

Investment Philosophy

The firm's philosophy is that employing highly disciplined **Rules Based Investment**® processes leads to superior risk control due to the removal of human emotion. We seek to produce enhanced risk adjusted returns.

Investment Objective

Sector Rotation invests in the U.S. equity sectors with consistent positive momentum while seeking to avoid downward market trends by rotating out of stagnant sectors and holding cash. Monthly rebalancing protects against short term fluctuations in momentum and attempts to identify major turns in trending markets. The portfolio is designed to participate in up markets and to mitigate losses in down markets.

Rules

Repeatable
No Emotion



Sectors

Exploit Cyclicalilty
Low Correlations



Momentum

Trends Persist
Avoid False Trends



Defense

Risk Management
Hold Utilities & Cash

Portfolio Construction

Allocation #1: The Market Sector Rotation applies a rules-based approach to determine the health of the overall market. A technical indicator for momentum is applied to the S&P 500 Index. If the index has positive momentum, thus a positive expected future return, the portfolio will allocate funds in equal weights to all U.S. sectors that also are identified as having positive momentum. This results in a monthly investment in a single sector or up to 11 sectors.

Allocation #2: Utilities The Utilities sector typically performs well during bear markets when the economic cycle begins to signal a recession. If the S&P 500 Index exhibits negative momentum, thus a negative expected future return, the portfolio will be placed in a defensive stance. The Utilities sector is then analyzed and if it has positive momentum, the portfolio will allocate 50% of funds to Utilities and 50% of funds will be held in cash.

Allocation #3: Cash If both the S&P 500 Index and the Utilities sector do not have positive momentum, the portfolio will hold 100% of the funds in cash.

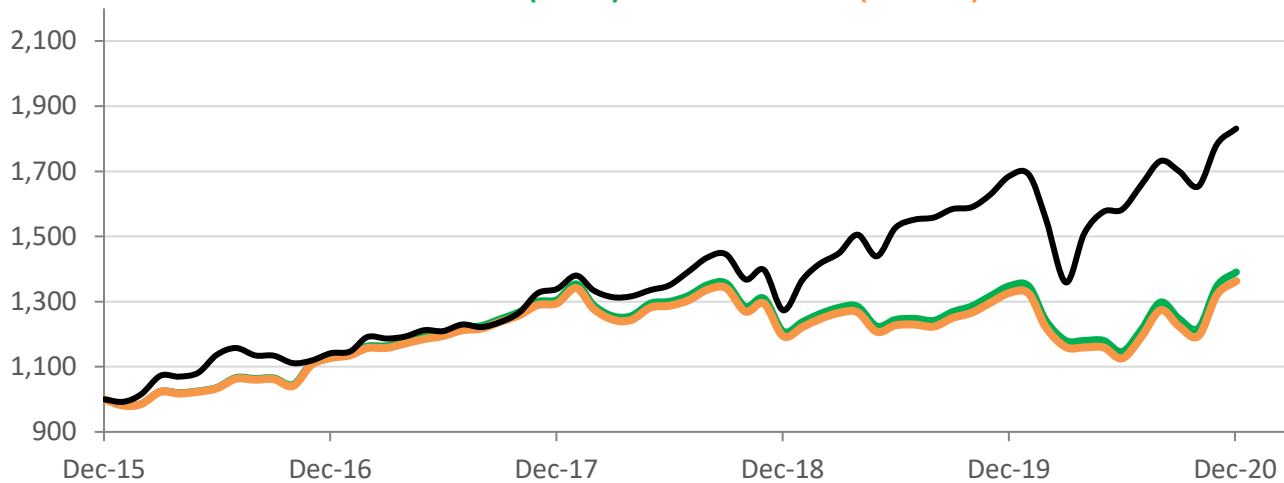
Performance

Inception through March 31, 2021

	Gross	Net .4%	Index	Year	Gross	Net of .4%	Index
Year-to-Date	9.02%	8.91%	3.56%	2016	13.11%	12.66%	14.16%
1 Year	35.04%	34.50%	39.56%	2017	15.38%	14.93%	17.28%
3 Year *	7.76%	7.33%	13.02%	2018	-7.43%	-7.80%	-4.89%
5 Year *	8.94%	8.51%	12.08%	2019	10.83%	10.40%	32.36%
Since Inception*	8.99%	8.55%	12.96%	2020	7.62%	7.20%	8.65%
Since Inception	57.11%	53.87%	89.64%	YTD 2021	9.02%	8.91%	3.56%
Std. Deviation	11.29%	11.29%	13.30%				
Sharpe	0.76	0.72	0.93				
Beta	0.64	0.64	1.00				
Alpha	0.86%	0.47%					
Up-Capture	72.46%		100.00%				
Down-Capture	74.77%		100.00%				

*Annualized. Up and Down Capture based on Gross performance January 1, 2016 through March 31, 2021 and is calculated arithmetically. Geometric Up and Down Capture are available upon request. Beta calculated from inception date. **Benchmark Index – S&P 500 Minimum Volatility TR**. The information on this page is qualified in its entirety by attached footnotes and disclosures. Past performance is not a guarantee of future returns.

Growth of \$1,000 Investment (1/1/2016-3/31/2021)
Sector Rotation (Gross) **Sector Rotation (Net .5%)** **S&P 500**



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Characteristics

Inception	Jan 1, 2016
Holdings	Up to 11 ETFs
Size	Large-cap
Style	Core
Sector	Multi-sector

Empirical Asset Management

Empirical Asset Management, LLC (EAM) is a Registered Investment Advisor with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Investment Advisors Act of 1940. Empirical manages client assets through proprietary quantitative models.

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