



# TOWN OF LEDYARD CONNECTICUT

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway  
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

## Retirement Board

### ~ AGENDA ~

Chairman  
John Rodolico

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, November 19, 2024

10:00 AM

Council Chambers - Hybrid Format

#### REMOTE MEETING INFORMATION

**Zoom Meeting Link:**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89300830130?pwd=K2tWFVFyQ8j6GCq6OXxs8p5begXIZB.1>

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. ROLL CALL**

**III. PRESENTATIONS**

**1. Chris Rowllins, Fiducient Advisors -**

- Full 3Q Investment Review & Fiduciary Governance Calendar Content - Municipal Landscape / CT Pension Plan.
- Follow up on International Equity Portfolio Manager Structure - Emerging market fund options and large cap value/core consideration.

**Attachments:** [Town of Ledyard - 3Q24 QIR](#)

**IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**1. Motion to APPROVE the Regular Meeting Minutes from October 15, 2024, as written.**

**Attachments:** [Retirement minutes 10-15-24](#)

**V. DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES UPDATE**

**1. Director of Human Resources update.**

**VI. FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**1. Finance Director's Report.**

**VII. OLD BUSINESS**

1. Discuss Amendment 2015-1 to the Retirement Plan for Full-Time Employees of the Town of Ledyard continued.

**Attachments:** [Amendment to Full-Time Employee continued employment](#)

2. Any Other Old Business to come before the Board.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Any Other New Business to come before the Board.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

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**File #:** 24-0908

**Agenda Date:** 11/19/2024

**Agenda #:** 1.

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AGENDA REQUEST  
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

**Subject:**

Chris Rowllins, Fiducient Advisors -

- Full 3Q Investment Review & Fiduciary Governance Calendar Content - Municipal Landscape / CT Pension Plan.
- Follow up on International Equity Portfolio Manager Structure - Emerging market fund options and large cap value/core consideration.

**Background:**

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**Department Comment/Recommendation:**

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Ledyard, CT

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## Quarterly Investment Review - Third Quarter 2024

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# Fiducient Advisors Update

## Retirement Plans

### Featured Insights

- Blog: [Celebrating 50 Years of ERISA](#)
- Blog: [From Worry to Wellness](#)
- Blog: [Strategies to Reduce PBGC Premiums](#)
- Blog: [Accounting for Float Income in Retirement Plans](#)

## Research Insights

- [Monthly Market Recaps](#)
- [Monthly Market Updates](#)
- [Mid-Year Update](#)
- [Private Markets Semi-Annual Update](#)

## Endowments & Foundations

### Featured Insights

- Blog: [ESG is Dead, Long Live ESG!](#)
- Blog: [Celebrating National Nonprofit Day](#)
- [Nonprofit Investment Stewards Podcast: Quarterly Quick Take: How Presidential Elections Impact Your Portfolio](#)

## The Wealth Office®

### Featured Insights

- Blog: [Don't Send Your Child Off to College Without These Four Tools](#)
- Blog: [Executive Compensation – Five Costly Mistakes](#)
- Webcast: [Seven Medicare Mistakes to Avoid](#)

## New Associates – Welcome!

**Daisy Guzman**  
Consulting Analyst

**Ashley Lemieux**  
Client Service Associate

**Denisse Merlos**  
Consulting Analyst

**Dee Northern**  
Wealth Planner

*As of September 30, 2024.*



# 2024 Investor Conference

*That's a wrap!*

## Featured speakers:

- Liz Ann Sonders** | Charles Schwab & Co.
- Howard Marks** | Oaktree Capital Management
- John Emerson** | Capital Group
- Stephen Watson** | The National WWII Museum

**Save the Date!**

**2025**

**Investor Conference**

*The Westin Copley Place*

*Boston*

**September 16 - 17**



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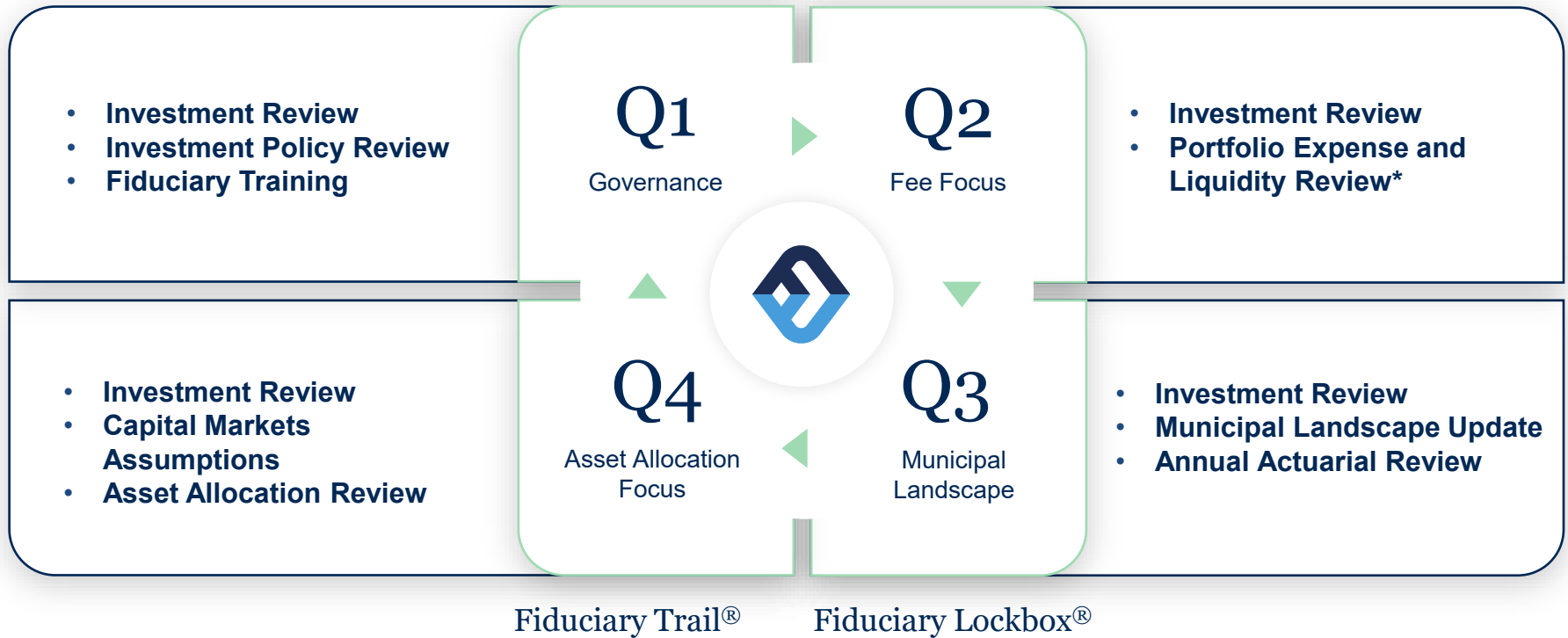
## Fiduciary Governance Calendar





# Fiduciary Governance Calendar

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



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



# Actuarial Review

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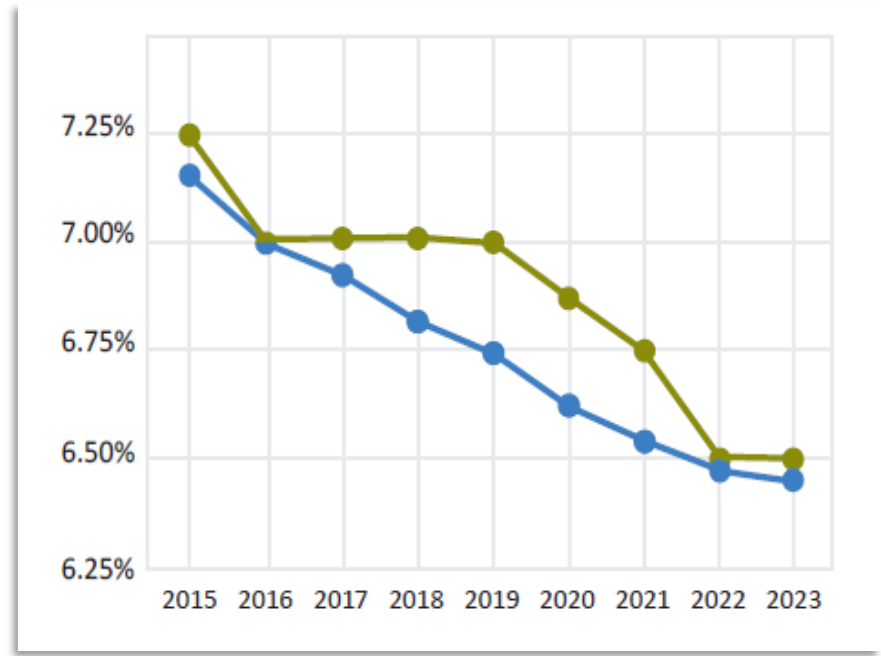
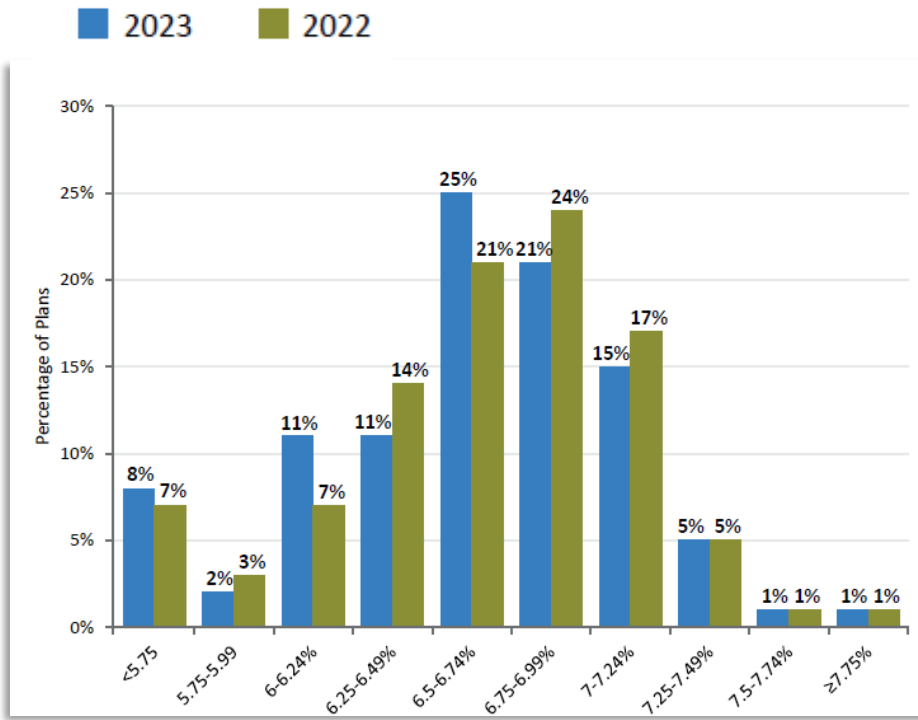
| Name of Plan                |                 |                 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                             | <u>7/1/2023</u> | <u>7/1/2022</u> |
| Actuarial Value of Assets   | \$30,367,826    | \$28,700,912    |
| Total Accrued Liability     | \$34,234,228    | \$32,850,603    |
| Funded Ratio                | 88.7%           | 87.4%           |
| Actuarial Return Assumption | 6.25%           | 6.25%           |

Source: USI, 2023 Valuation Report, as of 7/1/2023



# CT Muni Pension Plans: Trends in Investment Return Assumptions

- The average investment return assumption across Connecticut municipal pension plans was 6.43% and the median was 6.50% for FY 2023. Only 8% of plans reduced their investment return assumption since last year's report, with the most common reduction of 0.125%.
- The average long-term rate of return assumption has declined by 71 basis points, from 7.14% to 6.43%, from FY 2015 to FY 2023. We expect to see a pause in setting lower assumed rates of return on a go-forward basis due to the restoration of higher bond yields.



