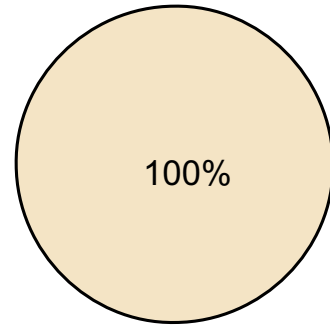


# Non-Sector High Risk Portfolio

Number of funds held: 3-6  
Relative Volatility: 0.9 to 1.3



Diversified Stock Funds

The Non-Sector High Risk Portfolio seeks long-term growth by investing in diversified stock funds. Typically it will hold 3-6 domestic stock funds, representing roughly 300-400 unique stock positions. Foreign exposure will usually range between 10-30%. The diversified stock fund holdings are normally from Fidelity’s retail lineup, but we may opt to hold a non-Fidelity fund if a particular stylebox is not well-served under the Fidelity umbrella. The portfolio competes with the S&P 500 index.

The portfolio normally chooses broadly diversified stock funds, with each fund providing a degree of balance through industry group weighting differences, stylebox variation, or foreign exposure. Other factors considered include risk-adjusted performance, overall volatility, cash/bond level, expense ratio, and manager history. In the future, we may evaluate stock funds from the standpoint of active share and tracking error. This assessment provides insight into how the manager is positioning the portfolio. Studies have shown that funds with high active share and low tracking error tend to outperform their peers.

We also look for funds that have overweighted positions in industry groups that are being recognized for their long-term potential, while at the same time avoiding funds that carry heavy exposure to sectors that may carry more risk than usual. We attempt to identify these sectors through the use of a volatility model that evaluates standard deviation of daily gains and losses for various industry groups over the last 12 months. We compare each sector’s result with a prior period of several years, then weight each industry group by its risk-adjusted performance over the last 12 months. Finally, we rank all non-gold sectors according to their potential. This approach gives us a view of what may be favorable and unfavorable industry groups. It’s not foolproof, but we believe it may give us an edge in risk-adjusted performance.

The Non-Sector High Risk Portfolio normally holds actively managed funds, but may invest in index funds during periods of uncertainty or if we believe large-cap stocks will lead the market. Funds from alternative asset classes – such as foreign stocks, high-yield bonds, or real estate – may be held if we believe their potential performance rivals that of domestic stock funds.

During bearish market conditions the portfolio may invest some of its holdings in asset allocation funds that blend stocks and bonds, but such defensive measures are not expected to be routine. History has shown that continuous exposure to the stock market generates higher returns than most other strategies, and we believe there is far more opportunity in mutual fund selection than in trying to time the market.

While dedicated sector funds are excluded, the Non-Sector High Risk Portfolio still uses an aggressive strategy. ■

