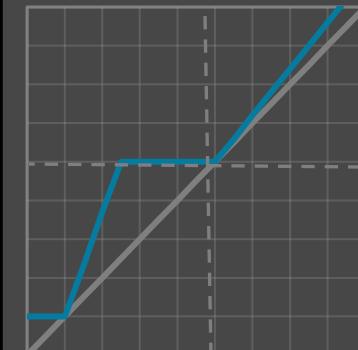
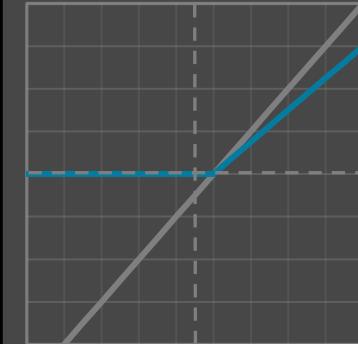
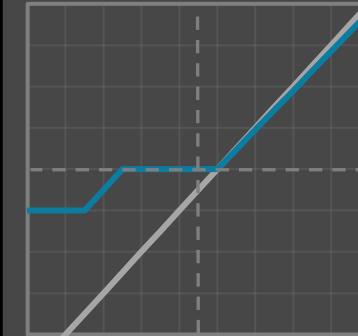


# The Four Seasons Signal Model from ZEGA Investments

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- ZEGA Investments - SEC Registered Investment Advisor effective 2024 Originally part of ZEGA Financial Founded in 2011
- ZEGA Investments AUM ~\$500M+ as of 12/31/24.
- Conservative market positioning that encompasses hedged equity, alternative income, alpha generation and more
- Authors of the best-seller<sup>1</sup> on hedged equity: *"Buy and Hedge: The 5 Iron Rules for Investing over the Long Term"*
- Established as a source for option insights on numerous financial media
- Host of the "Broken Pie Chart Podcast"



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*We combine over 140 years of trading experience with our passion to develop forward-thinking strategies that distinguish both our firm...and yours. Never forgetting our adherence to the strictest of ethical codes."*

Jay Pestrichelli, Founder & Executive Chairman

# Meet the ZEGA team

					
<b>Derek Moore</b> CEO   CIO	<b>Jay Pestrichelli</b> Executive Chairman	<b>Jillian Baker</b> Chief Operating Officer	<b>Mike Puck</b> Director of Business Development	<b>John McDevitt</b> Chief Compliance Officer	<b>Michael Snyder</b> Director of Trading
30 + years investment experience	27 years investment experience	20 years financial experience	19 years investment experience	25 years investment experience	15 years investment experience



*“Nothing differentiates a business more than the people who contribute to its success.”*

Jay Pestrichelli

						
<b>Shane Skinner</b> Trading Manager	<b>Soupy Chum</b> Operations Manager	<b>Therese Brader</b> Client Services Manager	<b>Lynn Pestrichelli</b> Marketing Manager	<b>Roman Ellefson</b> Business Development/Operations	<b>Mateni Yim</b> Performance/ Data Analyst	<b>Makai Elep</b> Institutional Relationship Manager
5 years investment experience	16 years financial experience	14 years client service experience	30 years marketing experience	4 years financial experience	1 year financial experience	5 years financial experience

# Projecting the market's next season

*Can a trading signal derived from options market data predict S&P 500 direction and range?*

- The protective, speculative, leveraged natures of equity option markets tell a story
- Traditionally represented by volatility indexes, ZEGA dove deeper; computing multiple iterations of macro equity market models over 9 years of data
- ZEGA identified 19 triggers that alone and in combination provide signals that project a change of season
- Seasonal signals project both the direction of the broad equity market and the potential range of any price movement
- Portfolios created to potentially capitalize on the identified current "season"

*Every day, on average, option trades command U.S. equity notional value in excess of:*

