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### Agenda



- Risk Managed Fund Terminology
- Risk Managed Fund Timeline
- Review of Risk Management Strategies
  - Volatility Control
  - Risk Parity
- Recent Developments

### Risk Managed Fund Terminology



- Managed Volatility, Target Volatility, Volatility Control, Risk Managed and Risk Control are often used interchangeably for a similar type of investment process for stabilizing volatility
- Risk Managed and Risk Control have a broader meaning
- Numerous types of approaches and terms in the marketplace
  - Allocation based: dynamic allocation, multi-strategy, multi-asset, risk parity, risk balancing
  - Option based: constant proportional portfolio insurance (CPPI), capital protection, collar, floor-leverage
  - Other managed strategy concepts: sector rotation, low volatility, momentum, high dividend, etc.

### Risk Managed Fund Concept



- Most risk managed funds employ some form of dynamic allocation between risky and less risky assets employing techniques including:
  - Forecasting risk as the basis for reducing equity exposure
  - Using fund performance to determine equity allocation
  - Relying on rebalancing asset classes within ranges
  - Using option contracts (e.g. put contracts)

### Risk Managed Fund Timeline



1976:	Portfolio Insurance developed
1986:	Constant Proportional Portfolio Insurance (CPPI) developed
1987:	Market crash discredits Portfolio Insurance because of futures market dislocation
1996:	Risk Parity developed
1999:	Principal protected funds launched
2009:	Principal protected, target-date, managed payout funds discredited by both the tech bubble and financial crisis
	Volatility Control indices launched (e.g. S&P 500 Daily Risk Control 10% Index)
2011:	Volatility Control experiences poor performance
2013:	Risk Parity experiences poor performance
2015:	Volatility Control experience poor performance again
2017:	Volatility Control AUM approaches \$300b+
	Good performance year for volatility control
2018:	Smart Beta + Volatility Control strategies/indices developed



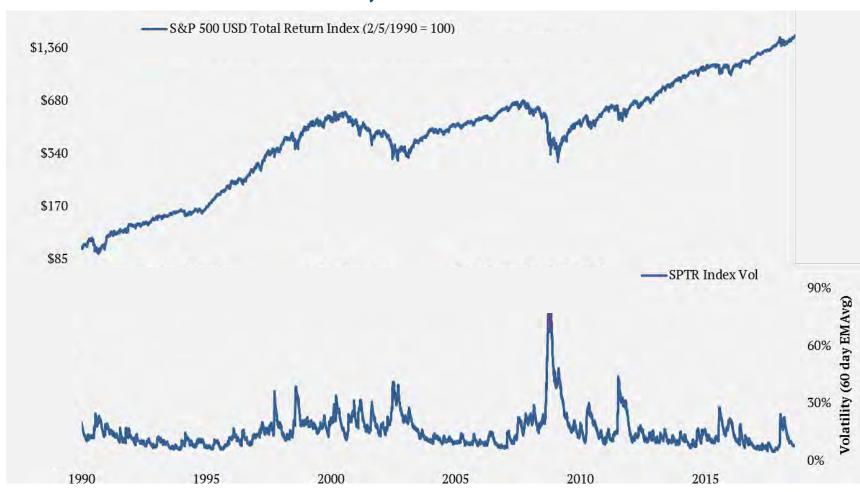
- Seeks to achieve a target volatility
- Determine volatility forecast
  - □ Ex: Maximum of 60 and 90 day exponential moving average with 2-day lag
- Scale equity allocation based on the volatility forecast
  - $= \frac{Target\ Volatility}{For casted\ Volatility}$
  - □ Ex: If Target Volatility = 10% and Forecasted Volatility = 20% then Equity Allocation =  $\frac{10\%}{20\%}$  = 50%
- Remainder invested in cash for S&P 500 Daily Risk Control Index
  - Variations can use other fixed income assets instead of cash
- Equity allocation typically capped
  - □ Cap = 150% for S&P 500 Daily Risk Control 10% Index