Source: USI Consulting Group 2024 Municipal Pension & OPEB Report: 200 Municipal CT Pension Plans. Data extracted from the CAFRs submitted by local municipalities in CT for fiscal year ending June 30, 2023



## CT Muni Pension – Avg. Investment Return Assumption by Plan Size

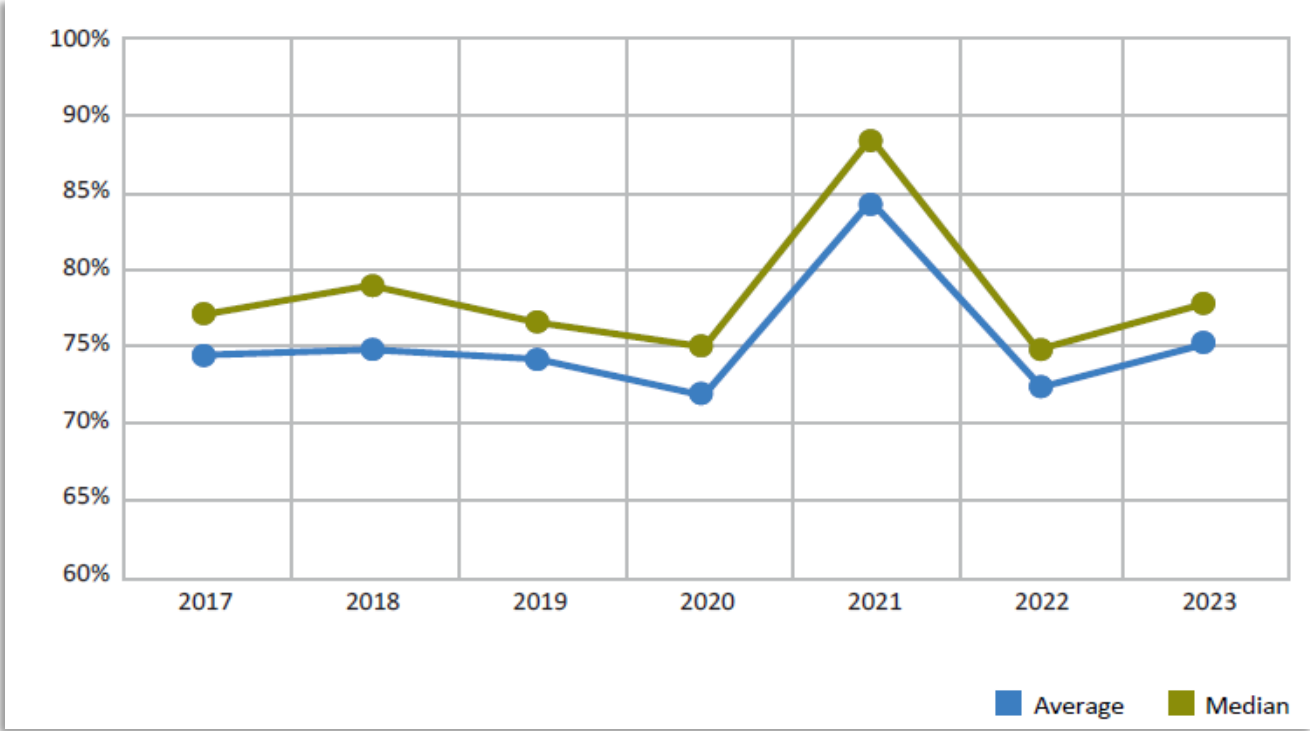
- As **plan sizes increases**, the average investment return assumption **increases** as well
- As illustrated, within each range of plan size, the average assumption decreased from FY 2022 to FY 2023. The average decrease for all plans during was roughly 3 basis points from 6.46% to 6.43%.

| Plan assets (\$ millions) | % of plans | 2023  | 2022  | 2021  | % Change |
|---------------------------|------------|-------|-------|-------|----------|
| < \$10                    | 37%        | 6.07% | 6.15% | 6.15% | -0.08%   |
| \$10 – \$49               | 37%        | 6.60% | 6.59% | 6.64% | 0.01%    |
| \$50+                     | 26%        | 6.71% | 6.74% | 6.86% | -0.03%   |
| All Plans                 | 100%       | 6.43% | 6.46% | 6.53% | -0.03%   |

Source: USI Consulting Group 2024 Municipal Pension & OPEB Report: 200 Municipal CT Pension Plans. Data extracted from the CAFRs submitted by local municipalities in CT for fiscal year ending June 30, 2023

# CT Muni Pension: Trends in Funded Ratios

- The illustration below provides a historical trend for CT municipal pension plans since 2017.
- Following outsized investment performance in FY 2023 the average and median funded ratios improved from the previous fiscal year.
- The average funded ratio stood at 77.6% as of FY 2023 versus 72.4% for FY 2022.

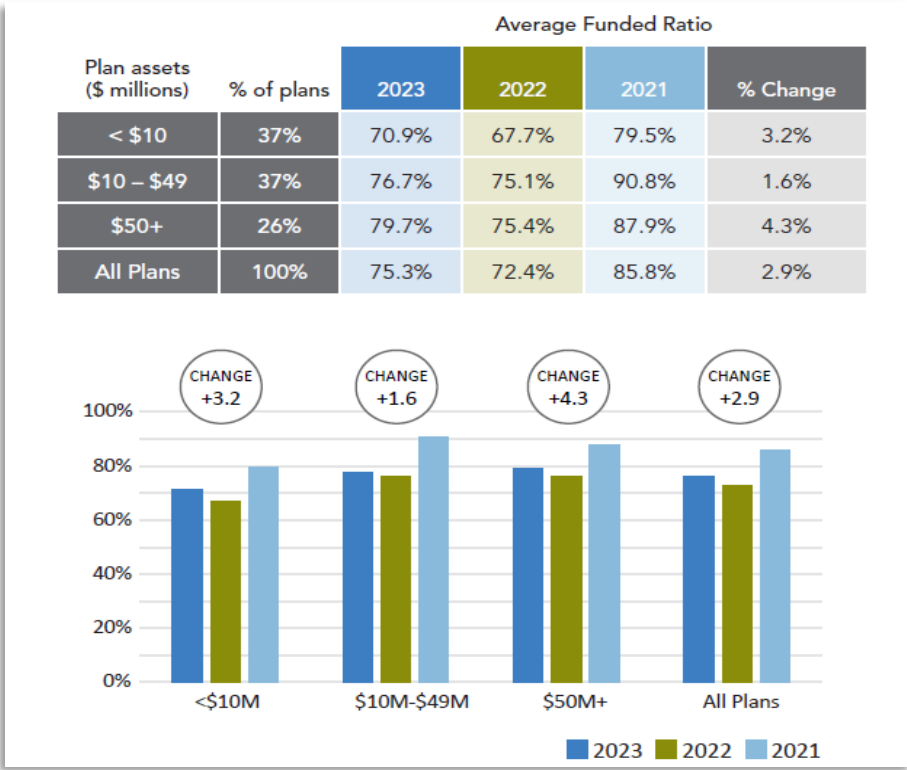


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# CT Muni Pension: Trends in Funded Ratios by Plan Size

- Solid investment returns for FY 2023 served to improve the funded status for CT municipal pension plans.
- For FY 2023, 47% of the pension plans analyzed exceeded the 80% funded level, compared to 36% reported in the previous year.
- Consistent with prior years, the results indicate that as plan size increases the average funded ratio tends to increase as well.



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## Capital Markets Overview

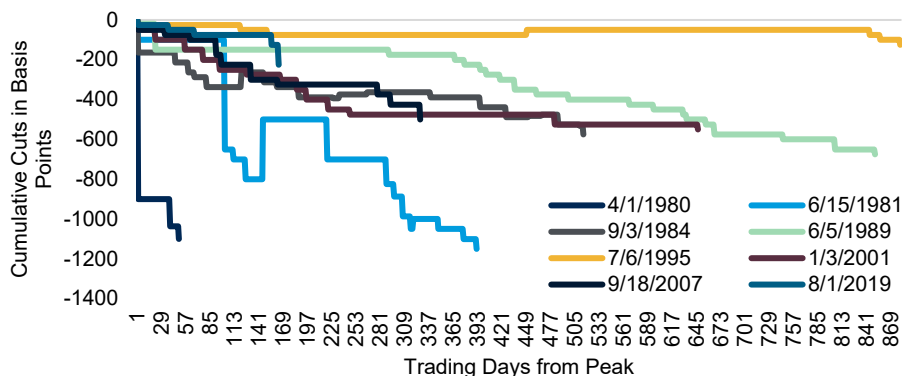


# Market Themes

1. The Federal Reserve has embarked on the latest cutting cycle, with an initial cut of 50 basis points at its September meeting. Uncertainty remains on the ultimate timing and quantity of future cuts.
2. Financial markets, on average, have performed well following the onset of an interest rate cutting cycle. We believe opportunities within fixed income and small cap equities remain, while concentration remains within the large cap space.
3. Market volatility will likely remain elevated as we head into the presidential election. Investing based on a particular political party is rarely effective. Those who have stayed invested regardless have been rewarded.

## Historical Federal Reserve Cutting Cycles

The path of lower Federal Funds Rates have varied widely over time, but since the 1980s, the average cutting cycle has lasted approximately 22 months with roughly 600 basis points of cumulative cuts.



Sources: FactSet, FOMC, Fiducient Advisors. As of September 30, 2024.

## 1-Year Performance Following the First Rate Cut of Cycle

Federal reserve cutting cycles, on average, have resulted in favorable results for areas of the market such as fixed income and small cap equities. This may present attractive investment opportunities outside of U.S. large cap in today's market environment.

| First Rate Cut | 4/1/80 | 6/15/81 | 9/3/84 | 6/5/89 | 7/6/95 | 1/3/01 | 9/18/07 | 8/1/19 | Avg  |
|----------------|--------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|--------|------|
| S&P 500        | 40.1   | -10.7   | 18.2   | 16.8   | 23.0   | -8.8   | -20.0   | 12.0   | 8.8  |
| Russell 2000   | 72.1   | -20.6   | 15.7   | 0.4    | 20.9   | 6.9    | -11.6   | -4.6   | 9.9  |
| Bbg Agg Bond   | 13.0   | 14.9    | 24.2   | 9.4    | 3.3    | 7.0    | 6.0     | 10.1   | 11.0 |
| U.S. Dollar    |        |         |        | -0.1   | 0.1    | 0.1    | 0.0     | -5.2   | -1.0 |

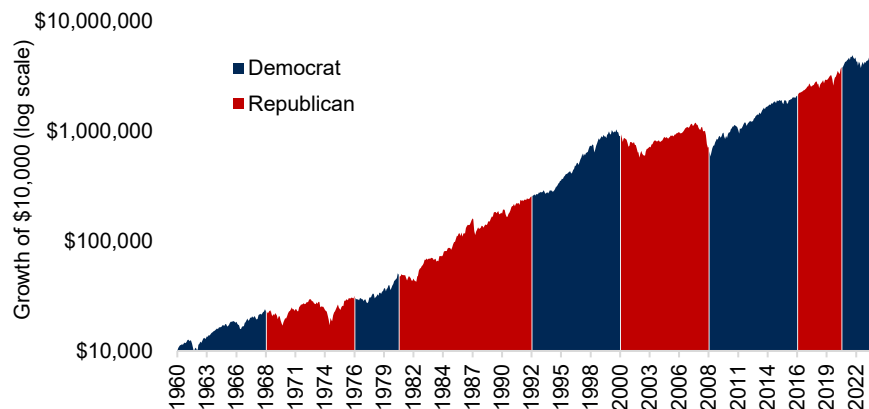
Sources: FactSet, FOMC, Morningstar, Fiducient Advisors. As of September 30, 2024. Performance is the following 1-year period from the first rate cut date.

See disclosures for list of indices representing each asset class. Past performance does not indicate future performance and there is a possibility of a loss.

Indices cannot be invested in directly.

## Staying Invested Rewards Long-Term Investors

Investors who stayed invested regardless of political party have been rewarded with portfolio values 10x greater than those investing only under a particular party.



Sources: Schwab Center for Financial Research, Morningstar. Data from January 1, 1961 to December 31, 2023. See disclosures for additional information and definitions.

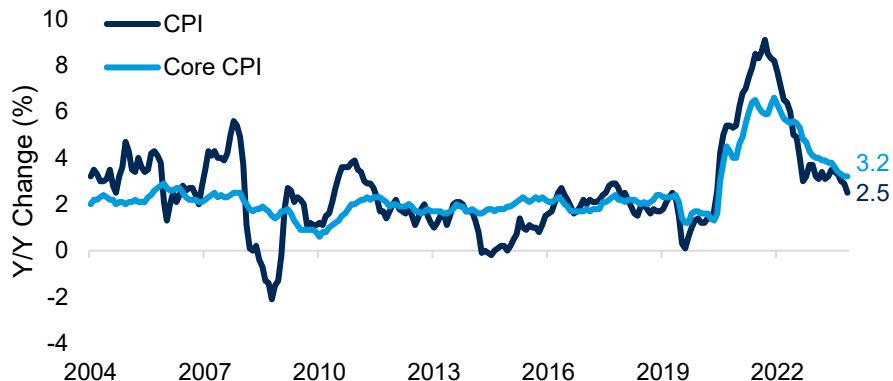




# Economic Review

## U.S. Inflation

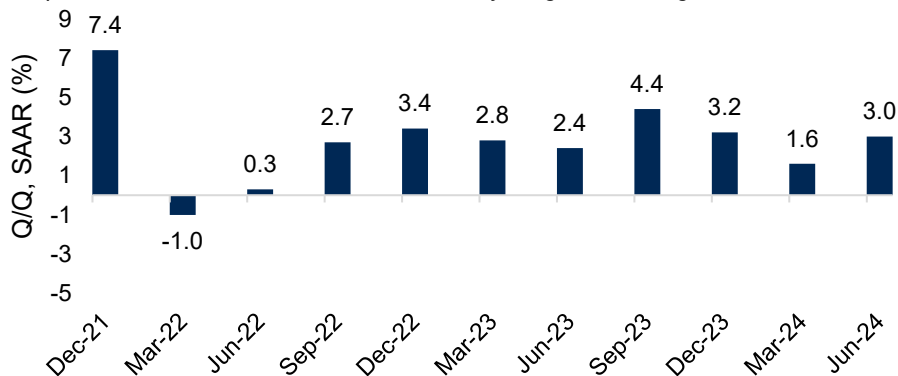
Inflation is trending toward the Federal Reserve's 2% target, with U.S. CPI falling to the lowest level since 2021. The Fed acknowledged the progress made on one half of its dual mandate of price stability and full employment.



