

# AIA S&P 600<sup>®</sup> (Small Cap) Strategy Factsheet

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## Manager Overview

Natixis Investment Managers Solutions Direct Indexing provides fully customizable SMAs that seek to match index returns pre-tax while producing enhanced after-tax returns. These separately managed account portfolios can be customized for tax purposes, to align with investor values and concerns, or a combination of both. All accounts are actively managed to optimize tax loss harvesting while providing beta exposure to an index. This type of solution, which we have implemented since 2002, can help investors mitigate tax liability in their portfolios, minimize capital gains, and plan for future taxable events.

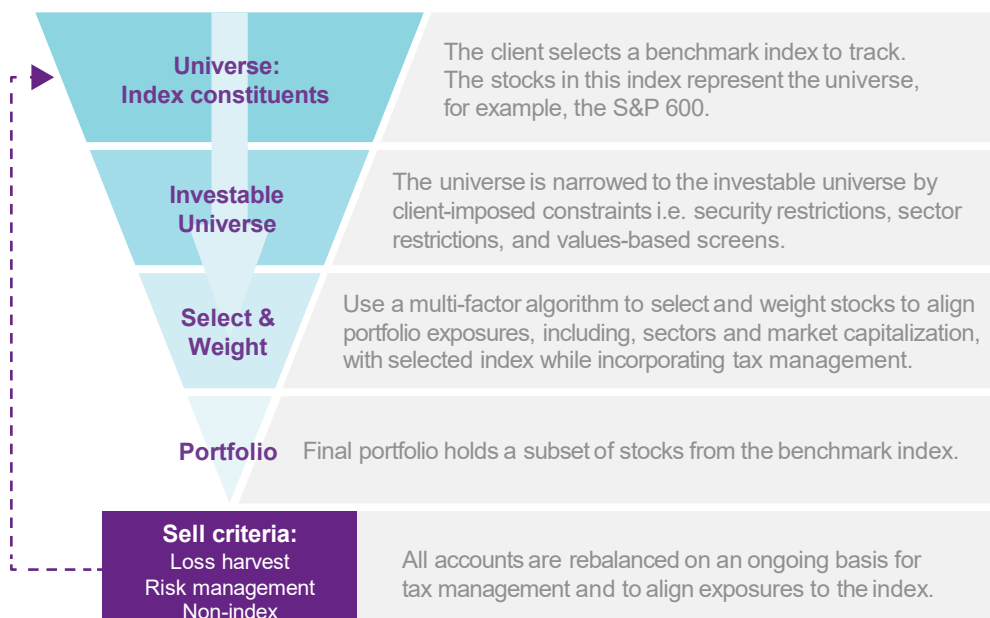
### Portfolio Team:

- **Kevin Maeda**, *Co-Chief Investment Officer, Direct Indexing*; began investment career in 1994; BS, University of California, Berkeley; MBA, University of California, Los Angeles
- **Michael Yip, CFA<sup>®</sup>**, *Co-Chief Investment Officer, Direct Indexing*; began investment career in 2005; BA, University of Washington
- **Rosemary Ellis, CFP<sup>®</sup>**, *Associate Portfolio Manager, Direct Indexing*; began investment career in 2008; BA, Lafayette College
- **Benjamin Kerelian, CFA<sup>®</sup>**, *Assistant Vice President, Portfolio Manager, Direct Indexing*, began investment career in 2010; MS, University of San Francisco; BA, University of San Francisco

## Strategy Overview – Investment Philosophy

AIA's managers seek to provide a pre-tax return similar to the S&P 600<sup>®</sup> Index. Each separately managed account is unique and can incorporate existing holdings and stock restrictions. Key features include:

- Providing consistent and diversified exposure to the S&P 600<sup>®</sup> Index
- Use a multi-factor algorithm to select representative stocks from the investable universe
- Delivering customization at the individual account level



## The Natixis Investment Managers Solutions Approach

Natixis Investment Managers Solutions<sup>1</sup> provides design, development and execution of portfolio strategies tailored to specific investment objectives and unique portfolio constraints. Fully integrated services combine investment expertise with portfolio analysis and construction capabilities to deliver a wide range of customized solutions.

