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2Q20 Performance Review

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Index Performance as of: 6/30/2020

	<u>3 Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>1 Year</u>	<u>3 Year</u>	<u>5 Year</u>	<u>10 Year</u>
Russell						
3000 Value	14.55	-16.74	-9.40	1.41	4.41	10.23
3000	22.03	-3.48	6.52	10.04	10.03	13.72
3000 Growth	27.99	8.98	21.89	18.20	15.22	16.92
1000 Value	14.29	-16.26	-8.82	1.82	4.64	10.41
1000	21.82	-2.81	7.46	10.64	10.47	13.97
1000 Growth	27.84	9.81	23.23	18.99	15.88	17.23
Mid Cap Value	19.95	-18.09	-11.79	-0.54	3.32	10.29
Mid Cap	24.61	-9.13	-2.24	5.79	6.76	12.35
Mid Cap Growth	30.26	4.16	11.89	14.75	11.59	15.09
2000 Value	18.91	-23.50	-17.44	-4.35	1.26	7.82
2000	25.42	-12.98	-6.61	2.01	4.29	10.50
2000 Growth	30.58	-3.06	3.47	7.86	6.85	12.92
Standard & Poors						
S&P 500	20.54	-3.08	7.49	10.73	10.72	13.99
Consumer Disc	32.86	7.23	12.57	15.29	13.20	18.19
Consumer Staples	8.12	-5.66	3.61	5.03	7.22	11.79
Energy	30.51	-35.34	-36.03	-12.46	-9.18	0.21
Financials	12.20	-23.62	-13.90	0.11	5.41	9.68
Health Care	13.59	-0.81	10.88	10.30	8.14	15.72
Industrials	17.01	-14.64	-9.00	1.91	6.73	11.76
Information Technology	30.53	14.95	35.81	26.82	23.40	20.49
Materials	26.01	-6.92	-1.11	3.90	5.43	9.85
Real Estate	13.22	-8.53	-2.01	6.32	8.00	11.77
Telecom Services	20.04	-0.31	11.05	8.58	7.17	10.58
Utilities	2.73	-11.14	-2.11	6.41	10.17	11.31
Other U.S. Equity						
Dow Jones Industrial Avg.	18.51	-8.43	-0.54	9.08	10.61	12.99
NASDAQ 100	30.30	16.89	33.70	22.91	19.57	20.69
International Equity - Broad Market						
MSCI EAFE	14.88	-11.34	-5.12	0.81	2.05	5.73
MSCI EM	18.08	-9.78	-3.38	1.90	2.86	3.27
MSCI Frontier Markets	14.75	-15.77	-11.15	-1.77	-0.13	3.51
MSCI ACWI	19.22	-6.25	2.11	6.13	6.45	9.16
MSCI ACWI Ex USA	16.12	-11.00	-4.79	1.13	2.26	4.97
MSCI AC Asia Ex Japan	16.71	-4.74	1.69	3.61	4.40	5.91

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International Equity - Country Region						
MSCI Brazil	22.85	-38.86	-33.31	-2.53	0.36	-4.06
MSCI BRIC	16.91	-7.55	-0.18	6.05	4.54	2.97
MSCI China	15.29	3.51	13.10	8.55	5.32	6.38
MSCI Europe	15.26	-12.78	-6.77	0.00	1.46	5.65
MSCI India	20.58	-16.95	-17.01	-1.58	0.92	1.69
MSCI Japan	11.61	-7.12	3.10	2.97	3.45	6.09
MSCI EM Latin America	19.10	-35.23	-32.40	-7.21	-3.22	-3.80
MSCI Russia	18.69	-24.46	-13.01	11.65	8.60	2.34
Fixed Income						
Barclays U.S. Aggregate	2.90	6.14	8.72	5.32	4.30	3.82
Barclays US Aggregate 1-3 Yr	0.88	2.68	3.99	2.82	2.08	1.62
Barclays US Aggregate 3-5 Yr	1.78	4.64	6.53	4.09	3.22	2.99
Barclays US Aggregate 5-7 Yr	3.68	6.47	8.56	5.12	3.97	3.77
BofAML 3-Month T-Bill	0.02	0.60	1.63	1.77	1.19	0.64
Barclays U.S. Gov't	0.49	8.61	10.32	5.54	4.04	3.34
Barclays U.S. Credit	8.22	4.82	9.05	6.14	5.54	5.24
Barclays High Yield Corp.	10.18	-3.80	0.03	3.33	4.79	6.68
Barclays TIPS	4.24	6.01	8.26	5.04	3.75	3.52
Barclays Global Aggregate	3.32	2.98	4.21	3.79	3.55	2.81
Barclays Gbl Agg Ex USD	3.38	0.61	0.70	2.52	2.89	1.98
JPM EMBI Global Div	12.26	-2.76	0.49	3.60	5.30	6.03
Fixed Income-Tax Exempt						
Barclays Municipal	2.72	2.08	4.44	4.22	3.93	4.22
Barclays Municipal 3 Yr	2.28	1.91	3.11	2.36	1.95	1.83
Barclays Municipal 5 Yr	3.26	2.18	3.79	3.08	2.77	2.91
Barclays Municipal 7 Yr	3.31	2.28	4.26	3.72	3.50	3.80
Barclays HY Muni	4.55	-2.64	1.02	5.27	5.77	6.12
Alternative Investments						
Alerian MLP	50.18	-35.71	-41.36	-16.78	-12.85	-1.41
Bloomberg Commodity	5.08	-19.40	-17.35	-6.13	-7.69	-5.82
FTSE NAREIT Equity REIT	11.82	-18.71	-13.01	0.03	4.06	9.05
S&P Global Natural Res.	20.47	-19.14	-16.72	-0.11	0.94	1.48
S&P N. Amer Natural Res.	31.31	-26.33	-24.33	-8.01	-6.47	-0.69

Source: Morningstar

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Recap: Beginning in mid-March, economic activity fell at an unprecedented speed in response to the outbreak of Covid-19 and the measures taken to control its spread. Even after the unexpectedly positive May employment report, nearly 20 million jobs net have been lost since February, and the unemployment rate has risen into double digits.

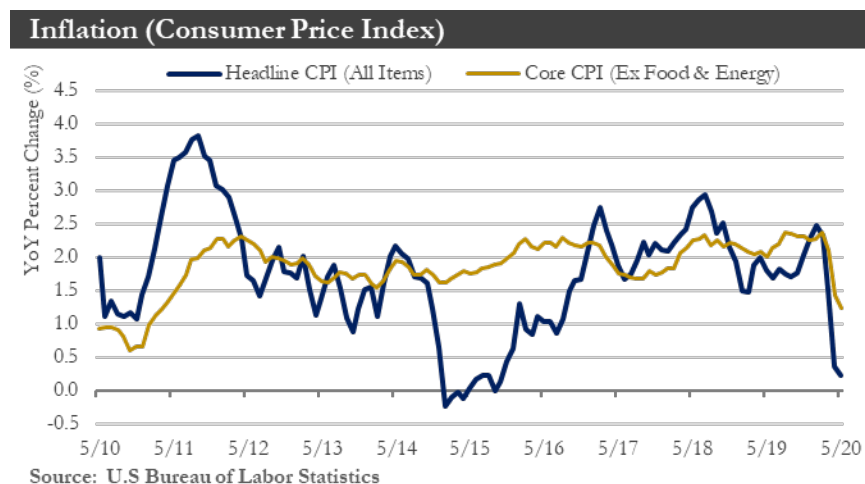
Real GDP contracted by 5% annualized in the first quarter. The decline in real GDP in the second quarter is likely to be the most severe on record. The burden of the downturn has not fallen equally on all Americans. Instead, those least able to withstand the downturn have been affected the most. If not contained and reversed, the downturn could further widen gaps in economic well-being that the long expansion had made some progress in closing.

Recently, indicators have pointed to stabilization, and in some areas a modest rebound, in economic activity. With an easing of restrictions on mobility and commerce and the extension of federal loans and grants, some businesses have reopened, while stimulus checks and unemployment benefits have supported household incomes and spending.

That said, the levels of economic output and employment have remained far below their pre-pandemic levels, and significant uncertainty remains about the timing and strength of the future recovery.

Much of that economic unknown has stemmed from uncertainty about the path of the virus and the effectiveness of the measures to contain it. Until the public has confidence that the virus is contained, a full economic recovery is unlikely. Moreover, the longer the downturn lasts, the greater the potential for longer-term damage from permanent job loss and business closures.

With weak demand and large price declines for some goods and services, consumer price inflation has dropped noticeably in recent months. Indicators of longer-term inflation expectations however have been relatively steady. As economic output has stabilized and the recovery moves ahead, inflation should even out and then gradually move back up over time, closer to the Fed's 2% objective. Inflation is nonetheless likely to remain below 2% for some time.

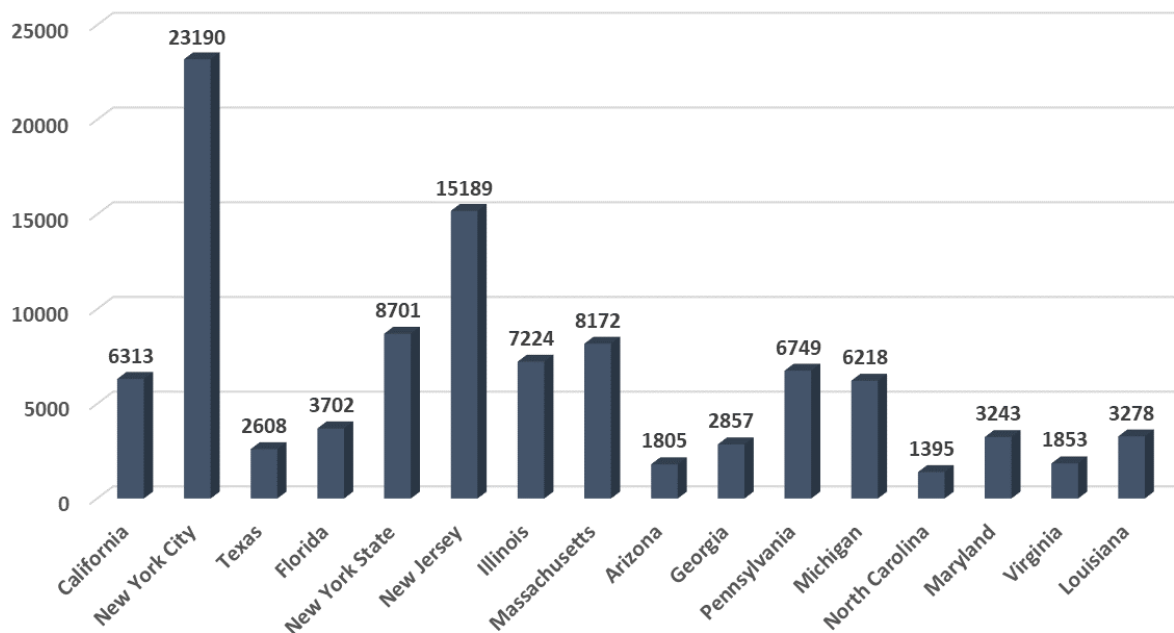


COVID-19: The rising number of COVID-19 infections has been the big economic story in the last week of June, offsetting continuing reports of a rebound in economic activity. Most of this

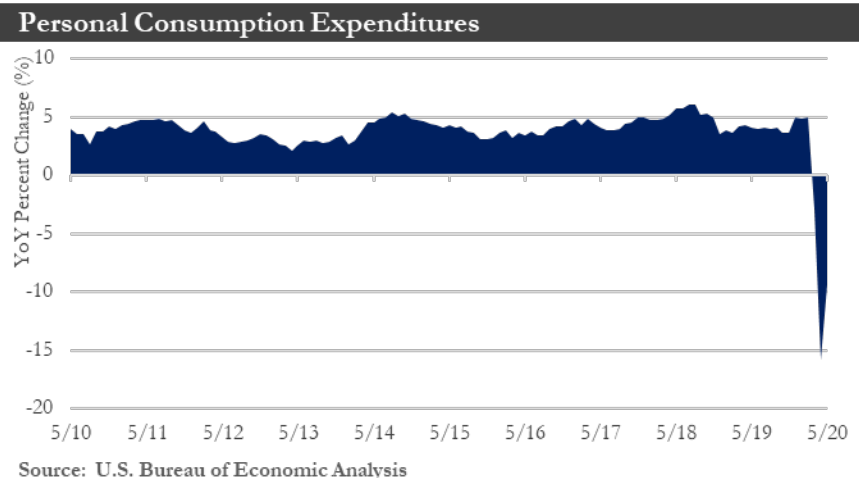
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increase has been in the South and West, with California, Arizona, Texas, Florida, Georgia, and the Carolinas accounting for the bulk of the increase. Some increase in COVID-19 cases was expected as the economy reopened, and testing ramped up. The rise in infections, however, has been greater than can be explained by testing alone.

