

INVESTMENT STRATEGIES
AND SOLUTIONS FOR
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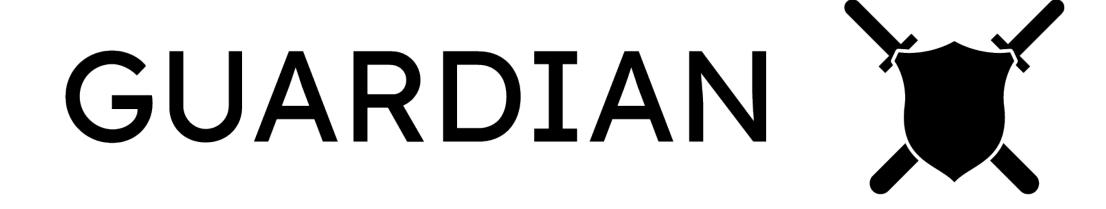
BUILT TO CONQUER RISK®





Guardian is a tactical growth strategy with the goal of conservatively participating in equity markets, while avoiding catastrophic bear market losses.

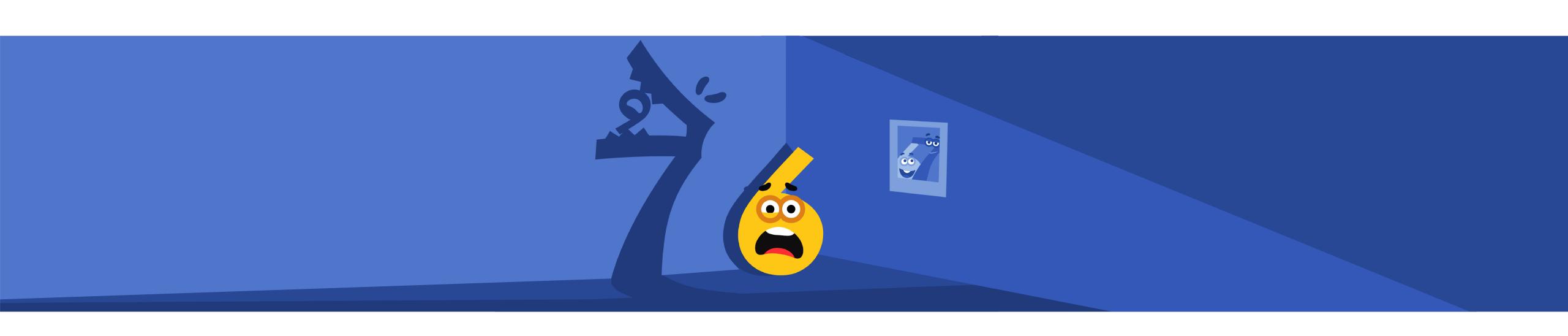
The intersection of quant, momentum, and defense.