- \$78.2 billion in Assets<sup>2</sup>
- 33 investment professionals
- 20 years of solutions partnerships

Leadership:

**Marina Gross**, Head of Solutions

<sup>1</sup> A division of Natixis Advisors, LLC. Natixis Advisors, LLC is one of the independent asset managers affiliated with Natixis Investment Managers

<sup>2</sup> Assets under administration ("AUA") as of June 30, 2024. AUA, as reported, may include assets for which non-Regulatory AUM services are provided. Non-Regulatory AUM includes assets which do not fall within the SEC's definition of Regulatory AUM in Form ADV, Part 1.

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PERFORMANCE OVERVIEW (AS OF 9/30/24)

AIA S&P 600® (Small Cap) Strategy Composite<sup>1</sup>

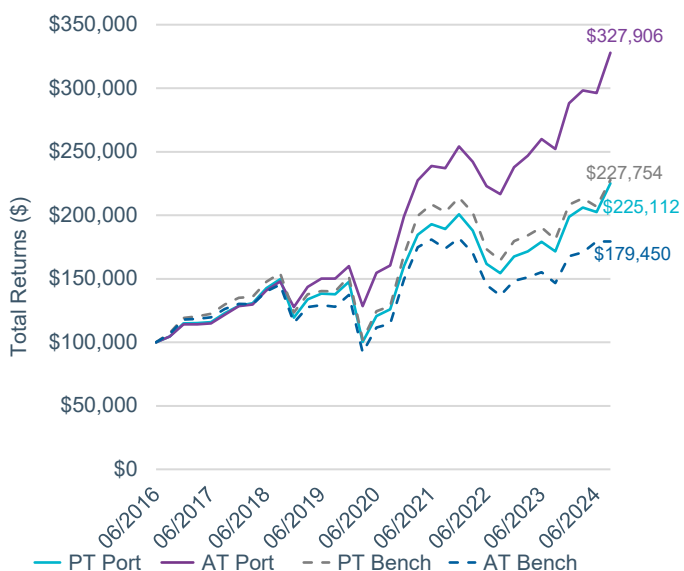
Period returns<sup>2</sup> (Gross %) – Maximum Federal and State Tax Rates

	AIA S&P 600® Pre-Tax	Pre-Tax Benchmark	Pre-Tax Difference	AIA S&P 600® After Tax	After Tax Benchmark	After Tax Difference	Tax Alpha
3 months	11.14	10.13	1.01	10.65	9.26	1.39	0.38
YTD	13.30	9.33	3.97	13.74	6.95	6.79	2.82
1 Year	31.16	25.86	5.30	30.10	22.38	7.72	2.42
3 Years	5.99	3.99	2.00	11.41	1.05	10.36	8.37
5 Years	10.31	10.21	0.10	16.90	7.00	9.90	9.80
Since Inception (5/2016)	10.48	10.57	-0.09	15.59	7.44	8.15	8.24

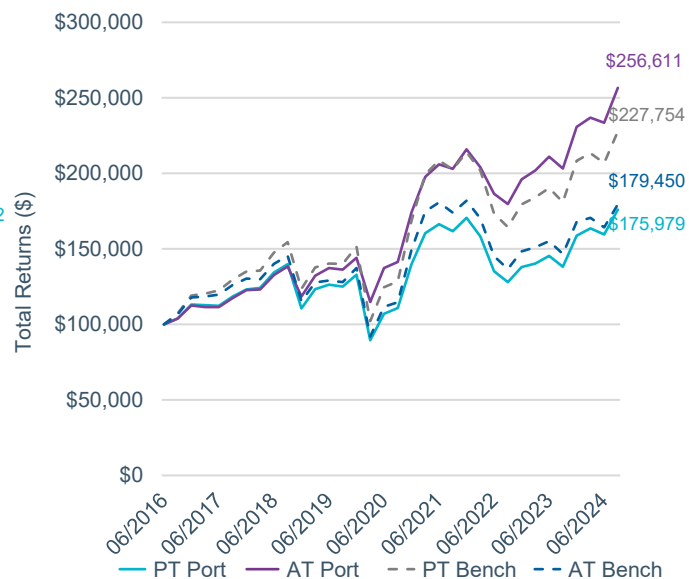
Period returns<sup>2</sup> (Net %)<sup>3</sup> – Maximum Federal and State Tax Rates