- Helps stabilize hedging costs of variable annuity guarantees by stabilizing the volatility of the variable annuity subaccounts
- If forecasted volatility could be perfectly predicted, a S&P 500 daily risk control portfolio with a 10% target volatility could have outperformed the S&P by approximately 4% per annum
- But perfect volatility forecasting is impossible and the approach has produced an associated cost and negative alpha on average
- Investors have been disappointed with actual volatility control performance
  - □ 2011 Sudden market drop
  - □ 2015 V markets



#### S&P 500 Index and realized volatility



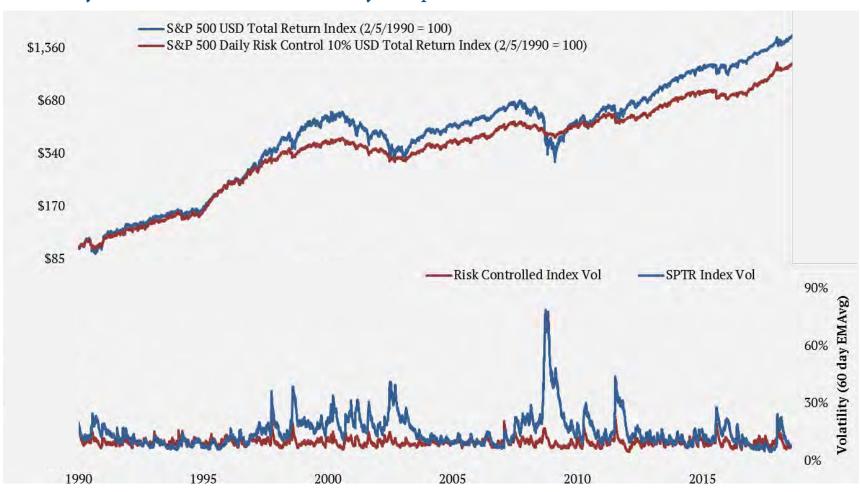
Financial crisis and summer 2011 are recent notable periods with significant equity drawdowns and escalated volatility levels

Equity volatility itself is volatile

**Source: Morningstar, AnchorPath** From 2/5/1990 to 9/30/2018



#### Volatility Control stabilized volatility but protection has been inconsistent

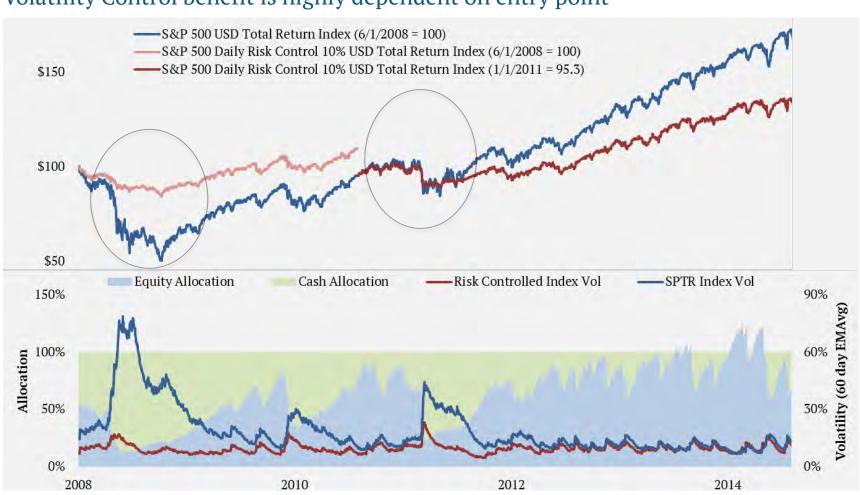


Realized volatility of the risk control index has been relatively stable with much less volatility variation than the S&P 500 Index

**Source: Morningstar, AnchorPath** From 2/5/1990 to 9/30/2018



#### Volatility Control benefit is highly dependent on entry point



In 2008, the risk control index avoided the large drawdown

In 2011, the risk control index significantly declined as volatility increased abruptly

