



Town of Ledyard, CT Pension Portfolio

Quarterly Investment Review - First Quarter 2025

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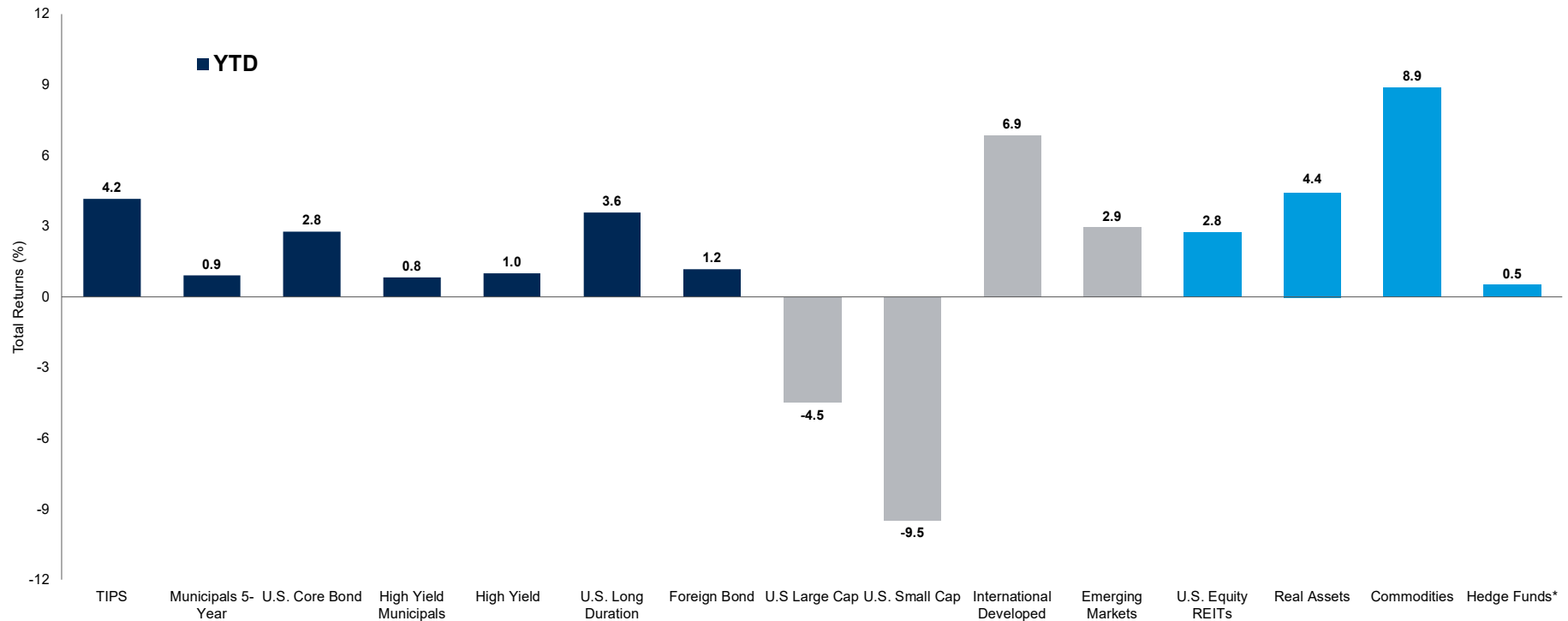
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Asset Class Returns



Source: Morningstar Direct. As of March 31, 2025. *Hedge fund returns as of February 28, 2025.

Fixed Income (1Q 2025)

+ Fixed income markets were broadly positive as interest rates declined during the quarter. Growing concerns regarding the U.S. economy pushed investors to seek “safe haven” assets, fueling the move lower in rates. Longer duration bonds, core fixed income, and inflation protected bonds fared best.

+ Despite elevated volatility in riskier segments of the market and spreads widening, high yield bonds generated a positive return. All in yields remain attractive and demand remains reasonably strong.

Equity (1Q 2025)

- U.S. equity markets came under pressure in the quarter. Evolving trade policy (i.e., tariffs) and other government actions drove uncertainty and reduced optimism. Much of the sell-off was centered on AI related and other growth areas of the market while value outperformed.

+ It was a strong quarter for non-U.S. markets as developed regions led the way, followed by emerging markets. Europe was particularly strong posting a double-digit return, while China, Brazil and Mexico helped propel emerging markets.

Real Asset / Alternatives (1Q 2025)

+ REITs generated a positive return, benefitting from the declining interest rate environment. More defensive areas, such as health care and infrastructure, outperformed.

+ Real Assets had favorable results as inflation expectations moved higher in reaction to foreign policy. Infrastructure, natural resource equities and inflation linked bonds all contributed.

+ Commodities were among the strongest asset classes during the period benefiting from robust precious metal performance and strong energy returns.

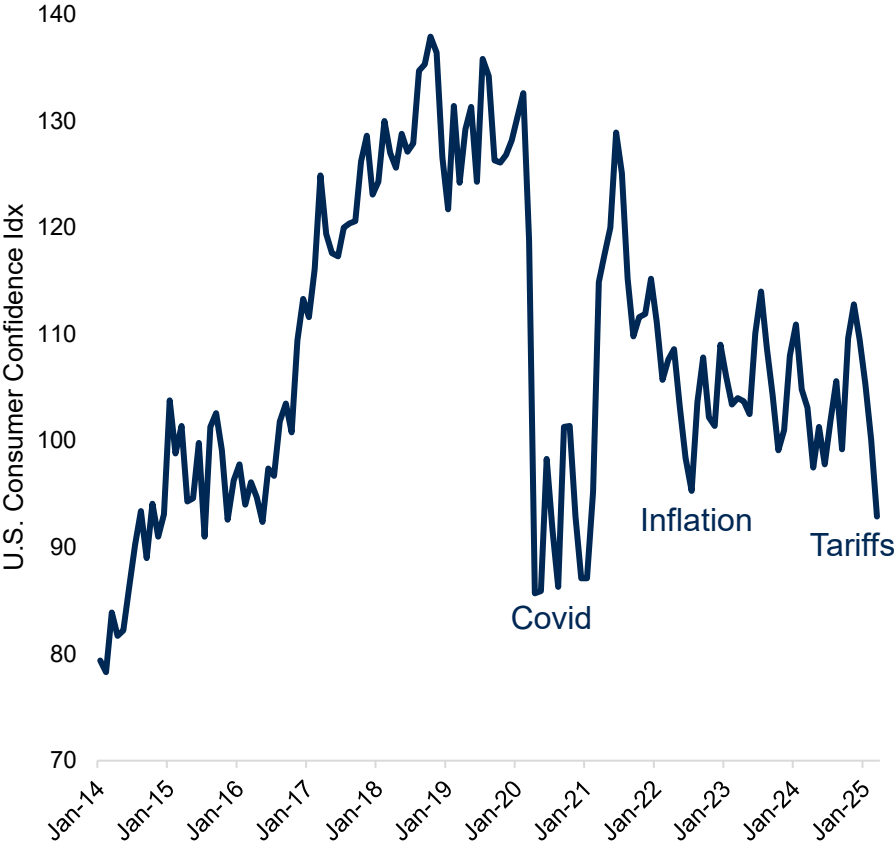
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Market Themes

Optimism Declines and Outlook for Growth Diminishes

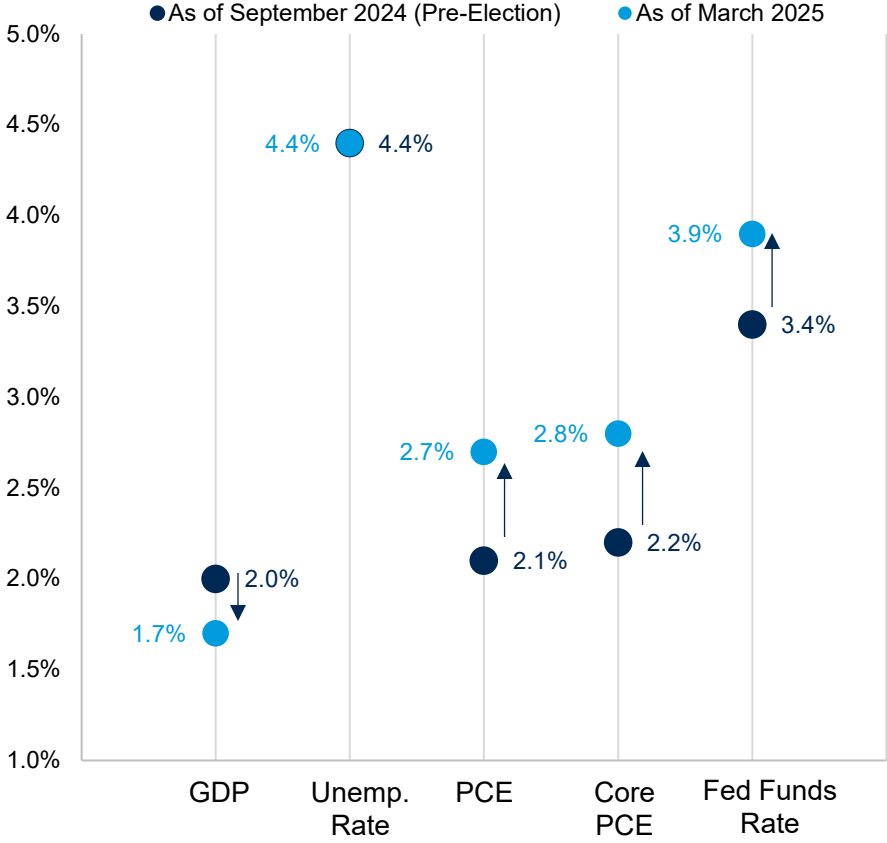
Markets shifted tone, and investors grew more anxious of the current economic environment as foreign trade policy took hold with the Trump administration's announcement of a 10% universal tariff and additional tariffs on various countries. Consumer confidence has fallen, touching levels last seen in 2021, as risk of recession grew and inflation remains elevated.



Sources: FactSet, U.S. Conference Board. As of March 31, 2025

Federal Reserve's Economic Projections for 2025

The Fed's economic projections have softened from its pre-election views in 2024, as the board of governors digests sticky inflation and increasing uncertainty in the labor market. The recent projections suggest the Fed may be comfortable maintaining their current restrictive policy stance running counter to the current administration's hopes.



Source: Federal Reserve. As of March 31, 2025

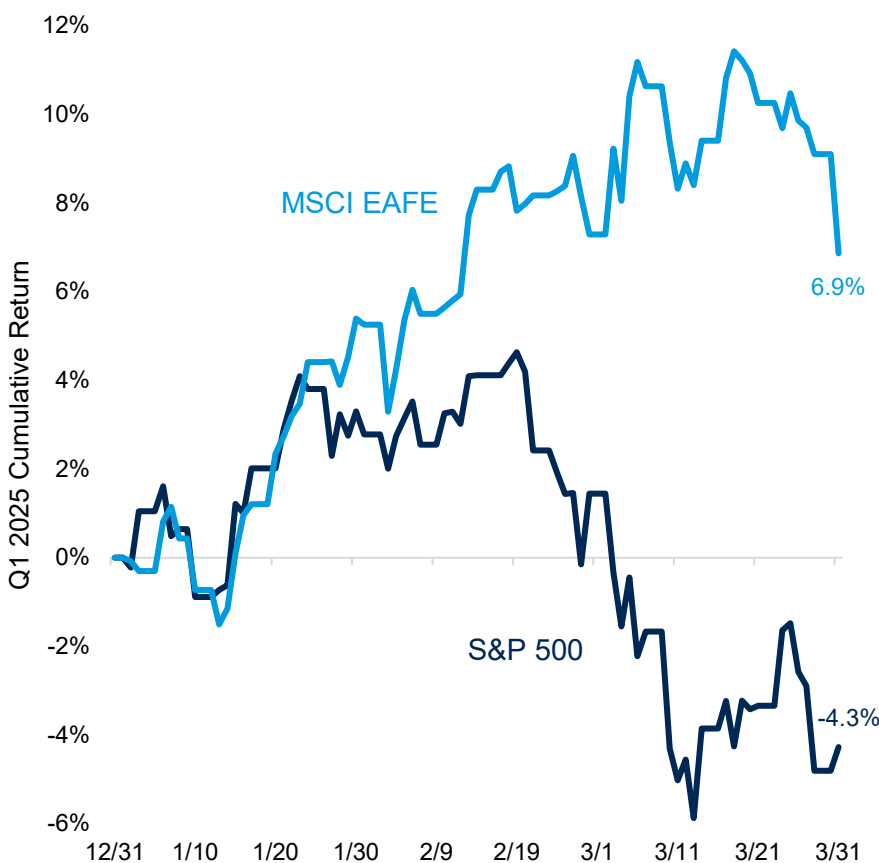
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Market Themes

International Equities Outshine Domestic Equities YTD

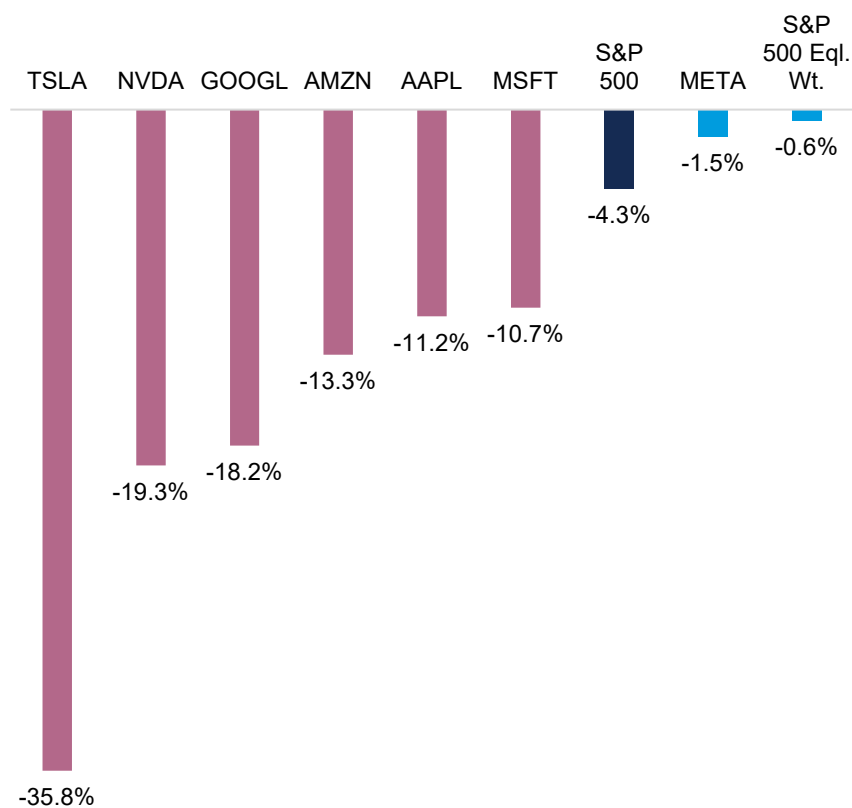
International equities outpaced domestic by a substantial margin during the quarter as fragile markets began to crack. MSCI EAFE beat the S&P 500 the widest margin since Q2 2002. Non-U.S. benefited from easing policy in Europe, increased defense spending and renewed economic policy efforts in China, while growing uncertainty on the economic outlook hindered markets in the U.S.



