

## Dimensional US Foundations Index

Pursue growth with targeted volatility using  
a strong foundation of rigorous research





## What is the Dimensional US Foundations Index?

The Dimensional US Foundations Index is a diversified index of equities, fixed income and commodities that uses a scientific, research-driven approach to pursue higher growth with more consistent volatility. This approach draws on decades of financial research by some of the world's most prominent economists, including a number of Nobel Prize winners.

The Index is available in The Power Series of Index Annuities<sup>®</sup> issued by American General Life Insurance Company.

### Understanding a Fixed Index Annuity

A Fixed Index Annuity (FIA) is a contract issued by an insurance company that is designed for asset accumulation and retirement income. It is not a direct investment in the stock market and works in two stages:

**Accumulation:** The FIA provides you with the opportunity to earn interest based in part on the performance of a particular index like the Dimensional US Foundations Index. A fixed account is also available that can guarantee interest for a specific period of time.

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# Benefit from a dynamic, research-driven approach

The Dimensional US Foundations Index (the “Index”) seeks growth with targeted volatility based on scientific research and sound investment principles, not speculation.

## The Dimensional US Foundations Index is:

- 1 Backed by financial science**

The Index draws on insights from decades of academic and empirical research by some of the greatest minds in financial science, including Nobel laureates Eugene Fama and Robert Merton, to target factors that drive outperformance in financial markets.
- 2 Designed to pursue growth with targeted volatility**

Quantitative rules are used to systematically pursue growth within equities, fixed income and commodities while maintaining volatility at a target level of 5%.
- 3 Built with richer, deeper data**

Better inputs can lead to better outcomes. Rather than rely on one source or type of data, the Index uses a powerful combination of industry-leading volatility metrics from Dimensional Fund Advisors and Salt Financial, a premier provider of index and risk management solutions, to dynamically respond to changes in the market.

### What are volatility metrics?

Volatility is the degree of fluctuation in the returns of securities like stocks or bonds. Volatility metrics are measures or indicators that may provide insight into how securities have performed in the past and where they might be headed in the future.

# 1 Backed by financial science

The Index was created by Dimensional Fund Advisors (“Dimensional”), a leading asset management firm known for its scientific approach to investing. Dimensional’s approach is grounded in academic theory and in-depth research with close ties to some of the world’s foremost economists, including four winners of the Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences.

## A heritage of Nobel Prize-winning research



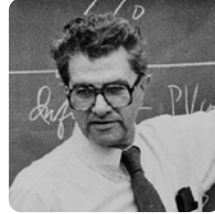
**Eugene Fama**  
University of Chicago

**Nobel Laureate, 2013**  
Efficient Markets Hypothesis



**Robert Merton**  
MIT

**Nobel Laureate, 1997**  
Options Pricing Model



**Merton Miller**  
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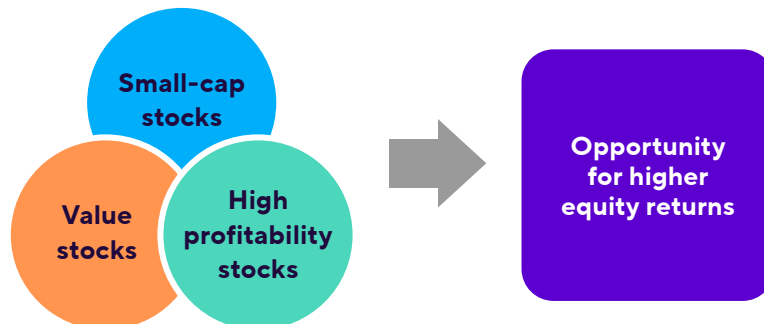
## Focus on what drives returns over time

The Index builds on insights and perspectives from decades of academic research, including work informed by the studies of Nobel laureates Eugene Fama and Robert Merton, to identify and target the key drivers of performance across its equity, fixed income, and commodity positions.