Since 2011 the risk control index has significantly lagged the S&P 500

**Source: Morningstar, AnchorPath** From 6/1/2008 to 12/31/2014

### 2015 Volatility Control Experience



#### S&P 500 Daily Risk Control Index 10% significantly underperformed



The risk control index underperformed the S&P 500 by 5.0%

Experienced a drag from V markets

Did not protect the sudden drop in August 2015

Lagged the S&P 500 as the market recovered

### 2017 Volatility Control Experience



#### S&P 500 Daily Risk Control Index outperformed the S&P Index



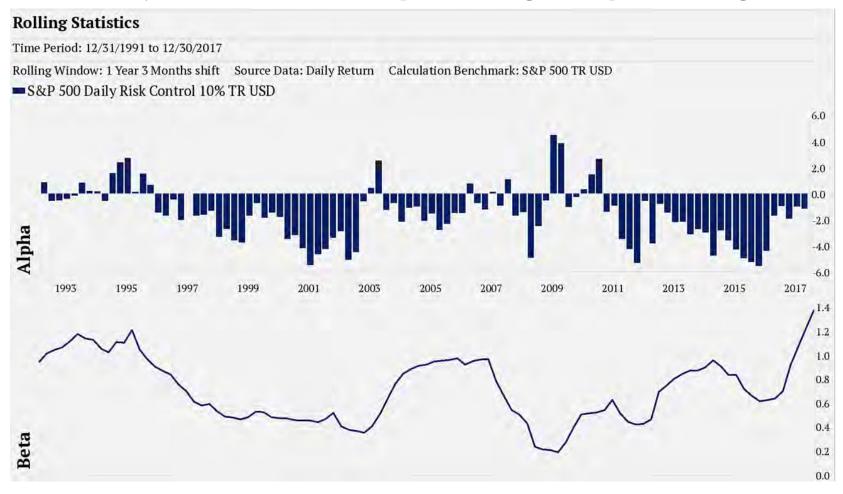
The risk control index had 100%+ exposure to the S&P 500 throughout the year and outperformed by 7.2%

However, when regressed against the S&P 500, it had negative alpha of approximately -1.0%

### Volatility Control can be expensive



#### S&P 500 Daily Risk Control 10% Index produced negative alpha on average\*



Volatility Control strategies can experience persistent negative alpha

\* Based on rolling regressions against the S&P 500 from 1992-2017 with a 1-year window, the risk control index had an average alpha of approximately -1.6% annualized

### **Volatility Control Summary**



#### Pros

- Relatively simple to implement
- Can potentially reduce/stabilize costs of hedging
- Has the potential to reduce drawdowns

#### Cons

- Can have challenging environments
  - Sudden market drops
  - V markets
  - Low volatility declining markets
  - High volatility rising markets
- Can have a significant cost/drag associated with the strategy
- Investors seek good performance, not necessarily stable volatility
- No explicit downside protection

### Risk Parity Basics



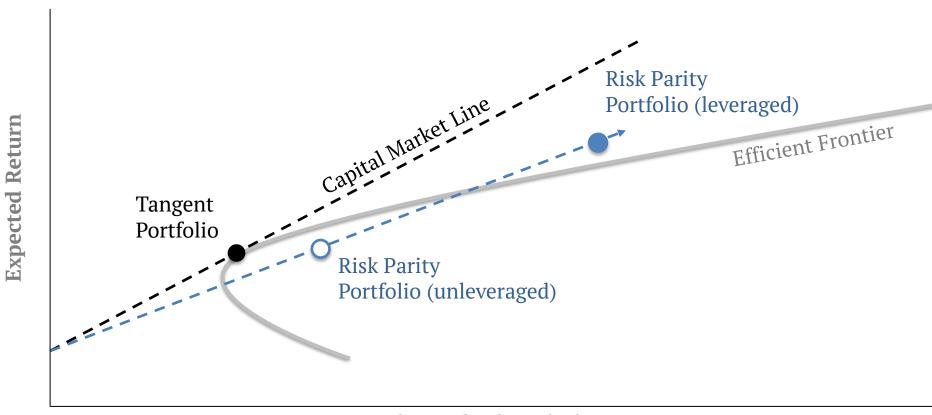
- Diversify risk and return by equalizing asset class volatility
- Allocation to real assets/commodities for potential diversification and rising inflation scenarios
- Leverage resulting portfolio to desired level of risk
- A volatility control variation