Source: Morningstar Direct. As of March 31, 2025.

“Mag Drag” Leads S&P 500 Lower in Q1

Elevated valuations and heavy index concentration laid the groundwork for heightened market volatility. Despite 61% of underlying constituents in the S&P 500 beating the index, the “Magnificent 7” dragged down the benchmark as six of the stocks fell double digits. Some profit taking in the highflyers, along with AI concerns and declining consumer confidence, impacted these companies.



Source: Morningstar Direct. Year-to-date performance as of March 31, 2025

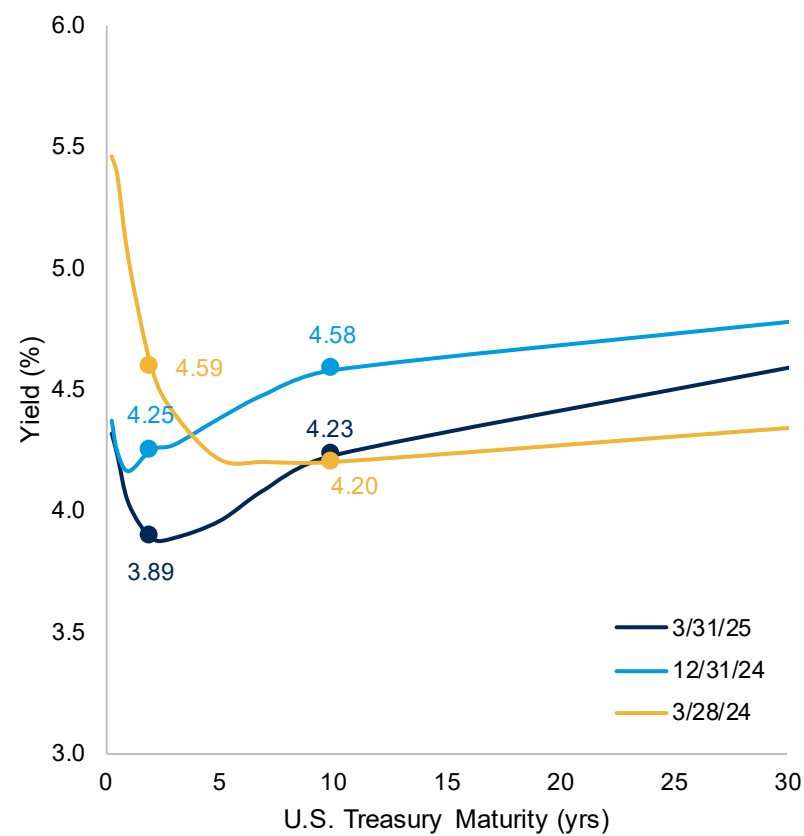
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Fixed Income Market Update

U.S. Treasury Yield Curve

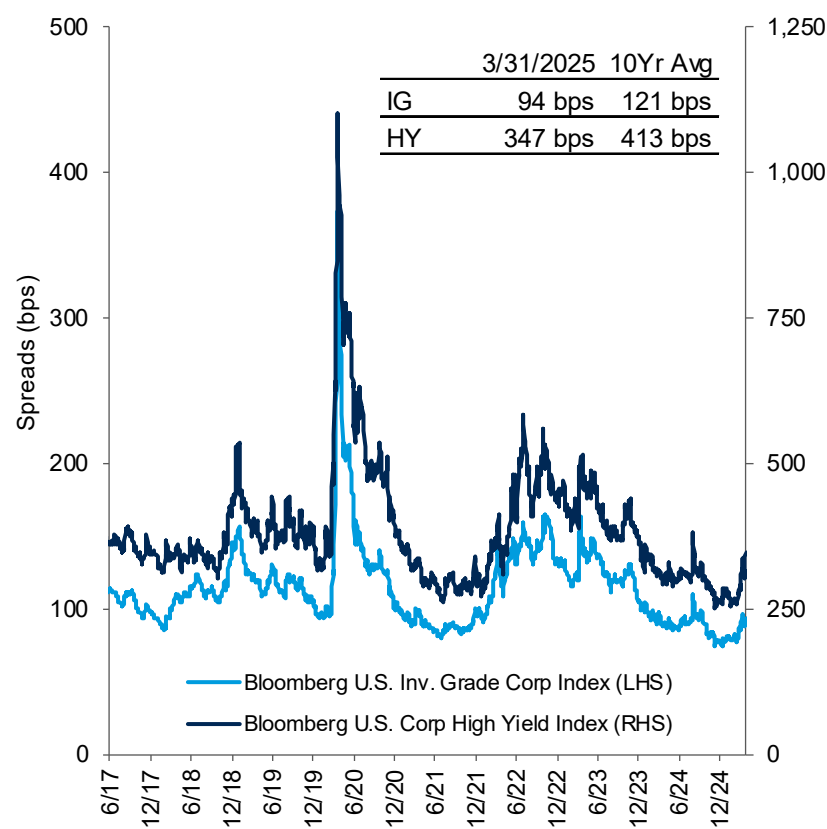
Rates moved lower across most of the U.S. yield curve during the quarter. Softening consumer optimism, tepid spending and growing risks of a growth slowdown were drivers of the move. The Federal Reserve held rates steady at both the January and March meetings, maintaining a restrictive policy stance.



Source: FactSet. As of March 31, 2025.

Corporate Credit Spreads – Trailing 5 Years

Market volatility trickled into the corporate credit market during the period with spreads widening in both investment grade and high yield, as investors digested the potential impact of policy announcements to corporate fundamentals. Despite the move, valuations still appear elevated as spread levels remain below long-term averages.



Source: FactSet. As of March 31, 2025.

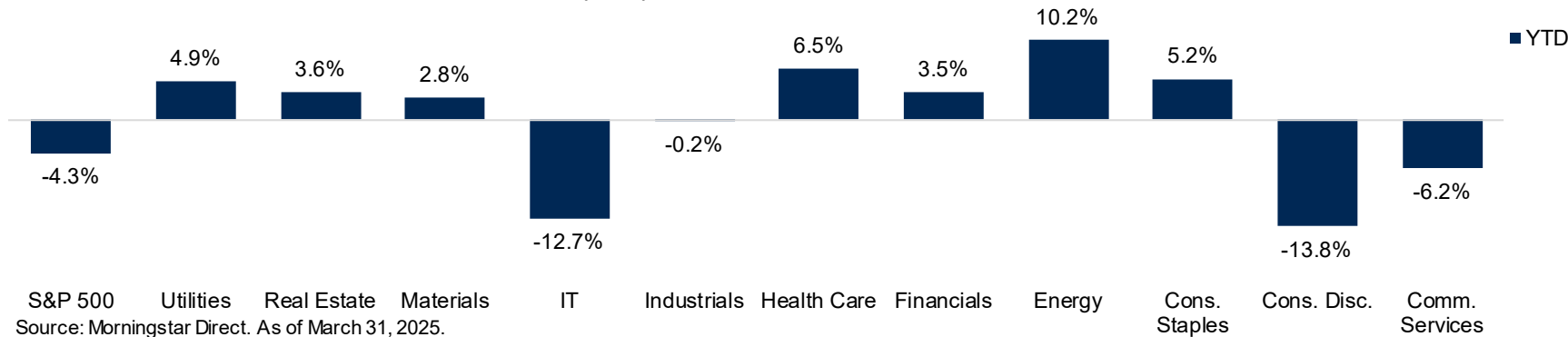
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Equity Market Update

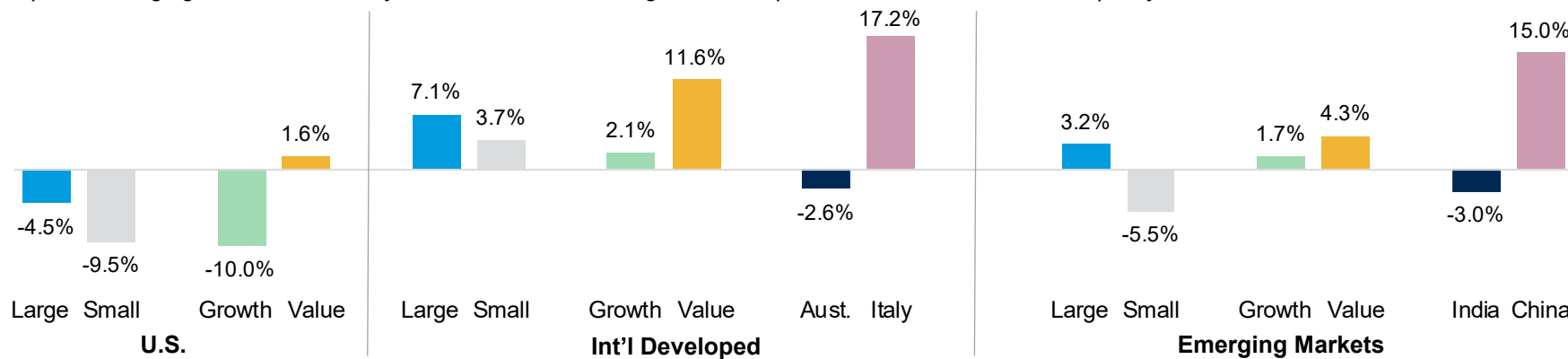
U.S. Equities – S&P 500 Returns by Sector (1Q 2025)

Despite seven out of eleven sectors generating positive returns and the majority of constituents outperforming the broader index, a rotation away from high-flying and high weight tech and consumer related names dragged down the S&P 500. Concerns about AI and a sharp drop in consumer confidence as a result of tariff announcements negatively impacted Magnificent 7 names such as NVIDIA, Microsoft and Tesla. More defensive sectors, such as utilities, health care and consumer staples, performed well.



Market Capitalization, Style, and Select Country Performance (1Q 2025)

Large cap stocks outpaced small cap and value stocks outperformed growth during the quarter. Developed international markets led, benefiting from stable economic policies compared to the U.S. Germany stood out due to renewed defense spending, which may boost growth. China was a bright spot in emerging markets, driven by favorable manufacturing data and optimism around President Xi's policy efforts.



