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# Introducing the Fidelity Multifactor Yield Index 5% ER

Designed to deliver more consistent performance in various market conditions.

#### **Growth potential**

Market fluctuations seem to be the only constant these days. And you may be searching for new ways to help manage this volatility, while also growing your assets for retirement.

One option is to harness the power of factors with the Fidelity Multifactor Yield Index 5% ER.

This rules-based index blends six equity factor indices with U.S. Treasuries and cash, using a dynamic allocation approach that seeks to reduce volatility to deliver more consistent returns over time.

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# The Fidelity Multifactor Yield Index 5% ER is built on ...

#### **Expertise**



### **Diversification**



### **Consistency**



The Fidelity Multifactor Yield Index 5% ER is ticker: FIDMFYDN.

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# **Expertise**

With 50+ years of quantitative investment experience, factor investing is a meaningful component of Fidelity's capabilities.



### The team

1965: First dedicated quantitative analyst joins Fidelity

1992: Fixed Income Quantitative Team formed

1998: Money Market Quantitative Team formed

**2006:** Equity Quantitative Team established to complement Fidelity's fundamental capabilities



# Capabilities and strategies

1988: First quantitative fund launched

2005: First proprietary fixed income multifactor risk model launched

2007: First equity multifactor global models launched

2016: Launched first domestic equity factor indices and exchanged-traded funds (ETFs)

2017: Launched Fidelity Bitcoin Index, our first digital asset index

2018: Launched first international equity and fixed income factor indices and ETFs

2021: Fidelity builds first thematic indices for its new suite of ETFs



#### What is a factor?

A factor is a characteristic of a security that helps explain its risk and return behaviors. And when key factors are combined, they have the potential to outperform the broader market and lower overall risk.

#### Research team

- Over 90 quantitative investment professionals across equity, fixed income, and asset allocation
- 50+ years of quantitative investment experience at Fidelity

#### **Tools and resources**

- 3,000+ equity and fixed income characteristics in the research library
  - Style factors
  - Macro factors
- Custom, proprietary risk-management tools

#### **Factor-based strategies**

- 13 Equity ETFs\* and 2 Fixed Income ETFs with \$4.3B in assets under management
- Over 70 proprietary factor indexes with indexes supporting ETFs and mutual funds
- Single factor and multifactor active investment capabilities with \$3.9B across retail and institutional assets
- 9 dedicated factor funds within managed accounts with \$36.4B in assets under management

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Asset Data as of 3/31/2023

\* Fund count data as of 3/31/2023

For illustrative purposes only.



# Diversification

Certain factors have tended to perform well in varying market environments and no one factor outperforms all the time, so combining factors may provide diversification benefits.

# **Combination of six key factors**

Supported by years of academic research and empirical data, six equity factor indices were combined to create the Fidelity Multifactor Yield Index 5% ER. Each factor and weighting was chosen with the goal of enhancing returns, managing risk, and targeting specific outcomes.

#### Factors within the Fidelity Multifactor Yield Index 5% ER

	Value	Momentum	Dividend yield	Quality	Low volatility	Size	
What it is	Securities that are inexpensive relative to fundamentals	Positively trending securities	Securities that pay higher dividends	Financially healthy companies	Lower-risk securities	Smaller, potentially more agile companies	
Underlying index name	Fidelity U.S. Value Factor Index <sup>SM</sup> <b>(FIDUSVLT)</b>	Fidelity U.S. Momentum Factor Index <sup>sM</sup> <b>(FIDUSMOT)</b>	Fidelity High Dividend Index <sup>sM</sup> (FIDUSCDT)	Fidelity U.S.  Quality Factor  Index <sup>SM</sup> <b>(FIDUSQLT)</b>	Fidelity U.S. Low Volatility Factor Index <sup>sM</sup> (FIDUSLVT)	Fidelity Small-Mid Factor Index <sup>sm</sup> <b>(FIDUSSMT)</b>	

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## Factors can provide diversification

Factors have been shown to enhance portfolios over time, but no single factor works all the time. Since factors are not highly correlated with each other, they may perform differently in varying environments, which could allow consumers to benefit from diversification.

