# Voya Balanced Large Cap Core Value SMA - Merrill

| Strategy-at-a-glance   |   |
|------------------------|---|
| Objective <sup>1</sup> | Provide attractive long-term returns with lower volatility than the stock market. |
| Inception Date         | 10/01/01  |
| Benchmark              | 55% S&P 500 Total Return, 45% ICE BofA U.S Broad Market Index                     |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> There is no quarantee that this objective will be achieved.

# Strategy overview

The Voya Balanced Large Cap Core-Value strategy blends strategic asset allocation discipline with the expertise of our equity and fixed income management teams.

## Investment process

A 55/45 multi-asset strategy providing exposure to the investment expertise of the Voya Investment Management equity and fixed income teams in a single strategy.

## Equity sell decision

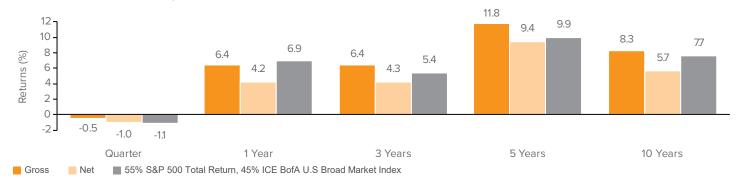
- Investment thesis is violated
- Stock price full valued
- Yield is at risk of being cut or eliminated

### Fixed income sell decision

- Evaluate credit quality continuously sell deteriorating credits
- Sell bonds that exceed their relative value
- Sell bonds that are no longer consistent with macro (or market) outlook

## Performance

**Annualized Total Returns MAA Composite** 



Past performance does not guarantee future results. Performance numbers for time periods greater than one year are annualized. The Composite represents the investment results of a group of fully discretionary portfolios managed according to the strategy. Returns include the reinvestment of income.

Gross of fee returns are "Pure Gross" and do not reflect the deduction of transaction costs associated with investment. Pure Gross returns should be used as Supplemental Information only.

The net of fee performance information shown for the Strategy for the period from May 1, 2022 to the date of this Profile is calculated using the maximum Program Fee of 2.03%, which is based on the maximum Merrill Fee Rate of 1.75% and the Style Manager Expense rate of 0.28%. The net of fee performance information shown for the Strategy for prior past periods is calculated based on the maximum Style Manager Rate above plus the maximum Merrill Fee rate then in effect for the periods indicated: (i) 2.00% rate effect from January 1, 2019 to April 30, 2022; (ii) 2.20% rate in effect February 1, 2017 to January 1, 2019; and (iii) 2.70% rate in effect for the period prior to January 31, 2017.

Source: Bank of America/Merill Lynch

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## Portfolio highlights

| Annual Returns (%)                         | 2024 | 2023 | 2022  | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
|--|------|------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Gross                                      | 14.5 | 17.9 | -12.9 | 16.2 | 14.6 | 20.3 | -1.1 | 12.8 | 7.5  | -1.7 |
| Net  | 12.2 | 15.5 | -14.8 | 13.5 | 12.0 | 17.6 | -3.5 | 10.0 | 4.3  | -4.6 |
| 55% S&P 500, 45% ICE BofA U.S Broad Market | 14.0 | 16.6 | -15.6 | 14.3 | 14.2 | 21.1 | -2.1 | 13.3 | 7.8  | 1.3  |

| Portfolio Characteristics      |           |           |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Equity                         | Portfolio | Index     |
| Weighted Avg. Cap (\$M)        | \$825,486 | \$906,429 |
| P/E (next 12 mos.)             | 20.93     | 22.91     |
| Dividend Yield                 | 1.45      | 1.33      |
| EPS Growth (3-5 year estimate) | 10.43     | 10.18     |
| PEG Ratio (next 12 mos.)       | 2.31      | 2.53      |
| Price to Cash Flow             | 20.37     | 22.89     |
| ROA (%)                        | 9.32      | 11.44     |
| Number of Issues               | 59        | 503       |
| Fixed Income                   | Portfolio | Index     |
| Effective Duration (Yrs.)      | 5.95      | 5.87      |
| Yield-to-Maturity (%)          | 4.38      | 4.66      |
| Average Coupon                 | 2.41      | 3.63      |

