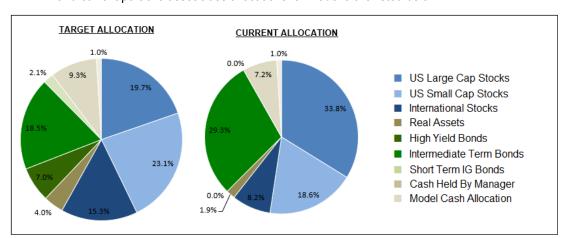


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PORTFOLIO ANALYSIS

Overall Goal. We construct portfolios to generate a return that <u>maximizes the probability that an investor will meet their retirement goals, as opposed to maximizing their asset base (which interjects significant risk). We believe that a value bias, international exposure and general diversification provide the best avenue to meet this objective. Our portfolios have lower volatility[†], but can go through periods where they do not keep pace with the U.S. equity markets (the most common benchmark) because of our focus on value, fixed income and international stocks.</u>

The **Moderate Growth Portfolio** is intended to provide a balanced allocation, with a slight overweight to equities over fixed income. The goal is to provide a balance of growth and income with lower volatility than an all-equity portfolio. Our target and current portfolio asset class allocations for Model 5 are listed below.



ACTUAL VS. TARGET

Equal Weight Equities

Under Weight International Exposure

Equal Weight Intermediate and Long-Term Fixed Income

High Cash Position

LARGEST EQUITY AND FIXED INCOME POSITIONS

In normal market environments, Moderate Growth has a target allocation of 60% stocks & 40% bonds, with approximately 20% of the portfolio in international equities and fixed income. So, the portfolio is a global one – with a U.S. tilt. By design, the holdings are broadly diversified by location/country, by company size, by credit quality/yield and by maturity/duration. The investment managers have a degree of flexibility which allows them to respond to different market environments, and our equity managers are currently holding a large amount of cash (given current valuations).

† as of 02/28/2021, the 10-year volatility (standard deviation) of Model 5 is 8.3%, versus 13.5% for the S&P 500 Index.



PERFORMANCE

The Moderate Growth portfolios in the Pooled Fund Program and the Unified Managed Account Program have slightly different investments, costs and thus returns. Accordingly, we direct you to your account statement for your individual performance.

In February, Model 5 (net of fees and expenses) outperformed of to the U.S. 60/40 Index, outperformed compared to the S&P Moderate Growth Index, and outperformed compared to the Global 60/40 Index which posted the following returns:

PERFORMANCE	FEB	COMMENTS
Global 60/40 Benchmark Index ⁽²⁾	0.91%	
U.S. 60/40 Benchmark Index ⁽³⁾	1.08%	Global and Domestic equities were up in lockstep throughout the month. Domestic bonds outperformed Global bonds as the curve steepened during the month.
S&P Moderate Growth Index ⁽⁴⁾	0.76%	during the month.

- (1) "Market Perform" means within a range of +10 bps to -10 bps of the applicable index for the month (or +/- 8 bps per month for YTD performance); "Outperform" means more than +10 bps for the month (or more than +8 bps per month for YTD performance); "Underperform" means more than -10 bps for the month (or more than -8 bps per month for YTD performance). Please note performance comparison comments are based upon Model 5 Pooled Fund Program data. There are inherent limitations in the use of model performance please read the Model Disclosure found on page 6. Investors should consult their individual custodial statement for actual performance of individual portfolios. Actual performance comparisons may differ from model comparisons.
- (2) Global 60/40 Benchmark is 60% MSCI ACWI Index & 40% Barclays Global Aggregate Bond Index.
- (3) US 60/40 Benchmark is 60% S&P 500 Index & 40% Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index.
- (4) S&P Moderate Growth Index is 50% S&P Target Risk Moderate Index & 50% S&P Target Risk Growth Index.

MARKET PERFORMANCE

Equities

PERFORMANCE	FEB	MULTIPLE	COMMENTS
U.S. Equities ⁽⁵⁾	3.12%	35.4X	The broader market outperformed large cap indices as small caps led the way and value outperformed growth.
International Developed ⁽⁶⁾	2.27%	40.0X	International equities underperformed Domestic equities during February.
Emerging Markets ⁽⁷⁾	0.77%	24.5X	Emerging market equities cooled off during February.

- (5) U.S. Equities are represented by the Russell 3000 Index.
- (6) International Developed is the MSCI EAFE Index.
- (7) Emerging Markets is the MSCI EM Index.



