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ASTON Dynamic Allocation Fund (N: ASENX) (I: ADNAX)

Fund Quarterly Commentary

4th Quarter 2011

Heightened concerns over the fiscal condition of much of Europe continued during the final calendar quarter of 2011. Thus, volatility within capital markets continued as well, as investors painted with a very broad and emotional brush. The major surprise was the sudden spike to the upside during the first two weeks of October. The S&P 500 Index rose nearly 14% during the month. Remarkably, half that gain occurring in the first five trading days.

The old Wall Street adage, “markets climb a wall of worry” certainly held true. Looking at the news, there was—and is—much to cause investor concern. Since our Dynamic Portfolio Optimization™ (DPO) model is more intermediate term-oriented, it did not capture much of the abrupt October upside reversal in the markets. Having only dropped marginally during the third quarter when the broader U.S. market (represented by the S&P 500 Index) posted double-digit losses, the Fund correspondingly lagged for the fourth quarter following the rally.

The Fund trailed its composite benchmark (35% Russell 3000 Index/35% MSCI ex-US Index/30% Barclays Capital Aggregate Bond Index) significantly in delivering a small loss during the quarter. Performance was especially dampened by a sharp loss in the Market Vectors Russia ETF. Also contributing to the relatively poor returns were iShares Silver Trust and iShares MSCI Singapore Index, though both of those positions had been smaller weights in the portfolio than the Russian ETF. Among the positive contributors to performance were positions in iShares iBoxx $ High Yield Corporate Bond, PowerShares DB U.S. Dollar Index Bullish, and Health Care Select Sector SPDR.

In the terms of positioning, the most noteworthy changes in asset allocation during the quarter were an increase in Domestic Equity from 11% to 30% of assets and decrease in Domestic Fixed Income from 59% to 38% by year end.

For the full year 2011, the Fund slightly outperformed its custom benchmark in posting a small loss. Allocation changes put in place during the second and third quarters allowed the Fund to incur minimal losses during those respective quarters, especially in International Equity. Thus, while missing the abrupt fourth quarter rebound, the avoidance of earlier quarter losses allowed investors to experience less volatility with equal or better performance. Our model continues to warn of high levels of investment risk, so the Fund continues to maintain a relatively conservative stance overall.

Smart Portfolios
Seattle, WA

As of December 31, 2011, Market Vectors Russia ETF comprised 0.00% of the portfolio's assets, iShares Silver Trust – 0.00%, iShares MSCI Singapore Index – 0.00%, iShares iBoxx $ High Yield Corporate Bond – 6.43%, PowerShares DB U.S. Dollar Index Bullish – 2.06%, and Health Care Select Sector SPDR – 2.13%.

Note: The Fund invests in exchange-traded funds (ETFs) which are securities of other investment companies. An ETF seeks to track the performance of an index by holding all or a sampling of the securities on that index. An ETF may not be able to replicate an index exactly since returns may be reduced by transaction costs, expenses and other factors while the index has none. The Fund invests in many different areas of the market, each of which may involve its own element of risk. Use of aggressive ETF investment techniques

such as futures contracts, options on futures contracts and forward contracts may expose an underlying fund to potentially dramatic changes (losses) in the value of its portfolio. Credit risk or default risk could negatively affect the Fund's share price. Inverse or 'short' ETFs seek to profit from falling market prices and will lose money if the market benchmark index goes up in value. Leveraged ETFs seek to provide returns that are a multiple of a benchmark and can increase risk exposure relative to the amount invested and can lead to significantly greater losses than a comparable unleveraged portfolio.

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Fund Performance

Average Annual Total Returns

	Monthly returns (%) Period ended 12/31/11			Annualized Returns (%) Period ended 12/31/11					
	Month	3 Months	YTD	1 yr	3 yr	5 yr	10 yr	Since Incept.	Incept. Date
Fund Class N Shares (ASENX)	-1.81	-0.55	-1.18	-1.18	9.07	N/A	N/A	1.42	1/10/2008
Fund Class I Shares (ADNAX)	-1.76	-0.51	-0.93	-0.93	N/A	N/A	N/A	3.91	11/2/2010
MSCI World Ex-US Index- 35%, Russell 3000 Index- 35%, Barclays Capital Aggregate Bond Index - 30%	0.24	5.85	-1.49	-1.49	10.74	N/A	N/A	-0.81	12/31/2007
Category: Moderate Allocation	0.40	6.69	-0.11	-0.11	11.54	1.33	3.93	0.00	0/0/0000

Calendar year-end returns

	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
Fund Class N Shares (ASENX)	-1.18	9.29	20.14	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Fund Class I Shares (ADNAX)	-0.93	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
MSCI World Ex-US Index- 35%, Russell 3000 Index- 35%, Barclays Capital Aggregate Bond Index - 30%	-1.49	11.54	23.60	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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For periods less than one-year, total returns are reported; for periods more than one-year, average annual total returns are reported.