United States COVID-19 Deaths (As of 7/6/2020)
Total Deaths: 129,576 [Source: CDC]

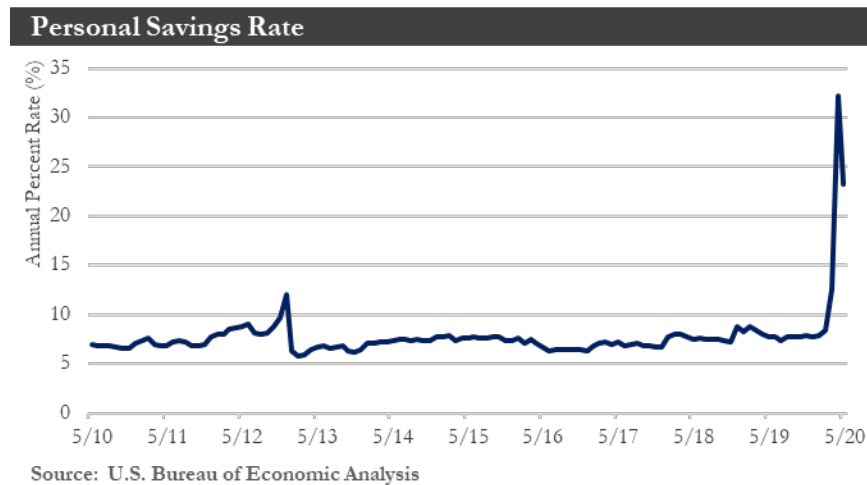


Consumer Spending: Americans cautiously returned to the marketplace in May and June, helping the economy slowly dig out from a severe recession. Household spending on goods and services rose a record 8.2% in May, down 12% from February. This boosted hopes that a good portion of consumers were eager and able to spend despite historically high unemployment. But it also showed just how far the economy must go to recover from a deep recession caused by the pandemic.



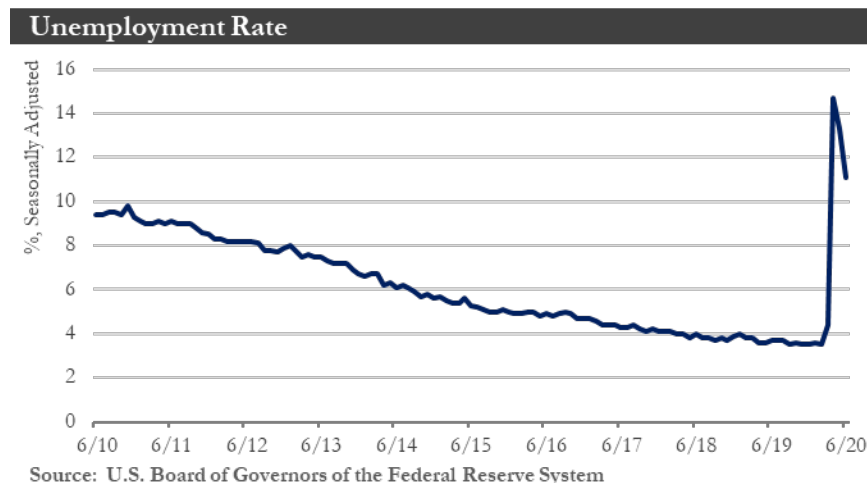
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Consumer sentiment has remained depressed from the near all-time highs reached during the last expansion and slipped in the latter half of June. And Americans overall saved more than a fifth of their disposable incomes in May, an exceptionally high savings rate that signaled caution.



But the federal stimulus package, coupled with the urge among many Americans to get out and spend after months of being in isolation, has likely helped the economy grow again.

Labor market: An historically high number of workers have continued to seek unemployment benefits each week, but applications have decreased substantially since an early spring peak amid signs the labor market is recovering from the coronavirus-induced shock. Weekly first-time unemployment claims were steady at a record high 1.5 million in the week ended June 20. The job market's slow recovery faced new infections that could impede getting people back to work. Meanwhile, continuing claims were 19.5 million in the week ended June 13.

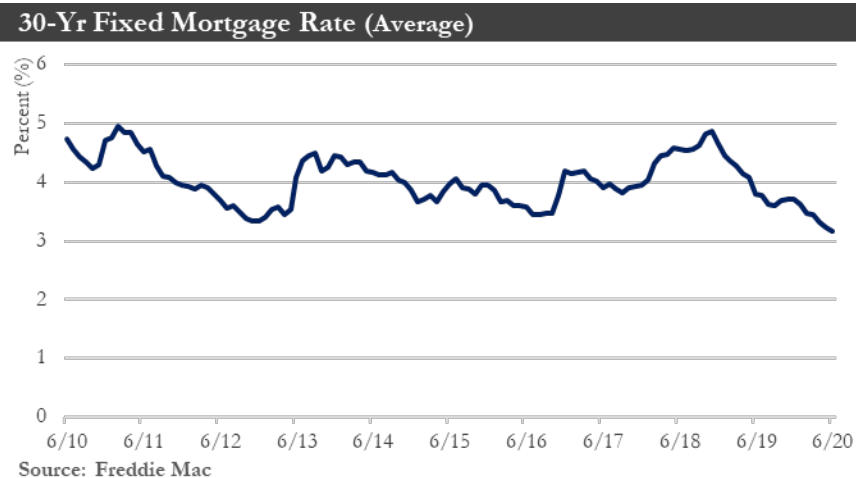


While the declining jobless benefits figures in June have offered signs the labor market is slowly healing, a recent increase in coronavirus cases could affect efforts to reopen the economy and get people back to work.

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Housing: Housing has clearly been one of the economy's bright spots. Mortgage applications for the purchase of a home, which have been a reliable leading indicator of new and existing home sales, have steadily risen since bottoming in early April and are now up 18.1% compared to last year.

While existing sales weakened substantially during May, new home sales surged over 16%. Builders reported an increase in buyer traffic along with higher sentiment regarding the sales environment, both current and over the next six months. Underpinning the more positive trend recently have been several tailwinds that should continue to support the housing market in the short term. Mortgage rates have remained low and should continue to do so for the foreseeable future, which should incentivize more renters to become homeowners and induce higher turnover from those looking to upsize or downsize. Demographics are also likely to remain favorable, as many Millennials are approaching an age that tends to lead to buying a home.



The apparent resiliency of the housing market recently should also provide other areas of the economy with a much-needed boost. Residential fixed investment only comprises about 3.5% of overall GDP. That number rises to over 15%, however, when including consumer spending on housing services such as tenant rents and utilities, but even that underestimates the true economic impact. Home sales drive demand for other ancillary services such as mortgages, insurance, legal services, inspections, and interior designers, as well as for durable goods spending on furniture, household appliances, and home furnishings. A rebound in home sales should also support home prices, which have moderated considerably in a handful of the nation's largest metropolitan areas.

Monetary Policy: The Federal Reserve cut interest rates to near zero in March and introduced a range of emergency lending programs to purchase debts of companies, cities, and states. They expected to keep short-term interest rates pegged near zero through 2022 and have discussed options, including capping bond yields.

The hit to demand will keep inflation pressures contained for some time since many industries are likely to be slow to recover and unemployment remains above previous forecasts over the next two years. As a result, the policy rate is unlikely to increase until at least 2022.

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Fiscal Policy: When Congress returns from recess in mid-July, it will face a critical few-weeks period to consider additional fiscal stimulus. Emergency expanded unemployment benefits expire on July 31, and many states will face tough budget decisions as their fiscal years begin on July 1 and the month-long August recess looms large. The probability of another large bill to support the economy seems about fifty-fifty. The economic data over the next month, particularly the labor market data, will likely play a key role in shaping the outcome. If a bill does come to pass, it is likely to be roughly \$1 trillion in size, with the bulk of the money going towards state and local aid and stimulus to households through policies like a payroll tax cut or another round of direct household checks.

Global Economy: Following the sharpest economic decline in recent history, a long uphill climb will be required to get back to pre-pandemic levels. Global economic growth is likely to contract by an unprecedented 4.0-4.5% in 2020. Advanced economies (AEs) should contract by 5.5% and emerging markets (EMs) excluding China by 3.5%. China's economy is anticipated to pull back by 2.5%.

The data currently supports the narrative that a bottoming in most AEs' pandemic-related disruptions occurred in April. Thanks to substantial labor market interventions and large-scale monetary and fiscal measures by some countries, improved financial conditions, a pickup in global demand, and better business and consumer sentiment have emerged.

EMs have been the recipient of many of the benefits that come from central bank efforts around the globe to boost market liquidity. Many EMs have realized that the economic lockdowns that occurred among AEs were not sustainable amidst a weaker government ability to support livelihoods, large and younger populations living within a high density, and more difficult living conditions. This decision resulted in smaller economic contractions among EMs, although the toll on lives from the virus has only begun to take shape.

The exception has been China. Its stringent lockdowns helped its economy land on its feet. However, weak overseas demand was an automatic restraint on its exports and manufacturing industry. Moreover, China's imports in May contracted sharply, reiterating ongoing supply chain disruptions, and suggesting continued tentativeness in domestic demand.

The global economy will look drastically different once this has ended, with a high likelihood that potential GDP growth will be lower due to economic scarring. Monetary and fiscal policy will further converge, leading to a greater risk that central bank independence will be compromised. Fiscal stimulus measures have led to large deficits that will correspond with high and persistent debt burdens. This will inevitably lead to higher taxes unless central banks monetize government debt.

Eurozone: News from the Eurozone offered encouragement on two fronts— first, the bottom for economic activity may already be in and, second, the recovery in the Eurozone economy may occur quicker than previously expected. As COVID-19 lockdown measures continue to be lifted, activity has rebounded to some extent. For June, the Eurozone manufacturing PMI rose to 46.9 from 39.4. The rise in the services PMI was even more impressive, to 47.3 from 30.5. What was notable was that not only did the expectations component improve but so too did the assessment of current conditions, the first time the latter has shown any improvement since January.

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Eurozone Q2 GDP is likely to fall at least 12.0% quarter-over-quarter. However, aggressive monetary easing, and progress towards further fiscal stimulus would create the potential for a smaller economic decline in Q2 and a faster rebound in Q3.

Outlook: The U.S. entered the pandemic from a position of economic strength, but shutdowns across many nonessential activities were so widespread in the latter half of March that real GDP contracted by 5% annualized in the first quarter. This weak starting point and continued closures across much of the country in April and May have likely led activity to contract by at least 30% annualized in the second quarter. Unemployment is likely to be at least 9.0% in the fourth quarter, with GDP down 6.5% from 2019.

The recovery will be uneven across industries and uncertainty will remain elevated in the absence of a vaccine which is expected to slow the pace of the rebound after the initial jump in growth due to reopening. As a result, the level of real GDP would remain below its pre-virus level until the end of 2021. Naturally, the outcome could deviate from these expectations depending on policy decisions and virus developments throughout that period.

There has recently been an uptick in new cases in some states as shelter in place measures have been eased. If widespread stay-at-home orders return, the U.S. recovery could reverse course, but unemployment would remain elevated for longer. By extension, there would be deeper scarring from a greater share of permanent job losses, negative wealth impacts, and business insolvencies, even with renewed stimulus measures.