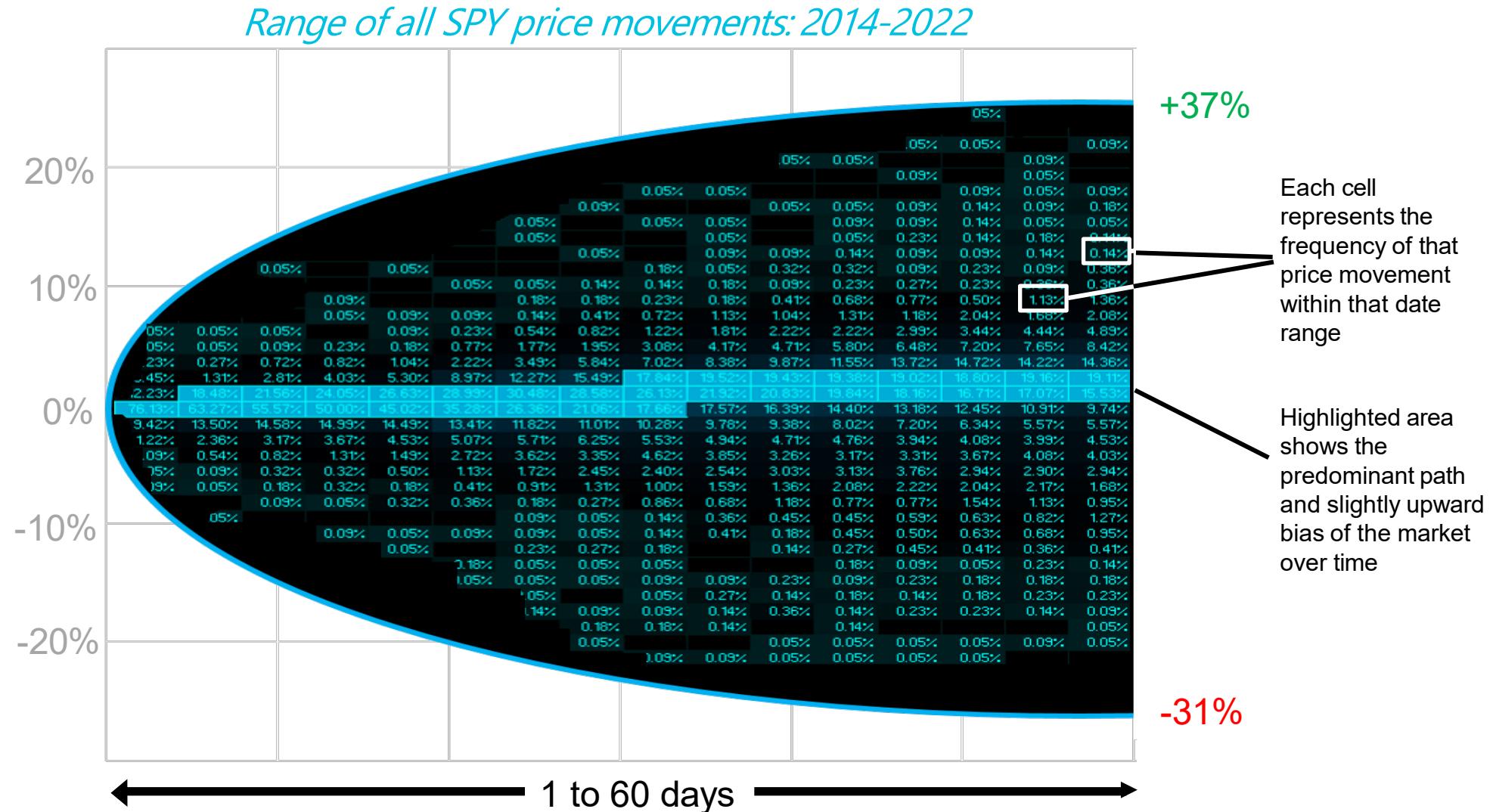
**\$55  
Billion\***

*\*CBOE April 2023*

*\$55 Billion x 250 trading days x 9 years = \$123.7 trillion of potential trading value signals*