Two asset class example:

				Portfolio	
	Volatility	Correlation	Traditional	Equal Risk	Equal Risk 2x Leverage
Equity	15%		60%	25%	50%
Bond	5%	-0.35	40%	75%	150%
		Total Exposure	100%	100%	200%
		<b>Expected Volatility</b>	8.5%	4.25%	8.5%

### **Risk Parity Basics**





**Expected Standard Deviation** 

### Risk Parity Performance



#### Cumulative Performance from 1/1/2007 to 9/30/2018



Risk Parity performance diverges from traditional benchmarks

**Source: Morningstar** 

### **Risk Parity Summary**



#### Pros

- Worked well in many historical market cycles
- Relatively easy to implement
- Emphasis on real assets/commodities for potential diversification and rising inflation scenarios

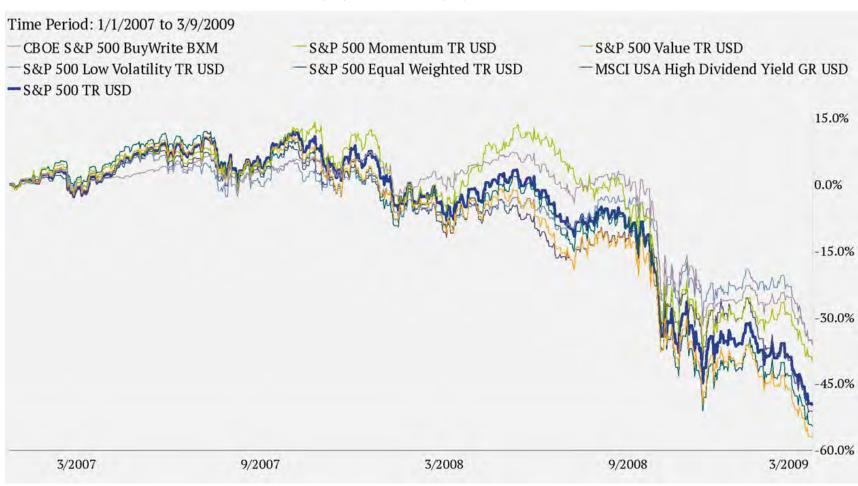
#### Cons

- Poor short term performance in quickly rising interest rate scenario
- Will not protect against systemic rotation from all risky assets to cash
- No explicit downside protection

### **Smart Beta Strategies**



#### Cumulative Performance from 1/1/2007 to 3/9/2009



Smart Beta strategies can have large drawdown risk

**Source: Morningstar** 

### Multi-asset diversification is only a starting point



#### 1.3x leveraged diversified portfolio had similar returns to the S&P 500 with lower risk

S&P 500 Peak	S&P 500 Trough	S&P 500 Index	Leveraged 60/40	Improvement in Drawdown			
12/31/1976	02/28/1978	-14.3%	-12.0%	2.2%			
11/30/1980	07/31/1982	-16.5%	-12.0%	4.5%			
08/31/1987	11/30/1987	-29.6%	-23.3%	6.3%			
01/02/1990	01/30/1990	-10.0%	-9.0%	1.0%			
07/16/1990	10/11/1990	-19.2%	-16.1%	3.1%			
10/07/1997	10/27/1997	-10.8%	-8.5%	2.2%			
07/17/1998	08/31/1998	-19.2%	-14.9%	4.3%			
07/16/1999	10/15/1999	-11.8%	-10.1%	1.7%			
03/24/2000	04/14/2000	-11.1%	-8.4%	2.8%			
09/01/2000	10/09/2002	-47.4%	-34.0%	13.5%			
10/09/2007	03/09/2009	-55.2%	-44.9%	10.4%			
07/20/2015	02/11/2016	-13.0%	-8.9%	4.1%			
01/26/2018	02/08/2018	-10.1%	-8.6%	1.5%			

