

Go Beyond Indexing with Dimensional

If you are a retail investor in the UK, Ireland, Germany or the Netherlands, this document has been provided to you by your financial adviser, who can help explain its contents

#### Dimensional at a Glance

Dimensional has been applying financial science to investing since 1981. Our firm is driven by an evidence-based approach, Nobel Prize-winning insights, and decades of expertise working to outperform benchmarks and peers while maintaining low costs and diversification. We go where the science leads, continually innovating to improve outcomes for investors.

43
YEARS SINCE FOUNDING

€750B

UNDER MANAGEMENT

1,500+
EMPLOYEES IN
15 GLOBAL OFFICES

One

Data as at 31 December 2024. Firmwide assets under management are in EUR (billions). Dimensional funds and ETFs are designed to outperform the market. Our strategies use daily flexibility and a research-backed approach to pursue higher expected returns for investors.

## Why Dimensional Strategies

# Higher Expected Returns

Market prices contain reliable information that can be used to position portfolios toward outperformance.

## Flexible Daily Process

Every day, we actively manage our strategies through a flexible process that allows us to focus on reducing costs and minimising risks.

## Broad Diversification

Our broadlydiversified portfolios make investment outcomes more reliable while offering portfolio managers and traders rebalancing options that add value.

## $A\,Heritage\,of\,Leading\,Research$

Dimensional has forged lasting relationships with some of the best academics in finance.



## **Eugene Fama**

University of Chicago
Director and Consultant,
Dimensional
1981–present

Nobel laureate, 2013



## Kenneth French

Dartmouth College
Director, Consultant,
and Co-Chair of
the Investment
Research Committee
Dimensional
2006–present



## Robert Merton

Resident Scientist, Dimensional Holdings, Inc.

2010-present

Nobel laureate, 1997

## The Dimensional Difference

Traditional investment approaches like indexing and stock picking may leave returns on the table. Dimensional takes a different investment approach.

#### Indexers

TRACK THE MARKET

Indexers focus on matching the returns of an index rather than pursuing outperformance.

Low cost

Broad diversification

Low turnover

#### **Stock Pickers**

OUTGUESS THE MARKET

Stock pickers seek to outperform an index by relying on predictions to find "mispriced" securities.

Targeting outperformance

## Dimensional

TRUST THE MARKET

You don't have to settle for tracking the market. And you don't have to outguess the market to outperform it. Instead, Dimensional uses information in market prices to systematically target research-backed drivers of higher expected returns.

Driven by financial science

Flexible process

Low cost

Broad diversification

Low turnover

Targeting outperformance

"You don't have to outguess the market to beat the market."

DAVID BOOTH
Founder and Chairman

## Guiding Principles for Investors in Dimensional Strategies

#### PUT THE MARKETS TO WORK FOR YOU

The financial markets have rewarded long-term investors.

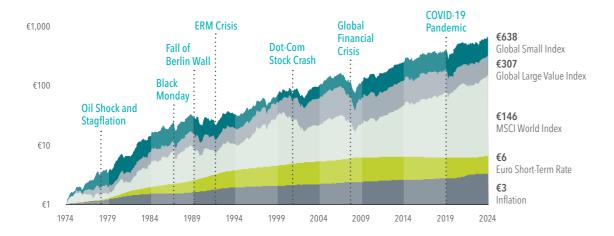
While daily market news and commentary may challenge an investor's discipline, equity and bond markets have a long history of delivering growth—despite the headlines.

Dimensional strategies can help investors increase their wealth over time with broadly diversified exposure to equity and bond markets.

.....

#### Growth of a Euro<sup>1</sup>

1975-202



### Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

Indices are not available for direct investment; therefore, their performance does not reflect the expenses associated with the management of an actual portfolio.

#### LOOK TO FINANCIAL SCIENCE

Decades of academic and empirical research provide insight into what drives differences in expected returns.

Dimensional funds and ETFs are designed with an emphasis on higher expected returns across equities and fixed income.



"At Dimensional, we don't jump on every new idea that comes along. We're looking for what will stand up over a long period of time."

