

# AMOM

Personalized Direct Investing

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# Investing's Evolution A Tale of Perpetual Innovation

# Where Investing is Headed



#### Direct Indexing/Personalized Direct Investing

#### **Direct Indexing Growth Trajectory**

Projected Growth in Retail Direct Index Assets, 2Q 2020–2026E (\$ billions)

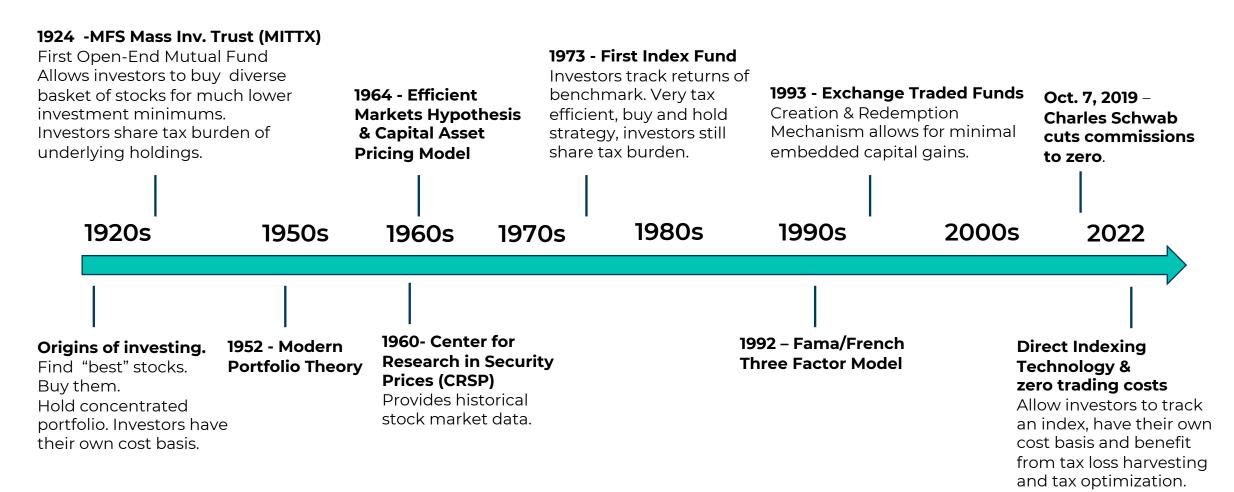


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# The Evolution of Investing



#### Technology Brings Individual Equity Portfolios Full Circle



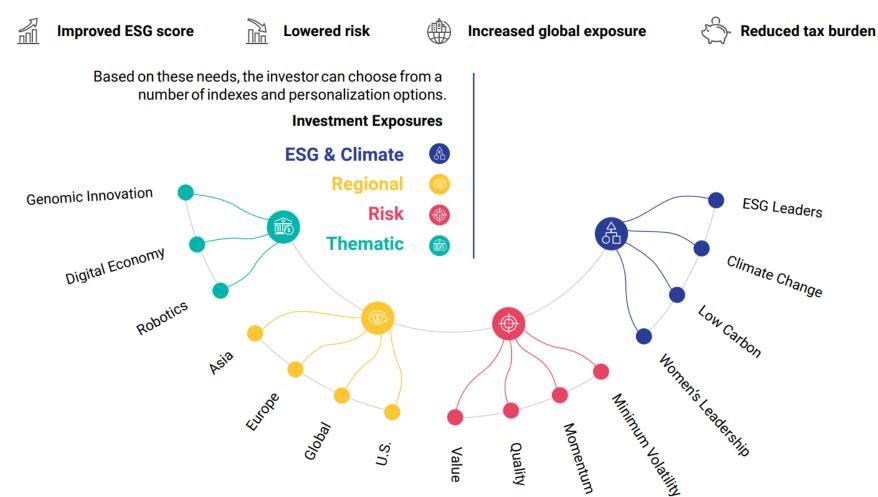
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# The New Paradigm