Sources: FactSet, BLS. As of August 30,

## U.S. Real GDP Growth

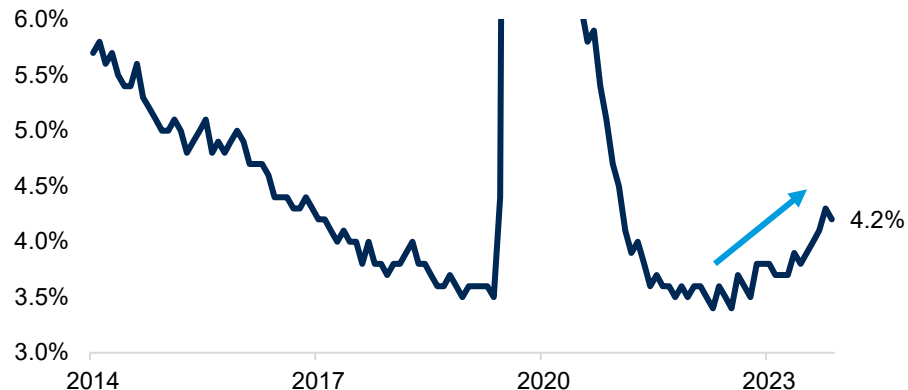
The U.S. economy remains resilient growing 3% in the second quarter. Despite a cooling in the labor market, the consumer remains relatively healthy and corporate fundamentals are positive. However, rising delinquencies, the dock worker strike, potential tariffs, and other uncertainties may weigh on future growth.



Sources: FactSet, BEA. As of September 30, 2024.

## U.S. Unemployment Rate

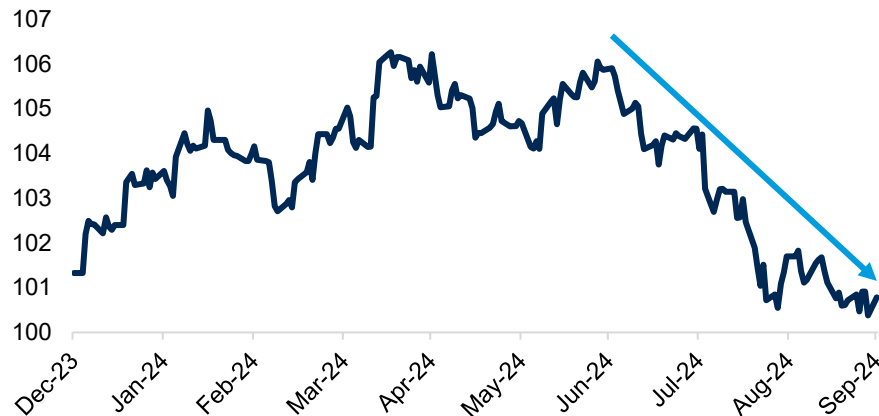
The U.S. labor market is cooling, and U.S. unemployment remains above 4%. Labor market data over coming months will likely play an increasingly important roll in the Federal Reserve's next interest rate decisions.



Sources: FactSet, DOL. As of August 30, 2024. Note, the unemployment rate was over 10% for a period of time in 2020, but is not shown due to scaling of y-axis.

## U.S. Dollar Index (DXY)

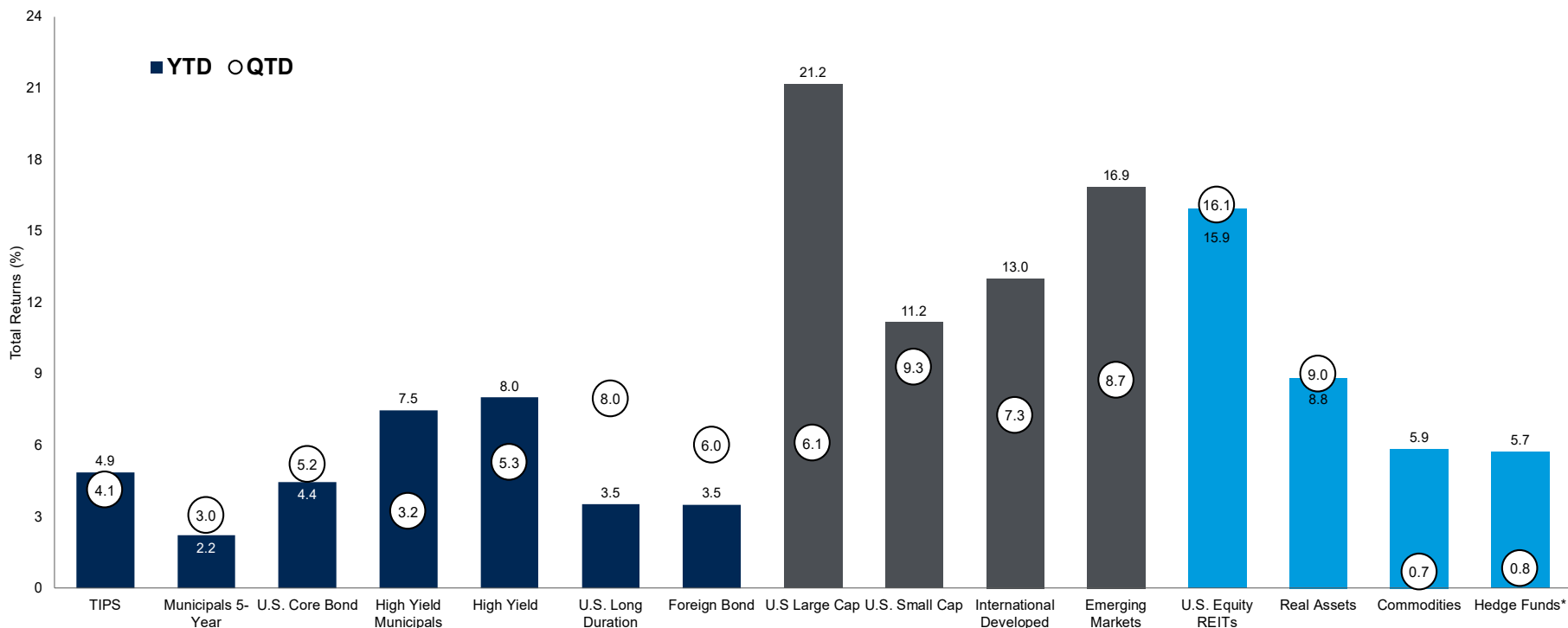
Falling interest rates and easing central bank activity pushed the U.S. dollar approximately 5% lower during the quarter. A falling dollar may help spur U.S. exports, but ultimately makes goods abroad more expensive for the U.S. consumer.



Sources: FactSet. As of September 30, 2024.



# Asset Class Returns



Source: Morningstar Direct. As of September 30, 2024. \*Hedge fund returns as of August 31, 2024.

## Fixed Income (3Q 2024)

- + The Federal Reserve cut its target rate by 50 basis points at its September meeting, as the inflation backdrop has progressed closer to the Fed's target and the labor market has started to show signs of weakness. Longer duration assets, the most sensitive to lower interest rates, performed best in the quarter.
- + The high yield market continues to generate strong returns as investor expectations grow for the prospect of a soft-landing scenario.
- + The U.S. dollar fell during the period, providing an added tailwind for non-USD debt.

## Equity (3Q 2024)

- + Areas of the equity market less exposed to the concentrated names in U.S. large cap outperformed in the third quarter. U.S. small cap had a strong return, benefitting from both lower interest rates and less exposure to concerns about the monetization of AI.
- + Central bank activity in Europe also provided a boost to international developed markets.
- + Emerging markets outperformed developed markets during the period. Investor optimism surrounding the recent stimulus package in China helped fuel strong performance for the region.

## Real Asset / Alternatives (3Q 2024)

- + Equity REITs had a strong quarter, producing double digit results and bringing the asset class into positive territory year-to-date. The falling interest rate environment and market expectations for the Fed to continue to cut interest rates fueled the asset class.
- + Commodities eked out a modest gain, driven from the metals sub-sectors. Energy lagged due to declining oil prices – a rare move amidst rising military tensions in the middle east.
- + Real assets performed well during the quarter. Much of the gain came from infrastructure and timber.

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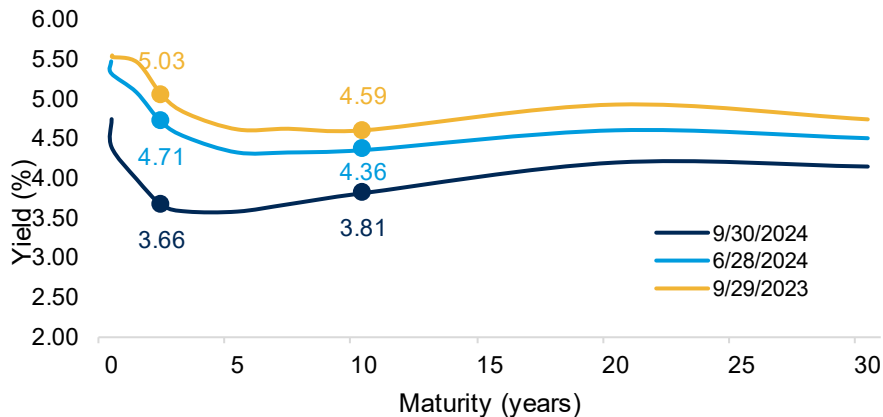
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# Fixed Income Market Update

## U.S. Treasury Yield Curve

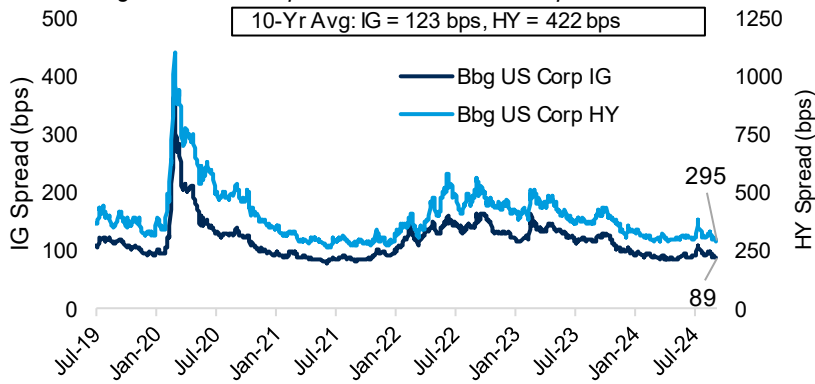
The yield curve moved lower as the Fed began to cut interest rates. The curve steepened as a result and the spread between the 2-year and 10-year yield moved into positive territory for the first time since 2022.



Source: FactSet. As of September 30, 2024.

## Corporate Market Spreads – Trailing 5 Years

Valuations remain elevated (tighter spreads) within the corporate credit market. Continued demand, favorable fundamentals and increasing optimism around a soft-landing scenario have provided a tailwind for corporate credit.



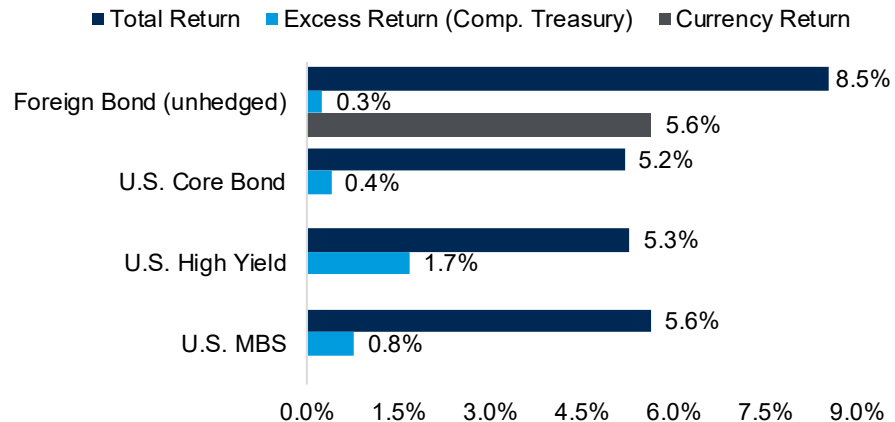
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## Index Performance Attribution (3Q 2024)

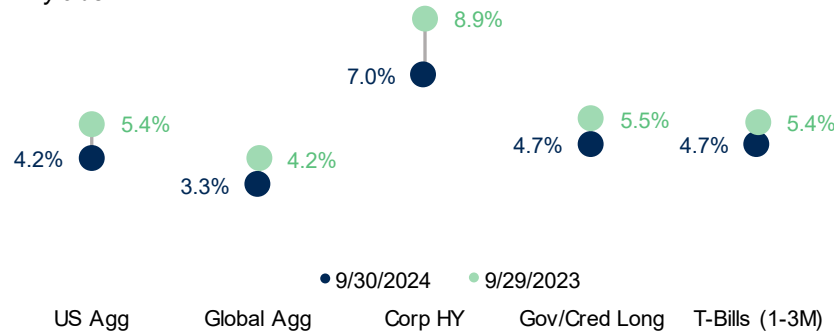
Most sectors outperformed comparable Treasuries during the quarter. Foreign bonds benefited from a falling U.S. dollar, while credit sectors had the additional tailwind from spread compression.



