

Investment Review

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Quarterly Performance Summary

The Episcopal Diocese Unit fund gained 4.15% in the third quarter, resulting in investment gains of nearly \$1,113,000. At the end of August, the positions within the Raymond James Core Growth strategy were trimmed to provide additional cash for dividend payments while maintaining the overall allocation. A smaller amount of cash within the bond portfolio was added to the Public Storage preferred stock position.

Investment Return Summary

Due to the IPS change in March 2016, periods beginning prior to 3/31/16 do not reflect current investments and are omitted.

Third Quarter 2018

June 30, 2018 Value:	\$26,791,955
Net Cash Flows:	(\$351,723)
Investment Gain:	\$1,152,329
September 30, 2018 Value:	\$27,592,561
Third Quarter Return:	4.15%
Basic Benchmark Return:*	5.41%
Alternative Benchmark Return:*	3.84%

Year-to-Date Period (12/31/2017 - 09/30/2018)

Investment Gain:	\$1,557,210
Year-to-Date Return:	5.39%
Basic Benchmark Return:*	6.79%
Alternative Benchmark Return:*	4.52%

One-Year Period (09/30/2017 - 09/30/2018)

Investment Gain:	\$2,496,353
One-Year Return:	9.01%
Basic Benchmark Return:*	11.77%
Alternative Benchmark Return:*	8.55%

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Account Activity Summary

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	Third Quarter	YTD	One-Year	Three-Year	Five-Year	Ten-Year
Beginning Market Value	\$26,791,955	\$26,798,502	\$26,207,606	-	-	-
Contributions						
Parish Deposits	\$24,900	\$322,629	\$322,919	-	-	-
Withdrawals						
Parish Withdrawals	(\$42,181)	(\$100,295)	(\$119,450)	-	-	-
Parish Dividends	(\$289,067)	(\$841,029)	(\$1,126,089)	-	-	-
Foreign Taxes Withheld	(\$2,365)	(\$8,928)	(\$10,490)	-	-	-
Management Expenses	(\$43,010)	(\$135,529)	(\$178,288)	-	-	-
Net Cash Flows	(\$351,723)	(\$763,152)	(\$1,111,398)	-	-	-
Income						
Interest / Dividends	\$205,979	\$579,530	\$745,001	-	-	-
Gains (Losses)	\$946,350	\$977,681	\$1,751,353	-	-	-
Total Earnings	\$1,152,329	\$1,557,210	\$2,496,353	-	-	-
Ending Market Value	\$27,592,561	\$27,592,561	\$27,592,561	-	-	-
Portfolio Return (Gross of Fees)	4.30%	5.85%	9.65%	-	-	-
Management Expenses	-0.156%	-0.491%	-0.646%	-	-	-
Portfolio Return (Net of Fees)	4.15%	5.39%	9.01%	-	-	-
Basic Benchmark Return	5.41%	6.79%	11.77%	-	-	-
Alternative Benchmark Return	3.84%	4.52%	8.55%	-	-	-

Parish Deposits: The total amount deposited by the parishes for investment into the Unit Fund subaccounts.

Parish Withdrawals: The total principal amount withdrawn by the parishes from the Unit Fund subaccounts.

Parish Dividends: The total Unit Fund dividends paid directly to the parishes and not reinvested or used for loan repayment.

Foreign Taxes Withheld: The total foreign income taxes automatically withheld on dividends paid by non-US companies.

Management Expenses: The total expenses paid by the Unit Fund for investment, accounting, account maintenance, statement preparation, and reporting purposes. The percentage is calculated as the expense amount divided by the beginning value.

Interest / Dividends: The total interest and dividends generated by the investments of the Unit Fund.

Gains (Losses): The total rise or fall of the market value of the investments in the Unit Fund.

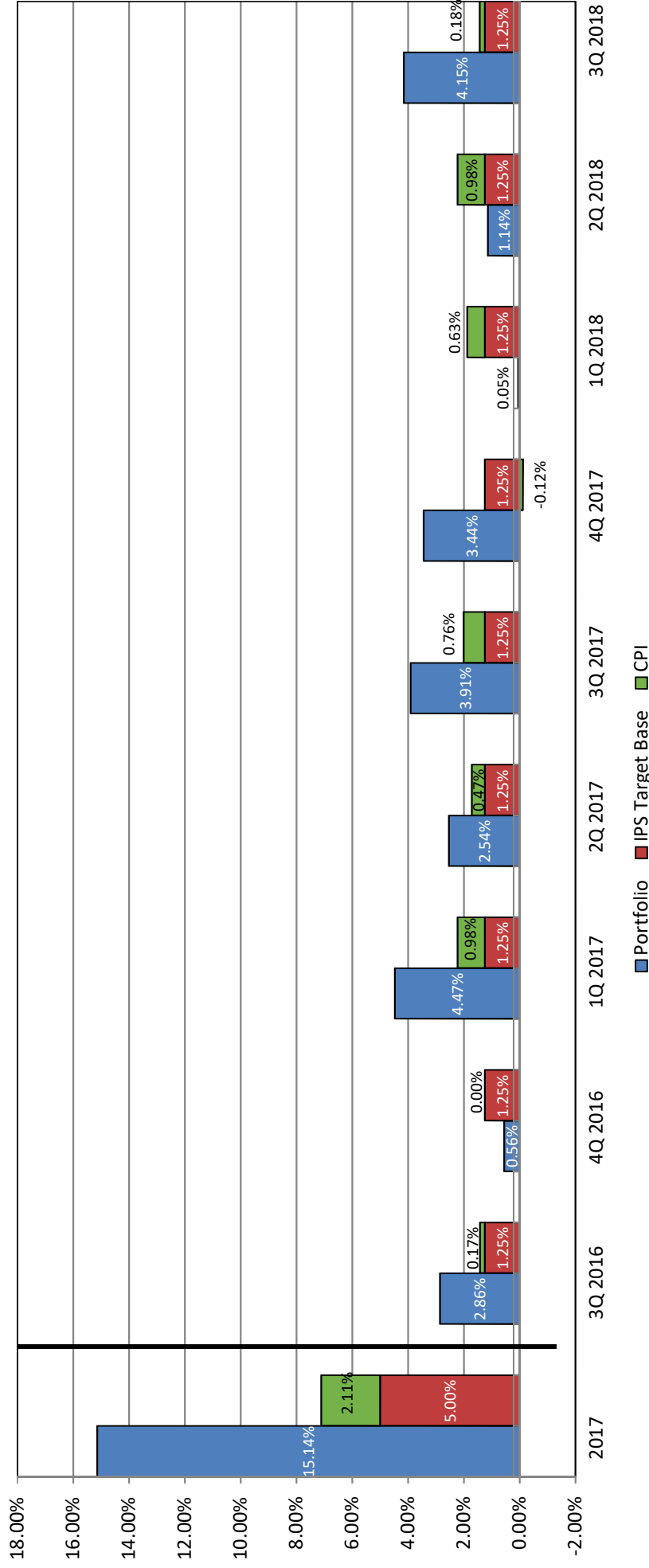
Portfolio Return: The time-weighted rate of return earned by the Unit Fund investments before (gross) and after (net) the management expenses are deducted.

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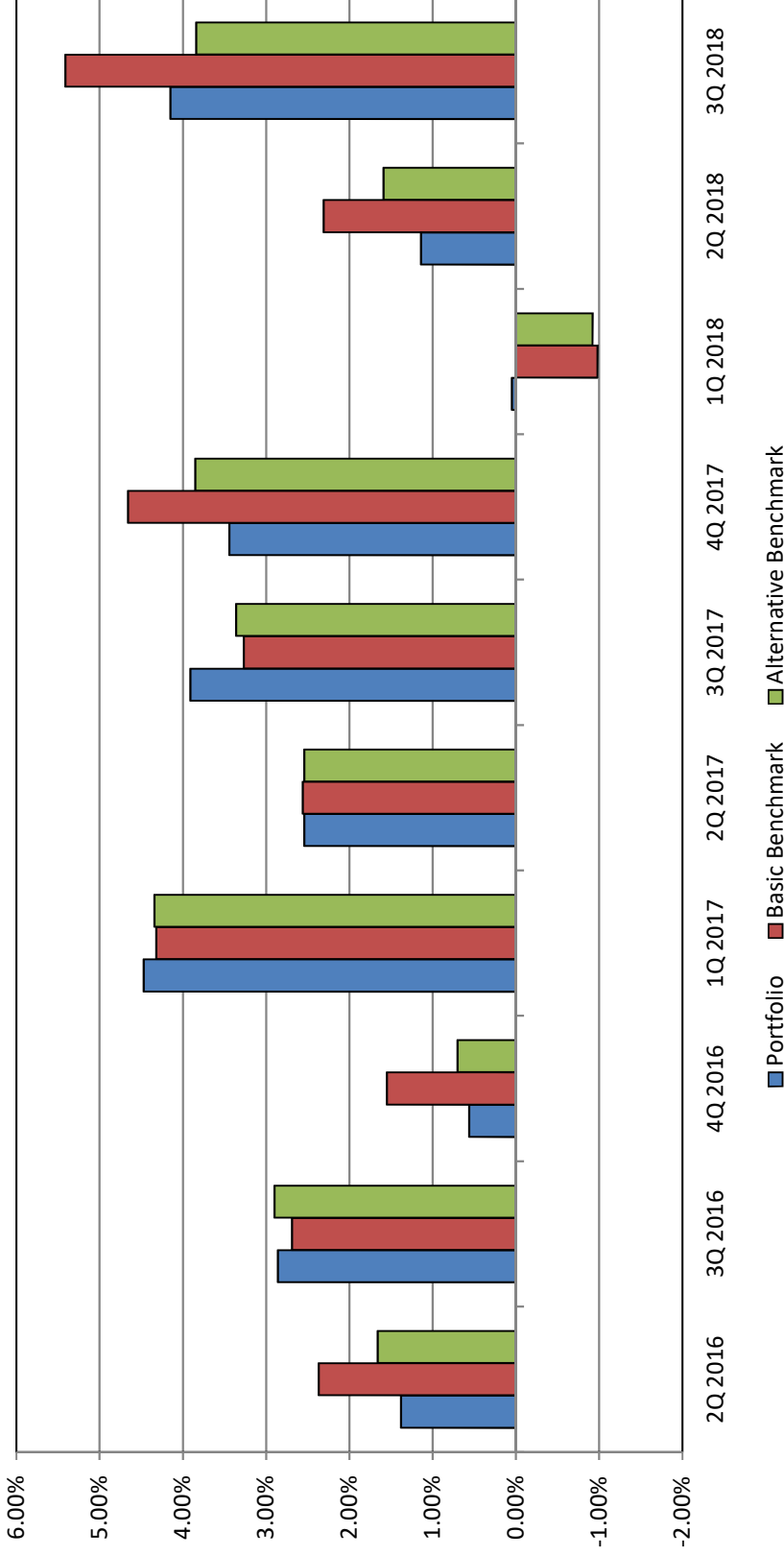
Quarterly Portfolio and IPS Target Returns

The IPS changed in March 2016. Periods prior to 3/31/16 reflect the former investment strategy.