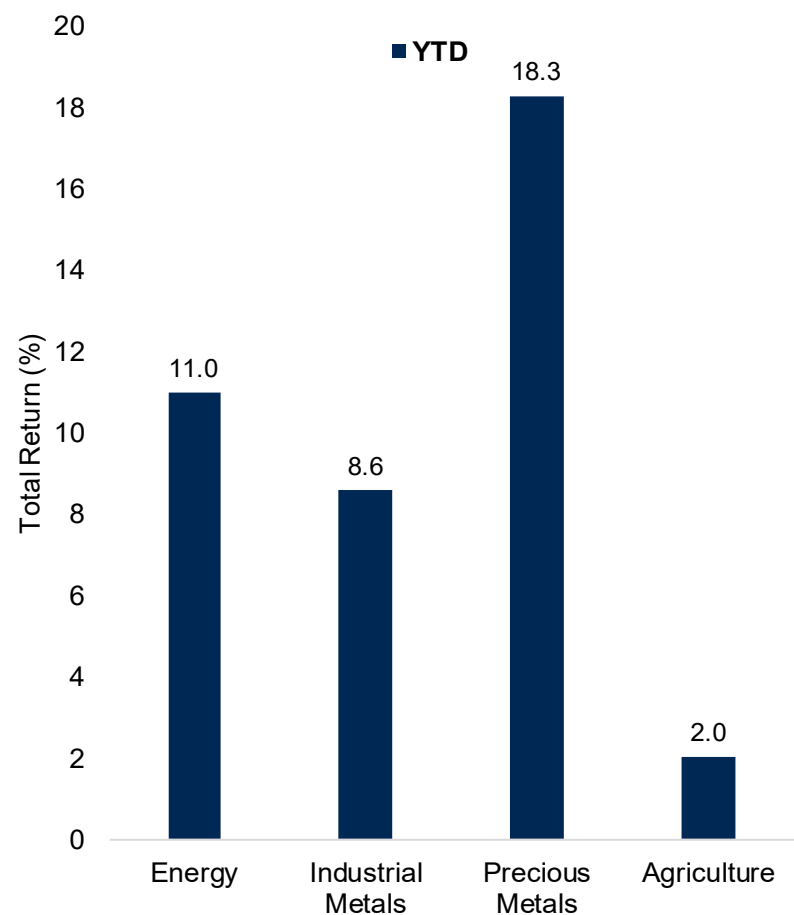
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Real Assets Market Update

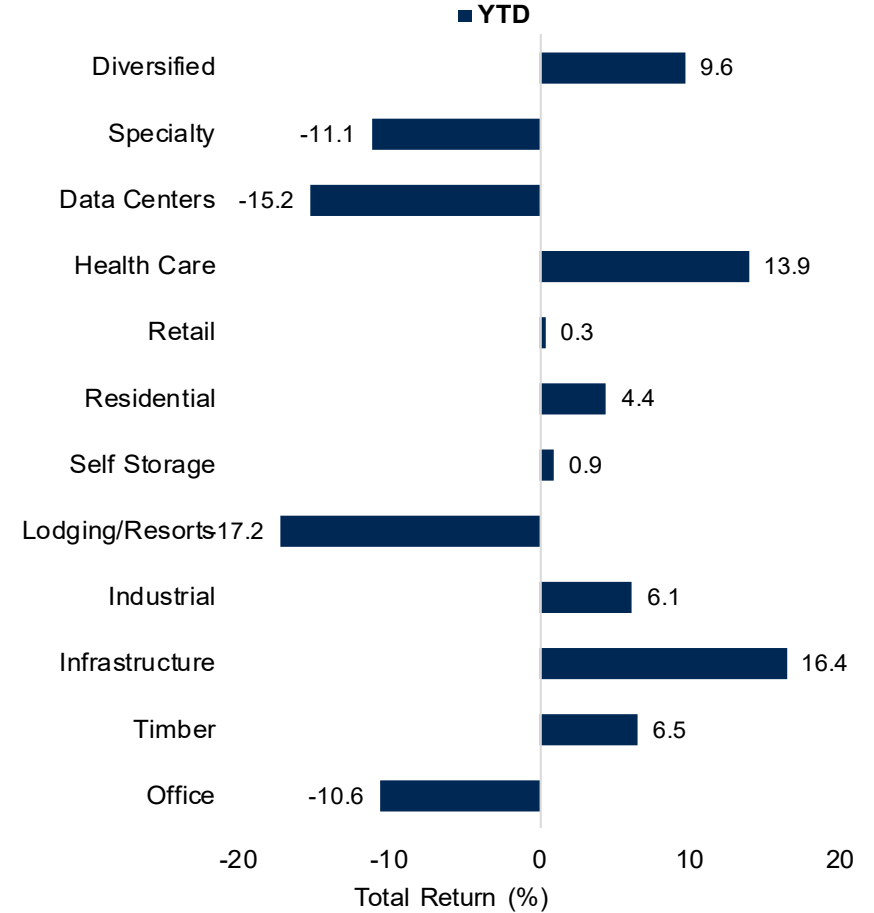
Commodity Performance (1Q 2025)

Commodities had strong performance in the quarter, with positive results in all the sub-components. Precious metals were the bright spot, as gold prices surged among growing economic uncertainty, sticky inflation and a general preference for “safe haven” asset amidst heightened volatility.



REIT Sector Performance (1Q 2025)

Falling interest rates were a boon for equity REITs, however underlying sub-sector performance was mixed. Infrastructure benefited from strength in towers and the more defensive health care sector benefited from favorable demographics. Data centers took a step back during the period, not immune to the AI sell-off.



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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 | Commodities 8.9 | U.S. Large Cap 12.2 |
| 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 | International Developed Equity 6.9 | U.S. Mid Cap 8.8 |
| 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 | TIPS 4.2 | U.S. Small Cap 6.3 |
| 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 | Emerging Markets Equity 2.9 | Balanced 6.1 |
| 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. Equity REITs 2.8 | U.S. Equity REITs 5.7 |
| 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 | U.S. Core Bond 2.8 | International Developed Equity 5.4 |
| 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 1.0 | High Yield 5.0 |
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| 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 | Hedge Funds 0.5 | Commodities 2.8 |
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| 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 | U.S. Mid Cap -3.4 | Cash 1.9 |
| 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 | U.S. Large Cap -4.5 | Municipals 5-Year 1.7 |
| 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 -9.5 | U.S. Core Bond 1.5 |

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Financial Markets Performance

Total Return as of March 31, 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 | 1.0% | 1.0% | 5.0% | 4.3% | 2.6% | 2.5% | 1.9% | 1.3% |
| Bloomberg U.S. TIPS | 4.2% | 4.2% | 6.2% | 0.1% | 2.4% | 3.0% | 2.5% | 3.1% |
| Bloomberg Municipal Bond (5 Year) | 0.9% | 0.9% | 2.5% | 2.1% | 1.3% | 1.9% | 1.7% | 2.3% |
| Bloomberg High Yield Municipal Bond | 0.8% | 0.8% | 5.6% | 2.9% | 4.3% | 4.1% | 4.3% | 5.4% |
| Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate | 2.8% | 2.8% | 4.9% | 0.5% | -0.4% | 1.6% | 1.5% | 2.4% |
| Bloomberg U.S. Corporate High Yield | 1.0% | 1.0% | 7.7% | 5.0% | 7.3% | 4.9% | 5.0% | 6.2% |
| Bloomberg Global Aggregate ex-U.S. Hedged | -0.2% | -0.2% | 4.2% | 2.2% | 0.9% | 2.1% | 2.2% | 3.1% |
| Bloomberg Global Aggregate ex-U.S. Unhedged | 2.5% | 2.5% | 1.5% | -3.5% | -2.4% | -2.2% | -0.2% | 0.1% |
| Bloomberg U.S. Long Gov / Credit | 3.6% | 3.6% | 1.7% | -4.5% | -3.7% | 0.5% | 1.0% | 4.0% |
| Global Equity Markets | QTD | YTD | 1YR | 3YR | 5YR | 7YR | 10YR | 15YR |
| S&P 500 | -4.3% | -4.3% | 8.3% | 9.1% | 18.6% | 13.2% | 12.5% | 13.2% |
| Dow Jones Industrial Average | -0.9% | -0.9% | 7.4% | 8.8% | 16.2% | 10.6% | 11.4% | 12.0% |
| NASDAQ Composite | -10.3% | -10.3% | 6.4% | 7.6% | 18.5% | 14.6% | 14.5% | 15.2% |
| Russell 3000 | -4.7% | -4.7% | 7.2% | 8.2% | 18.2% | 12.5% | 11.8% | 12.8% |
| Russell 1000 | -4.5% | -4.5% | 7.8% | 8.7% | 18.5% | 13.0% | 12.2% | 13.0% |
| Russell 1000 Growth | -10.0% | -10.0% | 7.8% | 10.1% | 20.1% | 16.1% | 15.1% | 15.3% |
| Russell 1000 Value | 2.1% | 2.1% | 7.2% | 6.6% | 16.2% | 9.2% | 8.8% | 10.4% |
| Russell Mid Cap | -3.4% | -3.4% | 2.6% | 4.6% | 16.3% | 9.2% | 8.8% | 11.2% |
| Russell Mid Cap Growth | -7.1% | -7.1% | 3.6% | 6.2% | 14.9% | 10.6% | 10.1% | 12.2% |
| Russell Mid Cap Value | -2.1% | -2.1% | 2.3% | 3.8% | 16.7% | 7.8% | 7.6% | 10.3% |
| Russell 2000 | -9.5% | -9.5% | -4.0% | 0.5% | 13.3% | 5.4% | 6.3% | 9.0% |
| Russell 2000 Growth | -11.1% | -11.1% | -4.9% | 0.8% | 10.8% | 5.0% | 6.1% | 9.5% |
| Russell 2000 Value | -7.7% | -7.7% | -3.1% | 0.0% | 15.3% | 5.3% | 6.1% | 8.2% |
| MSCI ACWI | -1.3% | -1.3% | 7.2% | 6.9% | 15.2% | 9.1% | 8.8% | 8.9% |
| MSCI ACWI ex. U.S. | 5.2% | 5.2% | 6.1% | 4.5% | 10.9% | 4.5% | 5.0% | 4.9% |
| MSCI EAFE | 6.9% | 6.9% | 4.9% | 6.1% | 11.8% | 5.3% | 5.4% | 5.6% |
| MSCI EAFE Growth | 2.1% | 2.1% | -2.6% | 2.4% | 8.5% | 4.9% | 5.5% | 6.0% |
| MSCI EAFE Value | 11.6% | 11.6% | 12.8% | 9.7% | 14.8% | 5.4% | 5.1% | 5.1% |
| MSCI EAFE Small Cap | 3.7% | 3.7% | 3.1% | 0.9% | 9.9% | 2.5% | 5.3% | 6.5% |
| MSCI Emerging Markets | 2.9% | 2.9% | 8.1% | 1.4% | 7.9% | 1.6% | 3.7% | 3.0% |
| Alternatives | QTD | YTD | 1YR | 3YR | 5YR | 7YR | 10YR | 15YR |
| Consumer Price Index* | 0.7% | 0.7% | 2.8% | 4.0% | 4.3% | 3.6% | 3.1% | 2.6% |
| FTSE NAREIT All Equity REITs | 2.8% | 2.8% | 9.2% | -1.7% | 9.6% | 6.9% | 5.7% | 8.9% |
| S&P Real Assets | 4.4% | 4.4% | 8.0% | 1.1% | 9.1% | 4.7% | 4.2% | 5.3% |
| FTSE EPRA NAREIT Developed | 1.9% | 1.9% | 5.0% | -3.3% | 7.2% | 3.2% | 3.0% | 5.9% |
| FTSE EPRA NAREIT Developed ex U.S. | 3.5% | 3.5% | -2.8% | -7.0% | 1.8% | -1.3% | 0.4% | 3.2% |
| Bloomberg Commodity Total Return | 8.9% | 8.9% | 12.3% | -0.8% | 14.5% | 5.4% | 2.8% | -0.1% |
| HFRI Fund of Funds Composite* | 0.5% | 0.5% | 7.0% | 4.4% | 5.6% | 4.3% | 3.7% | 3.7% |
| HFRI Asset Weighted Composite* | 1.3% | 1.3% | 7.0% | 5.0% | 5.4% | 4.3% | 3.7% | 4.5% |

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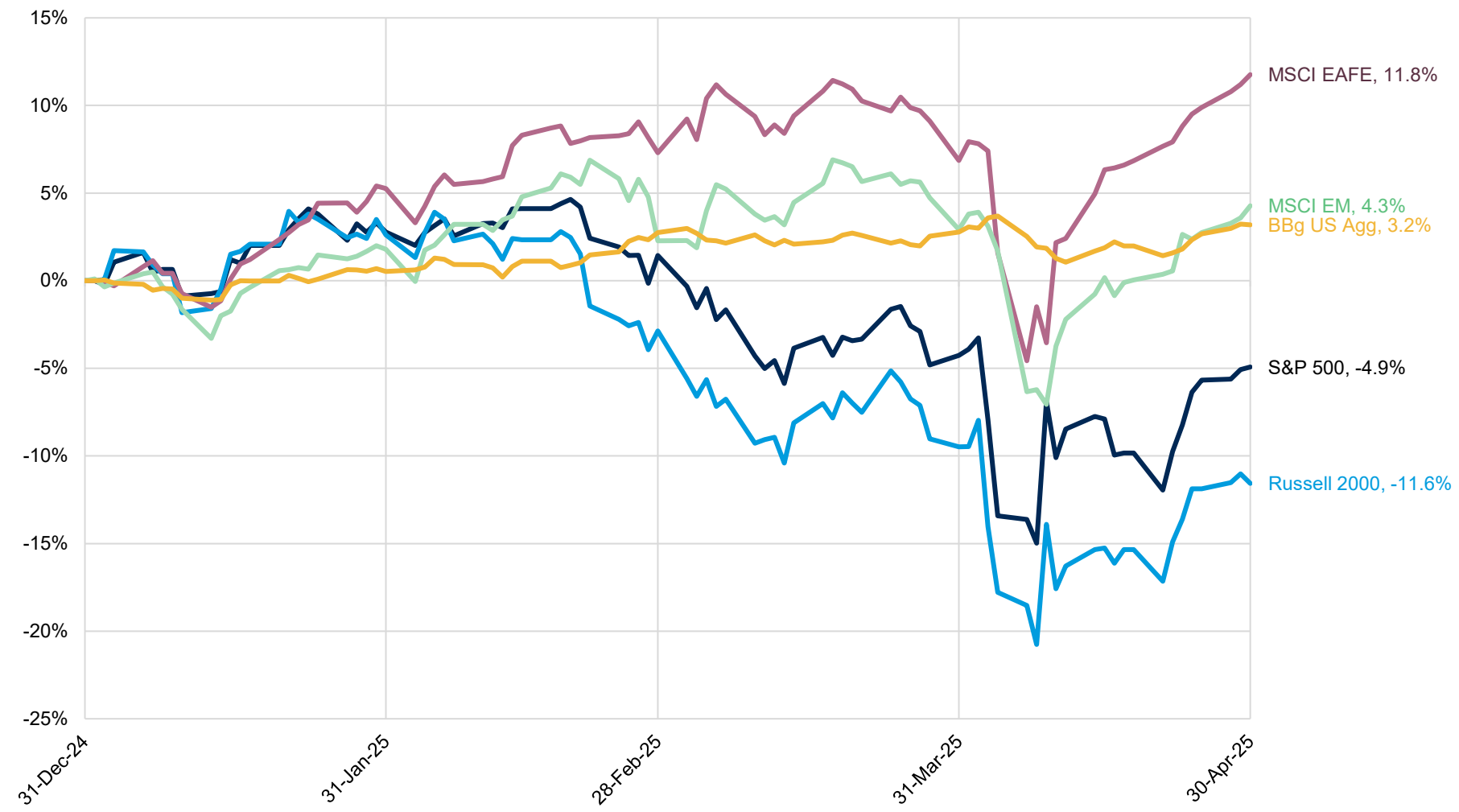
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2025 YTD Performance – April 30th