Market Commentary

Recap: As difficult as the first quarter of 2020 was for investors, the second quarter proved to be nearly as spectacular in a positive direction. Despite the severity of the COVID-19 induced recession that began to grip the economy in Q1, in Q2 markets continued to respond to the extraordinary intervention measures of the Federal government. The Federal Reserve successfully launched massive lending facilities, extended credit, purchased government-backed paper, and indicated they were prepared to purchase corporate bonds to support and calm fixed income markets. Their efforts paid off. Additionally, Congress and the Administration provided direct financial support to households as well as small and large businesses alike to keep the economy afloat in hopes that the pandemic recedes soon and an organic economic recovery can ensue. As the quarter ended, economic data began to turn positive but ample uncertainty remains over what the course of its trajectory might be, especially given the recent surge in COVID-19 cases. Given this environment, the U.S. benchmark S&P 500 rose by 20.5% during the quarter. Overseas, the MSCI EAFE Index rose 14.9%, and the MSCI Emerging Markets Index rose 18.1%. Fixed income markets produced solidly positive returns with the relative certainty that interest rates would remain low for some time. The Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index rose 2.9% while the Barclays Global Aggregate ex USD Bond Index rose 3.4%.

Domestic Equities: The quarter began with equity volatility more than double the long-term market average. For the full quarter, however, volatility declined by roughly half though still well above the long-term average. Volatility spikes when fear grips the market. The strong positive result in market performance appears to be explained by investor expectations that the recession has bottomed, that continued monetary and fiscal support will be forthcoming as needed and

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earnings will pick up. The next fiscal support bill of \$1 trillion or more is currently being discussed in the Capital in order to extend direct household and/or unemployment benefit payments and possibly assist state and local governments.

While many companies have been unable to provide future earnings guidance in this environment and some corporate outlooks appear grim, some businesses have thrived in this social distancing economy. Some of the very largest tech firms and companies with strong online business models fall into this camp and this “right place, right time” continues to be one of the reasons, besides strong fundamentals and low corporate debt that certain stocks have continued to be market leaders despite lofty valuations.

International Equities: Equity markets overseas generally lagged the response of stocks in the U.S. to the developing pandemic, economic, and governmental intervention trends. Despite the inferior relative performance, returns for the quarter outside the US were in the mid to upper teens. The national responses to the pandemic in developed countries in continental Europe and Japan were forceful, disciplined, and lengthy though it caused short term negative economic results there as well. Current infection data suggests that the pandemic is under greater control in these countries than the U.S. and it would not unreasonable to expect their economies to recovery more quickly than in the U.S. Should that happen international markets and currencies will respond in kind. Emerging market equities also posted a strong quarterly result, although there were regional variances from South America to Asia.

Fixed Income: Fixed income markets posted strong relative returns as a result of interventions from Central Banks and their guidance that rates will remain low for the foreseeable future. Riskier segments of the fixed income market like high yield bonds and emerging market debt posted double-digit gains as nascent signs of recovery surfaced. Investment-grade corporate bonds returned over 8% buoyed by the assurance from the Federal Reserve that they will support that market if needed.

REITS, MLPs and Commodities: Commodity-related investments, as measured by the Bloomberg Commodity Index, rose 5.1% leaving them off -19.4% year to date. After turning negative for the first time in history in April, oil staged a strong comeback and West Texas Intermediate Crude (WTI) finished the quarter at \$39.27 per barrel. While oil did rise during the quarter, WTI remains well below the \$61 mark where it began the year. Master Limited Partnerships (MLPs), as measured by the Alerian MLP Index were up 50.2%, but remain down -35.7% in 2020. REIT investments increased 11.8% in the quarter.

Outlook: In the U.S., the path to economic recovery will depend on the course of coronavirus and the corresponding public health response. It is not unreasonable to expect the stock market to bounce around for an extended period until the economy finds firmer footing. Despite this expectation, the U.S. stock market appears to be priced for a quick economic recovery. The resulting stretched valuations will become a concern if something other than a quick economic recovery becomes reality. The longer-term outlook appears more positive, however, as the recent slowdown was driven by government policy and not economic imbalances. Relaxing these restrictive policies should eventually lead to economic recovery. While the pain of the economic recession has been widespread, the stock market has produced distinct winners and losers. Online retailers and grocers, for example, have enjoyed growing sales, and providers of broadband

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services and health care have benefited from strong demand. Conversely, travel and hospitality-related businesses have been pummeled. An environment with clear winners and losers may prove to be a tailwind for active portfolio managers. Emphasizing quality may also be appropriate, given an environment characterized by significant risk and uncertainty.

Valuations help judge the long-term risk-reward ratio for equity markets overall, but they are not useful for short-term investing. Nonetheless, equity markets in developed international markets are moderately priced relative to the U.S. In Europe, economies are recovering from the lockdown and, thus far, there has been little evidence of a significant second wave of infections. Europe's perceived disadvantage going into the health crisis was its lack of policy ammunition. The European Central Bank (ECB) policy rate was already negative, and there were strict rules on increasing fiscal deficits. The policy response, however, has been surprisingly effective as the ECB increased its asset purchase program, and rules on fiscal deficits have been temporarily relaxed. Effective fiscal and monetary policy responses should serve as a tailwind for European equities going forward. The outlook in Japan is less attractive. The Japanese economy was struggling before the health crisis, and while fiscal policy has become supportive, structural weaknesses including weak monetary policy and persistent deflation are expected to prove to be headwinds. The U.K. has been hit hard by the coronavirus crisis and faces uncertainty related to Brexit. All things considered, the inclusion of an appropriate allocation to foreign stocks in a diversified portfolio remains prudent.

On a more positive note, many emerging markets entered the current health crisis in a stronger financial position than in previous crises. Many, however, also have weak public health systems, and the pandemic appears to have not yet peaked. Economic activity remains locked down in many emerging markets, debt levels are increasing, and some markets have limited ability to cushion the shock of the virus. The typical arguments in favor of emerging market investing, including fast-growing economies, strong balance sheets, and fiscal conservatism, are being challenged by the pandemic. Emerging markets, however, are a diverse group, differing in their abilities to respond to current challenges. Relatively strong balance sheets and the policy flexibility to weather the downturn are characteristic of some markets, while others face financial distress driven by high external imbalances and rising indebtedness. China, the largest emerging market, seems well-positioned for a strong rebound through the second half of 2020 and into 2021 as government stimulus kicks in and the global economy recovers. In short, a benchmark weight exposure to emerging markets may be appropriate, but coronavirus related risks suggest that caution is prudent. The use of active managers may be wise given differences amongst various emerging market economies and business models.

For fixed-income investors, the environment remains relatively challenging with yields on 10-year Treasuries ending the quarter around 0.67%. Assuming the economy gets past the coronavirus driven recession and begins to expand again, these yields as a starting point for investing are unattractive. However, developed market government bonds serve a useful role as portfolio ballast against risk-off episodes and spikes of volatility. Credit markets face downside risks and increased uncertainty given the economic outlook though interest rates spreads have already narrowed considerably from the depths of the credit crunch in Q1. Temporary liquidity crunches can happen in moments of apparent crisis where investors pour into perceived safe-haven trades. While there may be select opportunities within the high yield asset class, and issues are attractively priced, caution is appropriate as increased defaults are likely in the months ahead. High quality fixed

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income should continue to play a useful role in managing overall portfolio risk. However, the prospect of an economic recovery, especially if accompanied by high government debt loads, tempers overall enthusiasm for fixed income investment total return prospects.

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Economic Indices

The Conference Board **Consumer Confidence Index**® (CCI) is a barometer of the health of the U.S. economy from the perspective of the consumer. The index is based on consumers’ perceptions of current business and employment conditions, as well as their expectations for six months hence regarding business conditions, employment, and income.

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The Institute of Supply Management (ISM) **Manufacturing Index**® is a composite index based on the diffusion indexes of five of the indexes with equal weights: New Orders (seasonally adjusted), Production (seasonally adjusted), Employment (seasonally adjusted), Supplier Deliveries (seasonally adjusted), and Inventories. An Index values over 50 indicate expansion; below 50 indicates contraction. The values for the index can be between 0 and 100.

The Institute of Supply Management (ISM) **Non-Manufacturing Index**® is a composite index based on the diffusion indexes for four of the indicators with equal weights: Business Activity (seasonally adjusted), New Orders (seasonally adjusted), Employment (seasonally adjusted) and Supplier Deliveries. An Index values over 50 indicate expansion; below 50 indicates contraction. The values for the index can be between 0 and 100.

The **Consumer Price Index (CPI)** measures the price of a fixed basket of goods and services purchased by an average consumer.

Asset Indexes

An index is unmanaged and not available for direct investment.

Alerian MLP Index is a composite of the 50 most prominent energy master limited partnerships calculated by Standard & Poor's using a float-adjusted market capitalization methodology.

Barclays Global Aggregate Index is a measure of global investment grade debt from 24 local currency markets. It includes treasury, government-related, corporate and securitized fixed-rate bonds from both developed and emerging markets issuers. The three major components of this index are the US Aggregate, the Pan-European Aggregate, and the Asian-Pacific Aggregate indices. The index also includes Eurodollar and Euro-Yen corporate bonds, Canadian government, agency and corporate securities, and USD investment grade 144A securities.

Barclays Global Aggregate Ex-US Index provides a broad-based measure of the global investment-grade fixed income markets excluding U.S. dollar-denominated securities. The three major components of this index are the US Aggregate, the Pan-European Aggregate, and the Asian-Pacific Aggregate indices. The index also includes Eurodollar and Euro-Yen corporate bonds, Canadian government, agency and corporate securities, and USD investment grade 144A securities.

Barclays Treasury Inflation Protected Securities (TIPS) Index includes all publically issued, investment-grade U.S. TIPS with an outstanding face value of more than \$250 million and that have at least one year to maturity.

Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index is composed of the Barclays Capital U.S. Government/Credit Index and the Barclays Capital U.S. Mortgage-Backed Securities Index, and includes Treasury issues, agency issues, corporate bond issues, and mortgage-backed securities.

Barclays U.S. Credit Bond Index is an unmanaged, market-weighted index generally representative of intermediate and long-term investment grade corporate debt securities having maturities of greater than one year.

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Barclays U.S. Government Bond Index is an unmanaged, market-weighted index generally representative of intermediate and long-term government debt securities having maturities of greater than one year.

Barclays U.S. High Yield Corporate Index measures the USD-denominated, high yield, fixed-rate corporate bond market. Securities are classified as high yield if the middle rating of Moody's, Fitch and S&P is Ba1/BB+/BB+ or below.

Barclays U.S. Municipal Bond Index represents municipal bonds with a minimum credit rating of at least Baa, an outstanding par value of at least \$3 million, and a remaining maturity of at least one year. The Index excludes taxable municipal bonds, bonds with floating rates, derivatives, and certificates of participation.

Bloomberg Commodity Index is designed to be a highly liquid and diversified benchmark for commodities as an asset class. The index is composed of futures contracts on 22 physical commodities. No related group of commodities (e.g., energy, precious metals, livestock and grains) may constitute more than 33% of the index as of the annual re-weightings of the components. No single commodity may constitute less than 2% of the index.

BofA Merrill Lynch Emerging Markets Corporate Index is designed to measure the performance of U.S. dollar-denominated emerging markets corporate senior and secured debt publicly issued in the U.S. domestic and Eurobond markets.

BofA Merrill Lynch US 3-Month Treasury Bill Index is comprised of a single issue purchased at the beginning of the month and held for a full month. At the end of the month that issue is sold and rolled into a newly selected issue. The issue selected at each month-end rebalancing is the outstanding Treasury Bill that matures closest to, but not beyond, three months from the rebalancing date. To qualify for selection, an issue must have settled on or before the month-end rebalancing date.

Dow Jones Industrial Average is a price-weighted average of 30 U.S. stocks traded on the New York Stock Exchange and NASDAQ.