# Hypothetical annual returns of factor strategies versus the broader market - 2003–2022

2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	20 year return (2003-2022)
<b>61.60</b> Size	<b>24.98</b> Value	<b>15.20</b> Momentum	<b>20.62</b> Dividend Yield	<b>14.17</b> Momentum	<b>-28.90</b> Low Vol	<b>113.33</b> Size	<b>28.02</b> Size	<b>5.64</b> Low Vol	<b>19.57</b> Size	<b>40.77</b> Momentum	<b>14.49</b> Low Vol	<b>3.12</b> Low Vol	<b>26.31</b> Dividend Yield	21.81 Momentum	<b>-1.16</b> Low Vol	<b>30.89</b> Low Vol	20.55 Momentum	<b>31.46</b> Dividend Yield	<b>1.60</b> Dividend Yield	<b>11.63</b> Dividend Yield
<b>56.39</b> Value	<b>21.92</b> Dividend Yield	<b>11.84</b> Value	<b>17.57%</b> Value	<b>10.07</b> Quality	<b>-42.12</b> Russell 1000	<b>72.25</b> Dividend Yield	<b>27.86</b> Momentum	<b>2.86</b> Dividend Yield	<b>19.15</b> Momentum	<b>40.36</b> Size	13.44 Dividend Yield	1.78 Momentum	<b>23.82</b> Size	<b>21.40</b> Quality	<b>-5.75</b> Momentum	<b>29.89</b> Quality	<b>15.88</b> Russell 1000	<b>29.27</b> Value	<b>-3.80</b> Low Vol	<b>11.24</b> Quality
<b>43.38</b> Russell 1000	<b>21.72</b> Quality	10.86 Quality	<b>16.00</b> Quality	<b>2.72</b> Russell 1000	<b>-42.33</b> Quality	<b>71.46</b> Value	<b>26.15</b> Value	1.15 Quality	<b>18.97</b> Value	<b>38.95</b> Value	<b>12.81</b> Value	<b>-3.81</b> Russell 1000	<b>21.33</b> Value	<b>18.71</b> Russell 1000	<b>-7.96</b> Dividend Yield	<b>29.16</b> Russell 1000	<b>12.60</b> Size	<b>27.24</b> Quality	<b>-6.38</b> Value	<b>11.22</b> Low Vol
<b>42.93</b> Momentum	<b>21.25</b> Size	<b>9.79</b> Russell 1000	<b>15.57</b> Low Vol	<b>2.13</b> Low Vol	-43.46 Dividend Yield	<b>53.84</b> Russell 1000	<b>24.28</b> Russell 1000	<b>-2.22</b> Russell 1000	<b>17.68</b> Russell 1000	<b>36.47</b> Russell 1000	11.28 Quality	<b>-4.87</b> Quality	<b>16.62</b> Low Vol	<b>17.57</b> Low Vol	<b>-8.09</b> Quality	<b>28.24</b> Dividend Yield	<b>12.47</b> Quality	<b>24.01</b> Low Vol	<b>-7.40</b> Quality	<b>10.83</b> Value
40.51 Dividend Yield	<b>18.99</b> Momentum	<b>7.78</b> Size	<b>14.97</b> Russell 1000	<b>-4.50</b> Size	<b>-43.77</b> Momentum	<b>49.38</b> Quality	23.83 Dividend Yield	<b>-3.24</b> Value	<b>16.89</b> Quality	<b>35.21</b> Quality	<b>10.86</b> Russell 1000	<b>-7.26</b> Dividend Yield	<b>15.28</b> Russell 1000	<b>15.51</b> Value	<b>-9.10</b> Russell 1000	28.14 Momentum	<b>7.63</b> Dividend Yield	<b>22.34</b> Russell 1000	-11.14 Momentum	<b>10.71</b> Russell 1000
<b>36.06</b> Quality	<b>18.98</b> Low Vol	<b>7.21</b> Low Vol	<b>14.26</b> Size	<b>-6.18</b> Dividend Yield	<b>-47.90</b> Value	<b>23.21</b> Low Vol	<b>21.93</b> Quality	<b>-3.51</b> Momentum	<b>16.03</b> Low Vol	<b>33.17</b> Low Vol	<b>9.89</b> Momentum	<b>-7.55</b> Value	11.23 Quality	<b>14.24</b> Dividend Yield	<b>-14.87</b> Size	<b>26.11</b> Size	<b>6.37</b> Low Vol	<b>19.78</b> Size	<b>-12.91</b> Russell 1000	<b>10.54</b> Size
<b>28.42</b> Low Vol	<b>18.44</b> Russell 1000	<b>3.56</b> Dividend Yield	<b>9.94</b> Momentum	<b>-6.86</b> Value	<b>-48.40</b> Size	<b>20.20</b> Momentum	<b>18.52</b> Low Vol	<b>-8.65</b> Size	<b>14.44</b> Dividend Yield	<b>29.14</b> Dividend Yield	<b>6.75</b> Size	<b>-11.50</b> Size	<b>7.51</b> Momentum	<b>12.37</b> Size	<b>-15.88</b> Value	<b>25.55</b> Value	<b>3.07</b> Value	<b>19.53</b> Momentum	<b>-16.47</b> Size	<b>10.53</b> Momentum

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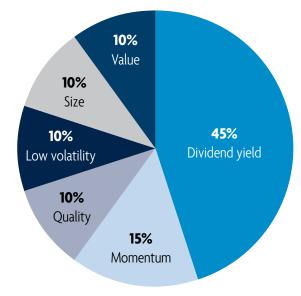
Past performance is not guarantee of future results. Methodology: All factor portfolio returns shown are equal-weighted and sector neutral. Factor portfolios and indexes assume the reinvestment of dividends and exclude fees and other implementation costs. Russell 1000 Index is equal-weighted. Size (small cap) returns are annualized returns of the equal-weighted bottom quintile (by market capitalization) of the Russell 1000 Index. Value composite returns shown are annualized returns of a combined average ranking of stocks in the equal-weighted top quintile (by book/price ratio) and stocks in the top quintile (by earnings yield) of the Russell 1000 Index. Momentum returns are annualized returns of the equal weighted top quintile (by trailing 12-month returns) of the Russell 1000 Index. Quality returns are annualized returns of the equal-weighted top quintile (by return on equity) of the Russell 1000 Index. Return on equity is a measure of profitability that calculates how many dollars of profit a company generates with each dollar of shareholder's equity. Low-volatility returns are annualized returns of the equal-weighted bottom quintile (by standard deviation of weekly price returns) of the Russell 1000 Index. Standard deviation is a measure of return dispersion. A portfolio with a lower standard deviation exhibits less return volatility. Dividend yield returns are annualized returns of the equal-weighted top quintile (by dividend yield) of the Russell 1000 Index.