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Asset Allocation

Town of Ledyard Pension Plan

As of March 31, 2025

| | Asset Allocation (\$) | Asset Allocation (%) | Target Allocation (%) | Differences (%) |
|--|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Town of Ledyard Pension Plan | 30,157,084 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 0.0 |
| Short Term Liquidity | 439,753 | 1.5 | 3.0 | -1.5 |
| Dreyfus Treasury Securities Cash Management | 439,753 | 1.5 | 3.0 | -1.5 |
| Fixed Income | 12,995,561 | 43.1 | 41.0 | 2.1 |
| Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Adm | 3,177,702 | 10.5 | 10.0 | 0.5 |
| Baird Aggregate Bond Instl | 2,224,920 | 7.4 | 7.0 | 0.4 |
| Harbor Core Bond Retirement - IR&M | 2,218,231 | 7.4 | 7.0 | 0.4 |
| PGIM Total Return Bond R6 | 4,066,092 | 13.5 | 13.0 | 0.5 |
| BlackRock Strategic Income Opportunities Class K | 1,308,616 | 4.3 | 4.0 | 0.3 |
| Domestic Equity | 9,246,533 | 30.7 | 32.0 | -1.3 |
| Vanguard Institutional Index Fund Instl | 4,074,930 | 13.5 | 14.0 | -0.5 |
| Touchstone Large Cap Focused Fund Instl | 2,020,393 | 6.7 | 7.0 | -0.3 |
| Neuberger Berman Genesis R6 | 1,696,503 | 5.6 | 6.0 | -0.4 |
| William Blair Small Cap Value R6 | 722,023 | 2.4 | 2.5 | -0.1 |
| Hood River Small Cap Growth R | 732,684 | 2.4 | 2.5 | -0.1 |
| International Equity | 6,631,089 | 22.0 | 21.5 | 0.5 |
| Causeway International Value Inst | 2,336,149 | 7.7 | 7.5 | 0.2 |
| JHancock International Dynamic Growth R6 - Axiom | 2,256,889 | 7.5 | 7.5 | 0.0 |
| ARGA Emerging Markets Value Fund | 1,055,200 | 3.5 | 3.3 | 0.2 |
| Driehaus Emerging Markets Growth Inst | 982,851 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 0.0 |
| Real Assets | 844,148 | 2.8 | 2.5 | 0.3 |
| DWS RREEF Real Assets R6 | 844,148 | 2.8 | 2.5 | 0.3 |

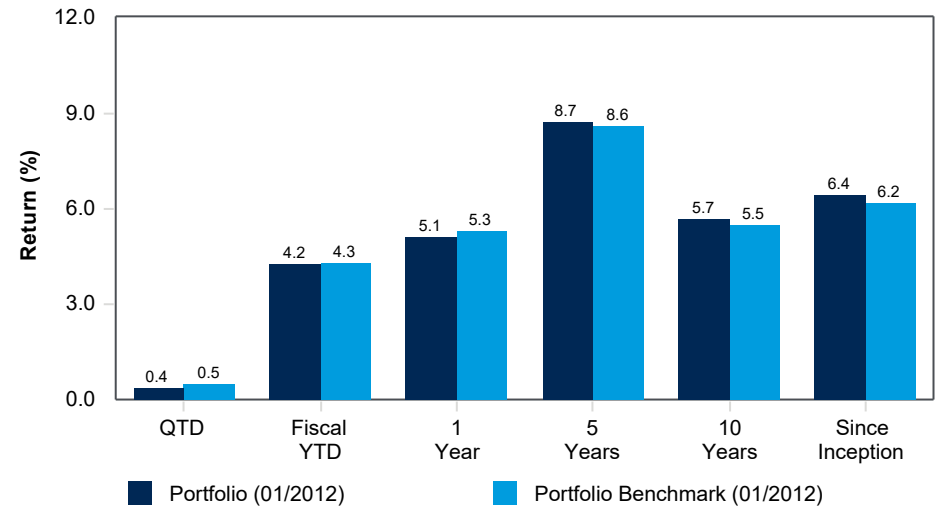


Portfolio Dashboard

Town of Ledyard Pension Plan

As of March 31, 2025

Historical Performance



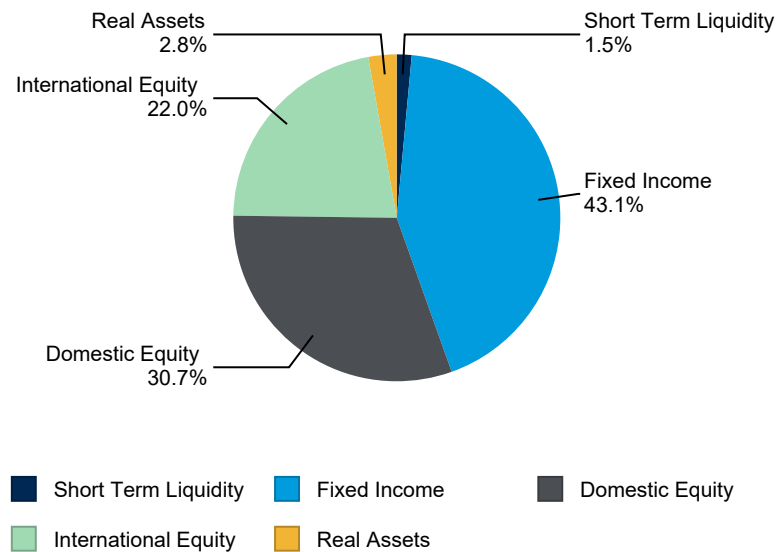
Summary of Cash Flows

| | QTD | Fiscal YTD | 1 Year | Since Inception |
|------------------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------------|
| Beginning Market Value | 30,582,048 | 30,443,700 | 29,752,961 | 11,303,089 |
| Net Contributions | -539,281 | -1,625,859 | -1,181,982 | 418,984 |
| Gain/Loss | 114,318 | 1,339,243 | 1,586,105 | 18,435,012 |
| Ending Market Value | 30,157,084 | 30,157,084 | 30,157,084 | 30,157,084 |

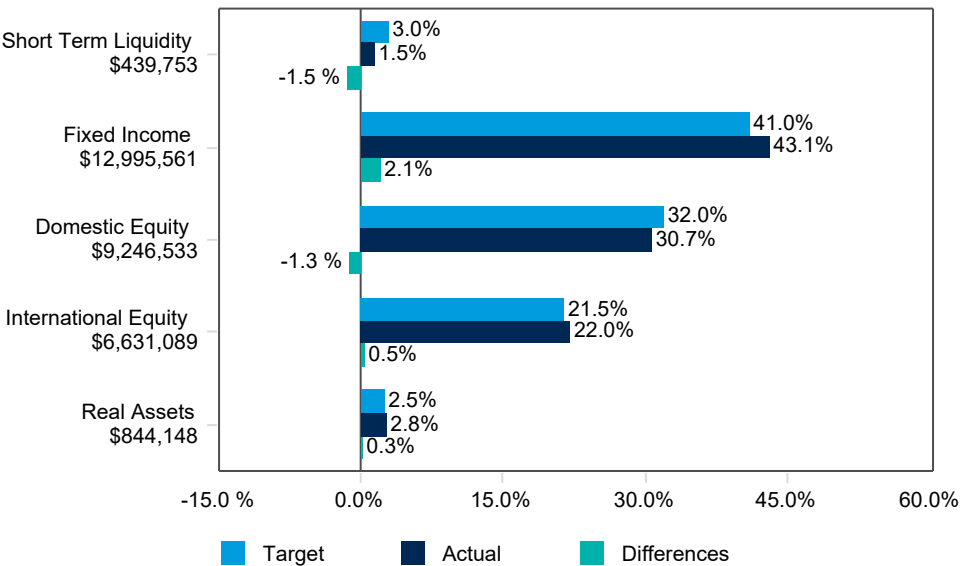
Current Benchmark Composition

| From Date | To Date | |
|-----------|---------|--|
| 12/2024 | Present | 3.00% 90 Day U.S. Treasury Bill, 41.00% Blmbg. U.S. Aggregate, 21.00% S&P 500, 11.00% Russell 2000 Index, 15.00% MSCI EAFE (Net), 6.50% MSCI Emerging Markets (Net), 2.50% S&P Real Assets |

Portfolio Allocation



Actual vs. Target Allocations



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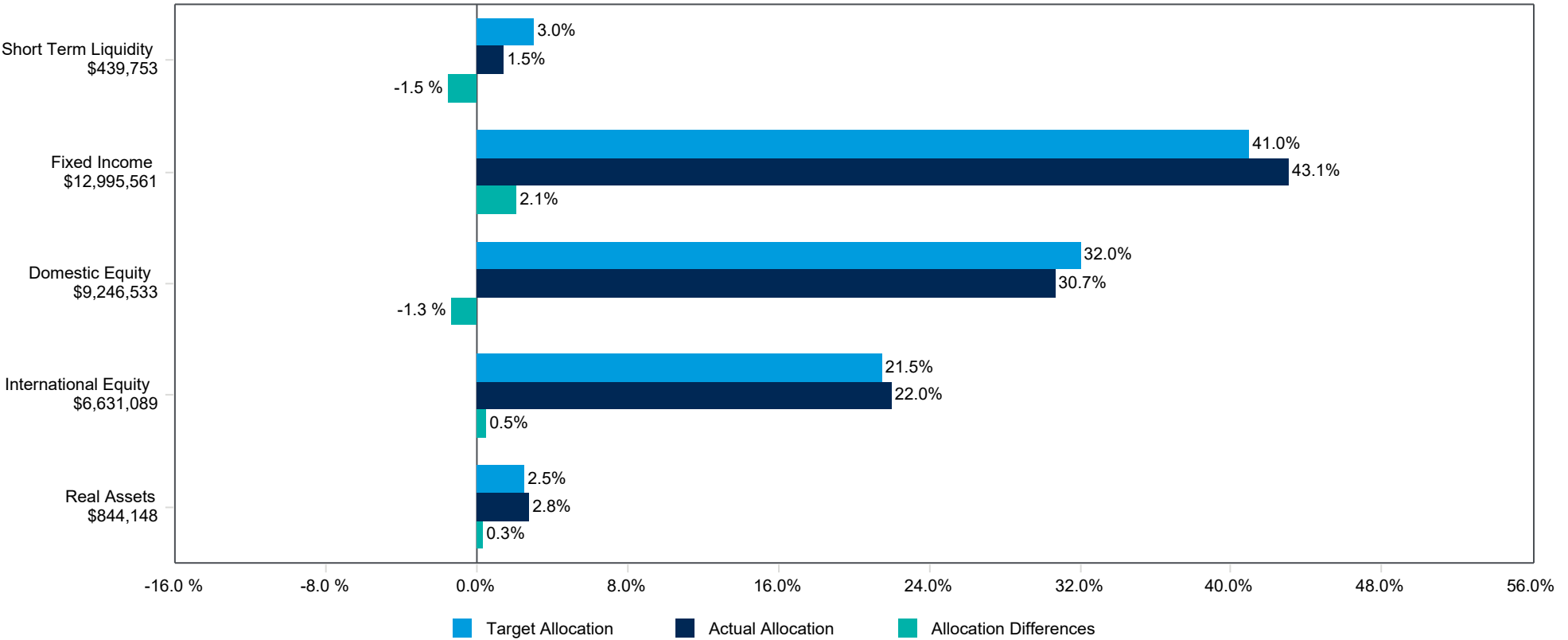


Asset Allocation

Town of Ledyard Pension Plan

As of March 31, 2025

Actual vs. Target



| | Asset Allocation (\$) | Asset Allocation (%) | Target Allocation (%) | Differences (%) |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Short Term Liquidity | 439,753 | 1.5 | 3.0 | -1.5 |
| Fixed Income | 12,995,561 | 43.1 | 41.0 | 2.1 |
| Domestic Equity | 9,246,533 | 30.7 | 32.0 | -1.3 |
| International Equity | 6,631,089 | 22.0 | 21.5 | 0.5 |
| Real Assets | 844,148 | 2.8 | 2.5 | 0.3 |
| Town of Ledyard Pension Plan | 30,157,084 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 0.0 |



Performance Overview

Town of Ledyard Pension Plan

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Trailing Performance Summary

| | QTD | Fiscal YTD | 1 Year | 3 Years | 5 Years | 7 Years | 10 Years | Since Inception | Inception Date |
|-------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Town of Ledyard Pension Plan | 0.4 | 4.2 | 5.1 | 3.6 | 8.7 | 5.8 | 5.7 | 6.4 | 01/2012 |
| <i>Blended Benchmark</i> | <i>0.5</i> | <i>4.3</i> | <i>5.3</i> | <i>3.6</i> | <i>8.6</i> | <i>5.7</i> | <i>5.5</i> | <i>6.2</i> | <i>01/2012</i> |

Calendar Year Performance Summary

| | 2024 | 2023 | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
|-------------------------------------|------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Town of Ledyard Pension Plan | 8.8 | 13.6 | -16.2 | 10.6 | 14.9 | 19.0 | -6.3 | 13.1 | 10.0 | -3.1 |
| <i>Blended Benchmark</i> | <i>8.5</i> | <i>13.4</i> | <i>-15.2</i> | <i>9.8</i> | <i>13.6</i> | <i>18.4</i> | <i>-6.0</i> | <i>12.9</i> | <i>9.1</i> | <i>-3.5</i> |

