

## **Decathlon ETF Series**

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#### Introduction

BCM is the provider of proprietary, defensively-oriented ETF strategies. We focus on simplicity and performance. The Decathlon suite was created after years of experience with clients who wanted risk controls in down markets and robust participation in up markets. Decathlon focuses on minimizing drawdowns and volatility in bear markets and seeking out bull markets that invariably occur somewhere, even if the more familiar markets are in turmoil.

Decathlon starts with a select pool of over 100 handpicked ETFs. We use long-only ETFs and avoid complicating factors such as margin, leverage, shorting, inverse, and 2x or 3x type ETFs. Each ETF in the pool was selected by the model manager based on the unique attributes it offers. The objective is to avoid similarities so the software engine can find the distinct characteristics without overweighting the portfolio with similar exposures.

The quantitative engine then uses multiple algorithms to rank the ETFs. A final voting algorithm determines what it believes are the ten most promising ETFs to purchase in each portfolio until the next ranking period. Each of the ten positions will typically

be equally weighted and many positions may remain in the portfolios over many cycles.

Decathlon's quantitative engine has two main "inputs", Pattern Recognition Technology (PRT) and Prospect Theory. PRT, which was developed in the late 1990s, uses artificial intelligence to recognize and choose desirable price patterns. Prospect Theory is the notion that investors loathe losses more than they covet gains. This all important concept is built into our screening process and is backed up by investment reality. Therefore, the software engine is programmed to identify and exclude otherwise desirable price patterns that can experience losses or large drawdowns (volatility). This simple process seeks to exclude unwanted volatility and allows us to manage the volatility levels based on each investor's desired level of risk.

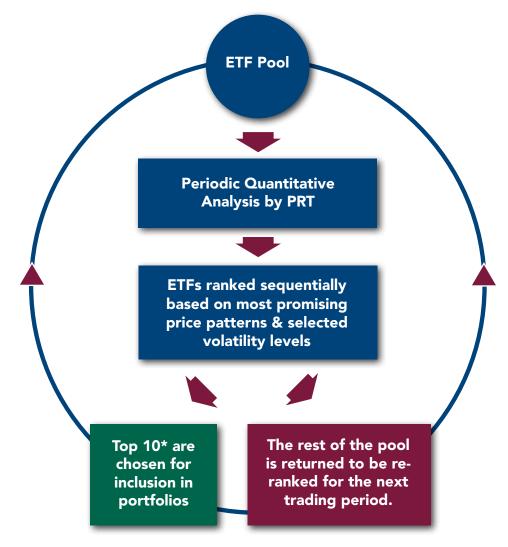
Decathlon Conservative Tactics has a desired volatility range in the mid to single digits, Decathlon Moderate Tactics targets low to mid teens and the Decathlon Growth Tactics targets volatility to be no more than the mid to high teens. Given these target volatility bands we seek to provide a global, tactical investment solution that can meet the needs of most investors.



#### Investment Pool\*

- 15 U.S. Sector Equity

#### **Disciplined Investment Approach**



#### **OBJECTIVES**

### MINIMIZING LARGE LOSSES is an important and desired attribute of any investment strategy

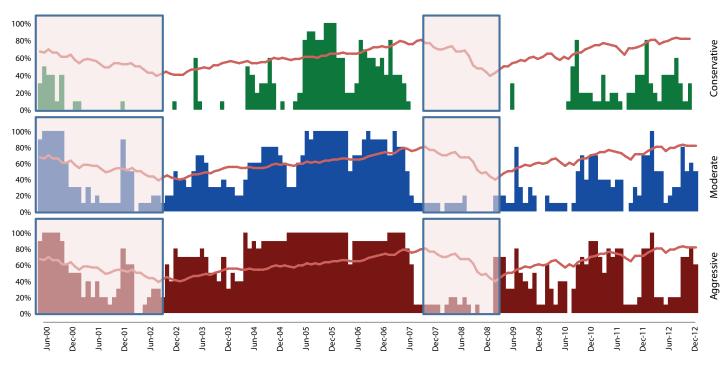
- "Winning by not losing big"
- People are not risk-averse, but rather loss-averse
- Keeps investors calm and happy

