

Town of East Lyme

Quarterly Investment Review - Second Quarter 2025

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## The Public Fiduciary - May 2025

#### Five Best Practices for Public Pension and OPEB Committees



By: Christopher Rowlins Partner, Senior Consultant

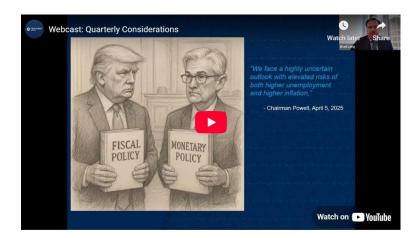
Public pension and Other Post-Employment Benefit ("OPEB") plans play a crucial role in providing retirement security for millions of individuals. To help ensure their effective management and governance, it is essential for committees entrusted with oversight responsibilities to adopt best practices. These practices contribute to maintaining transparency, accountability and the financial health of... Read More >

#### April Market Review - From Liberation to Limbo

April opened with a bang, marked by an assertive shift in U.S. trade policy. Even with a 90-day reciprocal tariff pause in place, the U.S. has implemented a 10% universal tariff, renegotiated trade agreements with Canada and Mexico, implemented auto tariffs, and engaged in a trade war with China, the world's largest export economy. We could debate the merits or intent of these policies, but the reality is simple: they are here. And without meaningful resolution, monetary or fiscal offsets, their presence increases the... Read More >



Bradford Long, CFA
Managing Partner,
Chief Investment Officer



# **Quarterly Considerations - Market Volatility**

#### **Team Member Spotlight: Lucas Hannegan**

#### What is your greatest career accomplishment so far?

My greatest career accomplishment is seeing the difference we make for our clients. Whether it is assisting a pension client in funding their hardworking employee's pension to help ensure a well-deserved retirement, or an endowment or foundation funding scholarships and community programs - it is a rewarding feeling to have helped make a difference. Being able to interact with clients and getting to see firsthand the benefit of our work is very rewarding.



Lucas Hannegan Senior Consulting Analyst

#### What do you enjoy the most about working at Fiducient Advisors?

At Fiducient Advisors, I believe our greatest asset is our people. Interacting and collaborating with such amazing colleagues helps make it such a welcoming place to work. From industry veterans and mentors to people just starting out in their career like me, everyone is open to learning, teaching and supporting the growth of their colleagues and friends. This contributes to a warm and welcoming environment that makes Fiducient Advisors so special.

# What do you like to do when you're not at work? Any interesting hobbies or volunteer organizations you work with?

I am an amateur winemaker in my spare time and hopefully will be getting started on my fourth vintage this year as the weather gets nicer. I enjoy making a variety of wines to share with friends and family at special occasions, but it also helps practice patience and humility when things don't go your way. I also volunteer my time with the University of Connecticut on one of their student engagement boards and help with events and to be a design of the school over?

www.FiducientAdvisors.com help with events put on by the board and the school overall.



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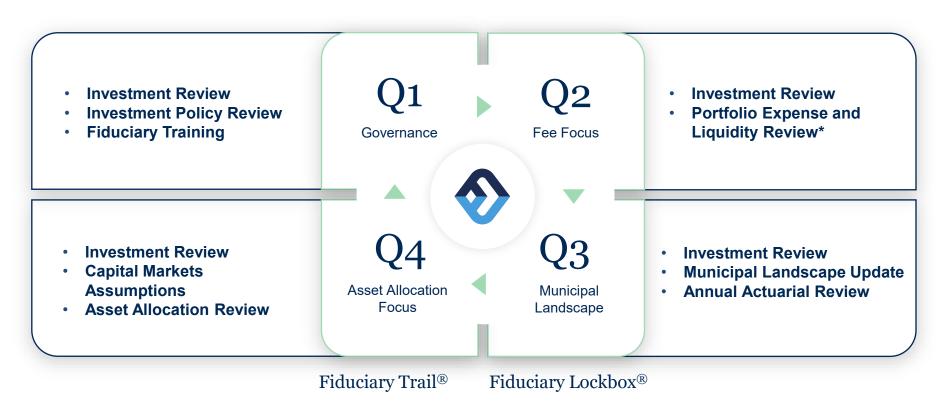
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# **Fiduciary Governance Calendar**

The fiduciary governance calendar is designed to create a disciplined framework around governance, which helps ensure that over the course of a calendar year key fiduciary obligations and responsibilities are being met.



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<sup>\*</sup>Liquidity analysis is provided only for portfolios with marketable alternatives and/or private equity.





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	Estimated Annual Cost
Investment Portfolio (Weighted Average)	0.43%
US Bank (Base cost)	Asset Based Fee: 0.02%. \$10,000 minimum.
Fiducient	Flat Fee Subject to Escalator. Approximate Annual Fee: \$44,000

Unless otherwise noted, Fiducient's fee represents the annualized fee as of March 31, 2025.

Please inform Fiducient of any changes to the portfolio's custodial arrangement(s) that may impact share class selection.

# **Underlying Investment Management Fees**

	Market Value (\$)	Estimated Annual Fee (\$)	Estimated Annual Fee (%)	Universe Median Expense Ratio (%)
Town of East Lyme	33,595,079	144,575	0.43	-
Short Term Liquidity	452,888	-	-	-
First American Government Fund	452,888	-	-	-
Fixed Income	13,471,554	53,330	0.40	-
Baird Aggregate Bond Fund Class Institutional	4,558,192	13,675	0.30	0.49
Harbor Core Bond Retirement - IR&M	4,552,391	11,836	0.26	0.49
BlackRock Strategic Income Opportunities Fund K	3,492,837	21,656	0.62	0.92
Artisan High Income Fund I	868,135	6,164	0.71	0.74
Domestic Equity	11,121,524	25,484	0.23	-
Vanguard Institutional Index Fund Insti	8,473,751	2,966	0.04	0.70
Nationwide WCM Focused Sm Cp R6	1,312,157	10,497	0.80	0.99
Conestoga Small Cap Instl	1,335,616	12,021	0.90	1.07
nternational Equity	6,886,144	50,795	0.74	-
Dodge & Cox International Stock Fund	2,358,515	14,623	0.62	0.98
Harding Loevner International Equity Port CI Z	2,352,515	17,173	0.73	0.95
PIMCO RAE Emerging Markets I	1,103,585	8,498	0.77	1.05
GQG Partners Emerging Markets Equity R6	1,071,528	10,501	0.98	1.05
Real Assets	1,662,969	14,967	0.90	-
DWS RREEF Real Assets Fund R6	1,662,969	14,967	0.90	-

Estimated Annual Fee (%): The figures on this page have been obtained from sources we deem to be reliable. Fiducient Advisors has not independently verified this information. Fee calculations for mutual funds represent fees at the net expense level. Fee calculations for commingled funds and/or alternative investments reflect base management fees and exclude underlying fund expenses captured at the NAV level, any applicable performance-based fees, or incentive fees. Fees for fund of funds are shown at the fund of fund level and do not include fees charged by underlying investment managers/funds. Universe Median Net Expense Ratio (%): Mutual fund equivalent universe shown for comparative purposes, where available.



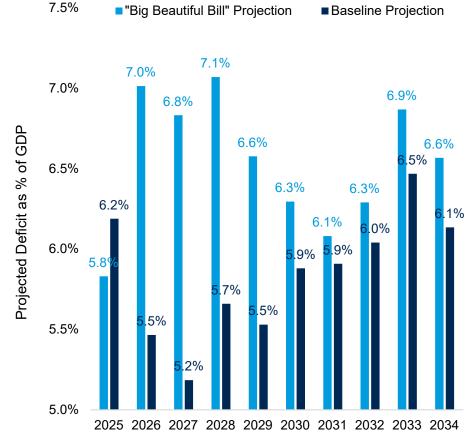


Town of East Lyme Pension Plan							
	1/1/2024	1/1/2023					
Actuarial Value of Assets	\$32,439,250	\$31,484,812					
Total Accrued Liability	\$34,590,335	\$31,605,744					
Funded Ratio	93.7%	99.6%					
Actuarial Return Assumption	6.50%	6.50%					

# **Market Themes**

# Deficit Expected to Grow with "Big Beautiful Bill"

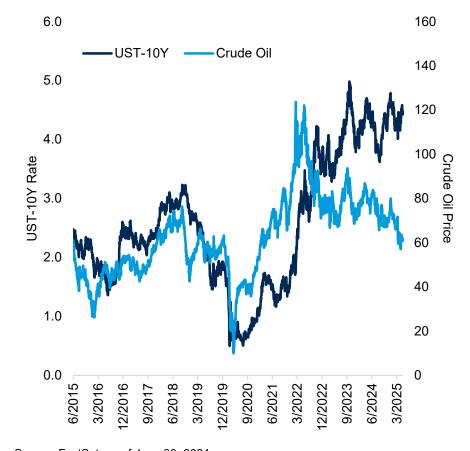
Tariffs and trade policy jump started the quarter, but fiscal policy came to the forefront as the Trump administration announced the "Big Beautiful Bill." Concerns of a growing budget deficit contributed to higher yields on the long-end of the curve and added to overall volatility within the fixed income market. Lack of fiscal discipline contributed to Moody's downgrade of the U.S., the last of the big three rating agencies to do so.



#### Source: CBO. As of June 2025.

### **Inflation Watch**

Over the past decade, oil and the 10-year Treasury yield have been positively correlated. When crude rallies, yields tend to follow as higher oil prices are expected to bleed into headline inflation. The recent divergence has been driven by a slump in demand and increased supply by OPEC+ countries and may serve as an indicator to the potential future path of interest rates.

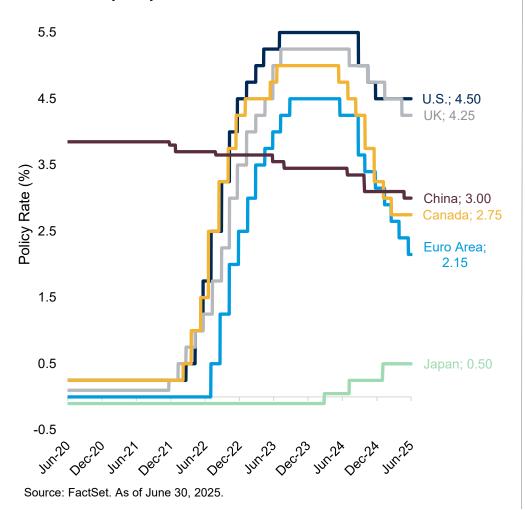


Source: FactSet, as of June 30, 2024.

# **Market Themes**

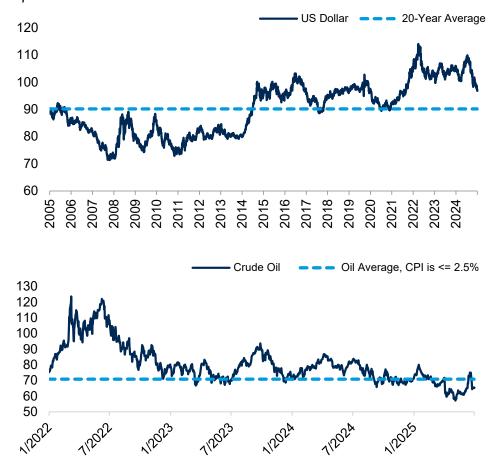
# **Diverging Central Bank Policy**

The Federal Reserve held its policy rate steady during the quarter as it balances inflation and labor market data signals. However, while the U.S. has maintained rates, select regions around the globe have continued to ease rates, notably in the UK and Euro Area. This diverging policy has been one of the many factors contributing to U.S. dollar volatility this year and a tailwind for non-U.S. markets.



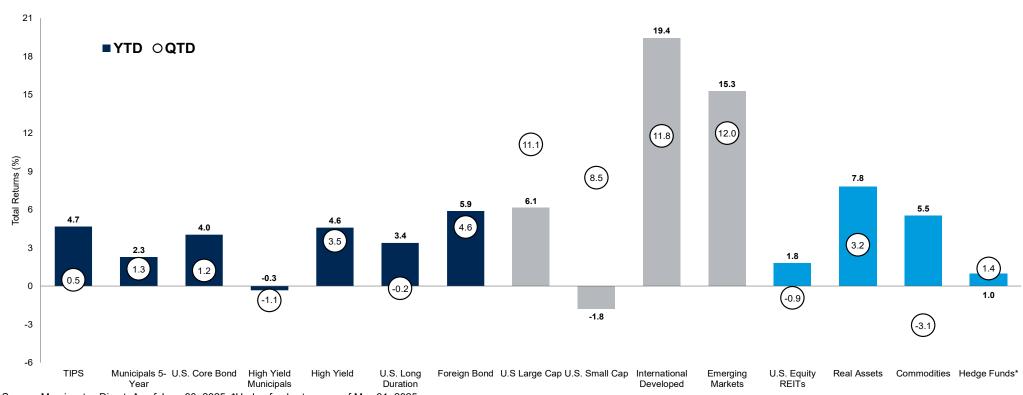
# When Uncertainty is High, Context is Grounding

Much has been made of recent U.S. dollar weakness and grumblings of the potential for the U.S. losing its reserve currency status. Similarly, with rising tensions in the Middle East, oil has been volatile adding to inflation concerns. At first glance investors may have concern, but with a bit of context that concern may abate. The U.S. dollar is still relatively strong, and oil is priced similarly to times when inflation is near 2.5 percent.



