

# GLOBAL EQUITY INCOME / MUNICIPAL FIXED INCOME

## **SMA Strategy Profile**

Strategy Objective:		
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Strategy Snapshot:		
Product Inception		4/1/2012
Category	Allocation50% to	70% Equity

The Crossmark Global Equity Income/Municipal Fixed Income Strategy seeks to provide a balance of high income with long-term capital appreciation by investing in a combination of dividend paying stocks and municipal fixed income securities. To achieve this goal on the equity side, we utilize a four-step process combining dividend income with relative risk-controlled portfolio construction, investing primarily in large cap, dividend-paying stocks of U.S. and non-U.S. companies (primarily through ADRs) representing a broad spectrum of the global economy. On the fixed-income side, the focus is primarily on investment-grade, short- to intermediate-term, fixed-rate, callable municipal debt issues from selected sectors. By actively managing exposure to various states and sectors, the Strategy aims to maximize the generation of tax-free income.

# Key Highlights

### DIVERSIFIED PORTFOLIO



ABOVE-AVERAGE INCOME



- Comprised of a combination of two flagship Crossmark Strategies – Global Equity Income and Municipal Fixed Income
- Active diversification across global equity and domestic tax-free fixed income investments can allow for participation (from the equity component) in up markets and some protection (from the tax-free fixed income component) in down markets
- The generation of dividends and taxfree income may mitigate the impact of market volatility and reduce downside risk in a portfolio
- The Strategy invests in U.S. and non-U.S. dividend-paying stocks that have demonstrated a higher yield within their respective sectors, increasing dividends and favorable earnings growth
- Active fixed income issue management (such as favoring certain bond characteristics and structures) allows for potentially higher taxable equivalent yields than possible with a similar portfolio of short-term corporate bonds
- Only those municipal bonds rated single-A or better at the time of purchase are eligible for investment, thus reducing default risk and increasing the likelihood of uninterrupted coupon payments from fixed income portfolio holdings

### **CAPITAL APPRECIATION**



- Although the Strategy invests primarily in large-cap stocks, it is able to invest in small- and mid-cap stocks opportunistically – all equity holdings pay dividends, which can be a significant contributor to total return
- The Strategy's unique rebalancing process allows for appreciation in either equity or fixed income allocations before the rebalance is triggered, allowing the portfolio to capture gains while reducing drags on performance such as transaction costs and the creation of taxable events

### **Investment Process**

Each component is managed by the investment team of the underlying Strategies shown below, and each team brings their unique expertise and experience along with a time-tested investment process specific to their aspect of the Strategy.

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#### **Globall Equity Income Investment Process**

Investment Universe	U.S. and international companies that are traded on U.S. exchanges and have a market capitalization greater than \$1 billion	
Quantitative Screens	<ul> <li>Dividend paying stocks are identified that exclude "one time" or "special dividends"</li> <li>Securities with higher dividend yields within their sectors are selected</li> <li>Positive dividend growth trend</li> <li>Favorable earnings growth trend</li> </ul>	
Validation Process	<ul> <li>Quantitative due diligence process includes verifying data to a second financial database to ensure accuracy</li> <li>Dividend and earnings trends, dividend policies, corporate actions and any news that could potentially impact cash flow are analyzed</li> <li>Holdings that fail the investment universe, quantitative screens or validation process are sold</li> </ul>	
Portfolio Construction	<ul> <li>A risk-controlled diversified portfolio is constructed utilizing a multi-factor risk model with:</li> <li>Current dividend income</li> <li>Clobal investment exposure</li> <li>A sector-neutral weight target to minimize "value" bias</li> <li>Weighted portfolio holdings to control standard deviation to a benchmark</li> </ul>	

The Clobal Equity Income/Municipal Fixed Income Strategy targets a mix of 50% equities and 50% fixed income securities. It employs a built-in rebalancing feature to ensure the allocation stays on track throughout a full market cycle. This unique rebalancing process is triggered by market movements, not by a preset schedule or calendar.