Plan Reconciliation

| | QTD | 1 Year | 3 Years | 5 Years | 10 Years | Since Inception | Inception Date |
|-------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Town of Ledyard Pension Plan | | | | | | | 01/2012 |
| Beginning Market Value | 30,582,048 | 29,752,961 | 29,645,329 | 23,243,293 | 18,409,104 | 11,303,089 | |
| Net Contributions | -539,281 | -1,181,982 | -2,624,378 | -4,574,551 | -2,556,256 | 418,984 | |
| Gain/Loss | 114,318 | 1,586,105 | 3,136,134 | 11,488,343 | 14,304,236 | 18,435,012 | |
| Ending Market Value | 30,157,084 | 30,157,084 | 30,157,084 | 30,157,084 | 30,157,084 | 30,157,084 | |

Benchmark Composition

| | Weight (%) |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| Dec-2024 | |
| 90 Day U.S. Treasury Bill | 3.0 |
| Blmbg. U.S. Aggregate | 41.0 |
| S&P 500 | 21.0 |
| Russell 2000 Index | 11.0 |
| MSCI EAFE (Net) | 15.0 |
| MSCI Emerging Markets (Net) | 6.5 |
| S&P Real Assets | 2.5 |

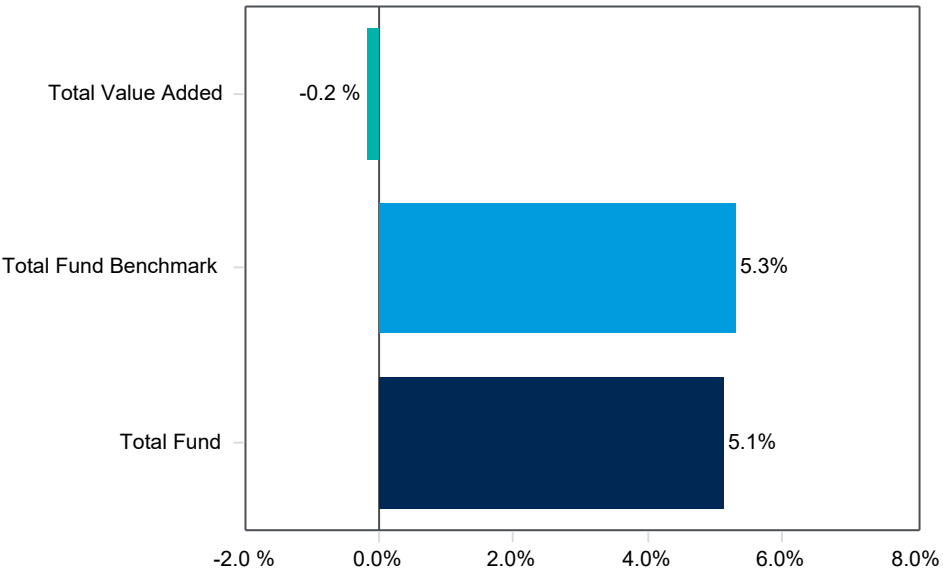


Performance Attribution

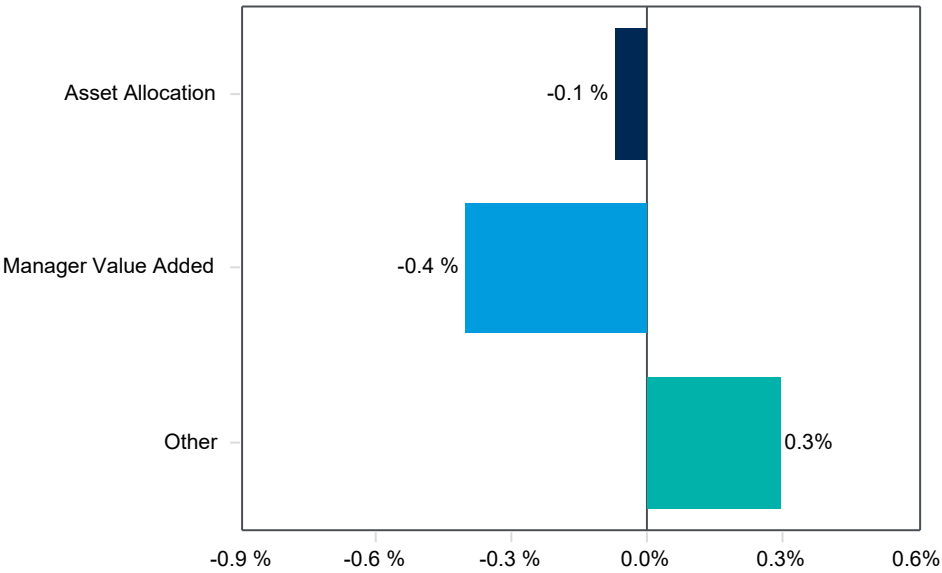
Town of Ledyard Pension Plan vs. Attribution Blended Benchmark

1 Year Ending March 31, 2025

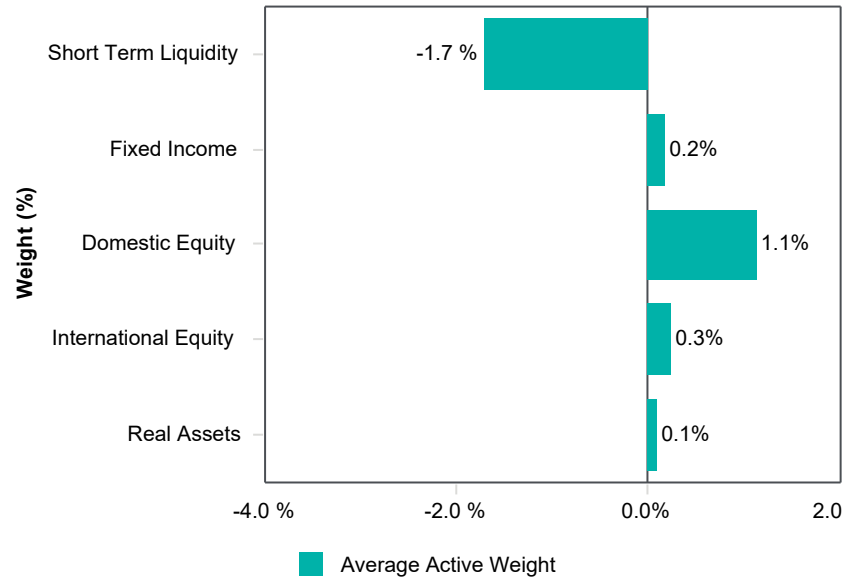
Total Fund Performance



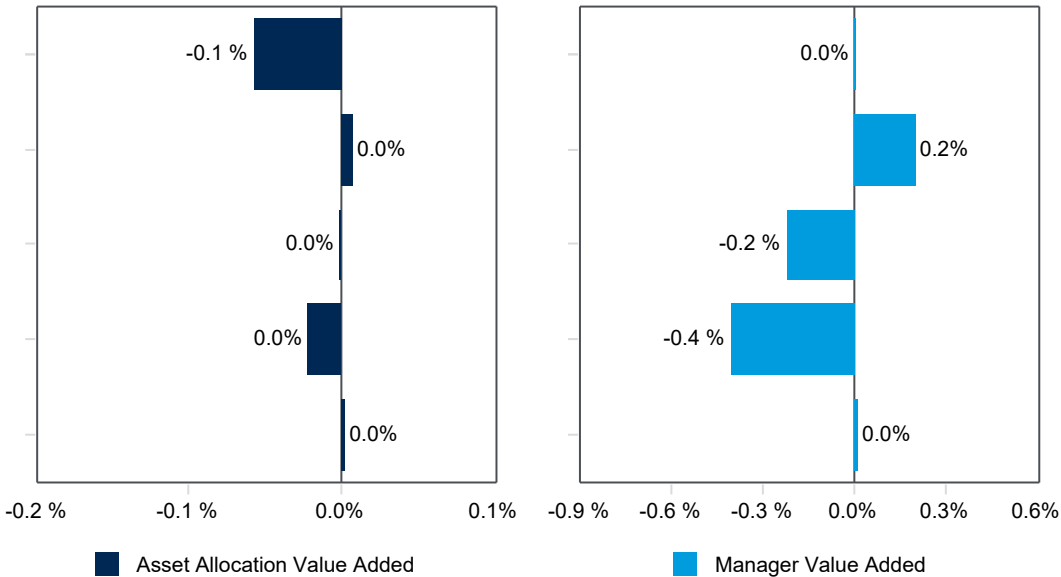
Total Value Added:-0.2 %



Total Asset Allocation:-0.1 %



Total Manager Value Added:-0.4 %



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Manager Status Commentary

As of March 31, 2025

| Manager | Recommendation | Comments |
|--|----------------|----------|
| Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Adm | Maintain | |
| Baird Aggregate Bond Instl | Maintain | |
| Harbor Core Bond Retirement - IR&M | Maintain | |
| PGIM Total Return Bond R6 | Maintain | |
| BlackRock Strategic Income Opportunities Class K | Maintain | |
| Vanguard Institutional Index Fund Instl | Maintain | |
| Touchstone Large Cap Focused Fund Instl | Maintain | |
| Neuberger Berman Genesis R6 | Maintain | |
| William Blair Small Cap Value R6 | Maintain | |
| Hood River Small Cap Growth R | Maintain | |
| Causeway International Value Inst | Maintain | |
| JHancock International Dynamic Growth R6 - Axiom | Maintain | |
| ARGA Emerging Markets Value Fund | Maintain | |
| Driehaus Emerging Markets Growth Inst | Maintain | |
| DWS RREEF Real Assets R6 | Maintain | |

Commentary produced upon change of status.



Manager Performance

Town of Ledyard Pension Plan

As of March 31, 2025

| | Allocation | | Performance(%) | | | | | | | | Manager Status |
|---|-------------------|--------------|----------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| | Market Value (\$) | % | QTD | Fiscal YTD | 1 Year | 3 Years | 5 Years | 10 Years | Since Inception | Inception Date | |
| Town of Ledyard Pension Plan | 30,157,084 | 100.0 | 0.4 | 4.2 | 5.1 | 3.6 | 8.7 | 5.7 | 6.4 | 01/2012 | |
| <i>Blended Benchmark</i> | | | 0.5 | 4.3 | 5.3 | 3.6 | 8.6 | 5.5 | 6.2 | | |
| Short Term Liquidity | 439,753 | 1.5 | 0.9 | 3.5 | 4.8 | 4.0 | 2.4 | 1.7 | 1.3 | 01/2012 | |
| <i>90 Day U.S. Treasury Bill</i> | | | 1.0 | 3.6 | 5.0 | 4.2 | 2.6 | 1.9 | 1.4 | | |
| Dreyfus Treasury Securities Cash Management | 439,753 | 1.5 | 0.9 | 3.5 | 4.8 | 4.0 | 2.4 | 1.7 | 1.3 | 01/2012 | |
| <i>90 Day U.S. Treasury Bill</i> | | | 1.0 | 3.6 | 5.0 | 4.2 | 2.6 | 1.9 | 1.4 | | |
| Fixed Income | 12,995,561 | 43.1 | 2.7 | 5.0 | 5.4 | 1.1 | 0.5 | 2.0 | 2.5 | 01/2012 | |
| <i>Blmbg. U.S. Aggregate</i> | | | 2.8 | 4.8 | 4.9 | 0.5 | -0.4 | 1.5 | 1.8 | | |
| Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Adm | 3,177,702 | 10.5 | 2.8 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 0.5 | -0.4 | 1.4 | 1.8 | 01/2012 | Maintain |
| <i>Vanguard Spliced Bloomberg U.S. Agg Flt Adj</i> | | | 2.8 | 4.8 | 4.9 | 0.6 | -0.4 | 1.5 | 1.9 | | |
| IM U.S. Broad Market Core Fixed Income (MF) Median | | | 2.7 | 4.7 | 5.0 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 1.5 | 2.0 | | |
| Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Adm Rank | | | 31 | 57 | 59 | 46 | 83 | 55 | 67 | | |
| Baird Aggregate Bond Instl | 2,224,920 | 7.4 | 2.8 | 5.0 | 5.2 | 1.0 | 0.4 | 1.9 | 5.2 | 04/2024 | Maintain |
| <i>Blmbg. U.S. Aggregate</i> | | | 2.8 | 4.8 | 4.9 | 0.5 | -0.4 | 1.5 | 4.9 | | |
| IM U.S. Broad Market Core Fixed Income (MF) Median | | | 2.7 | 4.7 | 5.0 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 1.5 | 5.0 | | |
| Baird Aggregate Bond Instl Rank | | | 19 | 28 | 30 | 17 | 41 | 20 | 30 | | |
| Harbor Core Bond Retirement - IR&M | 2,218,231 | 7.4 | 2.7 | 4.8 | 5.0 | 0.6 | 0.0 | - | 5.0 | 04/2024 | Maintain |
| <i>Blmbg. U.S. Aggregate</i> | | | 2.8 | 4.8 | 4.9 | 0.5 | -0.4 | 1.5 | 4.9 | | |
| IM U.S. Broad Market Core Fixed Income (MF) Median | | | 2.7 | 4.7 | 5.0 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 1.5 | 5.0 | | |
| Harbor Core Bond Retirement - IR&M Rank | | | 43 | 44 | 45 | 37 | 62 | - | 45 | | |
| PGIM Total Return Bond R6 | 4,066,092 | 13.5 | 2.8 | 5.3 | 5.7 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 04/2015 | Maintain |
| <i>Blmbg. U.S. Aggregate</i> | | | 2.8 | 4.8 | 4.9 | 0.5 | -0.4 | 1.5 | 1.5 | | |
| IM U.S. Broad Market Core+ Fixed Income (MF) Median | | | 2.7 | 4.9 | 5.1 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 1.7 | 1.7 | | |
| PGIM Total Return Bond R6 Rank | | | 34 | 24 | 23 | 21 | 28 | 14 | 14 | | |