# **Asset Class Returns**





Source: Morningstar Direct. As of June 30, 2025. \*Hedge fund returns as of May 31, 2025.

# Fixed Income (2Q 2025)

- + The Federal Reserve left rates unchanged at 4.25%—4.50% for a fourth consecutive meeting, in line with expectations, as policymakers take a cautious stance to fully evaluate the economic impact of President Trump's policies. Core bonds subsequently gained on falling rates.
- + Credit markets produced a positive return on persistently tight credit spreads. Resilient labor data and positive risk sentiment supported prices despite slowing growth. The U.S. dollar depreciated which benefitted non-USD bonds.

# **Equity (2Q 2025)**

- + Equities gained on improved clarity around trade, and investor optimism about future policy support. Small caps lagged large, as investors favored large Al-related names.
- + Central bank activity in Europe also provided a boost to international developed markets.
- + Emerging markets outperformed developed markets during the period. A falling U.S. dollar and improved sentiment on a trade deal between the U.S. and China boosted returns.

# Real Asset / Alternatives (2Q 2025)

- Equity REITs had a negative quarter, as investors rotated away from high valuation sectors such as residential.
- Commodities were negative for the quarter on falling energy, agriculture, and industrial metals.
- + Hedge Funds posted gains with equity hedge strategies outperforming.



# **Fixed Income Market Update**

# **U.S. Treasury Yield Curve**

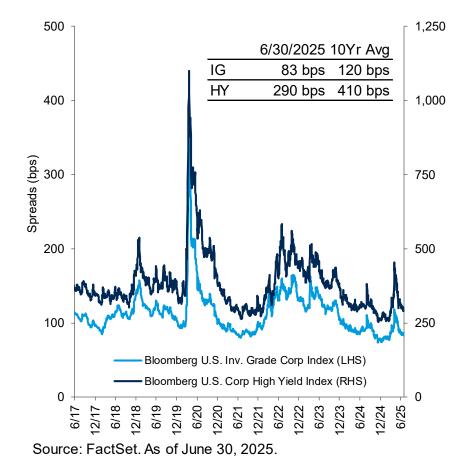
The 2-year yield declined as markets increasingly priced in rate cuts in response to slowing economic growth and a softer-than-expected inflation backdrop. The yield curve remains inverted on the front-end highlighting investor concerns about slowing growth and ongoing uncertainty around trade and fiscal policy. The shift lower in yields reflected a defensive tone in rates markets as the Fed held steady and economic data show signs of slowing.

# 6.0 5.5 5.0 Yield (%) 4.36 4.23 4.24 4.0 3.72 6/30/25 3.5 3/31/25 6/28/24 3.0 10 0 15 20 25 30 U.S. Treasury Maturity (yrs)

Source: FactSet. As of June 30, 2025.

# **Corporate Credit Spreads – Trailing 5 Years**

Corporate credit spreads tightened over the quarter as investors responded to strong demand and resilient corporate fundamentals. Despite softer growth data, credit markets remained well-behaved with no signs of stress or disorderly repricing.



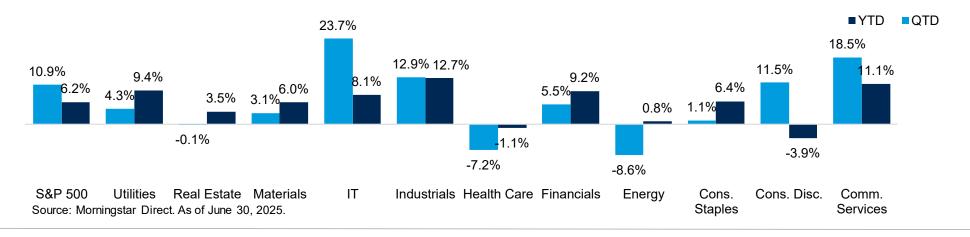
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# **Equity Market Update**

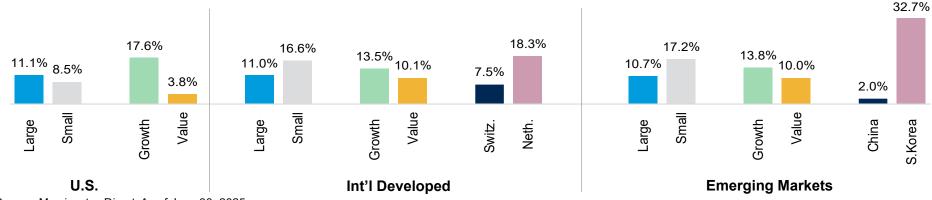
# U.S. Equities – Returns by Sector (2Q 2025)

U.S. equities advanced in the second quarter, led by technology, industrials, and communication services, as investors embraced pro-cyclical themes and Al-related momentum. Health care, energy, and staples lagged the broader market as investors rotated toward areas with higher earnings leverage. Sector leadership reflected a risk-on tone, even as macroeconomic signals remain mixed.



# Market Capitalization, Style, and Select Country Performance (2Q 2025)

International equities posted strong gains in the second quarter as the U.S. dollar depreciated. Europe rallied on rate cuts and Japan rose on data suggesting economic resilience despite rising trade pressures. Emerging markets outperformed developed peers, driven by strength in South Korea and positive risk sentiment. Small caps and growth stocks mostly led global equity performance, while China, and India underperformed the broader EM index.

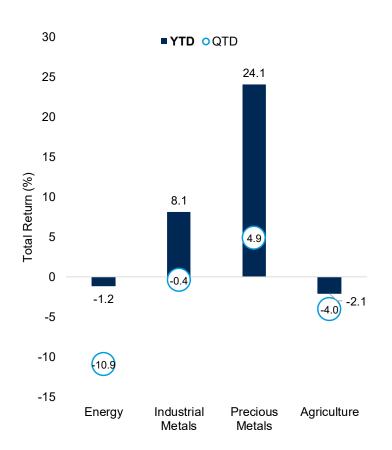


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# **Real Assets Market Update**

# **Commodity Performance (2Q 2025)**

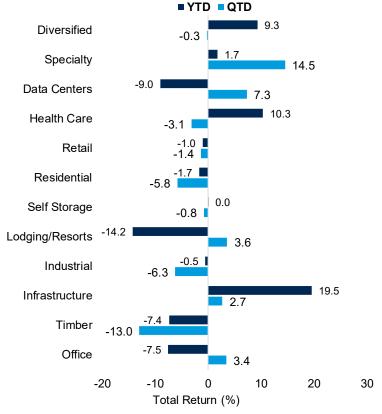
Commodities declined in the second quarter, with losses concentrated in energy, agriculture and industrial metals. Oil and natural gas fell amid easing Middle East tensions and tepid demand. Industrial metals such as copper fell on weak demand expectations. Precious metals like platinum and gold posted strong returns amid geopolitical tensions.



Source: Morningstar Direct. As of June 30, 2025.

# **REIT Sector Performance (2Q 2025)**

REITs declined over the quarter, underperforming broader equity markets as investors favored higher-beta sectors and growth-sensitive assets. Office and lodging/resorts led performance among property types, benefiting from relative value interest and signs of demand stability. In contrast, single-family rental REITs, health care, and timber lagged, pressured by valuation concerns and sensitivity to macro headwinds.



Source: Morningstar Direct. As of June 30, 2025.

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# **The Case for Diversification**

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	10 Years (Ann)
U.S. Equity REITs 2.8	U.S. Small Cap 21.3	Emerging Markets Equity 37.3	High Yield Municipals 4.8	U.S. Large Cap 31.4	U.S. Large Cap 21.0	U.S. Equity REITs 41.3	Commodities 16.1	U.S. Large Cap 26.5	U.S. Large Cap 24.5	International Dev.Eq. 19.4	U.S. Large Cap 13.3
Municipals 5-Year 2.4	High Yield 17.1	International Developed Equity 25.0	Cash 1.8	U.S. Mid Cap 30.5	U.S. Small Cap 20.0	Commodities 27.1	Cash 1.5	International Developed Equity 18.2	U.S. Mid Cap 15.3	Emerging Markets Eq. 15.3	U.S. Mid Cap 9.9
High Yield Municipals 1.8	U.S. Mid Cap 13.8	U.S. Large Cap 21.7	Municipals 5-Year 1.7	U.S. Equity REITs 28.7	Emerging Markets Equity 18.3	U.S. Large Cap 26.5	Hedge Funds -5.3	U.S. Mid Cap 17.2	U.S. Small Cap 11.5	U.S. Large Cap 6.1	U.S. Small Cap 7.1
U.S. Large Cap 0.9	U.S. Large Cap 12.1	U.S. Mid Cap 18.5	U.S. Core Bond 0.0	U.S. Small Cap 25.5	U.S. Mid Cap 17.1	U.S. Mid Cap 22.6	Municipals 5-Year -5.3	U.S. Small Cap 16.9	Balanced 10.8	Commodities 5.5	Balanced 6.3
U.S. Core Bond 0.5	Commodities 11.8	Balanced 15.4	TIPS -1.3	International Developed Equity 22.0	Balanced 13.5	U.S. Small Cap 14.8	High Yield -11.2	Balanced 15.4	Hedge Funds 9.1	U.S. Mid Cap 4.8	U.S. Equity REITs 6.6
Cash 0.0	Emerging Markets Equity 11.2	U.S. Small Cap 14.6	High Yield -2.1	Balanced 19.4	TIPS 11.0	International Developed Equity 11.3	TIPS -11.8	High Yield 13.4	High Yield 8.2	TIPS 4.7	International Developed Equity 6.5
Hedge Funds -0.3	U.S. Equity REITs 8.6	High Yield Municipals 9.7	U.S. Equity REITs -4.0	Emerging Markets Equity 18.4	Hedge Funds 10.9	Balanced 10.2	U.S. Core Bond -13.0	U.S. Equity REITs 11.4	Emerging Markets Equity 7.5	High Yield 4.6	High Yield 5.4
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TIPS -1.4	High Yield Municipals 3.0	High Yield 7.5	Balanced -5.5	U.S. Core Bond 8.7	High Yield 7.1	TIPS 6.0	Balanced -16.0	Hedge Funds 6.1	Cash 5.3	Municipals 5-Year 2.3	Hedge Funds 3.5
U.S. Mid Cap -2.4	U.S. Core Bond 2.6	U.S. Core Bond 3.5	U.S. Mid Cap -9.1	TIPS 8.4	High Yield Municipals 4.9	High Yield 5.3	U.S. Mid Cap -17.3	U.S. Core Bond 5.5	U.S. Equity REITs 4.9	Cash 2.1	Commodities 2.0
U.S. Small Cap -4.4	International Developed Equity 1.0	Municipals 5-Year 3.1	U.S. Small Cap -11.0	Hedge Funds 8.4	Municipals 5-Year 4.3	Municipals 5-Year 0.3	U.S. Large Cap -19.1	Cash 5.1	International Developed Equity 3.8	U.S. Equity REITs 1.8	TIPS 2.
High Yield -4.5	Hedge Funds 0.5	TIPS 3.0	Commodities -11.2	Commodities 7.7	Cash 0.5	Cash 0.0	Emerging Markets Equity -20.1	Municipals 5-Year 4.3	TIPS 1.8	Hedge Funds 1.0	Cash 2.0
Emerging Markets Equity -14.9	Cash 0.3	Commodities 1.7	International Developed Equity -13.8	Municipals 5-Year 5.4	Commodities -3.1	U.S. Core Bond -1.5	U.S. Small Cap -20.4	TIPS 3.9	U.S. Core Bond 1.3	High Yield Munis -0.3	Municipals 5-Year 1.8
Commodities -24.7	Municipals 5-Year -0.4	Cash 0.8	Emerging Markets Equity -14.6	Cash 2.2	U.S. Equity REITs -5.1	Emerging Markets Equity -2.5	U.S. Equity REITs -24.9	Commodities -7.9	Municipals 5-Year 1.2	U.S. Small Cap -1.8	U.S. Core Bond 1.8

Sources: Morningstar, FactSet. As of June 30, 2025. \*Periods greater than one year are annualized. Total returns in U.S. dollars. Hedge Funds as of May 31, 2025.