Source: FactSet. As of September 30, 2024.

## Current Yield-to-Worst vs. 1 Year Ago

The environment has shifted and while yields remain attractive across fixed income sectors, they are lower than they were a year ago. Both spread compression, which has impacted high yield the most, and lower rates have contributed to the decline in yields.



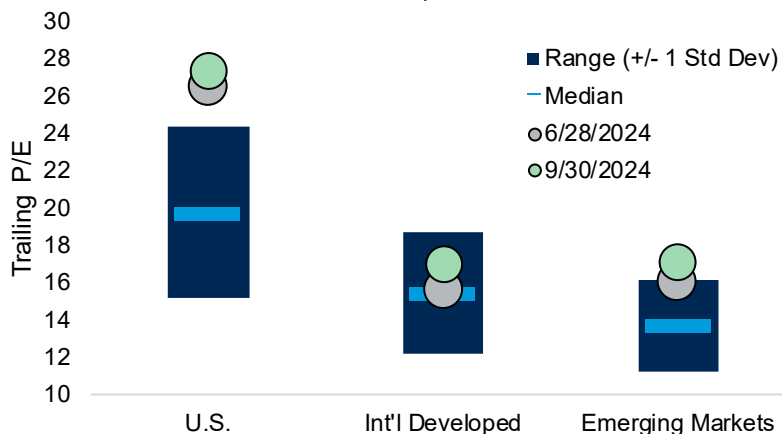
Source: FactSet. As of September 30, 2024. Based on respective Bloomberg Index.



# Equity Market Update

## Equity Valuations (Trailing PE – Last 15 Years)

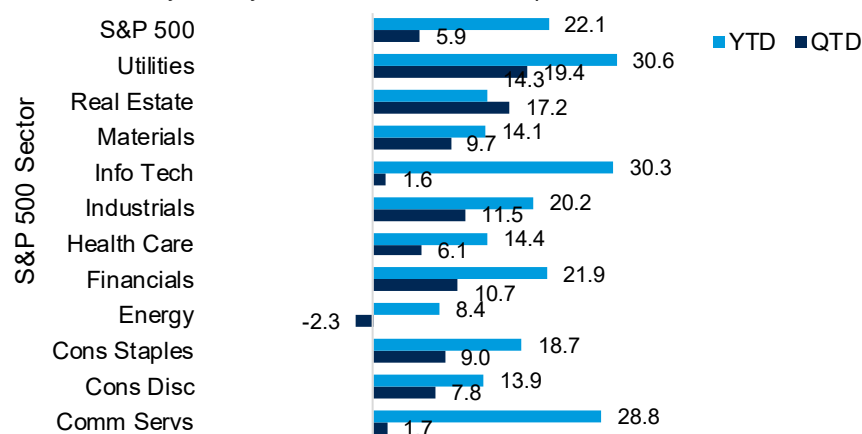
Equity valuations moved higher in the third quarter on the back of favorable price movement. Large cap domestic equity valuations remain stretched, driven by a select few names concentrated at the top of the benchmark.



Source: FactSet. As of September 30, 2024.

## U.S. Equities – Return by Sector (3Q 2024)

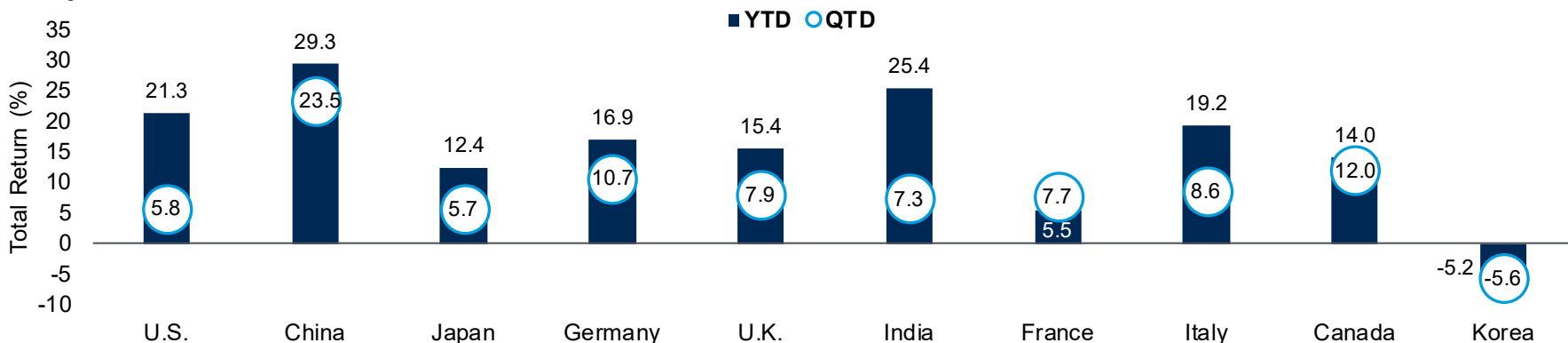
Almost all sectors were in positive territory in the third quarter, with energy the lone negative standout. Returns were more widely distributed among sectors as the AI craze from early in the year cooled off in the third quarter.



Source: Morningstar Direct. As of September 30, 2024. Total Returns.

## Select Country Returns (%)

Many of the largest economies had positive gains during the third quarter. China was among the top performing countries due to optimism surrounding the economic stimulus package being implemented. Interest rates moved lower in Europe as well, and policy rate cuts from the ECB and the Bank of England provided a tailwind for the regions.



Source: Morningstar Direct. As of September 30, 2024.

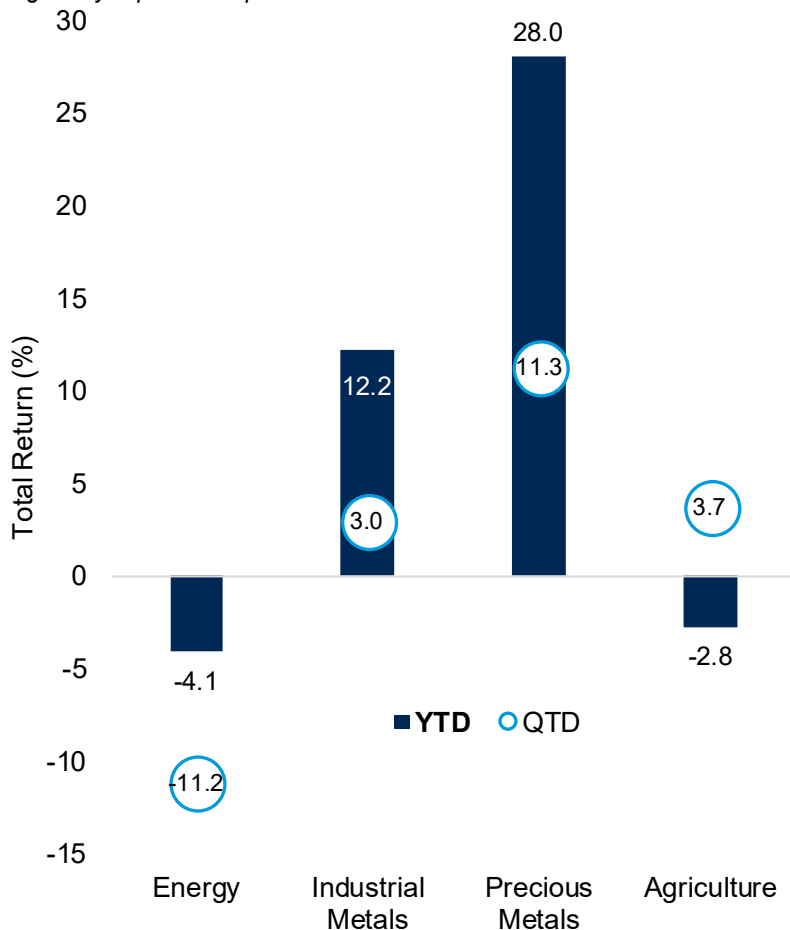
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# Real Assets Market Update

## Commodity Performance (3Q 2024)

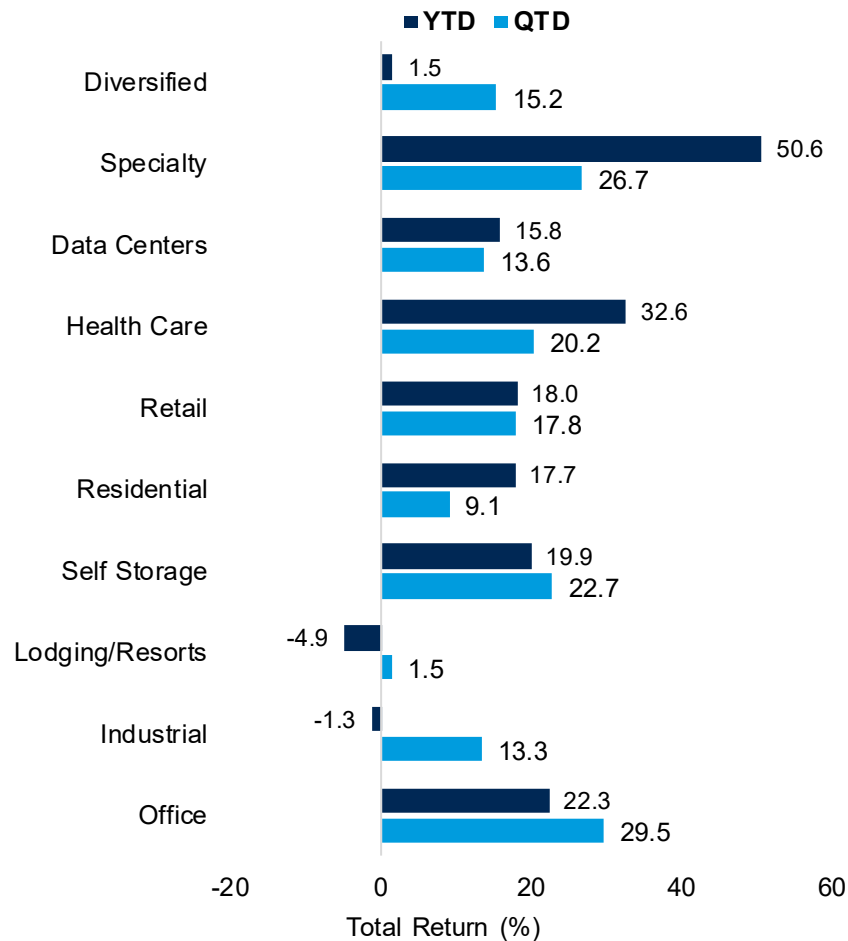
Commodities were modestly positive during the third quarter, with mixed results from underlying sub-sectors. Precious metals was the leader as gold prices moved higher. Concerns about a slowing global economy and OPEC+ adding to supply negatively impacted oil prices



Source: Morningstar Direct. As of September 30, 2024.

## REIT Sector Performance (3Q 2024)

REITs had a strong quarter in the declining interest rate environment. The office sub-sector rebounded and was among the top performing areas. Longer lease assets within the specialty sub-sector, which are more sensitive to interest rate changes, benefitted as well.



Source: Morningstar Direct. As of September 30, 2024.