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Manager Performance

Town of Ledyard Pension Plan

As of March 31, 2025

| | Allocation | | Performance(%) | | | | | | | | Manager Status |
|---|-------------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| | Market Value (\$) | % | QTD | Fiscal YTD | 1 Year | 3 Years | 5 Years | 10 Years | Since Inception | Inception Date | |
| BlackRock Strategic Income Opportunities Class K | 1,308,616 | 4.3 | 1.8 | 5.5 | 6.3 | 3.8 | 4.6 | 3.0 | 3.8 | 04/2022 | Maintain |
| <i>Blmbg. U.S. Aggregate</i> | | | 2.8 | 4.8 | 4.9 | 0.5 | -0.4 | 1.5 | 0.5 | | |
| IM Alternative Credit Focus (MF) Median | | | 1.5 | 5.3 | 6.4 | 3.7 | 5.1 | 2.3 | 3.7 | | |
| BlackRock Strategic Income Opportunities Class K Rank | | | 38 | 41 | 57 | 43 | 55 | 27 | 43 | | |
| Domestic Equity | 9,246,533 | 30.7 | -6.1 | 1.7 | 3.5 | 6.3 | 16.4 | 11.1 | 12.9 | 01/2012 | |
| <i>Domestic Equity Benchmark</i> | | | -6.1 | 2.4 | 4.1 | 6.2 | 16.9 | 10.6 | 12.6 | | |
| Vanguard Institutional Index Fund Instl | 4,074,930 | 13.5 | -4.3 | 3.8 | 8.2 | 9.0 | 18.6 | 12.5 | 14.0 | 01/2012 | Maintain |
| <i>S&P 500</i> | | | -4.3 | 3.8 | 8.3 | 9.1 | 18.6 | 12.5 | 14.1 | | |
| IM U.S. Large Cap Core Equity (MF) Median | | | -4.4 | 2.6 | 6.1 | 8.1 | 17.4 | 11.4 | 13.1 | | |
| Vanguard Institutional Index Fund Instl Rank | | | 48 | 32 | 17 | 29 | 21 | 9 | 15 | | |
| Touchstone Large Cap Focused Fund Instl | 2,020,393 | 6.7 | -3.6 | 4.3 | 7.5 | 7.9 | 18.0 | 12.7 | 15.5 | 01/2019 | Maintain |
| <i>S&P 500</i> | | | -4.3 | 3.8 | 8.3 | 9.1 | 18.6 | 12.5 | 15.6 | | |
| IM U.S. Large Cap Core Equity (MF) Median | | | -4.4 | 2.6 | 6.1 | 8.1 | 17.4 | 11.4 | 14.5 | | |
| Touchstone Large Cap Focused Fund Instl Rank | | | 38 | 21 | 26 | 56 | 38 | 7 | 22 | | |
| Neuberger Berman Genesis R6 | 1,696,503 | 5.6 | -8.3 | -2.7 | -5.2 | 1.8 | 12.0 | 8.4 | 9.6 | 04/2012 | Maintain |
| <i>Russell 2000 Index</i> | | | -9.5 | -0.8 | -4.0 | 0.5 | 13.3 | 6.3 | 8.5 | | |
| IM U.S. Small Cap Core Equity (MF) Median | | | -8.3 | -0.5 | -3.4 | 1.7 | 15.1 | 6.4 | 8.5 | | |
| Neuberger Berman Genesis R6 Rank | | | 50 | 77 | 72 | 49 | 93 | 7 | 16 | | |
| William Blair Small Cap Value R6 | 722,023 | 2.4 | -8.2 | -3.2 | -8.4 | -0.8 | 14.0 | 6.6 | -0.2 | 12/2021 | Maintain |
| <i>Russell 2000 Value Index</i> | | | -7.7 | 0.5 | -3.1 | 0.0 | 15.3 | 6.1 | 0.5 | | |
| IM U.S. Small Cap Value Equity (MF) Median | | | -7.8 | 0.2 | -3.9 | 1.9 | 18.0 | 6.2 | 2.9 | | |
| William Blair Small Cap Value R6 Rank | | | 58 | 86 | 90 | 93 | 96 | 37 | 97 | | |
| Hood River Small Cap Growth R | 732,684 | 2.4 | -15.1 | -1.7 | 1.0 | 4.4 | 21.1 | 11.5 | 1.1 | 12/2021 | Maintain |
| <i>Russell 2000 Growth Index</i> | | | -11.1 | -2.0 | -4.9 | 0.8 | 10.8 | 6.1 | -3.2 | | |
| IM U.S. Small Cap Growth Equity (MF) Median | | | -10.4 | -3.2 | -5.3 | 0.2 | 12.0 | 7.1 | -3.1 | | |
| Hood River Small Cap Growth R Rank | | | 94 | 33 | 10 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 9 | | |

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Manager Performance

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| | Allocation | | Performance(%) | | | | | | | | Manager Status |
|---|-------------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| | Market Value (\$) | % | QTD | Fiscal YTD | 1 Year | 3 Years | 5 Years | 10 Years | Since Inception | Inception Date | |
| International Equity | 6,631,089 | 22.0 | 5.1 | 4.5 | 5.0 | 3.9 | 9.8 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 03/2012 | |
| <i>International Equity Benchmark</i> | | | 5.7 | 5.1 | 6.8 | 4.3 | 10.5 | 4.9 | 4.8 | | |
| Causeway International Value Inst | 2,336,149 | 7.7 | 10.1 | 9.8 | 11.2 | 12.7 | 18.0 | 6.1 | 8.3 | 12/2024 | Maintain |
| <i>MSCI EAFE Value Index (Net)</i> | | | 11.6 | 12.8 | 12.8 | 9.7 | 14.8 | 5.1 | 9.6 | | |
| IM International Large Cap Value Equity (MF) Median | | | 9.7 | 9.3 | 10.4 | 7.9 | 14.1 | 4.7 | 6.6 | | |
| Causeway International Value Inst Rank | | | 33 | 47 | 43 | 1 | 2 | 12 | 13 | | |
| JHancock International Dynamic Growth R6 - Axiom | 2,256,889 | 7.5 | 1.3 | 1.1 | 7.9 | 7.4 | 15.0 | - | -0.7 | 10/2024 | Maintain |
| <i>MSCI AC World ex USA Growth (Net)</i> | | | 2.0 | 0.4 | 1.2 | 1.8 | 8.1 | 5.1 | -6.1 | | |
| IM International Growth Equity (MF) Median | | | 4.1 | 3.2 | 2.9 | 3.2 | 9.9 | 5.1 | -3.5 | | |
| JHancock International Dynamic Growth R6 - Axiom Rank | | | 79 | 70 | 14 | 5 | 2 | - | 18 | | |
| ARGA Emerging Markets Value Fund | 1,055,200 | 3.5 | 7.4 | 10.2 | 14.9 | 11.0 | - | - | 7.2 | 12/2024 | Maintain |
| <i>MSCI Emerging Markets Value (Net)</i> | | | 4.3 | 2.4 | 7.6 | 2.8 | 9.8 | 3.2 | 3.6 | | |
| IM Emerging Markets Equity (MF) Median | | | 2.5 | 1.6 | 5.8 | 1.4 | 8.2 | 3.5 | 1.5 | | |
| ARGA Emerging Markets Value Fund Rank | | | 2 | 4 | 4 | 1 | - | - | 1 | | |
| Driehaus Emerging Markets Growth Inst | 982,851 | 3.3 | -0.1 | -3.7 | 1.0 | 0.7 | 8.2 | 4.9 | -0.4 | 12/2024 | Maintain |
| <i>MSCI Emerging Markets Growth (Net)</i> | | | 1.7 | 3.4 | 8.5 | 0.2 | 6.1 | 4.1 | 2.1 | | |
| IM Emerging Markets Equity (MF) Median | | | 2.5 | 1.6 | 5.8 | 1.4 | 8.2 | 3.5 | 1.5 | | |
| Driehaus Emerging Markets Growth Inst Rank | | | 80 | 84 | 78 | 64 | 51 | 20 | 76 | | |
| Real Assets | 844,148 | 2.8 | 5.0 | 9.3 | 8.5 | -0.5 | - | - | -0.5 | 04/2022 | |
| <i>S&P Real Assets</i> | | | 4.4 | 8.4 | 8.0 | 1.1 | 9.1 | 4.2 | 1.1 | | |
| DWS RREEF Real Assets R6 | 844,148 | 2.8 | 5.0 | 9.3 | 8.5 | -0.5 | 10.0 | 5.2 | -0.5 | 04/2022 | Maintain |
| <i>S&P Real Assets</i> | | | 4.4 | 8.4 | 8.0 | 1.1 | 9.1 | 4.2 | 1.1 | | |

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Calendar Year Performance

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| | Performance(%) | | | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 2024 | 2023 | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
| Town of Ledyard Pension Plan | 8.8 | 13.6 | -16.2 | 10.6 | 14.9 | 19.0 | -6.3 | 13.1 | 10.0 | -3.1 |
| <i>Blended Benchmark</i> | 8.5 | 13.4 | -15.2 | 9.8 | 13.6 | 18.4 | -6.0 | 12.9 | 9.1 | -3.5 |
| Short Term Liquidity | 5.2 | 4.7 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 2.0 | 1.8 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 0.0 |
| <i>90 Day U.S. Treasury Bill</i> | 5.3 | 5.0 | 1.5 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 2.3 | 1.9 | 0.9 | 0.3 | 0.0 |
| Dreyfus Treasury Securities Cash Management | 5.2 | 4.7 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 2.0 | 1.8 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 0.0 |
| <i>90 Day U.S. Treasury Bill</i> | 5.3 | 5.0 | 1.5 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 2.3 | 1.9 | 0.9 | 0.3 | 0.0 |
| Fixed Income | 2.2 | 6.6 | -13.5 | -1.3 | 8.3 | 9.1 | 0.0 | 4.6 | 4.6 | -0.2 |
| <i>Blmbg. U.S. Aggregate</i> | 1.3 | 5.5 | -13.0 | -1.5 | 7.5 | 8.7 | 0.0 | 3.5 | 2.6 | 0.5 |
| Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Adm | 1.2 | 5.7 | -13.2 | -1.7 | 7.7 | 8.7 | 0.0 | 3.6 | 2.6 | 0.4 |
| <i>Vanguard Spliced Bloomberg U.S. Agg Flt Adj</i> | 1.3 | 5.6 | -13.1 | -1.6 | 7.7 | 8.9 | -0.1 | 3.6 | 2.8 | 0.4 |
| 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 |
| Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Adm Rank | 75 | 54 | 27 | 66 | 65 | 53 | 20 | 54 | 64 | 30 |
| Baird Aggregate Bond Instl | 1.9 | 6.4 | -13.4 | -1.5 | 8.6 | 9.5 | -0.3 | 4.2 | 3.5 | 0.6 |
| <i>Blmbg. U.S. Aggregate</i> | 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 Instl 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 | - | - | - | - |
| <i>Blmbg. U.S. Aggregate</i> | 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 | - | - | - | - |
| PGIM Total Return Bond R6 | 3.0 | 7.8 | -14.9 | -1.2 | 8.1 | 11.1 | -0.6 | 6.7 | 4.8 | 0.1 |
| <i>Blmbg. U.S. Aggregate</i> | 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 | 2.1 | 6.3 | -13.7 | -0.9 | 8.6 | 9.3 | -1.0 | 4.5 | 4.1 | -0.3 |
| PGIM Total Return Bond R6 Rank | 17 | 6 | 76 | 60 | 60 | 11 | 36 | 2 | 30 | 35 |

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Town of Ledyard Pension Plan

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| | Performance(%) | | | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 2024 | 2023 | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
| BlackRock Strategic Income Opportunities Class K | 5.4 | 7.4 | -5.6 | 1.0 | 7.3 | 7.8 | -0.5 | 5.0 | 3.6 | -0.6 |
| <i>Blmbg. U.S. Aggregate</i> | 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 Class K Rank | 69 | 49 | 41 | 58 | 17 | 43 | 29 | 43 | 64 | 25 |
| Domestic Equity | 20.0 | 22.4 | -18.2 | 25.1 | 21.7 | 30.7 | -5.1 | 19.7 | 13.9 | 1.1 |
| <i>Domestic Equity Benchmark</i> | 20.4 | 23.1 | -18.8 | 24.4 | 19.2 | 29.8 | -6.3 | 19.5 | 15.1 | -0.5 |
| 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 |
| <i>S&P 500</i> | 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 |
| Touchstone Large Cap Focused Fund Instl | 20.6 | 25.4 | -17.3 | 25.6 | 24.2 | 30.6 | -2.4 | 23.6 | 11.6 | 0.9 |
| <i>S&P 500</i> | 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 |
| Touchstone Large Cap Focused Fund Instl Rank | 65 | 46 | 37 | 67 | 10 | 52 | 16 | 25 | 25 | 44 |
| Neuberger Berman Genesis R6 | 9.3 | 15.9 | -19.0 | 18.5 | 25.2 | 29.8 | -6.4 | 15.9 | 18.4 | 0.5 |
| <i>Russell 2000 Index</i> | 11.5 | 16.9 | -20.4 | 14.8 | 20.0 | 25.5 | -11.0 | 14.6 | 21.3 | -4.4 |
| 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 |
| Neuberger Berman Genesis R6 Rank | 61 | 52 | 79 | 83 | 5 | 7 | 5 | 14 | 79 | 3 |
| William Blair Small Cap Value R6 | 3.6 | 11.0 | -11.1 | 29.6 | 2.8 | 26.2 | -14.0 | 13.1 | 31.4 | -3.2 |
| <i>Russell 2000 Value Index</i> | 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 Value Equity (MF) Median | 8.6 | 16.6 | -11.1 | 32.0 | 3.6 | 21.1 | -16.1 | 8.5 | 26.7 | -7.0 |
| William Blair Small Cap Value R6 Rank | 93 | 88 | 49 | 66 | 57 | 9 | 32 | 13 | 18 | 11 |
| Hood River Small Cap Growth R | 35.7 | 21.6 | -27.9 | 23.9 | 60.8 | 24.2 | -6.8 | 20.8 | 13.5 | 0.8 |
| <i>Russell 2000 Growth Index</i> | 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 | -27.5 | 10.5 | 36.6 | 27.6 | -5.6 | 20.7 | 10.1 | -2.4 |
| Hood River Small Cap Growth R Rank | 2 | 12 | 53 | 9 | 10 | 73 | 57 | 50 | 27 | 17 |

