# Introducing separately managed accounts

Through your advisor, you have access to more than 165 strategies managed by 90 professional managers

As your wealth grows, so may your need for more customized wealth management strategies. Separately managed accounts (SMAs) provide a tailored approach to investing that can help meet your unique individual needs.

Similar to a mutual fund, an SMA is run by a portfolio manager who follows a focused philosophy for investing in a certain asset class – U.S. large-cap companies, for example – and makes day-to-day decisions about which stocks to own. A dedicated team of researchers and analysts supports this manager. However, where a mutual fund is a pooled investment with multiple investors, an SMA manager accommodates the investment goals of each client separately and customizes each account individually.

#### A TAILORED APPROACH



With an SMA, each client's account is managed separately, and the client owns the individual stocks in the account. In this way, an SMA portfolio manager can accommodate your needs and wishes, whether it's managing the

holdings for tax purposes or excluding companies in a certain industry based on your personal values.

#### A DILIGENT PROCESS

The Asset Management Services Manager Research & Due Diligence team uses an established, proactive process to identify SMA managers who maintain their standards of excellence over time. Only managers in which we have high conviction are approved for the Raymond James Consulting Services platform, which is available exclusively through advisors affiliated with Raymond James.

#### **KEY TAKEAWAYS**

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SMAs deliver the benefits of individual stock ownership, which includes tax-loss\* harvesting, industry screening and the ability to gift capital gains.

<sup>\*</sup>Raymond James does not provide tax or legal advice. Please speak with your appropriate professional.

Manager assessments are based on both qualitative and quantitative aspects. Hiring a manager requires confidence the manager can add value, so the team evaluates manager skill separately from the effects of the market overall.

Once a manager is approved, the team's work continues. Ongoing evaluations are based on all the same criteria used in the initial assessment. Occasionally, we will remove a manager from your portfolio if, for example, significant personnel changes are made on the manager's team or performance does not meet expectations.

#### CONSIDERING SMAs FOR YOUR PORTFOLIO

An SMA offers many benefits and opportunities for investors. The best way to determine if an SMA account is right for your situation is to talk with your advisor. He or she is most familiar with your

financial planning and investment needs and can help you in the decision-making process.

#### Quantitative

Consistent Style validation absolute/relative risk Residual risk, correlation and tracking error Historical Repeatable style analysis Results of qualitative investment and quantitative process evaluations combine Historical to produce an risk/return information ratio, or On-site the skill of a portfolio interviews Absolute/relative manager at generating performance excess return. Judgment Talent Strength of organization Cogent Home office meetings investment thesis

#### Qualitative

### To learn more about investing with SMAs, contact your advisor.

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