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# Financial Markets Performance

**Total Return as of September 30, 2024**  
**Periods greater than one year are annualized**  
**All returns are in U.S. dollar terms**

| <b>Global Fixed Income Markets</b>          | <b>QTD</b> | <b>YTD</b> | <b>1YR</b> | <b>3YR</b> | <b>5YR</b> | <b>7YR</b> | <b>10YR</b> | <b>15YR</b> |
|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| Bloomberg 1-3-Month T-Bill                  | 1.4%       | 4.1%       | 5.5%       | 3.6%       | 2.3%       | 2.2%       | 1.6%        | 1.1%        |
| Bloomberg U.S. TIPS                         | 4.1%       | 4.9%       | 9.8%       | -0.6%      | 2.6%       | 2.9%       | 2.5%        | 3.2%        |
| Bloomberg Municipal Bond (5 Year)           | 3.0%       | 2.2%       | 7.6%       | 0.4%       | 1.3%       | 1.7%       | 1.8%        | 2.4%        |
| Bloomberg High Yield Municipal Bond         | 3.2%       | 7.5%       | 17.4%      | 1.0%       | 3.1%       | 4.5%       | 4.5%        | 5.7%        |
| Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate                    | 5.2%       | 4.4%       | 11.6%      | -1.4%      | 0.3%       | 1.5%       | 1.8%        | 2.6%        |
| Bloomberg U.S. Corporate High Yield         | 5.3%       | 8.0%       | 15.7%      | 3.1%       | 4.7%       | 4.7%       | 5.0%        | 6.9%        |
| Bloomberg Global Aggregate ex-U.S. Hedged   | 3.5%       | 4.2%       | 9.8%       | 0.6%       | 0.6%       | 2.3%       | 2.6%        | 3.2%        |
| Bloomberg Global Aggregate ex-U.S. Unhedged | 8.5%       | 2.8%       | 12.3%      | -4.4%      | -1.9%      | -0.8%      | -0.5%       | 0.2%        |
| Bloomberg U.S. Long Gov / Credit            | 8.0%       | 3.5%       | 17.2%      | -6.2%      | -2.0%      | 1.0%       | 2.3%        | 4.2%        |
| <b>Global Equity Markets</b>                | <b>QTD</b> | <b>YTD</b> | <b>1YR</b> | <b>3YR</b> | <b>5YR</b> | <b>7YR</b> | <b>10YR</b> | <b>15YR</b> |
| S&P 500                                     | 5.9%       | 22.1%      | 36.4%      | 11.9%      | 16.0%      | 14.5%      | 13.4%       | 14.1%       |
| Dow Jones Industrial Average                | 8.7%       | 13.9%      | 28.8%      | 10.0%      | 11.8%      | 11.9%      | 12.0%       | 13.0%       |
| NASDAQ Composite                            | 2.8%       | 21.8%      | 38.6%      | 8.8%       | 18.8%      | 16.9%      | 16.1%       | 16.6%       |
| Russell 3000                                | 6.2%       | 20.6%      | 35.2%      | 10.3%      | 15.3%      | 13.7%      | 12.8%       | 13.8%       |
| Russell 1000                                | 6.1%       | 21.2%      | 35.7%      | 10.8%      | 15.6%      | 14.2%      | 13.1%       | 14.0%       |
| Russell 1000 Growth                         | 3.2%       | 24.5%      | 42.2%      | 12.0%      | 19.7%      | 18.2%      | 16.5%       | 16.5%       |
| Russell 1000 Value                          | 9.4%       | 16.7%      | 27.8%      | 9.0%       | 10.7%      | 9.5%       | 9.2%        | 11.2%       |
| Russell Mid Cap                             | 9.2%       | 14.6%      | 29.3%      | 5.7%       | 11.3%      | 10.5%      | 10.2%       | 12.5%       |
| Russell Mid Cap Growth                      | 6.5%       | 12.9%      | 29.3%      | 2.3%       | 11.5%      | 11.9%      | 11.3%       | 13.2%       |
| Russell Mid Cap Value                       | 10.1%      | 15.1%      | 29.0%      | 7.4%       | 10.3%      | 8.8%       | 8.9%        | 11.6%       |
| Russell 2000                                | 9.3%       | 11.2%      | 26.8%      | 1.8%       | 9.4%       | 7.4%       | 8.8%        | 10.6%       |
| Russell 2000 Growth                         | 8.4%       | 13.2%      | 27.7%      | -0.4%      | 8.8%       | 7.6%       | 8.9%        | 11.1%       |
| Russell 2000 Value                          | 10.2%      | 9.2%       | 25.9%      | 3.8%       | 9.3%       | 6.6%       | 8.2%        | 9.8%        |
| MSCI ACWI                                   | 6.6%       | 18.7%      | 31.8%      | 8.1%       | 12.2%      | 10.2%      | 9.4%        | 9.6%        |
| MSCI ACWI ex. U.S.                          | 8.1%       | 14.2%      | 25.4%      | 4.1%       | 7.6%       | 5.4%       | 5.2%        | 5.5%        |
| MSCI EAFE                                   | 7.3%       | 13.0%      | 24.8%      | 5.5%       | 8.2%       | 6.0%       | 5.7%        | 6.0%        |
| MSCI EAFE Growth                            | 5.7%       | 12.3%      | 26.5%      | 1.9%       | 7.7%       | 6.7%       | 6.6%        | 6.9%        |
| MSCI EAFE Value                             | 8.9%       | 13.8%      | 23.1%      | 8.9%       | 8.3%       | 5.0%       | 4.6%        | 4.9%        |
| MSCI EAFE Small Cap                         | 10.5%      | 11.1%      | 23.5%      | -0.4%      | 6.4%       | 4.2%       | 6.2%        | 7.1%        |
| MSCI Emerging Markets                       | 8.7%       | 16.9%      | 26.1%      | 0.4%       | 5.7%       | 3.7%       | 4.0%        | 4.2%        |
| <b>Alternatives</b>                         | <b>QTD</b> | <b>YTD</b> | <b>1YR</b> | <b>3YR</b> | <b>5YR</b> | <b>7YR</b> | <b>10YR</b> | <b>15YR</b> |
| Consumer Price Index*                       | 0.3%       | 1.4%       | 2.6%       | 4.8%       | 4.2%       | 3.6%       | 2.8%        | 2.5%        |
| FTSE NAREIT Equity REITs                    | 16.1%      | 15.9%      | 34.7%      | 5.1%       | 5.5%       | 7.0%       | 7.8%        | 10.4%       |
| S&P Real Assets                             | 9.0%       | 8.8%       | 18.6%      | 3.5%       | 4.9%       | 4.9%       | 4.2%        | 5.9%        |
| FTSE EPRA NAREIT Developed                  | 16.3%      | 12.6%      | 30.2%      | 1.4%       | 2.4%       | 4.3%       | 5.0%        | 7.1%        |
| FTSE EPRA NAREIT Developed ex U.S.          | 17.0%      | 8.6%       | 25.0%      | -3.3%      | -1.0%      | 1.4%       | 2.3%        | 4.3%        |
| Bloomberg Commodity Total Return            | 0.7%       | 5.9%       | 1.0%       | 3.7%       | 7.8%       | 4.9%       | 0.0%        | -0.4%       |
| HFRI Fund of Funds Composite*               | 0.8%       | 5.7%       | 8.6%       | 2.2%       | 5.1%       | 4.2%       | 3.5%        | 3.6%        |
| HFRI Asset Weighted Composite*              | -0.3%      | 5.0%       | 6.7%       | 3.6%       | 4.4%       | 4.0%       | 3.6%        | 4.6%        |

Sources: Morningstar, FactSet. As of September 30, 2024. \*Consumer Price Index and HFRI indexes as of August 31, 2024.

See disclosures for list of indices representing each asset class. Past performance does not indicate future performance and there is a possibility of a loss.

Indices cannot be invested in directly.



## Portfolio & Manager Review



# Asset Allocation

Town of Ledyard Pension Plan

As of September 30, 2024

|  | Asset Allocation (\$) | Asset Allocation (%) | Target Allocation (%) | Differences (%) |
|--|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Town of Ledyard Pension Plan</b>              | <b>31,794,632</b>     | <b>100.0</b>         | <b>100.0</b>          | <b>0.0</b>      |
| <b>Short Term Liquidity</b>                      | <b>36,081</b>         | <b>0.1</b>           | <b>3.0</b>            | <b>-2.9</b>     |
| Dreyfus Treasury Securities Cash Management      | 36,081                | 0.1                  | 3.0                   | -2.9            |
| <b>Fixed Income</b>                              | <b>13,153,408</b>     | <b>41.4</b>          | <b>41.0</b>           | <b>0.4</b>      |
| Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Adm             | 3,214,065             | 10.1                 | 10.0                  | 0.1             |
| Baird Aggregate Bond Instl                       | 2,255,756             | 7.1                  | 7.0                   | 0.1             |
| Harbor Core Bond Retirement - IR&M               | 2,251,005             | 7.1                  | 7.0                   | 0.1             |
| PGIM Total Return Bond R6                        | 4,139,258             | 13.0                 | 13.0                  | 0.0             |
| BlackRock Strategic Income Opportunities Class K | 1,293,324             | 4.1                  | 4.0                   | 0.1             |
| <b>Domestic Equity</b>                           | <b>10,712,262</b>     | <b>33.7</b>          | <b>32.0</b>           | <b>1.7</b>      |
| Vanguard Institutional Index Fund Instl          | 4,646,204             | 14.6                 | 14.0                  | 0.6             |
| Touchstone Large Cap Focused Fund Instl          | 2,278,790             | 7.2                  | 7.0                   | 0.2             |
| Neuberger Berman Genesis R6                      | 1,959,216             | 6.2                  | 6.0                   | 0.2             |
| William Blair Small Cap Value R6                 | 845,571               | 2.7                  | 2.5                   | 0.2             |
| Hood River Small Cap Growth R                    | 982,482               | 3.1                  | 2.5                   | 0.6             |
| <b>International Equity</b>                      | <b>7,040,225</b>      | <b>22.1</b>          | <b>21.5</b>           | <b>0.6</b>      |
| Vanguard Total International Stock Index Adm     | 2,659,590             | 8.4                  | 8.0                   | 0.4             |
| T. Rowe Price Overseas Stock Instl               | 2,434,622             | 7.7                  | 7.5                   | 0.2             |
| Invesco Developing Markets R6                    | 1,946,014             | 6.1                  | 6.0                   | 0.1             |
| <b>Real Assets</b>                               | <b>852,656</b>        | <b>2.7</b>           | <b>2.5</b>            | <b>0.2</b>      |
| DWS RREEF Real Assets R6                         | 852,656               | 2.7                  | 2.5                   | 0.2             |



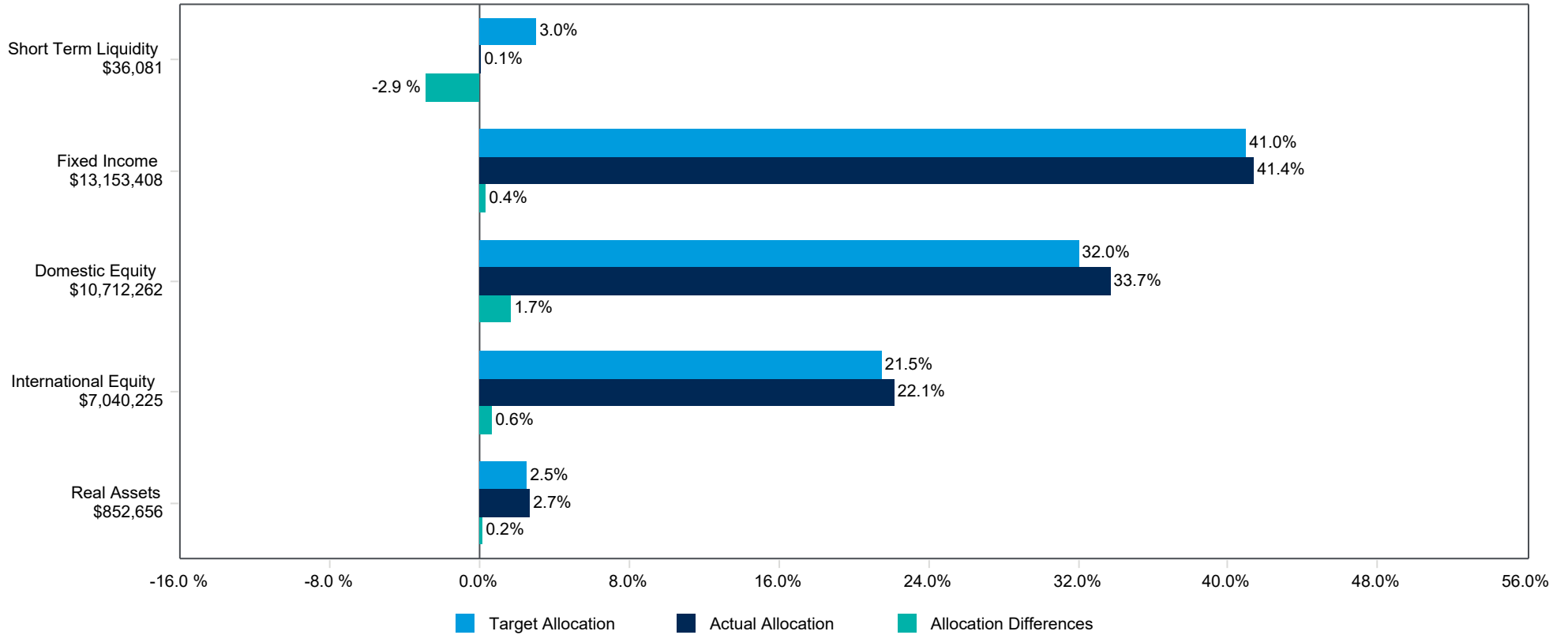


# Asset Allocation

Town of Ledyard Pension Plan

As of September 30, 2024

## Actual vs. Target



|                                     | Asset Allocation (\$) | Asset Allocation (%) | Target Allocation (%) | Differences (%) |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Short Term Liquidity                | 36,081                | 0.1                  | 3.0                   | -2.9            |
| Fixed Income                        | 13,153,408            | 41.4                 | 41.0                  | 0.4             |
| Domestic Equity                     | 10,712,262            | 33.7                 | 32.0                  | 1.7             |
| International Equity                | 7,040,225             | 22.1                 | 21.5                  | 0.6             |
| Real Assets                         | 852,656               | 2.7                  | 2.5                   | 0.2             |
| <b>Town of Ledyard Pension Plan</b> | <b>31,794,632</b>     | <b>100.0</b>         | <b>100.0</b>          | <b>0.0</b>      |

