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Modern Investing Made Easy.



# What is a Separately Managed Account (SMA)?

SMA is an investment vehicle made up of individual holdings and overseen by an asset management firm. Separately Managed Accounts provide the flexibility to customize the portfolio to address clients' personal preferences and investment objectives.

### Ownership has its advantages

When you invest in a separately managed account, you'll enjoy:



#### **CUSTOMIZATION**

Investors using SMAs can work with their advisor to personalize the asset allocation and risk management within the separate account. Specifically, individual securities can be excluded if the investor already owns that stock and doesn't want additional exposure, or if they have ethical reasons for avoiding companies or industries.



#### QUALITY

SMAs are professionally managed, giving clients access to the expertise of skilled portfolio managers—and a level of service typically enjoyed by large institutional clients alone.



#### CONTROL

With separate accounts, investors can achieve better tax efficiencies by implementing tax-loss harvesting—realizing losses on specific positions without exiting the overall investment strategy. Additionally, SMAs help investors avoid capital gains distributions and the performance effects of fund flows, both common mutual fund drawbacks.



#### **TRANSPARENCY**

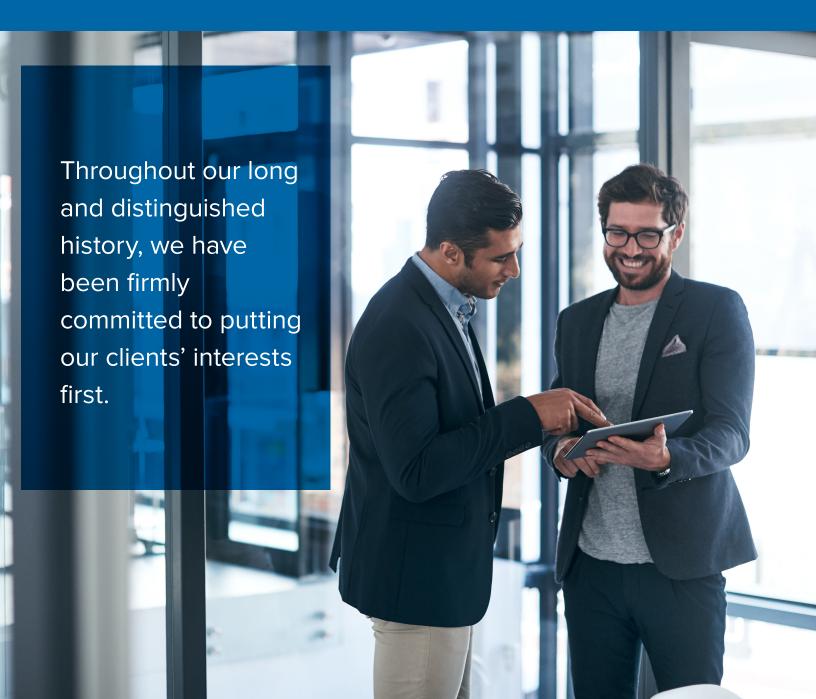
With an SMA, you'll have a clear view of the individual securities you own, number of shares and many other details to help you understand how your investments are performing.

### Why an SMA?

- Investing through an SMA Increases Financial Flexibility

  With an SMA, the individual investor directly owns the stocks, bonds and other securities in the portfolio.
- Investors Appreciate the Control that Comes with an SMA

  An SMA may be an attractive solution for an investor who wants the ability to influence how their money is invested while still realizing the advantages of professional management. A financial advisor can guide clients in choosing the right manager to create a personalized portfolio.



# Make Informed Investment Decisions by Reviewing Important Details

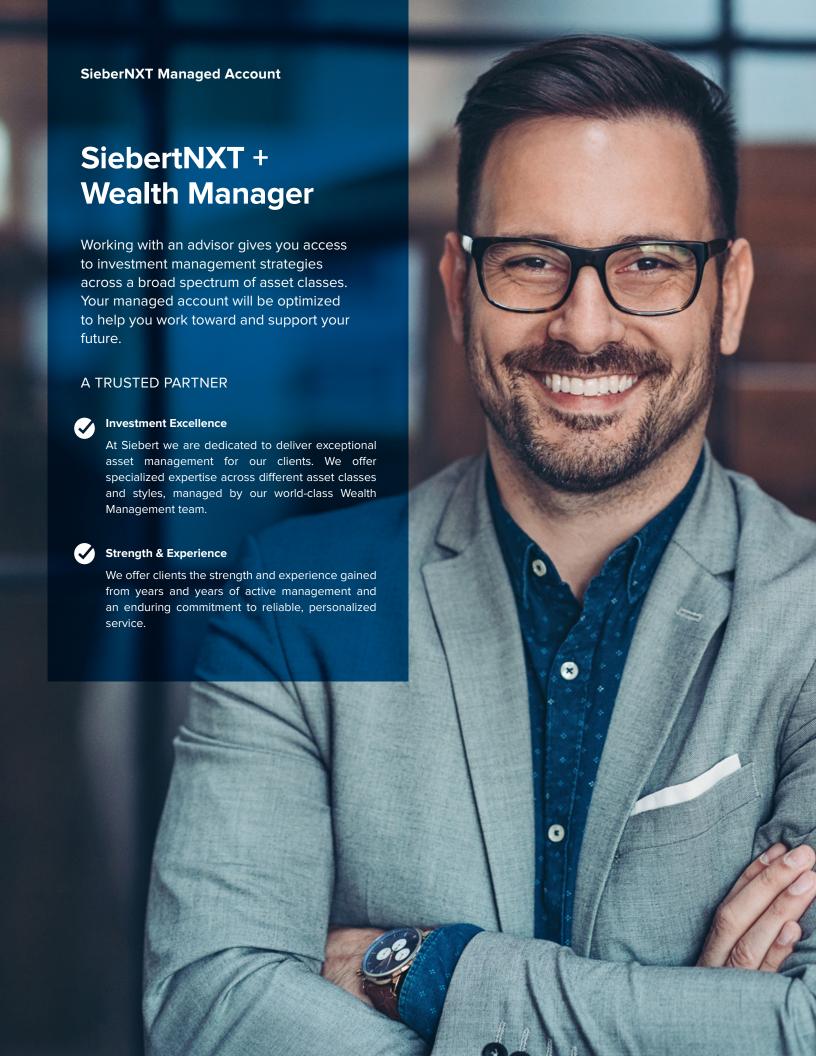
Option strategies can be used in many ways and variations; there is no one size fits all as the investment objectives and outcomes can vary. At the same time, investors have varying degrees of risk tolerance, which can influence the attractiveness of different strategies and the level of exposure.