MSCI World Ex-US Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure global developed market equity performance excluding the US.

The **Russell 3000 Index** offers investors access to the broad U.S. equity universe representing approximately 98% of the U.S. market. The Russell 3000 Index is constructed to provide a comprehensive, unbiased and stable barometer of the broad market and is completely reconstituted annually to ensure new and growing equities are reflected. Indices are adjusted for the reinvestment of capital gains and income dividends. Individuals cannot invest in an index.

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The Morningstar Moderate Allocation Category figures allow for a direct comparison of a fund's performance within its Morningstar Category.

Morningstar Rating™ (based on risk-adjusted returns) and Morningstar Rankings™ (based on total returns)
Moderate Allocation Category as of 12/31/2011

	Overall	1 yr	3 yr		5 yr		10 yr	
	Rating	Rank	Rating	Rank	Rating	Rank	Rating	Rank
Fund Class N Shares (ASENX)	★★	61	★★	90	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Fund Class I Shares (ADNAX)	N/A	58	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total # funds in category	843	963	843		N/A		N/A	

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Fund Overview

Investment Style

The **ASTON Dynamic Allocation Fund** uses a proprietary mathematical process to select ETFs across a wide variety of asset classes--including equities, fixed-income, international, and commodities. The goal is to create an optimal portfolio designed to produce returns in excess of its blended market benchmark with an equal or lesser amount of risk.

Objective

The Fund seeks to provide longterm capital appreciation.

Risk Considerations

The Fund invests in exchange-traded funds (ETFs) which are securities of other investment companies. An ETF seeks to track the performance of an index by holding all or a sampling of the securities on that index. An ETF may not be able to replicate an index exactly since returns may be reduced by transaction costs, expenses and other factors while the index has none. The Fund invests in many different areas of the market, each of which may involve its own element of risk. Use of aggressive ETF investment techniques such as futures contracts, options on futures contracts and forward contracts may expose an underlying fund to potentially dramatic changes (losses) in the value of its portfolio. Credit risk or default risk could negatively affect the Fund's share price. Inverse or 'short' ETFs seek to profit from falling market prices and will lose money if the market benchmark index goes up in value. Leveraged ETFs seek to provide returns that are a multiple of a benchmark and can increase risk exposure relative to the amount invested and can lead to significantly greater losses than a comparable unleveraged portfolio.

Fund Stats (as of 12/31/11)	N Shares	I Shares
Origin Of Information	N/A	N/A
Sales Load	None	N/A
Total Net Assets (1/20/12)	$43,642,944.38	$4,622,153.54
Turnover	365%	365%
Minimum Investment	2,500	1,000,000
Alpha (3 yr.)	3.72	N/A
Beta (3 yr.)	0.38	N/A
R-Squared (3 yr.)	0.66	N/A
Standard Dev (3 yr.)	8.73	N/A
Sharpe Ratio (3 yr.)	0.29	N/A
Current Wtd Average P/E (trailing)	N/A	N/A
Current Wtd Average P/B (trailing)	N/A	N/A
Median Mkt Cap ($Mil)	N/A	N/A
Average Wtd Coupon	N/A	N/A
Effective Maturity	N/A	N/A

Sector Breakdown (as of 12/31/11)	
DOMESTIC FIXED INCOME	38.15%
DOMESTIC EQUITY	29.90%
CASH EQUIVALENTS & OTHER	17.34%
INTERNATIONAL EQUITY	7.89%
COMMODITIES	4.66%
CURRENCIES	2.07%

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As the fund is actively managed, the securities as presented may not represent the current or future composition of the portfolio.