#### EUGENE FAMA

Nobel laureate, 2013 Professor, University of Chicago Dimensional Director and Consultant

<sup>1.</sup> In EUR from 1999 to present. Prior to 1999, currency is reported in Deutschmark. Data presented in the Growth of a Euro chart is hypothetical and assumes reinvestment of income and no transaction costs or taxes. The chart is for illustrative purposes only and is not indicative of any investment. Global Small Index is the Dimensional Global Small Index. Global Large Value Index is the Dimensional Global Large Value Index. Inflation is the German Consumer Price Index. See last page for index descriptions.

<sup>\*</sup>Profitability. A company's operating income before depreciation and amortisation minus interest expense scaled by book equity.

#### **INVEST WITH FLEXIBILITY**

The benefits of remaining flexible are evident in many aspects of life, including in investing. Dimensional strategies use daily flexibility in our pursuit of higher expected returns.

### **Stay Current**

While driving, using a GPS that adapts to traffic patterns in real time is better than relying on a static map.



Like traffic, stock prices and market conditions are always changing. Dimensional's flexible daily process uses real-time information in market prices to position our portfolios toward higher expected returns and to manage risks.

## **Shop Sensibly**

When you go to the grocery store, you use a list of what you need to buy that week because you might not need one of everything in the store.



Each day, Dimensional can buy or sell stocks based on what can improve expected returns. That's daily flexibility many index funds don't have.

#### **Reduce Costs**

On Valentine's Day, the high demand for roses drives up prices. Smart gifters may opt for tulips instead.



Dimensional can avoid price pressures around events like index rebalancing, when funds that track an index may have to trade. This flexibility allows us to reduce trading costs.

"It's 10% having a good idea and 90% implementing that idea and making it work. Dimensional has been making it work for decades."

ROBERT MERTON

Nobel laureate, 1997 Professor, MIT Dimensional Resident Scientist

## Interested in learning more?

Contact your financial adviser to learn more about Dimensional Investing and using Dimensional strategies to pursue your long-term investment goals.

The Dimensional indices reflected above are not "financial indices" for the purpose of the EU Markets in Financial Instruments Directive (MiFID). Rather, they represent academic concepts that may be relevant or informative about portfolio construction and are not available for direct investment or for use as a benchmark.

The Dimensional indices have been retrospectively calculated by Dimensional Fund Advisors LP and did not exist prior to April 2008. Profitability is defined as operating income before depreciation and amortization minus interest expense divided by book equity. Asset growth is defined as change in total assets from the prior fiscal year to current fiscal year.

Results shown during periods prior to each index's inception date do not represent actual returns of the respective index. Other periods selected may have different results, including losses. Backtested index performance is hypothetical and is provided for informational purposes only to indicate historical performance had the index been calculated over the relevant time periods. Backtested performance results assume the reinvestment of dividends and capital gains.

DIMENSIONAL GLOBAL SMALL INDEX: January 1990-present: Compiled by Dimensional from Bloomberg securities data. Market-capitalisation-weighted index of small company securities in the eligible markets, excluding those with the lowest profitability and highest relative price within their country's small cap universe. The index also excludes those companies with the highest asset growth within their country's small cap universe. The index monthly returns are computed as the simple average of the monthly returns of four subindices, each one reconstituted once a year at the end of each quarter of the year. Maximum index weight of any one company is capped at 5%. Countries currently included are Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the UK and the US. Exclusions: REITs and investment companies. The calculation methodology for the index was amended in January 2014 to include profitability as a factor in selecting securities for inclusion in the index. The calculation methodology for the index was amended in November 2019 to include asset growth as a factor in selecting securities for inclusion in the index. July 1981-December 1989: Dimensional US Small Cap Index and Dimensional International Small Cap Index combined using market cap weights. Prior to July 1981: 50% Dimensional US Small Cap Index, 50% Dimensional International Small Cap Index.

DIMENSIONAL GLOBAL LARGE VALUE INDEX: January 1990-present: Compiled by Dimensional from Bloomberg securities data. Consists of large cap companies in eligible markets whose relative price is in the bottom 30% of their country's large companies, after the exclusion of utilities and companies with either negative or missing relative price data. The index emphasises companies with smaller capitalisation, lower relative price and higher profitability. The index also excludes those companies with the lowest profitability within their country's large value universe. The index monthly returns are computed as the simple average of the monthly returns of four subindices, each one reconstituted once a year at the end of each quarter of the year. Maximum index weight of any one company is capped at 5%. Countries currently included are Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the UK and the US. Exclusions: REITs and investment companies. The calculation methodology was amended in January 2014 to include profitability as a factor in selecting securities for inclusion in the index. Prior to January 1990: Fama/French international value country indices and Fama/French US Large Value Research Index combined using market cap weights.