For this reason, at Siebert we believe that investors should consult their Financial Advisor when implementing and sizing option strategies as a part of their broader portfolio to ensure its suitability with the investors' investment objective and risk/return profile.



## Compare the Options

	SMA	Mutual Funds	Exchange Traded Funds
Definition	Professionally managed investment portfolio of securities directly owned by the individual investor and managed according to a specific style or discipline.	Professionally managed investment vehicle that pools money from many investors for the purpose of investing in securities according to a specific style, discipline or outcome.	A security that typically tracks an index, commodity or basket of assets like an index fund, but trades like a stock on an exchange.
Ownership	Investors directly own the individual securities in their portfolio.	Investors own shares in a fund, which in turn owns the individual portfolio securities.	Investors own shares in an ETF, which in turn owns the individual portfolio securities.
Funing	Portfolios may be funded with existing securities and/or cash.	Shares in mutual funds are purchased with cash.	Shares of ETFs are purchased with cash.
Customization	Portfolio can be tailored to address each investor's specific needs.	None	None
Tax Efficiency	Investors have the ability to manage taxation because securities can be sold to harvest gains/losses.	Limited. While in-kind transactions could limit the possibility of involuntary capital gain distributions, this is operationally challenging and rarely used in mutual funds.	ETFs have the ability to minimize portfolio capital gain payments. The in-kind redemptions allow the fund to mitigate tax impacts.
Fees	Investors typically pay one asset- based fee based on assets under management (either billed quarterly in advance or arrears).	Shareholder costs can include sales charges on the purchase and/or redemption of a fund, including any ongoing operating expenses (i.e., expense ratio).	Fees will vary by ETF but are typically cheaper than those of mutual funds due to lower administrative costs. Also, transaction costs are reduced due to in-kind subscriptions and redemptions.
Strenghts	Customization     Potential tax efficiency at security level     Cost savings over mutual funds     Transparency	Ease of executing complex strategies     End-of-day liquidity at NAV	Potential tax efficiency at portfolio level Cost savings over mutual funds and SMAs Intraday liquidity Transparency



### How an SMA Can Work for you

Customization appeals to SMA investors for a number of reasons, depending on their personal circumstances. Here are just a few examples.

#### OVEREXPOSED CAPITAL

When an investor has too much allocated in one position, they might subsequently overexpose their capital. This can result in lack of diversification, and potential security overlap with investments held in other portfolios.

#### A TAXING ISSUE

Investors in a high income tax bracket are often concerned about tax-sensitive investing. They gravitate toward tax-efficient investment vehicles in order to minimize unexpected tax liabilities.

#### **✓** VALUES-BASED INVESTING

Many investors want their portfolio to reflect their values by investing in companies that integrate best practices when it comes to the environment, social issues and corporate governance.

#### How an SMA helps:

A customized separately managed account helps investors by balancing their portfolio across different positions, markets and industries, reducing concentration risk.

#### How an SMA helps:

By investing in an SMA, you are only taxed on the gains in your specific portfolio. You can control and minimize the distribution of taxable gains.

#### How an SMA helps:

With customization, investors can request special screens aligned with their personal values; for example, to avoid tobacco, alcohol or gambling stocks.



# An SMA for Every Need

#### **INVESTMENT STRATEGIES**

In general, there are two types of SMAs: Single-Style and Multiple-Style. Your Siebert financial professional can help you determine which type is most appropriate for you, based on your current financial situation, investment objectives, risk tolerance and other factors.

#### **✓** Individual Strategy:

An individual-strategy typically requires investment minimums of \$50,000 to \$100,000 for equity portfolios and \$100,000 to \$250,000 for fixed income. This account may be suitable if you want to invest in a distinct style.

Please note that minimums vary according to firm and money manager.

#### Multiple Strategy:

A multiple-strategy is invested across asset classes and/or managers, with a single manager overseeing all investments. Investment minimums generally range from \$100,000 to \$300,000.

Creating a single, diversified portfolio helps avoid the securities overlap and overly concentrated positions that often occur when you combine investment styles without the benefit of a multiple-style SMA.

#### DISCLAIMER:

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