

# Dimensional Fund Advisors

Putting Financial Science to Work for You

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## ABOUT THE FIRM

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## A DYNAMIC INVESTMENT PROCESS

Our goal is to add value over benchmarks and peers through an integrated and robust process.

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## OUR TRACK RECORD

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Dimensional is a global investment firm that has been serving investors for more than 35 years



- Dimensional offers investment solutions across asset classes, including global equities, fixed income, and REITs.
- We manage \$460 billion for investors worldwide.

**With offices positioned around the world, we manage portfolios across time zones and provide responsive service to our clients.**

# A Different Approach to Investing

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## WHERE DO RETURNS COME FROM?

### Dimensional's View

The market drives returns, and portfolio structure and implementation determine performance.

### Conventional Manager's View

Performance comes from identifying "mispriced" securities or accurately predicting economic and market conditions.

### Index Manager's View

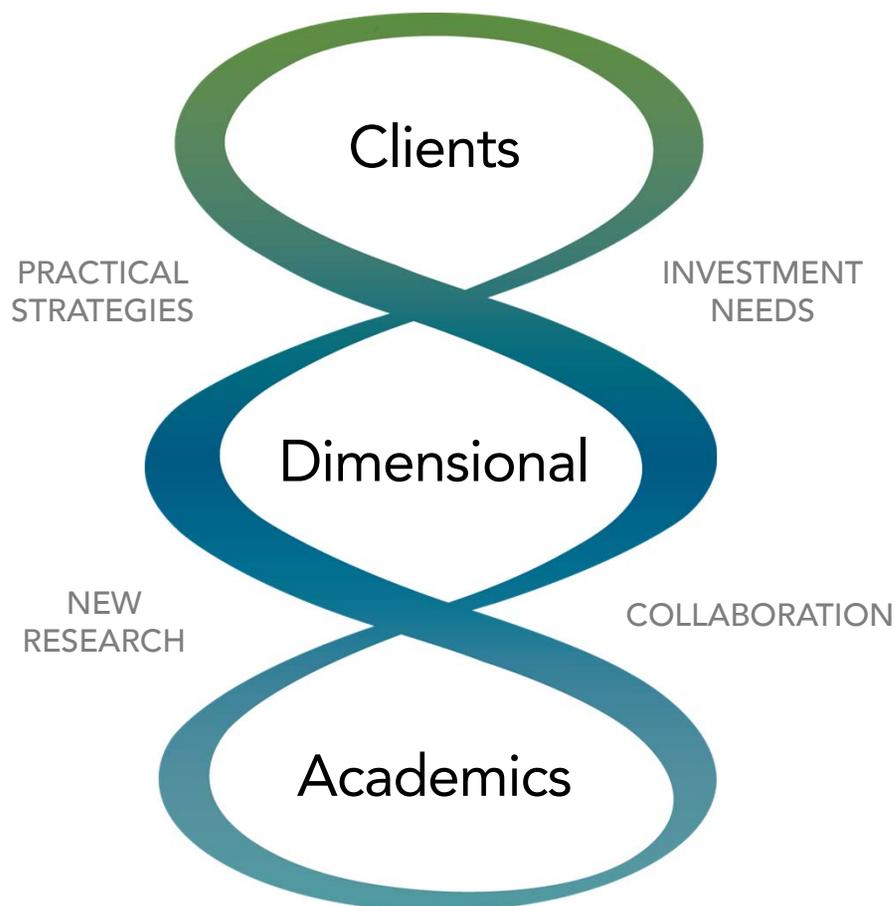
Commercial indices attempt to represent asset class returns, requiring index funds to follow the portfolio construction and rebalancing decisions of the index provider.

At Dimensional, we believe the best way to invest is to identify differences in expected returns and balance the tradeoffs among competing premiums, diversification, and costs.

Our consistent philosophy has guided the investment solutions we have offered clients since our founding.