Since 1977, a 60/40 portfolio with 1.3x leverage (or exposure of 80% equities and 53% bonds) would have achieved a similar return as the S&P with lower risk

In every S&P 500 drawdown greater than 10%, the leveraged 60/40 portfolio reduced the drawdown

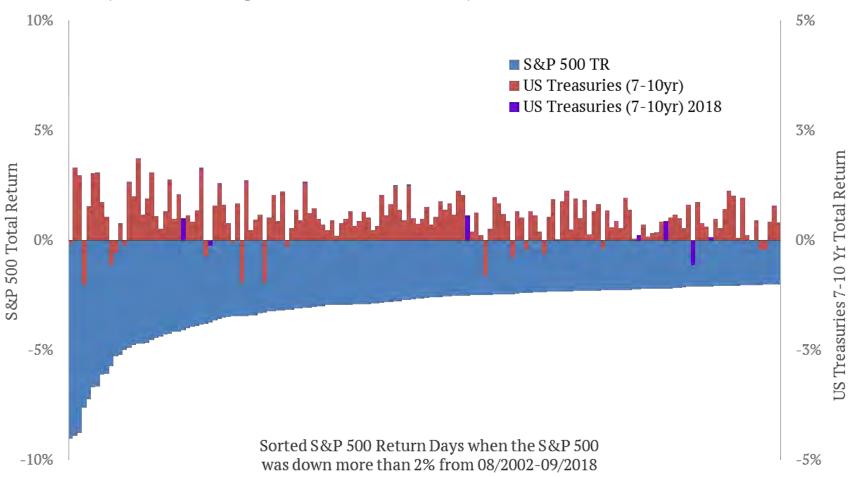
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**Source: Bloomberg, AnchorPath.** The 60/40 portfolio is represented by 60% S&P 500 Total Return Index and 40% Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Bond TR Index. From 1977 to 7/31/2018 with monthly observations prior to 1989

### Treasuries can hedge equities



#### US Treasury Notes vs largest S&P 500 down days



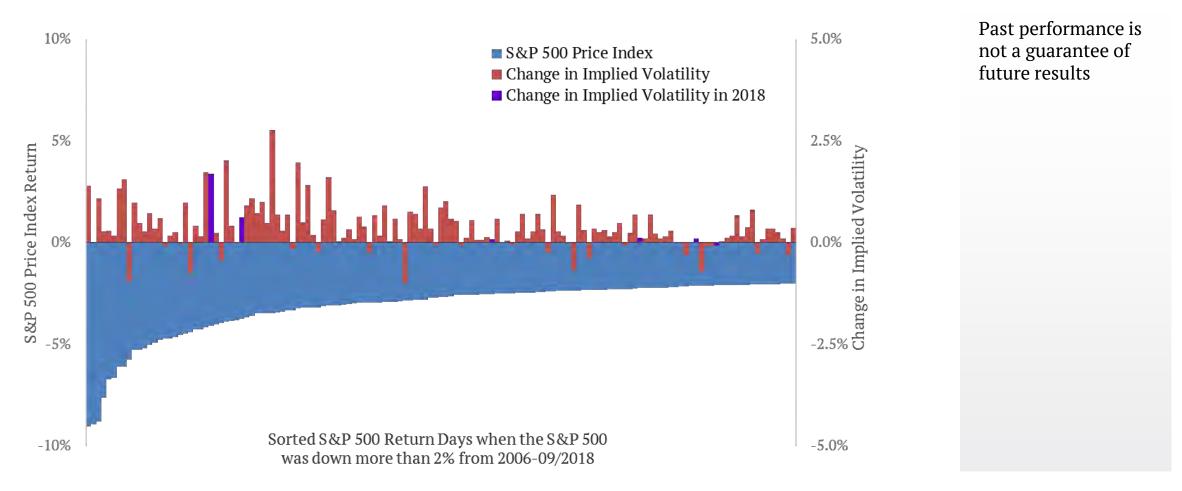
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Source: Bloomberg The US Treasury Note (7-10yr) Total Returns are represented Bloomberg Barclays US Treasury 7-10 Year TR Index

