

# Diversified Strategist Portfolios (Enhanced Income) 2Q24

## Growth with Enhanced Income

### OBJECTIVE:

Designed for investors who seek an enhanced level of current income and long-term growth of capital, consistent with a moderate growth risk profile.

### PHILOSOPHY:

We believe investors should be compensated for the risks they take. At the heart of this philosophy is how we think about, view and analyze risk. Our deep understanding of risk and respect for employing risk purposely serves as the foundation for every investment solution and perspective we provide to our clients. Our disciplined approach to portfolio construction employs both quantitative and qualitative analysis to identify suitable investment strategies and combines them in ways that seek to amplify their strengths while minimizing exposure to uncompensated factors and managing overall portfolio risk.

### PORTFOLIO CONSTRUCTION:

The strategy is implemented through cost-efficient and tax-efficient FlexShares® exchange-traded funds (ETFs), that seek to provide enhanced levels of income. Our proprietary quality factor is combined with dividend screens to target high quality dividend yields above traditional market-cap weighted equity indices.

### CUSTOM BLENDED INDEX:

60% MSCI ACWI (net) / 15% Bloomberg US High Yield 2% Issuer Cap/25% Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond

**ESTIMATED SEC YIELD<sup>2</sup>:** 4.56%

**ESTIMATED TRAILING 12-MONTH YIELD<sup>2</sup>:** 4.81%

**BENCHMARK YIELD<sup>2</sup>:** 3.56%

**WEIGHTED AVERAGE EXPENSE RATIO<sup>3</sup>:** 0.38%

### PERFORMANCE COMPARISON:

(For period ending 6/30/24)

	QTD	YTD	1 YR	3 YR	5 YR	Since 10/1/18
Composite Gross*	1.51%	4.79%	11.65%	2.34%	5.66%	5.47%
Composite Net (2%)	1.01%	3.75%	9.46%	0.32%	3.57%	3.39%
Composite Net (1%)	1.26%	4.27%	10.55%	1.33%	4.61%	4.42%
Custom Blended Index	1.91%	6.91%	13.73%	2.85%	7.12%	6.86%

Returns for periods greater than one year are annualized. \*Gross performance is presented net of fund fees. Investors that employ NTI for discretionary management may incur an investment management fee of up to 0.15% for this strategy. Index performance returns do not reflect any management fees, transaction costs or expenses. It is not possible to invest directly in any index. Past performance is not indicative of future results. Refer to included GIPS Report on page 3 for more details.

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### CURRENT ASSET ALLOCATION (as of 6/30/24)



Risk Assets	79.7%
Risk Control	20.3%
Equities	47.8%
Real Assets	9.8%
Fixed Income	40.3%
Cash & Short-Term	2.2%

### ASSET ALLOCATION FULFILLMENT<sup>1</sup> (as of 6/30/2024)

<b>47.8% EQUITY</b>	
<b>US Equity</b>	
24.2%	ETF – FlexShares Quality Dividend Index Fund (QDF)
<b>Developed ex-US Equity</b>	
23.6%	ETF – FlexShares International Quality Dividend Index Fund (IQDF)
<b>9.8% REAL ASSETS</b>	
<b>Global Natural Resources</b>	
5.0%	ETF – FlexShares Morningstar Global Upstream Natural Resources Index Fund (GUNR)
<b>Global Real Estate</b>	
2.4%	ETF – FlexShares Global Quality Real Estate Index Fund (GQRE)
<b>Global Infrastructure</b>	
2.4%	ETF – FlexShares STOXX Global Infrastructure Index Fund (NFRA)
<b>40.3% FIXED INCOME</b>	
<b>US High Yield Fixed Income</b>	
22.1%	ETF – FlexShares High Yield Value-Scored Bond Index Fund (HYGV)
<b>US Investment Grade</b>	
7.1%	ETF – FlexShares Credit-Scored US Corporate Bond Index Fund (SKOR)
7.1%	ETF – FlexShares Core Select Bond Fund (BNDC)
<b>Treasury Inflation Protected Securities</b>	
4.1%	ETF – FlexShares iBoxx 3-Yr Target Duration TIPS Index Fund (TDTT)
<b>2.2% CASH &amp; SHORT-TERM</b>	
1.0%	ETF – FlexShares Ultra-Short Income Fund (RAVI)
1.2%	Money Market

The portfolio holdings, characteristics and sector allocations are for illustrative purposes only, subject to change and can vary for individual accounts. Allocations may not equal 100% due to rounding. Northern Trust Investments, Inc. products including FlexShares ETFs and Northern Funds represent up to 100% of the portfolio holdings. With respect to such funds, NTI and its affiliates provide investment advisory, custodial, administrative, shareholder support and other services and receive fees. Such investments present a conflict of interest because NTI, an affiliate, or a related person has a financial interest in the transaction. Refer to complete disclosure for more details.