#### Personalized Direct Investing Enables Sophisticated Portfolio Design

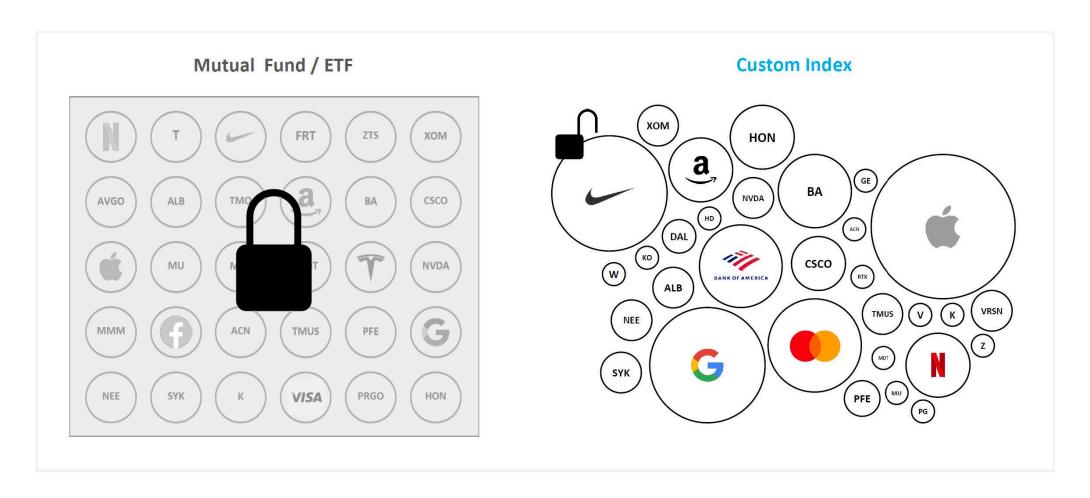
Consider an investor who wants an index with the following features:



# **Technology Unlocks Customization**



#### Freedom from Unwanted Constraints



# Unlocking Tax-Management Potential



#### Smart Pairing of Gains & Losses



Realizing losses in tax lots above a certain threshold Using approved replacement securities to maintain investment strategy alignment Monitoring wash sale rules and any client restrictions in place

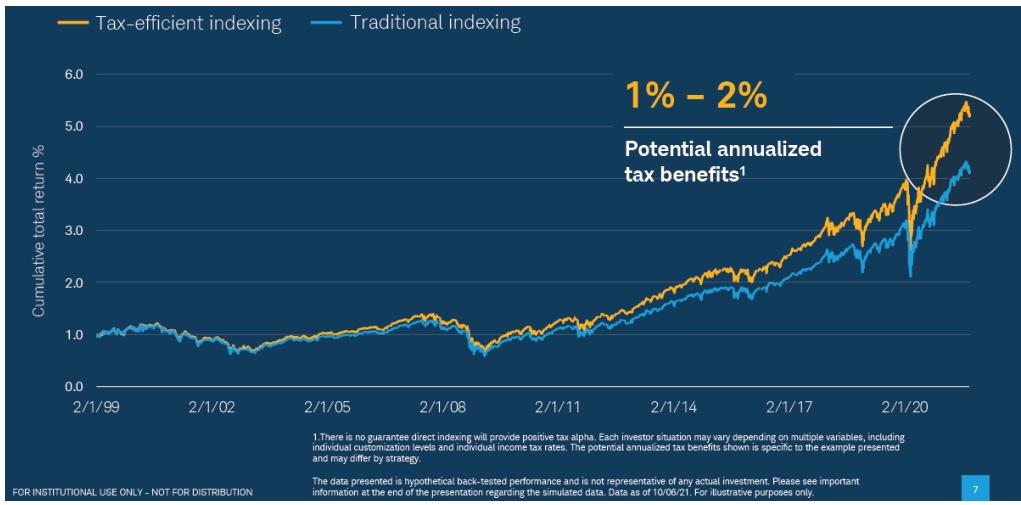
Performing trade review and ongoing monitoring

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# Unlocking Tax-Management Potential



#### Benefits of a Proactive Approach



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# Direct Indexing Opportunities & Challenges



### **Opportunities**

- Tax Loss Harvesting—
  Direct Indexing's "Superpower"
- ESG & SRI Preferences
- Other custom inclusions/exclusions
- Resonates with HNW investors

### Challenges

- Dozens of providers
- High minimums/High fees
- No clear definitions of ESG/SRI
- Portfolios may not deliver intended exposures
- Hard to integrate seamlessly with other investments



