

# Natixis Risk-Efficient Portfolios

## Factsheet

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### Portfolio Overview

Natixis Investment Manager Solutions believes markets over the long term are efficient but exhibit short-term inefficiency. As such, we construct a strategic portfolio to capture the long-term risk premiums across asset classes and tactically overweight/underweight the portfolio to capitalize on short-term market opportunities.

Suite of 4 portfolios | Investment minimum \$25,000

- Each model combines a strategic portfolio and an alternatives sleeve utilizing Natixis and third party active managers with a tactical overlay implemented through ETFs
- The Natixis Investment Managers Solutions Investment Committee develops tactical views based on fundamental analysis, relative value, market technicals, investor sentiment and money flows which are expressed in a three- to six-month outlook
- Highest conviction views are recommended for inclusion into the Model Portfolios with the portfolio management team deciding which asset class tilts to incorporate
- The model portfolios seek to drive alpha through each step of the investment process: establishing the strategic portfolio, alternatives sleeve, tactical asset class tilts, and manager selection
- Natixis Investment Managers' multi-affiliate line-up of active, independent managers provides the portfolios with the ability to produce alpha across asset classes over full market cycles

### Portfolio Construction

Seek to generate alpha through each step of the process

The portfolio construction process consists of five main segments:

1. Construction of the strategic portfolio
2. Construction of the alternatives sleeve
3. Tactical overlay
4. Manager allocation and selection
5. Risk monitoring



#### Establish Strategic Portfolio

- Maximize return while targeting the benchmark's risk
- Proprietary capital market assumptions

#### Establish Alternatives Sleeve

- Combines exposures in multi-alternative, managed futures, low-volatility equity and credit long/short
- Funded pro-rata based on equity/ fixed weights within each risk profile

#### Incorporate Tactical Tilts

- Apply Investment Committee allocation views
- Monitor tracking error relative to strategic benchmark

#### Populate Fund Allocations

- Utilize active managers to build strategic and alternatives allocations
- Express tactical tilts through passive investments

#### Risk Monitoring

- Monitor portfolio returns, risk, and factor exposures
- Monitor underlying constituent returns, risk and material events

### The Natixis Investment Managers Solutions Approach

Natixis Investment Managers Solutions<sup>1</sup> provides design, development and execution of portfolio strategies tailored to specific investment objectives and unique portfolio constraints. Fully integrated services combine investment expertise with portfolio analysis and construction capabilities to deliver a wide range of customized solutions.

- \$66.5 billion in Assets<sup>2</sup>
- 33 investment professionals
- 20 years of solutions partnerships

#### Leadership:

**Marina Gross**, Head of Solutions

#### Portfolio Management Team:

**Christopher Sharpe, CFA®**  
**Daniel Price, CFA®, FRM**  
**Jack Janasiewicz, CFA®**  
**Brian Kmetz, CFA®, CIPM**

<sup>1</sup> A division of Natixis Advisors, LLC. Natixis Advisors, LLC is one of the independent asset managers affiliated with Natixis Investment Managers.

<sup>2</sup> Assets under administration ("AUA") as of December 31, 2023. AUA, as reported, may include assets for which non-Regulatory AUM services are provided. Non-Regulatory AUM includes assets which do not fall within the SEC's definition of Regulatory AUM in Form ADV, Part 1.