FTSE NAREIT US All Equity REITs Index is designed to track the performance of REITs representing equity interests in (as opposed to mortgages on properties.) It represents all tax-qualified REITs with more than 50 percent of total assets in qualifying real estate assets, other than mortgages secured by real property that also meet minimum size and liquidity criteria.

MSCI AC Asia Ex-Japan (net) is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed and emerging markets in Asia, excluding Japan. The Index consists of 10 country indices comprising 2 developed and 8 emerging market country indices. Developed Markets countries in the index include: Hong Kong and Singapore. Emerging Markets countries include: China, India, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, the Philippines, Taiwan and Thailand.

MSCI AC World Index (net) is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed and emerging markets. The Index consists of 45 country indices comprising 22 developed and 23 emerging market country indices. The developed market country indices included are: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom. The emerging market country indices included are: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, Czech Republic, Egypt, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Israel, Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Russia, South Africa, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey and United States.

MSCI AC World Ex-USA Index (net) is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed and emerging markets, excluding the USA. The Index consists of 45 country indices comprising 22 developed and 23 emerging market country indices. The developed market country indices included are: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom. The emerging market country indices included are: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, Czech Republic, Egypt, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Israel, Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Russia, South Africa, Taiwan, Thailand, and Turkey.

MSCI EAFE Index (net) (Europe, Australasia, Far East) is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed markets, excluding the US & Canada. The Index consists of the following 21 developed market country indexes: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom.

MSCI Emerging Markets Index (net) is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure equity market performance of emerging markets. The MSCI Emerging Markets Index consists of the following 23 emerging market country indexes: Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, Czech Republic, Egypt, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Russia, South Africa, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey and United Arab Emirates.

MSCI Emerging Markets Latin America Index (net) is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure equity market performance of emerging markets in Latin America. The MSCI Emerging Markets Latin America Index consists of the following 5 emerging market country indexes: Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, and Peru.

MSCI Frontier Markets Index (net) is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure equity market performance of frontier markets. The MSCI Frontier Markets Index consists of the following 24 frontier market country indexes: Argentina, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Bulgaria, Croatia, Estonia, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Lithuania, Morocco, Kazakhstan,

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Mauritius, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, Sri Lanka, Tunisia, Ukraine, and Vietnam. The MSCI Saudi Arabia Index is currently not included in the MSCI Frontier Markets Index but is part of the MSCI Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Countries Index. The MSCI Bosnia Herzegovina Index, the MSCI Botswana Index, the MSCI Ghana Index, the MSCI Jamaica Index, the MSCI Palestine IMI, the MSCI Trinidad & Tobago Index and the MSCI Zimbabwe Index are currently stand-alone country indexes and are not included in the MSCI Frontier Markets Index. The addition of these country indexes to the MSCI Frontier Markets Index is under consideration.

MSCI Brazil Index is designed to measure the performance of the large and midcap segments of the Brazilian market.

MSCI BRIC Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index that is designed to measure the equity market performance across the following 4 Emerging Markets country indexes: Brazil, Russia, India and China.

MSCI China Index captures large and midcap representation across China H shares, B shares, Red chips and P chips.

MSCI Europe Index captures large and midcap representation across 15 Developed Markets countries in Europe. Developed Markets countries in Europe include: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the UK.

MSCI India Index is designed to measure the performance of the large and midcap segments of the Indian market.

MSCI Japan Index is designed to measure the performance of the large and midcap segments of the Japanese market.

MSCI Russia Index is designed to measure the performance of the large and midcap segments of the Russian market.

MSCI USA Index is designed to measure the performance of the large and midcap segments of the US market.

Russell 1000® Index measures the performance of the largest 1000 companies in the Russell 3000 Index.

Russell 1000® Growth Index measures the performance of those Russell 1000 companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values.

Russell 1000® Value Index measures the performance of those Russell 1000 companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth values.

Russell Midcap® Index measures the performance of the 800 smallest companies in the Russell 1000 Index, which represent approximately 25% of the total market capitalization of the Russell 1000® Index.

Russell Midcap® Growth Index measures the performance of the growth segment of the Russell Mid Cap Index.

Russell Midcap® Value Index measures the performance of the value segment of the Russell Mid Cap Index.

Russell 2000® Index measures the performance of the 2,000 smallest companies in the Russell 3000® Index, which represents approximately 8% of the total market capitalization of the Russell 3000 Index.

Russell 2000® Growth Index measures the performance of the growth segment of the Russell 2000 Index.

Russell 2000® Value Index measures the performance of the value segment of the Russell 2000 Index.

Russell 3000® Index measures the performance of the 3,000 largest U.S. companies, representing approximately 98% of the investable U.S. equity market.

Russell 3000® Growth Index measures the performance of the growth segment of the Russell 3000 Index.

Russell 3000® Value Index measures the performance of the value segment of the Russell 3000 Index.

S&P 500 Index is a capitalization-weighted index calculated on a total-return basis with dividends reinvested. The index includes 500 widely held U.S. market industrial, utility, transportation and financial companies.

S&P Global Natural Resources Index is comprised of 90 of the largest publicly traded companies, based on market capitalization, in global natural resources and commodities businesses that meet certain investability requirements. The Index component securities represent a combination of the component securities included in each of the following three sub-indices: the S&P Global Natural Resources - Agriculture Index, the S&P Global Natural Resources - Energy Index and the S&P Global Natural Resources - Metals and Mining Index. The maximum weight of each sub-index is capped at one-third of the total weight of the Index.

S&P North American Natural Resources Index comprises publicly traded large- and mid-capitalization U.S. and Canadian companies in the natural resources and commodities businesses that meet certain investability requirements and are classified within the sub-industries of one of three natural resources categories: energy, materials or agriculture.

Wilshire 5000 Total Market Index is a market-capitalization-weighted index of the market value of all stocks actively traded in the United States.

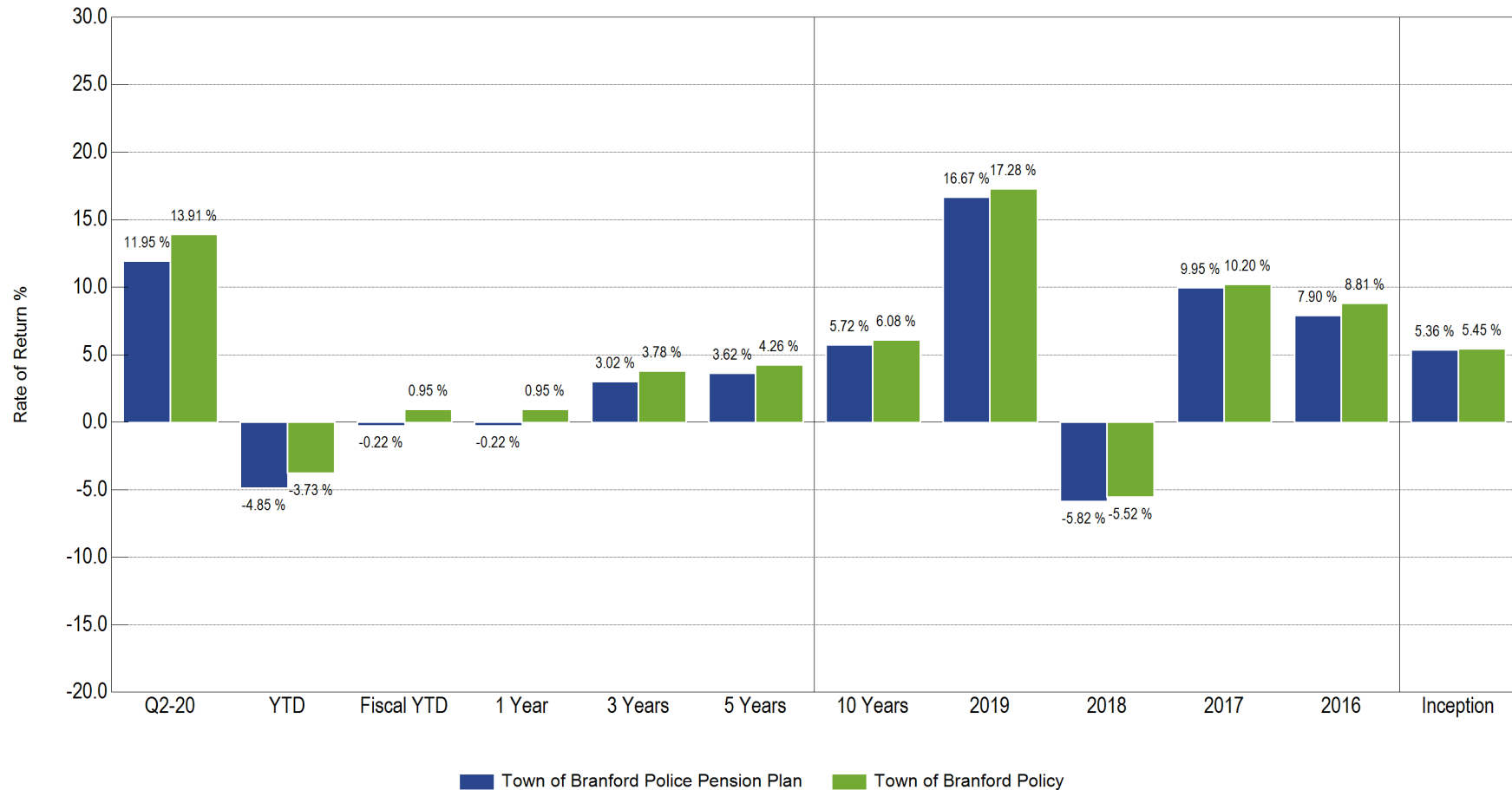
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Investment Performance Analysis

Performance Summary

As of June 30, 2020

Return Summary



For the purposes of investment comparison, the Town of Branford Policy (the "Policy") is utilized. This Policy is a blend of comparative index sub-components based upon the current target asset allocation of the plan and has been adjusted periodically in adherence with the plan's investment policy statement. Details on the composition of the Policy can be found on page 30.

Returns are gross of fees unless otherwise noted. Client returns will be reduced by advisory and other expenses the client may incur. Net performance is shown on page 16.

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Investment Performance Analysis

Composite Performance (Gross)

As of June 30, 2020

Ending June 30, 2020

	Market Value (\$)	% of Portfolio	3 Mo (%)	YTD (%)	Fiscal YTD (%)	1 Yr (%)	3 Yrs (%)	5 Yrs (%)	10 Yrs (%)	Inception (%)	Inception Date
Town of Branford Police Pension Plan	25,107,334	100.00	11.95	-4.85	-0.22	-0.22	3.02	3.62	5.72	5.36	Apr-03
<i>Town of Branford Policy</i>			13.91	-3.73	0.95	0.95	3.78	4.26	6.08	5.45	Apr-03
Equity	13,359,420	53.21	20.81	-11.90	-6.07	-6.07	2.13	3.82	8.07	6.90	Apr-03
<i>Branford Equity Benchmark</i>			22.48	-10.85	-4.94	-4.94	2.65	4.23	8.34	7.66	Apr-03
Fixed Income	9,532,036	37.97	2.93	6.93	9.22	9.22	5.39	4.26	3.81	4.49	Jun-03
<i>BBgBarc US Aggregate TR</i>			2.90	6.13	8.74	8.74	5.32	4.30	3.82	4.29	Jun-03
High Yield	1,910,763	7.61	9.49	-4.71	-0.53	-0.53	2.54	3.16	5.18	4.77	Dec-09
<i>Police High Yield Bond Blended Benchmark</i>			9.54	-4.84	-1.17	-1.17	2.92	4.57	6.47	6.88	Dec-09
Cash Alternatives	305,116	1.22	0.14	0.57	1.70	1.70	1.89	1.27	0.68	1.17	Dec-06
<i>FTSE T-Bill 3 Months TR</i>			0.14	0.52	1.56	1.56	1.73	1.15	0.61	0.97	Dec-06

Composite Performance (Net)

Ending June 30, 2020

	Market Value (\$)	% of Portfolio	3 Mo (%)	YTD (%)	Fiscal YTD (%)	1 Yr (%)	3 Yrs (%)	5 Yrs (%)	10 Yrs (%)	Inception (%)	Inception Date
Town of Branford Police Pension Plan	25,107,334	100.00	11.89	-4.93	-0.43	-0.43	2.70	3.22	5.39	5.06	Apr-03
<i>Town of Branford Policy</i>			13.91	-3.73	0.95	0.95	3.78	4.26	6.08	5.45	Apr-03

Effective September 4, 2015, ELEMENTS Rogers International Commodity Total Return was replaced with Alerian MLP. Effective December 18, 2015, the assets of the Town of Branford Police Pension plan and the Town of Branford Fire Pension plan have been separated.