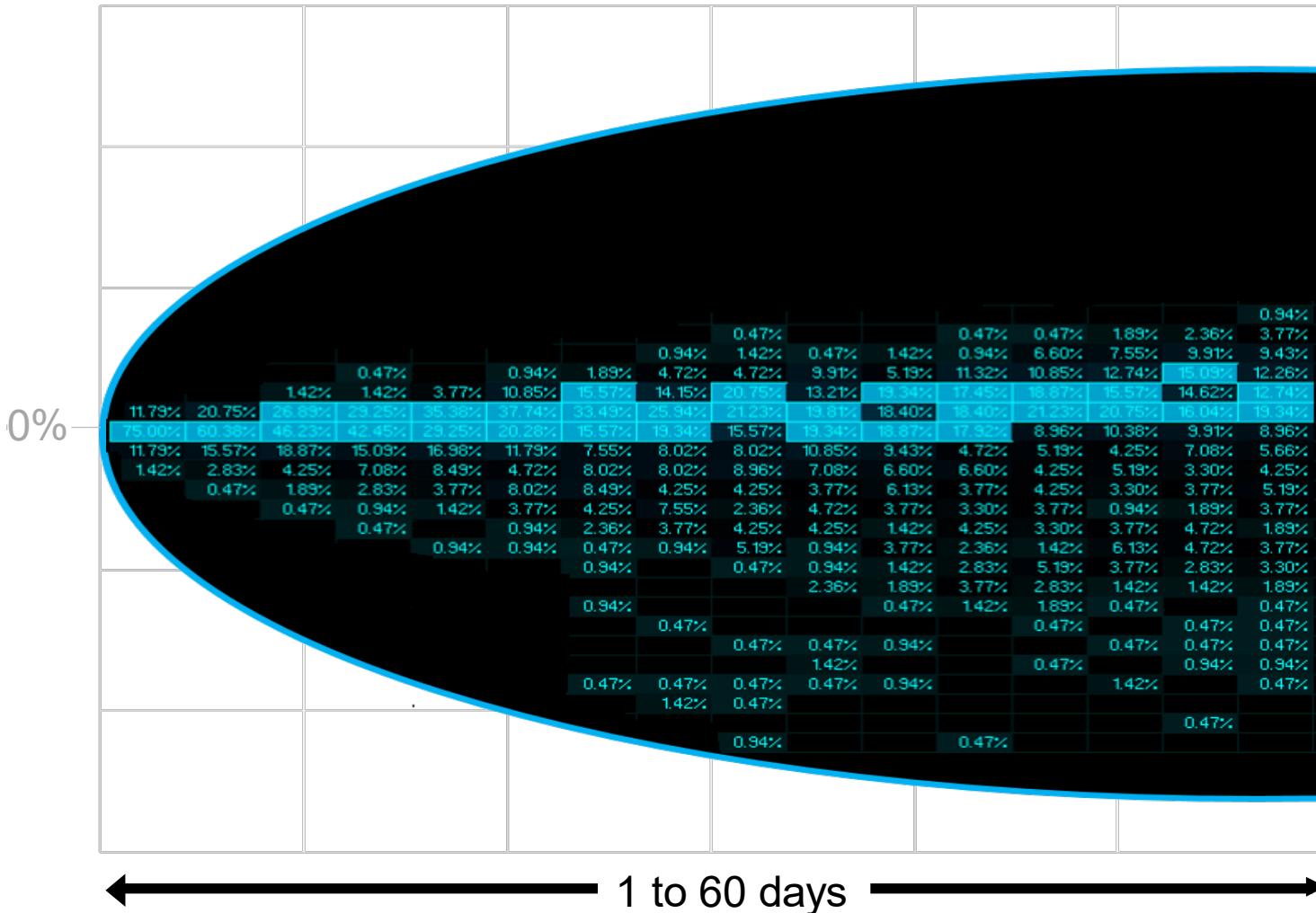
# The Four Seasons Signal Model

*Tells us where the market will trade within the overall expected range of the S&P 500*



