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# HYPOTHETICAL **ILLUSTRATION**

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## The Risk Manager Strategy - Conservative

The Risk Manager Service is a disciplined, long-term service designed to reduce exposure to risk during negative stock market cycles. In marketing parlance, The Risk Manager is a "bear market protection plan."

While there are never any guarantees in investing, the Risk Manager strives to maintain long positions during positive stock market environments and to mitigate portfolio risk during major declines such as those seen in 2000-02 and 2008.

#### Management Strategy

The Risk Manager is driven by a series of robust, disciplined market models designed to indicate when the risk of a severe decline is high. When our market models indicate that risk factors in the stock market are elevated, the program will automatically and unemotionally take defensive measures including raising cash, reducing beta in portfolio holdings, and overweighting defensive positions such as government bond ETFs/mutual funds.

The Risk Manager employs an incremental approach to adjusting portfolio exposure. Each of the risk models utilized within the program control a set percentage of the overall portfolio exposure. Thus, when a model issues signal, that portion of the portfolio is moved to its respective defensive position. This incremental exposure strategy avoids the high-risk, all-or-nothing, "market timing" approach.

#### A Diversified Approach to Managing Risk

We believe it is important to diversify portfolios not only by asset class, but also by strategy, manager, and methodology. Thus, the Risk Manager has been designed to incorporate multiple strategies, multiple managers, and multiple methodologies - all within a single program.

#### Three Risk Manager Program Offerings

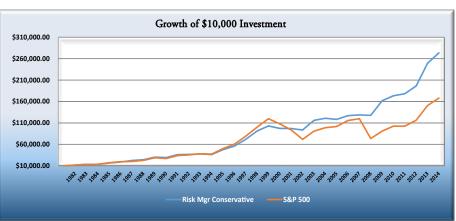
- Conservative
- Moderate
- Growth

#### **Conservative Risk Manager**

The Conservative Risk Manager utilizes a long/neutral (cash) approach to stock market exposure. In addition, up to 40% of the portfolio may be allocated to bonds. Thus, during a severely negative market environment, the program will be allocated primarily to cash, government bonds, and/or other defensive positions.

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Hypothetical Growth Illustration for the Period 1/1/1982 -12/31/2014



## **Annual Returns**

Hypothetical Illustration for the Period 1/1/1982 -12/31/2014

Year Year	Risk Manager Conservative	S&P 500
1982	20.10%	14.76%
1983	14.43%	17.27%
1984	-1.63%	1.40%
1985	23.81%	26.33%
1986	12.33%	14.62%
1987	20.22%	2.03%
1988	7.66%	12.40%
1989	24.71%	27.25%
1990	-3.74%	-6.56%
1991	23.74%	26.31%
1992	0.86%	4.46%
1993	3.55%	7.06%
1994	-3.50%	-1.54%
1995	31.43%	34.11%
1996	16.73%	20.26%
1997	28.39%	31.01%
1998	26.93%	26.67%
1999	13.14%	19.53%
2000	-5.65%	-10.14%
2001	-0.20%	-13.04%
2002	-3.50%	-23.37%
2003	23.85%	26.38%
2004	4.40%	8.99%
2005	-2.14%	3.00%
2006	7.23%	13.62%
2007	1.29%	3.53%
2008	-0.73%	-38.49%
2009	26.57%	23.45%
2010	7.22%	12.78%
2011	2.80%	0.00%
2012	10.20%	13.41%
2013	27.01%	29.60%
2014 (thru 12/31)	9.64%	11.39%
Cumulative	2635.09%	1580.04%

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