The IPS Target Return is comprised of the quarterly non-seasonally-adjusted (NSA) CPI + 1.25%. This equates to an annual target return of CPI + 5%. The CPI figure is not available until the 15th of the month or later. Portfolio returns are calculated net of fees. This report is not a replacement for the official customer account statements from Raymond James or other custodians. Investors are reminded to compare the findings in this report to their official customer account statements. In the event of a discrepancy, the custodian's valuation shall prevail. This data is furnished to you as a courtesy and for informational purposes only. This report may include assets that the firm does not hold on your behalf and which are not included on the firm's books and records. Although this data is derived from information which we believe to be accurate (including, in some cases information provided to us by you) we cannot guarantee its accuracy. This information is not intended and should not be used for any official tax, lending, legal, or other non-financial planning purposes and should not be relied upon by third parties. Performance data quoted represents past performance and does not guarantee future results. The investment return and principal of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares when redeemed may be worth more or less than the original cost. The values represented in this report may not reflect the true original cost of the client's initial investment. Please contact your financial representative if there has been a change in your investment objectives, special restrictions, or financial circumstances.

Comparative Returns for the Last 10 Quarters

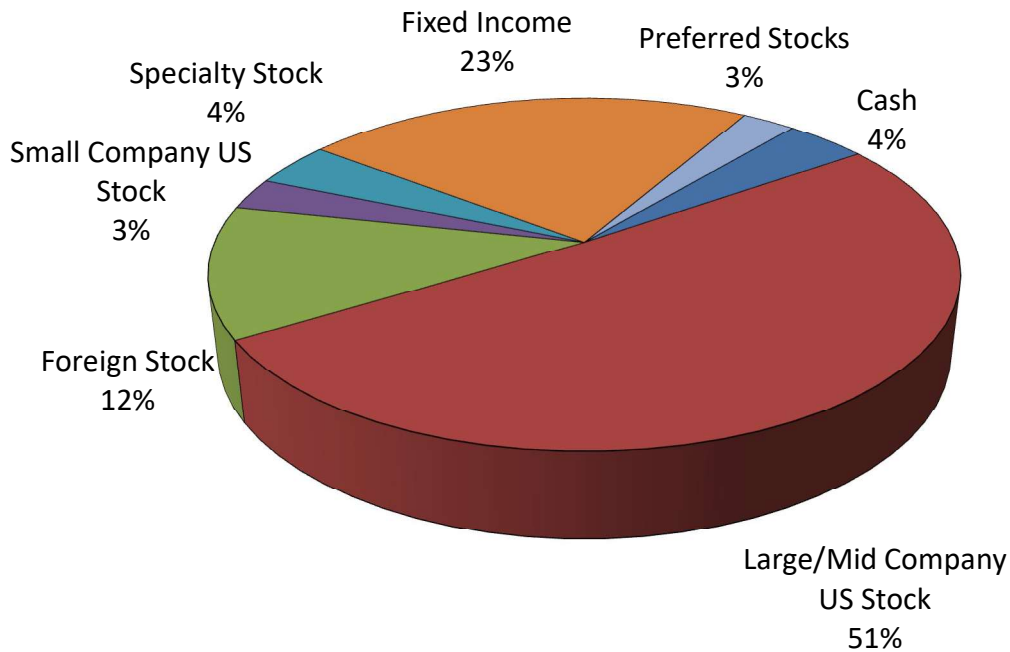


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Portfolio Allocation

(70% Equities, 30% Fixed Investments)



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GLOBAL MARKET OBSERVATIONS

Quarterly Economic & Market Commentary
Q3 2018

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DOMESTIC MARKETS



While the tailwinds of U.S. economic and earnings growth fostered by tax cuts were largely anticipated to propel markets onward and upward, the crosswinds created by trade tensions and rising rates have prevailed as of late. The broad U.S. equity market has struggled to make a meaningful march higher, and volatility has spiked substantially.

Caught in the Crossfire
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DEVELOPED MARKETS



From its headquarters in Brussels, the European Union (EU) finds itself faced with a fiscal fiasco in Italy and a yet unresolved breakup with Britain following its ‘Brexit’ vote in 2016. A budget dispute pits Italian populists and Brussels against one another, while Prime Minister Theresa May continues to negotiate the terms of Britain’s exit from the EU.

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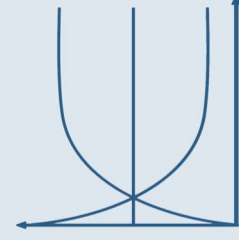
EMERGING MARKETS



To a casual observer of their economies, the major emerging markets would appear to be in fine fettle. Yet, their equity performance has diverged substantially. So long as the influence of U.S. yields and the dominion of the dollar remain vast, emerging markets will remain financial vassals to Fed policy in spite of their own inherent strengths or weaknesses.

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CREDIT MARKETS



Having met both its inflation and employment targets, the Fed has been keen to raise interest rates. Yet, long-term rates have not kept pace. The overall effect has been a ‘flattening’ of the yield curve. While increases in the federal funds rate have boosted the ‘short’ end of the curve, the ‘long’ end of the curve has remained obstinately flat.

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ASSET CLASS RETURNS OVER Q3 2018 (%)

GLOBAL MARKET OBSERVATIONS – Q3 2018

Returns for Key Indices – Trailing 12 Months and the Third Quarter of 2018 – Ranked in Order of Performance (Best to Worst)

Broad Asset Class Total Returns		Domestic Equity Total Returns		S&P 500 Equity Sector Total Returns		International Equity Total Returns		Fixed Income Total Returns	
T12	Q3	T12	Q3	T12	Q3	T12	Q3	T12	Q3
U.S. Equity 17.58	U.S. Equity 7.12	Large Growth 26.30	Large Growth 9.17	Cons Disc 32.54	Health Care 14.53	U.S. Large Cap 17.91	U.S. Large Cap 7.71	High Yield 3.05	High Yield 2.40
Blended Portfolio 6.54	Blended Portfolio 2.94	Mid Growth 21.10	Mid Growth 7.57	Info Tech 31.49	Industrials 10.00	Japan 10.20	EM Eastern Europe 6.99	T-Bill 1.57	Emerging Mkt Bond 1.48
Commodities 2.59	Non-U.S. Equity 0.71	Small Growth 21.06	Large Blend 7.42	Health Care 18.35	Comm. Serv. 9.94	EM Eastern Europe 7.75	EM Latin America 4.77	U.S. Tips 0.41	Credit 0.89
Global Real Estate 2.07	Cash & Cash Alternatives 0.50	Large Blend 17.76	Large Value 5.70	S&P 500 17.91	Info Tech 8.80	Pacific ex-Japan 4.27	Japan 3.68	Municipal 0.35	T-Bill 0.50
Non-U.S. Equity 1.76	U.S. Fixed Income 0.02	Small Blend 15.24	Small Growth 5.52	Energy 13.94	Cons Disc 8.18	United Kingdom 2.87	Europe ex-UK 1.77	Short-Term Bond 0.20	Short-Term Bond 0.33
Cash & Cash Alternatives 1.57	Global Real Estate -0.92	Mid Blend 13.98	Mid Blend 5.00	Industrials 11.18	S&P 500 7.71	Developed Markets 2.74	Developed Markets 1.35	Agency -0.56	Agency Bond 0.02
U.S. Fixed Income -1.22	Commodities -2.02	Large Value 9.45	Small Blend 3.58	Financials 8.73	Cons Staples 5.70	EM Asia 1.00	Pacific ex-Japan -0.55	MBS -0.92	MBS -0.12
		Small Value 9.33	Mid Value 3.30	Real Estate 4.95	Financials 4.36	Emerging Markets -0.81	Emerging Markets -1.09	Credit -1.10	Aggregate Bond -1.22
		Mid Value 8.81	Small Value 1.60	Comm. Serv. 4.39	Utilities 2.39	Europe ex-UK -1.49	United Kingdom -1.66	Aggregate Bond -1.22	Municipal -0.15
				Materials 4.01	Real Estate 0.86	EM Latin America -9.09	EM Asia -1.83	Global Bond ex-U.S. -1.45	Long-Term Bond -0.47
				Utilities 2.93	Energy 0.61			Treasury -1.62	Treasury -0.59
				Cons Staples 2.93	Materials 0.36			Long-Term Bond -2.73	U.S. Tips -0.82
								Emerging Mkt Bond ex-U.S. -5.01	Global Bond ex-U.S. -1.74

BEST ← → WORST

Assume all asset classes are U.S. unless otherwise noted | Data as of 09/30/2018 | Ranked in order of performances (best to worst)

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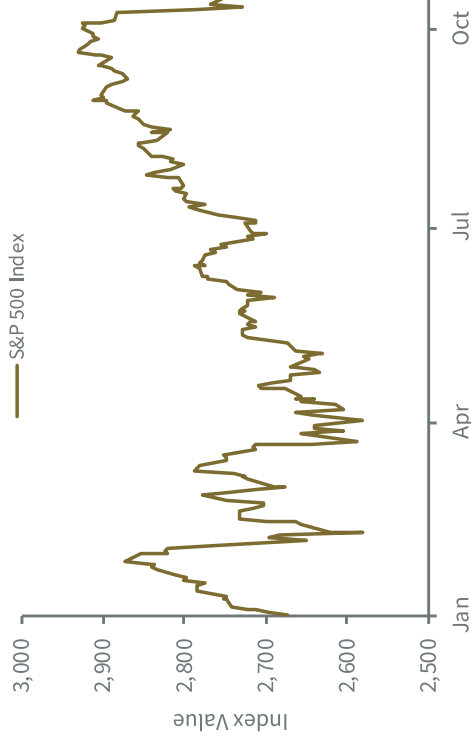
CAUGHT IN THE CROSSFIRE

Following a substantial selloff after the close of the quarter, U.S. stocks have continued their sideways slide. As noted in the previous edition of this quarterly commentary, the U.S. equity market continues to remain bridled by protectionist trade policy. An increasingly vitriolic trade war with China rages on. At the time of this writing, the Trump administration has applied tariffs of 10% to over \$250 billion worth of Chinese imports. In order to bolster its bargaining leverage, the Trump administration has also threatened to raise the existing tariff rate to 25% by January 2019 if the current trade dispute is not resolved to its satisfaction. A recalcitrant China retaliated with tariffs of its own on \$60 billion worth of American imports (see chart). Recent rhetoric has further inflamed the situation. A resolution between China and the U.S. does not appear to be forthcoming in the near future.