# **Financial Markets Performance**

#### Total Return as of June 30, 2025 Periods greater than one year are annualized All returns are in U.S. dollar terms

Global Fixed Income Markets	QTD	YTD	1YR	3YR	5YR	7YR	10YR	15YR
Bloomberg 1-3-Month T-Bill	1.1%	2.1%	4.8%	4.7%	2.8%	2.5%	2.0%	1.3%
Bloomberg U.S. TIPS	0.5%	4.7%	5.8%	2.3%	1.6%	3.0%	2.7%	2.9%
Bloomberg Municipal Bond (5 Year)	1.3%	2.3%	4.3%	2.7%	0.9%	1.9%	1.8%	2.2%
Bloomberg High Yield Municipal Bond	-1.1%	-0.3%	1.8%	4.5%	3.1%	3.5%	4.4%	5.1%
Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate	1.2%	4.0%	6.1%	2.5%	-0.7%	1.8%	1.8%	2.3%
Bloomberg U.S. Corporate High Yield	3.5%	4.6%	10.3%	9.9%	6.0%	5.3%	5.4%	6.4%
Bloomberg Global Aggregate ex-U.S. Hedged	1.9%	1.8%	6.1%	4.3%	0.9%	2.3%	2.7%	3.1%
Bloomberg Global Aggregate ex-U.S. Unhedged	7.3%	10.0%	11.2%	2.7%	-1.6%	-0.5%	0.6%	0.8%
Bloomberg U.S. Long Gov / Credit	-0.2%	3.4%	3.3%	-0.3%	-4.9%	0.7%	1.8%	3.4%
Global Equity Markets	QTD	YTD	1YR	3YR	5YR	7YR	10YR	15YR
S&P 500	10.9%	6.2%	15.2%	19.7%	16.6%	14.4%	13.6%	14.9%
Dow Jones Industrial Average	5.5%	4.5%	14.7%	15.0%	13.5%	11.2%	12.1%	13.2%
NASDAQ Composite	18.0%	5.9%	15.7%	23.7%	16.0%	16.3%	16.2%	17.5%
Russell 3000	11.0%	5.8%	15.3%	19.1%	16.0%	13.6%	13.0%	14.5%
Russell 1000	11.1%	6.1%	15.7%	19.6%	16.3%	14.1%	13.3%	14.7%
Russell 1000 Growth	17.8%	6.1%	17.2%	25.7%	18.1%	17.9%	17.0%	17.5%
Russell 1000 Value	3.8%	6.0%	13.7%	12.8%	13.9%	9.6%	9.2%	11.6%
Russell Mid Cap	8.5%	4.8%	15.2%	14.3%	13.1%	10.0%	9.9%	12.6%
Russell Mid Cap Growth	18.2%	9.8%	26.5%	21.5%	12.7%	12.7%	12.1%	14.3%
Russell Mid Cap Value	5.3%	3.1%	11.5%	11.3%	13.7%	8.2%	8.4%	11.4%
Russell 2000	8.5%	-1.8%	7.7%	10.0%	10.0%	5.5%	7.1%	10.3%
Russell 2000 Growth	12.0%	-0.5%	9.7%	12.4%	7.4%	5.7%	7.1%	11.1%
Russell 2000 Value	5.0%	-3.2%	5.5%	7.5%	12.5%	4.8%	6.7%	9.3%
MSCI ACWI	11.5%	10.0%	16.2%	17.3%	13.7%	10.8%	10.0%	10.6%
MSCI ACWI ex. U.S.	12.0%	17.9%	17.7%	14.0%	10.1%	6.6%	6.1%	6.7%
MSCI EAFE	11.8%	19.4%	17.7%	16.0%	11.2%	7.2%	6.5%	7.5%
MSCI EAFE Growth	13.5%	16.0%	11.4%	13.6%	7.9%	6.8%	6.7%	7.8%
MSCI EAFE Value	10.1%	22.8%	24.2%	18.4%	14.3%	7.3%	6.1%	7.0%
MSCI EAFE Small Cap	16.6%	20.9%	22.5%	13.3%	9.3%	5.0%	6.5%	8.4%
MSCI Emerging Markets	12.0%	15.3%	15.3%	9.7%	6.8%	4.5%	4.8%	4.4%
Alternatives	QTD	YTD	1YR	3YR	5YR	7YR	10YR	15YR
Consumer Price Index*	0.1%	0.5%	2.4%	3.2%	4.6%	3.6%	3.1%	2.6%
FTSE NAREIT All Equity REITs	-0.9%	1.8%	9.2%	3.4%	6.7%	5.5%	6.6%	9.1%
S&P Real Assets	3.2%	7.8%	11.8%	6.0%	7.3%	5.0%	4.7%	5.9%
FTSE EPRA NAREIT Developed	4.7%	6.7%	12.4%	4.6%	6.1%	3.1%	4.2%	6.8%
FTSE EPRA NAREIT Developed ex U.S.	16.0%	20.0%	19.2%	4.2%	3.1%	0.7%	2.2%	5.0%
Bloomberg Commodity Total Return	-3.1%	5.5%	5.8%	0.1%	12.7%	4.9%	2.0%	0.0%
HFRI Fund of Funds Composite*	1.4%	1.0%	5.4%	5.4%	6.2%	4.3%	3.5%	3.7%
HFRI Asset Weighted Composite*	0.7%	1.2%	4.0%	4.0%	6.5%	4.2%	3.6%	4.5%

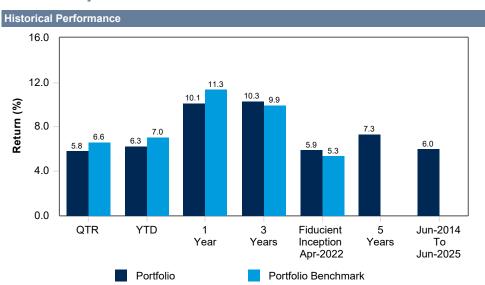
Sources: Morningstar, FactSet. As of June 30, 2025. \*Consumer Price Index and HFRI indexes as of May 31, 2025.

See disclosures for list of indices representing each asset class. Past performance does not indicate future performance and there is a possibility of a loss. www.FiducientAdvisors.com Indices cannot be invested in directly. Please refer to Material Risk disclosure for important information associated with market volatility.



# **Portfolio Dashboard**

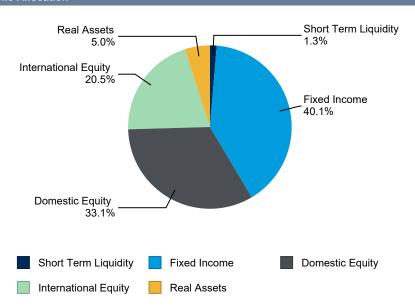
Town of East Lyme
As of June 30, 2025



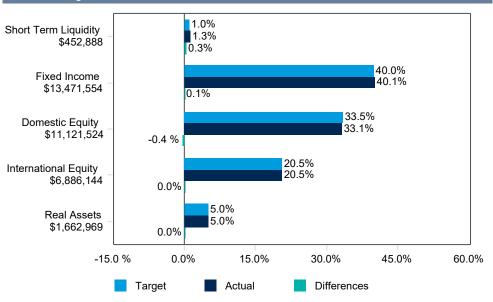
Summary of Cash Flows				
	QTR	YTD	1 Year	Since Inception
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Beginning Market Value	32,161,701	32,513,532	31,321,642	15,340,695
Net Contributions	-407,837	-924,052	-848,246	1,629,357
Gain/Loss	1,841,216	2,005,600	3,121,684	16,625,027
Ending Market Value	33,595,079	33,595,079	33,595,079	33,595,079

Current Benchmark	Composition	
From Date	To Date	
03/2025	Present	1.00% 90 Day U.S. Treasury Bill, 37.50% Blmbg. U.S. Aggregate, 2.50% Blmbg. U.S. Corp: High Yield, 25.00% S&P 500, 8.50% Russell 2000 Index, 14.00% MSCI AC World ex USA (Net), 6.50% MSCI Emerging Markets (Net), 5.00% DWS Real Assets Benchmark

### Portfolio Allocation



# Actual vs. Target Allocations

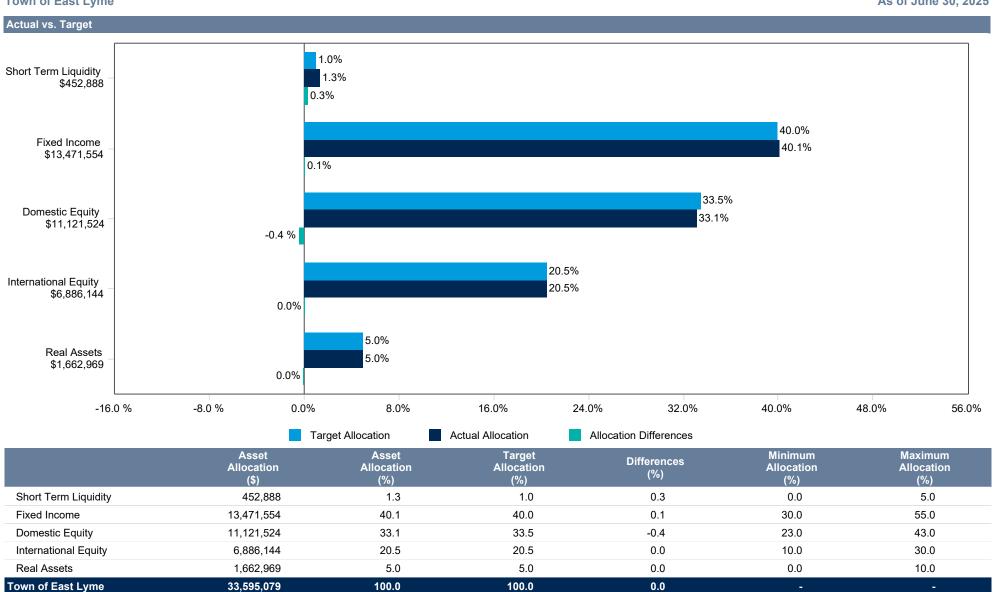


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# **Asset Allocation**

Town of East Lyme
As of June 30, 2025





# **Asset Allocation**

Town of East Lyme As of June 30, 2025

	Asset Allocation (\$)	Asset Allocation (%)	Target Allocation (%)	Differences (%)	
own of East Lyme	33,595,079	100.0	100.0	0.0	
Short Term Liquidity	452,888	1.3	1.0	0.3	
First American Government Fund	452,888	1.3	1.0	0.3	
Fixed Income	13,471,554	40.1	40.0	0.1	
Baird Aggregate Bond Fund Class Institutional	4,558,192	13.6	13.5	0.1	
Harbor Core Bond Retirement - IR&M	4,552,391	13.6	13.5	0.1	
BlackRock Strategic Income Opportunities Fund K	3,492,837	10.4	10.5	-0.1	
Artisan High Income Fund I	868,135	2.6	2.5	0.1	
Domestic Equity	11,121,524	33.1	33.5	-0.4	
Vanguard Institutional Index Fund Instl	8,473,751	25.2	25.0	0.2	
Nationwide WCM Focused Sm Cp R6	1,312,157	3.9	4.3	-0.3	
Conestoga Small Cap Instl	1,335,616	4.0	4.3	-0.3	
International Equity	6,886,144	20.5	20.5	0.0	
Dodge & Cox International Stock Fund	2,358,515	7.0	7.0	0.0	
Harding Loevner International Equity Port Cl Z	2,352,515	7.0	7.0	0.0	
PIMCO RAE Emerging Markets I	1,103,585	3.3	3.3	0.0	
GQG Partners Emerging Markets Equity R6	1,071,528	3.2	3.3	-0.1	
Real Assets	1,662,969	5.0	5.0	0.0	
DWS RREEF Real Assets Fund R6	1,662,969	5.0	5.0	0.0	

