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Panel Description: This panel will address how advisors can use tax efficient alternative strategies to generate high levels of tax-free income while maximizing after-tax return and remaining neutral to changes in interest rates. These strategies may also offer significant diversification benefits.



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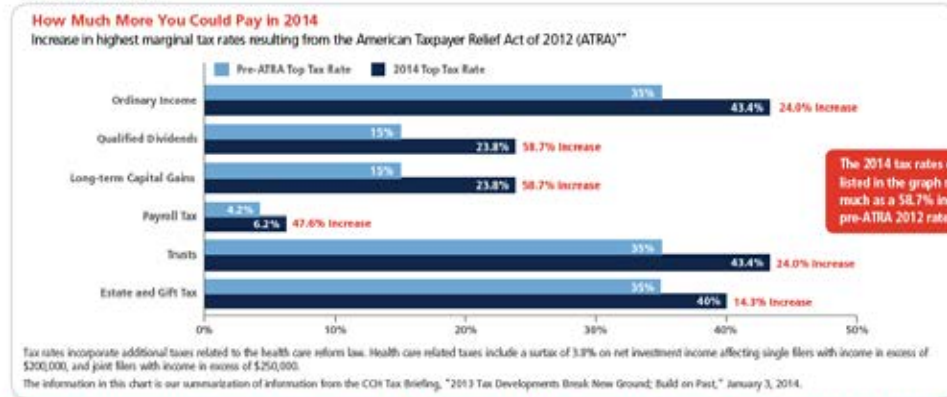


2014 Tax Landscape

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ARE YOU BRACED FOR THE LATEST TAX HEADWIND?

Although the "Fiscal Cliff" negotiations helped some taxpayers avoid a dramatic tax hike, 77% of households still faced an increase in federal tax obligations as they filed 2013 tax returns and started to plan for 2014.* The tax hit could affect you even if you're not in a higher income tax bracket. Single filers who make more than \$200,000 and joint filers earning more than \$250,000 are subject to the new health care tax—a 3.8% increase on net investment income—on top of the increases implemented as part of the "fiscal cliff" negotiations.



Contact your representative today to discuss the effects of rising taxes and how various tax-deferred¹ investment options may help you.

*The Associated Press/USA Today Research, "Deal means taxes will rise for more Americans," February 5, 2013.

**ATRA refers to the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012.

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Stealth Taxes

- Elimination and compression of brackets
- Phaseout of deductions
- Overlapping legislation (American Taxpayer Relief Act and Affordable Care Act)
- State taxes
- Alternative Minimum Tax



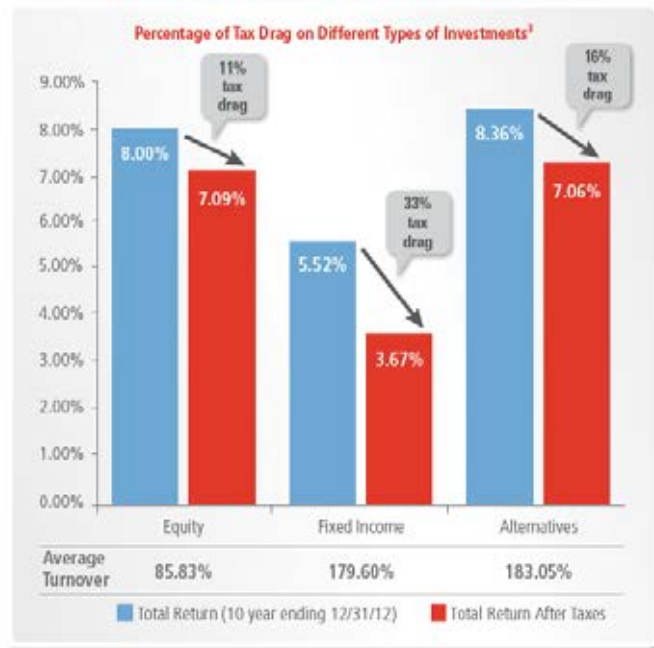
TAXES CAN BE A DRAG

Don't Let Uncle Sam Deflate Returns.

Unprecedented volatility has many investors moving portions of their equity assets into fixed income accounts and adding alternatives to their portfolios.

The good news is that these investments can work to smooth out volatility by providing broader diversification.¹ The bad news is that the tax-inefficiencies of these investments, such as taxable income distributions and portfolio turnover, can create a significant tax drag on performance—even more than sales charges and expenses. What is tax drag? It's the reduction of returns attributable to taxes.

Placing tax-inefficient investments into tax-advantaged accounts² can keep more of your money working for you.



¹ The content of this piece is our summarization of a Lipper Research Study, Thomson Reuters, 2011.

² Diversification does not assure a profit or protect against loss in a declining market.

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⁴ Tax drag calculated by Jackson®. Source: Lipper Research Study, Thomson Reuters, 2012. Calculations are a percentage difference between the 10-year Total Return and Total Return After Taxes for the time period ending 12/31/2012. Total Return is for performance periods of one year or longer and it is the annualized percentage change of the NAV (return minus expenses), factoring in reinvested dividends from one measurement period to the next. Total Return After Taxes is derived by accounting for loads, expenses, and interim distributions, which lower the returns based on the tax consequences. Taxes are applied at the highest applicable rate. Past performance is not a guarantee of future returns.

