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## Tax Management Services (TMS) in Select UMA

Tax Savings Quarterly - Q4 2023

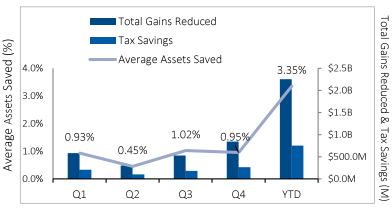
### Taking A Glance At Tax Saving

The power of our process comes from opportunistically harvesting throughout market cycles. With heightened volatility and market dislocation often comes tax-loss harvest opportunities. Our proprietary and personalized approach to tax management has shown how it can be a key difference maker in the portfolio planning process.

#### 2023 was no exception to this, it was a statement.

With an estimated client tax savings of more than \$750M this year by offsetting more than \$2.3B in realized capital gains, Tax Management Services was successful in delivering strong results for clients in 2023.

## Clients had estimated average after-tax savings of **over 3.35%** during 2023 - a year of major market movement\*



Source: Portfolio Solutions trading system

#### **MARKETS**

Markets turned around in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, closing 2023 up across the S&P, Russell and NASDAQ. The S&P 500 finished the quarter up over 11% while the NASDAQ increased over 14% and Russell 2000 up 14%. Leading the S&P outperforming sectors were, Real Estate up (18.8%) and Technology (17.2%). The top Q4 laggard for the S&P was Energy stocks down 7.0%.

For the year, the market delivered strong returns of 26% for the S&P 500 and 43% for the NASDAQ Composite while experiencing dislocation over the quarters.

This environment allowed Tax Management Services to showcase its strong value add and Morgan Stanley's competitive advantage in the space.

## **Top Tax Loss Opportunities Found**

TOP 5 LOSSES HARVESTED*	TOP 5 INDEX BUYS*
Pharmaceuticals	iShares Russell 1000 Value ETF (IWD)
Oil & Gas	SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust (SPY)
Energy	iShares MSCI EAFE ETF (EFA)
Emerging Markets	Russell 1000 Growth ETF (IWF)
Fixed Income	Vanguard Emerging Markets ETF (VWO)

<sup>\*</sup>Based on total AUM traded during current quarter tax harvest

#### **ACTIVE TAX MANAGED RESULTS\*\***

	Q4	YTD*
Total Gains Reduced	\$842B	\$2.3B
Total Tax Savings	\$264M	\$750M
Average Tax Savings	0.95%	3.35%
Peak Assets Saved	11.49%	11.49%

<sup>\*</sup>Source: Portfolio Solutions trading system.

Against this market backdrop, Tax Management Services was able to seize create additional opportunities for clients at no additional cost.



## Ask Your Advisor Today

How Can TMS Improve My Portfolio At No Additional Cost?

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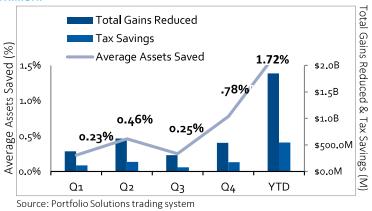
## **Tax Loss Harvesting Opportunities**

#### **MARKETS**

The S&P 500 declined -18.1% in 2022, taking the S&P 500 to its lowest annual return since 2008. In the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter however, the Energy sector (+21.7%) and Industrials (+18.7%) led as outperformers, while Consumer Discretionary (-10.4%) and Communication Services lagged. US value outperformed growth, and US large-caps outperformed small-caps. Additionally, midcap and small-cap value outperformed growth. International equities and the MSCI ACWI rose in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter up 9.9% over Us Equities. The yield on the 10-year US Treasury note closed the fourth quarter at 3.87%, up from 3.83% at the end of the third quarter, while the Bloomberg US Agg Total Return, rose 1.9% in the quarter, however closed down 13% for the year.

For appropriate clients enrolled in Tax Management Services in Select UMA, heightened volatility and market dislocation often presents certain tax-loss harvest opportunities. Tax Management Services was successful in generating an estimated client tax savings of more than \$77.82 million by offsetting more than \$306.88M in realized capital gains this quarter through active tax-loss harvesting. This represents a potential after-tax earnings improvement of over .77%.

Tax management through active tax loss harvest opportunities reduced total realized net gains this quarter by more than \$539 million and increased total tax savings by more than \$179 million.



#### **ACTIVE TAX MANAGED RESULTS\*\***

	Q4	YTD*
<b>Total Gains Reduced</b>	\$539.52M	\$1.8BN
<b>Total Tax Savings</b>	\$179.42M	\$533.42M
Average Assets Saved	.77%	1.72%
Peak Assets Saved	24.95%	10.67%

<sup>\*</sup>Source: Portfolio Solutions trading system.

## **Top Tax Loss Opportunities Found**

The Top Tax Losses Harvested across Tax Managed accounts were concentrated in Internet & Direct Marketing and Health Care Equipment. The Top Index Buys consisted mostly of US Large Cap Growth equities, as these represented the equity asset classes where the most significant tax-loss opportunities were identified. The Fed raised interest rates to 4.25-4.5% to end 2022, while both equities and fixed income declined, Fixed income returns falling the most in decades.

#### TOP 5 LOSSES HARVESTED\* TOP 5 INDEX BUYS\*

Internet & Direct Marketing	Russell 1000 Growth ETF (IWF)
Health	iShares Russell 1000 Value ETF (IWD)
Software	SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust (SPY)
IT Services	Vanguard FTSE Developed Markets ETF (VWO)
Fixed Income	Vanguard Total Bond Market (BND)

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