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Calendar Year Performance

Town of Ledyard Pension Plan

As of March 31, 2025

| | Performance(%) | | | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|------------|--------------|
| | 2024 | 2023 | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
| International Equity | 3.6 | 14.7 | -18.0 | 5.2 | 12.5 | 23.0 | -13.8 | 28.6 | 4.1 | -7.3 |
| <i>International Equity Benchmark</i> | 5.5 | 14.8 | -16.6 | 5.9 | 12.0 | 20.6 | -14.1 | 29.8 | 5.6 | -7.2 |
| Causeway International Value Inst | 3.7 | 27.3 | -6.8 | 9.1 | 5.4 | 20.1 | -18.6 | 27.2 | 0.4 | -3.0 |
| <i>MSCI EAFE Value Index (Net)</i> | 5.7 | 19.0 | -5.6 | 10.9 | -2.6 | 16.1 | -14.8 | 21.4 | 5.0 | -5.7 |
| 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 |
| Causeway International Value Inst Rank | 72 | 1 | 9 | 88 | 29 | 27 | 95 | 9 | 63 | 75 |
| JHancock International Dynamic Growth R6 - Axiom | 25.1 | 19.0 | -31.4 | 18.7 | 36.7 | - | - | - | - | - |
| <i>MSCI AC World ex USA Growth (Net)</i> | 5.1 | 14.0 | -23.1 | 5.1 | 22.2 | 27.3 | -14.4 | 32.0 | 0.1 | -1.3 |
| IM International Growth Equity (MF) Median | 4.1 | 15.2 | -23.0 | 9.4 | 18.4 | 26.6 | -15.9 | 30.7 | -1.0 | 0.9 |
| JHancock International Dynamic Growth R6 - Axiom Rank | 1 | 13 | 88 | 4 | 7 | - | - | - | - | - |
| ARGA Emerging Markets Value Fund | 8.2 | 16.7 | -1.2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| <i>MSCI Emerging Markets Value (Net)</i> | 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 |
| ARGA Emerging Markets Value Fund Rank | 28 | 17 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Driehaus Emerging Markets Growth Inst | 7.7 | 11.5 | -22.4 | -1.7 | 27.6 | 25.6 | -16.1 | 42.6 | 5.9 | -10.5 |
| <i>MSCI Emerging Markets Growth (Net)</i> | 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 |
| Driehaus Emerging Markets Growth Inst Rank | 33 | 45 | 50 | 51 | 21 | 23 | 46 | 15 | 63 | 29 |
| Real Assets | 5.6 | 2.6 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| <i>S&P Real Assets</i> | 3.6 | 7.8 | -9.9 | 15.4 | 1.2 | 17.2 | -5.9 | 11.2 | 10.8 | -10.1 |
| DWS RREEF Real Assets R6 | 5.6 | 2.6 | -9.6 | 23.9 | 3.9 | 21.8 | -5.1 | 15.0 | 4.4 | -9.5 |
| <i>S&P Real Assets</i> | 3.6 | 7.8 | -9.9 | 15.4 | 1.2 | 17.2 | -5.9 | 11.2 | 10.8 | -10.1 |

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Investment Gain/Loss Summary

Town of Ledyard Pension Plan

1 Quarter Ending March 31, 2025

| | Market Value as of 01/01/2025 | Net Contributions | Gain/Loss | Market Value As of 03/31/2025 |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Town of Ledyard Pension Plan | 30,582,048 | -539,281 | 114,318 | 30,157,084 |
| Short Term Liquidity | 495,871 | -59,281 | 3,163 | 439,753 |
| Dreyfus Treasury Securities Cash Management | 495,871 | -59,281 | 3,163 | 439,753 |
| Fixed Income | 12,730,223 | -75,000 | 340,339 | 12,995,561 |
| Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Adm | 3,092,137 | - | 85,565 | 3,177,702 |
| Baird Aggregate Bond Instl | 2,163,581 | - | 61,339 | 2,224,920 |
| Harbor Core Bond Retirement - IR&M | 2,159,403 | - | 58,828 | 2,218,231 |
| PGIM Total Return Bond R6 | 4,029,078 | -75,000 | 112,014 | 4,066,092 |
| BlackRock Strategic Income Opportunities Class K | 1,286,024 | - | 22,592 | 1,308,616 |
| Domestic Equity | 10,079,178 | -230,000 | -602,645 | 9,246,533 |
| Vanguard Institutional Index Fund Instl | 4,405,044 | -150,000 | -180,114 | 4,074,930 |
| Touchstone Large Cap Focused Fund Instl | 2,173,579 | -80,000 | -73,186 | 2,020,393 |
| Neuberger Berman Genesis R6 | 1,850,241 | - | -153,738 | 1,696,503 |
| William Blair Small Cap Value R6 | 786,888 | - | -64,865 | 722,023 |
| Hood River Small Cap Growth R | 863,425 | - | -130,742 | 732,684 |
| International Equity | 6,472,992 | -175,000 | 333,098 | 6,631,089 |
| Causeway International Value Inst | 2,254,932 | -150,000 | 231,218 | 2,336,149 |
| JHancock International Dynamic Growth R6 - Axiom | 2,251,951 | -25,000 | 29,938 | 2,256,889 |
| ARGA Emerging Markets Value Fund | 982,728 | - | 72,473 | 1,055,200 |
| Driehaus Emerging Markets Growth Inst | 983,381 | - | -531 | 982,851 |
| Real Assets | 803,785 | - | 40,363 | 844,148 |
| DWS RREEF Real Assets R6 | 803,785 | - | 40,363 | 844,148 |

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Estimated Fee Analysis

Town of Ledyard Pension Plan

As of March 31, 2025

| | Market Value (\$) | Estimated Annual Fee (\$) | Estimated Annual Fee (%) |
|--|----------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Town of Ledyard Pension Plan | 30,157,084 | 145,665 | 0.48 |
| Short Term Liquidity | 439,753 | - | - |
| Dreyfus Treasury Securities Cash Management | 439,753 | - | - |
| Fixed Income | 12,995,561 | 38,077 | 0.29 |
| Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Adm | 3,177,702 | 1,271 | 0.04 |
| Baird Aggregate Bond Instl | 2,224,920 | 6,675 | 0.30 |
| Harbor Core Bond Retirement - IR&M | 2,218,231 | 5,767 | 0.26 |
| PGIM Total Return Bond R6 | 4,066,092 | 15,858 | 0.39 |
| BlackRock Strategic Income Opportunities Class K | 1,308,616 | 8,506 | 0.65 |
| Domestic Equity | 9,246,533 | 41,283 | 0.45 |
| Vanguard Institutional Index Fund Instl | 4,074,930 | 1,426 | 0.04 |
| Touchstone Large Cap Focused Fund Instl | 2,020,393 | 14,345 | 0.71 |
| Neuberger Berman Genesis R6 | 1,696,503 | 12,554 | 0.74 |
| William Blair Small Cap Value R6 | 722,023 | 5,704 | 0.79 |
| Hood River Small Cap Growth R | 732,684 | 7,254 | 0.99 |
| International Equity | 6,631,089 | 58,708 | 0.89 |
| Causeway International Value Inst | 2,336,149 | 19,857 | 0.85 |
| JHancock International Dynamic Growth R6 - Axiom | 2,256,889 | 18,958 | 0.84 |
| ARGA Emerging Markets Value Fund | 1,055,200 | 9,180 | 0.87 |
| DrieHaus Emerging Markets Growth Inst | 982,851 | 10,713 | 1.09 |
| Real Assets | 844,148 | 7,597 | 0.90 |
| DWS RREEF Real Assets R6 | 844,148 | 7,597 | 0.90 |

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.



Fiduciary Governance Calendar for Public Defined Benefit & OPEB Plans

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.



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



Ensuring Effective Governance & Oversight

- **Public pension committees** play a critical role in safeguarding the retirement benefits of public employees and effective governance and oversight are essential for ensuring the long-term sustainability of these funds.
- **Maintaining transparency** and accountability is fundamental to building trust with stakeholders. Committees should ensure that decisions are well-documented and communicated to all relevant parties (e.g., Board of Finance; Board of Selectman; Freedom of Information (Fol) inquiries).
- A comprehensive **governance policy** should outline the committee's mission, values, and principles. This policy should be revisited and updated regularly to reflect changing circumstances and best practices across public plans.
- Regular **public disclosures** of financial performance, investment strategies, and governance practices are recommended to keep stakeholders informed.
- **Continuous education** is crucial for committee members to stay informed about industry trends, regulatory changes, and best practices. Regular training sessions, workshops, and conferences can help members enhance their skills and knowledge.
- Effective **succession planning** ensures the continuity and stability of the committee. This includes identifying and mentoring potential new members, as well as establishing a process for the orderly transition of roles and responsibilities.



Board Educational Support

Training & Education to Assist Board Members in Making Informed Decisions

Fiduciary Governance

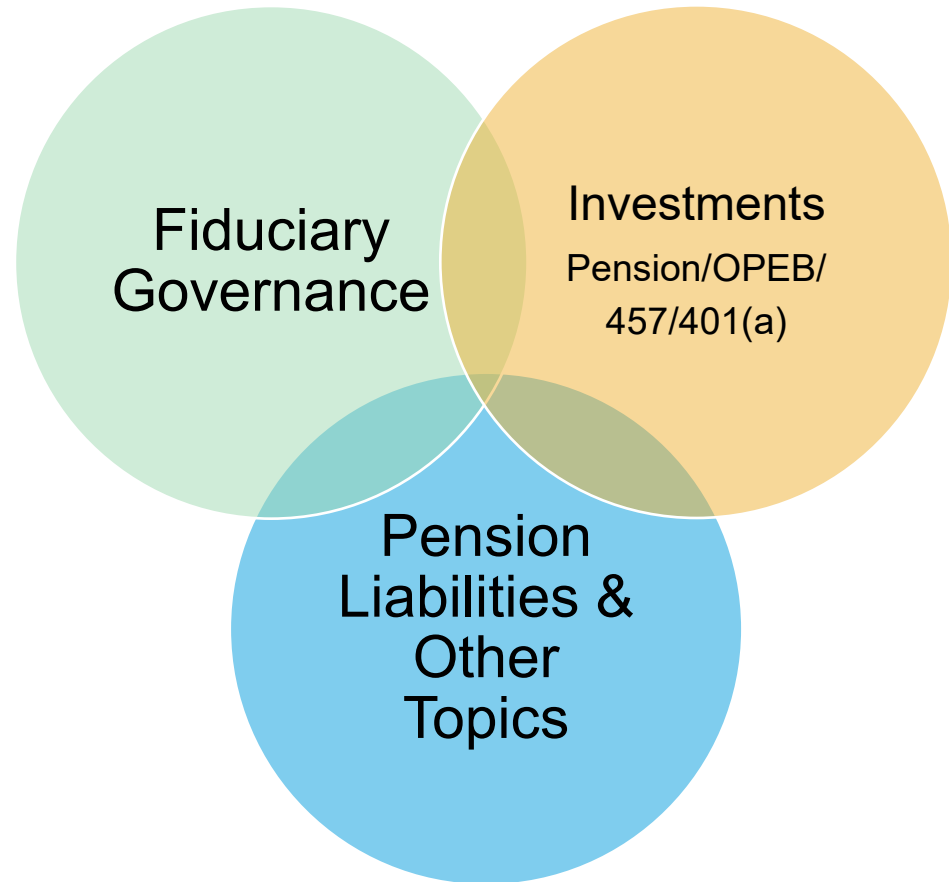
A thorough discussion regarding your role and responsibilities, and embracing Committee Best Practices, as a fiduciary to public fund assets.

Investments

In-depth reviews of global capital markets and specific asset classes, the concept of diversification and asset allocation, and the various types of strategies that may be used by investment managers.

Pension Liabilities & Other Topics

Understanding key concepts and assumptions that drive pension liability valuations and contribution volatility, and other topics of interest to a governing body





Considerations for 457 & 401(a) Plans

- **A participant directed defined contribution plan** is the primary retirement vehicle option for many public employees
- Public defined contribution plans **have grown in size** (participant count and assets) over the years
- Unlike the legacy pension plan which has a governing body (pension committee/board) the defined contribution plan tends to reside **under the purview** of the municipality's human resources area or the finance director.
- Some municipalities have **multiple defined contribution recordkeepers** (vendors) servicing the 401(a) or the 457 plan which can add to administrative complexity, confusion, and higher costs.
- Unlike the pension plan, participants in a defined contribution plan **are tasked with investment decisions** and creating optimal asset allocation strategies based on their retirement goals and objectives.
- Public plan sponsors should be mindful of their **responsibilities** tasked with overseeing the defined contribution plans.
- Public plan sponsors should consider establishing a **due diligence process** around fund menu design; recordkeeping fees; investment fund performance and participant education.