### Long volatility exposure can hedge equities



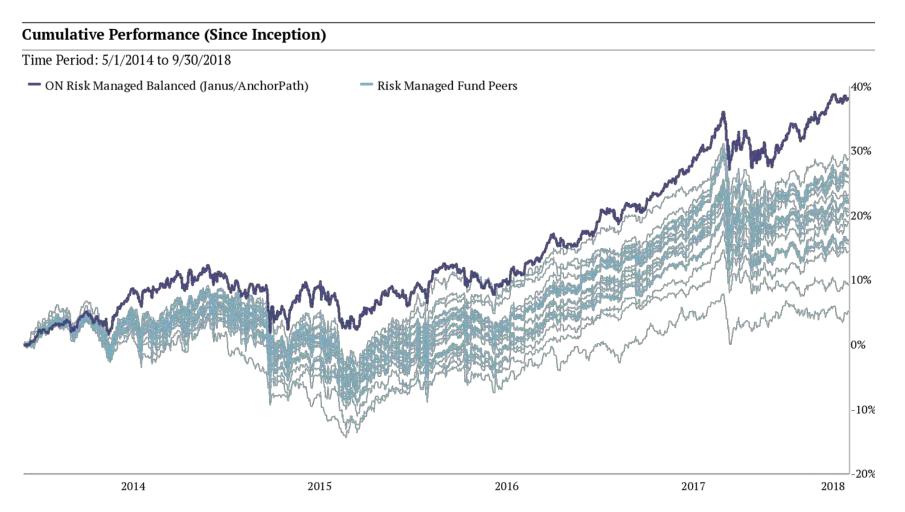
#### Implied volatility vs largest S&P 500 down days



**Source: Bloomberg, Anchorpath.** The change in implied volatility is an approximation that reflects the change of the implied volatility of a 2-year, at-the-money, S&P 500 Index option

### Integrated risk management in practice





Ohio National (ON) Risk Managed Balanced Portfolio is managed in two components

Balanced Component is managed by Janus Henderson

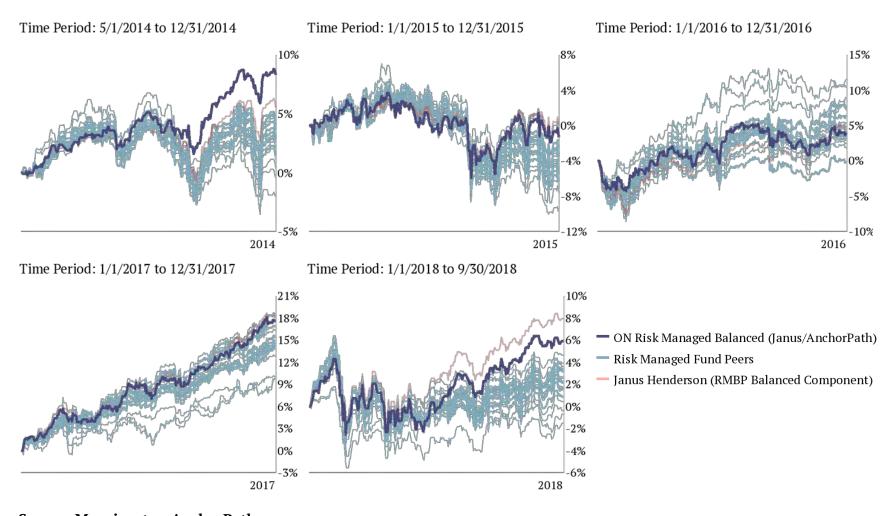
Risk Management Component is managed by AnchorPath

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**Source:** Morningstar Risk Managed Fund Peers are 20 large risk managed variable annuity funds reported by Morningstar in a moderate, flexible, or allocation category and inceptions prior to 5/1/2014, the start date of the ON Risk Managed Balanced Portfolio