This allows for up to 10% appreciation in either component before the

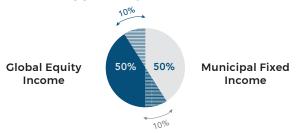
rebalance is triggered, providing an opportunity for the portfolio to capture gains. Once the equity or fixed income component reaches 60% of total asset value, the portfolio is rebalanced to 50%/50%.

### **Municipal Fixed Income Investment Process**

The Crossmark Municipal Fixed Income Strategy can be

Preference	structured in a variety of ways per the state preference of the client. Portfolios can include issues from a single specified state, state preference on a best-efforts basis to include national issues, or national where portfolio managers select what they consider the most appropriate issues regardless of state.
Quality	Quality review is conducted through both internal and third-party research and analysis. Over time, Crossmark has identified a series of economic factors which we believe may help predict which states are the safest from a municipal bond investment perspective. These factors include: • State unemployment rate • Change in Philly Fed Coincident Index • Percentage change in home prices • Percentage change in sales tax revenues • Future deficit as percentage of general fund National portfolios are generally invested in the issues of five to eight states with exposure to any given state limited to 25% of the portfolio's value. Crossmark seeks to structure portfolios with issues rated single-A or higher (at time of purchase) by Moody's, S&P, and/or Fitch.
Duration/ Maturity	In order to balance the need for safety with the desire to maximize income, the portfolio managers will generally focus on issues with short to intermediate maturities and durations.
lssue/ Sector Selection	Even though investment-grade municipal bonds have very low rates of default, Crossmark is selective with regard to issue and sector. Crossmark focus on issues backed by essential services or general obligations. The allocation in any one sector is based on the state ranking, the yield spread between sectors and the overall economic outlook for the U.S. and state economies. Crossmark prefers to limit single sector investments, when possible, to 25% of the portfolio, except for general obligations.

### Rebalance Triggered By Market Movements



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All Investments are subject to risks, including the possible loss of principal. Past performance does not guarantee future results. The Global Equity Income Strategy may not achieve its objective if the managers' expectations regarding particular securities or markets are not met. Equity investments generally involve two principal risks—market risk and selection risk. The value of equity securities will rise and fall in response to general market and/or economic conditions (equity market risk). The value of any individual equity security will rise and fall in response to the market's perception of the issuer's revenues, earnings, balance sheet, credit worthiness, business plan, and overall perception of the viability of the issuer's business (selection risk). Investments in securities of issuers in foreign countries involves additional risks not associated with domestic investments. These risks include, but are not limited to: (1) political and financial instability; (2) currency exchange rate fluctuations; (3) greater price volatility and less liquidity in particular securities and in certain foreign markets; (4) lack of uniform accounting, auditing, and financial reporting standards; (5) less government regulation and supervision of some foreign stock exchanges, brokers and listed companies; (6) delays in transaction settlement in certain foreign markets; (7) less availability of information; and (8) imposition of foreign withholding or other taxes.

The Municipal Fixed Income Strategy may not achieve its objective if the managers' expectations regarding particular securities or markets are not met. Fixed income investments generally involve three principal risks—interest rate risk, credit risk, and liquidity risk. Prices of fixed-income securities rise and fall in response to interest rate changes (interest rate risk). Generally, when interest rates rise, prices of fixed-income securities rise and fall in response to interest rate changes (interest rate risk). Generally, when but will be unable to pay agreed interest payments and may be unable to repay the principal upon maturity (credit risk). Lower-rated bonds, and bonds with longer final maturities, generally have higher credit risks. As interest rates rise and/or the credit risk associated with a particular issuer changes, bonds held within a portfolio may become difficult to liquidate without realizing a loss (liquidity risk). Many municipal bonds also include call features that allow the issuer to call the bonds-repaying the principal before maturity—usually done in the context of a refinancing transaction if/when interest rates fall. When a bond is called, the holder does not incur a loss, but cash received from the call must be re-deployed, generally in a less favorable interest rate rate rate risk).

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**Rebalancing Process** 

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