Governance & Oversight

Public fund fiduciaries shoulder a significant responsibility in managing and overseeing the assets entrusted to them by the public

- While governmental plans **are not subject to Title I of ERISA**, which deals with fiduciary duties, they are however subject to **applicable provisions in the Internal Revenue Code (“Code”) and state laws**.
- Legislative history suggests that the satisfaction of ERISA rules would be sufficient to satisfy the Code requirements ... **“Spirit of ERISA”**
- The “exclusive benefit rule” under IRC Section 401(a)(2) has been interpreted to mean **exercise of prudence** in the investment of plan assets is a requirement.
- Many states have adopted “prudent investor” language, which includes many of the basic ERISA fiduciary principles (including duty of loyalty, duty of prudence, duty to diversify).
- The **Uniform Prudent Investor Act (UPIA)** is a law that establishes standards for how trustees should manage trust assets. It requires trustees to act in the best interests of the beneficiaries, exercise reasonable care, skill, and caution, and consider the prudence of an individual investment in the context of the total portfolio. Most states have adopted UPIA.

“Five Key Duties”

Duty of Loyalty:

Act exclusively in the interest of plan participants and beneficiaries

Duty of Prudence:

Act in accordance with the “prudent expert rule”

Duty to Diversify Investments:

Diversify the portfolio options to balance risk

Duty to Follow Plan Documents:

Follow the plan provisions and policies governing the plan

Duty to Avoid Prohibited Transactions:

Ensure legal and appropriate transactions and be free from conflict



Committee/Board Best Practices

Structure/Makeup

- **Leadership**
 - Effective leader with the ability to see the big picture and set the direction to achieve objectives – seeks input from other board members
 - Ideally, experience with pension benefits, investments, finance, actuarial science, etc., or perhaps has other leadership roles along the lines of board chair, etc.,
- **Committee/Board Makeup**
 - ✓ Diversity (a mix of skills, experience and perspectives) fosters lively discussion and varied points of view.
 - ✓ Controlled turnover leads to well-informed Committee/Board members and preserves institutional memory.
 - ✓ Large enough to promote meaningful discussion/debate, but small enough to reach consensus.

Governance

- **Meeting Frequency/Attendance**
 - ✓ Meetings must be frequent enough for the Committee/Board to fulfill its duties, not so frequent as to discourage attendance.
 - ✓ Meeting attendance is expected, member participation during a meeting should be encouraged.
- **Meeting Preparation**
 - ✓ Use of a formal agenda leads to a structured, efficient meeting.
 - ✓ Materials should be sent in advance and reviewed by all members prior to the meeting.
- **Governance Checklist**
 - ✓ Ensures that fiduciary responsibilities/obligations are reviewed on a regular basis.
 - ✓ Allows for a structured long-term approach in the face of potential short-term “fire drills”.

Documentation

- **Investment Policy Statement**
 - ✓ Serves as the Committee’s/Board’s blueprint for the management of the investment pool
 - ✓ Outlines roles and responsibilities of the Committee/Board members and other parties
 - ✓ Establishes framework for asset classes; asset allocation ranges; investment performance evaluation criteria; hiring/terminating managers,
- **Meeting Minutes**
 - ✓ Should be scribed and ultimately reviewed and approved by all Committee/Board members at each meeting
 - ✓ Provide historical context for why/how decisions were made and educate newer members on past decisions.
- **Properly Safekeep Meeting Materials**
 - ✓ Materials, including minutes, should be safekept and made available upon inquiry.

Note: This is not meant to be a complete list of all fiduciary duties and responsibilities. Please consult your legal advisor for advice about your specific situation.



Investment Policy Statement

A well-written Investment Policy Statement serves as the blueprint for the management of the investment program. As such, there are certain criteria that are required in an IPS, and other criteria that may or may not be included based on the organization’s circumstances:

| Important elements of an IPS to consider: | |
|---|---|
| Investment objective(s) | ✓ |
| Assignment of responsibilities | ✓ |
| Asset allocation framework | ✓ |
| Rebalancing guidelines | ✓ |
| Selection and monitoring criteria for investment strategies | ✓ |
| Termination guidelines for investment strategies | ✓ |

In the appendix, you will find the most recent IPS on file for the Town of Ledyard Pension.

- The body of the IPS is as of March 2012, and the asset allocation table in Appendix A is as of May 2024.
- There are no recommendations for change at this point in time.

TOWN OF LEDYARD, CONNECTICUT

DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN

INVESTMENT POLICY STATEMENT

MARCH 2012

Amended Appendix A as of August 2019, March 2022, May 2024

Introduction & Purpose

The Town of Ledyard Defined Benefit Pension Plan (the “Plan”) has been established to provide retirement benefits to those individuals eligible to receive them. This policy statement outlines the goals and investment objectives for the Plan. This document is intended to provide guidelines for managing the Plan, and to outline specific investment policies that will govern how those goals are to be achieved. This statement:

- Describes the investment objectives of the Plan;
- Defines the responsibilities of the Pension Board and other parties responsible for the management of the Plan;
- Establishes investment guidelines regarding the selection of investment managers and diversification of assets;
- Specifies the criteria for evaluating the performance of the investment managers and of the Plan as a whole.

Investment Objective

The Plan’s assets shall be invested in accordance with sound investment practices that emphasize long-term investment fundamentals. In establishing the investment objectives of the Plan, the Pension Board has taken into account the financial needs and circumstances of the Town, the time horizon available for investment, the nature of the Plan’s cash flows and liabilities, and other factors that affect their risk tolerance. Consistent with this, the Pension Board has determined that the investment of these assets shall be guided by the following underlying goals:

- To achieve the stated actuarial target of the Plan;
- To maintain sufficient liquidity to meet the obligations of the Plan;
- To diversify the assets of the Plan in order to reduce risk;
- To achieve investment results over the long-term that compare favorably with those of other pension plans, professionally managed portfolios and of appropriate market indexes.

Assignment of Responsibilities

Pension Board - The Pension Board is charged with the responsibility of overseeing the assets of the Plan. To that end, the Board’s responsibilities include: establishing and maintaining the Plan’s investment policy, objectives and portfolio guidelines with respect to asset allocation, risk parameters, and return evaluation and for specific interpretation of said investment policy, as well as selecting the investment vehicles, and periodically monitoring the performance of investments. The Pension Board,

however, may establish rules or other resolutions governing its investment policy and may delegate to the committee members or agents the authority to act. The Pension Board will meet periodically. The Pension Board shall discharge its duties with the care, skill, prudence and diligence appropriate to the circumstances then prevailing. The Pension Board recognizes that some risk must be assumed to achieve the Plan's long-term investment objectives.

Investment Consultant - The Pension Board may engage the services of an Investment Consultant. The Investment Consultant's role is that of a non-discretionary advisor to the Pension Board. The Investment Consultant will assist in the development and periodic review of an Investment Policy Statement and the Plan's asset allocation, conduct manager searches when necessary, monitor the performance of the managers/funds, and communicate on other matters of relevance to the oversight of the Plan.

Custodian - The Custodian is responsible for the safekeeping and custody of assets. The Custodian will physically (or through agreement with a sub-custodian) maintain possession of securities owned by the Plan, collect dividends and interest payments, redeem maturing securities, and effect receipt and delivery following purchases and sales. The Custodian may also perform regular accounting of all assets owned, purchased, or sold, as well as movement of assets into and out of the Plan accounts (for example, to accommodate distribution needs).

Asset Allocation

The asset allocation target ranges set forth in Appendix A represent a long-term view. Short-term market volatility may cause the asset mix to fall outside the targeted range.

Rebalancing

The Pension Board, at its discretion, may or may not institute rebalancing as necessary. Such adjustments should be executed with consideration to turnover, transaction costs, and realized losses over the long term. The necessity to rebalance will be reviewed periodically.

Selection Criteria for Investment Managers

Investment managers/funds retained by the Plan shall be chosen using various criteria, including but not limited to the following:

- Past results, considered relative to appropriate indexes and other investments having similar investment objectives. Consideration shall be given to both consistency of performance and the level of risk taken to achieve results;
- The investment style and discipline of the investment manager;

- How well the manager's investment style or approach complements other assets in the Plan;
- Level of experience, personnel turnover, financial resources, and staffing levels of the investment management firm or fund.

The Plan will utilize a multi-manager structure of complementary investment styles and asset classes to invest the Plan's assets.

Should additional contributions and/or market value growth permit, the Pension Board may retain additional investment managers to invest the assets of the Plan. Additional managers would be expected to diversify the Plan by investment style, asset class, and management structure and thereby enhance the probability of the Plan achieving its long-term investment objectives.

Securities Guidelines

The Plan's investments may include separately managed accounts and/or mutual funds/co-mingled funds, including marketable and non-marketable alternatives and exchange traded funds. The Board understands that managers have full responsibility for security selection, diversification, turnover and allocation of holdings among selected securities and industry groups, as particularly detailed in the Investment Policy Statement of each of the Plan's separately managed accounts or in the prospectus/offering memorandum for each mutual fund/co-mingled fund/exchange traded fund in the portfolio. No securities will be purchased, or carried, on margin.

With respect to mutual/co-mingled funds, the Board will consider the following to insure proper diversification and function for each of the funds:

1. The mutual fund/co-mingled pool organizations selected should demonstrate: (a) a clearly defined investment philosophy; (b) a consistent investment process; (c) an experienced and stable organization; and (d) cost-effectiveness.
2. The mutual fund/co-mingled pool used will generally have at least a full three-year track record, or its equivalent, and the individual fund/pool must have at least \$25 million under management (or, as an organization, \$100 million in the same strategy) at the time of selection.
3. Each mutual fund/co-mingled pool will be regularly evaluated for proper diversity and each will provide material information on a timely basis.
4. With respect to hedge fund-of-funds, in addition to meeting each of the three above-specified criteria, each fund-of-funds will include an appropriate number of hedge fund managers to be considered well diversified. Investment strategies in hedge fund-of-funds may generally include: long/short U.S. equity, global equity, derivatives, distressed debt and other fixed income strategies, currency exposure,

arbitrage and event driven strategies, and additional strategies with low correlation to traditional asset classes.

Proxy Voting

Each investment manager is responsible for and empowered to exercise all rights, including voting rights, as are acquired through the purchase of securities, where practical. Each investment manager shall vote proxies in the best interest of the client. A copy of each firm's guidelines, and/or summary of proxy votes shall be provided to the Pension Board upon request.

Investment Monitoring and Reporting

The Board will periodically review performance of the investments in the Plan. Performance monitoring is the mechanism for revisiting the investment selection process and confirming that the criteria originally satisfied remain intact and that an investment continues to be appropriate for the Plan. While frequent change is neither expected nor desirable, the process of monitoring investment performance relative to specified guidelines is an on-going process.

Monitoring should occur on a periodic basis. The monitoring process will utilize the same criteria that formed the basis of the investment selection decision. In addition, a set of "watch list criteria" may be employed to track important quantitative and qualitative elements, assist in the evaluation process, and focus the Board on potential areas of concern.

Watch list criteria may include the following:

- Performance relative to benchmark performance over various time frames;
- Deterioration of risk-adjusted performance;
- Notable style drift / change in investment objective;
- High manager fees relative to peers;
- Significant organizational or manager change.

Termination of an Investment Manager or Fund

A manager/fund may be terminated when the Board has lost confidence in the manager's ability to:

- Achieve performance and risk objectives;
- Comply with investment guidelines;
- Comply with reporting requirements;
- Maintain a stable organization and retain key investment professionals.

There are no hard and fast rules for manager termination. However, if the investment manager has consistently failed to adhere to one or more of the above

conditions, termination may be considered. Failure to remedy the circumstances of unsatisfactory performance by the manager/fund, within a reasonable time, may be grounds for termination.

Any recommendation to terminate a manager/fund will be treated on an individual basis, and will not be made solely based on quantitative data. In addition to those above, other factors may include, but shall not be limited to, professional or client turnover, or material change to investment processes.

The process for selecting a replacement for a terminated manager would follow the criteria outlined in the section of this Investment Policy Statement titled Selection Criteria for Investment Managers.

Approval

It is understood that this investment policy is to be reviewed periodically by the Pension Board to determine if any revisions are warranted by changing circumstances including, but not limited to, changes in financial status, risk tolerance, or changes involving the investment managers.

Approved by the Town of Ledyard Pension Board May 2024

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Target Asset Allocation Table

| Asset Class | Min Weight | Target Weight | Max Weight | Benchmark Index |
|------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|--|
| Cash | 0.0% | 3.0% | 5.0% | 90-Day Treasury Bill |
| Fixed Income | 30.0% | 41.0% | 50.0% | Barclays Capital Aggregate Index |
| Domestic Equities | 20.0% | 32.0% | 50.0% | S&P 500 Index Russell 2000 Index |
| International Equities | 10.0% | 21.5% | 40.0% | MSCI ACWI ex-US Index MSCI Emerging Markets Index |
| Real Assets | 0.0% | 2.5% | 7.5% | DWS Real Assets Benchmark |

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 than 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 manager performed if the market's return was zero. A positive 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 higher the Sharpe ratio, 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.

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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 risk of 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.

CUSTODIAN STATEMENTS

Please remember to review the periodic statements you receive from your custodian. If you do not receive periodic statements from your custodian or notice issues with the activity reported in those statements, please contact FA or your custodian immediately.