### Year-by-Year Performance





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### Seek diversification among risk managed strategies



Γime Period: 5/1/2014 to 9/30/2018																					
Source Data: Total, Daily Return																					
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	2
ON Risk Managed Balanced (Janus/AnchorPath)	1.00																				
2 Risk Managed Fund Peer	-0.22	1.00																			
3 Risk Managed Fund Peer	-0.34	0.37	1.00																		
4 Risk Managed Fund Peer	0.21	0.00	0.15	1.00																	Г
5 Risk Managed Fund Peer	-0.10	0.45	0.34	-0.10	1.00																Г
6 Risk Managed Fund Peer	0.01	0.02	0.24	0.80	-0.13	1.00															
7 Risk Managed Fund Peer	-0.17	0.49	0.28	-0.23	0.43	-0.06	1.00														
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Risk Managed Fund Peer	-0.07	0.57	0.25	-0.01	0.63	0.05	0.64	0.66	1.00												
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1 Risk Managed Fund Peer	-0.09	0.55	0.38	0.17	0.48	0.27	0.57	0.76	0.81	0.70	1.00										
2 Risk Managed Fund Peer	-0.17	0.42	0.48	0.30	0.28	0.44	0.47	0.74	0.62	0.51	0.76	1.00									
13 Risk Managed Fund Peer	-0.12	0.54	0.40	0.08	0.56	0.17	0.63	0.69	0.87	0.75	0.88	0.74	1.00								Г
4 Risk Managed Fund Peer	-0.11	0.47	0.41	0.29	0.41	0.41	0.52	0.84	0.77	0.70	0.88	0.80	0.92	1.00							
15 Risk Managed Fund Peer	-0.03	0.40	0.41	0.28	0.42	0.37	0.47	0.75	0.74	0.66	0.79	0.77	0.86	0.89	1.00						
6 Risk Managed Fund Peer	-0.14	0.40	0.52	0.20	0.48	0.37	0.48	0.58	0.57	0.54	0.62	0.64	0.65	0.65	0.64	1.00					
7 Risk Managed Fund Peer	-0.09	0.44	0.28	0.11	0.47	0.15	0.39	0.57	0.64	0.64	0.59	0.52	0.65	0.67	0.62	0.46	1.00				Г
8 Risk Managed Fund Peer	-0.16	0.55	0.42	0.14	0.51	0.18	0.55	0.66	0.79	0.75	0.74	0.65	0.84	0.79	0.77	0.61	0.69	1.00			Г
9 Risk Managed Fund Peer	-0.04	0.47	0.27	-0.15	0.54	-0.11	0.60	0.38	0.75	0.61	0.63	0.46	0.72	0.54	0.59	0.42	0.41	0.68	1.00		
0 Risk Managed Fund Peer	-0.08	0.48	0.34	-0.15	0.58	-0.08	0.70	0.40	0.77	0.62	0.67	0.55	0.79	0.61	0.61	0.61	0.46	0.68	0.78	1.00	
21 Risk Managed Fund Peer	-0.04	0.37	0.38	0.26	0.31	0.40	0.54	0.76	0.65	0.56	0.73	0.77	0.75	0.82	0.76	0.69	0.55	0.65	0.48	0.69	1,

Excess return correlation isolates the correlation of the fund's embedded risk control approach

Seek strategies that provide low correlations and diversification among Risk Managed Fund offerings

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**Source: Morningstar** 

### Integrate multiple strategies



- Invest in (or be long) volatility
- Decrease overreliance on fixed income diversification compared to risk parity funds
- Pursue more robust investor objectives than simple principal protection
  - Income oriented protection objectives

### **Concluding Remarks**



- Risk managed funds can provide value to investors, policyholders and insurers
- Diversity of risk managed fund strategy component should be sought
- Seek strategies with explicit downside protection
- Seek strategies with a good balance between protection and anticipated costs of risk control
- Risk managed funds should be utilized more broadly including 401k, pensions, etc.



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