Fund Holdings

Holdings as of: 12/31/11

Company	Ticker	CUSIP	Number of Shares	Market Value	% of Net Assets ↓
ISHARES BARCLAYS 1-3 YEAR TR	SHY	464287457	155,478	$13,137,891.00	27.45%
CASH EQUIVALENTS & OTHER			4,359,790	$8,297,833.31	17.33%
ISHARES IBOXX H/Y CORP BOND	HYG	464288513	34,450	$3,080,863.50	6.43%
SPDR S&P 500 ETF TRUST	SPY	78462F103	23,801	$2,987,025.50	6.24%
POWERSHARES QQQ NASDAQ 100	QQQ	73935A104	52,421	$2,926,664.43	6.11%
SPDR S&P MIDCAP 400 ETF TRST	MDY	78467Y107	15,502	$2,473,189.08	5.16%
SPDR GOLD TRUST	GLD	78463V107	14,664	$2,228,781.36	4.65%
ISHARES IBOXX INV GR CORP BD	LQD	464287242	17,937	$2,040,513.12	4.26%
ISHARES DJ US TELECOMMUNICAT	IYZ	464287713	94,748	$1,989,708.00	4.15%
ENERGY SELECT SECTOR SPDR	XLE	81369Y506	21,115	$1,459,679.95	3.04%
MATERIALS SELECT SECTOR SPDR	XLB	81369Y100	43,362	$1,452,627.00	3.03%
ISHARES MSCI BRAZIL	EWZ	464286400	24,863	$1,426,887.57	2.98%
ISHARES MSCI AUSTRALIA INDEX	EWA	464286103	64,553	$1,384,016.32	2.89%
HEALTH CARE SELECT SECTOR	XLV	81369Y209	29,454	$1,021,759.26	2.13%
POWERSHARES DB US DOL IND BU	UUP	73936D107	44,040	$989,578.80	2.06%
ISHARES S&P LATIN AMERICA 40	ILF	464287390	22,638	$963,699.66	2.01%
				$47,860,717.86	**100%**

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Top Ten Holdings

	Fund
iShares Barclays 1-3 Year Treasury	27.45%
iShares IBOXX H/Y Corp Bond	6.44%
SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust	6.24%
Powershares QQQ Nasdaq 100	6.12%
SPDR S&P Midcap 400 ETF Trust	5.17%
SPDR Gold Trust	4.66%
iShares IBOXX Inv Gr Corp Bond	4.26%
iShares DJ US Telecommunications	4.16%
Energy Select Sector SPDR	3.05%
Materials Select Sector SPDR	3.04%
Percentage of Total Net Assets	**70.57%**

The Fund is actively managed. Holdings and weightings are subject to change daily.

Sector Breakdown

	Fund
Domestic Fixed Income	38.15%
Domestic Equity	29.90%
Cash Equivalents & Other	17.34%
International Equity	7.89%
Commodities	4.66%
Currencies	2.07%

Sector weightings are based on net assets.

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Parameters set by the Subadviser are not a fundamental policy of the Fund and are subject to change at any time.

Highlights

- Applies next-generation mathematics to asset-allocation theory
- Dynamic allocation methodology to deal with changing market environment
- Seamlessly integrates security selection and portfolio optimization

Subadviser

Smart Portfolios, LLC (Seattle, WA)

The firm uses recent advances in portfolio theory as the foundation of their proprietary Dynamic Portfolio Optimization (DPO) asset allocation model, which is designed to improve risk-adjusted returns.

Portfolio Manager

Bryce James
President and Chief Investment Officer

Mr. James has 28 years of investment experience. He holds a BS in Accounting, Finance and Marketing from Central Washington University.

Investment Strategy & Process

The Fund uses a proprietary mathematical process to select ETFs across a wide variety of asset classes–including equities, fixed-income, international, and commodities. The goal is to create an optimal portfolio designed to produce returns in excess of its blended market benchmark with an equal or lesser amount of risk.

ETF Screening

- Filter ETF universe to find the two or three best representatives of a specified area of the market
- Sufficient data history, low fees, and liquidity required
- Fundamental screen for style and historical risk/return profile

Portfolio Optimization

- Use Extreme Value Theory (EVT) and its application to asset allocation–Dynamic Portfolio Optimization (DPO)–to select 10 to 20 ETFs and calculate the optimal weighting
- Employ Monte Carlo Model simulations to help forecast expected risk and return on the security and portfolio level
- Run optimization and rebalance portfolio at least once a month

Constraints

- Maximum of 10% of assets in any non-cash (or equivalent) ETF
- Maximum of 20% of assets in any sector or foreign country

ALTERNATIVE

NOT FDIC INSURED. NO BANK GUARANTEE. MAY LOSE VALUE.

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Calendar Year Returns

	Class N	Class I	Benchmark
2011	-1.18%	-0.93%	-1.49%
2010	9.29%	—	11.54%
2009	20.14%	—	23.60%

Fund Information

	Class N	Class I
Ticker	ASENX	ADNAX
Cusip	00080Y769	00080Y637
Net Expense Ratio*	1.30%	1.05%
Gross Expense Ratio	1.78%	1.53%
Total Net Assets ($Mil)		47.86
Turnover**		365%
Dividend Frequency		Quarterly
Sales Load		None
Number of Holdings		15

* The Adviser is contractually obligated to waive management fees and/or reimburse ordinary expenses through February 28, 2012. The Fund's net expense ratio including acquired fund fees and expenses is 1.63% and 1.38% for the N and I class, respectively.