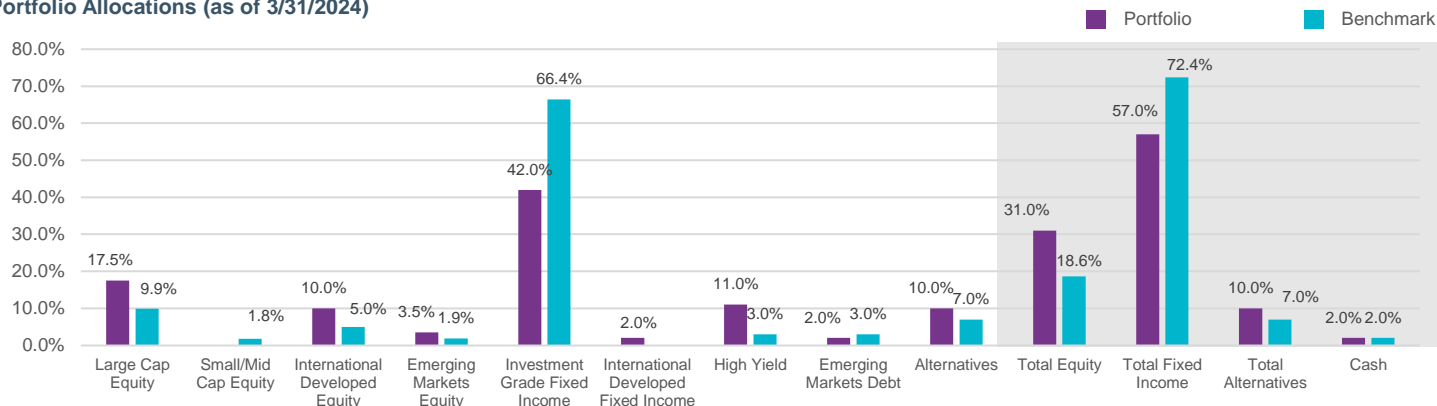
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# Risk-Efficient Income Portfolio

## Composite Performance (as of 3/31/2024)

Average Annualized Total Returns†% (as of 3/31/2024)	QTR	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception*
Income Portfolio (Gross)	2.62	2.62	9.51	2.36	5.10	-	5.01
Income Portfolio (Net)	1.85	1.85	6.29	-0.66	2.00	-	1.92
Benchmark	2.81	2.81	9.44	1.41	4.88	-	5.17

## Portfolio Allocations (as of 3/31/2024)



## Underlying Portfolio Holdings (as of 3/31/2024)

	Asset Class	Income
<b>Large Cap Equity</b>	<b>US Equity</b>	<b>17.5%</b>
JP Morgan Premium Income ETF		4.0%
Loomis Sayles Growth		5.0%
Oakmark Fund		5.0%
Vaughan Nelson Select Fund – Class Y		3.5%
<b>International Developed Equity</b>	<b>Non-US Equity</b>	<b>10.0%</b>
iShares International Select Dividend ETF		6.0%
Oakmark International Fund – Investor Class		2.0%
WCM Focused International Growth Fund – Institutional Class		2.0%
<b>Emerging Markets Equity</b>	<b>Non-US Equity</b>	<b>3.5%</b>
WisdomTree Emerging Markets High Dividend ETF		3.5%
<b>Investment Grade Fixed Income</b>	<b>Fixed Income</b>	<b>42.0%</b>
SPDR® Portfolio Long Term Treasury ETF		9.0%
iShares 10-20 Year Treasury ETF		9.0%
Schwab Short-Term U.S. Treasury ETF		8.0%
Loomis Sayles Core Plus Bond Fund – Class Y		8.0%
Loomis Sayles Intermediate Duration Bond Fund – Class Y		8.0%
<b>International Fixed Income</b>	<b>Fixed Income</b>	<b>2.0%</b>
Loomis Sayles Global Bond – Institutional Class		2.0%
<b>High Yield</b>	<b>Fixed Income</b>	<b>11.0%</b>
PIMCO Dynamic Income Fund		5.0%
SPDR Blackstone Senior Loan ETF		6.0%
<b>Emerging Markets Debt</b>	<b>Fixed Income</b>	<b>2.0%</b>
iShares J.P. Morgan USD Emerging Markets Bond ETF		2.0%
<b>Alternatives</b>	<b>Alternatives</b>	<b>10.0%</b>
Victory Market Neutral Income Fund – Institutional		2.0%
Loomis Sayles Strategic Alpha Fund – Class Y		3.0%
Gateway Fund – Class Y		2.0%
Virtus AlphaSimplex Managed Futures Strategy Fund – Class I		3.0%
<b>Cash</b>		<b>2.0%</b>
Cash		2.0%
<b>Weighted Net Expense (%)</b>		<b>0.72</b>

\*Since inception performance for the Income composite is as of 11/1/2016.

