

AIA S&P 500[®] Strategy (Large Cap)



QUARTERLY PORTFOLIO COMMENTARY (CASH FUNDED AFTER-TAX COMPOSITE)

US equity markets continued to rise during the quarter, with the S&P 500[®] Index, DJIA, and NASDAQ composites all setting new record milestones during the period. Mostly positive third quarter earnings results (based on companies within the S&P 500[®] Index), positive expectations on a potential China-US trade deal, and the Federal Reserve's accommodative monetary policy lifted equities higher during the quarter, despite rising geopolitical risks (trade policy tensions, global growth concerns, and Brexit negotiations) and fiscal policy uncertainty. Mixed economic and survey data (weak US consumer confidence in December, rising US new home sales and better than forecasted US home starts, and positive GDP growth) along with trade policy concerns drove the Federal Reserve to cut interest rates in October but hold rates steady in December. United States GDP grew at an annual rate of 2.1% in the third quarter of 2019, slightly up from 2.0% in the second quarter. US employment continues to show strength and stability with the November unemployment rate of 3.5%, maintaining a level of 4.0% or less for 21 consecutive months. The S&P 500[®] Index rose 9.1% during the quarter, with information technology (+14.4%), healthcare (+14.4%), financials (+10.5%), and communication services (+9.0%) among the best performing sectors. During the quarter, real estate (-0.5%) was the only negatively performing sector in the index. Growth and small-cap outpaced value and large-cap on a relative basis. The Russell 1000[®] Growth Index rose by 10.6% compared to an increase of 7.4% in the Russell 1000[®] Value Index, and the Russell 2000[®] Index rose by 9.9% compared to an increase of 9.0% in the Russell 1000[®] Index.

During the quarter, the AIA S&P 500[®] strategy underperformed its benchmark before taxes and net of 0.30% fees by -0.88%. The strategy underperformed over the period on an after-tax basis by -0.50%. After-tax returns were negatively impacted as opportunities to harvest losses lessened as volatility decreased during the strong up market in the fourth quarter. Tax alpha was positive and added value (+0.38%) during the period.

Year to date, the AIA S&P 500[®] strategy underperformed its benchmark before taxes and net of 0.30% fees by -1.46%. The strategy outperformed over the period on an after-tax basis by 0.09%. Tax alpha contributed value (+1.55%) for the period.

US trade policy and interest rate expectations continue to be at the forefront of investors' focus during the next quarter, as investors evaluate growth expectations. From a global perspective, trade policy tensions (US-China trade talks and Brexit negotiations), global monetary policy, and other geopolitical risks continue to take the spotlight as investors monitor global economic growth. These uncertainties along with US elections in November and fourth quarter earnings results may lead to market volatility. Rigorous fundamental research and investment discipline may be the winning recipe, as global growth and geopolitical uncertainties continue to buffet the market.

AIA S&P 500[®] Strategy (Large Cap) – Annualized Returns (as of 12/31/2019)

AIA S&P 500 [®] Cash Funded After-Tax Composite Pure Gross Returns	Pre-Tax			After-Tax			Tax Alpha
	Composite Pure Gross Return	Benchmark Return (S&P 500 [®])	Difference	Composite Pure Gross Return	Estimated Benchmark Return	Difference	
3 months	8.27%	9.07%	-0.80%	8.22%	8.64%	-0.42%	0.38%
1 year	30.41%	31.49%	-1.08%	29.93%	29.46%	0.47%	1.55%
3 years	15.66%	15.27%	0.39%	16.60%	13.65%	2.95%	2.56%
5 years	11.66%	11.70%	-0.04%	12.96%	10.22%	2.74%	2.77%
10 years	13.45%	13.56%	-0.11%	14.16%	12.31%	1.85%	1.97%
Since inception 11/01/2002	10.22%	10.05%	0.17%	12.40%	9.07%	3.32%	3.16%

AIA S&P 500 [®] Cash Funded After-Tax Composite Net 0.30% Returns	Pre-Tax			After-Tax			Tax Alpha
	Composite Net 0.30% Return	Benchmark Return (S&P 500 [®])	Difference	Composite Net 0.30% Return	Estimated Benchmark Return	Difference	
3 months	8.19%	9.07%	-0.88%	8.15%	8.64%	-0.50%	0.38%
1 year	30.03%	31.49%	-1.46%	29.55%	29.46%	0.09%	1.55%
3 years	15.32%	15.27%	0.05%	16.26%	13.65%	2.61%	2.56%
5 years	11.33%	11.70%	-0.37%	12.62%	10.22%	2.40%	2.77%
10 years	13.11%	13.56%	-0.45%	13.82%	12.31%	1.52%	1.97%
Since inception 11/01/2002	9.89%	10.05%	-0.16%	12.07%	9.07%	2.99%	3.15%

AIA S&P 500 [®] Cash Funded After-Tax Composite Net 2% Returns	Pre-Tax			After-Tax			Tax Alpha
	Composite Net 2% Return	Benchmark Return (S&P 500 [®])	Difference	Composite Net 2% Return	Estimated Benchmark Return	Difference	
3 months	7.74%	9.07%	-1.33%	7.70%	8.64%	-0.94%	0.38%
1 year	27.88%	31.49%	-3.61%	27.41%	29.46%	-2.05%	1.55%
3 years	13.40%	15.27%	-1.88%	14.32%	13.65%	0.67%	2.55%
5 years	9.47%	11.70%	-2.23%	10.74%	10.22%	0.52%	2.75%
10 years	11.22%	13.56%	-2.34%	11.92%	12.31%	-0.39%	1.96%
Since inception 11/01/2002	8.05%	10.05%	-2.00%	10.19%	9.07%	1.12%	3.12%

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