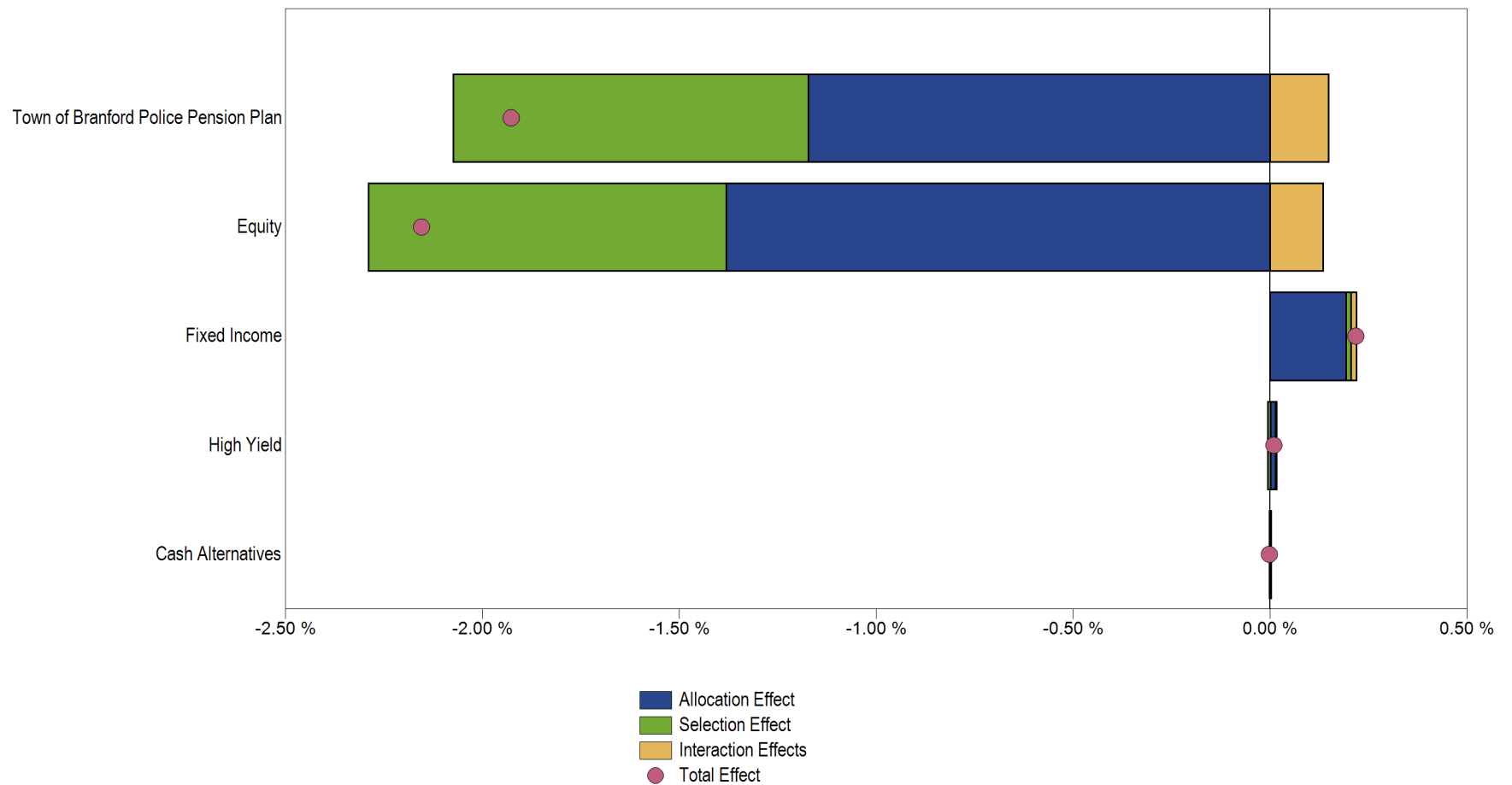
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Investment Performance Analysis

Fund Level Attribution Analysis

As of June 30, 2020

Attribution Effects 3 Months Ending June 30, 2020



Returns are gross of advisory fees. Client returns will be reduced by advisory fees and other expenses the client may incur.

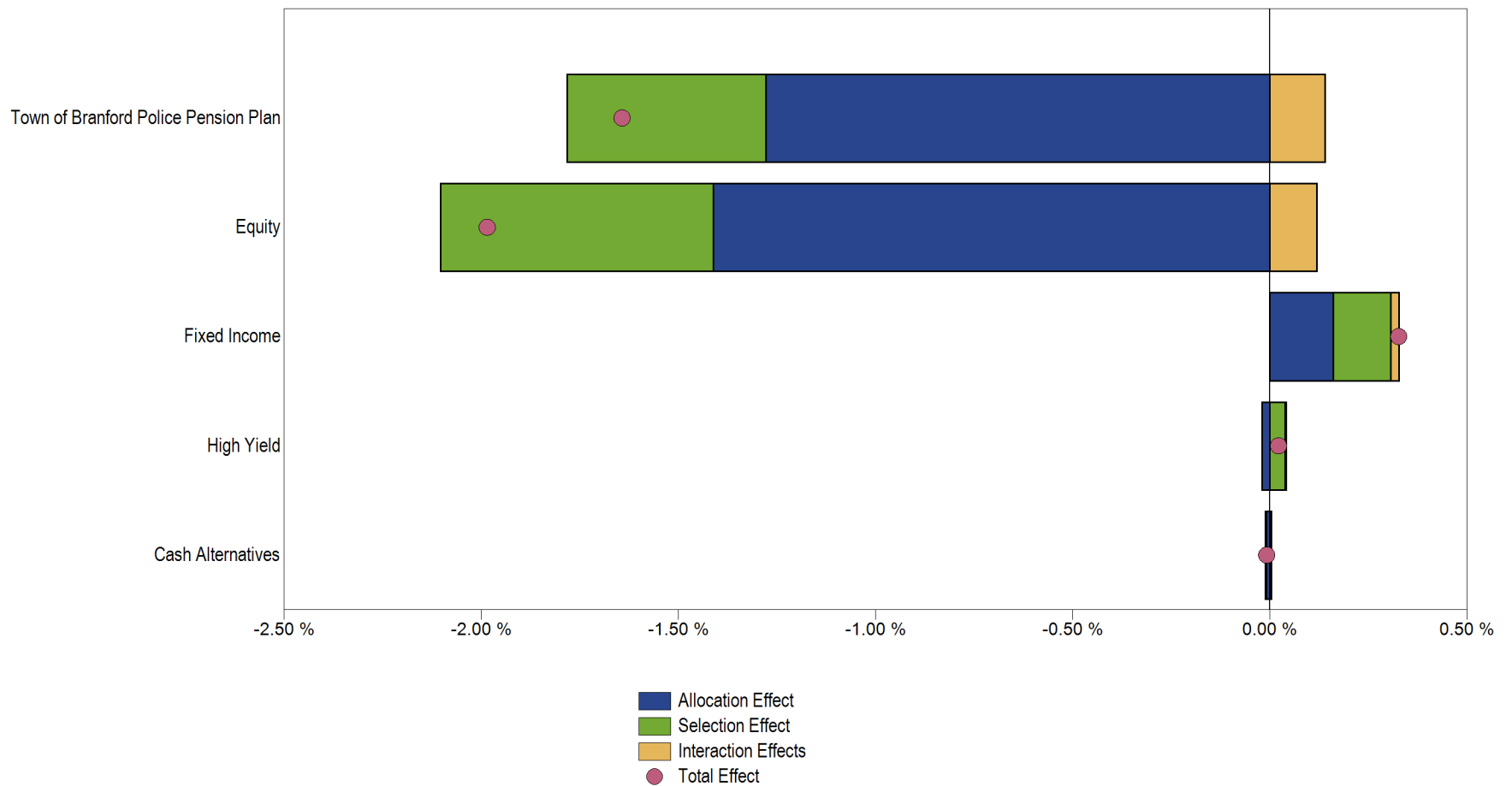
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Investment Performance Analysis

Fund Level Attribution Analysis

As of June 30, 2020

Attribution Effects 1 Year Ending June 30, 2020



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Investment Performance Analysis

As of June 30, 2020

Performance Attribution
Quarter Ending June 30, 2020

	Last 3 Mo.	YTD	Fiscal YTD	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	10 Yrs	2019
Wtd. Actual Return	11.91%	-5.28%	-0.69%	-0.69%	2.95%	3.59%	5.72%	16.62%
Wtd. Index Return *	13.84%	-3.71%	0.95%	0.95%	3.71%	4.22%	6.06%	17.18%
Excess Return	-1.93%	-1.57%	-1.64%	-1.64%	-0.76%	-0.63%	-0.34%	-0.57%
Selection Effect	-0.90%	-0.40%	-0.50%	-0.50%	-0.29%	-0.35%	-0.24%	-0.35%
Allocation Effect	-1.17%	-1.31%	-1.28%	-1.28%	-0.49%	-0.30%	-0.11%	-0.21%
Interaction Effect	0.15%	0.14%	0.14%	0.14%	0.01%	0.01%	0.00%	-0.01%

*Calculated from benchmark returns and weightings of each component.

Attribution Summary
3 Months Ending June 30, 2020

	Wtd. Actual Return	Wtd. Index Return	Excess Return	Selection Effect	Allocation Effect	Interaction Effects	Total Effects
Equity	20.81%	22.48%	-1.67%	-0.91%	-0.53%	0.13%	-1.30%
Fixed Income	2.93%	2.90%	0.04%	0.01%	-0.75%	0.01%	-0.73%
High Yield	9.49%	9.54%	-0.05%	-0.01%	-0.01%	0.00%	-0.02%
Cash Alternatives	0.14%	0.14%	0.00%	0.00%	0.05%	0.00%	0.05%
Total	11.91%	13.84%	-1.93%	-0.90%	-1.25%	0.15%	-2.00%

Returns are gross of advisory fees. Client returns will be reduced by advisory fees and other expenses the client may incur.

