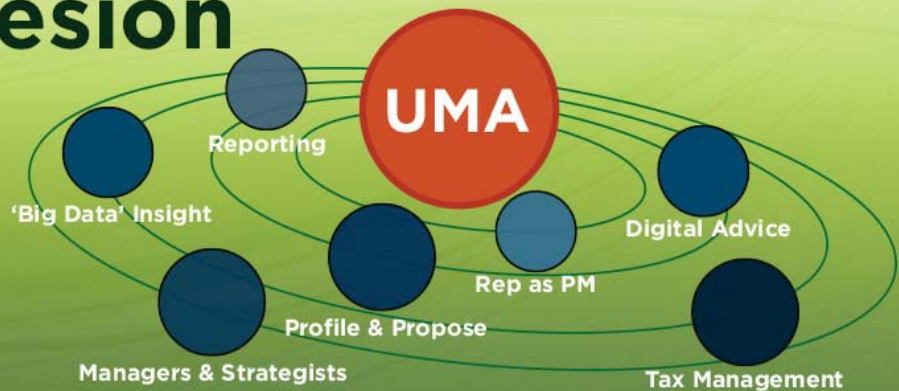


# UMAs by Adhesion

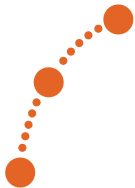
## The Power of One

UMAs by Adhesion creates one integrated outsourced solution powering Your exceptional experience to clients



## UMAs are a Powerful Delivery Vehicle for Advisor-Directed Investing

- **One Account** - Implement a full allocation strategy from manager portfolios, ETFs, and mutual funds
- **Flexibility** - Ease of strategy or manager adjustments; client-specific customizations
- **Tax Management** - Transition legacy holdings; ongoing liability reduction; consolidate 1099s
- **Deposits, Withdrawals, Rebalancing** - All made easier in single account, centrally managed



## Full Spectrum of Investment Choices

- **Managers and Strategists** - Select one from an extensive roster or blend together
- **Custom Allocations** - By advisor or home office; optional research support
- **Turnkey Programs** - Leverage leading industry investment researchers and OCIO providers
- **Low Cost ETF Portfolios** - Ideal solution for smaller and/ or price sensitive clients. "Robo-like" pricing



## Engage with Clients

- **Risk Profile & Propose** - Fully electronic workflow through client approval capture
- **Solution Options** - Client profiling, proposing and reporting; retirement income planning
- **Graphic-rich Performance Reports** - Projecting your brand and distinct image



## Administration made Easy

- **Dashboard and Analytics** - Transforms big data into actionable information
- **Adapts to your Organization's Structure** - Hierarchy and role-based access and workflow
- **Compliance** - Customizable monitoring tools; optional 'review and approve' workflows

## Who Is Adhesion Wealth Advisor Solutions?

- A **trusted partner** to RIAs, delivering their essential investment services.
- A personalized, open architecture **UMA platform**
- **100% RIA** focused. We believe in the RIA model.
- A synergy of **specialists & advanced technology**
- \$13 Billion AUA. Headquartered in Charlotte, NC

## Why Adhesion Works for RIAs

- **Responsive Service** - To you, so that you can deliver well for your clients
- **Flexibility & Customization** - We adapt to your approach with clients, without additional approvals or paperwork
- **Consultative Approach** - We jointly devise solutions, not sell product
- **Stellar Reputation** - For innovative technology and firm integrity

# Key Features

## Investment Program Options - Choice, Depth and Customization

### SUPPORTING A BROAD RANGE OF PORTFOLIO CONSTRUCTION TECHNIQUES

#### **Outsourced CIO Services** – Guided support for in-house capabilities

- Manager research & due diligence services from leading investment research specialists
- Turnkey UMA programs combining asset allocation, manager and vehicle selection

#### **Firm as PM** – Centralized construction of reusable allocation strategies

- Home office CIO staff creates standardized sets of asset allocation frameworks
- Build use case specific versions (e.g., by client size or taxable / non-taxable)
- Highly efficient – changes automatically cascade down to all assigned accounts

#### **Advisor as PM** – Decentralized, custom allocations for clients

- Blend ETFs, mutual funds, and 3rd party managers & strategists
- For a single account, or reusable across client base
- Home-office approved weight ranges can impose ‘guard rails’

#### **SMA Mode** – Access a single manager or strategist portfolio

- Access to hundreds of leading and boutique managers and strategists
- More convenient and cost effective than dual-contract platforms

#### **ETF Select** – Diversified, low-cost ETF portfolios from leading

- Total solution cost as low as 10 bps
- Ideal for smaller or price sensitive clients
- “Robo-like” pricing

BLACKROCK

Fortunatus

MORNINGSTAR

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HORIZON  
INVESTMENTS

Vanguard

## Active Tax Management - Adding value for clients through focus on improving ‘after tax’ returns

#### **Transition Service** – A Client Acquisition Tool

- A customized service that looks to reduce the overall taxable impact from shifting out of a legacy strategy with low basis holdings
- A methodical plan to limit tax liability over 2-3 years, staying within a specified gain budget

#### **Full Tax Overlay Service**

- Protecting low basis positions – flag as ‘do not sell’
- Intelligent gain deferrals
- Wash sale monitoring and deferrals
- Tax lot aware rebalancing, coordinating across managers
- Continual and on-demand loss harvesting, seek to neutralize gains