Fixed Income

PERFORMANCE	FEB	SPREAD OVER UST 10 YEAR	COMMENTS
U.S. Treasuries (Medium Duration) ⁽⁸⁾	-2.34%	-	10-Year yields rose sharply during the month.
U.S. Treasuries (Longer Duration) ⁽⁹⁾	-5.70%	0.84%	Long bonds sold off during the month as the curve steepened
Global Fixed Income ⁽¹⁰⁾	-1.72%	-0.31%	Global bonds sold off in concert with domestic bonds.
Emerging Fixed Income ⁽¹¹⁾	-1.43%	2.44%	Emerging market debt sold off during the month.
High Yield ⁽¹²⁾	0.37%	2.89%	The equity-like nature of high yield allowed for a modest gain during the month. However, credit conditions continue to modestly deteriorate.

- (8) U.S. Treasuries (7-10 Years), represented by the Barclays U.S.T 7-10 Yr Total Return Index
- (9) U.S. Treasuries (20+ Years), represented by the Barclays U.S.T 20+ Yr Total Return Index
- (10) Barclays Global Aggregate Bond Index.
 (11) Barclays Emerging Markets EMEA Total Return
- (12) Barclays U.S. Corporate High Yield Index.

Commodities and Real Assets. The Model 5 portfolios do not have significant exposure to commodities, except indirectly. However, commodities and real assets (real estate) provide a good sense of global demand (in the case of industrial commodities) or fear (gold).

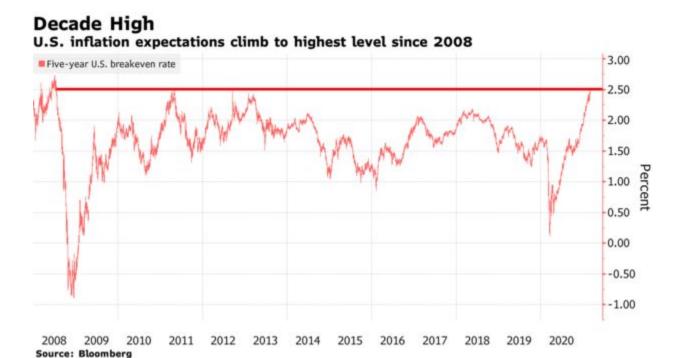
PERFORMANCE	FEB	TREND	COMMENTS
Energy ⁽¹³⁾	17.23%	UP	Oil exploded higher during the month and is now the best performing sector so far in 2021.
Real Estate ⁽¹⁴⁾	2.21%	UP	Real estate is now in an up channel and had a solid month.
Industrial Metals ⁽¹⁵⁾	10.97%	UP	Industrial metals took off in February, likely reflecting elevated inflation expectations.
Gold ⁽¹⁶⁾	-6.26%	DOWN	Gold sold off and is now in a down channel.

- (13) S&P GSCI Energy Total Return Index.
- (14) Dow Jones U.S. Real Estate Index.
- (15) S&P GSCI Industrial Metals Total Return Index.
- (16) SPDR Gold Shares (GLD).



Market Comments

Interestingly, while the vaccine represents the potential end to the pandemic and light at the end of the tunnel economically, it has also exposed some underlying issues for the broader market.



The Government acted swiftly to send stimulus to consumers in the wake of the pandemic in 2020, and have followed on with more stimulus recently. This stimulus was necessary, as millions of Americans were suddenly out of work, and the payments acted as income replacement in order to attempt to bridge the gap. PPP loans acted the same for businesses.

What the stimulus also accomplished, however, was a massive jump in money supply growth in the U.S., which has led to decade high inflation expectations. This coincides with a Fed that continues to be dovish, but not overly so, and has the front end of the curve pegged at zero for the foreseeable future. This has resulted in a steepening of the yield curve and volatility in the bond markets at a time where markets are vulnerable to volatility triggers.

This has also allowed the leadership of the market to begin to shift. Value is outperforming Growth YTD by just shy of 10%, and yesterday's Technology darlings are negative for the year and cannot seem to find their footing. This has resulted in positive absolute and relative performance for value-oriented portfolios.

We would reiterate that given the current market valuations and issues highlighted above, that this is a time to stay connected to the market but not to do so in a way that is outside an investors comfort zone. This is not a time to be speculating or taking undue risk. We remain cautiously optimistic about the market prospects for 2021.



Further Reading

1) U.S. hiring roared back in February as COVID cases declined, Financial Times, March 5, 2021

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