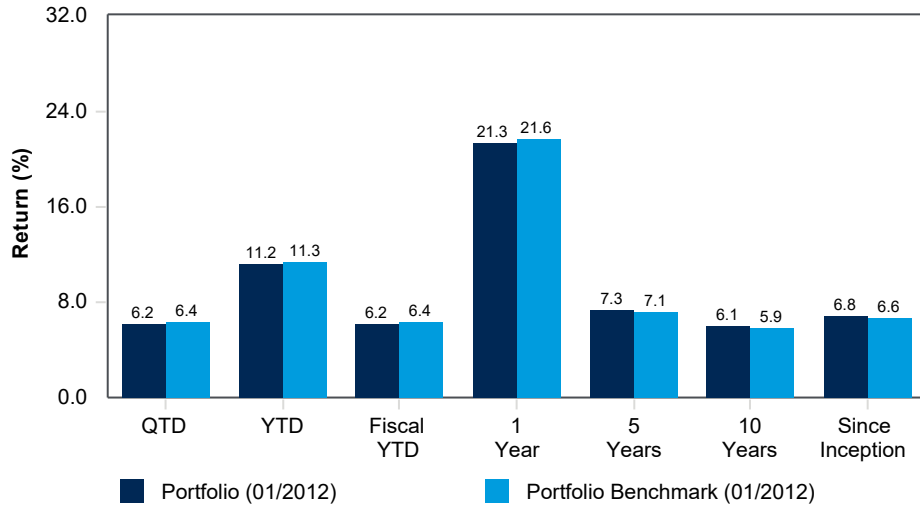


# Portfolio Dashboard

Town of Ledyard Pension Plan

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## Historical Performance



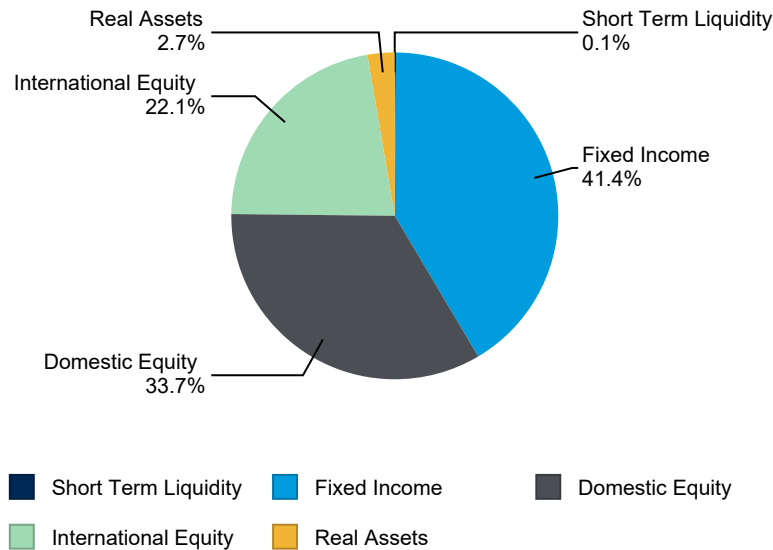
## Summary of Cash Flows

|                        | QTD        | YTD        | Fiscal YTD | 1 Year     | Since Inception |
|------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------------|
| Beginning Market Value | 30,443,700 | 29,163,734 | 30,443,700 | 27,246,622 | 11,303,089      |
| Net Contributions      | -525,512   | -590,486   | -525,512   | -1,084,945 | 1,519,331       |
| Gain/Loss              | 1,876,443  | 3,221,385  | 1,876,443  | 5,632,955  | 18,972,211      |
| Ending Market Value    | 31,794,632 | 31,794,632 | 31,794,632 | 31,794,632 | 31,794,632      |

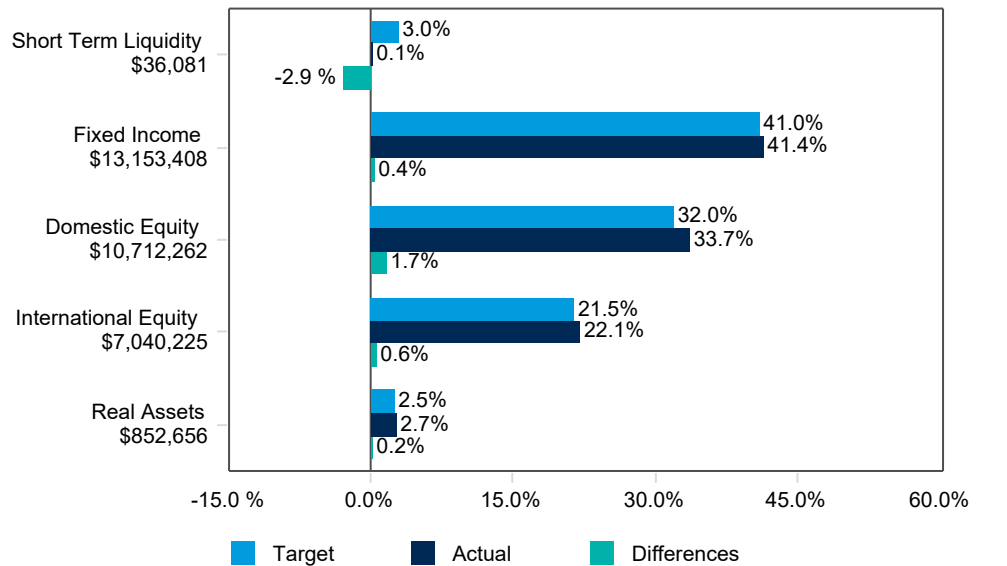
## Current Benchmark Composition

| From Date | To Date | Composition   |
|-----------|---------|---|
| 04/2024   | 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, 8.00% MSCI AC World ex USA (Net), 7.50% MSCI EAFE (Net), 6.00% MSCI Emerging Markets (Net), 2.50% S&P Real Assets |

## Portfolio Allocation



## Actual vs. Target Allocations



Client portfolio performance is presented net of underlying investment manager fees but gross of Fiduciant Advisors' fees.



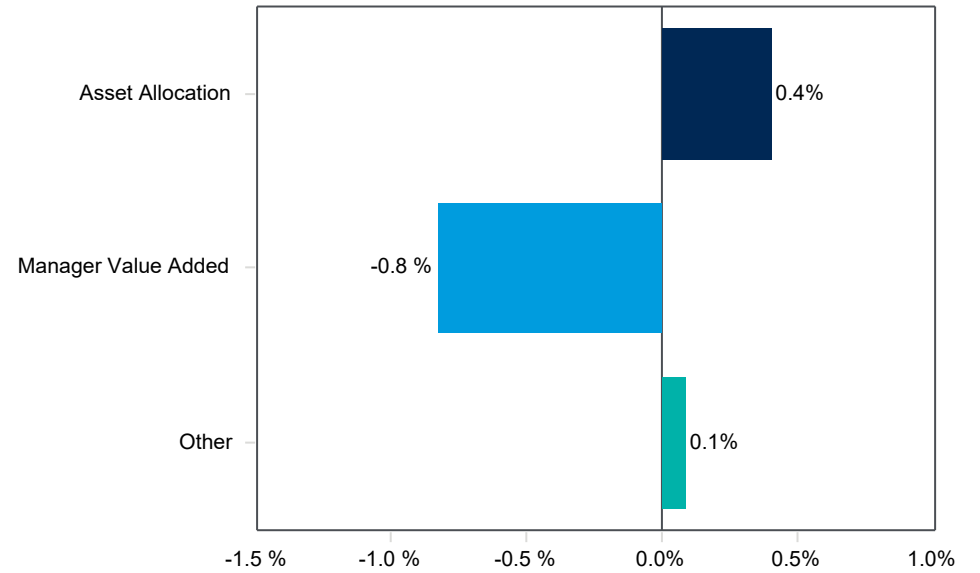
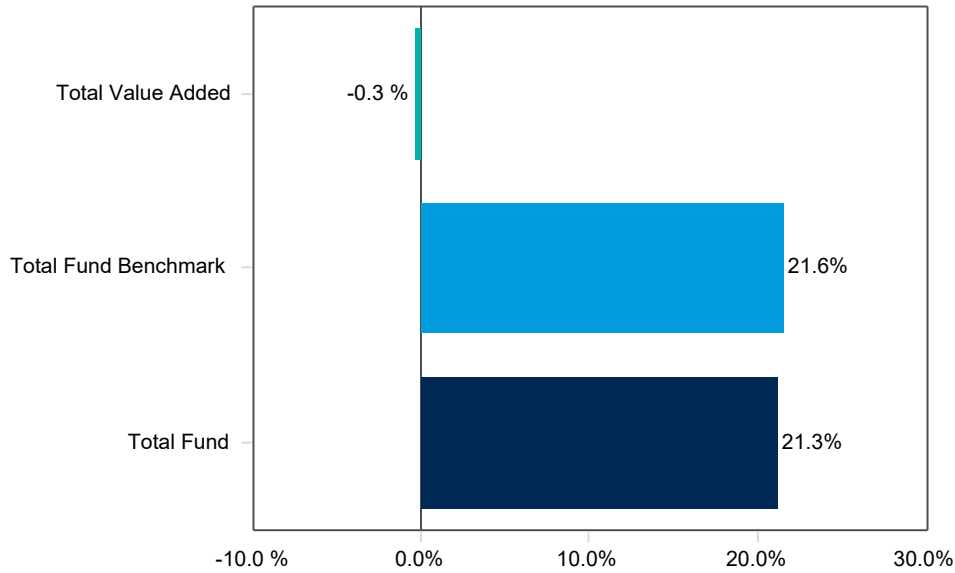
# Performance Attribution

Town of Ledyard Pension Plan vs. Attribution Blended Benchmark

1 Year Ending September 30, 2024

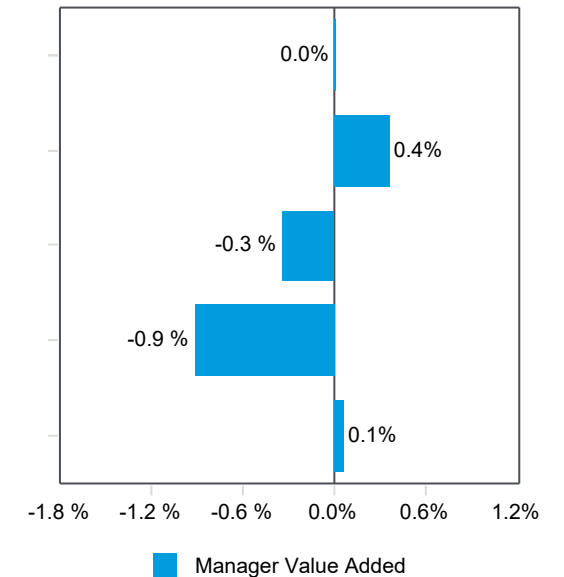
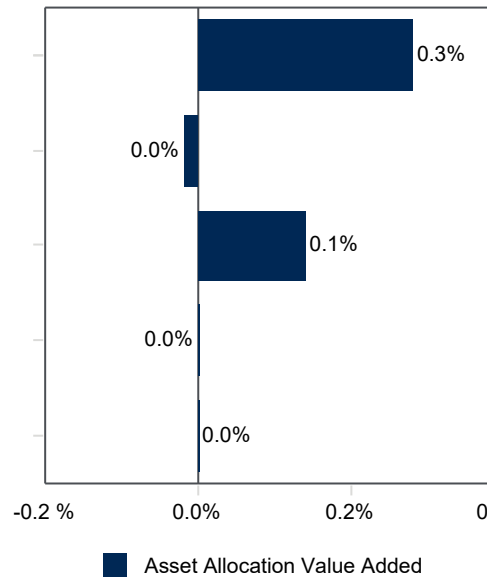
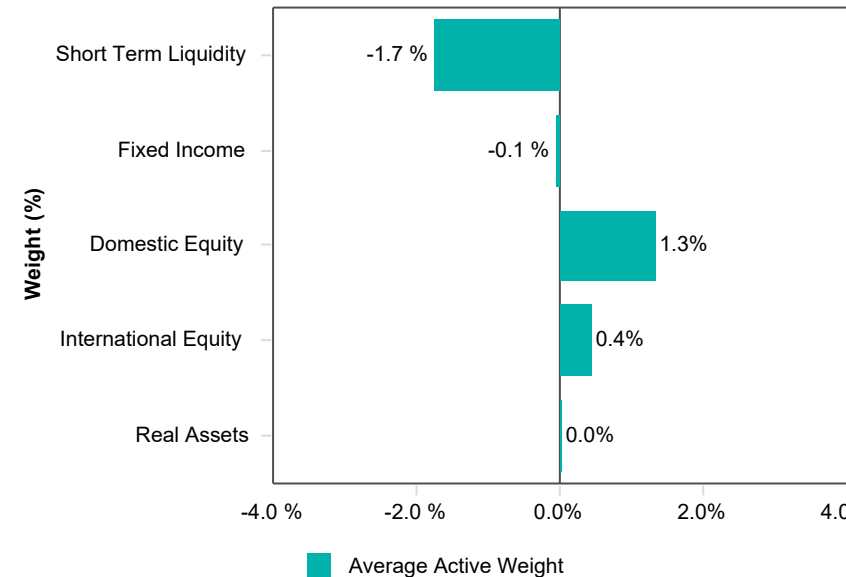
**Total Fund Performance**

**Total Value Added:-0.3 %**



**Total Asset Allocation:0.4%**

**Total Manager Value Added:-0.8 %**



■ Average Active Weight

■ Asset Allocation Value Added

■ Manager Value Added

Client portfolio performance is presented net of underlying investment manager fees but gross of Fiduciant Advisors' fees.