#### **Loss Harvesting Service**

- Scheduled, proactive loss harvesting. On-demand advisor requests
- Harvested proceeds placed in a class-aligned proxy for 31 days



Tax Transition Plan



Tax Burden  
Reduction Report

# Technology Options for Client Engagement

## Profiling and Proposing

- Risk Scored Proposal Wizard for Strategy Selection
- Proposal Package Generation
- Electronic Workflow for Client Approval and Enrollment



## Client Reporting

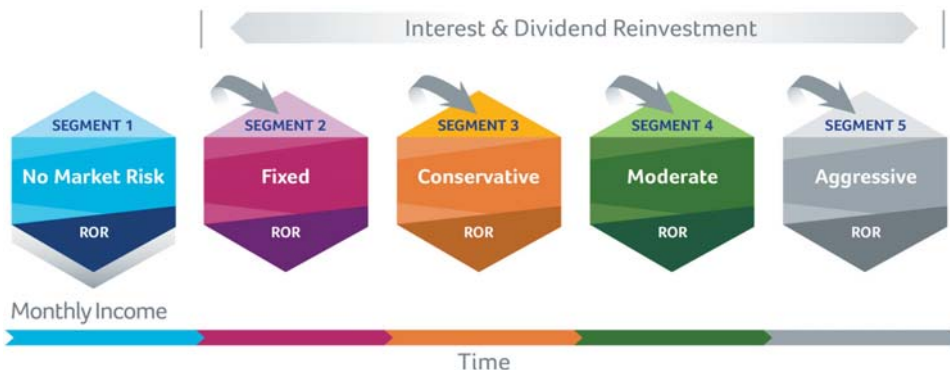
- Projecting your unique value and brand
- Clearly communicating the performance of your investment program
- Electronic delivery via branded online client portal



## Next Generation of Retirement Income Planning

### Segmented Plan Methodology

- Portfolio assets spread over timeframe-based segments (e.g., 0-5 years, 5-10 years,...)
- Each segment's investment strategy guided by a target rate of return



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# Sample Success Stories

## CPA Firm Affiliated Wealth Manager (\$1.2 Billion AUM)

Keywords: 'TAMP', 'Research', 'Manager Access',  
'Transitioning Taxable Accounts', 'UMAs'

### PAIN POINTS

- Current UMA platform not broadly embraced due to **high cost** and low perceived value.
- Need to create **differentiated services for HNW client base**.
- Clients' **sensitivity to incurring out sized taxable gains** impeded change and on-boarding of new business.

### WHY ADHESION WON THIS BUSINESS

- **Transition Service for taxable accounts** unshackled existing and new client assets. Transition plans define time frames, gain budgets, portfolio risk, and cost.
- **Fully integrated practice solution** provides scale to business and competitive differentiation for advisor teams.
- **UMA enabled portfolio construction**, replacing expensive mutual funds with separate account manager models.

## IBD with Fee-based Business (\$400 Million AUM)

Keywords: 'TAMP', 'Flexibility', 'Manager Access',  
'Client Segmentation', 'Legacy Client Assets'

### PAIN POINTS

- **Acquisition of current TAMP**. Unhappy with responsiveness and service model of new provider.
- **Growth by acquisition** of new advisor teams swamping internal operations staff.
- **Client billing** consumes internal staff for weeks.

### WHY ADHESION WON THIS BUSINESS

- **True scalability** for firm's business as they continue to add teams, with the flexibility to accommodate requirements of new advisors.
- Adhesion's client service **team streamlined client billing**. Fees received in few days instead of weeks.

## Multi-Family Office (\$3 Billion AUM)

Keywords: 'Client Reporting', 'Scalability',  
'Manager Access',  
'Transitioning Taxable Accounts', 'UMAs'

### PAIN POINTS

- **Need operational scalability** for planned expansion downstream from Ultra-HNW to very HNW clients.
- **Client assets locked up** in proprietary pooled vehicles and client-direct SMAs. Extremely difficult to effect allocation and manager changes.
- Maintenance of a **home grown system** for client reporting.

### WHY ADHESION WON THIS BUSINESS

- Adhesion's UMA a **superior delivery vehicle for manager access** to their proprietary pooled vehicles.
- **Transition Service for taxable accounts** unshackled existing and new client assets by minimizing the tax liability incurred from migrating to new managers.
- **Paperless proposal generation and approval workflow** facilitates acquiring client approvals.
- **Integrated client performance reporting** is allowing firm to retire their home-grown system.

## Wealth Manager (\$70 Million AUM)

Keywords: 'TAMP', 'Flexibility', 'Manager Access',  
'Client Segmentation', 'Legacy Client Assets'

### PAIN POINTS

- Current TAMP's technology seen as antiquated, along with their paper-based operations. Unaccommodating with legacy assets held by clients.

### WHY ADHESION WON THIS BUSINESS

- Adhesion's UMA platform provided all the **benefits of outsourced investment management** without the constraints of a traditional TAMP.
- Customizable service delivery allowed firm to achieve a long desired strategy for **client segmentation**, matching resources to relationship value. Freed up internal staff to focus on target segments.

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