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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To help you better understand the performance results of third-party investment manager strategies within our Select UMA Program, we are including additional information within manager profiles that may inform your decision to invest in this strategy:

- The performance results displayed in this profile may include a composite of Morgan Stanley accounts enrolled in the strategy. These are **unshaded** in the Investment Results and Portfolio Quarterly Returns sections of the profile with the Select UMA label.
- The results also display the performance of the manager's own composite of accounts invested in its version of the investment strategy, prior to the strategy's inception in the Select UMA program. These are shaded in **grey** and labeled Manager. While this performance is relevant, it does not reflect the role that Morgan Stanley plays in delivering this strategy, which is reflected in the unshaded portion of the Investment Results and Portfolio Quarterly Returns sections of the profile. Morgan Stanley works in tandem, with the manager, to deliver this strategy to its clients. For this reason, Morgan Stanley does not display the manager's own composite of accounts invested in its version of the investment strategy beyond the transition month. As a result, the manager's results and the strategy's results may differ, as discussed in further detail below.
- If the transition month between the manager's results and the strategy's results occurs in the middle of a quarter, that quarter or year will be shaded **blue** in the Investment Results and Portfolio Quarterly Returns sections of the profile and labeled Transition.

The manager exercises discretion in selecting securities for your account, but differences between the manager's prior gross results and the strategy's ongoing gross results may arise from variations in who executes the strategy or how it is implemented:

- Some managers may deliver a model portfolio to Morgan Stanley, which may ultimately be responsible for executing those investment decisions.
- In some cases, the manager may act as an "executing manager," which means it implements its investment decisions and transactions directly instead of delivering instructions to Morgan Stanley.
- The manager's prior performance results are based on accounts that do not participate in the Select UMA program, with investment and operational differences such as account size and/or level of customization.
- There may be other reasons why the performance results differ from those of individual Select UMA accounts managed in the same or a substantially similar investment strategy. For example, Morgan Stanley may deviate from strategy models when applying client-requested restrictions.

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For MAPS Third Party Model Portfolios, 'Manager' illustrated performance is that of the Model Portfolio Provider.

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## Strategy Overview

AllianceBernstein L.P.'s (AB) Strategic Research team applies a unique combination of top-down themes with bottom-up security selection to the AB Strategic Research (MA) strategy. The top-down themes that shape the portfolio are developed using their Research on Strategic Change methodology which seeks to identify and analyze evolving macro trends powerful enough to impact corporate performance across multiple industries. The portfolio management team determines which sectors of the economy are likely to benefit most and which sectors are vulnerable to these emerging trends. Security selection is then driven by their fundamental research resources considering stock price, valuation, and earnings revisions. Portfolio construction rules allow the team significant flexibility to exploit the most attractive opportunities identified, at times resulting in portfolio characteristics that differ materially from the S&P500 Index in capitalization, style, and sector exposures. AllianceBernstein L.P.'s investment process may, at times, result in portfolios that will be over/underweighted in particular sectors/industries versus the S&P 500 Index.

## Target Portfolio Characteristics

Description	Value
Number of security holdings:	45 to 55
P/E ratio:	Above the S&P 500
Cash level over market cycle:	0 to 5%
Risk (standard deviation):	Similar to/Above the S&P 500
Average turnover rate:	50 to 80%
Use ADRs:	0 to 10%
Capitalization:	Mega, Large and Medium companies
Eligible Investments:	Individual Stocks

## Manager's Investment Process

- AB applies a top-down process which seeks to identify macro trends and evaluates the impact across multiple industries
- Investment Strategy Committee determines asset allocation based on sectors/industries that they believe offer the best prospects under the current economic environment
- Manager conducts bottom-up fundamental research, analyzing both growth and value securities
- Select stocks with earnings and long term growth potential at what they believe are reasonable valuations
- The manager will sell stocks when valuation appears full, fundamentals deteriorate, or there is a top-down change in sector weightings

## Portfolio Manager Details <sup>1</sup>

Manager Name	Term
Daniel Roarty	June 2013 - Present
Benjamin Ruegsegger	September 2017 - Present

<sup>1</sup> For more information on Portfolio Managers, please refer to this manager's Form ADV [www.morganstanley.com/wealth-investmentsolutions/advbrochures](http://www.morganstanley.com/wealth-investmentsolutions/advbrochures).