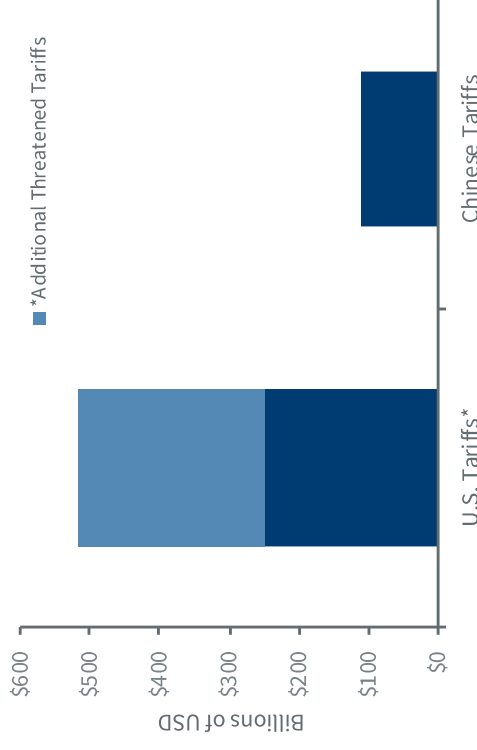
While many breathed a sigh of relief when the provisional U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) was finally brokered on 30 September to replace the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), simmering tensions with America’s largest trading partner have done little to assuage markets. Many companies have voiced concerns that their supply chains have been caught in the crossfire of the trade war, disrupting plans for future investment. While the Trump administration is quick to encourage companies to bring production stateside, onshoring entire supply chains is often ineffective and inefficient. Additionally, the global effects of rising U.S. interest rates has further exacerbated existing uncertainty.

This stands in stark contrast to the relative sanguinity that characterized global growth forecasts at the beginning of the year. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) formerly had spoken of a period of “synchronized global growth” in their generally rosy economic outlook. That outlook has since been revised downward, citing rising “downside risks” to global growth due to “trade measures,” amongst other factors. While the tailwinds of U.S. economic and earnings growth fostered by tax cuts were largely anticipated to propel U.S. markets onward and upward, the crosswinds created by trade tensions and rising rates have prevailed as of late. As measured by the S&P 500 Index, the broad U.S. equity market has struggled to make a meaningful march higher, whereas volatility has spiked substantially (see chart). So long as these uncertainties remain unresolved, they are likely to whip up crosswinds and induce continued turbulence in the markets.

CONTINUED CROSSWINDS AND CROSSCURRENTS



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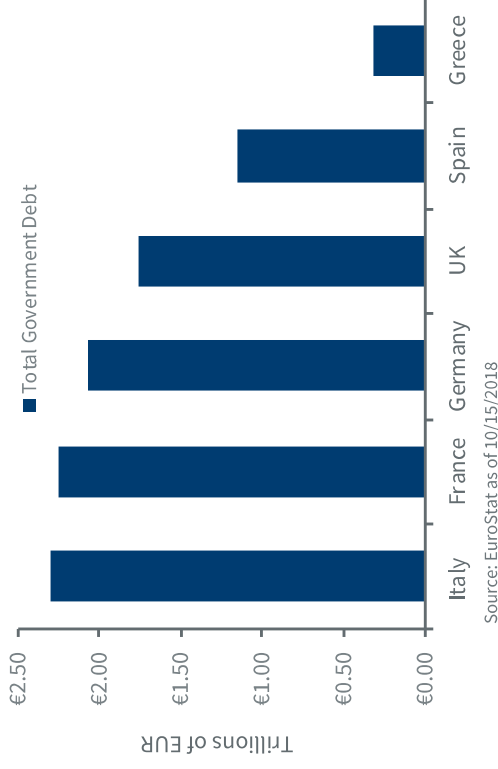


BUCKING BRUSSELS

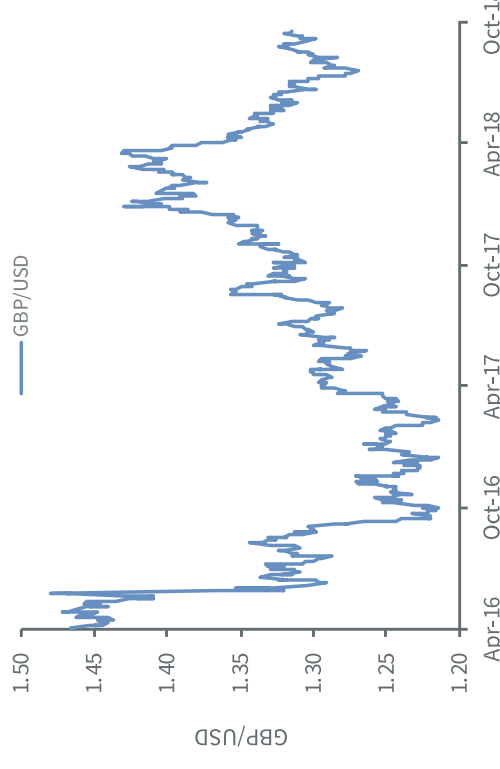
From its headquarters in Brussels, the European Union (EU) finds itself faced with a fiscal fiasco in Italy and a yet unresolved breakup with Britain. The fireworks initially sparked by Italy's political pandemonium (see *Improbable Partners*, Q2 2018 Global Market Observations) have yet to fizzle out. As had been feared, a patchwork of proposals (largely derived from previous campaign promises) put forth by Italy's populist government prevailed in its initial budget plan. Much to Brussels' chagrin, the proposal by the populist coalition is projected to swell Italy's budget deficit to 2.4% of its GDP. While such a deficit would seem to be within reason (by comparison, the deficit of the U.S. stood at 3.4% of GDP in 2017), it threatens to further swell Italy's burgeoning government debt, which currently stands at €2.3 trillion (see chart). In nominal terms, it is the highest amongst all European Union countries. Relative to its GDP, Italy's debt is second only to Greece. Having been bullied by both Brussels and the bond markets (which balked at the prospect of Italy increasing its debt burden), the populist coalition hastened to caveat their proposed budget with a promise to trim back the deficit incrementally over the next few years. Even so, the dispute pits the populist coalition and Brussels against one another, which have remained at loggerheads since the Italian elections in March.

This comes as Brussels is due to resolve the terms of a breakup with Britain (which opted to exit the EU in its 2016 'Brexit' vote) at a summit on 17 October. Theresa May, Britain's embattled prime minister, has continued her ongoing negotiations with the EU as she has fended off attacks from within her own party. For a time, it appeared as if a contingent of hardline Brexiteers posed a serious threat to her leadership, and that she would be replaced with a vote of no confidence. However, having made a convincing showing at her Conservative party's conference, those concerns have since faded. Yet, Mrs. May has a long road ahead. She is still tasked with finding a final workable solution to Brexit that will appease both EU officials and Parliament, the specific details of which remain elusively opaque. Brussels has a vested interest in creating an example out of Britain, thus making Mrs. May's job difficult; were it to freely yield concessions, other EU member states (such as Italy) might be tempted to stage exits of their own, weakening the efficacy of the entire union. The value of the British pound, which was drastically dented following the original Brexit vote, has recently advanced on hopes of an agreement (see chart). Suffice to say, markets will be watching the outcome closely.

DAUNTED BY DEBT



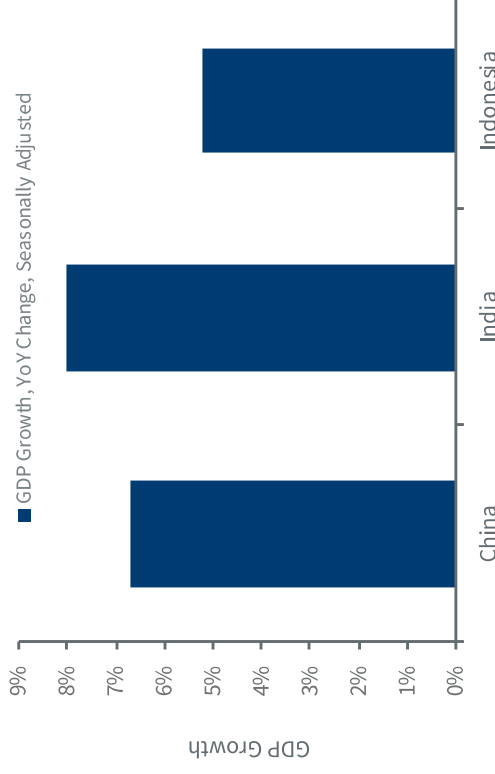
DANCING QUEEN...?



A VEXING VASSALAGE

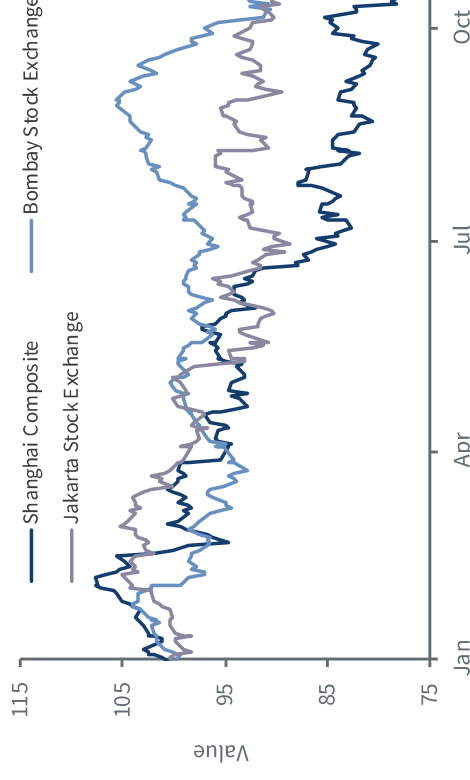
To a casual observer of their economies, the major emerging markets would appear to be in fine fettle. Most (including those of China, India, and Indonesia) all grew at a healthy clip, which was generally in-line with their previous growth rates (see chart). One would expect that emerging equity markets would follow suit. Yet, their performance has diverged substantially. While notable exceptions include Turkey and Argentina, both of which continue to be plagued by substantial crises (see *Credit Crunch and Dominion of the Dollar*, Q2 2018 Global Market Observations), the continued fall of emerging markets as a whole would seem to be vexing. Endogenous, country-specific risks that were responsible for previous falls appear to be largely absent. Previously, emerging markets were the ones that had posed exogenous risks to American markets. The reverse now appears to be true. While trade tensions have posed the greatest threat to China (see *Caught in the Crossfire*, p. 3), rising U.S. interest rates have been the greatest and most pervasive threat to emerging markets.