# Bear Wide Season

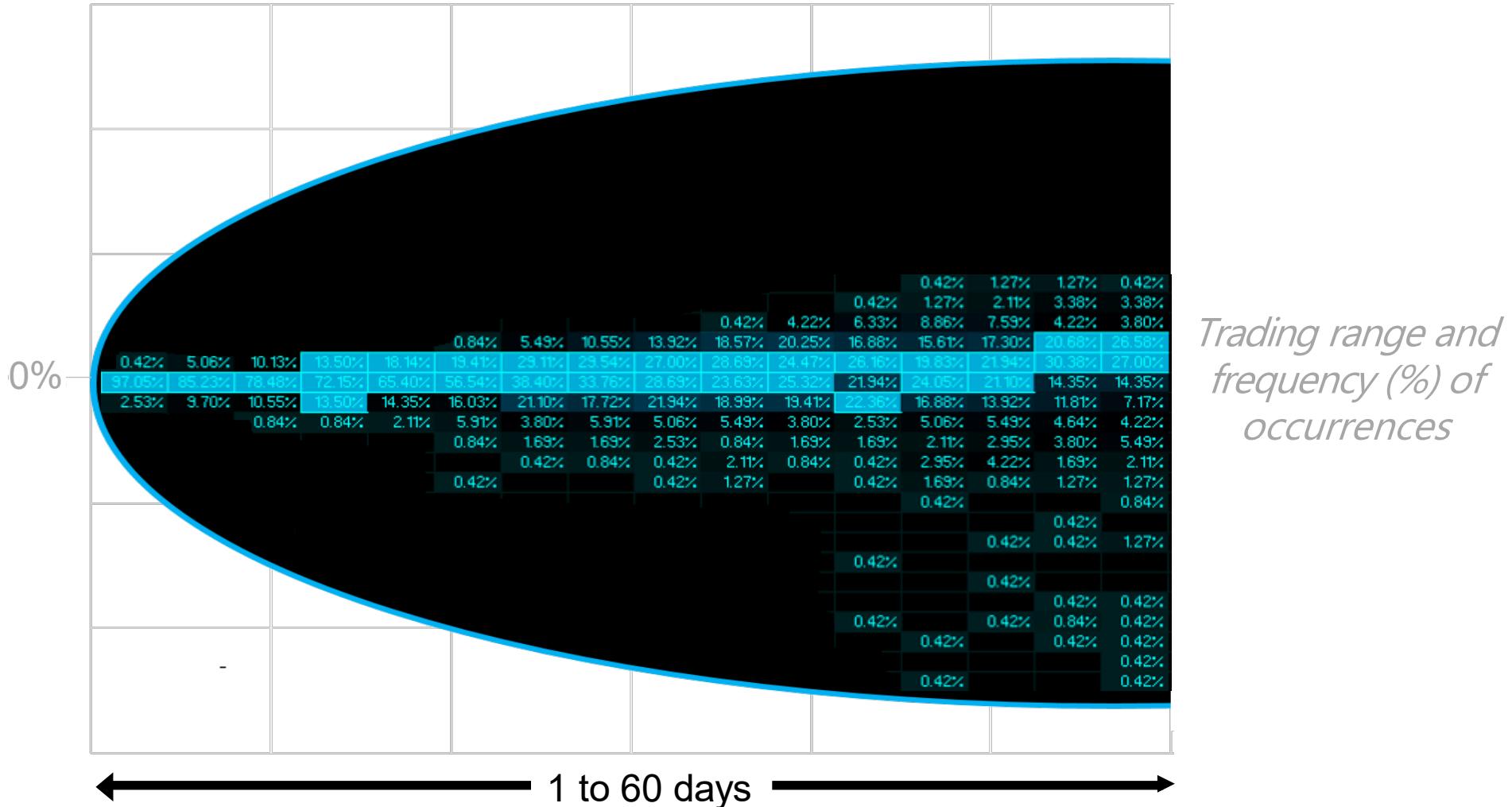
*Shows a broad range of returns. Areas of significant decline punctuate days 10 thru 60 with a flat directional bias overall.*



