

# **FACT SHEET**

## **2VA American Freedoms Index (2VA AMF)**

#### **OBJECTIVE**

- 2VA AMF invests in mid and large cap US companies that
  prioritize their duties to shareholders by avoiding the excessive
  costs associated with ESG investments (1).
- Foundational to our freedom as Americans is constitutionally mandated governmental adherence and voluntary private organizations respect of First Amendment rights. Corporations should be Inspired by, support and never violate our fundamental constitutional rights. Over 90% of 2VA AMF's index components rate Neutral on 2VA's Basic Freedoms criterion, with the remainder rating Positive.
- 2VA AMF supplements its ESG Neutral foundation with measures of monetary conditions and firm financial metrics to select stocks that are ESG Neutral and optimally positioned to prosper in the existing economic environment (2).

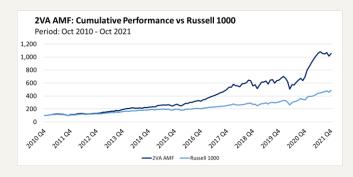
#### **INDEX CHARACTERISTICS**

2VA AMF Index has strong historical returns and risk profile

- ✓ Performance of the Index since October 2010:
- Average annual alpha (vs Russell 1000) of 8.36%
- Cumulative return of 955% vs 389% for Russell 1000
- Average annual rolling 3-year return of 23.84%, with alpha of 10.06%
- Rolling 5-year returns beat Russell 1000 100% of time
- Upside/downside capture ratio of 1.36
- Creates a dynamic strategy by integrating 2VA social screens with firm financial metrics and monetary/economic conditions

## **INDEX PERFORMANCE & STATISTICS**

	2VA AMF	Russell 1000	S&P 500
Returns			
2021 YTD	23.18%	23.18%	24.04%
2020	22.42%	20.96%	18.40%
2019	36.08%	31.43%	31.49%
2018	-4.21%	-4.78%	-4.38%
2017	53.69%	21.69%	21.83%
2016	36.96%	12.05%	11.96%
2015	8.19%	0.92%	1.38%
2014	14.78%	13.24%	13.69%
2013	46.04%	33.11%	32.39%
2012	21.97%	16.42%	16.00%
2011	6.73%	1.50%	2.11%
Annualized Returns (3)			
Three Year	23.72%	22.01%	21.48%
Five Year	27.00%	19.16%	18.93%
Risk Statistics			
Beta	1.12	1.00	0.98
Standard Deviation	17.80%	13.69%	13.39%
Sharpe Ratio	1.31	1.10	1.12
Sortino Ratio	2.44	2.00	2.04
Upside/Downside Ratio	1.36	1.00	1.00



## **INDEX APPROACH**



## Starting Universe & Stock Scoring

- Start with Large & Mid Cap stocks listed on NYSE and Nasdaq with 3+ years of financial data
- Screen out firms supporting ESG policies i.e., 2VA Basic Freedoms scores less than 3.00 (on a 5-point scale)
- Top down: Monetary conditions are classified as expansive, restrictive or indeterminate
- Bottom up: 12 firm-specific metrics are used to score each stock based on its ability to benefit from prevailing monetary conditions creating a "financial position score"



- Stocks with a 2VA Basic Freedoms score between 3 and 5 (Neutral Plus) are eligible for the portfolio; 95% of the fund is ESG Neutral
- The 75 stocks with the best financial position score under existing monetary conditions are selected
- Each stock is weighted based on its ability to prosper under prevailing monetary/economic conditions



# Index Portfolio & Rebalance

- 2VA AMF consists of 75 ESG Neutral Plus stocks that are selected and weighted for optimal performance under current conditions
- The index is rebalanced under three scenarios:
  - 1) the 2VA Basic Freedoms scores are updated
  - 2) the monetary environment changes
  - 3) firm financial metrics are updated.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Annualized returns as of October 31, 2021. For returns with periods longer than 1-year, monthly returns are used for annualization.





<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Costly programs seeking benefits such as "good for the environment" or "good for society" are considered ESG investments. These program costs are approved by virtue signaling managers and are not voted on or disclosed to shareholders. ESG investments in social justice engineering causes go beyond traditional charity, thus impacting cash flows, brand values and ultimately share prices. These programs generally do not align with a neutral, libertarian or conservative ESG philosophy.

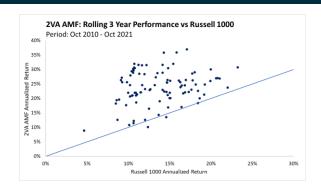
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>The firm financial metrics and economic conditions measure are incorporated via a licensing agreement with Economic Index Associates (EIA).



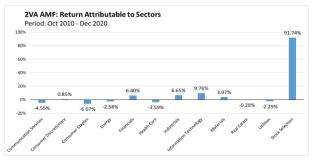
# HYPOTHETICAL HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE

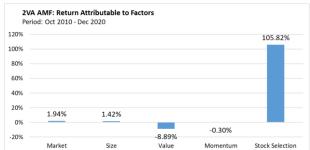
**Table: Rolling Annualized Return** 

	One Year		Three Years		Five Years	
	2VA AMF	Russell 1000	2VA AMF	Russell 1000	2VA AMF	Russell 1000
Average	25.74%	15.32%	23.84%	13.78%	24.58%	13.20%
Median	20.44%	14.93%	24.44%	13.66%	24.16%	13.37%
Max	100.79%	60.59%	36.96%	23.23%	31.62%	19.16%
Min	-17.71%	-8.03%	8.88%	4.64%	14.54%	6.22%

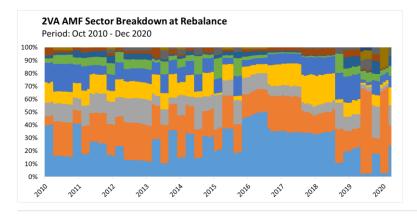


# RETURN ATTRIBUTION





- ✓ 2VA AMF produces alpha by targeting ESG Neutral firms that are optimally positioned to prevailing monetary conditions; the index does not maintain any sector bias
  - Sector attribution analysis confirms that the majority (91.74%) of alpha is attributable to stock selection
  - Biggest contributors: Information Technology, Industrials, Financials and Materials; 2VA AMF has been particularly successful in over- or under-weighting ESG Neutral firms in these four sectors
- Four-factor attribution analysis establishes that 2VA AMF's alpha is due to stock selection; not factor exposures
  - Stocks are selected and weighted based on a screening process that incorporates 2VA American Freedoms scores, 12 firm-specific metrics and economic conditions; thus, factor exposures are trivial, incidental and deviate over time
  - During the 10 years, 105.82% of alpha for 2VA AMF comes from stock selection; i.e., incidental factor exposures were detrimental to performance



<u>Sector</u>	Average Weight	
Real Estate	0.08%	
Utilities	1.02%	
Energy	1.78%	
Communication Services	2.74%	
Consumer Staples	2.77%	
Materials	5.51%	
Consumer Discretionary	11.58%	
Health Care	12.21%	
Industrials	12.70%	
Financials	24.10%	
Information Technology	25.50%	

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