IN FINE FETTLE...?



Source: OECD Stat as of 10/15/2018

FED FEUDALISM



Source: S&P, Bloomberg LP, FactSet as of 10/15/2018 (100 = 1 January 2018 Value)

In short, rising rates have become a multi-faceted mace that has mauled emerging markets indiscriminately, irrespective of each country's underlying fundamentals. The fact remains that the fate of emerging markets (including their currencies, debts, and equities) are inextricably intertwined with the U.S. and the interest rates set by its central bank, the Federal Reserve (Fed). When the Fed raises short-term interest rates, it generally begets an appreciation of the dollar. Due to the fact that the overwhelming majority of currency exchanges utilize the dollar as their base currency (i.e., the dollar is the universal medium of exchange), a rise in the dollar inevitably precipitates a fall in the value of foreign currencies. As the dollar rises in value relative to a company's local currency, dollar-denominated debt becomes more expensive to service, causing a credit crunch. Given the sheer amount of dollar-denominated debt held by emerging market firms, this in turn has contributed to falling equity returns (see chart). Additionally, rising rates also beget higher government and corporate bond yields. As U.S. yields rise, they generally become more attractive to investors, often prompting outflows from other investments (including emerging equities and bonds) and inflows into U.S. bonds. So long as the influence of U.S. yields and the dominion of the dollar remain vast, emerging markets will remain financial vassals to Fed policy in spite of their own inherent strengths or weaknesses.

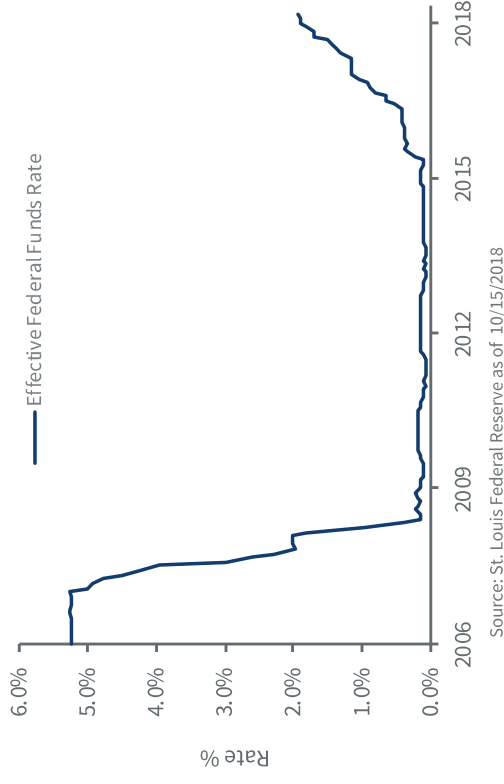
FADE TO FLAT

Having met both its inflation and employment targets, the U.S. Federal Reserve (Fed) has been keen to continue raising interest rates. On 26 September, the Fed increased its federal funds rate again by 0.25%, raising the target rate to 2.00% - 2.25%. With the Federal Government driving fiscal stimulus in the form of tax cuts and planned spending on infrastructure, the Fed is tasked with buoying the presently strong state of the U.S. economy and staving off runaway inflation, which would overheat it. The Fed also has an interest in raising rates so that it has room to lower them in the future, should a recession occur. It therefore follows that hawkish Fed policy begets both rising government bond yields and, generally, a strengthening U.S. dollar. While higher yields and a stronger dollar bode well for U.S. savers and consumers, both effects spell trouble for debtors and central banks around the world. This peripheral and rather paradoxical dynamic is due to the dominance of the dollar as the most widely circulated currency in the world (see *A Vexing Vassalage*, p. 6).

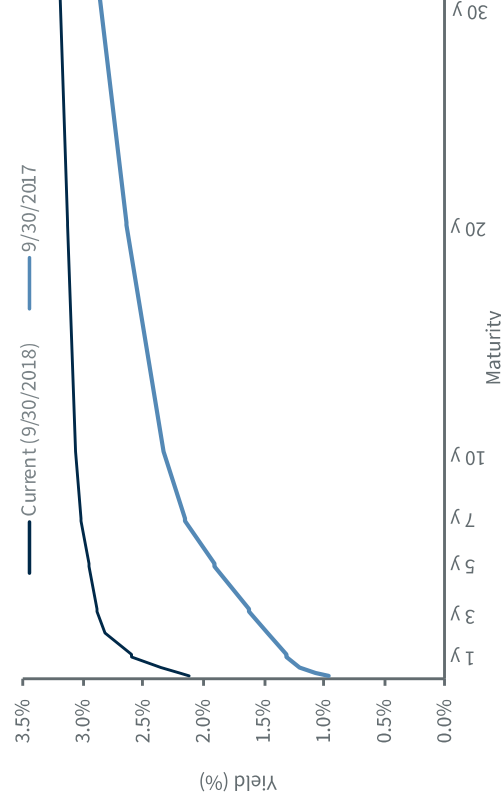
The rate decision on 26 September marks the eighth increase in the federal funds rate since the central bank first began raising short-term rates two years ago. Over that time, the federal funds rate has increased from 0.00% - 0.25% to 2.00% - 2.25% (see chart). Yet, over that same time period, long-term rates have not kept pace. The overall effect has been a ‘flattening’ of the yield curve. While increases in the federal funds rate have boosted the ‘short’ end of the curve, the ‘long’ end of the curve has remained obstinately flat (see chart).

Yield not only compensates creditors for the inherent risk they incur by lending their capital, but also serves as a shield from future inflation (which erodes the future purchasing power of their capital). As a result, an obvious culprit in this curve conundrum is the fact that future inflation expectations remain low. However, the global nature of credit markets points to a second culprit: interest rate disparity. While the Fed has transitioned from a period of easing to tightening, monetary policy around the globe remains rather loose. Yields on most government debt in developed markets struggle to break above 1%, let alone 2%. As a result, U.S. Treasury securities remain remarkably attractive to foreign investors, which contributes to the pressure on the long end of the yield curve and its flat shape.

RAISING RATES



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ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

Recent data suggest that the economic expansion continued at a moderately strong pace in 3Q18, with moderate inflation. Trade tariffs have had a significant impact on some sectors, but only a modest impact on overall economic growth and inflation. However, the risks will increase as trade conflicts escalate. Fiscal stimulus (deficit spending) should continue to provide support into early 2019. Federal Reserve officials believe that policy is close to normal, but many believe that rates may need to become restrictive in 2019 or 2020.

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FAVORABLE	ECONOMIC INDICATOR	COMMENTARY
GROWTH	GDP	GDP growth is expected to remain moderately strong, although somewhat slower in the second half of 2018, reflecting the tight job market and the fading impact of fiscal stimulus.
EMPLOYMENT	Demand for workers	should remain strong and there may be some slack remaining in the labor market, but the pace of job growth is likely to slow as constraints become more binding.
BUSINESS INVESTMENT	Sentiment	remains strong, although there are some concerns about the negative impact of tariffs. Orders and shipments of capital goods have improved into 3Q18.
THE DOLLAR	Trade policy	conflicts and concerns about global economic risks have led to a flight to safety into U.S. Treasuries and the dollar.
HOUSING AND CONSTRUCTION	Builders	continue to note supply constraints (a lack of skilled labor, higher costs). Demand remains strong. Home prices have continued to rise, making affordability an important issue.
CONSUMER SPENDING	Job growth	remains supportive, but inflation-adjusted average earnings are trending flat on a year-over-year basis.
MANUFACTURING	New orders and production	have been mixed, but the pace has been generally moderate. Trade tariffs are a concern, disrupting supply chains and dampening expectations for exports.
INFLATION	Labor cost	inflation remains moderate. Core consumer price inflation is at the Fed's target level, but officials have indicated a tolerance for somewhat higher inflation in the near term.
MONETARY POLICY	Fed policy	is close to neutral, but the neutral federal funds rate can be expected to rise over time. Some Fed officials believe that it may be necessary to raise the federal funds rate above a neutral level in 2019 or 2020 (to align the economy more closely with its potential).
LONG-TERM INTEREST RATES	A strengthening economy,	somewhat higher inflation, Fed tightening, and increased government borrowing would normally send bond yields higher. However, long-term interest rates remain low outside the U.S. and there is strong global demand for safe assets.
FISCAL POLICY	Tax cuts and added spending	have provided support for economic growth in the near term (more than expected), but budget deficit projections have risen sharply (a long-term concern given the expected strains on Social Security and Medicare funding).
REST OF THE WORLD	Fed rate increases	have had a negative impact on emerging market economies and trade policy has disrupted supply chains. Nationalistic tendencies and Brexit are concerns in Europe.

NEUTRAL

SECTOR SNAPSHOT

This report is intended to highlight the dynamics underlying the 11 S&P 500 sectors, with a goal of providing a timely assessment to be used in developing your personal portfolio strategy. Our time horizon for the sector weightings is not meant to be short-term oriented. Our goal is to look for trends that can be sustainable for several quarters; yet, given the dynamic nature of financial markets, our opinion could change as market conditions dictate. Most investors should seek diversity to balance risk versus reward. For this reason, even the least-favored sectors may be appropriate for portfolios seeking a more balanced equity allocation.

