Private Client Institutional Program

A Systematic, Intraday Trading Approach

R Best, LLC Investment Management

Executive Summary: Program Overview

Core Strategy

Applies short-term, systematic models to trade CME-listed equity futures.

Risk Containment

Trades exclusively intraday. All positions are closed out by end-of-day (EOD) with zero overnight risk.

Technological Edge

Utilizes machine learning, AI, and proprietary indicators to target high-probability trend or reversion moves.

Structural Mechanics

Separately Managed Accounts (SMA) requiring a minimum nominal investment of $250,000 (accepts notionally funded accounts).

Strategic Alignment: Investor Fit

✓ Ideal For

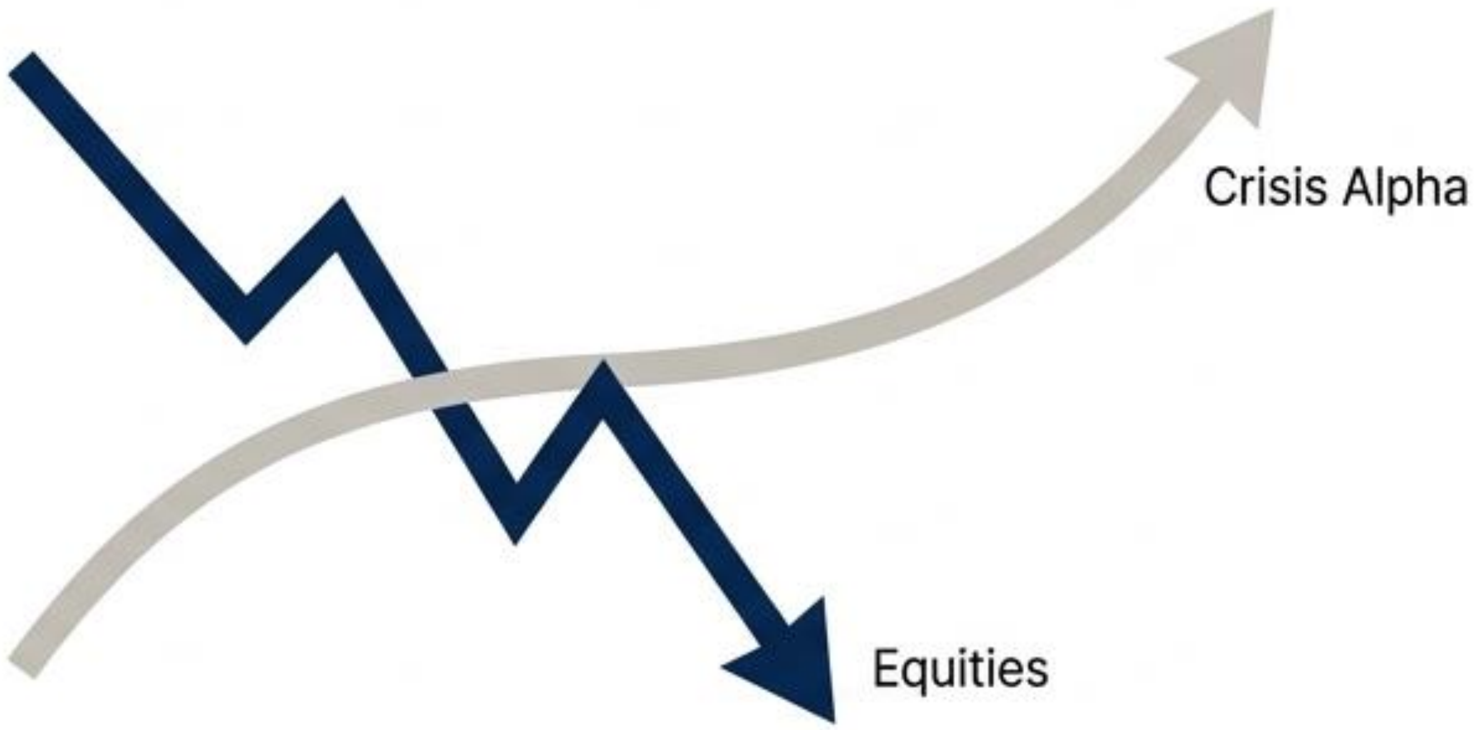
- Diversification-driven family offices seeking non-correlated return streams.
- Portfolios requiring inflation-hedge components.
- Macro-aware UHNW investors.
- Allocators comfortable with futures volatility and systematic macro exposure.