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<sup>1</sup> The portfolio holdings, weights and statistics shown are based on a NTI model portfolio. They are not derived from any Managed Account or Model Delivery Platform (MDP). Under Model Delivery Platform (MDP) arrangements, NTI provides a model to the Sponsor Firm for Unified Managed Accounts (UMAs) and/or Separately Managed Accounts (SMAs) and does not have trading discretion over these accounts. As a result, MDP accounts may contain different investments based on various parameters and restrictions. Current and future data may differ at the discretion of the portfolio manager. Actual client portfolios may vary. There may be performance dispersion between accounts as a result of NTI's lack of trading discretion over the MDP models.

<sup>2</sup> Estimated yields for the model strategy are calculated using a weighted average yield for each of the underlying funds. The "**Estimated SEC Yield**" utilizes the SEC subsidized yield computed under an SEC standardized formula based on net income earned over the past 30 days (7 days for money market funds). It is a "subsidized" yield, which means it includes contractual expense reimbursements and it would be lower without those reimbursements. The "**Estimated Trailing 12-month Yield**" is the sum of a fund's total trailing 12-month interest and dividend payments divided by the last month's ending share price (NAV) plus any capital gains distributed over the same period. Estimated Yields are calculated gross of any additional fees and other fees not already netted within the funds such as usual and customary brokerage commissions when buying or selling shares of ETFs in the secondary market. Dividends and yields are not guaranteed and are subject to change or elimination. Due to the unique process of redemption and creation of ETFs, an irregular payment could occur during a given period causing an overstatement or understatement of estimated income. The Blended Index yield is a weighted average of the trailing 12-month yield for the equity indices and the yield-to-worst of the fixed income indices. NTI uses data and other information provided by external sources to calculate yields. While NTI believes these sources to be reliable, we cannot guarantee the accuracy of the yield calculations of the underlying funds. Actual client portfolio yields will vary. Note: Yield is only one component of total return. Investment returns can differ significantly from total portfolio yield. Past performance is not a guarantee of future results and does not necessarily indicate how the model strategy or underlying funds will perform in the future.

<sup>3</sup> Asset-weighted expense ratios are calculated by multiplying each fund's expense ratio by its portfolio weight and then summing the results. Each fund's expense ratio is sourced from the fund provider's website using the current expense ratios as stated in the most recent prospectuses as of the date of this report. Expense ratios calculate the cost to an investment company to operate a fund. The ratio is calculated annually by dividing a fund's operating expenses by the average dollar value of its assets under management. Operating expenses are taken out of a fund's asset and lower the return to a fund's investors. Actual portfolio fees will vary. Fund expense ratios do not reflect additional transaction, advisory, or management fees and other charges that may be paid for in a separately managed account (SMA), UMA, or MDP. Net investment returns would be reduced by those applicable fees. Clients should refer to their Financial Advisor for more information on such fees. Money Market expense ratio assumes the use of NTI's money market funds. The client's fee may vary based on the specific money market fund in which the client is invested.

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### COMPOSITE RETURNS (As of Year-End)

	RETURNS				TRAILING 3-YEAR RISK		COMPOSITE COMPOSITION					Model Delivery Assets (\$MIL)*
	Composite Gross	Composite Net 2% Fee	Composite Net 1% Fee Supplemental	Custom Blended Index	Composite	Custom Blended Index	Internal Dispersion	# of Accts	% Wrap Accounts	Comp Assets (\$MIL)*	Firm Assets (BIL)*	
2023	13.38	11.15	12.26	16.62	12.08	12.29	N/A	1	0.0	0.15	1,117.5	59.42
2022	-12.59	-14.35	-13.47	-15.79	14.98	14.18	N/A	1	0.0	0.13	981.8	39.53
2021	11.90	9.70	10.80	11.30	12.55	11.35	N/A	1	0.0	0.15	1,281.2	13.06
2020	6.17	4.08	5.12	13.26	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	0.0	0.14	1,104.2	4.44
2019	20.08	17.73	18.90	20.25	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	0.0	0.13	959.6	0.00
2018**	-8.31	-8.79	-8.55	-8.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	0.0	0.11	835.4	0.00

\*\*Since inception 10/1/2018.