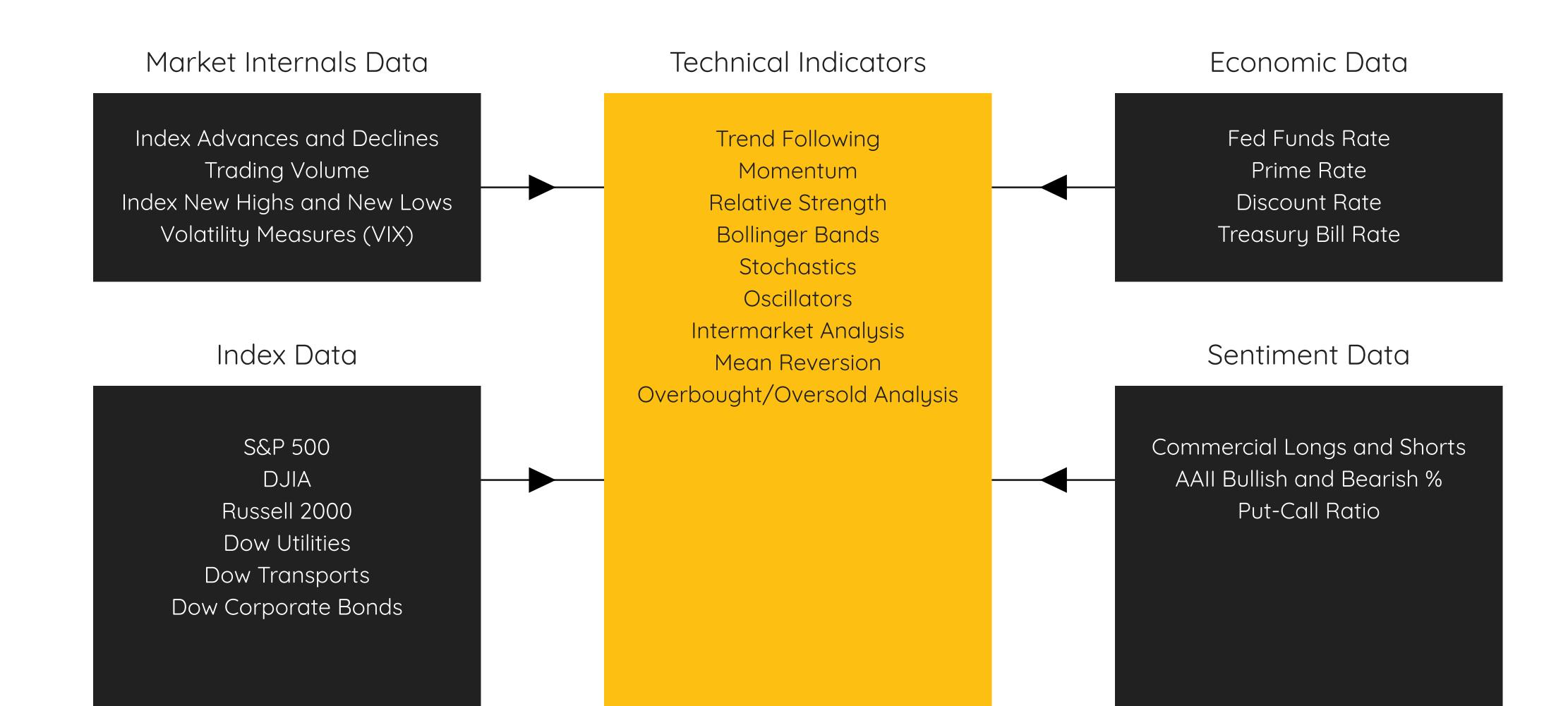
## It's just math. Nothing to fear.

Signals are generated with quant models based on technical analysis. This eliminates subjective biases and emotions from trading decisions.





## Data points and technical indicators.





## Intermarket analysis.

A method of analyzing markets by examining relationships between different asset classes.

Is the bond market smarter than the stock market?

What can commodities tell us about the trend of the stock market?

How do changes in interest rates impact different sectors?

Are transports a leading indicator of the stock market's performance?



#### Market internals and sentiment.

Indicators that use data directly from the stock market to assess the odds of a +/- price trend.

Does volume provide confirmation to emerging or existing trends?

Can market breadth spot trend changes?

Can VIX be used as a contrarian indicator?



# Uniqueness of our strategy vs. other tactical approaches.

Base Systems

Total market systems that trade infrequently to capture long term trend changes.

Plus Trigger Systems

Capture short-term market inefficiencies that generate high returns while invested.