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## Portfolio Statistics

	06/24		12/23
	AB	Index***	AB
Number of security holdings	40	503	46
Dividend Yield	0.9%	1.4%	0.9%
Distribution Rate	—	—	—
Wtd avg P/E ratio <sup>1</sup>	26.07x	25.30x	27.30x
Wtd avg portfolio beta	1.06	—	1.06
Mega capitalization <sup>+</sup>	44.8%	70.7%	37.5%
Large capitalization <sup>+</sup>	44.6%	28.2%	52.3%
Medium capitalization <sup>+</sup>	10.6%	1.1%	10.2%
Small capitalization <sup>+</sup>	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Micro capitalization <sup>+</sup>	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

## Portfolio's Top Five Security Holdings

Product Name	Weight (%)
NVIDIA CORP COMMON STOCK	6.1
MICROSOFT CORP	4.2
VISA INC - CLASS A SHARES	3.3
VERALTO CORP	3.3
FLEX LTD COMMON STOCK	3.0

<sup>1</sup>The P/E used here is calculated by the harmonic mean.

\*Total may not equal 100% due to rounding.

\*\*\*Index : S and P 500

## Portfolio's Equity Sector Weightings <sup>+</sup>



Sector Breakdown	06/24		12/23
	AB	Index***	AB
Energy	0.00	3.65	0.00
Materials	0.00	2.15	0.00
Industrials	15.08	8.13	14.49
Consumer Discretionary	3.58	9.95	6.68
Consumer Staples	5.32	5.77	5.82
Health Care	20.92	11.72	20.87
Financials	8.37	12.42	11.31
Information Technology	40.30	32.45	33.57
Communication Services	0.00	9.34	0.00
Utilities	2.95	2.26	3.81
Real Estate/REITs	0.00	2.15	1.28
Cash/Cash Equivalents	3.49	0.00	2.18

## Portfolio's Allocation History (%) <sup>+</sup>

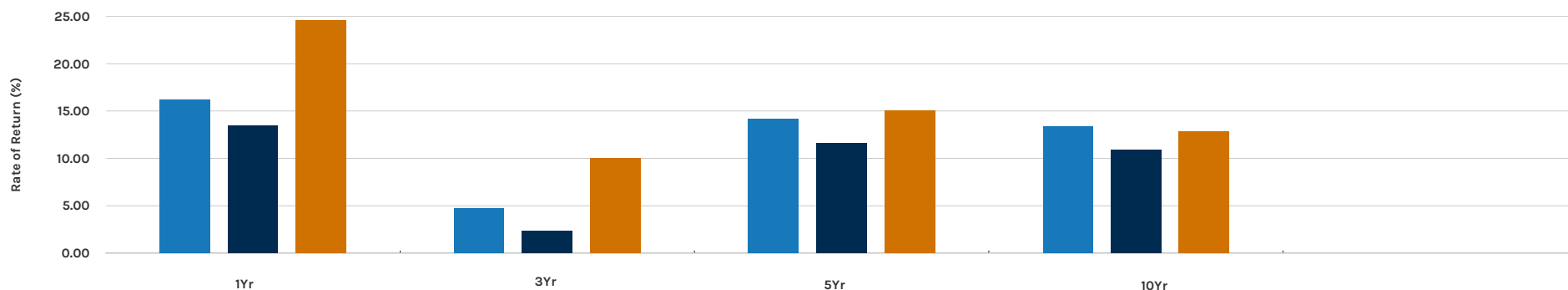
	06/24	03/24	12/23	09/23
U.S. Stocks	84	87	89	88
ADRs/Non-U.S. Stocks	12	9	8	8
Cash/Cash Equivalents	3	4	2	4

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**Strategy Inception Date:** 01/1982 <sup>2</sup> **Morgan Stanley Composite Date:** 01/2011 <sup>2</sup>

### Average Annual Total Return (%) - Periods Ending 06/30/24



	1yr	3yr	5yr	10yr	Inception
AB (Gross)	16.16	4.72	14.18	13.42	NA
AB (Net)	13.49	2.36	11.64	10.90	NA
Primary Benchmark	24.55	10.01	15.05	12.86	NA

### Calendar-Year Performance (%) <sup>1</sup>

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
AB (Gross)	21.63	-23.49	26.58	39.68	33.43	-3.96	32.76	4.40	6.59	11.14
AB (Net)	18.90	-25.25	23.83	36.70	30.53	-6.14	29.86	2.00	4.22	8.59
Primary Benchmark	26.29	-18.11	28.70	18.40	31.49	-4.38	21.83	11.96	1.41	13.69

