



August 2017 – Stairway Partners Earn "Top Guns" Four Star Award for ETF Strategy

We are pleased to announce that Stairway Partners has again been recognized for its investment performance by PSN with *Top Guns* status. Through the 2nd quarter of 2017, our Tax-Managed Moderate Asset Allocation composite strategy earned a *Four Star* award within PSN's separate account databases in the ETF Global Balanced Universe. *Four Star* was the highest award given in the ETF Global Balanced Universe in the second quarter.

The PSN separate account database is managed by Informa Investment Solutions and is the longest-running investment manager database in North America. For their *Top Guns* awards, PSN ranks thousands of separately managed portfolio strategies across dozens of universes. PSN's ETF Global Balanced Universe has a style benchmark which is comprised of 60% global equities and 40% global bonds. The universe includes 198 distinct investment strategies provided by 74 different investment firms. To qualify for *Four Star* status in an ETF category, a strategy must have returns greater than the style benchmark for the three latest three-year rolling periods. PSN then ranks strategies by their latest three-year return and designates the five best as *Top Guns*.

We are honored to have received this distinction, which recognize the long-term performance of our portfolios. We firmly believe that this award is the direct result of our commitment to a consistent investment process, which focuses on prudent policy development, long-term fundamental capital market analysis and efficient execution of strategy.

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