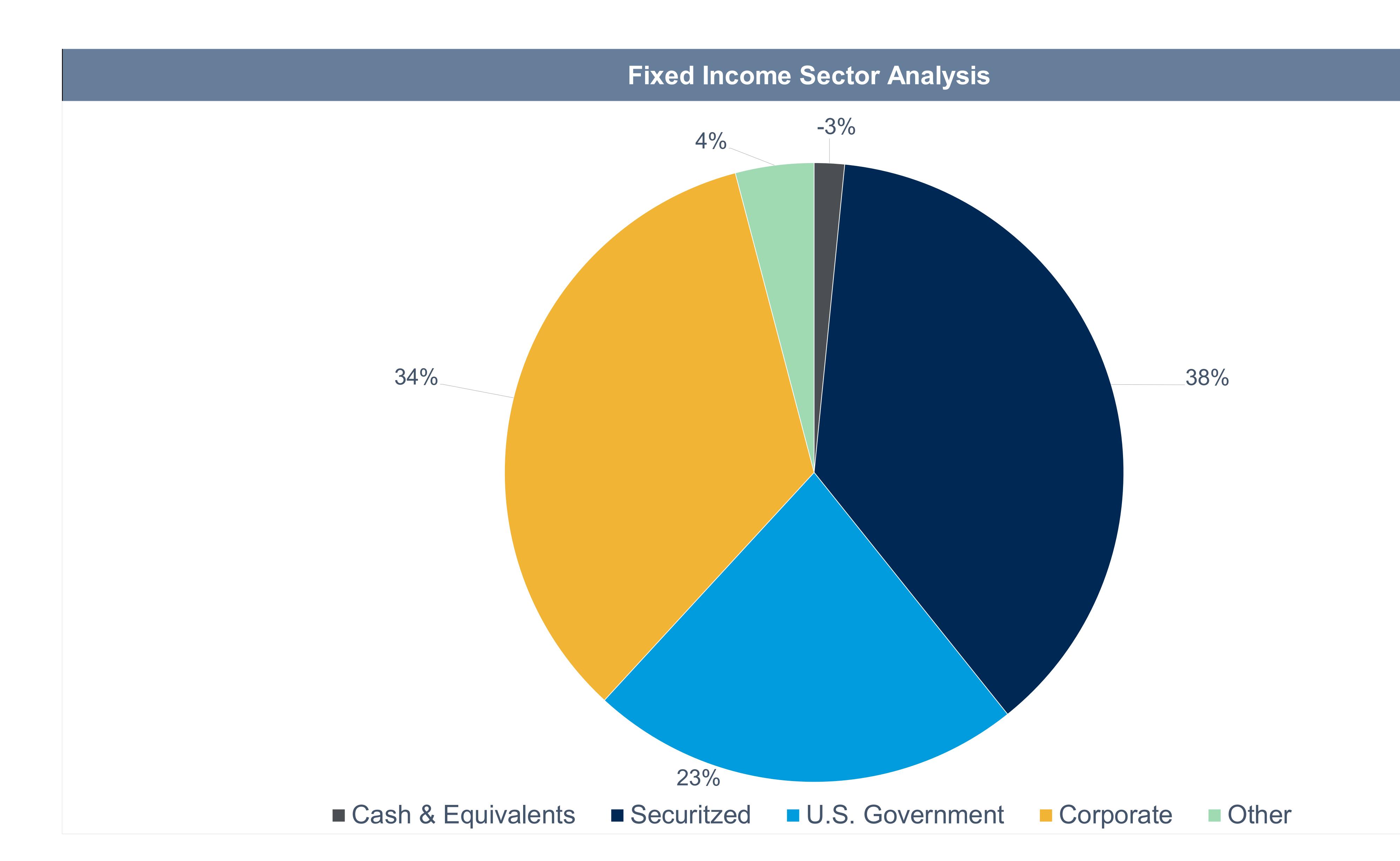


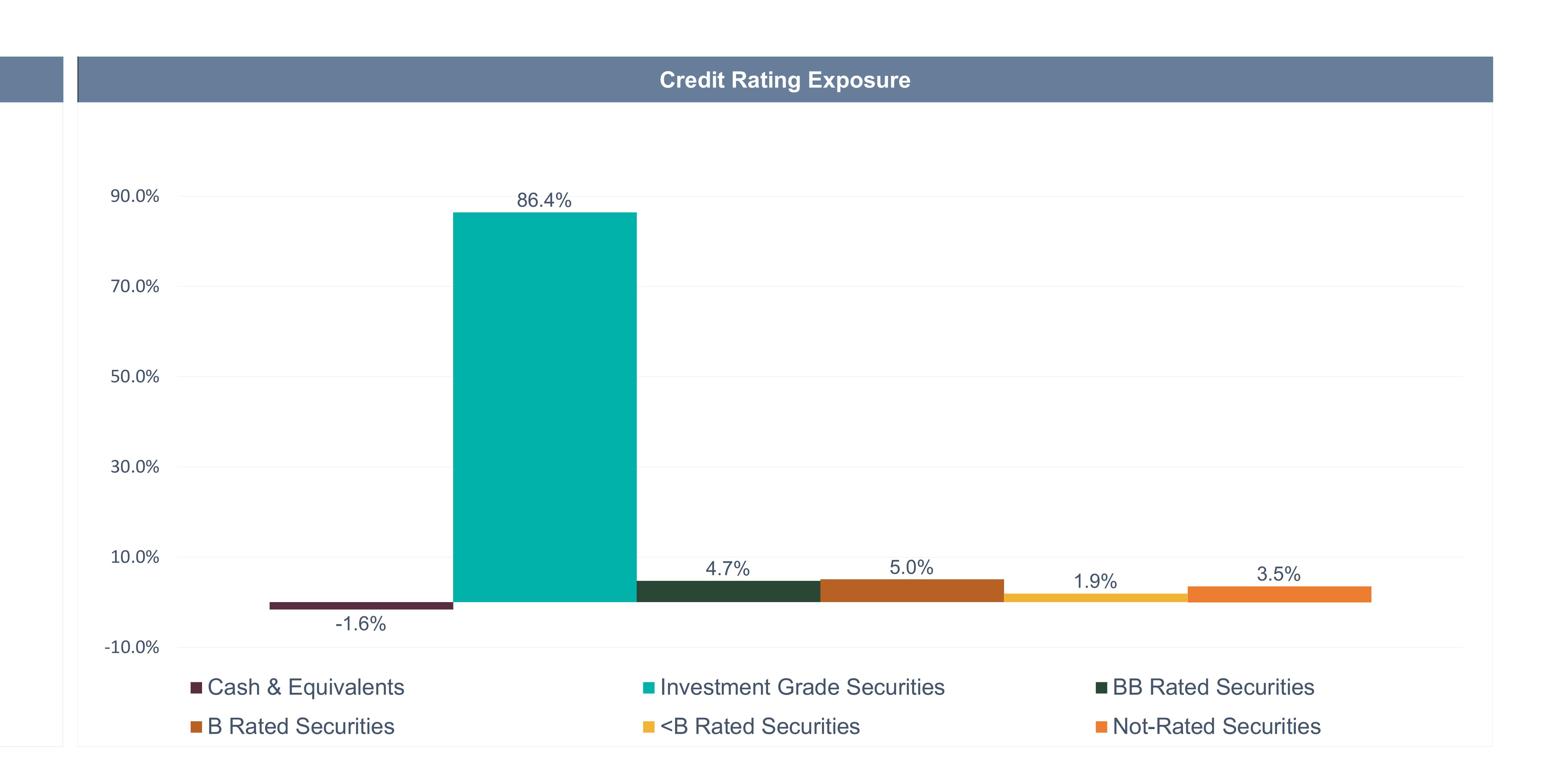
# Fixed Income Asset Class Summary

Town of East Lyme
As of June 30, 2025

		Manager Characteristics			
Fund	Current Portfolio Allocation	Current Fixed Income Allocation	Yield	Duration (Years)	Average Credit Quality
Baird Aggregate Bond Fund Class Institutional	13.6%	33.8%	5.0%	6.1	A
Harbor Core Bond Retirement - IR&M	13.6%	33.8%	4.8%	6.1	A
BlackRock Strategic Income Opportunities Fund K	10.4%	25.9%	6.1%	3.5	BB
Artisan High Income Fund I	2.6%	6.4%	8.3%	2.4	B
Fixed Income	40%	100%	5.4%	5.2	

	Holdings Overview									
Fund	Cash & Equivalents	Investment Grade Securities	BB Rated Securities	B Rated Securities	<b rated="" securities<="" th=""><th>Not-Rated Securities</th></b>	Not-Rated Securities				
Baird Aggregate Bond Fund Class Institutional	2.2%	97.6%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%				
Harbor Core Bond Retirement - IR&M	0.8%	99.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%				
BlackRock Strategic Income Opportunities Fund K	-12.0%	77.5%	11.2%	8.7%	2.2%	12.4%				
Artisan High Income Fund I	7.4%	-3.9%	27.5%	43.1%	21.0%	4.9%				
Fixed Income	-1.6%	86.4%	4.7%	5.0%	1.9%	3.5%				





# Important Disclosure Information:

Holding characteristics are sourced from Morngingstar Direct and manager provided data. Mutual fund data is as of the most recent submission to Morningstar.

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# **Performance Overview**

Town of East Lyme
As of June 30, 2025

Trailing Performance Summary									
	Current Quarter	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	7 Years	10 Years	Fiducient Inception Apr-2022	Jun-2014 To Jun-2025
Town of East Lyme	5.8	6.3	10.1	10.3	7.3	6.5	6.4	5.9	6.0
Town of East Lyme Benchmark	6.6	7.0	11.3	9.9	-	-	-	5.3	-

Calendar Year Performance Summary										
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Town of East Lyme	8.9	15.4	-16.3	12.3	9.9	19.3	-5.7	15.0	7.5	-0.5
Town of East Lyme Benchmark	9.2	13.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Plan Reconciliation							
	QTR	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception	Inception Date
Town of East Lyme							06/2014
Beginning Market Value	32,161,701	32,513,532	31,321,642	27,305,273	25,870,610	15,340,695	
Net Contributions	-407,837	-924,052	-848,246	-2,593,140	-2,766,478	1,629,357	
Gain/Loss	1,841,216	2,005,600	3,121,684	8,882,946	10,490,947	16,625,027	
Ending Market Value	33,595,079	33,595,079	33,595,079	33,595,079	33,595,079	33,595,079	

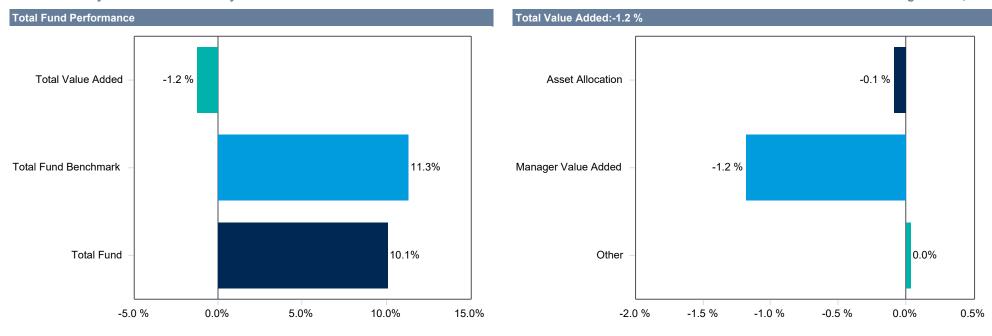
Benchmark Composition	
	Weight (%)
Mar-2025	
90 Day U.S. Treasury Bill	1.0
Blmbg. U.S. Aggregate	37.5
Blmbg. U.S. Corp: High Yield	2.5
S&P 500	25.0
Russell 2000 Index	8.5
MSCI AC World ex USA (Net)	14.0
MSCI Emerging Markets (Net)	6.5
DWS Real Assets Benchmark	5.0

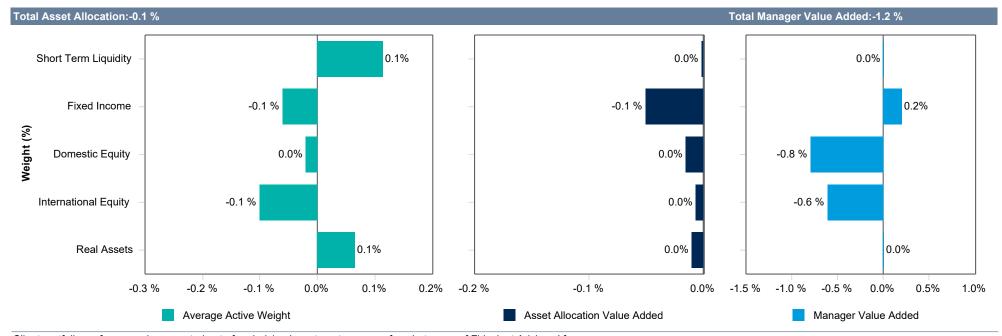
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# **Performance Attribution**



1 Year Ending June 30, 2025



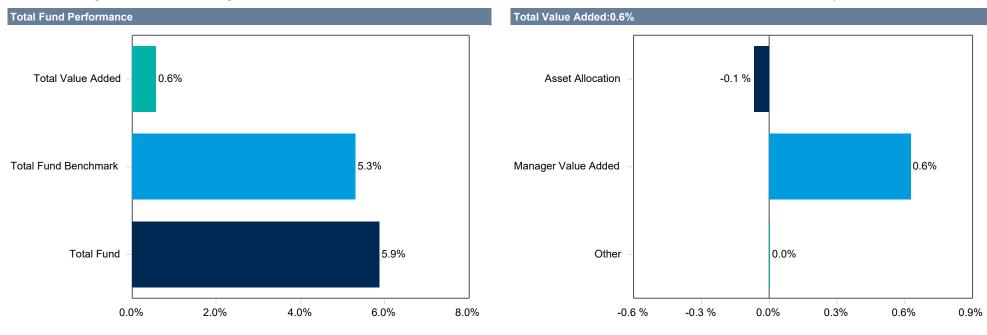


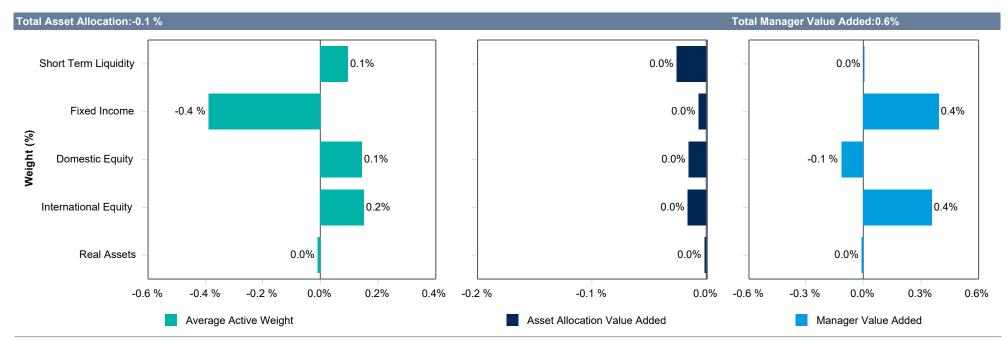
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# **Performance Attribution**











# **Manager Status Commentary**

Town of East Lyme
As of June 30, 2025

Manager	Recommendation	Comments
Fixed Income		
Baird Aggregate Bond Fund Class Institutional	Maintain	
Harbor Core Bond Retirement - IR&M	Maintain	
BlackRock Strategic Income Opportunities Fund K	Maintain	
Artisan High Income Fund I	Maintain	
Domestic Equity		
Vanguard Institutional Index Fund InstI	Maintain	
Nationwide WCM Focused Sm Cp R6	Maintain	
Conestoga Small Cap Instl	Maintain	
International Equity		
Dodge & Cox International Stock Fund	Maintain	
Harding Loevner International Equity Port CI Z	Watch 2Q 2025	We recently learned that Ferrill Roll, co-Portfolio Manager and CIO, has relinquished some of his managerial responsibilities at the firm. This includes oversight over portfolio managers and the Director of Research, as well as risk oversight over portfolios outside of International Equity. We feel that this may be an early indicator/preparation of Mr. Roll's retirement (though Harding Loevner has made no such claims). In addition, there has been some turnover within the analyst team, specifically within the technology sector. For these reasons we have moved the strategy to a "Watch" status and will continue to monitor these developments going forward.
PIMCO RAE Emerging Markets I	Maintain	
GQG Partners Emerging Markets Equity R6	Maintain	
Real Assets		
DWS RREEF Real Assets Fund R6	Maintain	

Commentary produced upon change of status.