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SECTOR	S&P WEIGHT	TACTICAL COMMENTS
OVERWEIGHT		
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	20.9%	We think the global macro environment and earnings expectations support a positive stance. However, the risk of heightened trade tensions could hamper many companies in the space. Additionally, a slight softening technical trend should have investors on alert. We expect 3Q earnings results along with management commentary will be important for this market leading sector. A healthy earnings season could suggest recent relative underperformance is likely to reverse. A disappointing quarter could lead to a continuation of declining relative strength trends.
HEALTH CARE	15.0%	Improving technical trends are supported by decent fundamentals and acceptable valuation. Upside to earnings in 2Q encourages us that more upside may remain in coming quarters. Valuation is mixed, with PEG one standard deviation above the 15-year average while P/E is well below the 15-year average. The continuation of an improving technical trend reinforces our Overweight opinion.
INDUSTRIALS	9.7%	We think fundamental trends and valuation levels are attractive. Technical trends are attempting to improve. There is a risk of negative fundamentals and sentiment if the U.S. dollar resumes its climb. Additional risk would develop if the U.S. and Canada fail to reach a trade agreement. Despite the highlighted risks, current economic conditions along with attractive fundamentals and valuation justify an Overweight position, in our view.
ENERGY	6.0%	We remain positive on the energy sector given the Raymond James Energy Team's bullish outlook for global supply and demand of crude. Short term, crude prices rallied due to bullish headlines out of OPEC. The rally has crude and the energy sector near the high of a trading range in place for six months. If price can push to a new high, we expect technical buying to extend the rally.
FINANCIALS	13.5%	We are moving to Equal Weight, influenced by the tight correlation of the yield curve spread and price movement of the sector that has developed this year. With the Fed raising the short end of the curve, lower global yields, and moderate inflation holding longer yields down, the odds seem high for a continuation of a flattening yield curve. Until the correlation of financial stock prices and the 2/10 year spread is broken, we are forced to focus on the yield spread. Sluggish technical trading trends also influence this change of opinion.
CONSUMER DISC.	10.3%	The sector lost visible members such as CMCSA, ATVI, DIS, CHTR, and NFLX to the new Communications Service sector. Sector heavy weight AMZN remains. Fundamental trends for this consumer-oriented sector are healthy with the U.S. consumer benefiting from robust job market conditions. Earnings growth expectations in the upper teens (2018) and low double digits (2019) reflect the positive environment. Investors recognize the sector tailwinds with valuations at elevated levels.
COMM. SERVICES	10.0%	We are Equal Weight on the new Communications Services sector. Projected earnings growth for the new sector is expected to be in line (2018) to slightly better (2019) than the overall market. Nonetheless, weakening technical trends for key members of the index in recent months along with growing attention to the companies' business practices by government authorities keep us equal weight. Although any government action, should it occur, would likely take a long time to transpire, we believe the stocks may experience a short-term overhang with the topic drawing media attention.
CONSUMER STAPLES	6.7%	Forward-looking earnings continue to move lower for this fundamentally challenged sector. After a period of price underperformance, valuation is attractive on some measures. However, valuation is less enticing with P/E to Growth (PEG) over one standard deviation above the 15-year relative average (vs. S&P 500). Technical price momentum is building, but relative to the overall market, the improvement is less favorable.
UTILITIES	2.8%	The sector's negative sensitivity to rising interest rates influences our Underweight view with the Fed raising rates. Expectations of earnings growth in 2019 (4% and falling) is well below expectations for the S&P 500 (+9%) and solidifies our stance.
REAL ESTATE	2.6%	Rising bond yields influenced a sharp pullback in prices over recent days and disrupted what had been an improving trend. With rates likely to trend higher with the Fed raising rates, we are comfortable with our Underweight view of this interest-sensitive sector. Valuation is somewhat attractive, but with modest earnings growth expectations vs. the overall market, valuation becomes less appealing.
MATERIALS	2.5%	Moderating earnings expectations for 2019 and weak technical trading trends overrule somewhat attractive valuation measures to influence our Underweight opinion.
UNDERWEIGHT		

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BROAD ASSET CLASS RETURNS

U.S. EQUITY | Russell 3000 Total Return Index: This index represents 3000 large U.S. companies, ranked by market capitalization. It represents approximately 98% of the U.S. equity market. This index includes the effects of reinvested dividends.

NON-U.S. EQUITY | MSCI ACWI Ex USA Net Return Index: The index is a market-capitalization-weighted index maintained by Morgan Stanley Capital International (MSCI) and designed to provide a broad measure of stock performance throughout the world, with the exception of U.S.-based companies. The index includes both developed and emerging markets.

GLOBAL REAL ESTATE | FTSE EPRA/NAREIT Global Net Return Index: This index is designed to track the performance of listed real estate companies and REITs in both developed and emerging markets. By making the index constituents free-float adjusted, liquidity, size and revenue screened, the series is suitable for use as the basis for investment products. Prior to 2009, this asset class was represented by the NASDAQ Global Real Estate Index.

CASH & CASH ALTERNATIVES | Citigroup 3 Month U.S. Treasury-Bill Total Return Index: This index is a measurement of the movement of 3-month T-Bills. The income used to calculate the monthly return is derived by subtracting the original amount invested from the maturity value.

FIXED INCOME | Bloomberg Barclays Capital Aggregate Bond Total Return Index: This index represents securities that are SEC-registered, taxable, and dollar denominated. The index covers the U.S. investment grade fixed rate bond market, with index components for government and corporate securities, mortgage pass-through securities, and asset-backed securities.

COMMODITIES | Bloomberg Commodity Total Return Index: The index tracks prices of futures contracts on physical commodities on the commodity markets. The index is designed to minimize concentration in any one commodity or sector. It currently has 22 commodity futures in seven sectors. No one commodity can compose less than 2% or more than 15% of the index, and no sector can represent more than 33% of the index (as of the annual weightings of the components). The weightings for each commodity included in the Bloomberg Commodity Index are calculated in accordance with rules that ensure that the relative proportion of each of the underlying individual commodities reflects its global economic significance and market liquidity. Annual rebalancing and reweighting ensure that diversity is maintained over time.

DOMESTIC EQUITY RETURNS

LARGE GROWTH | Russell 1000 Growth Total Return Index: This index represents a segment of the Russell 1000 Index with a greater-than-average growth orientation. Companies in this index have higher price-to-book and price-earnings ratios, lower dividend yields and higher forecasted growth values. This index includes the effects of reinvested dividends.

MID GROWTH | Russell Mid Cap Growth Total Return Index: This index contains stocks from the Russell Midcap Index with a greater-than-average growth orientation. The stocks are also members of the Russell 1000 Growth Index. This index includes the effects of reinvested dividends.

SMALL GROWTH | Russell 2000 Growth Total Return Index: This index represents a segment of the Russell 2000 Index with a greater-than-average growth orientation. The combined market capitalization of the Russell 2000 Growth and Value Indices will add up to the total market cap of the Russell 2000. This index includes the effects of reinvested dividends.

LARGE BLEND | Russell 1000 Total Return Index: This index represents the 1000 largest companies in the Russell 3000 Index. This index is highly correlated with the S&P 500 Index. This index includes the effects of reinvested dividends.

MID BLEND | Russell Mid Cap Total Return Index: This index consists of the bottom 800 securities in the Russell 1000 Index as ranked by total market capitalization. This index includes the effects of reinvested dividends.

SMALL BLEND | Russell 2000 Total Return Index: This index covers 2000 of the smallest companies in the Russell 3000 Index, which ranks the 3000 largest U.S. companies by market capitalization. The Russell 2000 represents approximately 10% of the Russell 3000 total market capitalization. This index includes the effects of reinvested dividends.

LARGE VALUE | Russell 1000 Value Total Return Index: This index represents a segment of the Russell 1000 Index with a less-than-average growth orientation. Companies in this index have low price-to-book and price-earnings ratios, higher dividend yields and lower forecasted growth values. This index includes the effects of reinvested dividends.

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DOMESTIC EQUITY RETURNS (CONT.)

MID VALUE | Russell Mid Cap Value Total Return Index: This index contains stocks from the Russell Midcap Index with a less-than-average growth orientation. The stocks are also members of the Russell 1000 Value Index. This index includes the effects of reinvested dividends.

SMALL VALUE | Russell 2000 Value Total Return Index: This index represents a segment of the Russell 2000 Index with a less-than-average growth orientation. The combined market capitalization of the Russell 2000 Growth and Value Indices will add up to the total market cap of the Russell 2000. This index includes the effects of reinvested dividends.

FIXED INCOME RETURNS

AGGREGATE BOND | Bloomberg Barclays US Agg Bond Total Return Index: The index is a measure of the investment grade, fixed-rate, taxable bond market of roughly 6,000 SEC-registered securities with intermediate maturities averaging approximately 10 years. The index includes bonds from the Treasury, Government-Related, Corporate, MBS, ABS, and CMBS sectors.

HIGH YIELD | Bloomberg Barclays US Corporate High Yield Total Return Index: The 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.

CREDIT | Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Credit Total Return Index: The index measures the investment grade, US dollar-denominated, fixed-rate, taxable corporate and government related bond markets. It is composed of the US Corporate Index and a non-corporate component that includes foreign agencies, sovereigns, supranationals and local authorities.

SHORT-TERM BOND | Bloomberg Barclays US Govt/Credit 1-3 Yr Total Return Index: The index is the 1-3 year component of the Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Government/Credit Index. The Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Government/Credit Index covers treasuries, agencies, publicly issued U.S. corporate and foreign debentures and secured notes that meet specified maturity, liquidity, and quality requirements.

LONG-TERM BOND | Bloomberg Barclays US Govt/Credit Long Total Return Index: The index is a measure of domestic fixed income securities, including Treasury issues and corporate debt issues, that are rated investment grade (Baa by Moody's Investors Service and BBB by Standard and Poor's) and with maturities of ten years or greater.

MBS | Bloomberg Barclays US MBS Total Return Index: The index tracks agency mortgage backed pass-through securities (both fixed-rate and hybrid ARM) guaranteed by Ginnie Mae (GNMA), Fannie Mae (FNMA), and Freddie Mac (FHLMC). The index is constructed by grouping individual TBA-deliverable MBS pools into aggregates or generics based on program, coupon and vintage.

TREASURY | Bloomberg Barclays US Treasury Total Return Index: The index measures US dollar-denominated, fixed-rate, nominal debt issued by the US Treasury. Treasury bills are excluded by the maturity constraint, but are part of a separate Short Treasury Index.

U.S. TIPS | Bloomberg Barclays US Treasury US TIPS Total Return Index: The index includes all publicly issued, U.S. Treasury inflation-protected securities that have at least one year remaining to maturity, are rated investment grade, and have \$250 million or more of outstanding face value.

GLOBAL BOND EX U.S. | Bloomberg Barclays Gbl Agg Ex USD Total Return Index: The index provides a broad-based measure of the global investment grade fixed-rate debt markets, excluding the United States. Currency exposure is hedged to the US dollar.

T-BILLS | Citi Treasury Bill 3 Mon Total Return Index: This index is a measurement of the movement of 3-month T-Bills. The income used to calculate the monthly return is derived by subtracting the original amount invested from the maturity value.

EMERGING MKT BOND | J.P. Morgan EMBI Plus Total Return Index: The index tracks total returns for traded external debt instruments (external meaning foreign currency denominated fixed income) in the emerging markets.

