



All Seasons Fund (UNAVX) Commentary
August 2024

The All Seasons Fund ended the month of August with a return of +2.32%.

Market Review

August began with sharp declines in broad-based equity indices. Concerns about economic growth drove the sell-off after a worse-than-expected jobs report. There were also concerns about the so-called “Japan carry trade” unwinding after the Bank of Japan raised its benchmark interest rates.

Despite the initial downturn, equity markets recovered with the expectation of lower interest rates, which provided a tailwind. The probability of a soft economic landing increased, and Federal Reserve Chairman Powell confirmed a shift in focus to defense against a slumping labor market.

Ninety-nine percent of S&P 500 companies have reported Q2 2024 earnings, and the results were mixed, according to analysts. Technology and Financials led the way with higher-than-expected growth. Only Materials and Industrials posted negative earnings-per-share growth, indicating no change in growth stocks or the outperformance of value stocks.

Markets in September have stalled with key economic reports still upcoming, and the Federal Reserve meets on September 18th. The market expects a 25bps rate cut, although the possibility of a 50bps rate cut remains on the table depending on incoming jobs data.

As markets move closer to the historically volatile presidential election cycle, options prices suggest slightly higher volatility through the November election. We believe markets also have a new known risk in unwinding the “Japan carry trade,” which sent the volatility index (VIX) to levels last seen during the Covid March sell-off. The All Seasons fund typically has more actionable trading opportunities in higher-volatility environments.

On September 1, 2024, the All Seasons Fund (UNAVX) received a 4-Star Overall Morningstar Rating™ from its inception on October 13th, 2017 to August 31, 2024, out of 228 funds, in the Tactical Allocation Category, based on risk-adjusted returns. 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.

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.

Sincerely yours,

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 (6/30/2024) Fund Inception (8/30/2002)

	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since Inception
USA Mutuals All Seasons Fund	4.99%	9.49%	5.24%	6.43%	10.32%
S&P 500 Index	24.56%	10.01%	15.05%	12.86%	9.42%
S&P Target Risk Conservative Index (TR)	7.96%	0.03%	3.42%	3.68%	4.78%

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 2.65% and 2.04%. 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, 2025, 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: Bull: A bull is an investor who thinks the market, a specific security, or an industry is poised to rise. Investors who adopt a bull approach purchase securities under the assumption that they can sell them later at a higher price. **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. **Carry Trade:** An investment strategy that involves borrowing money at a low interest rate and investing it in assets with a higher interest rate. The goal is to profit from the difference in interest rates between the two currencies.

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



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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, member [FINRA](#)/[SIPC](#). Northern Lights Distributors, LLC and USA Mutual Advisors, Inc. are not affiliated.*

UNAVX also received 5-Star Morningstar Ratings™ for 3-year out of 228 funds, and 3-Star for 5-year out of 208 funds, for the period ending August 31, 2024. All in Morningstar’s Tactical Allocation category, based on risk-adjusted 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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