### Portfolio's Quarterly Returns (%)

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
<b>Quarter 1</b>											
Gross	7.41	6.60	-11.64	3.54	-14.64	16.80	0.95	10.53	-2.56	6.26	1.81
Net	6.80	6.03	-12.21	2.95	-15.12	16.19	0.40	9.93	-3.16	5.64	1.21
<b>Quarter 2</b>											
Gross	1.77	7.38	-17.69	8.29	26.25	5.89	3.39	6.84	0.30	2.59	5.48
Net	1.16	6.76	-18.21	7.71	25.62	5.32	2.81	6.24	-0.28	2.01	4.87
<b>Quarter 3</b>											
Gross		-4.23	-4.40	1.83	12.89	-0.44	7.34	5.07	7.06	-8.10	-1.27
Net		-4.76	-4.88	1.27	12.30	-1.00	6.75	4.49	6.48	-8.61	-1.85
<b>Quarter 4</b>											
Gross		10.95	10.04	10.87	14.81	8.36	-14.28	6.99	-0.22	6.40	4.82
Net		10.29	9.45	10.28	14.16	7.74	-14.82	6.41	-0.80	5.82	4.24

■ Manager    ■ Transition    □ Select UMA

1. S&P 500 was used as the Primary Benchmark, the 90-Day T-Bills Index as the Risk-free Benchmark

2. For more information on these dates please see the Glossary of Terms section

See important notes and disclosures pages for a discussion of the sources of the performance data used to calculate the performance results and related analyses shown above.

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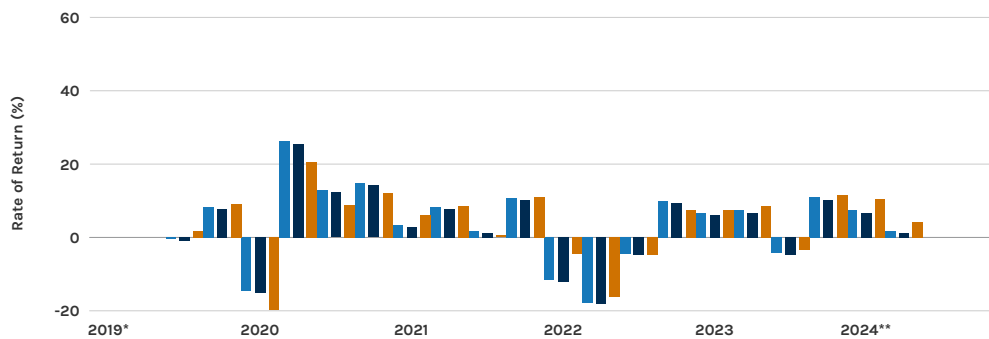
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## Portfolio's Risk Statistics - Periods Ending 06/30/24 <sup>1,2</sup>

	3 Year	5 Year
Standard Deviation	18.63%	21.13%
Standard Deviation of Primary Benchmark	17.08%	19.46%
Sharpe Ratio	0.08	0.57
Sharpe Ratio of Primary Benchmark	0.40	0.66
Alpha	-5.09%	-1.17%
Beta	1.06	1.05
Downside Risk	5.13%	4.22%
R-Squared	0.93	0.92
Tracking Error	4.81%	6.02%
Information Ratio	-1.10	-0.14

## Rate of Return (%) <sup>2</sup>



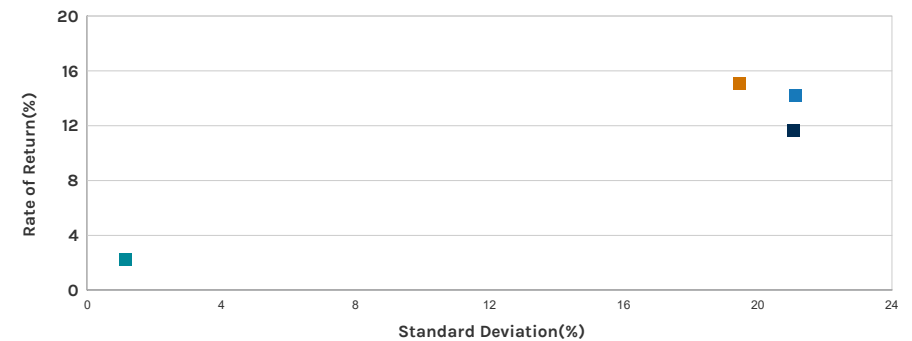
\*07/01/19-12/31/19

\*\*01/01/24-06/30/24

1. Statistics are calculated using gross of fee performance only.

2. S&P 500 was used as the Primary Benchmark, the 90-Day T-Bills Index as the Risk-free Benchmark

## Risk/Return Analysis <sup>2</sup> - 5 Years Ending 06/30/24



	STD	ROR
AB (Gross)	21.13	14.18
AB (Net)	21.05	11.64
Primary Benchmark	19.46	15.05
Risk-free Benchmark	1.13	2.22

## Important Notes and Disclosures

### Composite Disclosures

The disclosures provided below apply to performance information in this profile, if any. Past performance is not a guarantee of future results. Actual individual account results may differ from the performance shown in this profile. There is no guarantee that this investment strategy will achieve its intended results under all market conditions. Do not rely upon this profile as the sole basis for your investment decisions.

