

AIA S&P 1500[®] (All Cap) Strategy

QUARTERLY PORTFOLIO COMMENTARY (CASH FUNDED AFTER-TAX COMPOSITE)

US equity markets continued to move higher in the third quarter with both the S&P 500[®] and Dow Jones Industrial Average ending September at record highs. Most notably, the Fed embarked on its much-anticipated easing cycle by cutting rates 50 basis points to 4.75%-5.00% at the September FOMC meeting, its first rate cut in four years. With inflation softening and closing in on its long-term target, the Fed's focus has shifted to supporting the labor market as unemployment continued to tick meaningfully higher, albeit from a near-historical low starting point. As Q3 brought more normalized economic data, investors are increasingly expecting a soft landing. Annual US inflation was 2.5% in August, the lowest since February 2021, and unemployment rose to 4.2%. United States GDP rose by an annualized rate of 2.8% in the second quarter of 2024, significantly higher than last quarter's 1.4% increase. The S&P 500[®] Index rose (+5.9%) for the quarter, with broadly positive results. Utilities (+19.1%), real estate (+16.9%), and industrials (+11.4%) were the top performers during the quarter. Energy (-2.6%), information technology (+1.6%), and communication services (+1.6%) were the top detracting sectors during the quarter. Value substantially outperformed growth over the quarter, with the Russell 1000[®] Value Index (+9.4%) vs. the Russell 1000[®] Growth Index (+3.2%), and the Russell 2000[®] Index (+9.3%) outperformed the Russell 1000[®] Index (+6.1%).

During the quarter, the AIA S&P 1500[®] (All Cap) Strategy underperformed its benchmark before taxes and net of 0.30% fees by -0.32%. The strategy outperformed over the period on an after-tax and net of 0.30% fee basis by +0.15%. After-tax outperformance was relatively mild, due to limited opportunities to harvest losses, with strong market performance in the third quarter. Tax alpha was positive and added +0.46% during the period.

Year to date, the AIA S&P 1500[®] (All Cap) Strategy outperformed its benchmark, before taxes and net of 0.30% fees, by +0.62%. The strategy outperformed over the period, on an after-tax and net of 0.30% fee basis, by +1.98%. Tax alpha contributed +1.37% for the period.

The AIA S&P 1500[®] (All Cap) Strategy seeks to provide a pretax return similar to the performance of the S&P 1500[®] Index and seeks to outperform the benchmark on an after-tax basis by proactively realizing losses and deferring gains. AIA's managers use a multi-factor algorithm to select and weight stocks to align portfolio exposures, including sector and market capitalization, to the underlying index while incorporating tax management. Individual account performance may vary due to restrictions at the account level, such as security exclusions, capital gain budgets and other restrictions.

Markets have performed well thus far in 2024, with Q3 being no exception, as expectations of Global Central Bank rate cuts have buoyed risk assets. Traditionally, markets have reacted positively in election years, although unemployment and consumer spending remain key concerns for investors. With these uncertainties, ongoing geopolitical tensions and macroeconomic weakness may spur market volatility. The resulting market environment has increasingly proven challenging to navigate. We continue to believe that active fundamental research combined with investment discipline provides an attractive way to navigate market uncertainty.

AIA S&P 1500[®] (All Cap) Strategy – Annualized Returns (as of 09/30/2024)

AIA S&P 1500 [®] Cash Funded After-Tax Composite Pure Gross Returns	Pre-Tax			After-Tax			Tax Alpha
	Composite Pure Gross Return	Benchmark Return (S&P 1500 [®])	Difference	Composite Pure Gross Return	Estimated Benchmark Return	Difference	
3 months	5.80%	6.04%	-0.24%	5.89%	5.67%	0.22%	0.46%
1 year	36.45%	35.54%	0.91%	36.32%	33.60%	2.72%	1.81%
3 years	11.92%	11.46%	0.46%	16.09%	9.78%	6.32%	5.86%
5 years	15.49%	15.59%	-0.11%	19.49%	13.80%	5.69%	5.80%
10 years	13.14%	13.12%	0.02%	16.02%	11.52%	4.49%	4.47%
Since inception 09/01/2003	10.56%	10.78%	-0.21%	12.91%	9.55%	3.35%	3.57%

AIA S&P 1500 [®] Cash Funded After-Tax Composite Net 0.30% Returns	Pre-Tax			After-Tax			Tax Alpha
	Composite Net 0.30% Return	Benchmark Return (S&P 1500 [®])	Difference	Composite Net 0.30% Return	Estimated Benchmark Return	Difference	
3 months	5.73%	6.04%	-0.32%	5.81%	5.67%	0.15%	0.46%
1 year	36.05%	35.54%	0.51%	35.92%	33.60%	2.32%	1.81%
3 years	11.59%	11.46%	0.13%	15.75%	9.78%	5.97%	5.85%
5 years	15.14%	15.59%	-0.45%	19.14%	13.80%	5.34%	5.79%
10 years	12.80%	13.12%	-0.32%	15.67%	11.52%	4.15%	4.47%
Since inception 09/01/2003	10.23%	10.78%	-0.54%	12.57%	9.55%	3.02%	3.56%

AIA S&P 1500 [®] Cash Funded After-Tax Composite Net Bundled Fee Returns ¹	Pre-Tax			After-Tax			Tax Alpha
	Composite Net Bundled Fee Return	Benchmark Return (S&P 1500 [®])	Difference	Composite Net Bundled Fee Return	Estimated Benchmark Return	Difference	
3 months	5.03%	6.04%	-1.02%	5.11%	5.67%	-0.55%	0.46%
1 year	32.51%	35.54%	-3.03%	32.38%	33.60%	-1.22%	1.82%
3 years	8.64%	11.46%	-2.83%	12.70%	9.78%	2.92%	5.74%
5 years	12.10%	15.59%	-3.49%	16.01%	13.80%	2.21%	5.69%
10 years	9.82%	13.12%	-3.30%	12.62%	11.52%	1.10%	4.40%
Since inception 09/01/2003	7.32%	10.78%	-3.46%	9.59%	9.55%	0.04%	3.50%

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

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

AIA S&P 1500[®] (All Cap) Strategy – Market Cap Allocations (as of 9/30/2024)

Market cap size	Percentage of total portfolio	S&P 1500 [®]
Large (>10B)	96.19%	94.03%
Mid (2.5B to 10B)	3.31%	5.07%
Small (<2.5B)	0.50%	0.90%

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