# Seizing Opportunities, Mitigating Challenges with Axiom

# Symmetry Axiom



### Integrated Platform, Process & Technology



# **Custom** Platform

 Custom suite of apps & tech

# Flexible Portfolios

- Individual stocks
- Symmetry & components
- Other securities

# Streamlined Process

- Exclusions/ Inclusions incl. ESG/SRI
- Risk Tolerance
- Integrated w/ financial plan

# Marketing & Education

- Brochure
- Educational presentations
- Fact sheets

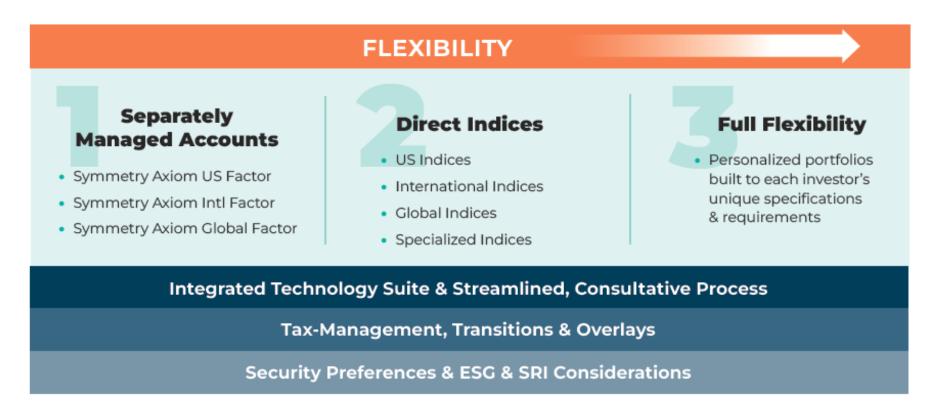
#### Integrated Monitoring & Reporting

- Reporting across portfolios/sleeves
- Ongoing due diligence
- Rebalancing methodology

# Symmetry Axiom



### Maximum Flexibility in Customization



**Note:** Not all solutions may be available to investors and their financial advisors. Minimum investment requirements also may vary. Please see important disclosure on the back of brochure for additional information.

# Who Is Axiom For?



Qualified or Taxable Accounts

#### Investors who...

- Seek high-level of personalization
- Focus on values-based (ESG/SRI) screens & other preferences
- Want tax efficiency or are looking to minimize impact of taxes
- Hold substantial stock positions
- Have occupational and/or human capital considerations
- Are accumulating capital losses in advance of sale of business
- Seek transparency Axiom solutions provide clear window into exactly what each portfolio holds

For \$1,000,000+ accounts (\$250k min for DI/SMA Sleeve)

### **Client Considerations**

#### Personalized Focus

- ✓ Exposure
  - ✓ Hypothetical, geographic broad market US or international
- ✓ Risk tolerance
- ✓ Tax Status (taxable/nontaxable)
- ✓ Anticipated tax rate
- √ Funding method (cash or securities)
- ✓ Dividend treatment
- ✓ Restricted securities (if any)
- ✓ ESG/SRI preferences (if applicable)
- √Others?



Personalized Direct Investing

Symmetry Axiom Global Factor SMA



#### **Investment Objective**

The Symmetry Axiom Global Factor SMA is a diversified multi-factor portfolio that seeks long-term capital appreciation primarily through exposure to US equities and American Depository Receipts (ADRs), with the flexibility of personalized direct investing in individual securities. The strategy is designed to provide exposure to Large/Mid-Cap equities, while using investment factor tilts to achieve potential outperformance.

#### Key Facts

Inception date:	10/1/2021	
Benchmark:	MSCI ACWI NR USD	
Minimum Account Size:	\$450,000	
Typical # of Holdings:	370	
Investment Factors Focus:	Value, Momentum, Profitability	

#### **Understanding the SMA Investment Strategy**

Drawing on decades of data and extensive academic research — and Symmetry's own — this SMA is grounded in evidence and financial science.

Symmetry seeks to harness the power of markets via strategic exposure to factors identified by academic research as offering the potential for higher returns over time (or reduced risk). This SMA focuses on the following factors:

- Value Cheap stocks tend to outperform expensive stocks
- Momentum Stocks that outperform in the near term tend to continue to do so
- · Profitability Stocks of profitable firms tend to outperform the stocks of unprofitable firms

Symmetry's Research and Partfolio Management team of CFA® charterholders and analysts is guided by fundamental investment principles applied thoughtfully and with intellectual rigor. The team brings almost three decades of experience building Evidence-Based investment solutions and models, such as this SMA, using a process-driven approach, backed by a unique, integrated technology engine. The team also has substantial trading and tox optimization expertise.