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### Manager Performance:

AllianceBernstein L.P.'s (AB) large cap core equity performance represents a composite that is size-weighted and includes approximately 2,781 Morgan Stanley Fiduciary Services AB AB Strategic Research (MA) separately managed account client portfolios totaling \$629.7 million as of 06/30/24. Composite dispersion measures the consistency of the firm's composite performance results with respect to the individual portfolio returns within a composite. It is an asset-weighted standard deviation calculation. The dispersion for this composite for 06/30/24 is 0.18.

### Morgan Stanley Performance:

The composite consists of 2,781 account(s) with a market value of \$629.7 million as of 06/30/2024.

In this profile, the performance from January 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 consists of accounts managed by the investment manager in this strategy in either the Morgan Stanley or the Smith Barney form of the Fiduciary Services program. From July 1, 2012 through December 31, 2015, performance consists of Fiduciary Services (FS) accounts managed by the investment manager in this strategy, subject to any other limitations stated in this profile. From January 1, 2016 through July 31, 2023, performance consists of FS accounts (as described in the previous sentence) as well as the performance of all single strategy Select UMA accounts managed by the investment manager in this strategy, subject to any other limitations stated in this profile. Beginning August 1, 2023, performance composite returns consist of single strategy accounts and/or Investment Products managed by the investment manager in this strategy in multi-style Select UMA accounts, subject to any other limitations stated in this profile. All fee-paying portfolios, except those accounts with investment restrictions, accounts that participate in tax management services, or single style Select UMA accounts enrolled in dollar cost averaging, are included in Morgan Stanley's calculation of the performance composite. New accounts within select Managed Advisory Portfolio Solutions (MAPS) strategies are included in a composite, beginning with the second full calendar month of performance. New accounts in the remaining Select UMA strategies are included in a composite, beginning with the third full calendar month of performance. Terminated accounts are removed from a strategy composite in the month in which they terminate (but prior performance of terminated accounts is retained). Performance is calculated on a total return basis and by asset weighting the individual portfolio returns using the beginning of period values.

**Gross Performance:** AB's gross results do not reflect a deduction of any investment advisory fees or program fees, charged by AB or Morgan Stanley, but are net of commissions charged on securities transactions.

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If this strategy includes eligible mutual funds or exchange traded funds in addition to individual stocks or bonds, the portfolio characteristics within this profile reflect the funds' underlying holdings.

The Top Five Portfolio Holdings listed herein are provided for informational purposes only and should not be deemed to be a recommendation to purchase or sell the securities mentioned. Portfolio characteristics in this profile are based on an allocation weight in the strategy model. There are no guarantees that any of the securities mentioned will be held in a client's account. It should not be assumed that the securities transactions or holdings discussed were or will prove to be profitable.

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## Index Descriptions

### 90-Day T-Bills

The 90-Day Treasury Bill is a short-term obligation issued by the United States government. T-bills are purchased at a discount to the full face value, and the investor receives the full value when they mature. The difference of discount is the interest earned. T-bills are issued in denominations of \$10,000 auction and \$1,000 increments thereafter.

### S&P 500

The S&P 500 Total Return has been widely regarded as the best single gauge of the large cap U.S. equities market since the index was first published in 1957. The index has over \$5.58 trillion benchmarked, with index assets comprising approximately \$1.31 trillion of this total. The index includes 500 leading companies in leading industries of the U.S. economy, capturing 75% coverage of U.S. equities. This index includes dividend reinvestment.

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## Glossary Of Terms

**Alpha** is a mathematical estimate of risk-adjusted return expected from a portfolio above and beyond the benchmark return at any point in time.

**American Depositary Receipts (ADRs)** are receipts for shares of a foreign-based corporation held in the vault of a U.S. bank.

**Average Portfolio Beta** is a measure of the sensitivity of a benchmark or portfolio's rates of return to changes against a market return. The market return is the S&P 500 Index. It is the coefficient measuring a stock or a portfolio's relative volatility.

