# **MSCI USA Balanced FC Index**

The MSCI USA Balanced FC Index applies BofA's patented Fast Convergence technology with an aim to reduce risk and improve performance by adapting faster to changing market conditions. The Index rebalances each hour between U.S. equities, U.S. Treasuries, and a notional cash position. Merrill Lynch International ("MLI"), an affiliate of BofA Securities, Inc. ("BofAS") is the benchmark sponsor of the Index. The Index was created on June 16, 2025. Levels for the Index before June 16, 2025, represent hypothetical data determined by retroactive application of a back-tested model, itself designed with the benefit of hindsight.

# Cumulative index performance<sup>1</sup>



# Annual performance (%)<sup>1</sup>

YEAR	MSCI USA Balanced FC
2024	11.56
2023	12.40
2022	-11.51
2021	7.95
2020	26.75
2019	24.40
2018	0.72
2017	24.70
2016	8.43
2015	-4.08
2014	8.59
2013	22.74
2012	10.10
2011	11.76

ANNUALIZED RETURN

# Index performance<sup>1</sup>

USD RETURNS (%) JULY 31, 2025

INDEX	1 Month 3 Months	1 Year	Year to Date	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since June 30, 2010
MSCI USA Balanced FC	1.86 6.86	3.04	1.80	7.25	5.25	9.57	10.99

# Index risk and return characteristics<sup>1</sup>

(%) JULY 31, 2025

		ANNUALIZED STANDARD DEVIATION			
INDEX	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since June 30, 2010	
MSCI USA Balanced FC	9.83	10.40	10.29	9.75	

<sup>1</sup> Source: BofA Securities. Data from 06/30/2010 to 7/31/2025. The Index was created on June 16, 2025. Levels for the Index before June 16, 2025, represent hypothetical data determined by retroactive application of a back-tested model, itself designed with the benefit of hindsight. Past performance - whether actual, backtested or simulated - is not indicative of future performance. Actual performance will vary, perhaps materially, from the performance set forth herein. The Index performance represents excess return. The performance of the Index includes a 50bps embedded cost and does not include fees or costs of any financial instrument referencing the Index. Because this Index applies a volatility control mechanism, the range of both positive and negative performance of the Index is limited.



# Allocation (%)<sup>1</sup>

As of July 31, 2025

Equity – MSCI USA 118.00

Treasury - 10yr U.S. treasury futures 0.0

Allocation to each component may fluctuate between 0% and 250%.

# **Additional Information**

Bloomberg Ticker	BOFAMUSB
Asset class	Multi-Asset
Currency	USD
Max leverage	250.00%
Volatility target	10.00%
Rebalancing	Up to Daily
Base date	June 24, 2010
Live date	June 16, 2025

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