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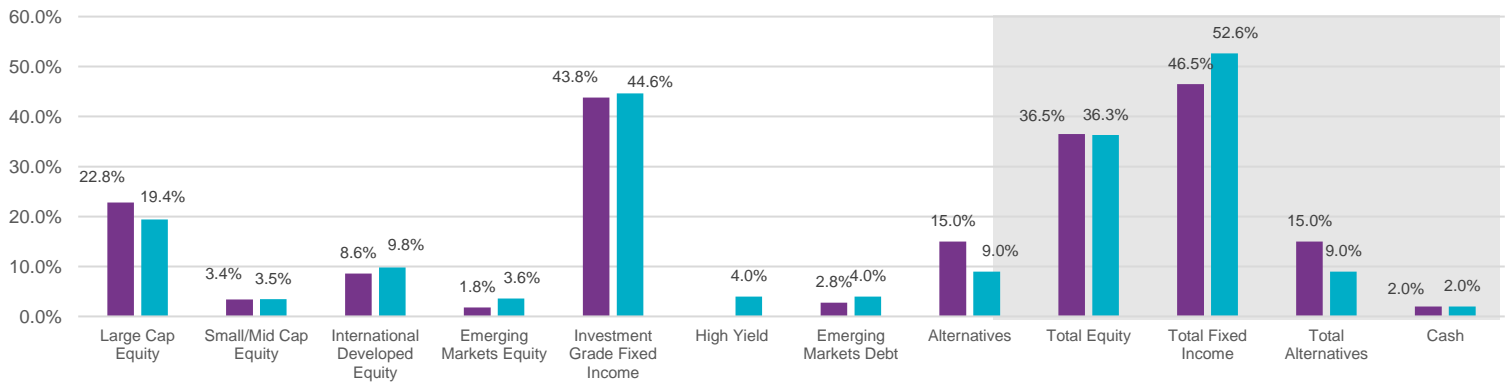
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# Risk-Efficient Conservative Portfolio

## Composite Performance (as of 3/31/2024)

Average Annualized Total Returns†% (as of 3/31/2024)	QTR	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception*
Conservative Portfolio (Gross)	3.26	3.26	10.06	1.00	3.92	3.68	4.35
Conservative Portfolio (Net)	2.50	2.50	6.83	-1.98	0.85	0.62	1.27
Benchmark	2.81	2.81	9.44	1.41	4.88	4.69	5.40

## Portfolio Allocations by Asset Class (as of 3/31/2024)



## Underlying Portfolio Holdings (as of 3/31/2024)

	Asset Class	Conservative
<b>Large Cap Equity</b>	<b>US Equity</b>	<b>22.8%</b>
iShares Core S&P 500 ETF		7.1%
Loomis Sayles Growth Fund		5.2%
Oakmark Fund		5.2%
Vaughan Nelson Select Fund - Class Y		5.2%
<b>Small/Mid Cap Equity</b>	<b>US Equity</b>	<b>3.4%</b>
iShares Russell 2000 ETF		1.0%
SPDR Portfolio S&P 400 Mid Cap ETF		1.4%
Vaughan Nelson Mid-Cap Fund – Class Y		1.0%
<b>International Developed Equity</b>	<b>Non-US Equity</b>	<b>8.6%</b>
JPMorgan BetaBuilders Japan ETF		2.1%
SPDR EURO STOXX 50 ETF		1.5%
Oakmark International Fund – Investor Class		2.5%
WCM Focused International Growth Fund – Institutional Class		2.5%
<b>Emerging Markets Equity</b>	<b>Non-US Equity</b>	<b>1.8%</b>
iShares MSCI India ETF		0.9%
iShares Latin America 40 ETF		0.9%
WCM Focused Emerging Markets Fund – Institutional Class		0.0%
<b>Investment Grade Fixed Income</b>	<b>Fixed Income</b>	<b>43.8%</b>
SPDR® Portfolio Long Term Treasury ETF		2.3%
Schwab Short-Term U.S. Treasury ETF		3.2%
iShares 5-10 Year Investment Grade Corporate Bond ETF		3.9%
Loomis Sayles Core Plus Bond Fund – Class Y		17.2%
Loomis Sayles Investment Grade Bond – Class Y		10.3%
Oakmark Bond Investor		6.9%
<b>Emerging Markets Debt</b>	<b>Fixed Income</b>	<b>2.8%</b>
iShares J.P. Morgan USD Emerging Markets Bond ETF		2.8%
<b>Alternatives</b>	<b>Alternatives</b>	<b>15.0%</b>
Victory Market Neutral Income Fund – Institutional Class		3.5%
Loomis Sayles Strategic Alpha Fund – Class Y		5.0%
Gateway Fund – Class Y		5.0%
Natixis ASG Managed Futures Strategy Y		1.5%
<b>Cash &amp; Equivalents</b>		<b>2.0%</b>
Cash		2.0%
<b>Weighted Net Expense (%)</b>		<b>0.52</b>