## *Trading range and frequency (%) of occurrences*

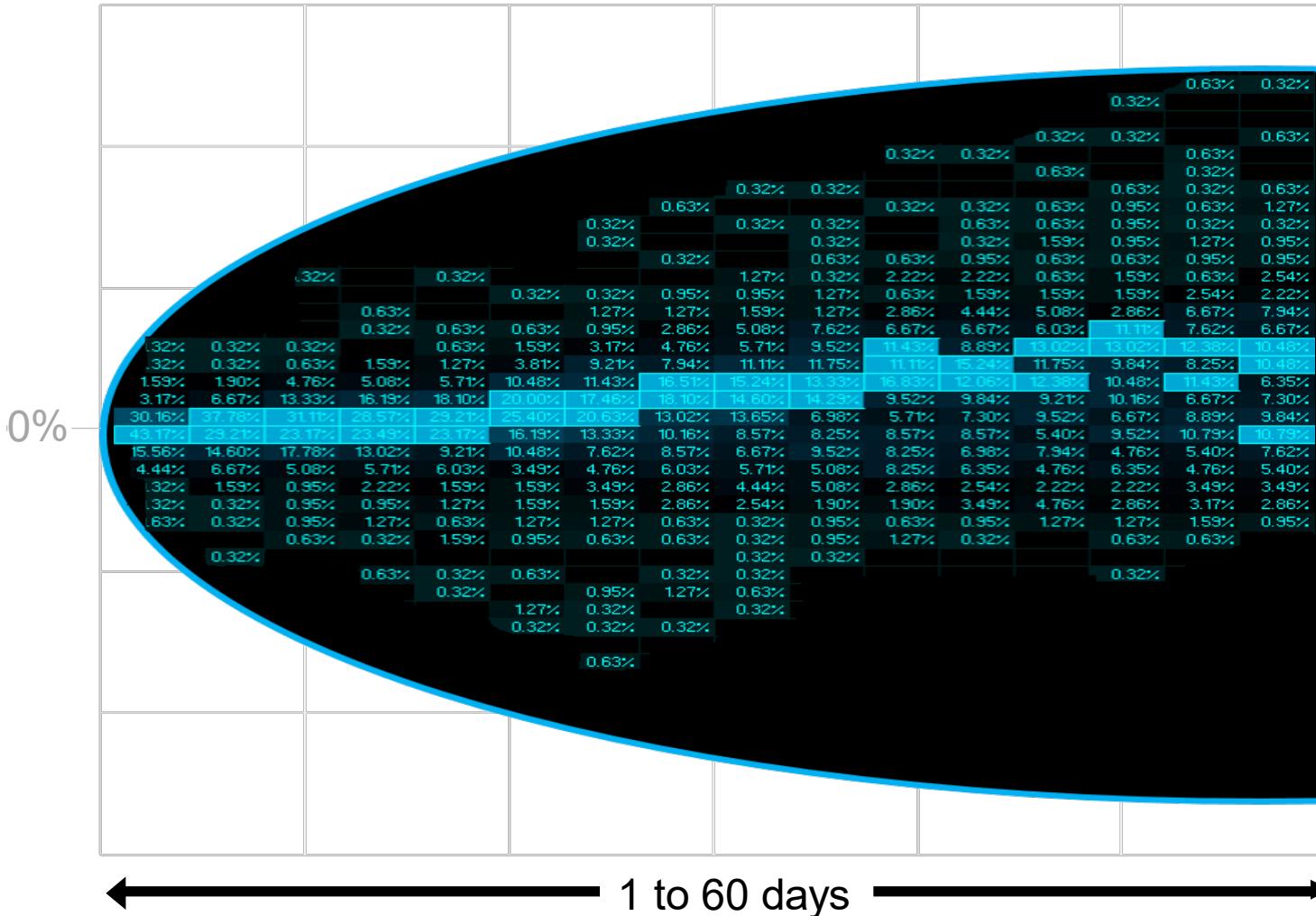
# Bear Narrow Season

*Shows a reduction in the magnitude of change, but still can experience significant declines nearing day 60*