Diversification does not ensure a profit or guarantee against a loss.

# Weighted to enhance income potential

A portfolio of six equity factors weighted with a tilt toward dividend yield may produce higher returns than an equally weighted portfolio, while still providing the benefits of diversification with exposure to the other factors.

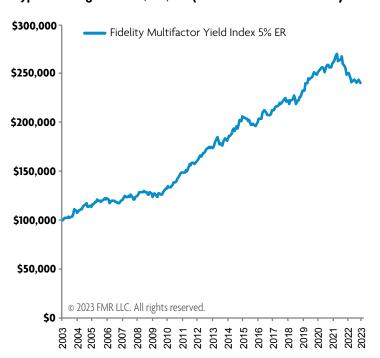
The Fidelity Multifactor Yield 5% ER works to optimize income potential by applying fixed weights to six Fidelity factor indices.



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# This potential to produce higher returns can be seen in the hypothetical growth chart below.

#### Hypothetical growth of \$100,000 (March 2003 — March 2023)



March 2003 — March 2023	Fidelity Multifactor Yield Index 5% ER							
Annualized Return	4.47%							
Annualized Volatility	4.85%							
Sharpe Ratio	0.66							
Annualized Returns								
YTD	1.42%							
1-Year	-5.78%							
5-Year	1.67%							
7-Year	2.44%							
10-Year	2.94%							
20-Year	4.47%							

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Source: Fidelity Investments, Morningstar Direct, for the period 6/30/2003 to 3/31/2023. **Past performance is not a guarantee of future results. For the most recent performance date see go.fidelity.com/FIDMFY.** 

Fidelity Multifactor Yield Index 5% ER Index inception was 12/11/19. Returns of the Fidelity Multifactor Yield Index 5% ER prior to inception represent hypothetical pre-inception index performance (PIP), and returns for time frames after this date reflect actual index performance. PIP is based on criteria applied retroactively with the benefit of hindsight and knowledge of factors that may have positively affected performance. Actual performance of the index may vary significantly from PIP data. The level of the Fidelity Multifactor Yield Index 5% ER is calculated on an excess return basis (net of a notional financing cost) and reflects the daily deduction of a fee of 0.50% per annum. The fee is not related to the annuity. The hypothetical performance information presented herein does not reflect fees and expenses that an investor would pay in a fixed index annuity. It is not possible to invest directly in an index. All market indices are unmanaged. Not intended to represent the performance of any fixed index annuity.

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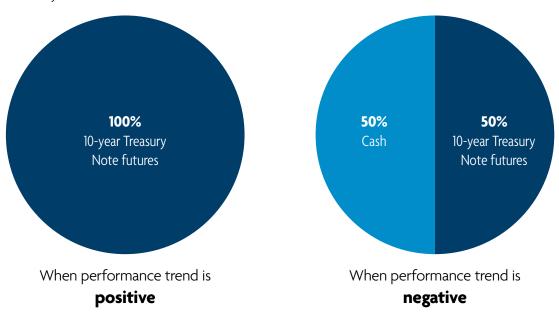
# Consistency

Volatility control in addition to the combination of factors may achieve performance consistency in various market conditions.



# Targets a specific volatility

The Fidelity Multifactor Yield Index 5% ER applies a fixed income overlay to help achieve a 5% volatility target. To manage to this target, it allocates between 10-year treasury futures and cash based on the performance trend in the prior three months, and adjusts allocations daily.



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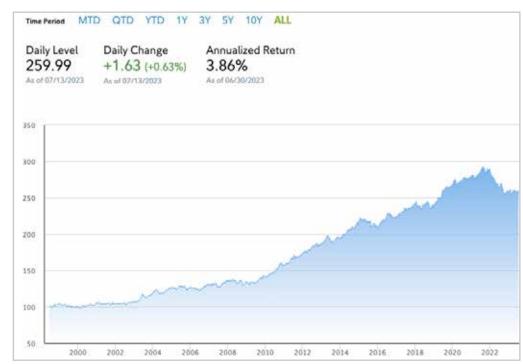
This volatility control mechanism, along with the combination of factors, can help the Multifactor Yield Index 5% ER achieve performance consistency in various market conditions.

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Want to see how the Fidelity Multifactor Yield Index 5% ER performs over time? Visit the index website to view...

#### **Performance**

Daily levels, daily changes, and cumulative returns for multiple time periods.



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