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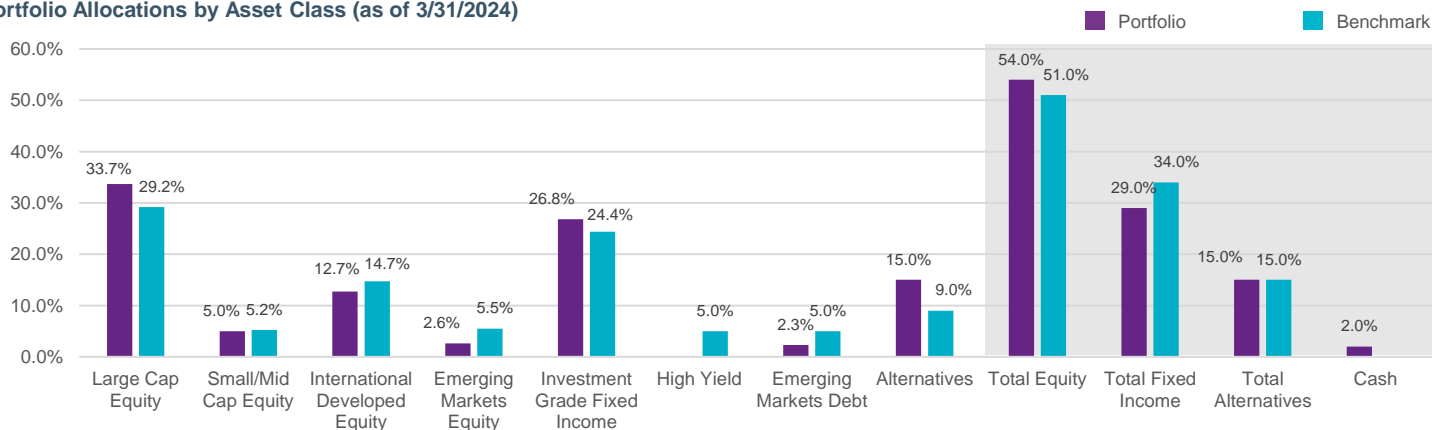
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# Risk-Efficient Moderate Portfolio

## Composite Performance (as of 3/31/2024)

Average Annualized Total Returns†% (as of 3/31/2024)	QTR	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception*
Moderate Portfolio (Gross)	4.77	4.77	13.37	3.09	6.27	5.68	6.51
Moderate Portfolio (Net)	4.00	4.00	10.05	0.05	3.14	2.57	3.38
Benchmark	4.32	4.32	13.07	3.03	6.79	6.05	7.14