AGENCY | Bloomberg Barclays US Agency Total Return Index: The index includes native currency agency debentures from issuers such as Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, and Federal Home Loan Bank. It is a subcomponent of the Government-Related Index (which also includes non-native currency agency bonds, sovereigns, supranationals, and local authority debt) and the U.S. Government Index (which also includes U.S. Treasury debt). The index includes callable and non-callable agency securities that are publicly issued by U.S. government agencies, quasi-federal corporations, and corporate or foreign debt guaranteed by the U.S. government (such as USAID securities).

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FIXED INCOME RETURNS (CONT.)

MUNICIPAL | Bloomberg Barclays Municipal Total Return Index: The index is a measure of the long-term tax-exempt bond market with securities of investment grade (rated at least Baa by Moody's Investors Service and BBB by Standard and Poor's). This index has four main sectors: state and local general obligation bonds, revenue bonds, insured bonds, and prerefunded bonds.

INTERNATIONAL EQUITY RETURNS

EMERGING MARKETS EASTERN EUROPE | MSCI EM Eastern Europe Net Return Index: The index captures large and mid cap representation across 4 Emerging Markets (EM) countries in Eastern Europe. With 50 constituents, the index covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each country.

EMERGING MARKETS ASIA | MSCI EM Asia Net Return Index: The index captures large and mid cap representation across 8 Emerging Markets countries. With 554 constituents, the index covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each country.

EMERGING MARKETS LATIN AMERICA | MSCI EM Latin America Net Return Index: The index captures large and mid cap representation across 5 Emerging Markets (EM) countries in Latin America. With 116 constituents, the index covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each country.

EMERGING MARKETS | MSCI Emerging Markets Net Return Index: This index consists of 23 countries representing 10% of world market capitalization. The index is available for a number of regions, market segments/sizes and covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each of the 23 countries.

PACIFIC EX-JAPAN | MSCI Pacific Ex Japan Net Return Index: The index captures large and mid cap representation across 4 of 5 Developed Markets (DM) countries in the Pacific region (excluding Japan). With 150 constituents, the index covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each country.

UNITED KINGDOM | MSCI Pacific Ex Japan Net Return Index: The index captures large and mid cap representation across 4 of 5 Developed Markets (DM) countries in the Pacific region (excluding Japan). With 150 constituents, the index covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each country.

U.S. LARGE CAP | S&P 500 Total Return Index: The index is widely regarded as the best single gauge of large-cap U.S. equities. There is over USD 7.8 trillion benchmarked to the index, with index assets comprising approximately USD 2.2 trillion of this total. The index includes 500 leading companies and captures approximately 80% coverage of available market capitalization.

JAPAN | MSCI Japan Net Return Index: The index is designed to measure the performance of the large and mid cap segments of the Japanese market. With 319 constituents, the index covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in Japan.

FOREIGN DEVELOPED MARKETS | MSCI EAFE Net Return Index: This index is designed to represent the performance of large and mid-cap securities across 21 developed markets, including countries in Europe, Australasia and the Far East, excluding the U.S. and Canada. The index is available for a number of regions, market segments/sizes and covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each of the 21 countries.

EUROPE EX UK | MSCI Europe Ex UK Net Return Index: The index captures large and mid cap representation across 14 Developed Markets (DM) countries in Europe. With 337 constituents, the index covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization across European Developed Markets excluding the UK.

EQUITY SECTOR RETURNS

ENERGY | S&P 500 Sec/Energy Total Return Index: The S&P 500® Energy Index comprises those companies included in the S&P 500 that are classified as members of the GICS® Energy sector.

MATERIALS | S&P 500 Sec/Materials Total Return Index: The S&P 500® Materials Index comprises those companies included in the S&P 500 that are classified as members of the GICS® Materials sector.

UTILITIES | S&P 500 Sec/Utilities Total Return Index: The S&P 500® Utilities Index comprises those companies included in the S&P 500 that are classified as members of the GICS® Utilities sector.

INFO TECH | S&P 500 Sec/Information Technology Total Return Index: The S&P 500® Info Tech Index comprises those companies included in the S&P 500 that are classified as members of the GICS® Info Tech sector.

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EQUITY SECTOR RETURNS (CONT.)

CONS STAPLES | S&P 500 Sec/Cons Staples Total Return Index: The S&P 500® Consumer Staples Index comprises those companies included in the S&P 500 that are classified as members of the GICS® consumer staples sector.

INDUSTRIALS | S&P 500 Sec/Industrials Total Return Index: The S&P 500® Industrials Index comprises those companies included in the S&P 500 that are classified as members of the GICS® Industrials sector.

TELECOM | S&P 500 Sec/Telecom Services Total Return Index: The S&P 500® Telecom Index comprises those companies included in the S&P 500 that are classified as members of the GICS® Telecom sector.

HEALTH CARE | S&P 500 Sec/Health Care Total Return Index: The S&P 500® Health Care Index comprises those companies included in the S&P 500 that are classified as members of the GICS® Health Care sector.

S&P 500 | S&P 500 Total Return Index: The index is widely regarded as the best single gauge of large-cap U.S. equities. There is over USD 7.8 trillion benchmarked to the index, with index assets comprising approximately USD 2.2 trillion of this total. The index includes 500 leading companies and captures approximately 80% coverage of available market capitalization.

CONS DISC | S&P 500 Sec/Cons Disc Total Return Index: The S&P 500® Consumer Discretionary Index comprises those companies included in the S&P 500 that are classified as members of the GICS® Consumer Discretionary sector.

REAL ESTATE | S&P 500 Sec/Real Estate Total Return Index: The S&P 500® Real Estate Index comprises those companies included in the S&P 500 that are classified as members of the GICS® Real Estate sector.

FINANCIALS | S&P 500 Sec/Financials Total Return Index: The S&P 500® Financials Index comprises those companies included in the S&P 500 that are classified as members of the GICS® Financials sector.

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STOXX 600 | The STOXX Europe 600 Index is derived from the STOXX Europe Total Market Index (TMI) and is a subset of the STOXX Global 1800 Index. With a fixed number of 600 components, the STOXX Europe 600 Index represents large, mid and small capitalization companies across 17 countries of the European region: Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

CAC 40 | The CAC 40® is a free float market capitalization weighted index that reflects the performance of the 40 largest and most actively traded shares listed on Euronext Paris, and is the most widely used indicator of the Paris stock market. The index serves as an underlying for structured products, funds, exchange traded funds, options and futures.

DAX | The DAX® index, the best known German stock exchange barometer, measures the performance of the 30 largest and most liquid companies on the German stock market. It represents around 80 percent of the market capitalization of listed stock corporations in Germany.

NIKKEI 225 | Japan's Nikkei 225 is a price-weighted index comprised of Japan's top 225 blue-chip companies traded on the Tokyo Stock Exchange. The Nikkei is equivalent to the Dow Jones Industrial Average Index in the United States.

Appendix

Portfolio and Individual Account Investment Returns

Due to the IPS change in March 2016, periods beginning prior to 3/31/16 do not reflect current investments and are omitted.

	Market Value	Current Allocation	One-Month	Three-Month	Six-Month	YTD	One-Year	Two-Year	Three-Year	Five-Year	Seven-Year	Inception
Overall Portfolio	\$27,592,561		0.39%	4.15%	5.34%	5.39%	9.01%	10.46%	-	-	-	9/30/2018
Basic Benchmark*			0.21%	5.41%	7.85%	6.79%	11.77%	12.01%	-	-	-	-
Alternative Benchmark*			0.20%	3.84%	5.49%	4.52%	8.55%	9.98%	-	-	-	-
Individual Stock Account	\$14,964,900	54%	0.62%	6.86%	9.16%	9.57%	14.94%	16.02%	-	-	-	-
Index: S&P 500			0.57%	7.71%	11.41%	10.56%	17.91%	18.25%	-	-	-	-
Clarkston SMID-Cap Equity	\$3,157,386	11%	-0.42%	1.18%	3.53%	4.45%	8.96%	10.79%	-	-	-	-
Index: Russell 2000			-2.41%	3.58%	11.61%	11.51%	15.24%	17.96%	-	-	-	-
Boston Company Int'l Equity	\$2,878,150	10%	1.49%	1.65%	-0.33%	-0.42%	3.45%	11.38%	-	-	-	-
Index: MSCI EAFE			0.87%	1.35%	0.10%	-1.43%	2.74%	10.62%	-	-	-	-
Individual Bond Account	\$6,592,125	24%	-0.24%	0.77%	0.53%	-0.44%	-0.33%	-0.29%	-	-	-	-
Index: Barclays US Int Credit			-0.24%	0.73%	0.64%	-0.73%	-0.62%	0.48%	-	-	-	-

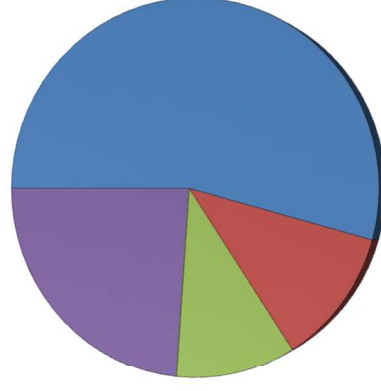
*The Basic Benchmark is weighted to the Standard & Poor's 500 Index and the Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index based on the actual portfolio allocation. The Alternative Benchmark is weighted among the Standard & Poor's 500 Index, the Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index, the Russell 2000 Index, the MSCI EAFE Index, the Barclays US Intermediate Credit Index, the Barclays US 1-3 Year Government/Credit Index, the Citi 1-Month Treasury Bill Index, the S&P GSCI Gold Spot Index, and the PHLX Gold & Silver Index based on the actual portfolio allocation.

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Investment Returns By Account

Account	Value	Weighting	Contribution to Overall Portfolio Return		
			Third Quarter	Year-to-Date	One-Year
Individual Stock Account (large company stocks)	\$14,964,900	54%	3.72%	5.19%	8.10%
Clarkston SMID-Cap Equity (small/mid company stocks)	\$3,157,386	11%	0.14%	0.51%	1.03%
Boston Company International Equity (foreign stocks)	\$2,878,150	10%	0.17%	-0.04%	0.36%
Individual Bond Account (fixed income)	\$6,592,125	24%	0.18%	-0.11%	-0.08%
Overall Portfolio	\$27,592,561		4.15%	5.39%	9.01%

Composition by Account



- Individual Stock Account (large company stocks)
- Clarkston SMID-Cap Equity (small/mid company stocks)
- Boston Company International Equity (foreign stocks)
- Individual Bond Account (fixed income)

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INDEX DEFINITIONS

S&P 500 - an index that includes 500 leading companies in leading industries of the U.S. economy. Although the S&P 500® focuses on the large cap segment of the market, with approximately 75% coverage of U.S. equities, it is generally considered representative of the U.S. stock market.