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# **FLASH Memo**

Subject: Portfolio Manager/CIO, Ferrill Roll, Relinquishes

Responsibilities

Previous Status: Maintain Current Status: Watch Effective Date: 2Q 2025

# **Overview**

Harding Loevner recently informed us that Ferrill Roll, CIO and co-Lead Portfolio Manager for International Equity, has relinquished some of his managerial responsibilities at the firm. This includes oversight of portfolio managers and the Director of Research, as well as risk oversight of portfolios outside of International Equity. While Harding Loevner has indicated this does not signal a near-term retirement, we suspect this may in fact be early preparation for just that. Mr. Roll joined Harding Loevner in 1996 and has 45 years of industry experience. He has co-led the International Equity strategy since 2011, where today he works alongside co-Lead Portfolio Manager, Andrew West. The strategy is also supported by two paper portfolio managers, Patrick Todd and Uday Cheruvu. In addition to the handing off of Mr. Roll's responsibilities, we also learned of turnover at the analyst level, with the departure of two technology analysts: Igor Tishin, who left to pursue another opportunity, and Chris Mack, who was terminated by the firm. These changes come amidst a period of lackluster performance, where the strategy ranks in the bottom half of the Foreign Large Growth peer group over the trialing 1-, 3-, and 7-year time frames; and right around peer median over the trailing 5- and 10-year time frames (as of June 30, 2025). While Harding Loevner's quality growth investment approach has been out favor in the recent past, there have also been portfolio level missteps.

# Recommendation

Ferrill Roll's retirement timeline has been on our radar for some time now given his tenure in the industry. Despite Harding Loevner stating these changes do not indicate a retirement, we think it is worth monitoring going forward as, despite recent portfolio performance challenges, the long-term successes of the strategy have largely taken place under Mr. Roll's leadership. Regarding the recent performance challenges, while the quality growth investment approach has been a headwind given outperformance of value in international markets, we

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have noticed increased portfolio level missteps, including missing out on Novo Nordisk and ASML and overweight stakes in consumer staples names with China exposure, including L'Oreal and Unicharm. Notably, while in line with their "collaboration without consensus" culture, there has been disagreement in some of these positions between the analysts and portfolio managers. We believe this team dynamic also warrants further scrutiny. For these reasons, we have moved the strategy to a "Watch" status and will closely monitor these developments going forward.

If you have any questions, please contact your investment consultant.



# **Manager Performance**

Town of East Lyme
As of June 30, 2025

	Allocation	on				Pe	erformance(	%)				
	Market Value (\$)	%	QTR	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Fiducient Inception Apr-2022	Since Inception	Inception Date	Manager Status
Town of East Lyme	33,595,079	100.0	5.8	6.3	10.1	10.3	7.3	6.4	5.9	6.0	06/2014	
Town of East Lyme Benchmark			6.6	7.0	11.3	9.9	-	-	5.3	-		
Short Term Liquidity	452,888	1.3	1.0	2.1	4.6	4.5	-	-	4.2	4.2	04/2022	
90 Day U.S. Treasury Bill			1.0	2.1	4.7	4.6	2.8	2.0	4.2	4.2		
First American Government Fund	452,888	1.3	1.0	2.1	4.6	4.5	-	-	4.2	4.2	04/2022	
Fixed Income	13,471,554	40.1	1.8	4.3	6.8	4.1	-	-	2.0	2.0	04/2022	
Fixed Income Benchmark			1.4	4.0	6.3	3.0	-	-	1.0	1.0		
Baird Aggregate Bond Fund Class Institutional	4,558,192	13.6	1.2	4.1	6.2	3.2	-0.3	2.1	1.3	1.3	04/2022	Maintain
Blmbg. U.S. Aggregate			1.2	4.0	6.1	2.5	-0.7	1.8	0.8	0.8		
IM U.S. Broad Market Core Fixed Income (MF) Median			1.2	4.0	6.1	2.7	-0.5	1.8	0.8	0.8		
Baird Aggregate Bond Fund Class Institutional Rank			65	41	36	28	41	22	20	20		
Harbor Core Bond Retirement - IR&M	4,552,391	13.6	1.1	3.9	6.0	2.7	-0.6	-	0.9	5.3	03/2024	Maintain
Blmbg. U.S. Aggregate			1.2	4.0	6.1	2.5	-0.7	1.8	0.8	5.3		
IM U.S. Broad Market Core Fixed Income (MF) Median			1.2	4.0	6.1	2.7	-0.5	1.8	0.8	5.4		
Harbor Core Bond Retirement - IR&M Rank			75	64	57	49	55	-	40	59		
BlackRock Strategic Income Opportunities Fund K	3,492,837	10.4	2.9	4.7	8.5	5.7	3.9	3.4	4.4	4.4	04/2022	Maintain
Blmbg. U.S. Aggregate			1.2	4.0	6.1	2.5	-0.7	1.8	0.8	0.8		
IM Alternative Credit Focus (MF) Median			1.6	3.7	7.4	5.8	3.9	2.7	4.1	4.1		
BlackRock Strategic Income Opportunities Fund K Rank			15	9	17	52	48	28	42	42		
Artisan High Income Fund I	868,135	2.6	3.8	5.0	11.0	10.2	7.7	6.7	6.1	6.1	04/2022	Maintain
Blmbg. U.S. Corp: High Yield			3.5	4.6	10.3	9.9	6.0	5.4	5.7	5.7		
IM U.S. High Yield Bonds (MF) Median			3.5	4.3	9.1	9.1	5.4	4.5	4.9	4.9		
Artisan High Income Fund I Rank			26	11	5	9	5	1	8	8		

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Town of East Lyme
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	Allocation	on				Pe	erformance(	%)				
	Market Value (\$)	%	QTR	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Fiducient Inception Apr-2022	Since Inception	Inception Date	Manage Status
Domestic Equity	11,121,524	33.1	9.1	2.9	11.2	16.7	-	-	9.6	9.6	04/2022	
Domestic Equity Benchmark			10.3	4.4	13.6	17.5	-	-	9.9	9.9		
Vanguard Institutional Index Fund Instl	8,473,751	25.2	10.9	6.2	15.1	19.7	16.6	13.6	11.8	11.8	04/2022	Maintain
S&P 500			10.9	6.2	15.2	19.7	16.6	13.6	11.9	11.9		
IM U.S. Large Cap Core Equity (MF) Median			10.7	5.9	12.9	18.5	15.4	12.5	10.9	10.9		
Vanguard Institutional Index Fund Instl Rank			46	42	28	30	22	10	31	31		
Nationwide WCM Focused Sm Cp R6	1,312,157	3.9	2.4	-7.9	-5.3	6.3	8.9	6.7	2.8	2.8	04/2022	Maintain
Russell 2000 Value Index			5.0	-3.2	5.5	7.5	12.5	6.7	1.5	1.5		
IM U.S. Small Cap Core Equity (MF) Median			5.6	-2.6	5.4	9.2	11.9	7.1	3.1	3.1		
Nationwide WCM Focused Sm Cp R6 Rank			86	98	98	88	91	64	60	60		
Conestoga Small Cap Instl	1,335,616	4.0	4.8	-7.7	2.9	7.6	5.7	9.6	1.4	1.4	04/2022	Maintain
Russell 2000 Growth Index			12.0	-0.5	9.7	12.4	7.4	7.1	4.3	4.3		
IM U.S. Small Cap Growth Equity (MF) Median			10.7	-1.1	6.5	10.2	8.1	7.9	2.9	2.9		
Conestoga Small Cap Instl Rank			91	99	80	85	73	17	71	71		
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International Equity Benchmark			12.0	17.1	17.0	12.8	-	-	7.0	7.0		
Dodge & Cox International Stock Fund	2,358,515	7.0	11.6	22.4	23.1	15.4	13.9	6.1	10.7	10.7	04/2022	Maintain
MSCI AC World ex USA Value (Net)			10.4	19.9	21.4	15.6	13.1	5.7	10.0	10.0		
IM International Large Cap Value Equity (MF) Median			11.5	22.3	22.6	16.9	13.4	5.7	11.1	11.1		
Dodge & Cox International Stock Fund Rank			44	45	40	76	34	36	63	63		
Harding Loevner International Equity Port CI Z	2,352,515	7.0	9.0	15.3	15.0	12.3	8.1	6.9	5.9	5.9	04/2022	Watch
MSCI AC World ex USA Growth (Net)			13.7	15.9	14.1	12.4	7.1	6.4	5.7	5.7		
IM International Large Cap Growth Equity (MF) Median			12.6	17.2	16.3	14.3	9.0	6.5	7.9	7.9		
Harding Loevner International Equity Port CI Z Rank			89	75	56	80	64	39	75	75		

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PIMCO RAE Emerging Markets I	1,103,585	3.3	10.2	13.5	10.5	17.0	14.9	7.4	10.6	10.6	04/2022	Maintain
MSCI Emerging Markets Value (Net)			10.0	14.8	12.7	10.2	9.1	4.0	5.6	5.6		
IM Emerging Markets Equity (MF) Median			12.3	14.6	14.2	9.9	6.4	4.5	5.0	5.0		
PIMCO RAE Emerging Markets I Rank			84	64	77	3	2	6	4	4		
GQG Partners Emerging Markets Equity R6	1,071,528	3.2	5.5	5.1	-3.9	11.4	8.5	-	6.7	6.7	04/2022	Maintain
MSCI Emerging Markets Growth (Net)			13.8	15.7	17.7	9.2	4.6	5.5	4.2	4.2		
IM Emerging Markets Equity (MF) Median			12.3	14.6	14.2	9.9	6.4	4.5	5.0	5.0		
GQG Partners Emerging Markets Equity R6 Rank			100	98	100	33	24	-	24	24		
Real Assets	1,662,969	5.0	2.9	8.0	12.4	4.4	-	-	0.4	0.4	04/2022	
DWS Real Assets Benchmark			2.9	8.4	12.2	4.7	8.4	4.7	0.6	0.6		
DWS RREEF Real Assets Fund R6	1,662,969	5.0	2.9	8.0	12.4	4.4	8.6	5.8	0.4	0.4	04/2022	Maintain
DWS Real Assets Benchmark			2.9	8.4	12.2	4.7	8.4	4.7	0.6	0.6		

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# **Calendar Year Performance**

Town of East Lyme
As of June 30, 2025

	Performance(%)										
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	
Town of East Lyme	8.9	15.4	-16.3	12.3	9.9	19.3	-5.7	15.0	7.5	-0.5	
Town of East Lyme Benchmark	9.2	13.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Short Term Liquidity	5.1	4.8	-			-		-	-	-	
90 Day U.S. Treasury Bill	5.3	5.0	1.5	0.0	0.7	2.3	1.9	0.9	0.3	0.0	
First American Government Fund	5.1	4.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Fixed Income	2.2	7.6	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	
Fixed Income Benchmark	1.5	6.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Baird Aggregate Bond Fund Class Institutional	1.9	6.4	-13.4	-1.5	8.6	9.5	-0.3	4.2	3.5	0.6	
Blmbg. U.S. Aggregate	1.3	5.5	-13.0	-1.5	7.5	8.7	0.0	3.5	2.6	0.5	
IM U.S. Broad Market Core Fixed Income (MF) Median	1.6	5.8	-13.7	-1.3	8.2	8.8	-0.6	3.6	2.9	0.0	
Baird Aggregate Bond Fund Class Institutional Rank	43	23	36	57	37	27	33	22	33	20	
Harbor Core Bond Retirement - IR&M	1.6	5.8	-13.3	-1.6	9.1	8.8	-	-	-	-	
Blmbg. U.S. Aggregate	1.3	5.5	-13.0	-1.5	7.5	8.7	0.0	3.5	2.6	0.5	
IM U.S. Broad Market Core Fixed Income (MF) Median	1.6	5.8	-13.7	-1.3	8.2	8.8	-0.6	3.6	2.9	0.0	
Harbor Core Bond Retirement - IR&M Rank	49	48	33	62	26	50	-	-	-	-	
BlackRock Strategic Income Opportunities Fund K	5.4	7.4	-5.6	1.0	7.3	7.8	-0.5	5.0	3.6	-0.6	
Blmbg. U.S. Aggregate	1.3	5.5	-13.0	-1.5	7.5	8.7	0.0	3.5	2.6	0.5	
IM Alternative Credit Focus (MF) Median	6.1	7.3	-7.6	1.9	3.9	7.3	-1.9	4.5	4.9	-1.6	
BlackRock Strategic Income Opportunities Fund K Rank	69	49	41	58	17	43	29	43	64	25	
Artisan High Income Fund I	8.5	16.0	-9.5	6.4	10.2	14.2	-1.4	8.9	14.5	1.2	
Blmbg. U.S. Corp: High Yield	8.2	13.4	-11.2	5.3	7.1	14.3	-2.1	7.5	17.1	-4.5	
IM U.S. High Yield Bonds (MF) Median	7.6	12.2	-11.0	4.9	5.4	13.8	-3.0	6.6	13.8	-4.0	
Artisan High Income Fund I Rank	23	3	25	19	4	42	11	5	38	2	

