocation % as of December 31, 2023

	Aggressive Growth	Long-Term Growth	Balanced Growth	Conservative Growth
US Equities	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Foreign Equities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
High Risk/Return Fixed Income	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
High Quality Fixed Income	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Alternatives	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cash/Equivalents	100%	100%	100%	100%

*Prior to April 9, 2018, adaptCORE Balanced Growth was named adaptCORE Moderate Growth. Strategy allocations may vary depending on the custodian selected. The portfolio is dynamically adjusted and will frequently and substantially change. Actual Strategy Blends and Portfolio allocations will vary due to market fluctuations.*

## *adapt*CORE Benchmarks

	Primary (Blended) Benchmark	Risk Benchmark
Quartz <i>adapt</i> CORE Aggressive Growth	85% MSCI ACWI Index / 15% Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index	Morningstar Aggressive Target Risk Index
Quartz <i>adapt</i> CORE Long-Term Growth	70% MSCI ACWI Index / 30% Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index	Morningstar Moderately Aggressive Target Risk Index
Quartz <i>adapt</i> CORE Balanced Growth	50% MSCI ACWI Index / 50% Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index	Morningstar Moderate Target Risk Index
Quartz <i>adapt</i> CORE Conservative Growth	15% MSCI ACWI Index / 85% Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index	Morningstar Moderately Conservative Target Risk Index

*Note: Because of the composite's unconstrained investment strategy, no appropriate benchmark exists. However, benchmarks are shown for reference purposes and as supplemental information.*

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as of 9/30/2023

## Annualized Total Returns %

	adaptCORE Aggressive Growth			adaptCORE Long-Term Growth			adaptCORE Balanced Growth			adaptCORE Conservative Growth		
	Gross	Net	Blended Benchmark	Gross	Net	Blended Benchmark	Gross	Net	Blended Benchmark	Gross	Net	Blended Benchmark
3mo	0.98	0.48	10.41	1.19	0.69	9.78	1.36	0.86	8.94	1.06	0.55	7.45
YTD	4.38	2.31	19.61	4.71	2.65	17.06	4.85	2.78	13.70	4.62	2.56	7.94
1 yr	4.38	2.31	19.61	4.71	2.65	17.06	4.85	2.78	13.70	4.62	2.56	7.94
3 yr	3.19	1.15	4.44	3.54	1.49	3.11	3.17	1.13	1.30	1.60	-0.41	-1.91
5 yr	5.96	3.86	10.24	6.16	4.06	8.71	5.34	3.26	6.61	2.72	0.69	2.79
Inception <sup>1</sup>	4.78	2.72	7.23	5.15	3.08	6.19	4.68	2.61	4.86	3.03	1.00	2.39

<sup>1</sup>Inception Dates = May 1, 2015 (adaptCORE Long-Term Growth, Balanced Growth, Conservative Growth); June 1, 2015 (adaptCORE Aggressive Growth)

## Annual Total Returns %

	adaptCORE Aggressive Growth			adaptCORE Long-Term Growth			adaptCORE Balanced Growth			adaptCORE Conservative Growth		
	Gross	Net	Blended Benchmark	Gross	Net	Blended Benchmark	Gross	Net	Blended Benchmark	Gross	Net	Blended Benchmark
2015 <sup>2</sup>	-2.82	-3.95	-6.08	-1.83	-3.13	-5.20	-2.46	-3.76	-3.87	-2.89	-4.18	-1.62
2016	1.76	-0.25	7.16	2.13	0.11	6.42	2.50	0.47	5.40	6.39	4.29	3.50
2017	14.10	11.87	20.70	14.30	12.06	17.50	13.75	11.52	13.35	9.52	7.36	8.40
2018	-0.87	-2.84	-7.94	0.04	-1.95	-6.48	0.78	-1.21	-4.57	0.11	-1.87	-1.33
2019	7.36	5.24	23.90	6.78	4.67	21.21	6.60	4.57	17.62	5.88	3.79	11.37
2020	13.21	10.98	15.35	13.77	11.54	14.28	10.80	8.63	12.64	2.99	0.95	9.19
2021	19.29	16.95	15.36	20.76	18.40	12.25	18.02	15.71	8.18	8.35	6.21	1.31
2022	-11.75	-13.52	-17.46	-12.24	-13.99	-16.59	-11.28	-13.05	-15.48	-7.47	-9.32	-13.70
2023	4.38	2.31	19.61	4.71	2.65	17.06	4.85	2.78	13.70	4.62	2.56	7.94

<sup>2</sup>Beginning at inception

## Risk Statistics (Since Inception, Gross Returns)

vs Risk Benchmark	adaptCORE Aggressive Growth	Risk Benchmark	adaptCORE Long-Term Growth	Risk Benchmark	adaptCORE Balanced Growth	Risk Benchmark	adaptCORE Conservative Growth	Risk Benchmark
Standard Deviation	9.30	15.22	9.23	13.03	8.43	10.45	5.82	7.94
Beta	0.43	1.00	0.48	1.00	0.55	1.00	0.47	1.00
Alpha	0.53	-	1.05	-	0.96	-	0.21	-
Sharpe Ratio	0.39	0.49	0.44	0.48	0.42	0.45	0.30	0.41

## DEFINITIONS

**Alpha:** a measure of the difference between a fund's actual returns and its expected performance, given its level of risk as measured by beta. **Beta:** a measure of the volatility, or systematic risk, of a security or a portfolio in comparison to the market as a whole. **Beta:** a measure of the volatility, or systematic risk, of a security or a portfolio in comparison to the market as a whole. **Standard deviation:** a measure of the dispersion of a set of data from its mean. It is designed to gauge the historical risk of an investment in terms of its past volatility. **Sharpe Ratio:** the average return earned in excess of the risk-free rate per unit of volatility or total risk. **MSCI ACWI Index:** a market capitalization weighted index designed to provide a broad measure of equity-market performance throughout the world. The MSCI ACWI is maintained by Morgan Stanley Capital International (MSCI), and is comprised of stocks from both developed and emerging markets. **Bloomberg Barclays Capital U.S. Aggregate Bond Index:** comprised of approximately 6,000 publicly traded bonds including U.S. Government, mortgage-backed, corporate, and Yankee bonds with an approximate average maturity of 10 years. The **Morningstar Target Risk Index** family is designed to meet the needs of investors who would like to maintain a target level of equity exposure through a portfolio diversified across equities, bonds and inflation-hedged instruments. The Morningstar Aggressive Target Risk Index seeks approximately 90% exposure to global equity markets. The Morningstar Moderately Aggressive Target Risk Index seeks approximately 80% exposure to global equity markets. The Morningstar Moderate Risk Index seeks approximately 60% exposure to global equity markets. The Morningstar Moderately Conservative Risk Index seeks approximately 40% exposure to global equity markets.

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