## Performance Overview

Town of Ledyard Pension Plan

As of September 30, 2024

| Trailing Performance Summary |     |      |            |        |         |         |         |          |                 |                |
|------------------------------|-----|------|------------|--------|---------|---------|---------|----------|-----------------|----------------|
|                              | QTD | YTD  | Fiscal YTD | 1 Year | 3 Years | 5 Years | 7 Years | 10 Years | Since Inception | Inception Date |
| Town of Ledyard Pension Plan | 6.2 | 11.2 | 6.2        | 21.3   | 3.2     | 7.3     | 6.5     | 6.1      | 6.8             | 01/2012        |
| <i>Blended Benchmark</i>     | 6.4 | 11.3 | 6.4        | 21.6   | 3.5     | 7.1     | 6.4     | 5.9      | 6.6             | 01/2012        |

| Calendar Year Performance Summary |      |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|-----------------------------------|------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
|                                   | 2023 | 2022  | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 |
| Town of Ledyard Pension Plan      | 13.6 | -16.2 | 10.6 | 14.9 | 19.0 | -6.3 | 13.1 | 10.0 | -3.1 | 2.3  |
| <i>Blended Benchmark</i>          | 13.4 | -15.2 | 9.8  | 13.6 | 18.4 | -6.0 | 12.9 | 9.1  | -3.5 | 3.6  |

| Plan Reconciliation                 |            |            |            |            |            |            |                 |                |                |
|-------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
|                                     | QTD        | YTD        | 1 Year     | 3 Years    | 5 Years    | 10 Years   | Since Inception | Inception Date |                |
| <b>Town of Ledyard Pension Plan</b> |            |            |            |            |            |            |                 |                | <b>01/2012</b> |
| Beginning Market Value              | 30,443,700 | 29,163,734 | 27,246,622 | 31,396,944 | 24,969,568 | 18,424,187 | 11,303,089      |                |                |
| Net Contributions                   | -525,512   | -590,486   | -1,084,945 | -2,379,084 | -3,096,999 | -1,771,903 | 1,519,331       |                |                |
| Gain/Loss                           | 1,876,443  | 3,221,385  | 5,632,955  | 2,776,772  | 9,922,063  | 15,142,348 | 18,972,211      |                |                |
| Ending Market Value                 | 31,794,632 | 31,794,632 | 31,794,632 | 31,794,632 | 31,794,632 | 31,794,632 | 31,794,632      |                |                |

| Benchmark Composition       |  | Weight (%) |
|-----------------------------|--|------------|
| <b>Apr-2024</b>             |  |            |
| 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 AC World ex USA (Net)  |  | 8.0        |
| MSCI EAFE (Net)             |  | 7.5        |
| MSCI Emerging Markets (Net) |  | 6.0        |
| S&P Real Assets             |  | 2.5        |



# Manager Status Commentary

As of September 30, 2024

| 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       |   |
| Vanguard Total International Stock Index Adm     | Maintain       |   |
| T. Rowe Price Overseas Stock Instl               | Watch 1Q 2024  | The strategy was placed on "Watch" status in March 2024 after T. Rowe Price announced that Lead Portfolio Manager Ray Mills will be retiring at the end of 2024. Mr. Mills has served as the lead portfolio manager since the strategy's inception and was the sole portfolio manager until Elias Chrysostomou joined the team as an associate portfolio manager in October 2023. After the announcement, Mr. Chrysostomou became co-portfolio manager effective April 1, 2024 and he will take over as the lead and sole portfolio manager at the start of 2025. Mr. Chrysostomou's background is covering European and Canadian financials and his only previous portfolio management experience was co-managing an international financials strategy at UBS for approximately two years from 2008 to 2010. We believe the strategy merits additional scrutiny given Mr. Mills' role in developing the process and leading the strategy for so long as well as the fact that Mr. Chrysostomou is relatively new to the team and has very little previous portfolio management experience. |
| Invesco Developing Markets R6                    | Maintain       |   |
| DWS RREEF Real Assets R6                         | Maintain       |   |

Commentary produced upon change of status.



# Manager Performance

Town of Ledyard Pension Plan

As of September 30, 2024

|   | Allocation        |              | Performance(%) |             |            |             |             |            |            |                 |                | Manager Status  |
|---|-------------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
|   | Market Value (\$) | %            | QTD            | YTD         | Fiscal YTD | 1 Year      | 3 Years     | 5 Years    | 10 Years   | Since Inception | Inception Date |                 |
| <b>Town of Ledyard Pension Plan</b>                 | <b>31,794,632</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>6.2</b>     | <b>11.2</b> | <b>6.2</b> | <b>21.3</b> | <b>3.2</b>  | <b>7.3</b> | <b>6.1</b> | <b>6.8</b>      | <b>01/2012</b> |                 |
| <i>Blended Benchmark</i>                            |                   |              | 6.4            | 11.3        | 6.4        | 21.6        | 3.5         | 7.1        | 5.9        | 6.6             |                |                 |
| <b>Short Term Liquidity</b>                         | <b>36,081</b>     | <b>0.1</b>   | <b>1.3</b>     | <b>3.8</b>  | <b>1.3</b> | <b>5.0</b>  | <b>3.3</b>  | <b>2.1</b> | <b>1.5</b> | <b>1.2</b>      | <b>01/2012</b> |                 |
| <i>90 Day U.S. Treasury Bill</i>                    |                   |              | 1.4            | 4.0         | 1.4        | 5.5         | 3.5         | 2.3        | 1.6        | 1.3             |                |                 |
| <b>Dreyfus Treasury Securities Cash Management</b>  | <b>36,081</b>     | <b>0.1</b>   | <b>1.3</b>     | <b>3.8</b>  | <b>1.3</b> | <b>5.0</b>  | <b>3.3</b>  | <b>2.1</b> | <b>1.5</b> | <b>1.2</b>      | <b>01/2012</b> |                 |
| <i>90 Day U.S. Treasury Bill</i>                    |                   |              | 1.4            | 4.0         | 1.4        | 5.5         | 3.5         | 2.3        | 1.6        | 1.3             |                |                 |
| <b>Fixed Income</b>                                 | <b>13,153,408</b> | <b>41.4</b>  | <b>5.1</b>     | <b>5.0</b>  | <b>5.1</b> | <b>12.4</b> | <b>-1.0</b> | <b>0.7</b> | <b>2.3</b> | <b>2.6</b>      | <b>01/2012</b> |                 |
| <i>Blmbg. U.S. Aggregate</i>                        |                   |              | 5.2            | 4.4         | 5.2        | 11.6        | -1.4        | 0.3        | 1.8        | 1.9             |                |                 |
| <b>Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Adm</b>         | <b>3,214,065</b>  | <b>10.1</b>  | <b>5.1</b>     | <b>4.4</b>  | <b>5.1</b> | <b>11.4</b> | <b>-1.4</b> | <b>0.3</b> | <b>1.8</b> | <b>1.9</b>      | <b>01/2012</b> | <b>Maintain</b> |
| <i>Vanguard Spliced Bloomberg U.S. Agg Flt Adj</i>  |                   |              | 5.1            | 4.5         | 5.1        | 11.5        | -1.4        | 0.4        | 1.9        | 2.0             |                |                 |
| IM U.S. Broad Market Core Fixed Income (MF) Median  |                   |              | 5.2            | 4.8         | 5.2        | 12.0        | -1.5        | 0.5        | 1.8        | 2.1             |                |                 |
| Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Adm Rank           |                   |              | 70             | 81          | 70         | 79          | 47          | 67         | 53         | 69              |                |                 |
| <b>Baird Aggregate Bond Instl</b>                   | <b>2,255,756</b>  | <b>7.1</b>   | <b>5.2</b>     | <b>5.0</b>  | <b>5.2</b> | <b>12.6</b> | <b>-1.1</b> | <b>0.8</b> | <b>2.2</b> | <b>5.5</b>      | <b>04/2024</b> | <b>Maintain</b> |
| <i>Blmbg. U.S. Aggregate</i>                        |                   |              | 5.2            | 4.4         | 5.2        | 11.6        | -1.4        | 0.3        | 1.8        | 5.3             |                |                 |
| IM U.S. Broad Market Core Fixed Income (MF) Median  |                   |              | 5.2            | 4.8         | 5.2        | 12.0        | -1.5        | 0.5        | 1.8        | 5.4             |                |                 |
| Baird Aggregate Bond Instl Rank                     |                   |              | 37             | 38          | 37         | 24          | 23          | 32         | 18         | 36              |                |                 |
| <b>Harbor Core Bond Retirement - IR&amp;M</b>       | <b>2,251,005</b>  | <b>7.1</b>   | <b>5.2</b>     | <b>4.8</b>  | <b>5.2</b> | <b>11.6</b> | <b>-1.4</b> | <b>0.6</b> | <b>-</b>   | <b>5.4</b>      | <b>04/2024</b> | <b>Maintain</b> |
| <i>Blmbg. U.S. Aggregate</i>                        |                   |              | 5.2            | 4.4         | 5.2        | 11.6        | -1.4        | 0.3        | 1.8        | 5.3             |                |                 |
| IM U.S. Broad Market Core Fixed Income (MF) Median  |                   |              | 5.2            | 4.8         | 5.2        | 12.0        | -1.5        | 0.5        | 1.8        | 5.4             |                |                 |
| Harbor Core Bond Retirement - IR&M Rank             |                   |              | 52             | 50          | 52         | 65          | 43          | 42         | -          | 49              |                |                 |
| <b>PGIM Total Return Bond R6</b>                    | <b>4,139,258</b>  | <b>13.0</b>  | <b>5.2</b>     | <b>5.8</b>  | <b>5.2</b> | <b>13.4</b> | <b>-0.9</b> | <b>0.8</b> | <b>2.7</b> | <b>2.4</b>      | <b>04/2015</b> | <b>Maintain</b> |
| <i>Blmbg. U.S. Aggregate</i>                        |                   |              | 5.2            | 4.4         | 5.2        | 11.6        | -1.4        | 0.3        | 1.8        | 1.6             |                |                 |
| IM U.S. Broad Market Core+ Fixed Income (MF) Median |                   |              | 5.2            | 5.1         | 5.2        | 12.4        | -1.3        | 0.9        | 2.0        | 1.8             |                |                 |
| PGIM Total Return Bond R6 Rank                      |                   |              | 49             | 13          | 49         | 12          | 28          | 54         | 12         | 14              |                |                 |