### Equity component

## Emphasizes small-cap, value and high profitability stocks

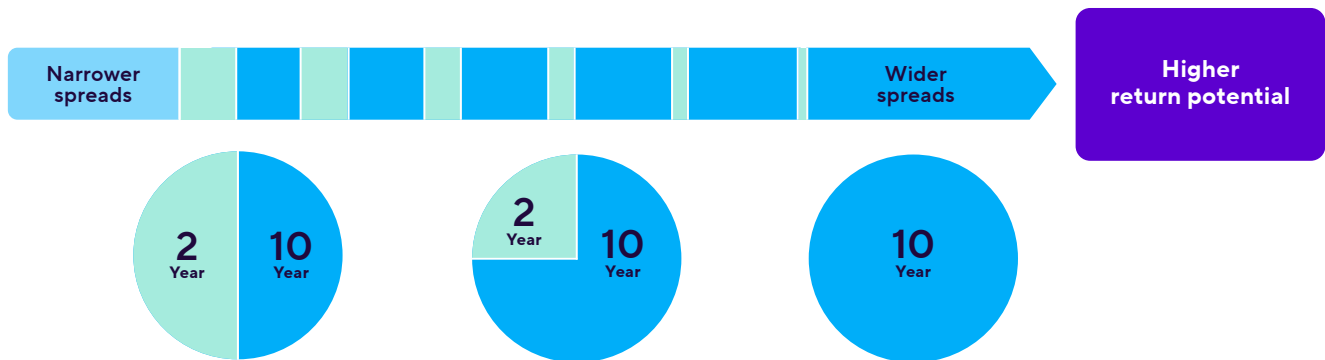
Detailed research by Dimensional and other scholars has shown that some types of stocks perform better than others. In fact, small-cap, value and high profitability stocks tend to provide higher average returns than the overall stock market.<sup>1</sup> The Index is designed to put emphasis on these stocks in a broadly diversified manner to help improve returns.



## Fixed income component

### Looks for widening yield spreads

Dimensional's studies have shown that longer-term bonds generally provide higher returns than shorter-term bonds. This performance gap tends to increase when the "term spread," or the difference in yield between longer- and shorter-term bonds, widens. Applying this research, the fixed income component of the Index provides exposure to a combination of 2- and 10-year Treasury bonds. As the term spread widens, the Index increases exposure to 10-year Treasury bonds to target higher returns.



## Commodity component

### Evaluates changes in the price of commodity futures

Through its research, Dimensional has found that differences in commodity futures prices over varying time horizons, as well as across different commodities, can be used to identify commodity investments with the opportunity for higher expected returns. The commodity component of the Index puts this research to work across over 20 different types of commodities to target higher returns.<sup>2</sup>