## Portfolio Allocations by Asset Class (as of 3/31/2024)



## Underlying Portfolio Holdings (as of 3/31/2024)

	Asset Class	Moderate
<b>Large Cap Equity</b>	<b>US Equity</b>	<b>33.7%</b>
iShares Core S&P 500 ETF		10.1%
Loomis Sayles Growth Fund		7.9%
Oakmark Fund		7.9%
Vaughan Nelson Select Fund - Class Y		7.9%
<b>Small/Mid Cap Equity</b>	<b>US Equity</b>	<b>5.0%</b>
iShares Russell 2000 ETF		1.5%
SPDR Portfolio S&P 400 Mid Cap ETF		2.0%
Vaughan Nelson Mid-Cap Fund – Class Y		1.5%
<b>International Developed Equity</b>	<b>Non-US Equity</b>	<b>12.7%</b>
JPMorgan BetaBuilders Japan ETF		3.2%
SPDR EURO STOXX 50 ETF		2.0%
Oakmark International Fund – Investor Class		3.8%
WCM Focused International Growth Fund – Institutional Class		3.8%
<b>Emerging Markets Equity</b>	<b>Non-US Equity</b>	<b>2.6%</b>
iShares MSCI India ETF		0.8%
iShares Latin America 40 ETF		0.8%
WCM Focused Emerging Markets Fund – Institutional Class		1.1%
<b>Investment Grade Fixed Income</b>	<b>Fixed Income</b>	<b>26.8%</b>
SPDR® Portfolio Long Term Treasury ETF		2.3%
Schwab Short-Term U.S. Treasury ETF		1.2%
iShares 5-10 Year Investment Grade Corporate Bond ETF		1.2%
Loomis Sayles Core Plus Bond Fund – Class Y		11.0%
Loomis Sayles Investment Grade Bond – Class Y		6.6%
Oakmark Bond Investor		4.4%
<b>Emerging Markets Debt</b>	<b>Fixed Income</b>	<b>2.3%</b>
iShares J.P. Morgan USD Emerging Markets Bond ETF		2.3%
<b>Alternatives</b>	<b>Alternatives</b>	<b>15.0%</b>
Victory Market Neutral Income Fund – Institutional Class		3.0%
Loomis Sayles Strategic Alpha Fund – Class Y		4.0%
Gateway Fund – Class Y		6.0%
Natixis ASG Managed Futures Strategy Y		2.0%
<b>Cash &amp; Equivalents</b>		<b>2.0%</b>
Cash		2.0%
<b>Weighted Net Expense (%)</b>		<b>0.57</b>

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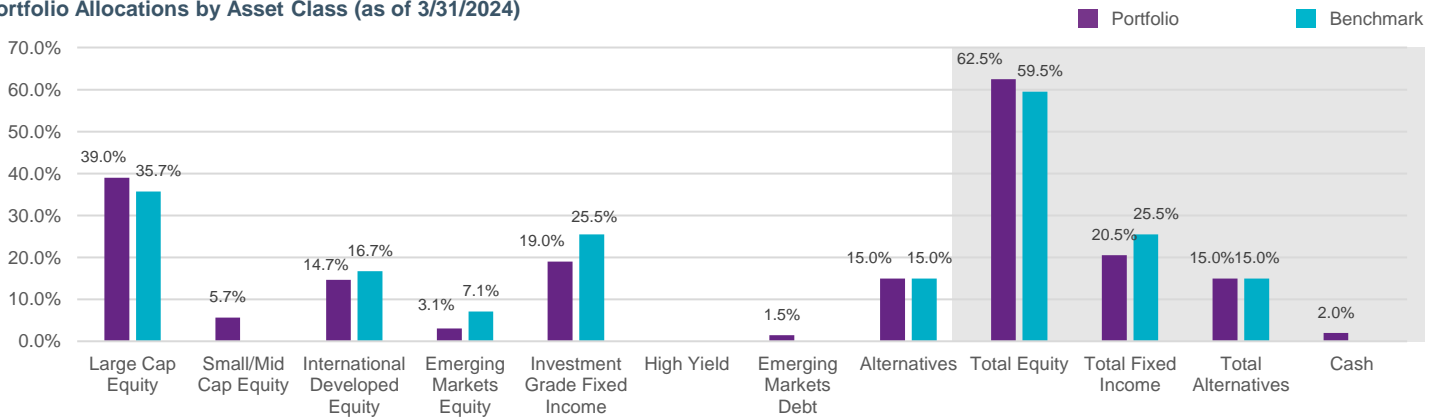
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# Risk-Efficient Growth Portfolio

