



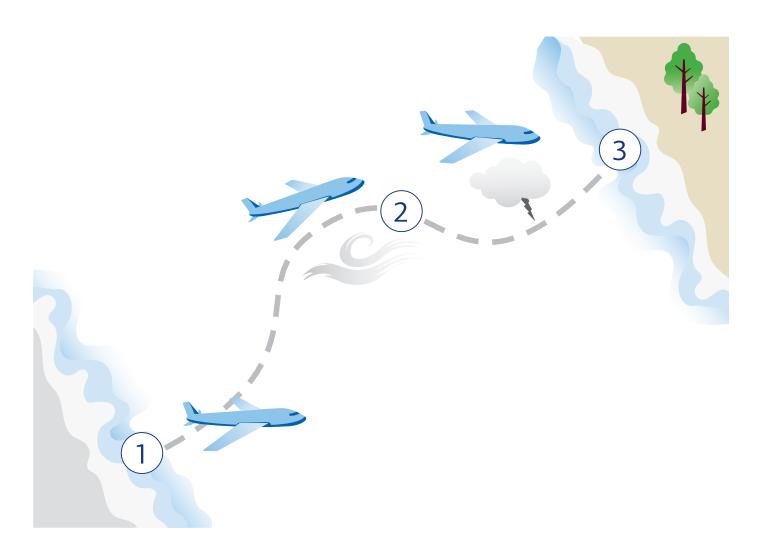
# Welcome to your destination

Careful planning is a valuable first step in any journey. But, it's only the first step. The ability to adapt to changing conditions while staying the course is often the defining characteristic of success.

That's why the BofA Destinations Index™ (the "Index") combines the prudence of planning with the agility to tactically adjust weights toward assets that have recently performed the best.

The Index uses a rules-based approach to determine a balanced risk allocation between three asset classes: US equities, US treasuries, and gold. Next, aiming to adapt to current markets, the Index adjusts the weights away from recently underperforming assets toward assets that have recently outperformed. The Index combines two classic asset allocation methods to balance risk, then seek returns.

# Strategize for success





### Set the course

Aims to diversify by using assets that have historically performed better in different market environments. The framework is built from a wealth of academic literature on balanced risk and aims to add diversification benefits.



### Adapt to conditions

Applies a rules-based algorithm to adjust the weights of the Index with the goal of lower allocations to recently underperforming assets, and higher allocations to outperforming assets.



### Target volatility

Reduces risk exposure in times of high volatility by allocating up to 100% into non-interest-bearing cash.

## Set the course



Diversification is important because markets are unpredictable: Unique assets may behave differently in different stages of the business cycle.

The BofA Destinations Index includes three assets with the goal of stable performance in various market environments. The Index seeks to balance risk across these three assets:



### Gold SPGSGCP Index

The S&P GSCI™ Gold Index Excess Return CME represents the price of gold futures. Gold was chosen due to its historical performance during inflationary periods.

# US Treasuries MLT1US10 Index

The Merrill Lynch
10-year US Treasury
Futures™ Index Total
Return represents the
price of rolling 10-year
US Treasury futures.
Treasuries are known
as a "safe haven" asset
due to their historical
outperformance during
turbulent markets.

# US Equities SP5LVIT Index

The S&P 500° Low Volatility Index represents the 100 lowest volatility stocks in the S&P 500 Index. Domestic stocks are chosen due to their historical growth potential. Within equities, low volatility stocks have historically provided superior riskadjusted returns.

Each asset has a different "risk" measured by realized volatility. An equally weighted portfolio would not consider unequal asset class risk. Therefore, a single asset may dominate the risk profile of the portfolio. By balancing these risk contributions, the Index aims to provide a broader level of diversification. Balanced risk typically allocates more weight to lower volatility assets, and less weight to higher volatility assets.

# Adapt to conditions



Recent performance of assets, or momentum, is a factor often used in investing. The BofA Destinations Index considers past one year performance with the goal of adjusting the weights of the assets away from underperformers and toward outperforming assets.

Constraints are used to "stay on course": By combining the benefits of the diversification framework with momentum, the Index was designed with the goal of balancing risk, then seeking returns.



These graphs show the comparative Hypothetical Balanced Risk weightings, and the back-tested BofA Destinations Index weighting, of the gold, Treasury, and equity assets in 2017 (12/30/2016 to 12/31/2017).