✗ Not Ideal For

- Investors seeking guaranteed income or yield.
- Short-term capital needs.
- Allocators with equity-style upside expectations.

The Strategic Role of Managed Futures

Managed futures offer historically low correlation to traditional assets, including long-only commodities.
They provide a mechanism for crisis alpha potential through trend-following strategies designed to buy during rising markets and sell short during falling markets.



Historical Context Box

Historical Performance During Structural Drawdowns:

- During the 2000 'Internet Bubble', the S&P 500 Index was down -9.1%, while the Barclay Top 50 (BTOP50) managed futures index was up 6.6%.
- During the 2008 'Global Financial Crisis', the S&P 500 Index was down -37.0%, while the BTOP50 was up 13.6%.

Trade Execution Methodology

Prototype Trade Criteria

- Requires a momentum-based signal/trigger.
- Must pass a minimum range extension filter.
- Strict pre-defined Entry, Target, and Stop price locations.

Selection Variables

- Breakout strength and trend persistence.
- Trade facilitation and volume profile.
- Time of day dynamics.

Mathematical Objective

The system adheres to rules-based programming targeting asymmetric reward-to-risk ratios, ensuring opportunities where the objective is to make more than it loses.

Tested across 100k+ trades.

Risk Containment Protocol

Zero Overnight Exposure

All trades are intraday. Open positions are systematically exited by the close of each day, eliminating gap-risk.

Volatility Targeting

Strategy engineered around a 10% annualized volatility target.

Margin Discipline

Hard cap of 20% max margin-to-equity ratio.

Drawdown Containment

Built to target a maximum drawdown (Max DD) of 15%.

System Overrides

Proprietary indicators reduce trading frequency in extreme, untradeable volatile conditions to protect capital.

Realized Risk Snapshot

Realized Max Drawdown	−12.95%
Worst Rolling 12 Months	−8.68%
% Positive Months	50.3%
Sharpe	0.42

> Transparency in downside realization. We measure our system not just by its peak returns, but by its behavioral durability during drawdowns and recovery cycles.

Institutional Infrastructure & Terms

Investment Terms: Funds & Funding

Structure:	Separately Managed Accounts (SMA)	Management Fee:	2%
Liquidity:	No lockups, no gates.	Incentive Fee:	20%
Minimum Investment:	$250,000 (Nominal)	Capacity Estimate:	$200M Strategy Capacity

Leadership & Oversight

Joseph R. Wilkins **Founder, CEO/CIO/CCO**	Over 40 years of proprietary trading and quantitative strategy development. Former registered Floor Trader at the Chicago Board of Trade (1987-2003).
Zhivko K. Gochev **Director of Research & Systems Development**	Deep expertise in financial modeling and algorithmic trading. M.S. in Financial Engineering (Illinois Institute of Technology). Active in automated systems development since 2004.
Mary Lou Pier, CPA **Founder, CFO**	Oversees financial management and regulatory compliance. Extensive career in national/international accounting and tax/business consulting for CTAs and brokers.
Margaret Sweeney **Director of Strategic & Financial Operations**	Over 20 years in operations oversight. Central liaison between compliance, finance, and executive leadership to maintain regulatory integrity.
Elson Allmuca **Quantitative Analyst**	Background in Computer Science. Elson brings experience in Machine Learning and AI to support both research and live trading operations.

Onboarding & Allocation Path

1. **Introductory Call**
   Deep dive into process, risk tolerance alignment, and operational Q&A.

2. **Disclosure Review**
   Review of CTA disclosure documents, fee structures, and performance methodology.

3. **Open SMA at Custodian**
   Direct account opening and funding. Client retains full control of assets.

4. **Monthly Reporting**
   Commencement of trading with daily transparency access and monthly reporting (optional quarterly reviews).

Summary: The Case for Allocation

- **Proven Discipline**: 100% systematic, strategies follow pre-defined, tested rules without discretionary interference.
- **Alignment of Interest:** Principals have invested capital alongside clients.
- **Absolute Transparency**: Separately Managed Accounts offer daily position transparency and direct access to the portfolio manager.
- **The 60/40 Tax Edge:** Significant advantages for active traders, with 60% of profits taxed at the lower long-term capital gains rate.

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