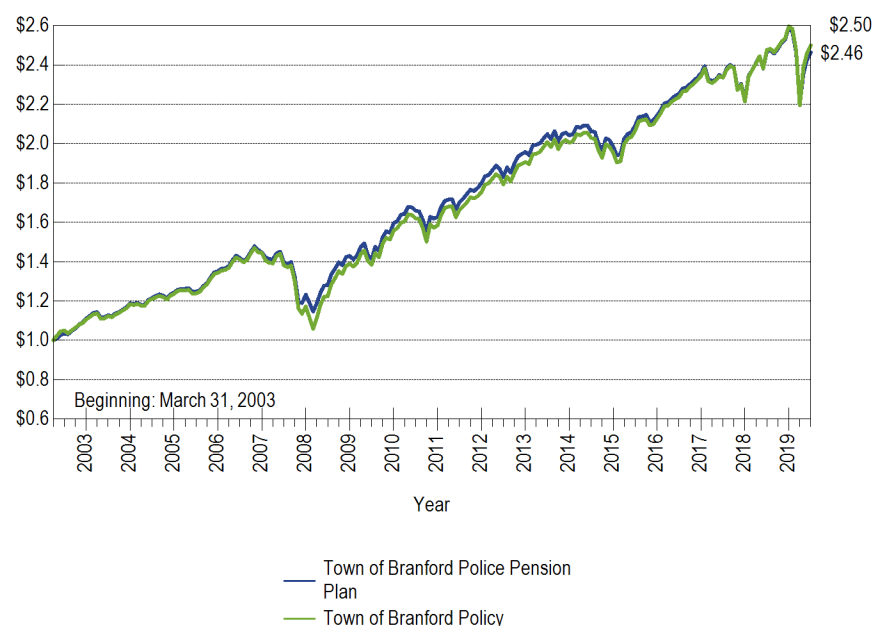
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Investment Performance Analysis

Total Plan Information

As of June 30, 2020

Growth of a Dollar



The Growth of Dollar graph and the returns presented above are gross of advisory fees. The returns presented herein will be reduced by advisory and other expenses the client may incur. The Summary of Cash Flows is net of all expenses

RISK RETURN STATISTICS

Town of Branford Police Pension Plan

Town of Branford Policy

RETURN SUMMARY STATISTICS

Number of Periods	207	207
Maximum Return	7.09	8.79
Minimum Return	-10.72	-11.29
Annualized Return	5.36	5.45
Total Return	146.31	149.93
Annualized Excess Return Over Risk Free	4.06	4.15
Annualized Excess Return	-0.09	0.00

RISK SUMMARY STATISTICS

Beta	0.91	1.00
Upside Deviation	4.25	4.76
Downside Deviation	6.86	7.48

RISK/RETURN SUMMARY STATISTICS

Annualized Standard Deviation	7.41	8.03
Alpha	0.03	0.00
Sharpe Ratio	0.55	0.52
Excess Return Over Market / Risk	-0.01	0.00
Tracking Error	1.27	0.00
Information Ratio	-0.07	--

CORRELATION STATISTICS

R-Squared	0.98	1.00
Correlation	0.99	1.00

Summary of Cash Flows

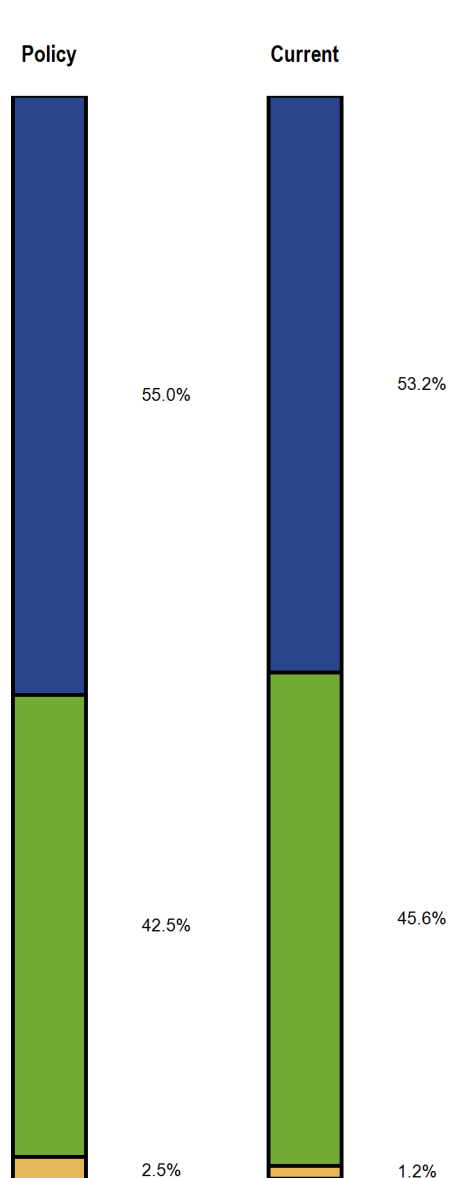
	Last Three Months	Year-To-Date	Fiscal Year-To-Date	One Year	Three Years	Five Years	Ten Years	Inception 4/1/03
Beginning Market Value	\$22,823,549	\$27,287,344	\$24,875,699	\$24,875,699	\$22,425,300	\$22,081,016	\$15,190,392	\$8,311,293
Contributions	\$543,191	\$1,621,683	\$5,499,588	\$5,499,588	\$14,847,954	\$18,996,710	\$32,491,116	\$58,339,684
Withdrawals	-\$969,633	-\$2,494,407	-\$5,230,460	-\$5,230,460	-\$14,303,414	-\$20,010,711	-\$33,899,142	-\$56,890,721
Net Cash Flow	-\$426,442	-\$872,724	\$269,129	\$269,129	\$544,540	-\$1,014,001	-\$1,408,026	\$1,448,962
Net Investment Change	\$2,710,227	-\$1,307,285	-\$37,493	-\$37,493	\$2,137,494	\$4,040,319	\$11,324,968	\$15,347,079
Ending Market Value	\$25,107,334	\$25,107,334	\$25,107,334	\$25,107,334	\$25,107,334	\$25,107,334	\$25,107,334	\$25,107,334

Town of Branford Police Pension Plan

Investment Performance Analysis

Asset Allocation vs. Target Policy

As of June 30, 2020



Asset Allocation vs. Target As Of June 30, 2020

	Policy Range	Policy	%	Current	%	Difference*	%
US Equity	30.0% - 60.0%	\$13,809,034	55.0%	\$13,359,420	53.2%	-\$449,614	-1.8%
US Fixed Income	40.0% - 65.0%	\$10,670,617	42.5%	\$11,442,798	45.6%	\$772,181	3.1%
Cash	0.0% - 10.0%	\$627,683	2.5%	\$305,116	1.2%	-\$322,567	-1.3%
Total		\$25,107,334	100.0%	\$25,107,334	100.0%		

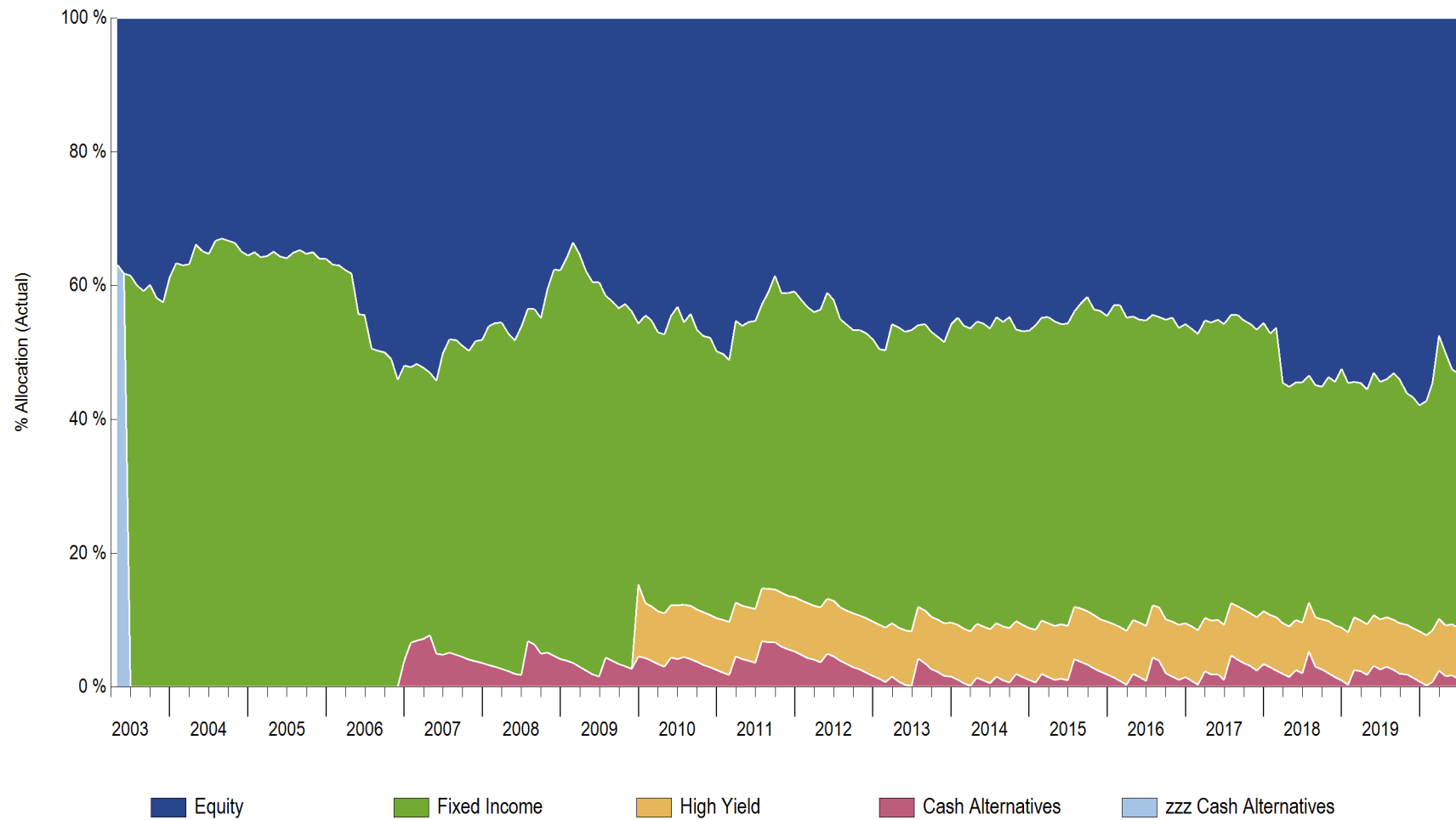
*Difference between Policy and Current Allocation

Town of Branford Police Pension Plan Investment Performance Analysis

Asset Allocation History

As of June 30, 2020

Asset Allocation History
17 Years 3 Months Ending June 30, 2020



Investment Analysis

Total Plan

Investment Performance Analysis

As of June 30, 2020

Manager Roster
As of June 30, 2020

	Account Type	Benchmark	Universe	Market Value	Allocation	Inception
Cash Alternatives	Cash	FTSE T-Bill 3 Months TR		\$305,116	1.2%	12/1/2006
Equity	Global Equity	Branford Equity Benchmark	Global Equity	\$13,359,420	53.2%	4/1/2003
Fixed Income	US Fixed Income	BBgBarc US Aggregate TR	US Intermediate Fixed Income	\$9,532,036	38.0%	6/30/2003
High Yield	US Fixed Income	Police High Yield Bond Blended Benchmark	US Below Inv Grade (High Yield) Fixed Income	\$1,910,763	7.6%	12/1/2009
Total		Town of Branford Policy		\$25,107,334	100.0%	4/1/2003

<p style="text-align: center;">Town of Branford Equity Positions As of June 30, 2020</p>

Holding	Market Value	% of Equity Portfolio
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$422,417.13	3.09%
ISHARES S&P 500	\$3,646,290.06	26.68%
ISHARES S&P MIDCAP 400	\$1,338,628.96	9.80%
ISHARES Russell 2000	\$1,349,328.32	9.87%
ISHARES MSCI Emerging Markets	\$2,167,937.88	15.87%
ISHARES MSCI EAFE Index Fund	\$3,116,057.04	22.80%
ISHARES Dow Jones U.S. Real Estate	\$692,897.52	5.07%
Alerian MLP	\$930,978.96	6.81%
	\$13,664,535.87	100.00%

