

## 2 Top Gun Awards

**Naples, Florida—February 20, 2019—** Quantitative Investment Decisions, LLC has been awarded two Top Gun awards for 4Q2018 by Informa Investment Solutions'. Informa is North America's longest running database of investment managers. QID's International Equity Strategy received Top Gun award for one-year and 4q2018 performance as one of the top five ETF international equity managers.

"QID strategies provide advisors the ability to develop well-diversified portfolios that investor's need with the extreme downside protection that investor's desire" said Ron Santangelo, QID CIO/Senior Manager. "We are very pleased with the consistency of our tactical strategy performances. The firm has won 22 Top Gun awards, as a Stock/ETF strategist, in just 3years with only six strategies." "As expected in a difficult fourth quarter and 2018, our International equity performance was #4 and #2 respectively.

QID's International Equity Strategy is designed to capture 75% of the upside and only 35% of the downside. In 4q2018 the strategy dramatically outperformed -3.3% versus -11.46% for the benchmark, MSCI All-Cap World Index ex-U.S. For calendar year 2018 the strategy's return was -5.08% versus -14.2%, respectively. The strategy benefitted from emerging markets turning "off" in March and Europe in June. At year-end the strategy was holding 87.28% in cash with only Japan and Asia ex-Japan were "on". In early January 2019, Emerging Markets turned "On" and Canada in early February. Europe remains "off". The cash position as of February 20th is approximately 36%. QID's asset allocation during 2018 as well as its defensive position in the last 6 months of 2018 benefitted investors.

Quantitative Investment Decisions International Equity Strategy invests in ETFs across region/country based on Global GDP weight ex-U.S. The result is a weighting of 50% emerging markets, Europe 34%, Japan 9%, Asia Pac ex-Japan 4% and Canada 3%. The portfolio allocations are different than the MSCI ACWI ex-U.S. Index which is market cap weighted. Our belief is that global growth will determine global market performance in the long-run.

QID's 100% quantitative process produces binary (on/off – own/don't own) signals for each ETF. A defensive position will begin to build as each ETF is sold. The weighting of the defensive position (i.e. cash equivalents or U.S. Treasury instruments) is determined by the original weighting of the country/regional ETF that is removed. The portfolio will go 100% defensive when all international ETFs have been sold. QID provides their strategies as a sub-advisory solution to registered investment advisors.

QID's suite of strategies include U.S. equity, international equity, global fixed-income, alternative assets and global balanced . Our strategies provide Financial advisors the ability to use any of our strategies as a tactical complement to a client's portfolio or as a turnkey solution through our Global Balanced offering. QID's Global Balanced Strategy can be customized to your client's risk profile.

Through a combination of Informa Investment Solutions' proprietary performance screens, [PSN Top Guns](#) ranks products in six proprietary categories in over 50 universes. This is a well-respected quarterly ranking and is widely used by institutional asset managers and investors. Informa Investment Solutions is part of Informa Financial Intelligence, a leading provider of critical decision-making solutions and custom services to financial institutions.

Top Guns firms are awarded a rating from one to six stars, with the number of stars representing continued performance over time.

**1-Star Category:** Products with this rating performed among the top ten within their respective universes, based on quarterly returns.

**2-Star Category:** These products were top ten performers within their respective universes, based on returns for the one-year period.

**3-Star Category:** These products were top five performers within their respective ETF Strategist universes, based on returns for the three-year period.

"PSN Top Guns, which ranks products in six categories in over 50 universes, is a go-to resource for institutional asset managers and investors in their decision-making process," said [Ryan Nauman, VP, product and market strategist at Informa Financial Intelligence](#). "Congratulations to Quantitative Investment Decisions, LLC on being named a PSN Top Gun. This highly respected ranking spotlights the performance of leading investment managers each quarter."

The complete list of PSN Top Guns and an overview of the methodology can be located on <http://www.informais.com/resources/psn-top-guns>.

For more details on the methodology behind the PSN Top Guns Rankings or to purchase PSN Top Guns Reports, contact Ruth Calderon at [ruth.calderon@informais.com](mailto:ruth.calderon@informais.com).

**Quantitative Investment Decisions, LLC** has been nominated and has won several awards. Quantitative Investment Decisions, LLC did not make any solicitation payments to any of the award sponsors in order to be nominated or to qualify for nomination of the award. The basis for each award presented on this website is provided by accessing the Internet link to the award sponsor which is available by going to the award sponsor's icon or name shown on the web pages herein.

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