\*Asset totals are in United States Dollar (USD)

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**Description:** The composite consists of all fee-paying, and non-fee paying fully discretionary Diversified Strategist Growth with Enhanced Income portfolios designed for investors who seek an enhanced level of current income and long-term growth of capital, consistent with a moderate growth risk profile. It utilizes a balanced multi-asset class strategy that includes tactical asset allocation with a risk profile approximating that of The Custom Blended Index shown below. The strategy invests primarily in various equity and fixed income pooled funds. The composite was created in September 2018. The composite inception date is 10/1/2018.

The internal dispersion of annual gross returns is measured by the standard deviation across asset-weighted portfolio returns represented in the composite for the full year. If fewer than 5 portfolios are in the composite for a full year, internal dispersion is deemed not applicable. The trailing 3-year risk is defined as the standard deviation of the trailing 36 monthly gross returns annualized. If the composite has been open for less than three years, the three-year annualized standard deviation is deemed not applicable. Performance results (or fees) are provided by NTI. Returns presented are time-weighted returns and reflect the reinvestment of dividends and other earnings where applicable. Valuations are computed and performance is reported in U.S. dollars.

Proprietary assets are investments owned by the firm, the firm's management, and/or the firm's parent company that are managed by the firm. From inception to 5/31/2022, all or a majority of the composite was comprised of assets controlled by NTI employee(s) or their family member(s), which may be considered a "related party" as defined by the SEC. As of 06/01/2022, composite assets included no proprietary assets.

**Composite net** returns are presented net of underlying fund fees, transaction costs (for non-wrap accounts), and assumed advisory/wrap fee as noted in column heading. Net returns are calculated monthly by deducting the assumed fee rate from the gross returns, applied monthly. A 2% fee is assumed as the highest advisory/wrap fee for GIPS purposes, a 1% fee is shown as supplemental information. A wrap fee includes all charges for trading costs, portfolio management, custody, and other administrative fees. Clients who access these portfolios through a financial intermediary firm will typically pay additional fees to that firm. Actual client fees may differ. Clients should consult their Financial Advisor for more information regarding fees. Investors (e.g. institutional) that employ NTI for discretionary management may incur an investment management fee of up to 0.15% for this strategy (up to 0.25% prior to 01/01/2021). Financial intermediaries that contract directly with NTI for model delivery of this strategy are not assessed an investment management fee, nor a model delivery fee by NTI, in which case, gross and net returns are the same for model recipients. Investment management fees are described in Northern Trust Investments, Inc. Form ADV Part 2A.

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**The Custom Blended Index** is a blend of 60% MSCI ACWI (net), 15% Bloomberg US High Yield 2% Issuer Cap, 25% Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index, rebalanced monthly. The MSCI ACWI Index (net) is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed and emerging markets. Net total return indices reinvest dividends after the deduction of withholding taxes, using (for international indices) a tax rate applicable to non-resident institutional investors who do not benefit from double taxation treaties. The Bloomberg US High Yield 2% Issuer Capped index is an issuer-constrained version of the Bloomberg US Corporate High Yield Index that measures the market of US dollar-denominated, noninvestment-grade, fixed rate, taxable corporate bonds. The index limits the exposure of each issuer to 2% of the total market value. The Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index is an unmanaged index of prices of US dollar-denominated, fixed rate, taxable, investment grade fixed income securities with remaining maturities of one year and longer. Given the stated investment strategy and objectives, these indices are shown because they are considered to be some of the most common indices in the marketplace. Index performance returns do not reflect any management fees, transaction costs or expenses. It is not possible to invest directly in an index. Historical performance of the indices is provided for illustrative purposes only and is not indicative of the performance of any NTI managed portfolio.