#### What are commodity futures?

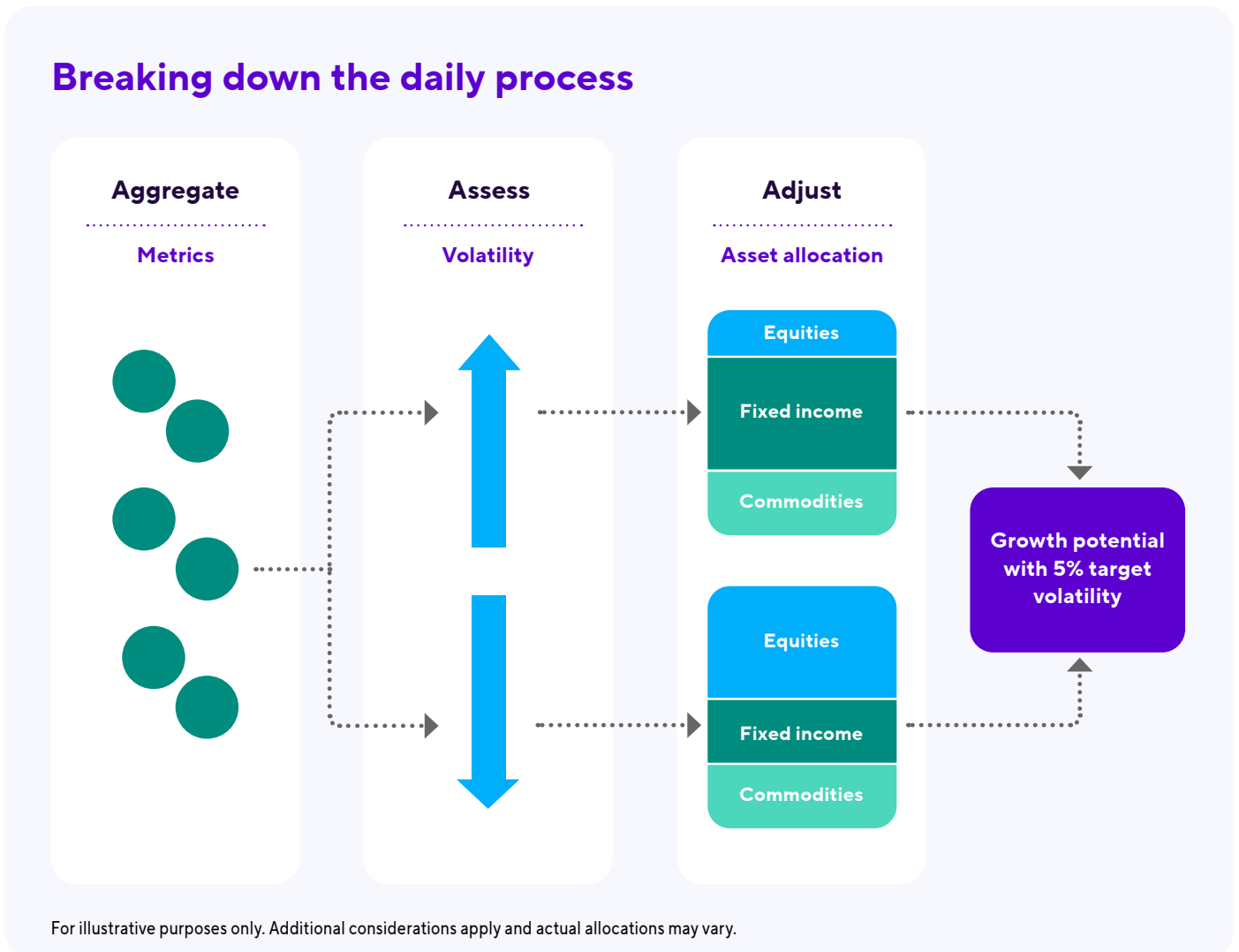
Commodity futures are financial contracts that allow an individual or institution to buy or sell commodities at a future date and price. Commodities include oil and natural gas, agricultural products, metals, and livestock.

<sup>1</sup>Profitability is a measure of current profitability based on information from individual companies' income statements.

<sup>2</sup>Number of commodity types is as of June 30, 2022 and subject to change.

## 2 Designed to pursue growth with targeted volatility

The Index uses a systematic, rules-based process to translate robust volatility metrics into asset allocation decisions across equities, fixed income, and commodities. The following graphic helps illustrate how this works. Volatility and correlation metrics are analyzed to assess the levels and direction of volatility, as well as how the three asset classes are moving in relation to each other. Allocations across the various components of the Index are then adjusted in a controlled and transparent manner to provide growth potential with a target volatility level of 5%.