#### AVOIDING "PROSPECTUS LOCK"

- Static asset allocations have periods of intense failure
- The herd mentality
- People feel more comfortable investing if they know an active model is "watching the store" (i.e. investors do not need to sell the fund/strategy themselves during a bear market)

### FINDING BULL MARKETS, wherever they may be, is an important yet secondary attribute

- "There is always a bull market somewhere"
- Going to cash may have a significant opportunity cost



AIM Indices: Percentage Invested in Equity

Past performance is no guarantee of future results. An investment cannot be made directly in an index. The charts show the hypothetical back-tested equity holding percentages for (from top to bottom) AIM Decathlon Conservative Index, AIM Decathlon Moderate Index and AIM Decathlon Aggressive Index, with an overlay of the changes to the S&P 500 performance (red lines). An investment cannot be made directly in an index. The shaded boxes represent bear market periods. The performance provided is not meant to imply or represent the performance of any strategy. The information was provided by Algorithmic Investment Models, LLC. Please see the disclosures at the end of this document for additional disclosures.

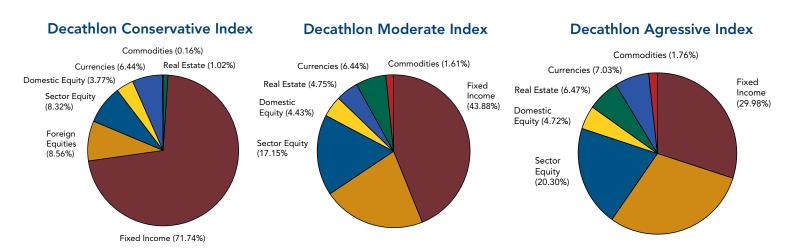
#### Why Defensive Allocation Strategy is imperative:

The statistical irony of performance is that it requires a larger gain to recover from a given loss:

- A 25% gain is required to recover from a 20% loss
- A 50% gain is required to recover from a 33% loss
- A 67% gain is required to recover from a 40% loss
- A 104% gain is required to recover form a 51% loss

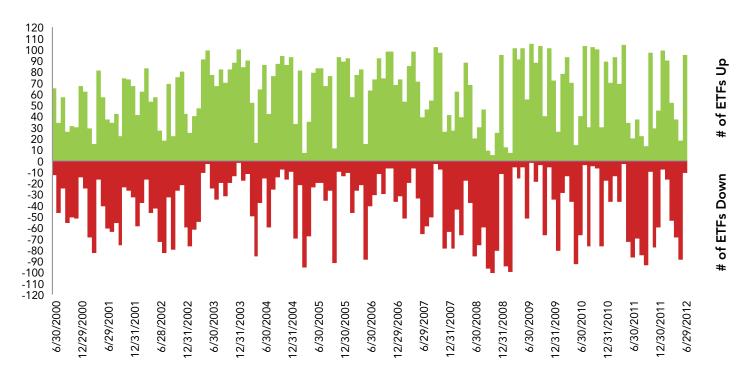
(the S & P 500 lost 51% peak to trough in 2008-09)

#### AIM Decathlon Index Average Composition (6/15/00-3/31/13)



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#### FINDING THE BULL MARKETS SOMEWHERE: Decathlon ETF Universe: Number of ETFs Up vs Down By Month At Least 5 ETFs Were Up in Every Period



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#### Why Decathlon?

COMPELLING	DESIRED BENEFITS
100% ETF based	Transparent, liquid, built-in diversification Avoids pitfalls of illiquid investments
Long-only with no complicating factors	No margin, leverage, options, shorting, inverse, 2x, 3x
Diverse, global reach	"Always a Bull Market somewhere"
Follows Prospect Theory	Volatility and draw downs (losses) are "punished" at a 4:1 ratio
Bi-weekly rebalancing	Enables appropriate response time to changing market conditions
Defensive orientation	Helps manage volatility and eliminates the propensity to buy high and sell low
Avoids mutual fund "Prospectus Lock"	Avoids requirement to stay invested during a Bear Market



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