	AIA S&P 600® Pre-Tax	Pre-Tax Benchmark	Pre-Tax Difference	AIA S&P 600® After Tax	After Tax Benchmark	After Tax Difference	Tax Alpha
3 months	10.34	10.13	0.21	9.85	9.26	0.59	0.38
YTD	10.81	9.33	1.48	11.24	6.95	4.29	2.81
1 Year	27.36	25.86	1.50	26.33	22.38	3.95	2.45
3 Years	2.86	3.99	-1.13	8.14	1.05	7.09	8.22
5 Years	7.06	10.21	-3.15	13.48	7.00	6.48	9.63
Since Inception (5/2016)	7.23	10.57	-3.34	12.20	7.44	4.77	8.11

Hypothetical growth of \$100,000 investment (Gross)  
– since inception



Hypothetical growth of \$100,000 investment (Net)<sup>3</sup>  
– since inception



**Performance data shown represents past performance and is no guarantee of, and not necessarily indicative of, future results.**

Gross performance does not take into account transaction costs, investment advisory fees, custody fees, or other expenses that were charged to clients' accounts or deductions for income taxes. The pure gross of fees returns are supplemental information. After-tax returns are only applicable to taxable accounts. The net performance reflects the deduction of investment advisory fees charged to client accounts, as well as transactional fees. Such fees will reduce investment performance over time. Indexes are not investments and do not incur fees and expenses and are not professionally managed. It is not possible to invest directly in an index.

<sup>1</sup> Please see the back page for important disclosures and performance information for the composite.

<sup>2</sup> Performance for less than one year is not annualized

<sup>3</sup> The assumed model bundled fee used is 3.0% and has been retroactively applied since inception

AIA S&P 600® (Small Cap) Strategy

Top 10 Holdings

Top 10 AIA Strategy Holdings %		Top 10 S&P Small Cap 600® Index Holdings %	
Security	Weight	Security	Weight
Mueller Industries, Inc.	0.96	Mueller Industries, Inc.	0.62
Comerica Incorporated	0.89	ATI Inc.	0.62
SPS Commerce, Inc.	0.86	Ensign Group, Inc.	0.60
ATI Inc.	0.85	Carpenter Technology Corporation	0.59
Robert Half Inc.	0.85	Comerica Incorporated	0.59
Meritage Homes Corporation	0.85	Meritage Homes Corporation	0.55
Glaukos Corp	0.82	SPX Technologies, Inc.	0.54
Carpenter Technology Corporation	0.80	Lumen Technologies, Inc.	0.53
Jackson Financial Incorporation Class A	0.80	SPS Commerce, Inc.	0.53
V.F. Corporation	0.79	Glaukos Corp	0.53

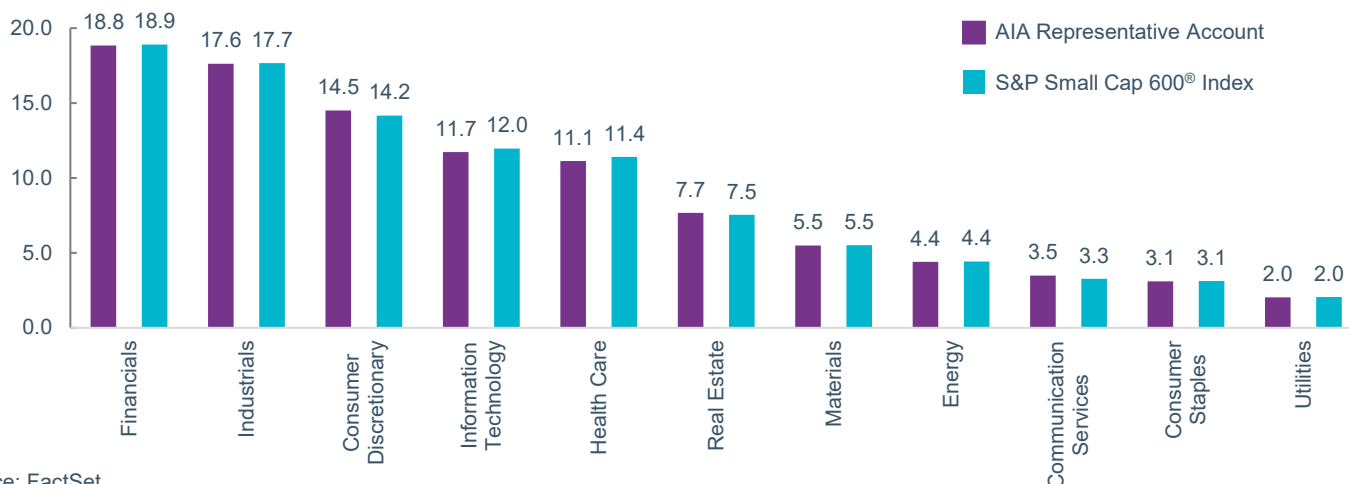
Portfolio Characteristics

	Strategy	S&P Small Cap 600 Index
Number of holdings	200	602
Weighted average market cap (\$ billions)	3.83	3.47
Price/earnings ratio (forward 12 months)	16.29	16.15
Price/book ratio	1.91	1.83
Average dividend yield %	1.64	1.63
EPS growth rate % (3-5 year estimate)	12.55	11.94