**Town of Branford
Fixed Income Positions
as of June 30, 2020**

Par (000)	Issuer Name	Quality	Coupon	Maturity	Price	Mkt Val (000)	% Held (MV)	YTW	Effective Duration
78	CASH & EQUIVALENTS	AAA	0.120	07/31/2020	100.000	78	0.81	0.120	0.085
20	UNITED STATES TREAS NTS	AA+	2.625	08/15/2020	100.302	20	0.21	0.232	0.126
70	CATERPILLAR FINL SVCS MTNS B	A-	1.850	09/04/2020	100.268	71	0.74	0.340	0.180
117	TOTAL CAPITAL	A+	4.125	01/28/2021	102.150	122	1.28	0.395	0.569
80	TOYOTA MOTOR CREDIT CORP	A+	1.900	04/08/2021	101.146	81	0.85	0.412	0.766
170	BANK NEW YORK MELLON CORP	A	2.500	04/15/2021	101.525	173	1.82	0.342	0.700
105	CHEVRON CORP NEW	AA	2.100	05/16/2021	101.374	107	1.12	0.366	0.789
150	UNITED STATES TREAS NTS	AA+	1.750	07/31/2021	101.703	154	1.61	0.178	1.071
50	MOBIL CORP	AA	8.625	08/15/2021	108.703	56	0.59	0.835	1.063
70	ORACLE CORP	A-	1.900	09/15/2021	101.709	72	0.75	0.376	1.111
15	CATERPILLAR FINL SVCS MTNS B	A-	1.931	10/01/2021	101.971	15	0.16	0.353	1.238
100	TOYOTA MOTOR CREDIT CORP	A+	2.600	01/11/2022	103.087	104	1.09	0.571	1.492
3	BURLINGTON NORTHN SANTA FE	AA	5.943	01/15/2022	103.581	3	0.03	1.714	0.827
100	UNITED STATES TREAS NTS	AA+	1.125	02/28/2022	101.582	102	1.07	0.175	1.647
50	NEW YORK ST URBAN DEV CORP	AA+	2.830	03/15/2022	103.684	52	0.55	0.658	1.660
60	NORTHERN TR CORP	A	2.375	08/02/2022	104.022	63	0.66	0.439	2.029
90	PHILIP MORRIS INTL INC	A	2.375	08/17/2022	103.841	94	0.99	0.487	1.989
50	DISNEY WALT CO MTNS BE	A-	2.350	12/01/2022	104.101	52	0.55	0.639	2.357
100	CONNECTICUT ST GO BDS 2009B	A	5.200	12/01/2022	110.236	111	1.16	0.912	2.294
200	CHEVRON CORP NEW	AA	2.355	12/05/2022	104.103	209	2.19	0.462	2.134
1,560	ISHARES ICE 1-5 CRP	A-	3.197	04/01/2023	54.710	85	0.90	1.491	2.611
85	CHEVRON CORP NEW	AA	3.191	06/24/2023	107.150	91	0.96	0.552	2.631
85	WALMART INC	AA	3.400	06/26/2023	108.937	93	0.97	0.308	2.789
125	CABELAS CC 2015-II- A1	AAA	2.250	07/15/2023	100.061	125	1.31	0.786	0.041
12	GNMA POOL - 672864	AA+	4.500	07/15/2023	104.535	13	0.13	0.487	1.155
50	COCA COLA CO	A+	3.200	11/01/2023	108.866	55	0.57	0.516	3.179
53	WELLS FARGO & CO	A-	3.750	01/24/2024	109.265	59	0.62	1.031	3.241
85	BP CAP MKTS AMER INC	A-	3.790	02/06/2024	109.206	94	0.99	1.113	3.277
90	HOME DEPOT INC	A	3.750	02/15/2024	110.543	101	1.06	0.590	3.166
9	GNMA POOL - 783221	AA+	6.000	02/15/2024	105.565	10	0.10	1.302	1.206
85	ALPHABET INC	AA	3.375	02/25/2024	109.948	94	0.99	0.616	3.438
70	BANK AMER CORP	A-	4.000	04/01/2024	111.001	78	0.82	1.005	3.494
100	WALMART INC	AA	3.300	04/22/2024	109.902	111	1.16	0.492	3.377
70	UNITED STATES TREAS NTS	AA+	2.250	04/30/2024	107.766	76	0.79	0.215	3.690
74	AMAZON COM INC	A	3.800	12/05/2024	113.407	84	0.88	0.552	3.916
150	CITIBANK CC 2018-A6- NT	AAA	3.210	12/07/2024	106.708	160	1.68	0.439	2.357
29	GNMA2 POOL - 004584	AA+	4.000	12/20/2024	105.965	30	0.32	0.323	1.649
72	MERCK & CO. INC	A+	2.750	02/10/2025	108.590	79	0.83	0.745	4.124
85	MICROSOFT CORP	AAA	2.700	02/12/2025	109.015	94	0.98	0.605	4.135
90	EXXON MOBIL CORP	AA	2.709	03/06/2025	107.324	97	1.02	1.015	4.201
150	DEERE & CO	A	2.750	04/15/2025	109.201	165	1.73	0.757	4.434
100	PEPSICO INC	A+	2.750	04/30/2025	109.120	110	1.15	0.723	4.346
43	GENERAL DYNAMICS CORP	A	3.500	05/15/2025	111.822	48	0.51	0.928	4.380
70	LUBRIZOL CORP	AA	7.250	06/15/2025	125.284	88	0.92	1.885	4.302
200	NEW YORK N Y CITY TRANSITIO	AA+	2.860	08/01/2025	109.154	221	2.32	1.009	4.729

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Par (000)	Issuer Name	Quality	Coupon	Maturity	Price	Mkt Val (000)	% Held (MV)	YTW	Effective Duration
85	BP CAP MKTS AMER INC	A-	3.796	09/21/2025	112.925	97	1.02	1.158	4.626
85	U S BANCORP MTNS BK ENT	A+	3.950	11/17/2025	115.375	98	1.03	0.966	4.846
95	HILLIARD OHIO SCH DIST TAXA	AA+	5.550	12/01/2025	119.096	114	1.19	1.832	4.778
34	GNMA2 POOL - 004954	AA+	3.000	02/20/2026	105.047	36	0.38	0.448	1.990
90	APPLE INC	AA+	3.250	02/23/2026	112.007	102	1.07	0.962	4.976
15	EXXON MOBIL CORP	AA	3.043	03/01/2026	109.896	17	0.17	1.154	5.021
42	U S BANCORP MTNS BK ENT	A-	3.100	04/27/2026	110.944	47	0.49	1.126	5.302
200	UNITED STATES TREAS NTS	AA+	2.125	05/31/2026	110.121	221	2.31	0.393	5.617
75	DISNEY WALT CO MTNS BE	A-	1.850	07/30/2026	103.279	78	0.82	1.288	5.735
90	MICROSOFT CORP	AAA	3.300	02/06/2027	114.425	104	1.09	0.954	5.775
35	BLACKROCK INC	AA-	3.200	03/15/2027	112.728	40	0.42	1.218	6.081
50	BURLINGTON NORTHN SANTA FE C	A-	3.250	06/15/2027	113.138	57	0.59	1.206	6.135
60	NATIONAL RURAL UTILS COOP FI	A	3.400	02/07/2028	112.155	68	0.71	1.639	6.550
81	PRUDENTIAL FINL INC MTNS BOO	A-	3.878	03/27/2028	115.527	94	0.99	1.665	6.587
80	UNITED STATES TREAS NTS	AA+	2.875	05/15/2028	118.016	95	0.99	0.536	7.185
215	UNITED STATES TREAS NTS	AA+	2.625	02/15/2029	117.180	254	2.67	0.580	7.826
85	DEERE JOHN CAP CORP MTNS BE	A	3.450	03/07/2029	115.928	99	1.04	1.488	7.599
180	UNITED STATES TREAS NTS	AA+	2.375	05/15/2029	115.406	208	2.19	0.591	8.138
81	UNITED STATES TREAS NTS	AA+	1.625	08/15/2029	109.113	89	0.93	0.597	8.543
139	UNITED STATES TREAS NTS	AA+	1.750	11/15/2029	110.406	154	1.61	0.606	8.754
15	PROCTER AND GAMBLE CO	AA-	3.000	03/25/2030	114.488	17	0.18	1.403	8.553
100	CATERPILLAR INC DEL	A-	2.600	04/09/2030	108.764	109	1.15	1.604	8.551
60	FEDERAL NATL MTG ASSN	AA+	6.625	11/15/2030	154.982	93	0.98	1.025	8.242
105	GNMA 2019-053- V	AA+	2.750	08/16/2031	108.282	114	1.19	1.235	5.412
5	GNMA POOL - 604387	AA+	6.000	06/15/2033	112.749	5	0.05	2.505	3.566
5	GNMA POOL - 603773	AA+	6.000	06/15/2033	117.712	6	0.07	1.416	3.751
13	GNMA POOL - 613042	AA+	4.500	09/15/2033	111.035	14	0.15	1.625	3.757
4	GNMA POOL - 604639	AA+	5.000	09/15/2033	114.239	5	0.05	1.358	3.803
16	GNMA POOL - 621667	AA+	5.000	03/15/2034	109.395	18	0.18	2.287	3.399
6	GNMA POOL - 639079	AA+	5.000	12/15/2034	109.395	7	0.07	2.617	3.703
6	GNMA POOL - 636236	AA+	5.000	03/15/2035	114.277	7	0.08	1.512	3.960
0	FHLMC POOL - 1B2285	AA+	4.291	08/01/2035	100.973	0	0.00	2.082	0.682
15	GNMA POOL - 595800	AA+	4.500	08/15/2035	110.119	16	0.17	2.078	4.052
23	GNMA POOL - 649476	AA+	4.500	10/15/2035	109.628	25	0.26	2.187	4.042
12	GNMA POOL - 648482	AA+	4.500	11/15/2035	110.858	13	0.14	1.841	3.950
2	GNMA POOL - 623959	AA+	5.500	12/15/2035	109.885	3	0.03	3.071	3.925
8	GNMA POOL - 520293	AA+	5.500	01/15/2036	113.136	9	0.10	2.359	4.028
1	GNMA POOL - 650146	AA+	5.000	03/15/2036	109.397	1	0.01	2.784	4.154
10	GNMA POOL - 652573	AA+	5.000	05/15/2036	110.377	11	0.12	2.476	4.011
3	GNMA POOL - 384819	AA+	5.000	01/15/2037	112.713	4	0.04	1.908	3.889
4	GNMA POOL - 659106	AA+	6.000	02/15/2037	111.947	4	0.05	2.980	3.844
1	GNMA POOL - 658708	AA+	5.000	05/15/2037	109.443	1	0.01	2.802	4.124
50	JOHNSON & JOHNSON	AAA	5.950	08/15/2037	154.097	78	0.82	2.155	12.251