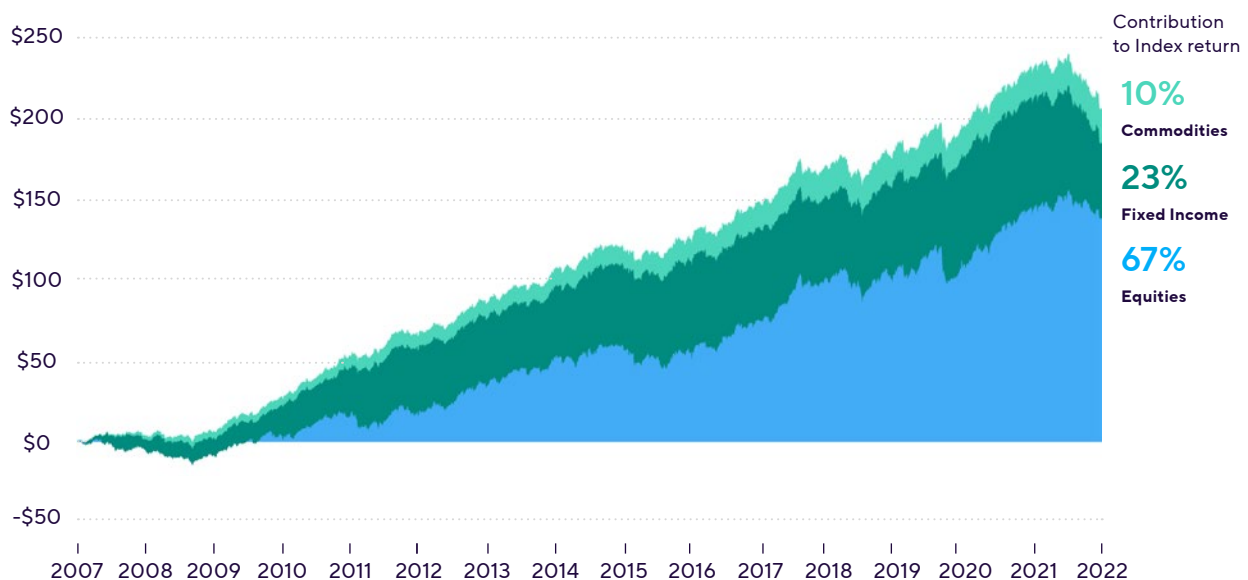


## See the potential impact of a balanced approach

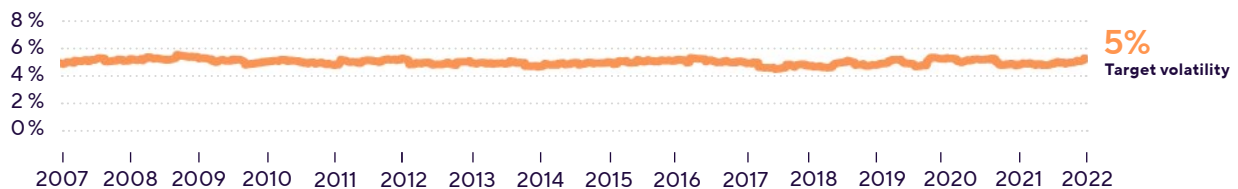
The hypothetical charts below show how the Index would have performed if it had existed over the last 15 years ended June 30, 2022. The Index would have gained more than 200%, with equities, fixed income and commodities contributing 67%, 23% and 10% respectively to overall performance. At the same time, annual volatility would have remained consistently around the target level of 5%.

### Putting it all together

Hypothetical growth of the Index, 6/30/07 – 6/30/22



Volatility based on 1-year rolling returns, 6/30/07 – 6/30/22



Hypothetical example for illustrative purposes only

Source: Dimensional, 2022. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. The Dimensional US Foundations Index has been retrospectively calculated and did not exist prior to the index inception date of 9/30/22. Accordingly, results shown during the periods prior to the index inception date do not represent actual returns of the Index. Other periods selected may have different results, including losses. Backtested index performance is hypothetical and is provided for informational purposes only to indicate historical performance had the Index been calculated over the relevant time periods. Backtested performance results assume the reinvestment of dividends and capital gains.

The above chart does not reflect the amount of interest credited to an index annuity or the impact of any index annuity fees, charges or withdrawals during this time period. Actual results for a specific insurance contract would depend on the crediting strategy chosen and the cap (the maximum amount of the positive movement of an index that is used to calculate interest) or participation rate (the percentage of the positive movement of an index that is used to calculate interest) for the time period(s) shown, as well as any contractual fees, charges or withdrawals. If caps or participation rates, or any index annuity fees, charges or withdrawals were included, the returns shown would be lower. Interest earned in an index annuity will never be less than zero in flat or down markets; contract value will decline due to withdrawals and/or fees.

