

SYMMETRY®

# TaxAlpha

Helping Maximize After-Tax Results



## The Challenge of Taxes & Investing

Investment success often comes at a steep cost—**taxes**. Depending on your tax bracket and the state where you live, long-term capital gains taxes could be as high as 40.8%, turning \$1 million in gains into \$408,000 in taxes, leaving just \$592,000.

Taxes are one of the few certainties in investing. Traditionally, there have been few ways to minimize their impact. You could choose not to sell, but potential gains will just keep accumulating, and you won't be able to enjoy the returns you've earned. Or you could invest in tax-managed funds or ETFs that focus on minimizing capital gains. But this may not offer enough personalization and customization for larger portfolios.

Direct Indexing is another, more recent solution. Owning individual stocks allows for a higher degree of tax management and customization that pairs losses with gains to reduce your overall tax burden. **Unfortunately, the tax benefits of Direct Indexing typically disappear after 4 – 5 years.** You can extract no further tax savings from your portfolio. It becomes “frozen.”

## Symmetry's Tax Alpha Program

To specifically solve these tax management challenges, Symmetry Partners has developed an innovative **Tax Alpha Program**. Not only can it solve the problem of “frozen” portfolios, providing 15, 20, or even more years of tax savings, it can also address other typical situations, such as transitioning from a highly concentrated portfolio, transitioning from one portfolio to another, or simply delivering a tax-efficient overlay on globally diversified portfolio with minimal capital gains.

### Situations Tax Alpha Can Address



Highly appreciated taxable account



Concentrated portfolio (i.e. company stock)



Minimizing tax cost of transitioning to another portfolio



Ongoing need to minimize capital gains



## The Tax Alpha Team

To provide you and your Financial Advisor with a comprehensive solution, Symmetry has put together a team of specialists with unique expertise to ensure the Tax Alpha Program efficiently maximizes potential tax savings.

### 1 Symmetry

- Program oversight & management
- Education & consultation on strategies
- Coordination of all parties
- Integration with other accounts
- Reporting

### 2 Custodian

(Interactive Brokers/Fidelity)

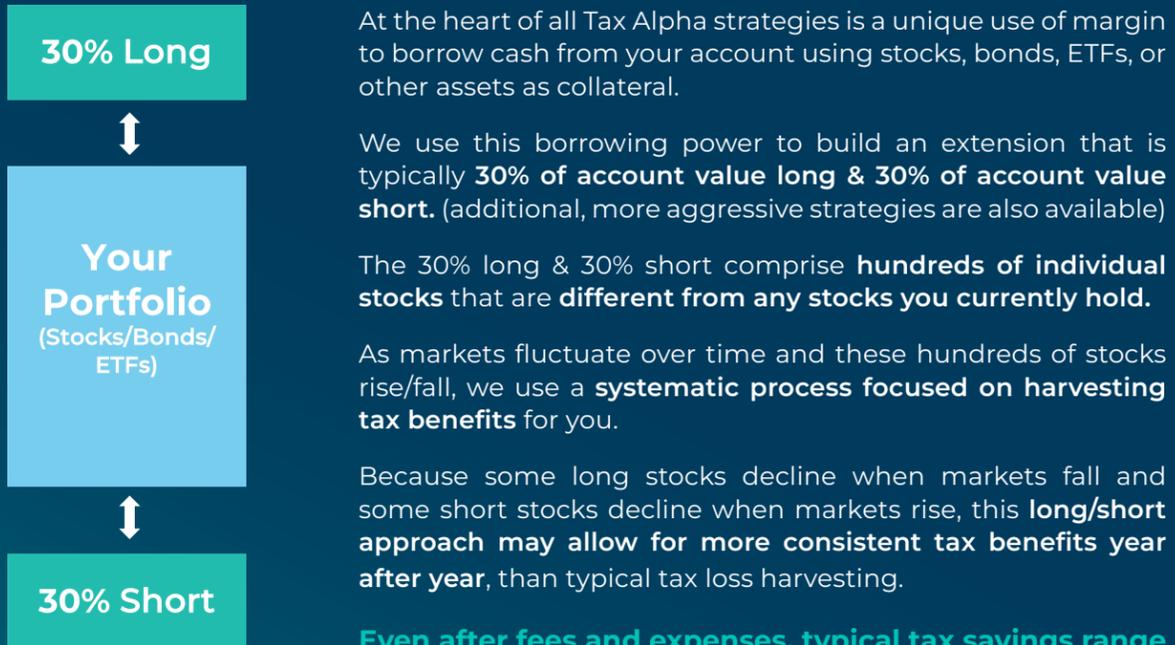
- Safeguards client assets
- Efficient accounts & transaction processing
- Recordkeeping
- Favorable net financing costs

### 3 Sub-Advisers

- Manages/trades the portfolio
- Implements tax transition strategies



## Understanding the Strategy



At the heart of all Tax Alpha strategies is a unique use of margin to borrow cash from your account using stocks, bonds, ETFs, or other assets as collateral.

We use this borrowing power to build an extension that is typically **30% of account value long & 30% of account value short**. (additional, more aggressive strategies are also available)

The 30% long & 30% short comprise **hundreds of individual stocks** that are **different from any stocks you currently hold**.

As markets fluctuate over time and these hundreds of stocks rise/fall, we use a **systematic process focused on harvesting tax benefits** for you.

Because some long stocks decline when markets fall and some short stocks decline when markets rise, this **long/short approach may allow for more consistent tax benefits year after year**, than typical tax loss harvesting.

**Even after fees and expenses, typical tax savings range from 2% - 4% each year.**

## 4 Tax Alpha Program Options



### Core Core Equity + Tax Benefits

Portfolio of individual stocks managed to minimize risk with strong, consistent tax benefits.



### Overlay Utilize Existing Holdings

Use current portfolio to generate ongoing tax benefits.



### Legacy Transition Legacy Holdings

Transition current portfolio to new portfolio in tax-efficient manner.



### Exchange Concentrated Stock Diversification

Tax-efficiently diversify one to a few equity holdings into a more diversified stock portfolio.

**\$1 Million Minimum**

## Take the Next Step

When it comes to taxes, delay and inaction can be expensive. The Symmetry Tax Alpha Program can help you realize substantial long-term tax savings, while addressing other challenges such as concentration risk.

### Tax Alpha Process

- Investor/Advisor provide portfolio details, etc. to Symmetry
- Symmetry will present a strategy proposal that includes various scenarios, pricing, and potential tax savings
- Signed client agreement for the agreed-on strategy
- Open account at custodian
- Implementation via the Sub-Adviser
- Ongoing monitoring & reporting

Your financial advisor, in partnership with Symmetry, can help you select and implement the right Tax Alpha strategy to enable long-term tax savings.

For more information, visit  
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