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# **Calendar Year Performance**

Town of East Lyme As of June 30, 2025

					Perform	ance(%)				
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Domestic Equity	20.9	25.5								
Domestic Equity Benchmark	22.1	24.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vanguard Institutional Index Fund Instl	25.0	26.2	-18.1	28.7	18.4	31.5	-4.4	21.8	11.9	1.4
S&P 500	25.0	26.3	-18.1	28.7	18.4	31.5	-4.4	21.8	12.0	1.4
IM U.S. Large Cap Core Equity (MF) Median	22.9	24.8	-18.7	26.9	18.4	30.7	-5.4	21.5	9.7	0.5
Vanguard Institutional Index Fund Instl Rank	27	38	46	26	50	37	32	45	20	35
Nationwide WCM Focused Sm Cp R6	5.5	23.3	-14.7	19.2	1.3	29.0	-8.5	14.0	23.5	-4.6
Russell 2000 Value Index	8.1	14.6	-14.5	28.3	4.6	22.4	-12.9	7.8	31.7	-7.5
IM U.S. Small Cap Core Equity (MF) Median	10.3	16.0	-15.8	25.1	9.9	23.9	-12.7	12.1	21.7	-4.3
Nationwide WCM Focused Sm Cp R6 Rank	88	6	41	80	82	8	10	31	39	56
Conestoga Small Cap Instl	9.0	22.4	-28.1	16.4	30.6	25.4	0.8	28.7	14.3	8.3
Russell 2000 Growth Index	15.2	18.7	-26.4	2.8	34.6	28.5	-9.3	22.2	11.3	-1.4
IM U.S. Small Cap Growth Equity (MF) Median	14.1	16.5	<b>-</b> 27.5	10.5	36.6	27.6	-5.6	20.7	10.1	-2.4
Conestoga Small Cap Instl Rank	83	9	53	27	64	63	12	14	24	2
International Equity	3.9	19.0	-	-	-	-		-	-	-
International Equity Benchmark	6.3	13.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dodge & Cox International Stock Fund	3.8	16.7	-6.8	11.0	2.1	22.8	-18.0	23.9	8.3	-11.4
MSCI AC World ex USA Value (Net)	6.0	17.3	-8.6	10.5	-0.8	15.7	-14.0	22.7	8.9	-10.1
IM International Large Cap Value Equity (MF) Median	5.2	17.0	-10.6	13.2	4.1	19.0	-16.7	22.9	1.3	-1.8
Dodge & Cox International Stock Fund Rank	70	57	10	59	75	6	80	34	1	89
Harding Loevner International Equity Port CI Z	1.4	15.1	-20.2	8.6	20.4	25.4	-13.9	30.0	5.3	-1.6
MSCI AC World ex USA Growth (Net)	5.1	14.0	-23.1	5.1	22.2	27.3	-14.4	32.0	0.1	-1.3
IM International Large Cap Growth Equity (MF) Median	5.2	15.5	-20.2	8.9	20.0	27.5	-14.7	28.6	-1.9	0.2
Harding Loevner International Equity Port Cl Z Rank	78	59	50	54	49	81	40	40	3	70

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# **Calendar Year Performance**

Town of East Lyme
As of June 30, 2025

					Perform	ance(%)				
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
PIMCO RAE Emerging Markets I	7.0	22.7	-10.4	15.9	0.9	13.7	-12.7	29.3	32.5	-
MSCI Emerging Markets Value (Net)	4.5	14.2	-15.8	4.0	5.5	12.0	-10.7	28.1	14.9	-18.6
IM Emerging Markets Equity (MF) Median	6.4	10.9	-22.5	-1.6	17.7	20.2	-16.5	35.7	8.3	-13.7
PIMCO RAE Emerging Markets I Rank	42	5	4	4	94	84	17	77	2	-
GQG Partners Emerging Markets Equity R6	6.2	28.8	-20.9	-2.4	34.0	21.1	-14.7	32.0	-	-
MSCI Emerging Markets Growth (Net)	10.3	5.8	-24.0	-8.4	31.3	25.1	-18.3	46.8	7.6	-11.3
IM Emerging Markets Equity (MF) Median	6.4	10.9	-22.5	-1.6	17.7	20.2	-16.5	35.7	8.3	-13.7
GQG Partners Emerging Markets Equity R6 Rank	52	2	37	57	11	46	32	69	-	-
Real Assets	5.6	2.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DWS Real Assets Benchmark	3.0	4.2	-7.5	22.3	-3.7	19.7	-7.7	11.6	12.0	-12.2
DWS RREEF Real Assets Fund R6	5.6	2.6	-9.6	23.9	3.9	21.8	-5.1	15.0	4.4	-9.5
DWS Real Assets Benchmark	3.0	4.2	-7.5	22.3	-3.7	19.7	-7.7	11.6	12.0	-12.2

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# **Investment Gain/Loss Summary**

Town of East Lyme 1 Quarter Ending June 30, 2025

	Market Value as of 04/01/2025	Net Contributions	Gain/Loss	Market Value As of 06/30/2025
Town of East Lyme	32,161,701	-407,837	1,841,216	33,595,079
Short Term Liquidity	442,627	8,163	2,098	452,888
First American Government Fund	442,627	8,163	2,098	452,888
Fixed Income	13,237,533	-	234,021	13,471,554
Baird Aggregate Bond Fund Class Institutional	4,504,780	-	53,412	4,558,192
Harbor Core Bond Retirement - IR&M	4,501,163	-	51,227	4,552,391
BlackRock Strategic Income Opportunities Fund K	3,395,283	-	97,554	3,492,837
Artisan High Income Fund I	836,307	-	31,827	868,135
Domestic Equity	10,291,879	-106,000	935,645	11,121,524
Vanguard Institutional Index Fund Instl	7,735,289	-106,000	844,462	8,473,751
Nationwide WCM Focused Sm Cp R6	1,281,940	-	30,217	1,312,157
Conestoga Small Cap Instl	1,274,650	-	60,966	1,335,616
International Equity	6,548,569	-285,000	622,574	6,886,144
Dodge & Cox International Stock Fund	2,235,649	-135,000	257,866	2,358,515
Harding Loevner International Equity Port Cl Z	2,249,871	-100,000	202,644	2,352,515
PIMCO RAE Emerging Markets I	1,046,976	-50,000	106,609	1,103,585
GQG Partners Emerging Markets Equity R6	1,016,073	-	55,456	1,071,528
Real Assets	1,641,091	-25,000	46,877	1,662,969
DWS RREEF Real Assets Fund R6	1,641,091	-25,000	46,877	1,662,969

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# **Portfolio Statistics**

Town of East Lyme As of June 30, 2025

	QTR	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Fiducient Inception Apr-2022	Since Inception	Inception Date
Return	5.8	6.3	10.1	10.3	7.3	6.4	5.9	6.0	06/2014
Standard Deviation	1.2	1.6	6.7	10.8	15.6	12.9	11.5	12.4	
Upside Risk	2.3	1.8	1.8	9.3	12.8	10.3	8.9	9.9	
Downside Risk	0.0	0.7	3.9	6.3	9.3	8.1	7.5	7.8	
vs. Town of East Lyme Benc	hmark								
Alpha	-0.1	0.0	-0.7	0.6	-	-	0.7	-	
Beta	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.0	-	-	1.0	-	
Information Ratio	-0.9	-0.4	-1.5	0.4	-	-	0.6	-	
Tracking Error	0.3	0.3	0.8	0.9	-	-	0.9	-	
vs. 90 Day U.S. Treasury Bill									
Sharpe Ratio	1.3	0.4	0.8	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.4	



# **Estimated Fee Analysis**

Town of East Lyme As of June 30, 2025

	Market Value (\$)	Estimated Annual Fee (\$)	Estimated Annual Fee (%)	Universe Median Expense Ratio (%)
Town of East Lyme	33,595,079	144,575	0.43	
Short Term Liquidity	452,888	-	-	-
First American Government Fund	452,888	-	-	-
Fixed Income	13,471,554	53,330	0.40	-
Baird Aggregate Bond Fund Class Institutional	4,558,192	13,675	0.30	0.49
Harbor Core Bond Retirement - IR&M	4,552,391	11,836	0.26	0.49
BlackRock Strategic Income Opportunities Fund K	3,492,837	21,656	0.62	0.92
Artisan High Income Fund I	868,135	6,164	0.71	0.74
Domestic Equity	11,121,524	25,484	0.23	-
Vanguard Institutional Index Fund Instl	8,473,751	2,966	0.04	0.70
Nationwide WCM Focused Sm Cp R6	1,312,157	10,497	0.80	0.99
Conestoga Small Cap Instl	1,335,616	12,021	0.90	1.07
nternational Equity	6,886,144	50,795	0.74	-
Dodge & Cox International Stock Fund	2,358,515	14,623	0.62	0.98
Harding Loevner International Equity Port Cl Z	2,352,515	17,173	0.73	0.95
PIMCO RAE Emerging Markets I	1,103,585	8,498	0.77	1.05
GQG Partners Emerging Markets Equity R6	1,071,528	10,501	0.98	1.05
Real Assets	1,662,969	14,967	0.90	-
DWS RREEF Real Assets Fund R6	1,662,969	14,967	0.90	-

Estimated Annual Fee (%): The figures on this page have been obtained from sources we deem to be reliable. Fiducient Advisors has not independently verified this information. Fee calculations for mutual funds represent fees at the net expense level. Fee calculations for commingled funds and/or alternative investments reflect base management fees and exclude underlying fund expenses captured at the NAV level, any applicable performance-based fees, or incentive fees. Fees for fund of funds are shown at the fund of fund level and do not include fees charged by underlying investment managers/funds. Universe Median Net Expense Ratio (%): Mutual fund equivalent universe shown for comparative purposes, where available.



# **Benchmark History**

Town of East Lyme

As of June 30, 2025

Account Name	From Date	To Date	Benchmark
Blended Benchmark	03/2025	Present	1.0% 90 Day U.S. Treasury Bill, 37.5% Blmbg. U.S. Aggregate, 2.5% Blmbg. U.S. Corp: High Yield, 25.0% S&P 500, 8.5% Russell 2000 Index, 14.0% MSCI AC World ex USA (Net), 6.5% MSCI Emerging Markets (Net), 5.0% DWS Real Assets Benchmark
	03/2024	03/2025	1.0% 90 Day U.S. Treasury Bill, 35.0% Blmbg. U.S. Aggregate, 2.5% Blmbg. U.S. Corp: High Yield, 2.5% Blmbg. Global Aggregate, 27.0% S&P 500, 6.5% Russell 2000 Index, 14.0% MSCI AC World ex USA (Net), 6.5% MSCI Emerging Markets (Net), 5.0% DWS Real Assets Benchmark
	04/2022	03/2024	1.0% 90 Day U.S. Treasury Bill, 33.0% Blmbg. U.S. Aggregate, 3.0% Blmbg. U.S. Corp: High Yield, 4.0% Blmbg. Global Aggregate, 23.0% S&P 500, 8.0% Russell 2000 Index, 16.0% MSCI AC World ex USA (Net), 7.0% MSCI Emerging Markets (Net), 5.0% DWS Real Assets Benchmark
Fixed Income	03/2025	Present	93.8% Blmbg. U.S. Aggregate, 6.3% Blmbg. U.S. Corp: High Yield
	03/2024	03/2025	87.5% Blmbg. U.S. Aggregate, 6.3% Blmbg. U.S. Corp: High Yield, 6.3% Blmbg. Global Aggregate
	04/2022	03/2024	82.5% Blmbg. U.S. Aggregate, 7.5% Blmbg. U.S. Corp: High Yield, 10.0% Blmbg. Global Aggregate
Domestic Equity	03/2025	Present	74.6% S&P 500, 25.4% Russell 2000 Index
	03/2024	03/2025	80.6% S&P 500, 19.4% Russell 2000 Index
	04/2022	03/2024	74.2% S&P 500, 25.8% Russell 2000 Index
International Equity	03/2024	Present	68.3% MSCI AC World ex USA (Net), 31.7% MSCI Emerging Markets (Net)
	04/2022	03/2024	69.6% MSCI AC World ex USA (Net), 30.4% MSCI Emerging Markets (Net)

# **Definitions & Disclosures**

Please note: Due to rounding methodologies of various data providers, certain returns in this report might differ slightly when compared to other sources