### 3 Built with richer, deeper data

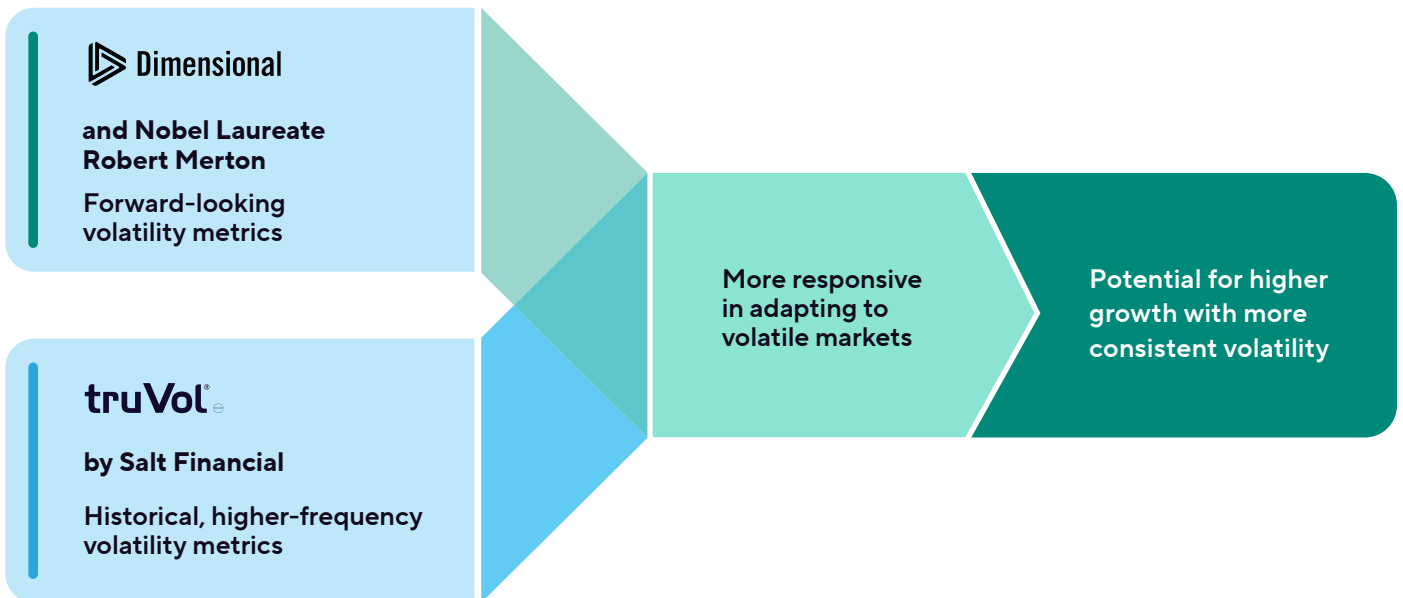
The Index is designed to adapt to changes in volatility. To do so effectively, the quality of inputs plays a critical role. Unlike some indices that rely on limited or static data, the Index uses a full range of volatility metrics from two industry-leading sources to help adjust allocations:

- **Forward-looking volatility metrics** based on research conducted by Dimensional’s team of expert analysts, including Nobel laureate Robert Merton, Resident Scientist of the firm.
- **Historical volatility metrics** from Salt Financial’s truVol® Risk Control Engine. This patent-pending tool offers higher-frequency data than traditional risk management solutions.

These volatility metrics allow the Index to make more dynamic, informed decisions on a daily basis, helping it to quickly adapt to sudden downturns or volatile events.

