

All Seasons Fund (UNAVX) Commentary March 2024

The All Seasons Fund ended the month of March with a return of +1.97%.

# **Market Review**

In March, U.S. equities rose to all-time highs despite the Federal Reserve projecting fewer rate cuts than expected in 2024. The breadth of the rally off the 2022 lows has also expanded to small-cap stocks this month. The S&P 500's recent streak is historic. Since 1940, Q1 returns marked the second consecutive quarter with double-digit gains for the ninth time, and the 5-month gain is the 10th highest return in that period.

Q1 earnings season will supply more insight into how much higher rates affect company profits. Analysts are projecting earnings-per-share growth percentages in the double digits for calendar years 2024 and 2025. If these lofty expectations of forward earnings underwhelm, it may result in stock market volatility. We believe earnings misses have punished individual stocks, and a hawkish Fed has restricted borrowing for future growth.

The equity rally and bond sell-off in Q1 2024 may offer opportunities for investors to rebalance away from risky assets into more exposure to uncorrelated funds. The All Seasons managers believe we offer a fund that may offset the specific risks to traditional equity and bond allocations.

The fund seeks capital appreciation and capital preservation with lower volatility throughout market cycles. It is highly correlated with equities in bull markets and less or negatively correlated in bear markets. As Portfolio Managers of the fund since the end of 2020, we delivered positive returns in the three calendar years we have managed the fund, including a positive return during the bear market of 2022.

On April 1, 2024, the All Seasons Fund (UNAVX) received a <u>4-Star Overall Morningstar Rating™</u> from its inception on October 13th, 2017 to March 31, 2024, out of 231 funds, in the Tactical Allocation Category, based on risk-adjusted return.

Morningstar uses this step to calculate this rating:

1. Morningstar Risk-Adjusted Return: Adjust Morningstar Return for risk to get MRAR. Morningstar Risk is then calculated as the difference between Morningstar Return and Morningstar Risk-Adjusted Return.

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#### Paul Strehle

### **Fund Objective:**

The Fund seeks capital appreciation and capital preservation with lower volatility throughout market cycles – highly correlated with the Standard & Poor's ("S&P") 500® Index in bull markets, and less or negatively correlated in bear markets.

## Standardized performance as of (3/31/2024) Fund Inception (08/30/2002)

	1 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since Inception
UNAVX	1.57%	5.57%	6.58%	10.36%
S&P 500 Index	29.88%	15.05%	12.96%	9.32%

Performance data quoted represents past performance; past performance does not guarantee future results. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance of the und may be lower or higher than the performance quoted. Performance data current to the most recent month end may be obtained by calling 1-866-264-8783. Returns over one year are annualized. The Gross and Net expense are 3.26% and 1.99%. The Fund's adviser, USA Mutuals Advisors, Inc. (the "Adviser"), has contractually agreed to reduce its fees and/or absorb expenses of the Fund, at least until July 31, 2024, to ensure that total annual fund operating expenses after fee waiver and reimbursement (but does not include: front-end or contingent deferred loads, shareholder servicing plan fees, taxes, borrowing cost such as interest and dividends on short positions, brokerage fees and commissions, acquired fund fees and expenses, extraordinary expenses such as litigation expenses (which may include indemnification of Fund officers and Trustees, contractual indemnification of Fund service providers (other than the Adviser)) and class specific expenses like distribution (12b-1) fees) will not exceed 1.96% of the Fund's average daily net assets for each share class.

The Fund's investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses must be considered carefully before investing. The statutory and summary prospectuses contain this and other information about the investment company, and they may be obtained by contacting 866.264.8783 or going to **www.USAMutuals.com**. Read it carefully before investing.

#### **Definitions:**

**S&P 500 Index**: An unmanaged composite of 500 large capitalization companies. This index is widely used by professional investors as a performance benchmark for large-cap stocks. You cannot invest directly in an index.

**Volatility** - The degree of variation of a trading price series over time, usually measured by the standard deviation of logarithmic returns.

#### **Important Risk Information**

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Performance data quoted prior to October 13, 2017 represents the past performance of the Goldman Navigator Fund, L.P., a limited partnership (the "Predecessor Partnership"). From its inception on February 1, 2002 through October 13, 2017, the Predecessor Partnership maintained investment policies, objectives, guidelines, and restrictions that were, in all material respects, equivalent to those of the Fund. The Predecessor Partnership was not registered under the 1940 Act, and was not subject to certain investment limitations, diversification requirements, and other restrictions imposed by the 1940 Act and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as



amended (the "Code"), which, if applicable, may have adversely affected its performance. On a going forward basis after October 13, 2017, the Fund's performance will be calculated using the standard formula set forth in rules promulgated by the SEC, which differs in certain respects from the methods used to compute total returns for the Predecessor Partnership. Please refer to the Financial Statements section of the Fund's SAI to review additional information regarding the Predecessor Partnership. The Navigator Fund name was changed to the All Seasons Fund on July 21st, 2021.

Mutual fund investing involves risk; principal loss is possible. Leveraging may exaggerate the effect on net asset value of any increase or decrease in the market value of a Fund's portfolio. Investing in derivatives may subject the Fund to losses if the derivatives do not perform as expected. Short sales involve selling a security that a Fund borrows and does not own. Short sales carry significant risk, including the risk of loss if the value of a security sold short increases prior to the scheduled delivery date, since a Fund must pay more for the security than it has received from the purchaser in the short sale. Futures contracts are subject to the same risks as the underlying investments that they represent, but also may involve risks different from, and possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in the underlying investments. The Funds may invest in foreign securities which involve greater volatility and political, economic and currency risks and differences in accounting methods. This risk increases with emerging markets. Small and mid-size companies involve additional risks such as limited liquidity and greater volatility. Investments in futures may result in a substantial loss in a short period. One cannot invest directly in an index. The USA Mutuals Funds are distributed by Northern Lights Distributors, LLC and USA Mutual Advisors, Inc. are not affiliated.

UNAVX also received 5-Star Morningstar Ratings™ for 3-year out of 231 funds, and 3-Star for 5-year out of 211 funds, for the period ending March 31, 2024. All in Morningstar's Tactial Allocation category, based on riskadjusted returns. The 10-year returns are not included in the Morningstar rating because the Predecessor Partnership was not registered under the 1940 Act.

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It is calculated based on a Morningstar Risk-Adjusted Return measure that accounts for variation in a managed product's monthly excess performance, placing more emphasis on downward variations and rewarding consistent performance. The Morningstar Rating does not include any adjustment for sales loads. The top 10% of products in each product category receive 5 stars, the next 22.5% receive 4 stars, the next 35% receive 3 stars, the next 22.5% receive 2 stars, and the bottom 10% receive 1 star. The Overall Morningstar Rating for a managed product is derived from a weighted average of the performance figures associated with its three-, five-, and 10-year (if applicable) Morningstar Rating metrics. The weights are: 100% three-year rating for 36-59 months of total returns, 60% five-year rating/40% three-year rating for 60-119 months of total returns, and 50% 10-year rating/30% five-year rating/20% three-year rating for 120 or more months of total returns. While the 10-year overall star rating formula seems to give the most weight to the 10-year period, the most recent three-year period actually has the greatest impact because it is included in all three rating periods. UNAVX was rated against the following numbers of Tactical Allocation funds over the following time periods: 231 funds in the last three years, 211 funds in the last five years.

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