

# Appleton Group - clearTREND™ Opportunities

GIPS<sup>®</sup> Inception: 3/1/2014 Data as of 09/30/2018

**OBJECTIVE:** Aggressive Growth

**INVESTMENT STRATEGY:** The clearTREND<sup>TM</sup> Opportunities is an all stock portfolio comprised primarily of large cap technology companies. It includes 15-20 companies identified by clearTREND<sup>TM</sup> and focuses on those securities demonstrating the most advantageous price trends.

**SUITABILITY:** This risk-managed portfolio is utilized primarily by investors who seek aggressive growth and who seek professional guidance to manage (but not eliminate) investment risk.

# **PORTFOLIO STATISTICS:**

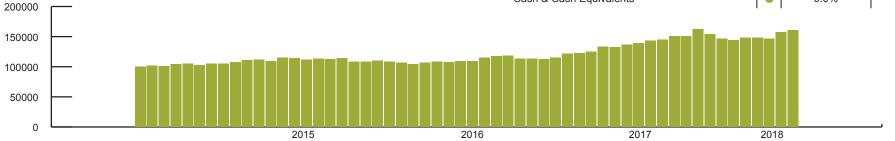
Portfolio Weighted Average Expense	0.00%
Estimated Annual Trading Expense	\$500
Target Yield	1.05%
Best Calendar-Year Return	+34.28%
Worst Calendar-Year Return	-4.32%

## **ASSET ALLOCATION:**



TOP 10 TARGET HOLDINGS:		Target	Actual	
American Express Co (AXP)	•	7.0%	7.2%	
Northrop Grumman Corp (NOC)	•	7.0%	7.4%	
PPG Industries Inc (PPG)	•	7.0%	6.7%	
SBA Communications Corp (SBAC)	•	7.0%	0.0%	
CVS Health Corp (CVS)	•	6.0%	6.5%	
Garmin Ltd (GRMN)	•	6.0%	6.3%	
Apple Inc (AAPL)	•	5.0%	5.9%	
Cognizant Technology Solutions Corp (CTSH)	•	5.0%	0.0%	
Facebook Inc A (FB)	•	5.0%	0.0%	
Marriott International Inc Class A (MAR)	•	5.0%	0.0%	
Cash & Cash Equivalents	•	0.0%	36.2%	

# **GROWTH OF \$100,000 SINCE GIPS® INCEPTION:**



HISTORIC CALENDAR-YEAR PERFORMANCE								
	2014*	2015	2016	2017	Q3 2018	YTD 2018		
clearTREND™ Opportunities	+11.68%	-4.32%	+4.90%	+34.28%	+7.87%	+5.77%		
Morningstar US Tactical Fund Category	+2.41%	-5.93%	+5.99%	+12.63%	+2.59%	+1.73%		

<sup>\*</sup>Performance from 3/1/2014 - 12/31/2014

#### Performance Information:

- 1. Performance quoted represents past performance and is no guarantee of future results.
- 2. Performance statistics for 3/1/2014-present represents actual client performance calculated using the Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS).
- 3. While performance is compared to the benchmark indicated, client accounts may be fully invested, partially or fully invested in cash equivalents. The actual amount of time invested in the market will vary with market conditions.
- 4. The principal value and return of exchange traded funds and other mutual funds will fluctuate with changing market conditions, and may be worth more or less than your initial investment. All dividend, interest, and capital gain distributions assume reinvestment. Performance statistics do not consider potential tax liabilities as a result of management activity. Please consult your tax advisor for further information.
- 5. Deviation from the models has produced and will produce substantially different results. The Morningstar US Fund Tactical Allocation Category is a composite of global risk-managed strategies and represents a "best-fit" benchmark for the portfolio. You cannot invest directly in a category.
- 6. The Equal-Weighted Dispersion is 0.88. Performance quoted is net of management fees, trading costs and investment expenses.
- There are 4 accounts in clearTREND™ Opportunities; Market Value of \$0.96 million which is 0.59% of Firm Assets which are \$163.305 million as of September, 30, 2018.

## Principal Risks:

#### Loss of Money

An investor may lose money when he or she buys or sells the investment, including part of the principal.

#### Market Volatilit

The market value of the portfolio's securities may fall rapidly or unpredictably due to changing economic, political or market conditions.

#### Active Management

Performance is subject to the risk that the advisor's investment strategies are not suited to achieving the investment objective or do not perform as expected, which may cause the portfolio to lose value or underperform investments with similar objectives/strategies.

#### Portfolio Turnover

Active trading may create portfolio turnover of 100% or more, potentially resulting in increased transaction costs.

## Exchanged Traded Funds (ETFs)

Assets invested in ETFs generally reflect the risks of owning the underlying securities they are designed to track, although they may be subject to greater liquidity risks and higher costs than owning the underlying securities directly due to their management fees.

#### Fund of Funds

A portfolio's risks are closely associated with the risks of the securities held by underlying funds. The ability of the portfolio to meet its investment objective depends on the ability of the underlying funds to meet theirs.

#### Fixed Income

The value of assets invested in fixed-income or debt securities may be susceptible to general movements in the bond market and are subject to increased interest rate and credit risk.

# Foreign Investments

Investments in foreign securities may be subject to increased volatility than U.S. securities. Foreign securities are subject to increased issuer risk. In addition, foreign securities are subject to increased costs. Many foreign markets are relatively small, and securities issued in less developed countries face the risks of nationalization, expropriation or confiscatory taxation, and adverse changes in investment or exchange control regulations. Political changes or diplomatic developments can also negatively impact performance.

#### General Disclosures:

The investment's performance may be impacted by its concentration in a certain type of security, adherence to a particular investing strategy or unique aspect of its structure and costs.

The Appleton Group Portfolios are not mutual funds. As market conditions fluctuate, the investment return and principal value of any investment will change. Before investing in any investment portfolio, the client and financial advisor should carefully consider the client's investment objective, time horizon, risk tolerance, and fees. Diversification may not protect against market risk. There are risks involved with investing, including possible loss of principal. Appleton Group LLC utilizes ETFs as the primary underlying investment vehicle. Since each Appleton Group LLC portfolio is a "portfolio of funds" an investor will indirectly bear fees and expenses charged by the underlying ETFs and investment companies in which Appleton Group LLC invests in addition to the Appleton Group LLC's fees and expenses.

The cumulative effect of fees and expenses can substantially reduce the growth of your retirement savings. Visit the Department of Labor's Website for an example showing the long-term effect of fees and expenses at http://www.dol. gov/ebsa/publications/401kemployee.html. Fees and expenses are only one of the many factors to consider when you decide to invest in an option. Please consider whether an investment in a particular managed strategy, along with your other investments. will help you achieve your financial goals.