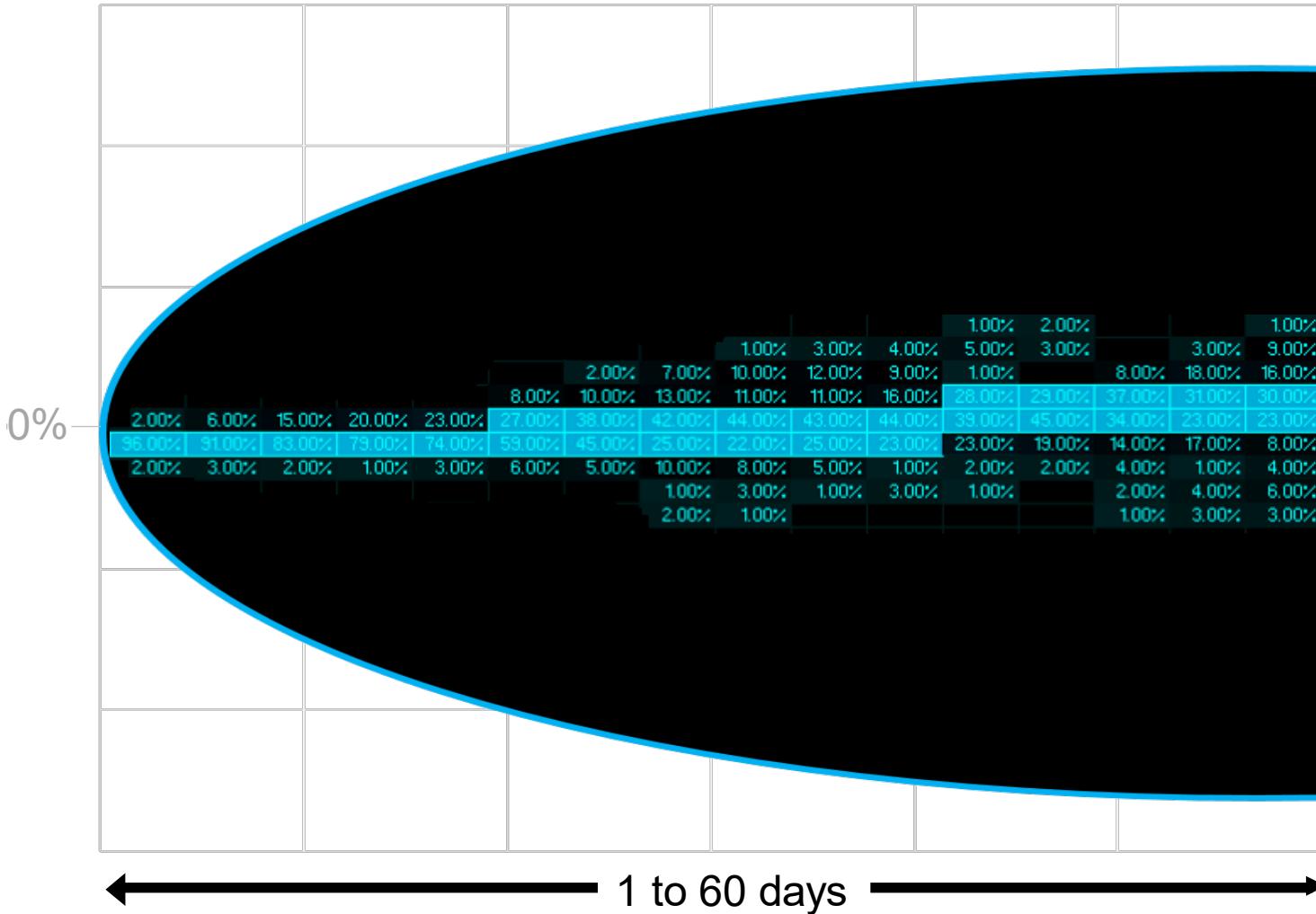
# Bull Wide Season

*Shows a wide range of movement with the bullish direction increasing over time*



# Bull Narrow season

*Shows a clear reduction in magnitude of market moves even over longer periods of time*



## *Trading range and frequency (%) of occurrences*

# Portfolios designed to capture the seasons

*Models vary exposure level to the broad equity market based on classic risk tolerance profiles*

Model	Bull Narrow	Bear Narrow	Bull Wide	Bear Wide
Aggressive	1x SPY	.5x SPY	2x SPY	-1.5 SPY
Moderate Aggressive	1x SPY	.5x SPY	1.5x SPY	-.5x SPY
Moderate	.65x SPY	.4x SPY	.75x SPY	-.3x SPY
Moderate Conservative	.4x SPY	.25x SPY	.6x SPY	-.25x SPY
Conservative	.25x SPY	.25x SPY	.35x SPY	-.15x SPY