MSCI EAFE - an index comprised of stocks in Europe, Australasia, and the Far East and is generally considered representative of the international stock market. International investing involves special risks including currency fluctuations, differing financial accounting standards, and possible political and economic volatility.

Russell 2000 - an index comprised of approximately 2,000 of the smallest companies of the Russell 3000 index (which represents the largest 3,000 companies). Small cap stocks generally involve greater risks, and therefore, may not be appropriate for every investor.

Balanced Index - a weighted index comprised of 60% S&P 500 Index and 40% Barclays Capital Aggregate Bond Index.

NASDAQ Composite - a market value weighted index of all common stocks listed on the NASDAQ system.

Barclays Capital Aggregate Bond - an index comprised of approximately 6,000 publicly traded investment grade or higher bonds including US Government, corporate, mortgage-backed, and asset backed bonds with an approximate average maturity of 10 years.

S&P MidCap 400 - a market capitalization-weighted index composed of 400 stocks, including reinvestment of dividends, that is generally considered representative of mid-sized US companies.

S&P SmallCap 600 - a market capitalization-weighted index composed of 600 stocks, including reinvestment of dividends, that is generally considered representative of small-sized US companies.

PHLX Gold & Silver – an index comprised of sixteen precious metal mining companies that are traded on the Philadelphia Stock Exchange. Gold is subject to the special risks associated with investing in precious metals, including but not limited to: price may be subject to wide fluctuation; the market is relatively limited; the sources are concentrated in countries that have the potential for instability; and the market is unregulated.

Inclusion of indexes is for illustrative purposes only. Keep in mind that individuals cannot invest directly in any index, and index performance does not include transaction costs or other fees, which will affect actual investment performance. Individual investor's results will vary. Past performance does not guarantee future results.

SECURITIES DEFINITIONS

U.S. Government Bonds and Treasury Bills - Debt obligations issued and guaranteed by the U.S. government which, if held to maturity, offer a fixed rate of interest and guaranteed principal value. U.S. government bonds are issued and guaranteed as to the timely payment of principal and interest by the federal government. Treasury bills are certificates reflecting short-term (less than one-year) obligations of the U. S. government.

CDs - Time deposits offering FDIC insurance and a fixed rate of interest. Both principal and yield of investment securities will fluctuate with changes in market conditions. The current FDIC deposit insurance amount is \$250,000 per depositor, per insured bank, for each account ownership category.

Corporate Bonds - Debt obligations of the issuing corporation offering a fixed rate of interest. Both principal and yield of investment securities will fluctuate with changes in market conditions. There is an inverse relationship between interest rate movements and bond prices. Generally, when interest rates rise, bond prices fall and when interest rates fall, bond prices generally rise.

INVESTMENT STYLE DESCRIPTIONS

Growth Investing - A style of investment strategy. Those who follow this style, known as *growth investors*, invest in companies that exhibit signs of above-average growth, even if the share price appears expensive in terms of metrics such as price-to-earning or price-to-book ratios.

Value Investing - A style of investment strategy from the so-called "Graham & Dodd" School. Followers of this style, known as *value investors*, generally invest in companies whose shares appear underpriced by some forms of fundamental analysis

Blend Investing - Some mutual funds invest in stocks from both the growth and the value styles. This may provide style diversification within one fund.

Portfolio Snapshot Report

Disclosure Statement

General

Investment portfolios illustrated in this report can be scheduled or unscheduled. With an "unscheduled" portfolio, the user inputs only the portfolio holdings and their current allocations. Morningstar calculates returns using the given allocations assuming monthly rebalancing. Taxes, loads, and sales charges are not taken into account.

With "scheduled" portfolios, users input the date and amount for all investments into and withdrawals from each holding, as well as tax rates, loads, and other factors that would have affected portfolio performance. A hypothetical illustration is one type of scheduled portfolio.

Both scheduled and unscheduled portfolios are theoretical, for illustrative purposes only, and are not reflective of an investor's actual experience. For both scheduled and unscheduled portfolios, the performance data given represents past performance and should not be considered indicative of future results. Principal value and investment return of stocks, mutual funds, and variable annuity/life products will fluctuate, and an investor's shares/units when redeemed will be worth more or less than the original investment. Stocks, mutual funds, and variable annuity/life products are not FDIC-insured, may lose value, and are not guaranteed by a bank or other financial institution. Portfolio statistics change over time.

Used as supplemental sales literature, the Portfolio Snapshot report must be preceded or accompanied by the fund/policy's current prospectus or equivalent. In all cases, this disclosure statement should accompany the Portfolio Snapshot report. Morningstar is not itself an FINRA-member firm.

The underlying holdings of the portfolio are not federally or FDIC-insured and are not deposits or obligations of, or guaranteed by, any financial institution. Investment in securities involve investment risks including possible loss of principal and fluctuation in value.

The information contained in this report is from the most recent information available to Morningstar as of the release date, and may or may not be an accurate reflection of the current composition of the securities included in the portfolio. There is no assurance that the weightings, composition and ratios will remain the same.

Items to Note Regarding Certain Underlying Securities

A closed-end fund is an investment company, which typically makes one public offering of a fixed number of shares. Thereafter, shares are traded on a secondary market such as the New York Stock Exchange. As a result, the secondary market price may be higher or lower than the closed-end fund's net asset value (NAV). If these shares trade at a price above their NAV, they are said to be trading at a premium. Conversely, if they are trading at a price below their NAV, they are said to be trading at a discount.

An exchange-traded fund (ETF) is an investment company that typically has an investment objective of striving to achieve a similar return as a particular market index. The ETF will invest in either all or a representative sample of the securities included in the index it is seeking to imitate. Like closed-end funds, ETFs can be traded on a secondary market and thus have a market price that may be higher or lower than its net asset value. If these shares trade at a price

above their NAV, they are said to be trading at a premium. Conversely, if they are trading at a price below their NAV, they are said to be trading at a discount.

A money market fund is an investment company that invests in commercial paper, banker's acceptances, repurchase agreements, government securities, certificates of deposit and other highly liquid securities, and pays money market rates of interest. Money markets are not FDIC-insured, may lose money, and are not guaranteed by a bank or other financial institution. Although the money market seeks to preserve a stable per share value (i.e. \$1.00 per share), it is possible to lose money by investment in the fund.

Unit investment trust (UIT) is an investment company organized under a trust agreement between a sponsor and trustee. UITs typically purchase a fixed portfolio of securities and then sell units in the trust to investors. The major difference between a UIT and a mutual fund is that a mutual fund is actively managed, while a UIT is not. On a periodic basis, UITs usually distribute to the unit holder their pro rata share of the trust's net investment income and net realized capital gains, if any. If the trust is one that invests only in tax-free securities, then the income from the trust is also tax-free. UITs generally make one public offering of a fixed number of units. However, in some cases, the sponsor will maintain a secondary market that allows existing unit holders to sell their units and for new investors to buy units.

Variable annuities are tax-deferred investments structured to convert a sum of money into a series of payments over time. Variable annuity policies have limitations and are not viewed as short-term liquid investments. An insurance company's fulfillment of a commitment to pay a minimum death benefit, a schedule of payments, a fixed investment account guaranteed by the insurance company, or another form of guarantee depends on the claims-paying ability of the issuing insurance company. Any such guarantee does not affect or apply to the investment return or principal value of the separate account and its subaccount. The financial ratings quoted for an insurance company do not apply to the separate account and its subaccount. If the variable annuity subaccount is invested in a money-market fund, although it seeks to preserve a stable per share value (i.e. \$1.00 per share), it is possible to lose money by investment in the fund.

Variable life insurance is a cash-value life insurance that has a variable cash value and/or death benefit depending on the investment performance of the subaccount into which premium payments are invested. Unlike traditional life insurance, variable life insurance has inherent risks associated with it, including market volatility, and is not viewed as a short-term liquid investment. For more information on a variable life product, including each subaccount, please read the current prospectus. Please note, the financial ratings noted on the report are quoted for an insurance company and do not apply to the separate account and its subaccount. If the variable life subaccount is invested in a money-market fund, although it seeks to preserve a stable per share value (i.e. \$1.00 per share), it is possible to lose money by investment in the fund.

Pre-inception Returns

The analysis in this report may be based, in part, on adjusted historical returns for periods prior to the fund's actual inception. These calculated returns reflect the historical performance of the oldest share class of the fund, adjusted to reflect the fees and expenses of this share class. These fees and expenses are referenced in the report's list of holdings and again on the standardized returns page. When pre-inception data are presented in the report, the header at the top of the report will indicate this and the affected data elements will be displayed in italics.

While the inclusion of pre-inception data provides valuable insight into the probable long-term behavior of newer share classes of a fund, investors should be aware that an adjusted historical return can only provide an approximation of that behavior. For example, the fee structures between a retail share class will vary from that of an institutional share class, as retail shares tend to have higher operating expenses and sales charges. These adjusted historical returns are not actual returns. Calculation methodologies utilized by Morningstar may differ from those applied by other entities, including the fund itself.

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Scheduled Portfolio Trailing Returns

Scheduled Portfolios are customized by the user to account for loads, taxes, cash flows, and specific investment dates. Scheduled portfolios use the portfolio's investment history to calculate final market values and returns. For scheduled portfolios, both individual holding and portfolio returns are internal-rate-of-return calculations that reflect the timing and dollar size of all purchases and sales. For stocks and mutual funds, sales charges and tax rates are taken into account as specified by the user (except in the pre-tax returns, which reflect the impact of sales charges but not taxes). Note that in some scheduled portfolio illustrations, dividends and capital gains distributions, if applicable, are reinvested at the end of the month in which they are made at the month-end closing price. This can cause discrepancies between calculated returns and actual investor experience.

Scheduled Portfolio Returns-Based Performance Data

For scheduled portfolios, the monthly returns used to calculate alphas, betas, R-squareds, standard deviations, Sharpe ratios, and best/worst time-period data are internal rates of return.

Important VA Disclosure for Scheduled Portfolios

For variable annuity products, policy level charges (other than front-end loads, if input by the advisor) are not factored into returns. When withdrawals and liquidations are made, increases in value over the purchase price are taxed at the capital gains rate that currently is in effect. This is not reflective of the actual tax treatment for these products, which requires the entire withdrawal to be taxed at the income tax rate. If adjusted for sales charges and the effects of taxation, the subaccount returns would be reduced.