** Based on a rolling 12-month average.

Objective: The Fund seeks to provide long-term capital appreciation.

Portfolio Return Statistics

	Class N
Alpha 3 Yr.	3.72
Beta	0.38
Std Dev 3 Yr.	8.73
Sharpe Ratio	0.29
R-Squared	0.66

Alpha measures the difference between a fund's actual returns and its expected performance, given its level of risk. Beta is a measure of risk which shows a fund's volatility relative to an index. Sharpe Ratio is a risk-adjusted measure used to determine reward per unit of risk. R-Squared is the percentage of a fund's movement that can be explained by movements in its benchmark index.

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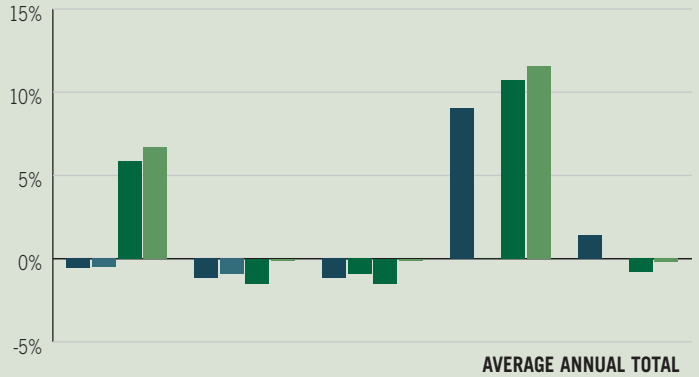
Performance



	Current Quarter ^	Year-To-Date ^	AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS AS OF 12/31/11 1 Year	3 Year	Since Inception	
Class N Shares	-0.55%	-1.18%	-1.18%	9.07%	1.42%	1/10/08
Class I Shares	-0.51%	-0.93%	-0.93%	—	3.91%	11/2/10
Benchmark*	5.85%	-1.49%	-1.49%	10.74%	-0.81%	1/10/08
Category**	6.69%	-0.11%	-0.11%	11.54%	-0.22%	1/10/08

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^ Total Returns.

* **Russell 3000 - 35%, MSCI World Ex US - 35%, Barclays Capital US Aggregate Bond - 30%**

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Morningstar Rating™

Based on Risk-Adjusted Returns

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OVERALL MORNINGSTAR RATING

As of 12/31/11. The N Class was rated 2 stars for the Overall and 3-year period against 843 US-domiciled Moderate Allocation funds.

Morningstar® Rankings

Based on Total Return

Class N	1 Yr.	3 Yr.
Percentile Rank	61	90
# of Funds	963	843

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Domestic and International Equity

	Value	Blend	Growth
Large	Herndon Capital Management Value* Cornerstone Invest. Partners Value	TAMRO Capital Partners Diversified Equity* Neptune Investment Mgmt. International Equity	Montag & Caldwell, Inc. Growth Balanced Todd-Veredus Asset Mgmt. Select Growth Baring Asset Mgmt. (Barings) International All Cap Growth
Mid	River Road Asset Mgmt. Dividend All Cap Value*^ Cardinal Capital Mgmt. Mid Cap Value*	Fairpointe Capital LLC Mid Cap Core	Montag & Caldwell, Inc. Mid Cap Growth
Small	River Road Asset. Mgmt. Select Value River Road Asset. Mgmt. Small Cap Value^ River Road Asset. Mgmt. Independent Value^	TAMRO Capital Partners Small Cap^ Silvercrest Asset Mgmt. Small Cap	Todd-Verdus Asset Mgmt. Aggressive Growth Crosswind Investments, LLC Small Cap Growth*

Aston Asset Management

- Institutional investment process
- Well-defined asset class expertise
- Focused portfolios
- Seasoned professionals
- Seeks superior risk-adjusted returns

Fixed Income

DoubleLine Capital LP
Core Plus Fixed Income

Taplin, Canida & Habacht, Inc.
Fixed Income

Sector

Harrison Street Securities, LLC
Real Estate

Alternative

Lake Partners, Inc.
LASSO Alternatives

Smart Portfolios, Inc.
Dynamic Allocation*

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Enhanced Equity

River Road Asset Mgmt.
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*Also available in Separately Managed Accounts (SMA) ^Closed to new investors

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