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#### INDEX DEFINITIONS

- Citigroup 3 Month T-Bill measures monthly return equivalents of yield averages that are not marked to market. The Three-Month Treasury Bill Indexes consist of the last three three-month Treasury bill issues.
- Ryan 3 Yr. GIC is an arithmetic mean of market rates of \$1 million Guaranteed Interest Contracts held for three years.
- Bloomberg Treasury U.S. T-Bills-1-3 Month Index includes aged U.S. Treasury bills, notes and bonds with a remaining maturity from 1 up to (but not including) 3 months. It excludes zero coupon strips.
- Bloomberg Capital US Treasury Inflation Protected Securities Index consists of Inflation-Protection securities issued by the U.S. Treasury.
- Bloomberg Muni Index is a rules-based, market-value-weighted index engineered for the long-term tax-exempt bond market. Bonds must be rated investment-grade by at least two ratings agencies.
- Bloomberg Muni 1 Year Index is the 1-year (1-2) component of the Municipal Bond index.
- Bloomberg Muni 3 Year Index is the 3-year (2-4) component of the Municipal Bond index.
- Bloomberg Muni 5 Year Index is the 5-year (4-6) component of the Municipal Bond index.
- Bloomberg Muni 7 Year Index is the 7-year (6-8) component of the Municipal Bond index.
- **Bloomberg Intermediate U.S. Gov't/Credit** is the Intermediate component of the U.S. Government/Credit index, which includes securities in the Government and Credit Indices. The Government Index includes treasuries and agencies, while the credit index includes publicly issued U.S. corporate and foreign debentures and secured notes that meet specified maturity, liquidity, and quality requirements.
- Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate 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.
- Bloomberg Global Aggregate ex. USD Indices represent a broad-based measure of the global investment-grade fixed income markets. The two major components of this index are the Pan-European Aggregate and the Asian-Pacific Aggregate Indices. The index also includes Eurodollar and Euro-Yen corporate bonds and Canadian government, agency and corporate securities.
- Bloomberg U.S. Corporate High Yield Index covers the universe of fixed rate, non-investment grade debt. Eurobonds and debt issues from countries designated as emerging markets (sovereign rating of Baa1/BBB+/BBB+ and below using the middle of Moody's, S&P, and Fitch) are excluded, but Canadian and global bonds (SEC registered) of issuers in non-EMG countries are included.
- JP Morgan Government Bond Index-Emerging Market (GBI-EM) Index is a comprehensive, global local emerging markets index, and consists of regularly traded, liquid fixed-rate, domestic currency government bonds to which international investors can gain exposure.
- The S&P 500 is a capitalization-weighted index of 500 stocks designed to measure performance of the broad domestic economy through changes in the aggregate market value of 500 stocks representing all major industries.
- The Dow Jones Industrial Index is a price-weighted average of 30 blue-chip stocks that are generally the leaders in their industry.
- The NASDAQ is a broad-based capitalization-weighted index of stocks in all three NASDAQ tiers: Global Select, Global Market and Capital Market.
- Russell 3000 is a market-cap-weighted index which consists of roughly 3,000 of the largest companies in the U.S. as determined by market capitalization. It represents nearly 98% of the investable U.S. equity market.
- Russell 1000 consists of the largest 1000 companies in the Russell 3000 Index.
- Russell 1000 Growth measures the performance of those Russell 1000 companies with higher P/B ratios and higher forecasted growth values.
- Russell 1000 Value measures the performance of those Russell 1000 companies with lower P/B ratios and lower forecasted growth values.
- Russell Mid Cap measures the performance of the 800 smallest companies in the Russell 1000 Index.
- Russell Mid Cap Growth measures the performance of those Russell Mid Cap companies with higher P/B ratios and higher forecasted growth values.
- Russell Mid Cap Value measures the performance of those Russell Mid Cap companies with lower P/B ratios and lower forecasted growth values.
- Russell 2000 consists of the 2,000 smallest U.S. companies in the Russell 3000 index.
- Russell 2000 Growth measures the performance of the Russell 2000 companies with higher P/B ratios and higher forecasted growth values.
- Russell 2000 Value measures the performance of those Russell 2000 companies with lower P/B ratios and lower forecasted growth values.
- Russell 2500 consists of the 2,500 smallest U.S. companies in the Russell 3000 index.
- Russell 2500 Growth measures the performance of the Russell 2500 companies with higher P/B ratios and higher forecasted growth values.
- Russell 2500 Value measures the performance of those Russell 2500 companies with lower P/B ratios and lower forecasted growth values.
- MSCI World captures large and mid-cap representation across 23 Developed Markets countries. With 1,645 constituents, the index covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each country.
- MSCI ACWI (All Country World Index) ex. U.S. Index captures large and mid-cap representation across 22 of 23 Developed Markets countries (excluding the United States) and 23 Emerging Markets countries. With 1,859 constituents, the index covers approximately 85% of the global equity opportunity set outside the US.
- MSCI ACWI (All Country World Index) ex. U.S. Small Cap Index captures small cap representation across 22 of 23 Developed Markets countries (excluding the US) and 23 Emerging Markets countries. With 4,368 constituents, the index covers approximately 14% of the global equity opportunity set outside the US.
- MSCI EAFE is an equity index which captures large and mid-cap representation across Developed Markets countries around the world, excluding the US and Canada. With 930 constituents, the index covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each country.

- MSCI EAFE Value captures large and mid-cap securities exhibiting overall value style characteristics across Developed Markets countries around the world, excluding the US and Canada. The value investment style characteristics for index construction are defined using three variables: book value to price, 12-month forward earnings to price and dividend yield. With 507 constituents, the index targets 50% coverage of the free float- adjusted market capitalization of the MSCI EAFE Index.
- MSCI EAFE Growth captures large and mid-cap securities exhibiting overall growth style characteristics across Developed Markets countries around the world, excluding the US and Canada. The growth investment style characteristics for index construction are defined using five variables: long-term forward EPS growth rate, short-term forward EPS growth rate, current internal growth rate and long-term historical EPS growth trend and long-term historical sales per share growth trend. With 542 constituents, the index targets 50% coverage of the free float-adjusted market capitalization of the MSCI EAFE Index.
- MSCI Emerging Markets captures large and mid-cap representation across 23 Emerging Markets countries. With 836 constituents, the index covers approximately 85% of the free-float adjusted market capitalization in each country.
- Consumer Price Index is a measure of prices paid by consumers for a market basket of consumer goods and services. The yearly (or monthly) growth rates represent the inflation rate.
- FTSE NAREIT Equity REITs Index contains all Equity REITs not designed as Timber REITs or Infrastructure REITs.
- S&P Developed World Property defines and measures the investable universe of publicly traded property companies domiciled in developed markets. The companies in the index are engaged in real estate related activities, such as property ownership, management, development, rental and investment.
- **S&P Developed World Property x U.S.** defines and measures the investable universe of publicly traded property companies domiciled in developed countries outside of the U.S. The companies included are engaged in real estate related activities, such as property ownership, management, development, rental and investment.
- Fund Specific Broad Real Asset Benchmarks:
  - DWS Real Assets: 30%: Dow Jones Brookfield Infrastructure Index, 30%: FTSE EPRA/NAREIT Developed Index,15%: Bloomberg Commodity Index, 15%: S&P Global Natural Resources Index, 10%: U.S. Treasury Inflation Notes Total Return Index
  - PIMCO Inflation Response Multi Asset Fund: 45% Bloomberg U.S. TIPS, 20% Bloomberg Commodity Index, 15% JP Morgan Emerging Local Markets Plus, 10% Dow Jones Select REIT, 10% Bloomberg Gold Subindex Total Return
  - Principal Diversified Real Assets: 35% BBgBarc U.S. Treasury TIPS Index, 20% S&P Global Infrastructure Index NTR, 20% S&P Global Natural Resources Index NTR, 15% Bloomberg Commodity Index, and 10% FTSE EPRA/NAREIT Developed Index NTR
  - Wellington Diversified Inflation H: 50% MSCI ACWI Commodity Producers Index, 25% Bloomberg Commodity Index, and 25% Bloomberg Bloomberg US TIPS 1 10 Year Index
- Bloomberg Commodity Index is calculated on an excess return basis and reflects commodity futures price movements. The index rebalances annually weighted 2/3 by trading volume and 1/3 by world production and weight-caps are applied at the commodity, sector and group level for diversification.
- HFRI Fund Weighted Composite Index is a global, equal-weighted index of over 2,000 single-manager funds that report to HFR Database. Constituent funds report monthly net of all fees performance in US Dollar and have a minimum of \$50 Million under management or a twelve (12) month track record of active performance. The HFRI Fund Weighted Composite Index does not include Funds of Hedge Funds.
- The Alerian MLP Index is the leading gauge of energy Master Limited Partnerships (MLPs). The float adjusted, capitalization-weighted index, whose constituents represent approximately 85% of total float-adjusted market capitalization, is disseminated real-time on a price-return basis (AMZ) and on a total-return basis.
- The Adjusted Alerian MLP Index is commensurate with 65% of the monthly returns of the Alerian MLP Index to incorporate the effect of deferred tax liabilities incurred by MLP entities.
- Cambridge Associates U.S. Private Equity Index is based on data compiled from more than 1,200 institutional-quality buyout, growth equity, private equity energy, and mezzanine funds formed between 1986 and 2015.
- Cambridge Associates U.S. Venture Capital Index is based on data compiled from over 1,600 institutional-quality venture capital funds formed between 1986 and 2015.
- Vanguard Spliced Bloomberg US1-5Yr Gov/Cr Flt Adj Index: Bloomberg U.S. 1–5 Year Government/Credit Bond Index through December 31, 2009; Bloomberg U.S. 1–5 Year Government/Credit Float Adjusted Index thereafter.
- Vanguard Spliced Bloomberg US5-10Yr Gov/Cr Flt Adj Index: Bloomberg U.S. 5–10 Year Government/Credit Bond Index through December 31, 2009; Bloomberg U.S. 5–10 Year Government/Credit Float Adjusted Index thereafter.
- Vanguard Spliced Bloomberg US Agg Flt Adj Index: Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index through December 31, 2009; Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Float Adjusted Index thereafter.
- Vanguard Spliced Bloomberg US Long Gov/Cr Flt Adj Index: Bloomberg U.S. Long Government/Credit Bond Index through December 31, 2009; Bloomberg U.S. Long Government/Credit Float Adjusted Index thereafter.
- Vanguard Balanced Composite Index: Made up of two unmanaged benchmarks, weighted 60% Dow Jones U.S. Total Stock Market Index (formerly the Dow Jones Wilshire 5000 Index) and 40% Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index through May 31, 2005; 60% MSCI US Broad Market Index and 40% Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index through December 31, 2009; 60% MSCI US Broad Market Index and 40% Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Float Adjusted Index through January 14, 2013; and 60% CRSP US Total Market Index and 40% Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Float Adjusted Index thereafter.
- Vanguard Spliced Intermediate-Term Tax-Exempt Index: Bloomberg 1–15 Year Municipal Bond Index.
- Vanguard Spliced Extended Market Index: Dow Jones Wilshire 4500 Index through June 17, 2005; S&P Transitional Completion Index through September 16, 2005; S&P Completion Index thereafter.
- Vanguard Spliced Value Index: S&P 500 Value Index (formerly the S&P 500/Barra Value Index) through May 16, 2003; MSCI US Prime Market Value Index through April 16, 2013; CRSP US Large Cap Value Index thereafter.
- Vanguard Spliced Large Cap Index: Consists of MSCI US Prime Market 750 Index through January 30, 2013, and the CRSP US Large Cap Index thereafter.
- Vanguard Spliced Growth Index: S&P 500 Growth Index (formerly the S&P 500/Barra Growth Index) through May 16, 2003; MSCI US Prime Market Growth Index through April 16, 2013; CRSP US Large Cap Growth Index thereafter.
- Vanguard Spliced Mid Cap Value Index: MSCI US Mid Cap Value Index through April 16, 2013; CRSP US Mid Cap Value Index thereafter.
- Vanguard Spliced Mid Cap Index: S&P MidCap 400 Index through May 16, 2003; the MSCI US Mid Cap 450 Index through January 30, 2013; and the CRSP US Mid Cap Index thereafter.
- Vanguard Spliced Mid Cap Growth Index: MSCI US Mid Cap Growth Index through April 16, 2013; CRSP US Mid Cap Growth Index thereafter.
- Vanguard Spliced Total Stock Market Index: Dow Jones U.S. Total Stock Market Index (formerly known as the Dow Jones Wilshire 5000 Index) through April 22, 2005; MSCI US Broad Market Index through June 2, 2013; and CRSP US Total Market Index thereafter.
- Vanguard Spliced Small Cap Value Index: SmallCap 600 Value Index (formerly the S&P SmallCap 600/Barra Value Index) through May 16, 2003; MSCI US Small Cap Value Index through April 16, 2013; CRSP US Small Cap Value Index thereafter.