Scheduled Portfolio Investment Activity Graph

The historic portfolio values that are graphed are those used to track the portfolio when calculating returns.

Unscheduled Portfolio Returns

Monthly total returns for unscheduled portfolios are calculated by applying the ending period holding weightings supplied by the user to an individual holding's monthly returns. When monthly returns are unavailable for a holding (ie. Due to it not being in existence during the historical period being reported), the remaining portfolio holdings are re-weighted to maintain consistent proportions. Inception dates are listed in the Disclosure for Standardized and Tax Adjusted Returns. Trailing returns are calculated by geometrically linking these weighted-average monthly returns. Unscheduled portfolio returns thus assume monthly rebalancing. Returns for individual holdings are simple time-weighted trailing returns. Neither portfolio returns nor holding returns are adjusted for loads or taxes, and if adjusted for, would reduce the returns stated. The returns stated assume the reinvestment of dividends and capital gains. Mutual fund returns include all ongoing fund expenses. VA/VL returns reflect subaccount level fund expenses, including M&E expenses, administration fees, and actual ongoing fund level expenses.

Unscheduled Portfolio Investment Activity Graph

The historic performance data graphed is extrapolated from the ending portfolio value based on the monthly returns.

Benchmark Returns

Benchmark returns may or may not be adjusted to reflect ongoing expenses such as sales charges. An investment's portfolio may differ significantly from the securities in the benchmark.

Returns for custom benchmarks are calculated by applying user-supplied weightings to each benchmark's returns every month. Trailing returns are calculated by geometrically linking these weighted-average monthly returns. Custom benchmark returns thus assume monthly rebalancing.

Standardized Returns

For mutual funds, standardized return is total return adjusted for sales charges, and reflects all ongoing fund expenses. Following this disclosure statement, standardized returns for each portfolio holding are shown.

For money market mutual funds, standardized return is total return adjusted for sales charges and reflects all ongoing fund expenses. Current 7-day yield more closely reflects the current earnings of the money market fund than the total return quotation.

For VA subaccounts, standardized return is total return based on its inception date within the separate account and is adjusted to reflect recurring and non-recurring charges such as surrender fees, contract charges, maximum front-end load, maximum deferred load, maximum M&E risk charge, administration fees, and actual ongoing fund-level expenses.

For ETFs, the standardized returns reflect performance, both at market price and NAV price, without adjusting for the effects of taxation or brokers commissions. These returns are adjusted to reflect all ongoing ETF expenses and assume reinvestment of dividends and capital gains. If adjusted, the effects of taxation would reduce the performance quoted.

The charges and expenses used in the standardized returns are obtained from the most recent prospectus and/or shareholder report available to Morningstar. For mutual funds and VAs, all dividends and capital gains are assumed to be reinvested. For stocks, stock acquired via divestitures is assumed to be liquidated and reinvested in the original holding.

Non-Standardized Returns

For mutual funds, total return is not adjusted for sales charges and reflects all ongoing fund expenses for various time periods. These returns assume reinvestment of dividends and capital gains. If adjusted for sales charges and the effects of taxation, the mutual fund returns would be reduced. Please note these returns can include pre-inception data and if included, this data will be represented in italics.

For money market funds, total return is not adjusted for sales charges and reflects all ongoing fund expenses for various time periods. These returns assume reinvestment of dividends and capital gains. If adjusted for sales charges and the effects of taxation, the money market returns would be reduced.

For VA and VL subaccounts, non-standardized returns illustrate performance that is adjusted to reflect recurring and non-recurring charges such as surrender fees, contract charges, maximum front-end load, maximum deferred load, maximum M&E risk charge, administrative fees and underlying fund-level expenses for various time periods. Non-Standardized performance returns assume reinvestment of dividends and capital gains. If adjusted for the effects of taxation, the subaccount returns would be significantly reduced. Please note that these returns can include pre-inception data and if included, this data will be represented in italics.

Investment Advisory Fees

The investment(s) returns do not necessarily reflect the deduction of all investment advisory fees. Client investment returns will be reduced if additional advisory fees are incurred such as deferred loads, redemption fees, wrap fees, or other account charges.

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Investment Style

The Morningstar Style Box combines the various funds investment strategies. For the equity style box, the vertical axis shows the market capitalization of the stocks owned and the horizontal axis shows investment style (value, blend, or growth). For the fixed-income style box, the vertical axis shows the average credit quality of the bonds owned and the horizontal axis shows interest rate sensitivity as measured by a bond's duration (short, intermediate, or long).

Risk and Return

Standard deviation is a statistical measure of the volatility of a portfolio's returns around its mean.

Sharpe ratio uses a portfolio's standard deviation and total return to determine reward per unit of risk.

Alpha measures the difference between a portfolio's actual returns and its expected performance, given its beta and the actual returns of the benchmark index. Alpha is often seen as a measurement of the value added or subtracted by a portfolio's manager.

Beta is a measure of the degree of change in value one can expect in a portfolio given a change in value in a benchmark index. A portfolio with a beta greater than one is generally more volatile than its benchmark index, and a portfolio with a beta of less than one is generally less volatile than its benchmark index.

R-squared reflects the percentage of a portfolio's movements that are explained by movements in its benchmark index, showing the degree of correlation between the portfolio and a benchmark. This figure is also helpful in assessing how likely it is that alpha and beta are statistically significant.

Fundamental Analysis

The below referenced data elements are a weighted average of the equity holdings in the portfolio.

The median market capitalization of a subaccount's equity portfolio gives you a measure of the size of the companies in which the subaccount invests.

The Price/Cash Flow ratio is a weighted average of the price/cash-flow ratios of the stocks in a subaccount's portfolio. Price/cash-flow shows the ability of a business to generate cash and acts as a gauge of liquidity and solvency.

The Price/Book ratio is a weighted average of the price/book ratios of all the stocks in the underlying fund's portfolio. The P/B ratio of a company is calculated by dividing the market price of its stock by the company's per-share book value. Stocks with negative book values are excluded from this calculation.

The Price/Earnings ratio is a weighted average of the price/earnings ratios of the stocks in the underlying fund's portfolio. The P/E ratio of a stock is calculated by dividing the current price of the stock by its trailing 12 months' earnings per share. In computing the average, Morningstar weights each portfolio holding by the percentage of equity assets it represents.

The Price/Sales ratio is a weighted average of the price/sales ratios of the stocks in the underlying fund's portfolio. The P/S ratio of a stock is calculated by dividing the current price of the stock by its trailing 12 months' revenues per share. In computing the average, Morningstar weights each portfolio holding by the percentage of equity assets it represents.

The return on assets (ROA) is the percentage a company earns on its assets in a given year. The calculation is net income divided by end-of-year total assets, multiplied by 100.

The Return on Equity (ROE) is the percentage a company earns on its shareholders' equity in a given year. The calculation is net income divided by end-of-year net worth, multiplied by 100.

Market Maturity shows the percentage of a holding's common stocks that are domiciled in developed and emerging markets.

The below referenced data elements listed below are a weighted average of the fixed income holdings in the portfolio.

The average credit quality is derived by taking the weighted average of the credit rating for each bond in the portfolio.

Average maturity is used for holdings in the taxable fixed-income category, this is a weighted average of all the maturities of the bonds in a portfolio, computed by weighting each maturity date by the market value of the security. Credit quality breakdowns are shown for corporate-bond holdings and depicts the quality of bonds in the underlying portfolio. The analysis reveals the percentage of fixed-income securities that fall within each credit-quality rating as assigned by Standard & Poor's or Moody's. (debt). This figure is not provided for financial companies.

Debt as a percentage of capital is calculated by dividing long-term debt by total capitalization (the sum of common equity plus preferred equity plus long-term debt). This figure is not provided for financial companies.

Duration is a time measure of a bond's interest-rate sensitivity.

Net Margin is a measure of profitability. It is equal to annual net income divided by revenues from the same period for the past five fiscal years, multiplied by 100.

Type Weightings divide the stocks in a given holding's portfolio into eight type designations each of which defines a broad category of investment characteristics. Not all stocks in a given holding's portfolio are assigned a type. These stocks are grouped under NA.

The below referenced data elements listed below are a weighted average of the total holdings in the portfolio.

The average expense ratio is the percentage of assets deducted each year for operating expenses, management fees, and all other asset-based costs incurred by the fund, excluding brokerage fees. Please note for mutual funds, variable annuities/life, ETF and closed-end funds we use the gross prospectus ratio as provided in the prospectus. For separate accounts and stocks we pull the audited expense ratio from the annual report.

Potential capital gains exposure is the percentage of a holding's total assets that represent capital appreciation.

Investment Risk

Market Price Risk: The market price of ETF's traded on the secondary market is subject to the forces of supply and demand and thus independent of the ETF's NAV. This can result in the market price trading at a premium or discount to the NAV which will affect an investors value.

Market Risk: The market prices of ETF's can fluctuate as to the result of several factors such as security-specific factors or general investor sentiment. Therefore, investors should be aware of the prospect of market fluctuations and the impact it may have on the ETF market price.

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International Emerging Market Funds/Subaccounts: The investor should note that funds and subaccounts that invest in international securities take on special additional risks. These risks include, but are not limited to, currency risk, political risk, and risk associated with varying accounting standards. Investing in emerging markets normally accentuates these risks.

Sector Funds/Subaccounts: The investor should note that funds and subaccounts that invest exclusively in one sector or industry involve additional risks. The lack of industry diversification subjects the investor to increased industry-specific risks.

Non-Diversified Funds/Subaccounts: The investor should note that funds or subaccounts that invest more of their assets in a single issuer involve additional risks, including share price fluctuations, because of the increased concentration of investments.

Small Cap Funds/Subaccounts: The investor should note that funds and subaccounts that invest in stocks of small companies involve additional risks. Smaller companies typically have a higher risk of failure, and are not as well established as larger blue-chip companies. Historically, smaller-company stocks have experienced a greater degree of price volatility than the overall market average.

Mid Cap Funds/Subaccounts: The investor should note that funds and subaccounts that invest in companies with market capitalizations below \$10 billion involve additional risks. The securities of these companies may be more volatile and less liquid than the securities of larger companies.

High-Yield Bond Funds/Subaccounts: The investor should note that funds and subaccounts that invest in lower-rated debt securities (commonly referred to as junk bonds) involve additional risks because of the lower credit quality of the securities in the portfolio. The investor should be aware of the possible higher level of volatility and increased risk of default.

Tax-Free Municipal Bond Funds: The investor should note that the income from tax-free municipal bond funds may be subject to state and local taxation and the Alternative Minimum Tax.