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Par (000)	Issuer Name	Quality	Coupon	Maturity	Price	Mkt Val (000)	% Held (MV)	YTW	Effective Duration
18	GNMA POOL - 676551	AA+	4.500	10/15/2037	109.795	19	0.20	2.124	3.976
26	GNMA POOL - 670370	AA+	5.000	11/15/2037	114.386	29	0.31	1.787	4.239
4	GNMA POOL - 672628	AA+	6.000	03/15/2038	118.395	5	0.05	1.825	4.092
1	GNMA POOL - 690853	AA+	5.500	06/15/2038	116.862	1	0.01	1.662	3.965
60	PFIZER INC	A+	4.100	09/15/2038	124.148	75	0.79	2.416	13.549
2	GNMA POOL - 699457	AA+	6.000	10/15/2038	111.397	2	0.02	3.405	4.221
10	CONOCOPHILLIPS	A-	6.500	02/01/2039	145.602	15	0.16	3.220	12.284
83	GNMA 2015-109- A	AA+	2.528	02/16/2040	102.575	86	0.90	1.215	2.053
21	GNMA POOL - 749321	AA+	3.500	12/15/2040	105.537	22	0.23	2.293	4.225
13	GNMA POOL - 737798	AA+	3.500	12/15/2040	106.821	14	0.14	1.963	3.590
36	GNMA 2013-175- A	AA+	2.838	01/16/2041	100.942	36	0.38	1.263	0.706
130	UNITED STATES TREAS NTS	AA+	3.125	02/15/2042	135.731	178	1.87	1.237	17.246
30	UNITED STATES TREAS BDS	AA+	3.000	05/15/2042	133.137	40	0.42	1.262	17.614
81	FLORIDA PWR & LT CO	A+	4.050	10/01/2044	124.726	102	1.07	2.642	16.728
125	UNITED STATES TREAS BDS	AA+	3.000	11/15/2044	133.883	168	1.76	1.362	19.163
25	CONOCOPHILLIPS CO	A-	4.300	11/15/2044	121.999	31	0.32	3.002	16.351
77	GNMA 2013-068- AC	AA+	1.300	02/16/2046	99.893	77	0.80	1.327	2.275
95	UNITED STATES TREAS BDS	AA+	2.500	05/15/2046	124.027	118	1.24	1.391	20.759
94	GNMA 2018-117- AB	AA+	2.500	07/16/2046	102.055	96	1.01	1.204	1.685
92	FNMA UMBS POOL - MA2730	AA+	2.500	08/01/2046	105.277	97	1.01	1.502	3.022
112	FNMA UMBS POOL - BE1348	AA+	3.000	10/01/2046	105.900	119	1.25	1.848	2.215
50	FNMA POOL - MA2828	AA+	2.500	11/01/2046	103.295	52	0.55	1.876	3.697
29	PFIZER INC	A+	4.125	12/15/2046	128.896	37	0.39	2.606	18.035
41	NORTHN STS PWR CO MINN	A	3.600	09/15/2047	117.082	48	0.51	2.698	18.540
16	FHLMC GOLD POOL - Q52418	AA+	3.500	11/01/2047	108.205	18	0.18	1.579	1.578
130	UNITED STATES TREAS BDS	AA+	3.000	02/15/2048	136.895	179	1.88	1.388	21.027
63	UNITED STATES TREAS BDS	AA+	3.000	08/15/2048	137.523	87	0.92	1.385	21.327
69	FHLMC GOLD POOL - G61648	AA+	3.500	09/01/2048	107.486	74	0.78	1.723	2.014
33	FNMA UMBS POOL - BN0905	AA+	4.000	11/01/2048	107.794	35	0.37	0.841	0.621
68	BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY FIN CORP	AA	4.250	01/15/2049	128.168	88	0.93	2.794	18.236
91	FNMA UMBS POOL - BN4393	AA+	3.500	03/01/2049	108.073	98	1.03	-0.896	-0.770
69	FNMA UMBS POOL - FM2612	AA+	3.500	05/01/2049	105.359	73	0.76	0.395	0.538
70	GNMA POOL - 682229	AA+	4.000	07/15/2049	105.891	75	0.78	1.174	1.064
150	MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO	A+	4.250	07/15/2049	128.996	196	2.06	2.773	18.469
22	UNITED STATES TREAS BDS	AA+	2.250	08/15/2049	120.262	27	0.28	1.400	23.161
140	FHLMC UMBS POOL - QA3677	AA+	2.500	10/01/2049	104.339	146	1.54	1.623	2.675
39	FHLMC UMBS POOL - QA3570	AA+	2.500	10/01/2049	104.609	41	0.43	1.646	2.965
127	FNCL 3 N	AAA	3.000	12/01/2049	106.204	135	1.42	1.228	1.618
40	3M CO	A+	3.700	04/15/2050	119.115	48	0.50	2.746	19.542
50	TJX COS INC NEW	A	4.500	04/15/2050	128.502	65	0.68	3.026	18.356
43	BANK 2017-BNK6- A1	AAA	1.941	07/15/2060	100.346	44	0.46	1.310	0.701
8,417		AA	3.092	7.824	110.527	9,530	100.00	1.059	6.109

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High Yield Positions
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Holding	Market Value	% of Equity Portfolio
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$12,352.33	0.65%
MainStay MacKay High Yield Corp Bd	\$1,898,410.47	99.35%
	\$1,910,762.80	100.00%

Historical Policy

4/1/2003 to 6/30/2003	70.00	Citigroup Treasury Bill-3 Month
	15.00	S&P 500
	15.00	S&P 400 Mid Cap
7/1/2003 to 4/30/2006	65.00	Barclays Aggregate
	15.00	S&P 500
	15.00	S&P 400 Mid Cap
	5.00	Citigroup Treasury Bill-3 Month
5/1/2006 to 7/31/2006	55.00	Barclays Aggregate
	21.25	S&P 500
	12.50	S&P 400 Mid Cap
	5.00	Citigroup Treasury Bill-3 Month
	3.75	MSCI EAFE (Net)
	1.25	MSCI Emerging Market (Net)
	1.25	Russell 2000
8/1/2006 to 12/31/2009	45.00	Barclays Aggregate
	27.50	S&P 500
	10.00	S&P 400 Mid Cap
	7.50	MSCI EAFE (Net)
	5.00	Citigroup Treasury Bill-3 Month
	2.50	MSCI Emerging Market (Net)
	2.50	Russell 2000
1/1/2010 to 2/28/2013	42.00	Barclays Aggregate
	18.00	S&P 500
	10.00	MSCI EAFE (Net)
	8.00	BofA Merrill Lynch US High Yield Master II TR
	7.00	Russell 2000
	5.00	MSCI Emerging Market (Net)
	5.00	S&P 400 Mid Cap
	5.00	Citigroup Treasury Bill-3 Month
3/1/2013 to 8/31/2015	44.90	Barclays Aggregate
	14.10	S&P 500
	8.00	BofA Merrill Lynch US High Yield Master II TR
	7.00	Russell 2000
	6.00	MSCI Emerging Market (Net)
	5.00	S&P 400 Mid Cap
	5.00	MSCI EAFE (Net)
	5.00	Bloomberg Commodity Index
	3.00	Dow USA Real Estate
9/1/2015 to 3/31/2018	44.90	Barclays Aggregate
	14.10	S&P 500
	8.00	BofA Merrill Lynch US High Yield Master II TR
	7.00	Russell 2000
	6.00	MSCI Emerging Market (Net)
	5.00	S&P 400 Mid Cap

	5.00	MSCI EAFE (Net)
	5.00	Alerian MLP Index
	3.00	Dow USA Real Estate
	2.00	Citigroup Treasury Bill-3 Month
4/1/2018 to 5/31/2019	35.00	Barclays Aggregate
	14.50	S&P 500
	12.50	MSCI EAFE (Net)
	8.50	MSCI Emerging Market (Net)
	7.50	BofA Merrill Lynch US High Yield Master II TR
	5.50	Russell 2000
	5.50	S&P 400 Mid Cap
	5.25	Alerian MLP Index
	3.25	Dow USA Real Estate
	2.50	Citigroup Treasury Bill-3 Month
6/1/2019 to Present	35.00	Barclays Aggregate
	14.50	S&P 500
	12.50	MSCI EAFE (Net)
	8.50	MSCI Emerging Market (Net)
	7.50	BofAML US High Yield Constrained
	5.50	Russell 2000
	5.50	S&P 400 Mid Cap
	5.25	Alerian MLP Index
	3.25	Dow USA Real Estate
	2.50	Citigroup Treasury Bill-3 Month

Definitions

Accrued – Usually associated with interest or income, as in accrued interest; interest owed by the issuer but not yet paid.

Allocation Effect – In attribution analysis, this examines the gain or loss achieved from over or under weighting a manager versus its targeted allocation.

Alpha – Value that is added by the manager, or the non-systematic return; the excess portfolio return compared to the risk-adjusted benchmark. A positive alpha implies the manager has added value to the return over that of the market.

Alpha-Jensen – A version of alpha that utilizes risk-adjusted manager returns in its calculation.

Attribution Analysis – A tool to separate and examine the different sources of gain or loss from an overall investment policy and targeted asset allocation.

Batting Average – Measure of a fund or manager's ability to beat the market consistently. It is calculated by dividing the number of quarters in which the fund or manager outperformed its benchmark by the number of quarters in the analysis.

Best Quarter – The largest single quarterly return which occurred during the specified time period.

Beta – Measures the systematic risk, or the return that is attributable to market movements. A beta equal to one indicates a risk level equivalent to the market. Higher betas are associated with higher risk levels.

Consumer Discretionary – Sector classification of companies that produce goods that are not necessities, like automobiles, high-end clothing, hotels, and restaurants.

Consumer Staples – Sector classification of companies that produce necessities like food/beverage and household products.

Correlation Coefficient – Statistical measure of the degree to which the movements of two variables are related. A correlation of 1.0 indicates a perfect positive correlation; 0.0 indicates a random relationship; -1.0 indicates perfect negative correlation.

Credit Risk – A measure of the default risk on amounts due from policyholder or creditors.

Current Yield – A bond's coupon rate divided by the bond's current price.

Dividend Yield – The current dividend per share of a stock divided by its current price per share.

Dollar/Money Weighted Rate of Return – Measure of portfolio returns that includes the impact from cash flows.

Down Market – A quarter in which the market return is negative.

Downside Deviation – Standard deviation of negative returns only.

Duration – A measure of a bond's price volatility relative to a change in the general level of interest rates, measured in years. In general, bonds with longer durations have greater sensitivity to interest rates and vice-versa.

Earnings Per Share (EPS) – The portion of a company's profit allocated to each outstanding share of common stock.

Earnings Per Share Growth Rate – The rate at which the earnings per share grows over various time periods.

Energy – Sector classification of companies that relate to producing or supplying energy.

Excess Return over Market/Risk – Annualized excess return achieved by the manager divided by annualized standard deviation.

Financials – Sector classification of companies that provide banking, investment, and real estate services to commercial and retail customers.

Health Care – Sector classification of companies that provide health related services or products.

Information Ratio – Measures the consistency of out-performance. Excess return divided by Standard deviation of excess return.

Information Technology – Sector classification of companies that are involved in the development, installation, and implementation of computer systems and applications.

Industrials – Sector classification of companies that manufacture or distribute goods.

Manager Effect – In attribution analysis, this examines the difference between a manager's returns versus his or her respective benchmark.

Definitions

Materials – Sector classification of companies that are involved in the discovery, development, and processing of raw materials.

Maturity – Date when the principal or stated value of a fixed income security becomes due and payable in full to the bondholder.

Policy Allocation – Targeted allocation across various asset classes and/or managers.

Price to Book Ratio (P/B) – The current price of a stock divided by its book value per share.

Price to Earnings Ratio (P/E) – The current price of a stock divided by its earnings per share.

Quality Rating – Bond issuer's credit quality, or its ability to meet future contractual obligations. (Moody's and S&P's)

R-Squared – Measure of how closely related are the variance of a manager's returns to the variance of the benchmark's returns.

Range – The difference between the Best Quarter and the Worst Quarter returns.

Return on Equity (ROE) – Equity (net worth) at the beginning of an accounting period divided into net income for the period.

Return/Risk Comparison – Analysis that exhibits the rate of return in relation to the volatility of those returns as measured by the annualized standard deviation of quarterly returns.

Risk Free – The equivalent of an investment with little to no risk of market loss, typically defined as short term Treasury bills.

Sharpe Ratio – This measures excess return per unit of risk. A higher ratio means the manager is achieving higher return for the risk.

Sortino Ratio – Similar to Sharpe Ratio, this measures excess return per unit of downside risk.

Standard Deviation – A statistical measure of portfolio risk, it measures the volatility of a fund's returns compared to the average return of the fund. It reflects the average deviation of the observations from their sample mean.

Telecommunication Service – Sector classification of companies that provide communication technology related services or products.

Time-Weighted Rate of Return – Minimizes the impact of cash flows on rate of return calculations.

Total Return – For bonds, the sum of interest and principal payments as well as any reinvestment income received over a holding or measurement period, plus any capital gain or loss if the bond is sold at the end of the period.

Tracking Error – How closely a fund or manager's returns track the returns of a benchmark.; the annualized standard deviation of the differences between the fund or manager's return and the benchmark's return.

Transportation – Sector classification of companies that provide transportation related services or products.

Treynor Ratio – Risk is measured using Beta, which is an index dependent measure; relates the difference between the fund return and the risk-free rate to the fund beta for a given time period.

Universe – A broadly defined group of investment managers. For example, a group of equity investment managers.

Up Market – A quarter in which the market return is positive.

Upside Deviation – the standard deviation of positive returns only.

Upside/Downside – A graphical representation of up market and down market returns, measured as percentages versus benchmark.

Utilities – Sector classification of companies that own or operate facilities used in the generation, transmission, or distribution of electric energy.

Worst Four Quarters – Smallest return experienced over any four consecutive quarters, may not correspond with calendar years.

Worst Quarter – The worst single quarterly return which occurred during the specified time period.

Yield – The return to a bondholder who holds a bond until it matures.

Yield to Maturity – Internal rate of return on a bond bought at the current price and held to maturity. This assumes that coupon income is reinvested at the yield to maturity.

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