# Financial & Tax Architects Economic Cycle Strategy 03/31/2017 to 10/31/2022



Year	Composite Gross Return (%)	Composite Net Return (%)	Benchmark Return (%)	Year End Portfolios	Number of Portfolios	Composite Assets (\$)	Firm Assets (\$)	Internal Dispersion (%)	Composite 3-Yr Std Dev (%)
2017 <sup>1</sup>	10.48	8.85		<=5	<=5	33,351		n/a	
2018	4.06	2.00		9	<=5	134,435		n/a	
2019	21.86	19.48		8	<=5	151,414		n/a	
2020	9.92	7.75		8	<=5	151,506		n/a	16.20
2021	25.37	22.93		8	6	239,017		0.65	15.93
2022²	-18.41	-19.79		10	7	305,175		0.24	20.22

## Partial Years

<sup>1</sup> Returns for 2017 are from 03/31/2017 to 12/31/2017

 $^{\rm 2}$  Returns for 2022 are from 12/31/2021 to 10/31/2022

Period	Composite Gross Return (%)	Composite Net Return (%)	Benchmark Return (%)
1 Year	25.370	22.931	0.000
3 Year	18.862	16.537	0.000
Since Inception	14.841	12.591	0.000

#### Description

The **Economic Cycle** (EC) Strategy is a FTAWA proprietary investment model that utilizes employment and housing indicators to determine the composition of the Strategy. The goal of the Strategy is to mitigate the downside risk associated with investing in the equity market. Therefore, when employment and housing indicators are bullish, the Strategy holds investment vehicles designed to approximate the U.S. equity market. When employment and housing indicators are bearish, the Strategy holds investments designed to track the Barclays Aggregate Bond Index.

### **Calculation Methodology**

The returns presented are asset-weighted and were calculated by geometrically linking the monthly subperiods of each year presented. Portfolios which were not included during the entirety of any month were not included in the presented strategy performance for that month. A time-weighted rate of return was used to calculate all periods presented. The presented net

returns were calculated by reducing 1/12<sup>th</sup> of the annual 2% management fee from gross monthly strategy returns. Returns are further reduced by trading commissions and do not reflect the reinvestment of dividends. The 2% management fee applied does not include fees charged by FTA for services other than investment management.

#### Disclosure

Performance presented reflects the returns of actual portfolios invested in the EC strategy and includes only portfolios managed by FTA which are entirely allocated to this strategy. Variances in holdings may have occurred across portfolios invested in this strategy, due to timing of cash flow additions and liquidations or other client-specific constraints, which may have resulted in performance for individual portfolios that is different than that of the returns presented. New accounts invested in this strategy may be invested similarly but not identically to the investments of the portfolios which were used to calculate the presented performance.

All investments carry with them the possibility of loss.