#### Personalizing the Symmetry Axiom Global Factor SMA



Integrated technology suite & streamlined, consultative process provide flexibility and efficient personalization



Overweighting investment factors identified by academic research enables potential out-performance



Some limited tax management and tax overlay strategies can be implemented to help increase after-tax returns



Some values-based screens can be applied to reflect ESG or SRI considerations



Security preferences (such as avoiding concentration in certain sectors or industries) can be included

## **Axiom Personalization Process**



#### Focused on Each Client's Unique Situation

**1 2 3 4** 

#### **Set Goals**

The Axiom process begins with you and your Financial Advisor determining your overall goals and risk tolerance.

#### **Personalize**

Next, you and your Advisor will define any Values-Based (ESG/SRI) preferences, tax constraints, as well as any additional investing requirements or restrictions. For certain solutions, these screens may be limited or constrained in order to maximize a particular investment strategy.

#### **Optimize**

Using Axiom, your Advisor will develop a portfolio that includes and optimizes all these inputs. Your portfolio may include allocations to individual securities (SMAs or indextracking solutions), as well as ETFs and mutual funds. You may have several options to choose from, and can make additional adjustments and refinements.

#### **Monitor**

Once your solution is implemented, Axiom and your Financial Advisor provide ongoing monitoring and optimization to make sure your portfolio continues to reflect your preferences, goals, and tax requirements.



# Axiom Case Study

# Case Study – Custom Portfolio



Create Compelling Individual Security Solution as HNW Client Portfolio Core Holding

#### **Client Profile**

HNW client looking to invest proceeds from sale of business (~\$60m). High tax-bracket, high-networth, w/ significant taxable assets & expected gains from outside the portfolio.

# **Objective**

- 1) Desired Exposures
  - Broad US market diversification
  - Factor tilts
- 2) Aggressive Tax Management
- 3) Funding method (cash)

Proposed Solution			
Name	Ticker	Weight	
Russell 3000 (Direct Indexed)		55.00%	
Vanguard US Value Factor ETF	VFVA	15.00%	
Vanguard Small-Cap ETF	VB	5.00%	
iShares MSCI USA Momentum Factor ETF	MTUM	15.00%	
Invesco S&P SmallCap Momentum ETF	XSMO	8.00%	
Cash		2.00%	
		100.00%	

Regression 3/1/2018 - 6/30/2021		
0.97		
0.13		
0.12		
0.08		
0.01		

## **Axiom Benefits**



### A Complete Investor Solution

- Differentiated, Leading-Edge Solution
- Institutional-Grade Asset Management
- Professional team approach w/ broad experience helping variety of investors
- Customized Investment Strategy based on client needs
- Efficient implementation of portfolios
- Access to all of Symmetry's investment, planning, educational & practice management resources

# **Elevating Your Business**



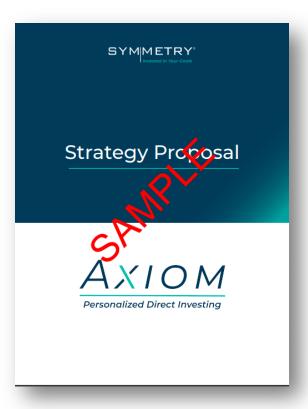
#### **Axiom Enables You to...**

- Provide sophisticated, personalized solutions
- Work with higher-net-worth investors
- Act as true consultant
- Differentiate your practice



# Next Steps

- Provide details for eligible clients
  - Exclusions/Inclusions
  - Tax Considerations
- We will prepare
  Strategy Proposal
- Create IPS/Proposal
- Signed client agreement
- Implementation



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#### Personalized Investing On Your Terms

Many high-net-worth individuals and their families have specific requirements, tax considerations, and investment preferences that cannot always be addressed by conventional investment options.

That is why Symmetry created the Axiom platform to provide flexible, personalized investing.

Each Axiom solution allows investors to better manage the potential impact of taxes, add or remove specific stocks or types of stocks, and own portfolios tailored to unique values, needs, and situations.



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# **Unlocking Tax-Management Potential**



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