**Beta** is a measure of the sensitivity of a portfolio's rates of return to changes in the market return. It is the coefficient measuring a stock or a portfolio's relative volatility.

**Bottom-Up Stock Selection** Emphasis primarily on individual stock selection. Considerations of economic and industry factors are of secondary importance in the investment decision-making process.

**Capitalization** is defined as the following: Mega (Above \$100 billion), Large (\$12 to \$100 billion), Medium (\$2.5 - \$12 billion), Small (\$.50 - \$2.5 billion) and Micro (below \$.50 billion).

**Distribution Rate** is defined as the most recent distribution paid, annualized, and then divided by the current market price. Distribution rate may consist of investment income, short-term capital gains, long-term capital gains, and /or returns of capital.

**Dividend** a portion of a company's profit paid to common and preferred shareholders.

**Dividend Yield** annual dividend per share divided by price per share. Dividend Yield for the portfolio is a weighted average of the results for the individual stocks in the portfolio.

**Downside Risk** is a measure of the risk associated with achieving a specific target return. This statistic separates portfolio volatility into downside risk and upside uncertainty. The downside considers all returns below the target return, while the upside considers all returns equal to or above the target return.

**Duration** is a measure of price sensitivity expressed in years.

**Exchange-Traded Funds (ETFs)** are a form of a security seeking to maintain continued full exposure to broad markets or segments of markets.

**High Grade Corporate Bonds** corporate bonds from issuers with credit ratings of AA or AAA.

**Information Ratio** is a measure of the investment manager's skill to add active value against a given benchmark relative to how stable that active return has been. Essentially, the information ratio explains how significant a manager's alpha is. Therefore, the higher the information ratio, the more significant the alpha.

**Investment Grade Bonds** are those rated by Standard & Poor's AAA (highest rated), AA, A or BBB (or equivalent rating by other rating agencies or, in the case of securities not rated, by the investment manager).



**Morgan Stanley Composite Start Date** is the date when Morgan Stanley began to calculate the composite performance of the strategy using qualifying advisory accounts.

**Program Inception Date** is the date that the strategy was launched in the Select UMA program.

**Price/Book Ratio (P/B)** weighted average of the stocks' price divided by book value per share. Book value per share is defined as common equity, including intangibles, divided by shares outstanding times the adjustment factor.

**Price/Cash Flow Ratio** a ratio used to compare a company's market value to its cash flow. It is calculated by dividing the company's market cap by the company's operating cash flow in the most recent fiscal year (or the most recent four fiscal quarters); or, equivalently, divide the per-share stock price by the per-share operating cash flow.

**Price/Earnings Ratio (P/E Ratio)** shows the multiple of earnings at which a stock sells. Determined by dividing current stock price by current earnings per share (adjusted for stock splits). Earnings per share for the P/E ratio are determined by dividing earnings for past 12 months by the number of common shares outstanding. The P/E ratio shown here is calculated by the harmonic mean.

**Price/Sales Ratio** determined by dividing current stock price by revenue per share (adjusted for stock splits). Revenue per share for the P/S ratio is determined by dividing revenue for past 12 months by number of shares outstanding.

**R<sup>2</sup> (R-Squared)/Portfolio Diversification** indicates the proportion of a security's total variance that is benchmark-related or is explained by variations in the benchmark.

**Sharpe Ratio** measures the efficiency, or excess return per unit of volatility, of a manager's returns. It evaluates managers' performance on a volatility-adjusted basis.

**Standard Deviation** is a statistical measure of historical variability or spread of returns around a mathematical average return that was produced by the investment manager over a given measurement period. The higher the standard deviation, the greater the variability in the investment manager's returns relative to its average return.

**Strategy Inception Date** is the date that the Manager started to calculate the performance of the strategy.

**Top-Down/Economic Analysis** Emphasis primarily on macroeconomic trends as opposed to bottom-up stock selection.

**Tracking Error** represents the standard deviation of the difference between the performance of the investment strategy and the benchmark. This provides a historical measure of the variability of the investment strategy's returns relative to its benchmark.

**U.S. Treasury Bonds** a marketable, fixed interest U.S. government debt security with a maturity of more than 10 years. Treasury bonds make interest payments semi-annually and the income that holders receive is only taxed at the federal level.

**Volatility** a measure of risk based on the standard deviation of the asset return. Volatility is a variable that appears in option pricing formulas, where it denotes the volatility of the underlying asset return from now to the expiration of the option. There are volatility indexes. Such as a scale of 1-9; a higher rating means higher risk.

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