- Vanguard Spliced Small Cap Index: Russell 2000 Index through May 16, 2003; the MSCI US Small Cap 1750 Index through January 30, 2013; and the CRSP US Small Cap Index thereafter.
- Vanguard Spliced Small Cap Growth Index: S&P SmallCap 600 Growth Index (formerly the S&P SmallCap 600/Barra Value Index) through May 16, 2003; MSCI US Small Cap Growth Index through April 16, 2013; CRSP US Small Cap Growth Index thereafter.
- Vanguard Spliced Total International Stock Index: Consists of the Total International Composite Index through August 31, 2006; the MSCI EAFE + Emerging Markets Index through December 15, 2010; the MSCI ACWI ex USA IMI Index through June 2, 2013; and FTSE Global All Cap ex US Index thereafter. Benchmark returns are adjusted for withholding taxes.
- Vanguard Spliced Developed Markets Index: MSCI EAFE Index through May 28, 2013; FTSE Developed ex North America Index through December 20, 2015; FTSE Developed All Cap ex US Transition Index through May 31, 2016; FTSE Developed All Cap ex US Index thereafter. Benchmark returns are adjusted for withholding taxes.
- Vanguard Spliced Emerging Markets Index: Select Emerging Markets Index through August 23, 2006; MSCI Emerging Markets Index through January 9, 2013; FTSE Emerging Transition Index through June 27, 2013; FTSE Emerging Index through November 1, 2015; and FTSE Emerging Markets All Cap China A Transition Index thereafter. Benchmark returns are adjusted for withholding taxes.
- Vanguard REIT Spliced Index: MSCI US REIT Index adjusted to include a 2% cash position (Lipper Money Market Average) through April 30, 2009; MSCI US REIT Index through January 31, 2018; MSCI US Investable Market Real Estate 25/50 Transition Index through July 24, 2018; MSCI US Investable Market Real Estate 25/50 Index thereafter.

#### Additional:

- Equity sector returns are calculated by Russell and MSCI for domestic and international markets, respectively. MSCI sector definitions correspond to the MSCI GICS® classification (Global Industry Classification System); Russell uses its own sector and industry classifications.
- MSCI country returns are calculated by MSCI and are free float-adjusted market capitalization indices that are designed to measure equity market performance in each specific country.
- Currency returns are calculated using Bloomberg's historical spot rate indices and are calculated using the U.S. dollar as the base currency.
- The Index of Leading Economic Indicators, calculated by The Conference Board, is used as a barometer of economic activity over a range of three to six months. The index is used to determine the direction and stability of the economy. The composite index of leading indicators, which is derived from 10 leading indicators, helps to signal turning points in the economy and forecast economic cycles. The leading indicators are the following: average weekly hours, average weekly initial claims, manufacturers' new orders, both consumer and non-defense capital goods, vendor performance, building permits, stock prices, money supply (M2), the interest rate spread and the index of consumer expectations.
- S&P Target Date Indexes are constructed using a survey method of current target date investments with \$100 million or more in assets under management. Allocations for each vintage are comprised of exchange-traded-funds that represent respective asset classes used in target date portfolios. The indexes are designed to represent a market consensus glide path.

#### **DEFINITION OF KEY STATISTICS AND TERMS**

- Returns: A percentage figure used when reporting historical average compounded rate of investment return. All returns are annualized if the period for which they are calculated exceeds one year.
- Universe Comparison: The universe compares the fund's returns to a group of other investment portfolios with similar investment strategies. The returns for the fund, the index and the universe percentiles are displayed. A percentile ranking of 1 is the best, while a percentile ranking of 100 is the worst. For example, a ranking of 50 indicates the fund outperformed half of the universe. A ranking of 25 indicates the fund was in the top 25% of the universe, outperforming 75%.
- Returns In Up/Down Markets: This measures how the fund performed in both up and down markets. The methodology is to segregate the performance for each time period into the quarters in which the market, as defined by the index, was positive and negative. Quarters with negative index returns are treated as down markets, and quarters with positive index returns are treated as up markets. Thus, in a 3 year or 12 quarter period, there might be 4 down quarters and 8 up quarters. A simple arithmetic average of returns is calculated for the fund and the index based on the up quarters. A simple arithmetic average of returns is calculated for the fund and the index based on the down quarters. The up market capture ratio is the ratio of the fund's return in up markets to the index. The down market capture ratio is the ratio of the fund's return in down markets to the index. Ideally, the fund would have a greater up market capture ratio than down market capture ratio.
- Standard Deviation: Standard deviation is a statistical measure of the range of performance within which the total returns of a fund fall. When a fund has a high standard deviation, the range of performance is very wide, meaning there is a greater volatility. Approximately 68% of the time, the total return of any given fund will differ from the average total return by no more than plus or minus the standard deviation figure. Ninety-five percent of the time, a fund's total return will be within a range of plus or minus two times the standard deviation from the average total return. If the quarterly or monthly returns are all the same the standard deviation will be zero. The more they vary from one another, the higher the standard deviation. Standard deviation can be misleading as a risk indicator for funds with high total returns because large positive deviations will increase the standard deviation without a corresponding increase in the risk of the fund. While positive volatility is welcome, negative is not.
- R-Squared: This reflects the percentage of a fund's movements that are explained by movements in its benchmark index. An R-squared of 100 means that all movements of a fund are completely explained by movements in the index. Conversely, a low R-squared indicates very few of the fund's movements are explained by movements in the benchmark index. R-squared can also be used to ascertain the significance of a particular beta. Generally, a higher R-squared will indicate a more reliable beta figure. If the R-squared is lower, then the beta is less relevant to the fund's performance. A measure of diversification, R-squared indicates the extent to which fluctuations in portfolio returns are explained by market. An R-squared = 0.70 implies that 70% of the fluctuation in a portfolio's return is explained by the fluctuation in the market. In this instance, overweighting or underweighting of industry groups or individual securities is responsible for 30% of the fund's movement.
- **Beta**: This is a measure of a fund's market risk. The beta of the market is 1.00. Accordingly, a fund with a 1.10 beta is expected to perform 10% better than the market in up markets and 10% worse that the market in down markets. It is important to note, however, a low fund beta does not imply the fund has a low level of volatility; rather, a low beta means only that the fund's market-related risk is low. Because beta analyzes the market risk of a fund by showing how responsive the fund is to the market, its usefulness depends on the degree to which the markets determine the fund's total risk (indicated by R-squared).
- Alpha: The Alpha is the nonsystematic return, or the return that can't be attributed to the market. It can be thought of as how the <u>manager</u> performed if the market's return was zero. A <u>positive</u> alpha implies the manager added value to the return of the portfolio over that of the market. A negative alpha implies the manager did not contribute any value over the performance of the market.
- Sharpe Ratio: The Sharpe ratio is the excess return per unit of total risk as measured by standard deviation. Higher numbers are better, indicating more return for the level of risk experienced. The ratio is a fund's return minus the risk-free rate of return (30-day T-Bill rate) divided by the fund's standard deviation. The <a href="higher-the-Sharpe-ratio">higher-the-Sharpe-ratio</a>, the more reward you are receiving per unit of total risk. This measure can be used to rank the performance of mutual funds or other portfolios.
- Treynor Ratio: The Treynor ratio measures returns earned in excess of that which could have been earned on a riskless investment per each unit of market risk. The ratio relates excess return over the risk-free rate to the additional risk taken; however, systematic risk is used instead of total risk. The Treynor ratio is similar to the Sharpe ratio, except in the fact that it uses the beta to evaluate the returns rather than the standard deviation of portfolio returns. High values mean better return for risk taken.

- Tracking Error: Tracking error measures the volatility of the difference in annual returns between the manager and the index. This value is calculated by measuring the standard deviation of the difference between the manager and index returns. For example, a tracking error of +/- 5 would mean there is about a 68% chance (1 standard deviation event) that the manager's returns will fall within +/- 5% of the benchmark's annual return.
- Information Ratio: The information ratio is a measure of the consistency of excess return. This value is determined by taking the annualized excess return over a benchmark (style benchmark by default) and dividing it by the standard deviation of excess return.
- Consistency: Consistency shows the percent of the periods the fund has beaten the index and the percent of the periods the index has beat the fund. A high average for the fund (e.g., over 50) is desirable, indicating the fund has beaten the index frequently.
- **Downside Risk:** Downside risk is a measure similar to standard deviation but focuses only on the negative movements of the return series. It is calculated by taking the standard deviation of the negative quarterly set of returns. The higher the factor, the riskier the product.
- M-Squared: M-squared, or the Modigliani risk-adjusted performance measure is used to characterize how well a portfolio's return rewards an investor for the amount of risk taken, relative to that of some benchmark portfolio and to the risk-free rate.

#### **DEFINITION OF KEY PRIVATE EQUITY TERMS**

- PIC (Paid in Capital): The amount of committed capital that has been transferred from the limited partner to the general partner.
- TVPI (Total Value to Paid in Capital): Money returned to limited partners plus the fund's unrealized investments, divided by money paid-in to the partnership. The TVPI should equal RVPI plus DPI.
- DPI (Distribution to Paid In Capital): Money returned (distributions) to limited partners divided by money paid in to the partnership. Also called cash-on-cash multiple.
- RVPI (Residual Value to Paid In Capital): The value of a fund's unrealized investments divided by money paid-in to the partnership.
- Internal rate of return (IRR): This is the most appropriate performance benchmark for private equity investments. It is a time-weighted return expressed as a percentage. IRR uses the present sum of cash drawdowns (money invested), the present value of distributions (money returned from investments) and the current value of unrealized investments and applies a discount.
- Commitment: Every investor in a private equity fund commits to investing a specified sum of money in the fund partnership over a specified period of time. The fund records this as the limited partnership's capital commitment. The sum of capital commitments is equal to the size of the fund.
- Capital Distribution: These are the returns that an investor in a private equity fund receives. It is the income and capital realized from investments less expenses and liabilities. Once a limited partner has had their cost of investment returned, further distributions are actual profit. The partnership agreement determines the timing of distributions to the limited partner. It will also determine how profits are divided among the limited partners and general partner.
- Carried Interest: The share of profits that the fund manager is due once it has returned the cost of investment to investors. Carried interest is normally expressed as a percentage of the total profits of the fund.
- **Co-Investment**: Co-Investments are minority investments made alongside a private equity investor in an LBO, a recapitalization, or an expansion capital transaction. It is a passive, non-controlling investment, as the private equity firm involved will typically exercise control and perform monitoring functions.
- General Partner (GP): This can refer to the top-ranking partners at a private equity firm as well as the firm managing the private equity fund.
- **GP Commitments:** It is normal practice for the GP managing a private equity fund to also make a financial commitment to the fund on the same basis as the LPs in the fund, and this is seen as an important factor driving the alignment of GP and LP interests. The historic benchmark for GP commitments has been 1% of the total fund size, but this is by no means universal, and many GPs commit significantly larger amounts. Furthermore, there has been a marked trend towards GPs making larger commitments to their funds over recent years.
- Leveraged Buy-Out (LBO): The acquisition of a company using debt and equity finance.
- Limited Partner (LP): Institutions or high-net-worth individuals/sophisticated investors that contribute capital to a private equity fund.
- Public Market Equivalent (PME): Performance measure used to evaluate performance relative to the market. It is calculated as the ratio of the discounted value of the LP's inflows divided by the discounted value of outflows, with the discounting performed using realized market returns.
- **Primaries:** An original investment vehicle that invests directly into a company or asset.

#### **VALUATION POLICY**

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#### **MATERIAL RISKS & LIMITATIONS**

Fixed Income securities are subject to interest rate risks, the risk of default and liquidity risk. U.S. investors exposed to non-U.S. fixed income may also be subject to currency risk and fluctuations. -Liability Driven Investing (LDI) Assets

**Cash** may be subject to the loss of principal and over longer period of time may lose purchasing power due to inflation. -Short Term Liquidity

**Domestic Equity** can be volatile. The rise or fall in prices take place for a number of reasons including, but not limited to changes to underlying company conditions, sector or industry factors, or other macro events. These may happen quickly and unpredictably.

International Equity can be volatile. The rise or fall in prices take place for a number of reasons including, but not limited to changes to underlying company conditions, sector or industry impacts, or other macro events. These may happen quickly and unpredictably. International equity allocations may also be impact by currency and/or country specific risks which may result in lower liquidity in some markets.

Real Assets can be volatile and may include asset segments that may have greater volatility than investment in traditional equity securities. Such volatility could be influenced by a myriad of factors including, but not limited to overall market volatility, changes in interest rates, political and regulatory developments, or other exogenous events like weather or natural disaster.

**Private Equity** involves higher risk and is suitable only for sophisticated investors. Along with traditional equity market risks, private equity investments are also subject to higher fees, lower liquidity and the potential for leverage that may amplify volatility and/or the potential loss of capital.

**Private Credit** involves higher risk and is suitable only for sophisticated investors. These assets are subject to interest rate risks, the riskof default and limited liquidity. U.S. investors exposed to non-U.S. private credit may also be subject to currency risk and fluctuations.

**Private Real Estate** involves higher risk and is suitable only for sophisticated investors. Real estate assets can be volatile and may include unique risks to the asset class like leverage and/or industry, sector or geographical concentration. Declines in real estate value may take place for a number of reasons including, but are not limited to economic conditions, change in condition of the underlying property or defaults by the borrow.

Marketable Alternatives involves higher risk and is suitable only for sophisticated investors. Along with traditional market risks, marketable alternatives are also subject to higher fees, lower liquidity and the potential for leverage that may amplify volatility or the potential for loss of capital. Additionally, short selling involved certain risks including, but not limited to additional costs, and the potential for unlimited loss on certain short sale positions.

#### OTHER

By regulation, closed-end funds utilizing debt for leverage must report their interest expense, as well as their income tax expense, as part of their total expense ratio. To make for a useful comparison between closed-end funds and both open-end funds and exchange-traded funds, adjusted expense ratios excluding interest and income tax expenses are utilized for closed-end funds within this report. See disclosure on closed-end fund fact sheets for information regarding the total expense ratio of each closed-end fund.

Please advise us of any changes in your objectives or circumstances.

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