## DYNAMIC ASSET ALLOCATION FUNDS

# SARATOGA MODERATELY CONSERVATIVE **BALANCED ALLOCATION PORTFOLIO**





### FUND PERFORMANCE (CLASS I)

Returns Longer than One Year are Average Annualized Figures (periods ending 12/31/23)	1-Year Return	3-Year Return	5-Year Return	5-Year Risk^	Inception Return
Saratoga Mod. Conservative Fund	12.82%	4.37%	7.69%	10.74%	5.04%
Morningstar Category Peer Group <sup>3</sup>	13.78%	3.43%	8.16%	12.88%	5.66%

Performance noted above is net of (after) the Portfolio's expense ratio: 3.78% before expense reductions and/or reimbursements; 0.99%\* after reductions/reimbursements and excluding acquired fund fees and expenses. Performance is historical; past performance does not guarantee future results and current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. Investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate, so that shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Fund's management has waived or is currently waiving a portion of its management fees; performance shown reflects the waivers, without which performance would have been lower. For performance numbers current to the most recent month-end please call (800) 807-FUND. ^Risk is represented by 5-year Standard Deviation.

Momingstar's Moderate Allocation Category consists of asset allocation mutual funds and ETFs that generally invest 50-70% of their portfolios in equities and is provided as a peer group; investors cannot invest directly in the category.

### PASSIVE OR ACTIVE MANAGEMENT?

Why not both? Saratoga Capital Management, LLC's ("SCM") dynamic asset allocation strategies use an active asset allocation overlay on top of a combination of active and passive underlying investment vehicles. We believe employing both active and passive strategies for different parts of the portfolio construction process gives clients a potential best-of-both-worlds solution.



### **DECADES OF RESEARCH**

SCM has been building allocation models and analyzing the economy and securities markets for decades. Our dynamic allocation process is buoyed by this research, and we believe our approach is unique in the industry. How do you build one of the longest allocation model track records in the industry? Research, research and more research. Below are the main tools we've built.

MIVI Analytical Toolkit Assesses current economic environment

Economic Leading Statistics®

**Proprietary** Metric

Seeks to forecast **GDP** 

Consumption Modification Index TM

**Proprietary** Metric

Assesses consumer sentiment

Economic Strength Monitor TM

**Proprietary** Metric

> Seeks to forecast Fed

### LIPPER LEADER<sup>4</sup> as of 12/31/23

Preservation rating out of 4,548 Mixed Asset funds.

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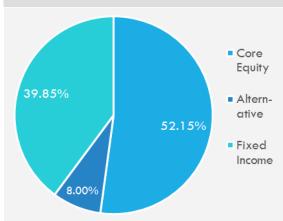
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Fund Symbol	SMICX				
Total Net Assets (millions)	\$0.78				
Performance Inception Date <sup>1</sup>	1/10/18				
Dividends/Cap Gains Frequency	Annual				

### FUND TOP HOLDINGS<sup>2</sup> as of 11/30/23

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Vanguard Short-Term Bond Index Fund	25.44%
Saratoga Large Cap Value Fund	16.41%
Saratoga Large Cap Growth Fund	15.27%
Dreyfus Pref Gov't Money Market Fund	11.84%
Saratoga Mid Cap Fund	11.09%
Eat Vance Glbl Macro Absolute Ret Fund	7.90%
Saratoga Small Capitalization	5.04%
Vanguard Total Intl Stock Index Fund	3.41%
Vanguard Interm-Term Bond Index Fund	3.26%

### MODEL ALLOCATION as of 12/31/23



### THE SARATOGA DYNAMIC ALLOCATION PROCESS

#### SARATOGA CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, LLC

SCM was founded in 1994 with the goal of bringing institutional investment advantages to retail investors. Saratoga has been building asset allocation models since 1994, employing the dynamic allocation method described below. Saratoga's asset allocation strategies are buoyed by decades of proprietary economic and market research.

#### INVESTMENT STRATEGY

At SCM we believe that asset allocation strategies should change when the economy experiences major changes. As the economy moves between phases such as full-growth, slow-growth, recession and emerging, Saratoga considers changes to its asset allocation strategies. This brand of asset allocation is referred to as Dynamic Asset Allocation. Dynamic Asset Allocation recognizes that the overall economy is fluid, and is comprised of numerous economic sectors. SCM regularly evaluates how individual economic sectors are affecting the general economy in order to develop our asset allocation parameters. After these parameters are established, Saratoga combines them with a range of investor preferences to develop our set of asset allocation models.

#### THE THREE MAIN TYPES OF ASSET ALLOCATION

Now that you've learned a bit about SCM's style of asset allocation, following is a quick overview of how our brand of allocation differs from those you might commonly find elsewhere, and why we think that's important.

Strategic Asset Allocation: Many Target Date Funds use strategic allocation strategies. Generally speaking, these strategies ignore the economic environment and choose to invest with one allocation regardless of whether the economy is growing or contracting. We believe that with the proper tools you can get a solid idea of which stage of the economic cycle you're in, and that allocating for that stage may provide better performance.

Tactical Asset Allocation: Many Hedge Funds use tactical allocation strategies. If the economy is doing well, they might put their entire portfolio in stocks, or if the economy is doing poorly, they might take stocks entirely out of the portfolio. While this strategy can certainly payoff if you get your bets right, we believe that jumping entirely in and out of major asset classes can lead to having all of your eggs in one basket, potentially defeating the purpose of asset allocating in the first place.

### Strategic Asset Allocation

Many Target Date Funds use this approach.

Agnostic to the economic environment.

Maintains exposure to main asset classes.

# Dynamic Asset Allocation

Saratoga Asset Allocation Portfolios use this approach.

Changes with the economic environment.

Maintains exposure to main asset classes.

### Tactical Asset Allocation

Many Hedge Funds use this approach.

Changes with the economic environment.

Can move entirely in our out of main asset classes.

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