

# Dimensional Model Portfolio Trade Commentary

## Dimensional ETF Tax Aware Models

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**Investment Manager:**  
Dimensional Fund Advisors LP

**Investment Program:**  
Merrill Lynch Investment Advisory Program

### OVERVIEW

Dimensional ETF Tax Aware Models are strategic asset allocations composed of Dimensional ETFs and are designed to put rigorous research to work across an investor's portfolio. Equity allocations provide broadly diversified global equity exposure with a US home bias. Fixed Income allocations are aligned with investor risk-return objectives. Conservative allocations favor shorter duration. Fixed income allocations also emphasize tax-exempt fixed income to help improve after-tax returns.

### CHANGES

Effective as of June 30, 2025

The Dimensional ETF Tax Aware Models have been updated, with weights effective June 30, 2025.

Standard quarterly adjustments to the equity allocations within the Models reflect changes in regional weights across US equities, developed ex US equities, and emerging markets equities. Due to similar changes in market capitalization weight across regions over the quarter, there are no changes to the equity fund allocations for any model in the set since March 31, 2025. There are also no changes to the fixed income fund allocations for any model in the set.

All funds that compose the ETF Tax Aware Models are managed on a daily basis and reflect changes in market prices and company fundamentals to maintain consistent and accurate exposure to known drivers of higher expected returns.

### MODELS GOVERNANCE

The Models are rebalanced quarterly. The Dimensional Models Team, which includes over 30 investment professionals globally, designs and manages the Models with oversight from Dimensional's Models Committee. The Models Committee is responsible for ratifying model weights and reviewing the models for consistency with stated objectives. The design of the Models incorporates strategic asset allocations from the Merrill CIO. The Dimensional Models Team may make updates to the Model allocations to reflect changes in equity regional weights, market movement, research developments, or other considerations.

Tax Aware Models are generally intended for investors with higher tax sensitivity. Excludes REITs within equities, which pay out the majority of profit as non-qualified dividends to shareholders (i.e., taxed at a higher rate than qualified dividends). Within fixed income, a portion of the fixed income weights is allocated to municipal bonds and excludes TIPS because the inflation adjustments generate taxable income.

Investment Products:

Are Not FDIC Insured	Are Not Bank Guaranteed	May Lose Value
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**MODELS CHANGE LOG**

Current Holdings and Change from Previous Rebalance  
As of June 30, 2025



**DIMENSIONAL ETF TAX AWARE MODEL ALLOCATIONS**

Investment Minimum: \$25,000



Conservative



Moderately Conservative



Moderate



Moderately Aggressive



Aggressive

EQUITY	TICKER	22.0%		40.0%		58.0%		74.0%		91.0%	
		NEW	CHANGE	NEW	CHANGE	NEW	CHANGE	NEW	CHANGE	NEW	CHANGE
US Core Equity 2 ETF	DFAC	10.70%	—	19.46%	—	28.23%	—	36.02%	—	44.29%	—
US Small Cap Value ETF	DFSV	2.68%	—	4.87%	—	7.06%	—	9.00%	—	11.07%	—
US High Profitability ETF	DUHP	2.68%	—	4.87%	—	7.06%	—	9.00%	—	11.07%	—
International Core Equity 2 ETF	DFIC	4.18%	—	7.60%	—	6.61%	—	8.44%	—	10.37%	—
International Small Cap Value ETF	DISV	—	—	—	—	2.20%	—	2.81%	—	3.46%	—
International High Profitability ETF	DIHP	—	—	—	—	2.20%	—	2.81%	—	3.46%	—
Emerging Markets Core Equity 2 ETF	DFEM	1.76%	—	3.20%	—	4.64%	—	5.92%	—	3.64%	—
Emerging Markets Value ETF	DFEV	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.82%	—
Emerging Markets High Profitability ETF	DEHP	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.82%	—
<b>FIXED INCOME</b>		<b>73.0%</b>		<b>59.0%</b>		<b>41.0%</b>		<b>25.0%</b>		<b>8.0%</b>	
	TICKER	NEW	CHANGE	NEW	CHANGE	NEW	CHANGE	NEW	CHANGE	NEW	CHANGE
Short Duration Fixed Income ETF	DFSD	44.92%	—	29.50%	—	16.11%	—	7.69%	—	2.00%	—
National Municipal Bond ETF	DFNM	28.08%	—	29.50%	—	24.89%	—	17.31%	—	6.00%	—
<b>CASH</b>		<b>5.0%</b>		<b>1.0%</b>		<b>1.0%</b>		<b>1.0%</b>		<b>1.0%</b>	

Source: Dimensional Fund Advisors

Fund weights shown represent the new allocation for each underlying fund and the change in allocation from the previous weight.

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