

## AIA S&P Global 1500 (All Cap) Strategy

QUARTERLY PORTFOLIO COMMENTARY (CASH FUNDED AFTER-TAX COMPOSITE)

Global equity markets soared in the fourth quarter, as the Fed confirmed a pause in rate rises, inflation continued to moderate, and the US economy hit its longest streak of unemployment below 4% since the Vietnam war. As a potential soft landing came into focus, investor optimism buoyed risk assets across equity and fixed income. Annual US inflation declined to 3.1% in November from 3.7% in August. Unemployment remained steady at 3.7% in December, up slightly from September levels. United States GDP rose by an annual rate of 4.9% in the third quarter of 2023, up significantly from 2.1% in the second quarter of 2023. The MSCI World Index rose 11.4% over the quarter while the MSCI Emerging Markets Index rose 7.9%. The MSCI All Country World Index rose 11.0%. The best performing sectors over the quarter were information technology (17.7%), real estate (17.5%) and industrials (14.0%). The worst performing sectors were energy (-3.9%) and consumer staples (5.5%). Country components of the index skewed towards positive performance, with the worst performing being Sweden, Netherlands, Australia, and Portugal. North America showed strength, while Asia and the Middle East saw more muted gains in relative terms.

During the quarter, the AIA S&P Global 1500 (All Cap) Strategy underperformed its benchmark before taxes and net of 0.35% fee by -0.51%. The strategy underperformed over the period on an after-tax and net of 0.35% fee basis by -0.37%. After-tax returns benefited from an increase in opportunities to harvest losses, with dispersion in sector performance and sustained volatility from the fourth quarter. Tax alpha was positive and added +0.14% during the period.

Year to date, the AIA S&P Global 1500 (All Cap) Strategy underperformed its benchmark before taxes and net of 0.35% fees by -2.24%. The strategy underperformed over the period on an after-tax and net of 0.35% fee basis by -0.21%. Tax alpha was positive and contributed +2.03% for the period.

The AIA S&P Global 1500 (All Cap) Strategy seeks to provide a pre-tax return similar to the performance of the market cap blended benchmark composed of the S&P 1500<sup>®</sup> and S&P ADR indexes. The strategy seeks to outperform the benchmark on an after-tax basis by proactively realizing losses. AIA's managers use a stratified sampling methodology to select a subset of stocks from the index while seeking sector-neutral weights and diversification across market capitalization. Individual account performance may vary due to restrictions at the account level such as security exclusions, capital gain budgets and other restrictions.

Investors remain focused on monetary policy and the trajectory of economic growth. While economic data and investor sentiment have improved significantly, recessionary risks remain. Geopolitical and macroeconomic risks may continue to drive market volatility and dispersion as multiple active wars, election years, and other potential conflicts play out over 2024. We continue to believe that active fundamental research combined with investment discipline provides an attractive way to navigate an uncertain and reactionary market environment.

## AIA S&P Global 1500 (All Cap) Strategy – Annualized Returns (as of 12/31/2023)

AIA S&P Global 1500 Cash Funded After-Tax Composite Pure Gross Returns	Pre-Tax			After-Tax			Tax Alpha
	Composite Pure Gross Return	Benchmark Return (1500 + ADR)	Difference	Composite Pure Gross Return	Estimated Benchmark Return	Difference	
3 months	10.98%	11.40%	-0.42%	10.77%	11.05%	-0.28%	0.14%
1 year	22.83%	24.65%	-1.82%	23.33%	23.12%	0.21%	2.03%
3 years	9.03%	9.68%	-0.66%	11.99%	8.33%	3.65%	4.31%
5 years	13.81%	14.50%	-0.69%	17.00%	13.17%	3.82%	4.51%
Since inception 04/01/2017	11.29%	11.70%	-0.41%	15.12%	10.49%	4.63%	5.04%

AIA S&P Global 1500 Cash Funded After-Tax Composite Net 0.35% Returns	Pre-Tax			After-Tax			Tax Alpha
	Composite Net 0.35% Return	Benchmark Return (1500 + ADR)	Difference	Composite Net 0.35% Return	Estimated Benchmark Return	Difference	
3 months	10.89%	11.40%	-0.51%	10.68%	11.05%	-0.37%	0.14%
1 year	22.41%	24.65%	-2.24%	22.91%	23.12%	-0.21%	2.03%
3 years	8.65%	9.68%	-1.03%	11.60%	8.33%	3.27%	4.30%
5 years	13.42%	14.50%	-1.08%	16.59%	13.17%	3.42%	4.50%
Since inception 04/01/2017	10.90%	11.70%	-0.80%	14.72%	10.49%	4.23%	5.03%

AIA S&P Global 1500 Cash Funded After-Tax Composite Net Bundled Fee Returns <sup>1</sup>	Pre-Tax			After-Tax			Tax Alpha
	Composite Net Bundled Fee Return	Benchmark Return (1500 + ADR)	Difference	Composite Net Bundled Fee Return	Estimated Benchmark Return	Difference	
3 months	10.18%	11.40%	-1.22%	9.97%	11.05%	-1.08%	0.14%
1 year	19.25%	24.65%	-5.40%	19.74%	23.12%	-3.38%	2.02%
3 years	5.82%	9.68%	-3.86%	8.70%	8.33%	0.37%	4.23%
5 years	10.47%	14.50%	-4.03%	13.58%	13.17%	0.40%	4.43%
Since inception 04/01/2017	8.02%	11.70%	-3.68%	11.75%	10.49%	1.26%	4.94%

<sup>1</sup> The assumed model bundled fee used is 3.0% and has been retroactively applied since inception.

## AIA S&P Global 1500 (All Cap) Strategy – Market Cap Allocations (as of 12/31/2023)

Market cap size	Percentage of total portfolio
Large (>10B)	95.28%
Mid (2.5B to 10B)	3.94%
Small (<2.5B)	0.78%

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Tax alpha is the benefit of loss harvesting, which is assumed to be used to offset gains inside or outside the portfolio in the period they are incurred, and thus credited to the portfolio returns. The after-tax benchmark is an estimate based upon the average capital gain realization rate and dividend yield of the index. The maximum federal and state tax rates for dividends and capital gains are utilized in the after-tax calculations.

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