



# AIA S&P 400<sup>®</sup> (Mid Cap) Strategy



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#### Manager Overview

Natixis Investment Managers Solutions Direct Indexing provides fully customizable SMAs aligned to a variety of indices, spanning different market capitalization segments and geographic regions. These separately managed account portfolios can be customized for tax purposes, to align with investor values and concerns, to tilt towards factors, or a combination of objectives. All accounts are actively managed and provide beta exposure to an index. This type of solution, which we have implemented since 2002, can help taxable investors mitigate tax liability in their portfolios, minimize capital gains, and plan for future taxable events while offering tax exempt investors the ability to integrate restrictions, factor preferences, and values into highly customized index aligned portfolios.

#### **Portfolio Team:**

- Kevin Maeda, Chief Investment Officer, Direct Indexing; began investment career in 1994; BS, University of California, Berkeley; MBA, University of California, Los Angeles
- Serena Stone, CFA®, Vice President, Portfolio Manager, Direct Indexing; began investment career in 1999; BS, University of California, Los Angeles
- Rosemary Ellis, CFP®, Associate Portfolio Manager, Direct Indexing; began investment career in 2008; BA, Lafayette College

## Strategy Overview – Investment Philosophy

AIA's managers seek to provide a pre-tax return similar to the S&P MidCap400® Index. Each separately managed account is unique and can incorporate existing holdings and stock restrictions. Key features include:

- Providing consistent and diversified exposure to the S&P MidCap400<sup>®</sup> Index
- Deploying a proprietary stratified sampling methodology to represent the index with a subset of stocks
- · Delivering customization at the individual account level

# **Universe: Index constituents** Employ proprietary stratification methodology to **Stratification** group securities within each sector Use proprietary sampling methodology to select Sampling stocks from each index sector Weight each position to seek correlation with Weighting benchmark index **Portfolio** Final portfolio holds a subset of stocks from the index Sell criteria: All accounts are rebalanced to seek sector-neutral Loss harvest weights and diversification across market Risk management capitalization Deletion from index

# The Natixis Investment Managers Solutions Approach

Natixis Investment Managers
Solutions¹ 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.

- \$58.4 billion in Assets<sup>2</sup>
- · 33 investment professionals
- 20 years of solutions partnerships

#### Leadership:

Marina Gross, Head of Solutions

- <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 September 30, 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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#### PERFORMANCE OVERVIEW (AS OF 12/31/23)

# AIA S&P 400® (Mid Cap)1 Strategy

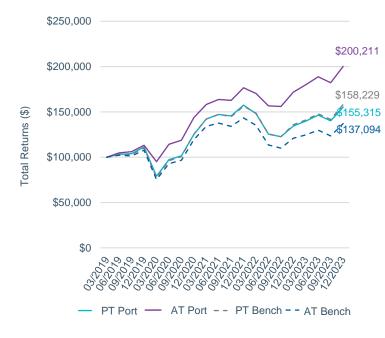
Period returns<sup>2</sup> (Gross %) - Maximum Federal and State Tax Rates

	AIA S&P 400® Pre-Tax	Pre-Tax Benchmark	Pre-Tax Difference	AIA S&P 400® After Tax	After Tax Benchmark	After Tax Difference	Tax Alpha
3 months	10.79	11.67	-0.88	9.85	10.95	-1.10	-0.22
YTD	15.52	16.44	-0.92	16.53	13.34	3.19	4.11
1 Year	15.52	16.44	-0.92	16.53	13.34	3.19	4.11
3 Years	7.47	8.09	-0.63	11.71	4.74	6.96	7.59
Since Inception (03/2019)	9.66	9.83	-0.17	15.86	6.56	9.30	9.47

#### Period returns<sup>2</sup> (Net %)<sup>3</sup> - Maximum Federal and State Tax Rates

	AIA S&P 400® Pre-Tax	Pre-Tax Benchmark	Pre-Tax Difference	AIA S&P 400® After Tax	After Tax Benchmark	After Tax Difference	Tax Alpha
3 months	9.98	11.67	-1.69	9.05	10.95	-1.90	-0.22
YTD	12.13	16.44	-4.30	13.12	13.34	-0.22	4.09
1 Year	12.13	16.44	-4.30	13.12	13.34	-0.22	4.09
3 Years	4.30	8.09	-3.79	8.43	4.74	3.68	7.48
Since Inception (03/2019)	6.44	9.83	-3.39	12.47	6.56	5.91	9.30

# Hypothetical growth of \$100,000 investment (Gross) since inception



# Hypothetical growth of \$100,000 investment ( $\mathbf{Net}$ ) $^3$ since inception



#### Performance data shown represents past performance and is no guarantee of, and not necessarily indicative of, future results.

Gross performance does not take into account transaction costs, investment advisory fees, custody fees, or other expenses that were charged to clients' accounts or deductions for income taxes. The pure gross of fees returns are supplemental information. After-tax returns are only applicable to taxable accounts. The net performance reflects the deduction of investment advisory fees charged to client accounts, as well as transactional fees. Such fees will reduce investment performance over time. Indexes are not investments and do not incur fees and expenses and are not professionally managed. It is not possible to invest directly in an index.

- 1 Please see the back page for important disclosures and performance information for the composite.
- 2 Performance for less than one year is not annualized.
- 3 The assumed model bundled fee used is 3.0% and has been retroactively applied since inception.

#### PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS AND CHARACTERISTICS (AS OF 12/31/23)

### AIA S&P 400® (Mid Cap) Strategy

**Top 10 Holdings** 

Top 10 AIA Strategy Holding	gs %	Top 10 S&P MidCap 400® Index Holdings %			
Security	Weight	Security	Weight		
Carlisle Companies Incorporated	1.10	Deckers Outdoor Corporation	0.68		
Graco Inc.	1.09	Reliance Steel & Aluminum Co.	0.64		
Deckers Outdoor Corporation	1.08	Carlisle Companies Incorporated	0.60		
Watsco, Inc.	1.03	GoDaddy, Inc. Class A	0.59		
Owens Corning	1.01	Graco Inc.	0.58		
AECOM	0.99	Watsco, Inc.	0.58		
GoDaddy, Inc. Class A	0.99	RPM International Inc.	0.57		
Fidelity National Financial, Inc FNF Group	0.97	Lennox International Inc.	0.57		
Reliance Steel & Aluminum Co.	0.96	W. P. Carey Inc.	0.56		
Saia, Inc.	0.93	Manhattan Associates, Inc.	0.53		

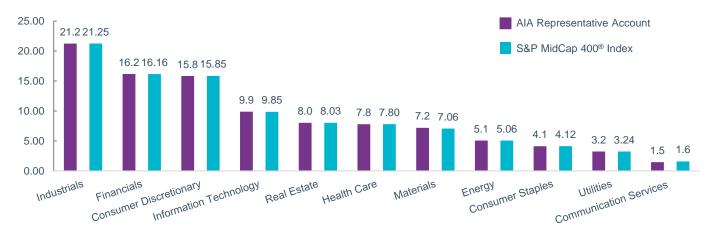
#### **Portfolio Characteristics**

	Strategy	S&P MidCap 400® Index
Number of holdings	150	401
Weighted average market cap (\$ billions)	9.09	8.10
Price/earnings ratio (forward 12 months)	16.84	15.94
Price/book ratio	2.47	2.33
Average dividend yield %	1.55	1.57
EPS growth rate % (3-5 year estimate)	10.26	9.89

#### **Market Cap Allocations %**

Market Cap Size	Strategy	S&P MidCap 400 <sup>®</sup> Index		
Large (>10B)	38.93%	26.39%		
Mid (2.5B to 10B)	61.07%	73.42%		
Small (<2.5B)	0.00%	0.19%		

#### **Sector Allocations %**



Source: FactSet

Holdings and characteristics for the above hypothetical representative account are presented for illustrative purposes only and do not represent an actual client account. There can be no assurance that client accounts will contain the securities listed. References to these securities should not be considered a recommendation or investment advice to buy or sell any security shown. There can be no assurance the securities will be profitable in the future. A complete list of all recommendations made within the last 12 months in this style is available upon request. Client portfolios are constructed by applying a stratified sampling technique that seeks to replicate the sector exposure of the S&P MidCap 400 Index. Price/earnings ratio is the price of a stock divided by its earnings per share. Price/book ratio is the ratio of a stock's price to its book value per share. The projected characteristics are based upon estimates and reflect subjective judgments and assumptions. There can be no assurance that developments will transpire as forecasted and that the estimates are accurate. The characteristics shown are for illustrative purposes only.

#### PERFORMANCE OVERVIEW (AS OF CALENDAR YEAR END)

#### AIA S&P 400<sup>®</sup> (Mid Cap) Strategy

Calendar year returns (Gross %) - Maximum Federal and State Tax Rates

	AIA S&P 400 <sup>®</sup> Pre-Tax	Pre-Tax Benchmark	Pre-Tax Difference	AIA S&P 400 <sup>®</sup> After Tax	After Tax Benchmark	After Tax Difference	Tax Alpha
2014	6.98	9.77	-2.79	8.54	7.70	0.84	3.63
2015 <sup>1</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2016 <sup>1</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20171	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2018 <sup>1</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2019 <sup>1</sup>	11.85	9.60	2.25	15.15	6.84	8.31	6.06
2020	12.51	13.66	-1.15	26.92	10.74	16.18	17.33
2021	25.84	24.76	1.08	23.00	20.15	2.85	1.78
2022	-14.62	-13.06	-1.56	-2.76	-15.62	12.86	14.42
2023	15.52	16.44	-0.92	16.53	13.34	3.19	4.11

#### Calendar year returns (Net %) - Maximum Federal and State Tax Rates

	AIA S&P 400 <sup>®</sup> Pre-Tax	Pre-Tax Benchmark	Pre-Tax Difference	AIA S&P 400® After Tax	After Tax Benchmark	After Tax Difference	Tax Alpha
2014	3.83	9.77	-5.94	5.35	7.70	-2.35	3.59
2015 <sup>1</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2016 <sup>1</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20171	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2018 <sup>1</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2019 <sup>1</sup>	9.12	9.60	-0.49	12.34	6.84	5.50	5.99
2020	9.19	13.66	-4.46	23.23	10.74	12.49	16.95
2021	22.18	24.76	-2.58	19.42	20.15	-0.73	1.85
2022	-17.19	-13.06	-4.13	-5.64	-15.62	9.97	14.10
2023	12.13	16.44	-4.30	13.12	13.34	-0.22	4.09

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1 For the periods 3/1/2012 - 12/31/2012, 11/01/2015 - 3/31/2017, 4/01/2018 - 11/30/2018 and 1/01/2019-2/28/2019, no accounts were managed by the firm that satisfied the composite inclusion requirements.

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