| Sector Allocation      |           |       |
|------------------------|-----------|-------|
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| Equity                 | Portfolio | Index |
| Communication Services | 8.35      | 9.20  |
| Consumer Discretionary | 9.01      | 10.31 |
| Consumer Staples       | 7.48      | 6.05  |
| Energy                 | 4.31      | 3.66  |
| Financials             | 14.89     | 14.68 |
| Health Care            | 12.26     | 11.18 |
| Industrials            | 8.47      | 8.47  |
| Information Technology | 27.28     | 29.63 |
| Materials              | 1.97      | 2.02  |
| Real Estate            | 3.54      | 2.27  |
| Utilities              | 2.44      | 2.54  |
| Fixed Income           | Portfolio | Index |
| Treasuries             | 56.70     | 45.00 |
| Corporates             | 32.90     | 25.00 |
| Cash                   | 10.40     | 0.00  |
| Agencies               | 0.00      | 5.00  |
| Mortgages              | 0.00      | 25.00 |

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Characteristics are based on a representative account in the composite that we believe best represents the portfolio management style of the composite. Characteristics may be adjusted to exclude securities for which data is not available or for extreme data outliers via commonly used trimming methodologies. Holdings are subject to change. The information shown is supplemental only. Totals may not equal due to rounding.

Glossary of Terms: Average Coupon is the average rate of the coupons for each bond, weighted by the bond's size relative to the overall portfolio. Dividend Yield shows how much a portfolio has paid out in dividends each year relative to its level. Duration is the weighted measure of the length of time the bond will pay out. EPS Growth (3-5 Year Estimate) is the portion of a company's profit allocated to each outstanding share of common stock. Number of Issues is the total number of securities in the portfolio. PEG (next 12 months) is a stock's price-to-earnings ratio divided by the growth rate of its earnings for a specified time period. Price to Cash Flow is the ratio of a stock's price to its cash flow per share. Price to Earnings (next 12 months) calculates the price of a stock divided by its earnings per share. ROA is an indicator of how profitable a company is relative to its total assets. Weighted Average Market Capitalization is the value of a corporation as determined by the market price of its issued and outstanding common stock. Yield-to-Maturity is the total rate of return earned when a bond makes all interest payments and repays the original principal.

Source: Bank of America/Merill Lynch and Voya Investment Management

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# Portfolio managers

#### **Fixed Income**

### Sean Banai, CFA

Head of Multi-Sector Fixed Income Years of experience: 26 Years with firm: 26

#### Rajen Jadav, CFA

Portfolio Manager Years of experience: 28 Years with firm: 6

# **Equity**James Dorment, CFA

Co-Head of Fundamental Research and Portfolio Manager Years of experience: 30 Years with firm: 17

#### Vincent Costa, CFA

Chief Investment Officer, Equities Years of experience: 40 Years with firm: 19

#### Gregory Wachsman, CFA

**Equity Analyst and Portfolio Manager** Years of experience: 26 Years with firm: 8

# Voya Investment Management

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The MAA Composite performance results are for the composite aggregation of all related accounts falling within MAA's stated criteria managed by MAA in this Strategy through enrollment in Merrill Lynch Investment Advisory Program (IAP) and other Merrill and Merrill affiliated investment advisory programs. In general, a related account is one managed by MAA in the Strategy for at least one full calendar month with no significant cash withdrawals or additions, no client-imposed restrictions, no client-instructed tax harvesting in process and no client withdrawals reducing the portfolio below MAA's minimum. A portfolio is excluded after the last full calendar month as a related portfolio. The MAA Composite is created when at least five accounts meet MAA's stated criteria, continues if the number of related portfolios falls below five and is terminated if there are no related portfolios.

The MAA Composite performance results are asset-weighted based on the Strategy's related portfolios with a portfolio's total return for the period equaling the change in value, including capital realized and unrealized appreciation/depreciation (gains/losses), accrued income and the reinvestment of dividends and other earnings and cash, as a percentage of the beginning market value of the portfolio, adjusted for client contributions and withdrawals.

The calendar year and annualized performance results are presented 'Gross' (before the deduction of Program fee) and 'Net' (after the deduction of the Program fee based on the maximum Program Fee rate in effect for the period shown). Performance results are presented after the deduction of any transaction fees and expenses. See the Important Disclosures section in the Merrill Lynch Investment Advisory Program Profile for more information on MAA and the Style Manager, the criteria and calculation methodology for the MAA Composite and the Style Manager and the Program Fee rates used in the calculation and the Style Index.

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