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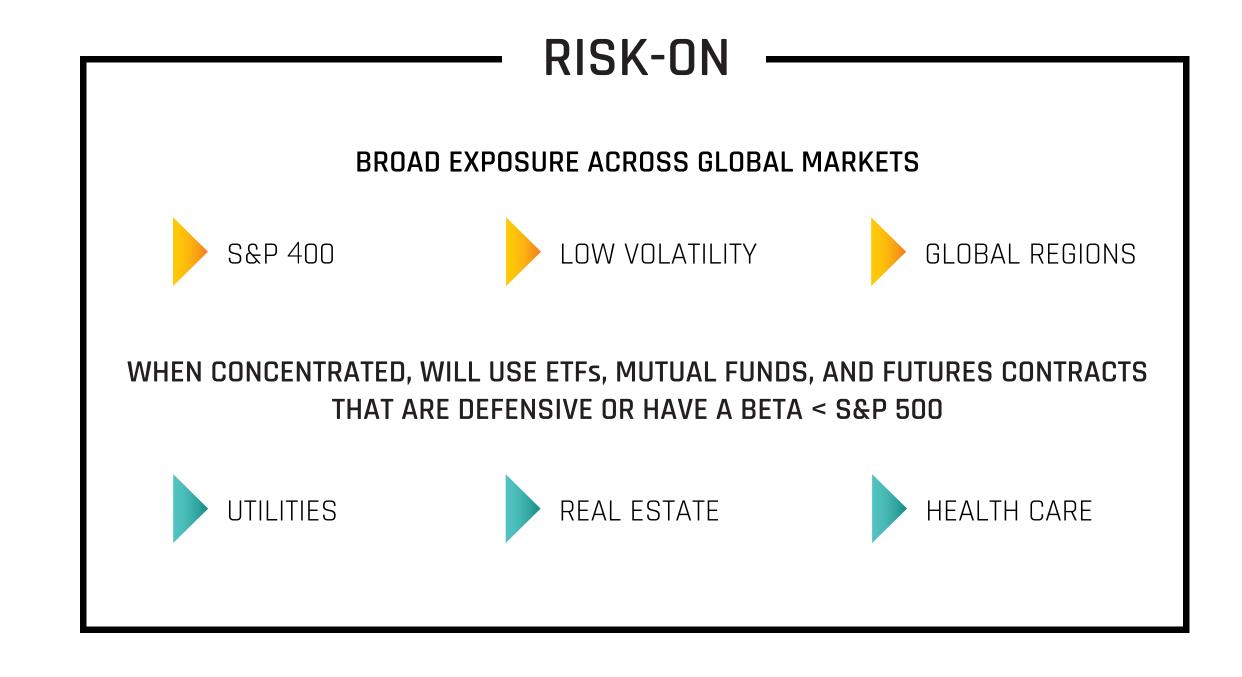
Composite trading result.
Should we be invested?



### Broad market and defense.

The strategy allocates using a suite of affiliated tactical mutual funds. Guardian will hold a core position that will focus on diversified and defensive equity exposure. The remainder will be allocated among a group of tactical funds.

The underlying funds utilize a combination of dynamic asset allocation and mechanical system trading. Additionally, they employ risk management techniques including the use of hedging, treasuries, and cash positions during adverse market conditions; cash positions could at times be 100%.







-13%

-25%

## A tactical approach to "risk-on."

Our quant model determines "if" we want to be invested.

The core fund obtains broad index exposure by trading ETFs and/or futures.

Using relative momentum, on a basket of ETFs, the core fund targets a beta less than the S&P 500.

A basket of ETFs are ranked and weighted by the following criteria:

1 Month Return: 25%3 Month Return: 12.5%6 Month Return: 50%12 Month Return: 12.5%

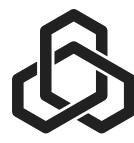
Fund Type	Momentum Score
Convertible Bonds	100%
Hedged Equity	22%
Preferred Stocks	6%
Japanese Equity	0%
Health Care	-3%
Consumer Staples	-10%

Guardian "risk-on" opportunities.

For illustrative purposes.

Low Volatility Stocks

Dividend Growth Stocks



## If you want the S&P 500, just buy the S&P 500!

RISK STATISTICS	
	NET
Max Drawdown	-17.23%
Beta*	0.34
Correlation*	0.66

<sup>\*</sup>Calculated using S&P 500 TR. Please see disclosure. Data since inception 01/01/2000. As of 12/31/2024.



## How are advisors using Guardian?

Tactical conservative equity sleeve.

Strategic Fixed Income replacement.

Risk reduction without performance destruction.

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