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Portfolios that have a greater percentage of alternatives may have greater risks, especially those including arbitrage, currency, leveraging, and commodities. This additional risk can offset the benefit of diversification. Although asset allocation among different asset categories generally limits risk and exposure to any one category, the risk remains that management may favor an asset category that performs poorly relative to the other asset categories. Some of those risks include general economic risk, geopolitical risk, commodity-price volatility, counterparty and settlement risk, currency risk, derivatives risk, emerging markets risk, foreign securities risk, high-yield bond exposure, noninvestment-grade bond exposure, index investing risk, industry concentration risk, leveraging risk, market risk, prepayment risk, liquidity risk, real estate investment risk, sector risk, short sales risk, temporary defensive positions, and large cash positions.

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Taxes are not just increasing for the rich!

Most long-term investors will experience taxes as their *largest cost*.²

- Combination of higher capital gains, health care surtax, and reinstated phase-outs could increase the tax burden on investors by as much as 60%.³
- The more progressive the tax structure, and the higher the rates, the more important it is to be tax efficient in investing...⁴
- Placing tax-inefficient investments (like alternatives) in a retirement plan, annuity, or insurance product will defer or lower taxes.⁵

² n.a. (2014). Tax-Efficient Equity Investing. *Parametric Engineered Portfolio Solutions*. Page 7.

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⁴ Lucas, S. (April 2014). The 50% Rule: Keep More Profit in Your Wallet. *Wealth Strategist Partners*. Page 1.

⁵ Lucas, S. (April 2014). The 50% Rule: Keep More Profit in Your Wallet. *Wealth Strategist Partners*. Page 5.



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Market Dynamics

Drivers

- Correlations/Diversification
 - More than three-quarters of advisors polled in the eighth-annual Morningstar survey cited diversification and low correlation with the market as a prime reason for investing in alternatives *
 - Nearly half said that they turn to alternative investments to help reduce the risk in their portfolios *
- Volatility
- Expected Returns
 - **MORE THAN A QUARTER OF ADVISORS** in the Morningstar/Barron's survey pointed to a poor bond-market
 - Taxes – recent changes and prospects for future

Response

- 68% using more alternatives; 63% more likely to use tactical strategies **
- 57% of advisors consider alternatives at least as important as traditional investments **
- Alternative Mutual Fund from about \$38 billion in assets in 172 funds at the end of 2008 to \$160 billion in 429 funds at the end of February, according to Morningstar

* [2013–2014 Alternative Investment Survey of U.S. Institutions and Financial Advisors](#)

** "RIAs and Fee-Based Advisors Alternative Investments and Tactical Management Survey," published by Jefferson National, September 2011.



Alternative and tactical strategies often have tax implications driven by:

Management

- Many Alternative managers used to managing for returns not taxes

Strategy Individual strategies and underlying investments

- Many hedge fund strategies have high turnover - as much as 720%

Investments

- REITs – distribute 90% of taxable income to shareholders with most taxed at income tax rate rather than qualified dividend rate + Capital gain possibilities

Structure

- Liquid alternative funds may use underlying structures such as a Controlled Foreign Corporation which affects the taxation of returns



Morningstar Category	5 Year Ended 6/30/14			10 Year Ended 6/30/14		
	Total Return	Post-tax Return (Pre-liquidation)	BPS Lost To Taxes	Total Return	Post-tax Return (Pre-liquidation)	BPS Lost To Taxes
US OE Bear Market	-21.31	-22.07	75.6	-10.31	-12.36	205.8
US OE Commodities Broad Basket	2.51	1.26	125.4	0.34	-2.84	318.1
US OE Equity Energy	13.30	13.15	14.7	12.02	11.07	94.7
US OE Equity Precious Metals	-2.95	-4.04	109.0	5.95	4.75	120.0
US OE Global Real Estate	15.29	13.42	187.0	7.47	5.81	165.6
US OE Long/Short Equity	9.14	8.35	79.6	6.40	5.59	81.2
US OE Managed Futures	0.54	-1.14	168.0			0.0
US OE Market Neutral	2.19	1.34	85.6	2.81	1.68	113.0
US OE Multialternative	6.17	5.37	80.3	3.80	2.83	96.9
US OE Multicurrency	3.05	2.23	81.9	3.19	1.90	128.7
US OE Natural Resources	12.02	11.72	30.2	10.77	9.41	136.0
US OE Real Estate	22.48	21.33	114.9	8.98	7.10	187.3



Solution – Asset Location

401(k)s

- Access
- Improved but still limited contribution amounts
- Lack of Investment selection

IRAs

- Great investment selection
- Limited ability to contribute

Variable Annuities

- Ability to contribute large amounts
- Smaller but increasing selection
- Cost



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Intangible Drilling Cost

- Any cost that cannot be resold later!
- Basically ALL the costs of drilling the well is 100% deductible off your current year taxes.
- Even if the investment is made on Dec. 31st!
- Example:
 - o An individual investing \$100,000 dollars in a drilling program would be able to deduct approx. \$80,000 immediately because of the IDC.



Tangible Drilling Cost

- Any capital expenditure or asset that could be resold later!
- Tangible Drilling Costs are depreciated according to standard depreciation rules.
- 20% for the first year
- Example:
 - o An individual investing \$100,000 dollars in a drilling program would be able to depreciate approx. \$20,000 for the TDC with your 1st year write off of \$4,000.

