

About Q3

Q3 Asset Management was founded by professional traders. Our roots trace back to 1982 when Brad Giaimo began his career in the COMEX Gold Pit. In everything we do, we strive to help your clients achieve their financial goals by making our strategies responsive to ever-changing markets and simple to understand. We have deep roots in portfolio management and technical analysis and believe that our background, coupled with our expertise in quantitative investing, gives us an advantage over traditional methods of money management. We seek to participate in rising markets and reduce risk during unfavorable market conditions. Our experience has taught us that active investment management has become increasingly important in delivering an edge.

Available Strategies

Voyage - Voyage draws from a diverse universe of ETFs. The strategy is broken down into four distinct baskets: Core Equity, Active Equity, Alternatives and Bonds. Each component is reviewed weekly and is designed to actively adjust to the strongest performers. While the strategy is designed to remain fully invested the vast majority of the time, during periods of sustained market weakness a portion of the strategy may shift defensive. This asset allocation approach allocates, diversifies, and rebalances to provide an all-weather managed account. The strategy is offered in a conservative, moderate and growth risk profile.

- Draws on a universe of ETFs that are systematically screened for several factors, including liquidity and performance
 - Reviewed weekly, though positions are held for at least 30 trading days
 - Four portfolio categories: Core Equity / Active Equity (Sectors, International & Smart Beta) / Bonds / Alternatives
 - Generally holds 12 – 14 positions
 - Minimum Strategy Investment - \$8,000
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Enhanced Allocation Sector - EA-Sector applies our quantitative investment ranking process to a universe of Fidelity sector and fixed income funds. The strategy systematically shifts out of underperforming sectors and into outperforming sectors every 45 days. EA-Sector incorporates our “Market Environment Filter” which is designed to allocate the portfolio to a defensive posture during unfavorable market periods. Our research indicates that the program will be invested in the top-ranked funds approximately 75% of the time and invested entirely in fixed income and money-market funds approximately 25% of the time. The strategy is offered in a conservative, moderate and growth risk profile.

- Momentum based sector rotation strategy
 - Fund universe of roughly 40 equity sectors / sub-sectors & 11 bond funds
 - Re-allocation every 45 days
 - Utilizes our “Market Environment Filter” to shift defensive during adverse market conditions
 - Minimum Strategy Investment - \$5,000
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Adaptive High Yield – Adaptive High Yield is a trend following system that attempts to capitalize on intermediate-term trends in the high-yield bond market. When a buy signal is generated, the program will establish a position in one or more high-yield bond funds. The strategy reviews the market daily and maintains the ability to shift assets to the safety of a money-market fund during adverse market conditions.

- Adaptive High Yield is expected to re-allocate 4-8 times per year, on average
- Over a full market cycle, the strategy should maintain a low correlation to both equity and fixed income markets
- The strategy is expected to be invested in high yield bond funds at least 60% of the time
- Minimum Investment - \$5,000

Alternative Edge – Alternative Edge (Alt Edge) is designed to provide non-correlation through exposure to alternative investments. The program uses mutual funds from all categories of the S&P Hedge Fund Index, which offer liquidity and diversification. Alt Edge rotates positions using a momentum based algorithm designed to identify the top performers from a universe of over 40 publicly traded funds. The program will hold up to four positions at a time, each equally weighted. During situations where less than four funds meet our buy criteria, the strategy will add a money-market fund as a position. The vast majority of the time we expect the portfolio to include at least three alternative funds, equating to a 75% “invested” position.

- Alternative Edge is designed to maintain a low correlation to both equity and fixed income markets
- Funds are selected from the component categories of the S&P Hedge Fund Index, including Currencies, Market Neutral, Long/Short, Managed Futures, Commodities, Merger Arbitrage, Listed Private Equity and Hard Assets.
- The portfolio is reviewed weekly and new positions are held at least 30 trading days.
- Minimum Investment - \$5,000

Bull Cipher – Bull Cipher is a long / neutral strategy that invests in Nasdaq 100 Index Funds. Signals are generated on a daily basis and may be short-term in nature. While the strategy focuses on mean-reversion (counter-trend) based set-ups, trend-following and breakout trades may also be utilized. Bull Cipher is an absolute return program that seeks a positive rate of return over the course of a calendar year regardless of market conditions. The strategy may be positioned heavily in money market funds for periods of time, waiting for high probability opportunities.

- Bull Cipher would be considered a moderate strategy when used as a stand-alone offering
- The program is fairly active and maintains the ability to trade multiple times each week
- Bull Cipher offers a high degree of market non-correlation which makes it a nice complement to asset allocation based strategies
- Minimum Investment - \$5,000

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