# Four Seasons-Aggressive Through January 31, 2026

## Performance Statistics

	ZEGA Investments	S&P 500 Total Return
YTD Return	0.54%	1.45%
Ann Return: 1 year	9.26%	16.36%
Cumulative Return ITD	42.31%	88.84%
Annualized Volatility	16.85%	11.62%
Sharpe Ratio	0.48	1.55

## Cumulative Growth (since inception)



## Monthly Performance

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	YTD S&P 500 Total Return
2023	1.95%	4.33%	-10.73%	-1.69%	-0.09%	-7.93%	-3.92%	5.58%	5.35%	12.06%	-8.02%	3.17%	-2.42%	26.27%
2024	1.50%	2.10%	1.34%	-2.47%	3.60%	2.96%	1.15%	9.36%	1.30%	-0.81%	10.33%	-2.26%	30.95%	25.05%
2025	1.93%	-2.13%	-6.15%	-2.72%	9.55%	4.91%	0.36%	0.94%	1.80%	2.63%	0.19%	-0.21%	10.77%	17.89%
2026	0.54%												0.54%	1.45%

# Four Seasons-Moderate Aggressive Through January 31, 2026

## Performance Statistics

	ZEGA Investments	S&P 500 Total Return
YTD Return	1.00%	1.45%
Ann Return: 1 Year	8.64%	16.36%
Cumulative Return ITD	47.62%	88.84%
Annualized Volatility	10.71%	11.63%
Sharpe Ratio	0.92	1.56

## Cumulative Growth (since inception)



## Monthly Performance

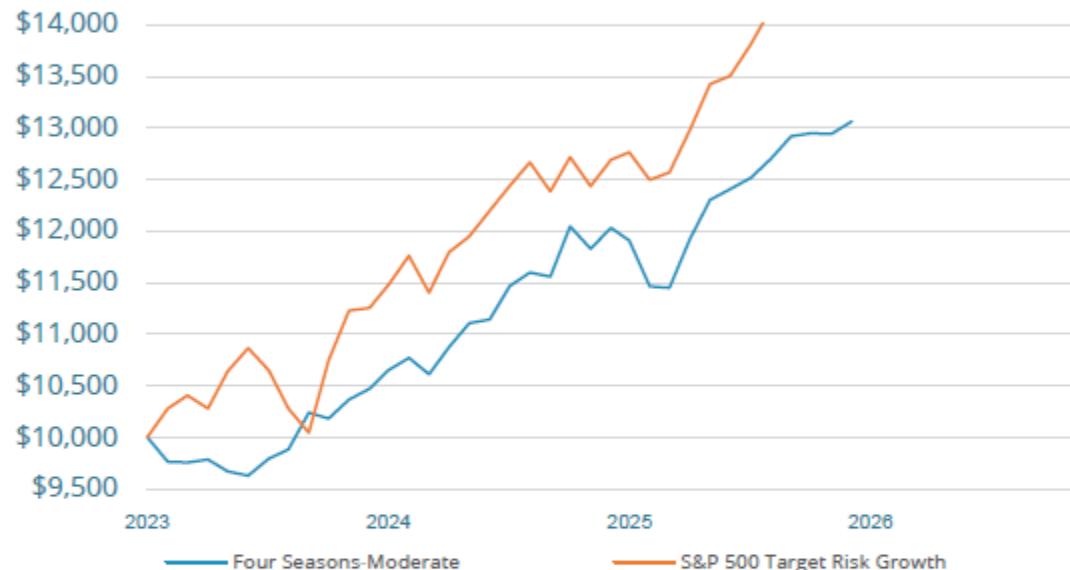
Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	YTD S&P 500 Total Return
2023	3.81%	1.28%	-4.68%	-0.36%	0.29%	-2.44%	-1.36%	2.52%	1.45%	6.21%	-1.28%	2.85%	8.09%	26.27%
2024	1.31%	2.06%	1.32%	-2.38%	3.35%	3.01%	0.16%	6.33%	1.35%	-0.86%	8.22%	-2.48%	22.96%	25.40%
2025	2.24%	-1.77%	-5.99%	-3.06%	7.77%	4.75%	1.02%	0.95%	1.76%	2.59%	0.18%	-0.21%	9.97%	17.89%
2026	1.00%												1.00%	1.45%