# Putting Research into Practice

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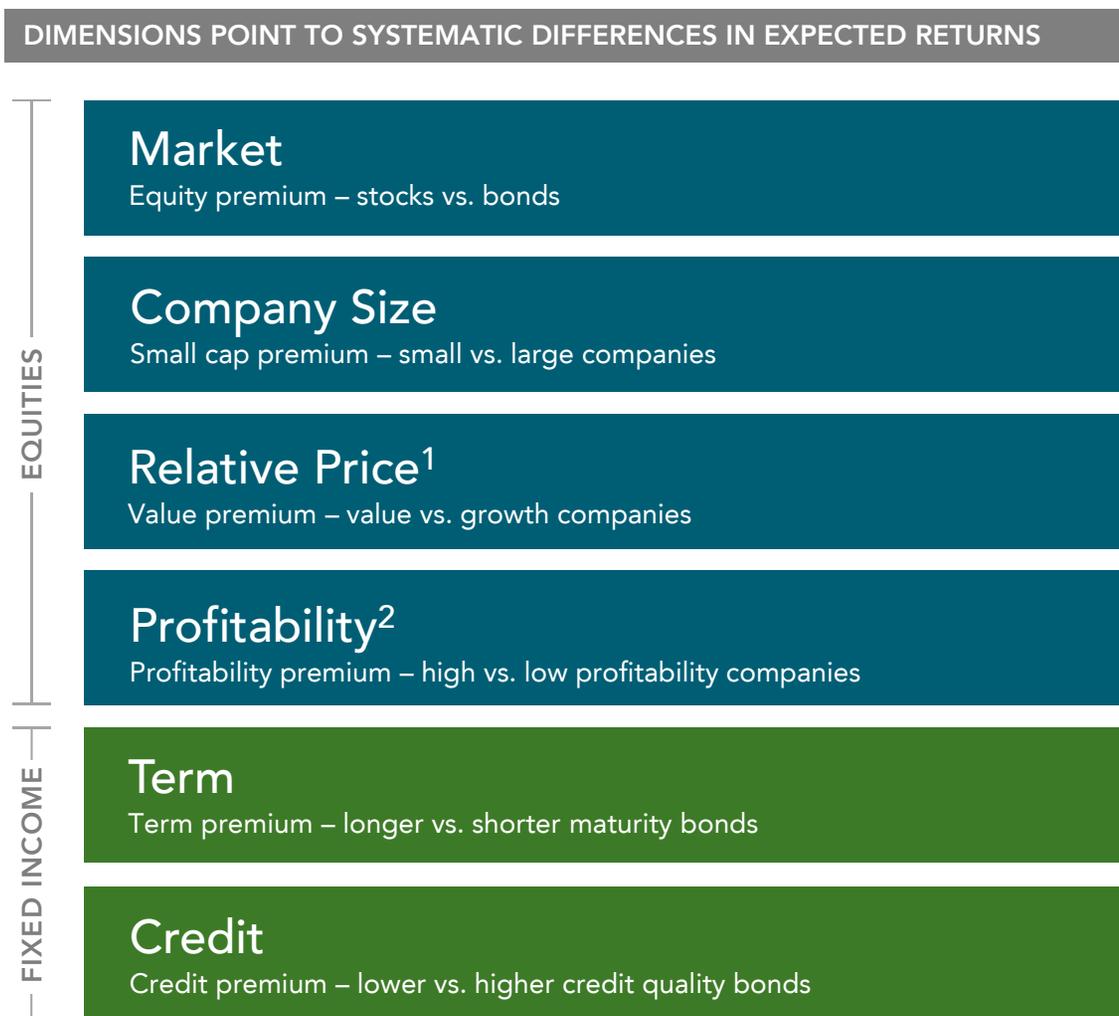


- Many of the greatest advancements in finance have come from the academic community.
- Dimensional works closely with leading financial academics to identify new ideas and research that may benefit investors.

**Advancements in research and technology inform our investment strategies and keep us responsive to evolving markets and client needs.**

# A Clear View of Expected Returns

Decades of research and rigorous testing underpin our approach



Portfolios can be structured around these dimensions, which are sensible, backed by data, and cost-effective to capture in diversified portfolios.

Backed by years of research, we identify and pursue these dimensions for investors.

Diversification does not eliminate the risk of market loss.

1. Relative price as measured by the price-to-book ratio; value stocks are those with lower price-to-book ratios.

2. Profitability is a measure of current profitability, based on information from individual companies' income statements.

# A Dynamic Investment Process

Our goal is to add value over benchmarks and peers through a robust process



- Using information in market prices throughout the process, Dimensional carefully structures and implements portfolios to target higher expected returns.
- Our integrated, flexible approach considers the interactions among premiums, market frictions, costs, and diversification.

**We want our clients to fully understand our process so they can see how it applies to their goals.**

# Our Track Record

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First full month <sup>1</sup> through 12/31/2016	ANNUALIZED RETURN	
	Fund (%)	Benchmark (%)
<b>US EQUITY</b>		
US Micro Cap, since 1/82	12.19	10.46
US Small Cap, since 4/92	10.92	9.47
US Large Cap Value, since 3/93	10.17	9.69
US Small Cap Value, since 4/93	12.22	10.55
<b>DEVELOPED ex US EQUITY</b>		
International Small Company, since 10/96	6.70	5.79
International Small Cap Value, since 1/95	7.43	5.57
International Value, since 3/94	5.96	4.58
<b>EMERGING MARKETS EQUITY</b>		
Emerging Markets Small Cap, since 4/98	10.80	6.17
Emerging Markets Value, since 5/98	9.96	6.27
Emerging Markets, since 5/94	6.32	4.99
<b>FIXED INCOME</b>		
One-Year Fixed, since 8/83	4.74	4.34
Intermediate Government, since 11/90	6.26	5.80
Five-Year Global, since 12/90	5.38	4.74

**By evolving with advances in financial science, Dimensional has delivered long-term results for investors.**

1. Returns are annualized from the first full month and reflect compound returns and assume reinvestment of dividends and other earnings. Benchmark information available in the appendix. Portfolios shown are a representative sample of product offerings considered to be early examples and flagship strategies with more than 15 years of performance. Performance data shown represents past performance and is no guarantee of future results. Current performance may be higher or lower than the performance shown. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. To obtain the most current month-end performance data, visit [us.dimensional.com](http://us.dimensional.com).