In 2017, the equity asset (SP5LVIT) was the best performing of the three assets, and returned 17.4%.<sup>1</sup> Throughout the year, the BofA Destinations Index increased equity weight from 23% to 51%.<sup>1</sup> In contrast, the Hypothetical Balanced Risk increased allocation from 24% to 31%.<sup>1</sup>

In 2017, the BofA Destinations Index would have returned 9.9%.<sup>1</sup> The Hypothetical Balanced Risk returned 8.0%.<sup>1</sup>

Source: Bloomberg, BofA Securities. Data is from 12/30/2016 to 12/31/2017. The BofA Destinations 5 Index (BOFADST5) was created on 06/04/2020. Levels for the Index before 06/04/2020 represent hypothetical data determined by retroactive application of a backtested model, itself designed with the benefit of hindsight. Past performance is not indicative of future performance. Actual performance will vary, perhaps materially, from the performance set forth herein. The performance of the Index does not include fees or costs of any financial instrument referencing the Index.

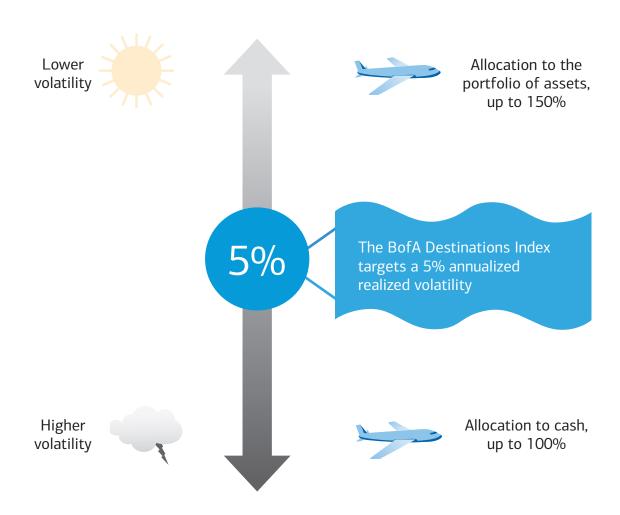
## Target volatility



Higher volatility periods have historically corresponded to negative market performance. Preserving gains matters because when any index falls in value, it takes an even greater percent gain to offset a loss.

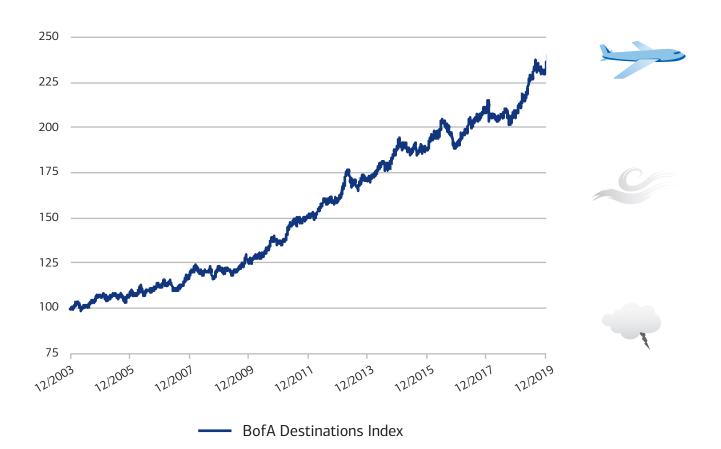
For example, a 35% loss would require a 54% gain to get back to the initial level. Volatility targeting aims to avoid exposure to large sell-offs.

The BofA Destinations Index applies target volatility to control exposure to the underlying assets. When realized volatility increases above the target, the Index moves into non-interest bearing cash with the goal of mitigating losses. When realized volatility moves below the target, the Index may utilize leverage, up to 150%, with the goal of capturing returns.



## **BofA Destinations Index**

### Hypothetical back-tested historical performance<sup>2</sup>



5.3% annualized return over the back-tested period<sup>2</sup>

hit ratio: BofA Destinations Index generated a positive return in 14 of 16 full years since 2004²

<sup>2</sup> Source: Bloomberg, BofA Securities. Data is from 12/31/2003 to 12/31/2019. The BofA Destinations 5 Index (BOFADST5) was created on 06/04/2020. Levels for the Index before 06/04/2020 represent hypothetical data determined by retroactive application of a backtested model, itself designed with the benefit of hindsight. Past performance is not indicative of future performance. Actual performance will vary, perhaps materially, from the performance set forth herein. The performance of the Index does not include fees or costs of any financial instrument referencing the Index.

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