## Composite Performance (as of 3/31/2024)

Average Annualized Total Returns* (as of 3/31/2024)	QTR	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception*
Growth Portfolio (Gross)	5.71	5.71	15.26	3.84	7.69	6.72	7.74
Growth Portfolio (Net)	4.93	4.93	11.89	0.77	4.52	3.58	4.57
Benchmark	5.08	5.08	14.92	3.83	8.00	7.03	8.57

## Portfolio Allocations by Asset Class (as of 3/31/2024)



## Underlying Portfolio Holdings (as of 3/31/2024)

	Asset Class	Growth
<b>Large Cap Equity</b>	<b>US Equity</b>	<b>39.0%</b>
iShares Core S&P 500 ETF		11.4%
Loomis Sayles Growth Fund		9.2%
Oakmark Fund		9.2%
Vaughan Nelson Select Fund - Class Y		9.2%
<b>Small/Mid Cap Equity</b>	<b>US Equity</b>	<b>5.7%</b>
iShares Russell 2000 ETF		1.7%
SPDR Portfolio S&P 400 Mid Cap ETF		2.3%
Vaughan Nelson Mid-Cap Fund – Class Y		1.7%
<b>International Developed Equity</b>	<b>Non-US Equity</b>	<b>14.7%</b>
JPMorgan BetaBuilders Japan ETF		3.8%
SPDR EURO STOXX 50 ETF		2.2%
Oakmark International Fund – Investor Class		4.4%
WCM Focused International Growth Fund – Institutional Class		4.4%
<b>Emerging Markets Equity</b>	<b>Non-US Equity</b>	<b>3.1%</b>
iShares MSCI India ETF		0.9%
iShares Latin America 40 ETF		0.9%
WCM Focused Emerging Markets Fund – Institutional Class		1.2%
<b>Investment Grade Fixed Income</b>	<b>Fixed Income</b>	<b>19.0%</b>
SPDR® Portfolio Long Term Treasury ETF		2.3%
Schwab Short-Term U.S. Treasury ETF		0.0%
iShares 5-10 Year Investment Grade Corporate Bond ETF		0.0%
Loomis Sayles Core Plus Bond Fund – Class Y		8.3%
Loomis Sayles Investment Grade Bond – Class Y		5.0%
Oakmark Bond Investor		3.3%
<b>Emerging Markets Debt</b>	<b>Fixed Income</b>	<b>1.5%</b>
iShares J.P. Morgan USD Emerging Markets Bond ETF		1.5%
<b>Alternatives</b>	<b>Alternatives</b>	<b>15.0%</b>
Victory Market Neutral Income Fund – Institutional Class		2.0%
Loomis Sayles Strategic Alpha Fund – Class Y		3.5%
Gateway Fund – Class Y		7.0%
Natixis ASG Managed Futures Strategy Y		2.5%
<b>Cash &amp; Equivalents</b>		<b>2.0%</b>
Cash		2.0%
<b>Weighted Net Expense (%)</b>		<b>0.59</b>

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## Disclosure

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**Benchmark Compositions:** The Income and Conservative Benchmarks are composed of 34% MSCI ACWI Index / 51% Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index / 15% Wilshire Liquid Index. The Moderate Benchmark is composed of 51% MSCI ACWI Index / 34% Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index / 15% Wilshire Liquid Index. The Growth Benchmark is composed of 59.5% MSCI ACWI Index / 25.5% Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index / 15% Wilshire Liquid Index.

Index returns are presented as a general indicator of market performance during the periods depicted. Index performance is not indicative of the performance of any investment and do not reflect fees, expenses, or sales charges. The index composition may not reflect the manner in which the portfolio is constructed and portfolio characteristics including volatility, risk and return features may deviate from those of the benchmark. The ability to select an index for comparison may make the results of the portfolio look comparatively more favorable than if another index had been selected. All indexes are unmanaged and cannot be invested into directly.

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