Market Cap Allocations %

Market cap size	Strategy	S&P Small Cap 600 Index
Large (> 10B)	0.00%	0.00%
Mid (2.5B to 10B)	71.61%	64.87%
Small (<2.5B)	28.39%	35.13%

Sector Allocations %



Source: FactSet

Holdings and characteristics for the above hypothetical representative account are presented for illustrative purposes only and do not represent an actual client account. There can be no assurance that client accounts will contain the securities listed. References to these securities should not be considered a recommendation or investment advice to buy or sell any security shown. There can be no assurance the securities will be profitable in the future. A complete list of all recommendations made within the last 12 months in this style is available upon request. Client portfolios are constructed by applying a proprietary selection methodology that seeks to replicate the sector exposure of the S&P SmallCap 600 Index. Price/earnings ratio is the price of a stock divided by its earnings per share. Price/book ratio is the ratio of a stock's price to its book value per share. The dividend yield is a financial ratio that shows how much a company pays out in dividends each year relative to its stock price. Earnings per share (EPS) growth rate is a metric that measures how quickly a company's earnings per share are increasing. The projected characteristics are based upon estimates and reflect subjective judgments and assumptions. There can be no assurance that developments will transpire as forecasted and that the estimates are accurate. The characteristics shown are for illustrative purposes only.

PERFORMANCE OVERVIEW (AS OF CALENDAR YEAR END)

AIA S&P 600® (Small Cap) Strategy

Calendar year returns (Gross %) – Maximum Federal and State Tax Rates

	AIA S&P 600® Pre-Tax	Pre-Tax Benchmark	Pre-Tax Difference	AIA S&P 600® After Tax	After Tax Benchmark	After Tax Difference	Tax Alpha
2014	7.03	5.76	1.27	8.49	3.61	4.89	3.61
2015	-2.70	-1.97	-0.72	7.26	-3.92	11.18	11.90
2016 <sup>1</sup>	18.04	21.85	-3.81	17.87	20.17	-2.30	1.51
2017	11.97	13.23	-1.26	12.41	10.47	1.94	3.20
2018	-7.25	-8.48	1.23	-0.54	-11.41	10.87	9.64
2019	23.71	22.78	0.93	25.24	19.08	6.17	5.24
2020	8.38	11.29	-2.91	24.52	8.70	15.82	18.73
2021	25.59	26.82	-1.23	27.66	21.83	5.83	7.05
2022	-16.56	-16.10	-0.46	-6.40	-18.49	12.09	12.55
2023	18.54	16.05	2.48	21.19	13.15	8.04	5.56

Calendar year returns (Net %) – Maximum Federal and State Tax Rates

	AIA S&P 600® Pre-Tax	Pre-Tax Benchmark	Pre-Tax Difference	AIA S&P 600® After Tax	After Tax Benchmark	After Tax Difference	Tax Alpha
2014	3.88	5.76	-1.88	5.30	3.61	1.70	3.57
2015	-5.58	-1.97	-3.61	4.10	-3.92	8.02	11.63
2016 <sup>1</sup>	15.75	21.85	-6.10	15.58	20.17	-4.59	1.51
2017	8.69	13.23	-4.54	9.11	10.47	-1.35	3.19
2018	-10.02	-8.48	-1.54	-3.49	-11.41	7.92	9.46
2019	20.11	22.78	-2.67	21.60	19.08	2.53	5.20
2020	5.17	11.29	-6.11	20.89	8.70	12.19	18.31
2021	21.94	26.82	-4.87	23.96	21.83	2.12	7.00
2022	-19.07	-16.10	-2.97	-9.19	-18.49	9.30	12.27
2023	15.07	16.05	-0.98	17.65	13.15	4.50	5.48

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<sup>1</sup> For the period 3/1/2016-4/30/2016, no accounts were managed by the firm that satisfied the composite inclusion requirements

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