**MSCI WORLD INDEX:** Shown in gross dividends. MSCI World Index © MSCI 2025, all rights reserved.

**EURO SHORT-TERM RATE**: January 1999–present: ICE BofA Euro Currency 1-Month Deposit Offered Rate Constant Maturity Index. ICE BofA index data © 2025 ICE Data Indices, LLC. Prior to January 1999: German 3-Month Money Market Rate in deutsch mark currency.

**GERMAN CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:** German Consumer Price Index provided by the Deutsche Bundesbank. Prior to 1995, includes Western Germany only. Excludes West Berlin prior to 1962 and excludes Saarland prior to 1960.

IF YOU ARE A RETAIL INVESTOR IN THE UK, IRELAND, GERMANY OR THE NETHERLANDS, THIS DOCUMENT HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO YOU BY YOUR FINANCIAL ADVISER, WHO CAN HELP EXPLAIN ITS CONTENTS.

The information in this material is intended for the recipient's background information and use only. It is provided in good faith and without any warranty or, representation as to accuracy or completeness. Information and opinions presented in this material have been obtained or derived from sources believed by Dimensional to be reliable, and Dimensional has reasonable grounds to believe that all factual information herein is true as at the date of this material. It does not constitute investment advice, a recommendation, or an offer of any services or products for sale and is not intended to provide a sufficient basis on which to make an investment decision. Before acting on any information in this document, you should consider whether it is appropriate for your particular circumstances and, if appropriate, seek professional advice. It is the responsibility of any persons wishing to make a purchase to inform themselves of and observe all applicable laws and regulations. Unauthorized reproduction or transmission of this material is strictly prohibited. Dimensional accepts no responsibility for loss arising from the use of the information contained herein.

This material is not directed at any person in any jurisdiction where the availability of this material is prohibited or would subject Dimensional or its products or services to any registration, licensing, or other such legal requirements within the jurisdiction.

"Dimensional" refers to the Dimensional separate but affiliated entities generally, rather than to one particular entity. These entities are Dimensional Fund Advisors LP, Dimensional Fund Advisors Ltd., Dimensional Ireland Limited, DFA Australia Limited, Dimensional Fund Advisors Canada ULC, Dimensional Fund Advisors Pte. Ltd., Dimensional Japan Ltd., and Dimensional Hong Kong Limited. Dimensional Hong Kong Limited is licensed by the Securities and Futures Commission to conduct Type 1 (dealing in securities) regulated activities only and does not provide asset management services.

#### RISKS

Investments involve risks. The investment return and principal value of an investment may fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original value. Past performance is not a guarantee of future results. There is no guarantee strategies will be successful.

#### WHERE ISSUED BY DIMENSIONAL IRELAND LIMITED

Issued by Dimensional Ireland Limited (Dimensional Ireland), with registered office 25 North Wall Quay, Dublin 1, D01 H104, Ireland. Dimensional Ireland is regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland (Registration No. C185067).

#### WHERE ISSUED BY DIMENSIONAL FUND ADVISORS LTD.

Issued by Dimensional Fund Advisors Ltd. (Dimensional UK), 20 Triton Street, Regent's Place, London, NW1 3BF. Dimensional UK is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) - Firm Reference No. 150100.

Dimensional UK and Dimensional Ireland do not give financial advice. You are responsible for deciding whether an investment is suitable for your personal circumstances, and we recommend that a financial adviser helps you with that decision.

Dimensional UK and Dimensional Ireland issue information and materials in English and may also issue information and materials in certain other languages. The recipient's continued acceptance of information and materials from Dimensional UK and Dimensional Ireland will constitute the recipient's consent to be provided with such information and materials, where relevant, in more than one language.

NOTICE TO INVESTORS IN SWITZERLAND: This is advertising material.

Eugene Fama and Ken French are members of the Board of Directors of the general partner of, and provide consulting services to, Dimensional Fund Advisors LP.

Robert Merton provides consulting services to Dimensional Fund Advisors LP.

dimensional.com

