Market Movement Strategies
Evolved Investment Process

FundChoice, LLC believes that investor confidence and satisfaction can be influenced by performance over short-term market cycles. The Market Movement Strategies (MMS) program diversifies portfolios utilizing our Three Mandate process. This process seeks to insulate clients from the unpredictability of market cycles.

According to a 2010 award winning study, Roger Ibbotson and Associates identified short-term market movement as the primary driver of investment returns. After advising through two market meltdowns in a decade, a clear correlation was made between Market Movement and investment performance.

The idea that portfolios could be constructed based entirely on modern portfolio theory and asset class diversification, while ignoring short-term market cycles, was left behind in the bull markets of the 90's. Advisors soon realized more types of diversification were needed.

“Research Emphasizes the Importance of Market Movement on the Variance of Portfolio Returns”

Turning Frustration into Opportunity

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Key Characteristics:

- Source of risk/return: Increasingly dependent on active manager decisions; Variable market exposure.
- Role in portfolio: Moderate/Flexible allocation designed to actively manage risk while opportunistically allocating to attractive asset classes.

Mandate 2—Tactical Market Movement

Managing Concern by Providing Consistency

Strategists in this mandate are designed to disengage from Market Movement and provide new sources of potential return and risk. They tend to exhibit low correlation to the other mandates.

Key Characteristics:

- Source of risk/return: Very active strategies that are heavily reliant on manager skill; use wider spectrum of asset classes and approaches; very little dependence on market direction.
- Role in portfolio: Counterbalance to the Strategic Mandate; focus on risk, then return, enhance diversification and protection; improve overall risk management of portfolio.

Mandate 3—Market Movement Diversifiers

The final step in our process is to align portfolio strategies within each of the mandates. We have identified specific strategies for each mandate. Strategy allocation is implemented utilizing mutual funds and ETFs for your chosen models. We continually monitor the overall Strategist Program so you and your clients can set expectations and confidently develop customized portfolios.

Strategist Selection

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Building Confidence based on Long-Term Trends

Strategists in this mandate are optimized and stay fully invested in all market conditions.

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Portfolio Construction and Setting Expectations

Determining Risk

It is not unusual for investors to lack clarity in understanding how their portfolio is expected to perform. Deterred by unmet expectations and emotional reactions, many investors failed to capture returns during the large market increases over the past several years.

FundChoice’s innovative MMS process includes a clear, understandable client Risk Tolerance Questionnaire, designed to provide advisors better insight on how to design portfolios and provide clear information about potential risk/return expectations.

Based on our proprietary risk scoring system, we assist you in determining your client’s propensity toward risk, resulting in a Target Risk Score. The Target Risk Score will serve as a guide during your construction of their portfolio and enable you to set expectations (i.e. a range of returns on the upside and the downside).

Our risk scoring process establishes the need for a multi-mandate approach by determining client sensitivity to optical market changes and volatility. Based on their agreed-upon risk score, their account is then allocated across the three mandates.

Building portfolios with an eye towards market changes takes investors a step beyond simply looking at what performed well in the past. We believe that diversifying across mandates provides you and your clients with greater investing confidence, regardless of what type of market cycle is coming next.
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Reporting

Three-Mandate Portfolio in One Account

Because MMS operates as a multi-strategy investment process, its value is reinforced by the technology and reporting capabilities it provides. The embedded UMA technology platform allows for a single account registration to house the three-mandate approach. Each mandate is segregated on the quarterly performance report and can be regarded as a separate contributor in the investment process.

For your own flexibility, mandates can be targeted individually for distribution, and the entire portfolio can be rebalanced at the registration level. ftj | FundChoice partners with you to create practice level models for all ranges of the risk spectrum, allowing your staff to benefit from our proposal tools and efficiently design effective portfolios for your clients.

Our reporting capabilities aid client retention efforts by clearly showing mandate allocation and performance and linking it with general market movement. This ongoing reminder of the process reinforces your investment strategy and keeps the client informed. Working together to amplify your skills and grow your business, ftj | FundChoice equips advisors with the tools to invest with confidence while simplifying your business.

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