# Four Seasons-Moderate Through January 31, 2026

## Performance Statistics

	ZEGA Investments	S&P 500 Target Risk Growth
YTD Return	0.94%	2.04%
Ann Return: 1 Year	8.57%	16.56%
Cumulative Return ITD	30.61%	47.91%
Annualized Volatility	6.11%	7.93%
Sharpe Ratio	0.87	1.19

## Cumulative Growth (since inception)



## Monthly Performance

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	YTD S&P500 Target Risk Growth
2023			-2.39%	-0.07%	0.32%	-1.21%	-0.40%	1.71%	0.90%	3.63%	-0.56%	1.81%	3.67%	12.29%
2024	1.01%	1.71%	1.12%	-1.46%	2.45%	2.13%	0.34%	2.91%	1.12%	-0.34%	4.24%	-1.81%	14.09%	10.71%
2025	1.71%	-1.01%	-3.73%	-0.12%	4.12%	3.18%	0.83%	0.87%	1.48%	1.75%	0.21%	-0.05%	9.40%	16.60%
2026	0.94%												0.94%	2.04%

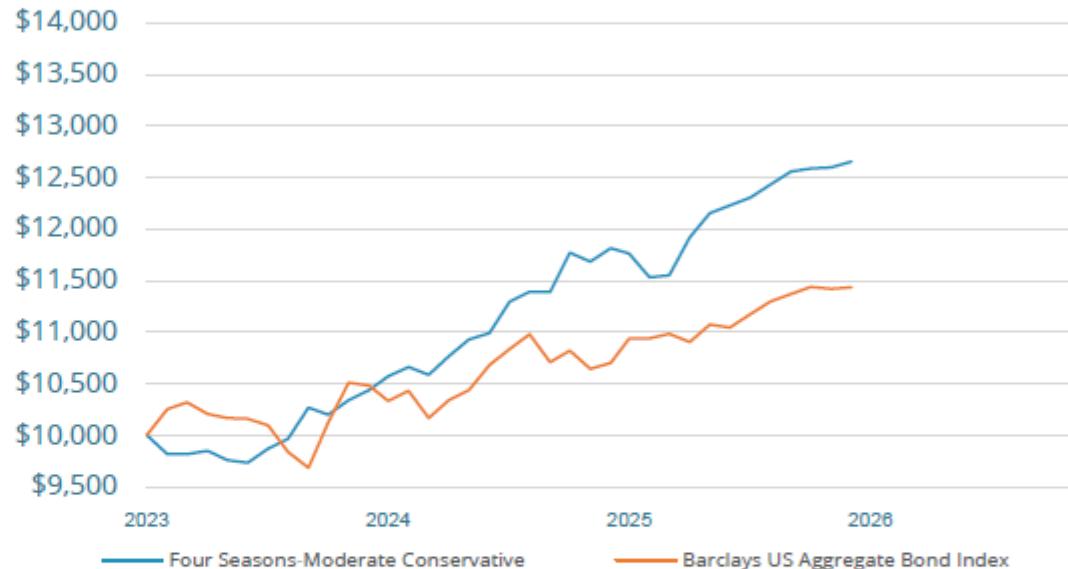


# Four Seasons-Moderate Conservative Through January 31, 2026

## Performance Statistics

	ZEGA Investments	Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index
YTD Return	0.46%	0.11%
Ann Return: 1 Year	7.13%	6.85%
Cumulative Return ITD	26.53%	14.33%
Annualized Volatility	4.36%	5.59%
Sharpe Ratio	0.89	-0.04

## Cumulative Growth (since inception)



## Monthly Performance

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	YTD Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index
2023			-1.83%	0.00%	0.33%	-0.92%	-0.26%	1.42%	0.96%	3.02%	-0.65%	1.36%	3.39%	5.11%
2024	0.96%	1.26%	0.87%	-0.72%	1.71%	1.51%	0.56%	2.77%	0.84%	-0.01%	3.34%	-0.74%	12.98%	1.27%
2025	1.11%	-0.43%	-1.96%	0.16%	3.20%	1.98%	0.60%	0.64%	1.02%	1.02%	0.22%	0.08%	7.82%	7.30%
2026	0.46%												0.46%	0.11%



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