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## Important information

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**Risks** include loss of principal and fluctuating value. Investment value will fluctuate, and shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than original cost.

**Small and micro cap** securities are subject to greater volatility than those in other asset categories.

**International and emerging markets investing** involves special risks such as currency fluctuation and political instability. Investing in **emerging markets** may accentuate these risks.

**Sector-specific investments** focus on a specific segment of the market, which can increase investment risks.

**Fixed-income securities** are subject to increased loss of principal during periods of rising interest rates. Fixed-income investments are subject to various other risks, including changes in credit quality, liquidity, prepayments, call risk, and other factors. **Municipal securities** are subject to the risks of adverse economic and regulatory changes in their issuing states.

**Real estate investment** risks include changes in real estate values and property taxes, interest rates, cash flow of underlying real estate assets, supply and demand, and the management skill and creditworthiness of the issuer.

**Sustainability funds** use environmental and social screens that may limit investment opportunities for the fund.

**The fund prospectuses contain more information about investment risks.**

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## Dimensional portfolios and benchmarks

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## Standardized performance data & disclosures

As of December 31, 2016 Average Annual Total Returns (%)	Symbol	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception	Net Expense Ratio (%)	Total (Gross) Expense Ratio (%)	Management Fee (%)	Inception Date
<b>US Equity Portfolios</b>									
US Micro Cap Portfolio <sup>1</sup>	DFSCX	25.63	16.41	7.63	12.15	0.52	0.52	0.50	12/23/1981
US Small Cap Portfolio <sup>1</sup>	DFSTX	23.53	16.00	8.44	10.77	0.37	0.37	0.35	3/19/1992
US Large Cap Value Portfolio <sup>2</sup>	DFLVX	18.89	16.68	6.55	10.21	0.27	0.37	0.35	2/19/1993
US Small Cap Value Portfolio <sup>1</sup>	DFSVX	28.26	16.22	6.82	12.13	0.52	0.52	0.50	3/2/1993
<b>Non-US Equity Portfolios</b>									
International Small Company Portfolio <sup>1,3</sup>	DFISX	5.80	9.72	3.46	6.70	0.54	0.54	0.40	9/30/1996
International Small Cap Value Portfolio <sup>1</sup>	DISVX	8.00	11.55	3.50	7.43	0.69	0.69	0.65	12/29/1994
International Value Portfolio <sup>4</sup>	DFIVX	8.41	6.28	0.28	6.00	0.43	0.63	0.60	2/15/1994
Emerging Markets Small Cap Portfolio <sup>4</sup>	DEMSX	10.92	5.06	4.92	11.04	0.73	0.93	0.85	3/5/1998
Emerging Markets Value Portfolio <sup>4</sup>	DFEVX	19.84	1.33	2.27	9.70	0.56	0.66	0.60	4/1/1998
Emerging Markets Portfolio <sup>4</sup>	DFEMX	12.09	1.38	2.49	6.32	0.57	0.67	0.60	4/25/1994
<b>Fixed Income Portfolios</b>									
One-Year Fixed Income Portfolio <sup>1</sup>	DFIHX	0.84	0.54	1.54	4.73	0.17	0.17	0.15	7/25/1983
Intermediate Government Fixed Income Portfolio <sup>1</sup>	DFIGX	1.15	1.61	4.52	6.25	0.12	0.12	0.10	10/19/1990
Five-Year Global Fixed Income Portfolio <sup>1</sup>	DFGBX	1.79	2.09	3.36	5.37	0.27	0.27	0.25	11/6/1990

1. Expense information as of 10/31/2015. The fund's prospectus contains more information on fees and expenses.

2. Expense information as provided in the prospectus, dated 2/28/2016. The Advisor has agreed to waive certain fees and, in certain circumstances, assume certain expenses of the Portfolio. This portion of the contractual fee waiver and/or expense assumption agreement will remain in effect through 2/28/2017. The "Total Operating Expense Ratio" has been adjusted to reflect the Feeder Portfolio's new investment management agreement, effective July 21, 2015, and includes an investment management fee payable by the Feeder Portfolio and an investment management fee payable by the Master Fund. For any period when the Feeder Portfolio is invested in other funds managed by the Advisor (collectively, "Underlying Funds"), the Advisor has contractually agreed to permanently waive the Feeder Portfolio's direct investment management fee to the extent necessary to offset the proportionate share of any Underlying Fund's investment management fee paid by the Feeder Portfolio through its investment in such Underlying Fund. The fund's prospectus contains more information on fees and expenses.

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