## Dynamically built for greater responsiveness and higher return potential

### Dimensional US Foundations Index



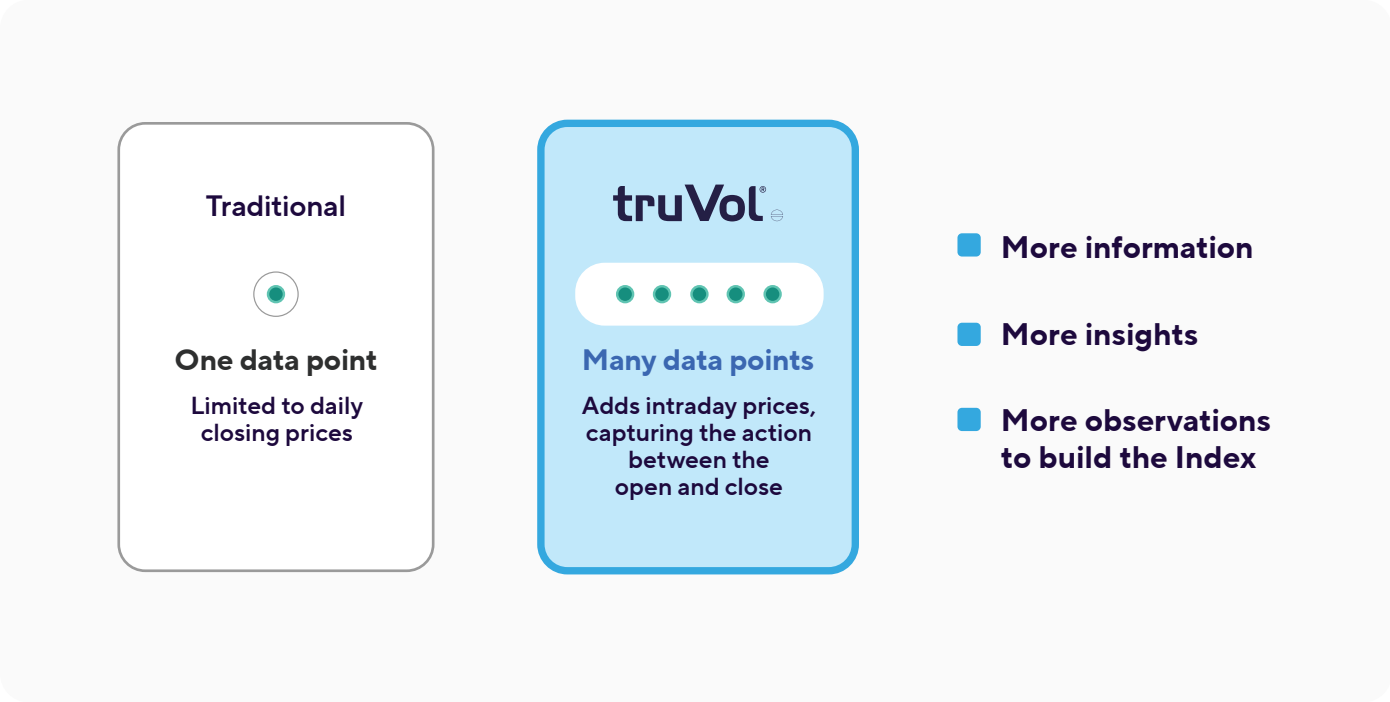


# The value of combining forward-looking and historical metrics

Dimensional believes that market prices contain all relevant information necessary to make intelligent asset allocation decisions. Dimensional uses the market prices of equity and bond options, as well as commodity futures, to glean up-to-date information about the future volatility expectations of market participants. These forward-looking volatility metrics are then combined with historical volatility metrics to provide a more complete view of market trends and help the Index adjust allocations for potentially better outcomes.

## What makes truVol® different

When it comes to historical volatility metrics, not all inputs are created equal. The Index uses the truVol® Risk Control Engine from Salt Financial to provide state-of-the-art volatility metrics. While many volatility metrics rely on one data point each day, the truVol® Risk Control Engine uses higher-frequency intraday data to provide a more comprehensive picture of historical volatility and trends.



# Dimensional at a glance

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Investment  
philosophy

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Global  
offices

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Years since  
founding

\$575B

Firmwide assets  
under management

## A different investment approach

- **Some managers** aim to match index returns, accepting portfolio management and trading constraints that can increase costs.
- **Other managers** may rely on predictions or backtested simulations to find mispriced securities or to time markets.
- **Dimensional** believes investors can have a successful investment experience without having to outguess the market. The firm trusts market prices and applies a scientific, transparent, and process-driven investment approach to pursue higher expected returns.

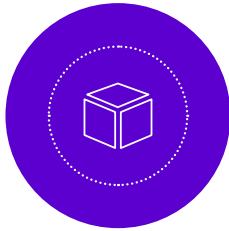
## Applying financial science to investing

- Dimensional has forged deep working relationships with top academics in finance.
- Nobel laureate Robert Merton is a Resident Scientist of the firm.
- Nobel laureate Eugene Fama, fellow researcher Kenneth French, and other leading academics are directors and consultants to the firm.
- A scientific perspective guides the firm's culture, philosophy, and investment approach.

*"Dimensional applies the same type of rigor that you expect to see in scientific investigation."*

**-Robert Merton**

Nobel laureate, 1997 • Professor, MIT  
Resident Scientist, Dimensional

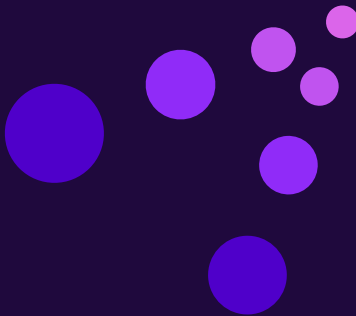


## **Dimensional US Foundations Index**

**Uses a dynamic, research-driven approach to help  
you generate growth with targeted volatility**

**Contact your financial professional or agent to learn more**

**Action** is everything.



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