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# Manager Performance

Town of Ledyard Pension Plan

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|   | Allocation        |             | Performance(%) |             |             |             |             |             |             |                 |                | Manager Status  |
|---|-------------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
|   | Market Value (\$) | %           | QTD            | YTD         | Fiscal YTD  | 1 Year      | 3 Years     | 5 Years     | 10 Years    | Since Inception | Inception Date |                 |
| <b>BlackRock Strategic Income Opportunities Class K</b> | <b>1,293,324</b>  | <b>4.1</b>  | <b>4.3</b>     | <b>6.0</b>  | <b>4.3</b>  | <b>11.8</b> | <b>2.4</b>  | <b>3.4</b>  | <b>3.1</b>  | <b>4.1</b>      | <b>04/2022</b> | <b>Maintain</b> |
| <i>Blmbg. U.S. Aggregate</i>                            |                   |             | 5.2            | 4.4         | 5.2         | 11.6        | -1.4        | 0.3         | 1.8         | 0.8             |                |                 |
| IM Alternative Credit Focus (MF) Median                 |                   |             | 3.7            | 6.1         | 3.7         | 11.4        | 2.0         | 3.0         | 2.1         | 3.7             |                |                 |
| BlackRock Strategic Income Opportunities Class K Rank   |                   |             | 32             | 61          | 32          | 42          | 42          | 41          | 20          | 41              |                |                 |
| <b>Domestic Equity</b>                                  | <b>10,712,262</b> | <b>33.7</b> | <b>7.2</b>     | <b>18.8</b> | <b>7.2</b>  | <b>32.3</b> | <b>9.1</b>  | <b>14.4</b> | <b>12.5</b> | <b>13.9</b>     | <b>01/2012</b> |                 |
| <i>Domestic Equity Benchmark</i>                        |                   |             | 7.1            | 18.3        | 7.1         | 33.3        | 8.6         | 13.9        | 12.0        | 13.6            |                |                 |
| <b>Vanguard Institutional Index Fund Instl</b>          | <b>4,646,204</b>  | <b>14.6</b> | <b>5.9</b>     | <b>22.0</b> | <b>5.9</b>  | <b>36.3</b> | <b>11.9</b> | <b>15.9</b> | <b>13.3</b> | <b>14.8</b>     | <b>01/2012</b> | <b>Maintain</b> |
| <i>S&amp;P 500</i>                                      |                   |             | 5.9            | 22.1        | 5.9         | 36.4        | 11.9        | 16.0        | 13.4        | 14.8            |                |                 |
| IM U.S. Large Cap Core Equity (MF) Median               |                   |             | 5.4            | 20.8        | 5.4         | 35.2        | 10.5        | 15.0        | 12.2        | 13.9            |                |                 |
| Vanguard Institutional Index Fund Instl Rank            |                   |             | 31             | 30          | 31          | 37          | 27          | 26          | 14          | 16              |                |                 |
| <b>Touchstone Large Cap Focused Fund Instl</b>          | <b>2,278,790</b>  | <b>7.2</b>  | <b>6.1</b>     | <b>18.4</b> | <b>6.1</b>  | <b>30.3</b> | <b>9.4</b>  | <b>16.0</b> | <b>13.5</b> | <b>17.3</b>     | <b>01/2019</b> | <b>Maintain</b> |
| <i>S&amp;P 500</i>                                      |                   |             | 5.9            | 22.1        | 5.9         | 36.4        | 11.9        | 16.0        | 13.4        | 17.5            |                |                 |
| IM U.S. Large Cap Core Equity (MF) Median               |                   |             | 5.4            | 20.8        | 5.4         | 35.2        | 10.5        | 15.0        | 12.2        | 16.4            |                |                 |
| Touchstone Large Cap Focused Fund Instl Rank            |                   |             | 23             | 74          | 23          | 81          | 70          | 23          | 11          | 25              |                |                 |
| <b>Neuberger Berman Genesis R6</b>                      | <b>1,959,216</b>  | <b>6.2</b>  | <b>9.5</b>     | <b>12.8</b> | <b>9.5</b>  | <b>23.1</b> | <b>4.7</b>  | <b>10.7</b> | <b>10.8</b> | <b>11.1</b>     | <b>04/2012</b> | <b>Maintain</b> |
| <i>Russell 2000 Index</i>                               |                   |             | 9.3            | 11.2        | 9.3         | 26.8        | 1.8         | 9.4         | 8.8         | 9.7             |                |                 |
| IM U.S. Small Cap Core Equity (MF) Median               |                   |             | 8.3            | 10.0        | 8.3         | 24.3        | 4.7         | 9.8         | 8.6         | 9.6             |                |                 |
| Neuberger Berman Genesis R6 Rank                        |                   |             | 26             | 21          | 26          | 60          | 51          | 34          | 3           | 6               |                |                 |
| <b>William Blair Small Cap Value R6</b>                 | <b>845,571</b>    | <b>2.7</b>  | <b>7.1</b>     | <b>5.1</b>  | <b>7.1</b>  | <b>16.8</b> | <b>3.4</b>  | <b>8.1</b>  | <b>8.9</b>  | <b>3.4</b>      | <b>12/2021</b> | <b>Maintain</b> |
| <i>Russell 2000 Value Index</i>                         |                   |             | 10.2           | 9.2         | 10.2        | 25.9        | 3.8         | 9.3         | 8.2         | 3.9             |                |                 |
| IM U.S. Small Cap Value Equity (MF) Median              |                   |             | 8.4            | 8.4         | 8.4         | 23.6        | 6.1         | 10.6        | 8.1         | 6.1             |                |                 |
| William Blair Small Cap Value R6 Rank                   |                   |             | 78             | 84          | 78          | 93          | 94          | 95          | 27          | 95              |                |                 |
| <b>Hood River Small Cap Growth R</b>                    | <b>982,482</b>    | <b>3.1</b>  | <b>12.2</b>    | <b>31.4</b> | <b>12.2</b> | <b>51.9</b> | <b>6.5</b>  | <b>20.3</b> | <b>14.9</b> | <b>6.2</b>      | <b>12/2021</b> | <b>Maintain</b> |
| <i>Russell 2000 Growth Index</i>                        |                   |             | 8.4            | 13.2        | 8.4         | 27.7        | -0.4        | 8.8         | 8.9         | -0.2            |                |                 |
| IM U.S. Small Cap Growth Equity (MF) Median             |                   |             | 7.7            | 13.1        | 7.7         | 26.4        | -0.3        | 9.5         | 9.4         | -0.3            |                |                 |
| Hood River Small Cap Growth R Rank                      |                   |             | 1              | 2           | 1           | 1           | 4           | 1           | 1           | 3               |                |                 |

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|   | Allocation        |             | Performance(%) |             |             |             |             |            |            |                 |                | Manager Status  |
|---|-------------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
|   | Market Value (\$) | %           | QTD            | YTD         | Fiscal YTD  | 1 Year      | 3 Years     | 5 Years    | 10 Years   | Since Inception | Inception Date |                 |
| <b>International Equity</b>                           | <b>7,040,225</b>  | <b>22.1</b> | <b>6.6</b>     | <b>11.1</b> | <b>6.6</b>  | <b>21.2</b> | <b>1.8</b>  | <b>6.4</b> | <b>4.5</b> | <b>5.0</b>      | <b>03/2012</b> |                 |
| <i>International Equity Benchmark</i>                 |                   |             | 8.0            | 14.6        | 8.0         | 25.4        | 3.6         | 7.4        | 5.1        | 5.2             |                |                 |
| <b>Vanguard Total International Stock Index Adm</b>   | <b>2,659,590</b>  | <b>8.4</b>  | <b>8.0</b>     | <b>13.6</b> | <b>8.0</b>  | <b>24.9</b> | <b>4.0</b>  | <b>7.7</b> | <b>5.4</b> | <b>6.0</b>      | <b>04/2012</b> | <b>Maintain</b> |
| <i>Vanguard Spliced Total Int'l Stock Index (Net)</i> |                   |             | 8.4            | 14.1        | 8.4         | 25.2        | 4.1         | 8.0        | 5.5        | 6.1             |                |                 |
| IM International Large Cap Core Equity (MF) Median    |                   |             | 7.2            | 12.7        | 7.2         | 24.5        | 4.8         | 8.1        | 5.2        | 6.1             |                |                 |
| Vanguard Total International Stock Index Adm Rank     |                   |             | 33             | 28          | 33          | 47          | 70          | 66         | 35         | 57              |                |                 |
| <b>T. Rowe Price Overseas Stock Instl</b>             | <b>2,434,622</b>  | <b>7.7</b>  | <b>6.8</b>     | <b>11.5</b> | <b>6.8</b>  | <b>22.5</b> | <b>4.4</b>  | <b>8.2</b> | <b>5.8</b> | <b>5.7</b>      | <b>06/2018</b> | <b>Watch</b>    |
| <i>MSCI EAFE (Net)</i>                                |                   |             | 7.3            | 13.0        | 7.3         | 24.8        | 5.5         | 8.2        | 5.7        | 6.2             |                |                 |
| IM International Large Cap Core Equity (MF) Median    |                   |             | 7.2            | 12.7        | 7.2         | 24.5        | 4.8         | 8.1        | 5.2        | 5.7             |                |                 |
| T. Rowe Price Overseas Stock Instl Rank               |                   |             | 61             | 73          | 61          | 63          | 64          | 49         | 18         | 49              |                |                 |
| <b>Invesco Developing Markets R6</b>                  | <b>1,946,014</b>  | <b>6.1</b>  | <b>4.4</b>     | <b>7.3</b>  | <b>4.4</b>  | <b>14.8</b> | <b>-4.8</b> | <b>1.9</b> | <b>2.4</b> | <b>3.2</b>      | <b>04/2012</b> | <b>Maintain</b> |
| <i>MSCI Emerging Markets (Net)</i>                    |                   |             | 8.7            | 16.9        | 8.7         | 26.1        | 0.4         | 5.7        | 4.0        | 3.5             |                |                 |
| IM Emerging Markets Equity (MF) Median                |                   |             | 6.4            | 14.2        | 6.4         | 23.4        | -1.0        | 5.2        | 3.5        | 3.2             |                |                 |
| Invesco Developing Markets R6 Rank                    |                   |             | 75             | 92          | 75          | 91          | 80          | 92         | 78         | 49              |                |                 |
| <b>Real Assets</b>                                    | <b>852,656</b>    | <b>2.7</b>  | <b>10.4</b>    | <b>12.0</b> | <b>10.4</b> | <b>21.3</b> | <b>-</b>    | <b>-</b>   | <b>-</b>   | <b>-0.2</b>     | <b>04/2022</b> |                 |
| <i>S&amp;P Real Assets</i>                            |                   |             | 9.0            | 8.8         | 9.0         | 18.6        | 3.5         | 4.9        | 4.2        | 1.6             |                |                 |
| <b>DWS RREEF Real Assets R6</b>                       | <b>852,656</b>    | <b>2.7</b>  | <b>10.4</b>    | <b>12.0</b> | <b>10.4</b> | <b>21.3</b> | <b>3.7</b>  | <b>6.8</b> | <b>5.3</b> | <b>-0.2</b>     | <b>04/2022</b> | <b>Maintain</b> |
| <i>S&amp;P Real Assets</i>                            |                   |             | 9.0            | 8.8         | 9.0         | 18.6        | 3.5         | 4.9        | 4.2        | 1.6             |                |                 |

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|   | Performance(%) |              |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |            |
|---|----------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
|   | 2023           | 2022         | 2021        | 2020        | 2019        | 2018        | 2017        | 2016        | 2015        | 2014       |
| <b>Town of Ledyard Pension Plan</b>                 | <b>13.6</b>    | <b>-16.2</b> | <b>10.6</b> | <b>14.9</b> | <b>19.0</b> | <b>-6.3</b> | <b>13.1</b> | <b>10.0</b> | <b>-3.1</b> | <b>2.3</b> |
| <i>Blended Benchmark</i>                            | 13.4           | -15.2        | 9.8         | 13.6        | 18.4        | -6.0        | 12.9        | 9.1         | -3.5        | 3.6        |
| <b>Short Term Liquidity</b>                         | <b>4.7</b>     | <b>1.3</b>   | <b>0.0</b>  | <b>0.4</b>  | <b>2.0</b>  | <b>1.8</b>  | <b>0.6</b>  | <b>0.2</b>  | <b>0.0</b>  | <b>0.0</b> |
| <i>90 Day U.S. Treasury Bill</i>                    | 5.0            | 1.5          | 0.0         | 0.7         | 2.3         | 1.9         | 0.9         | 0.3         | 0.0         | 0.0        |
| <b>Dreyfus Treasury Securities Cash Management</b>  | <b>4.7</b>     | <b>1.3</b>   | <b>0.0</b>  | <b>0.4</b>  | <b>2.0</b>  | <b>1.8</b>  | <b>0.6</b>  | <b>0.2</b>  | <b>0.0</b>  | <b>0.0</b> |
| <i>90 Day U.S. Treasury Bill</i>                    | 5.0            | 1.5          | 0.0         | 0.7         | 2.3         | 1.9         | 0.9         | 0.3         | 0.0         | 0.0        |
| <b>Fixed Income</b>                                 | <b>6.6</b>     | <b>-13.5</b> | <b>-1.3</b> | <b>8.3</b>  | <b>9.1</b>  | <b>0.0</b>  | <b>4.6</b>  | <b>4.6</b>  | <b>-0.2</b> | <b>5.2</b> |
| <i>Blmbg. U.S. Aggregate</i>                        | 5.5            | -13.0        | -1.5        | 7.5         | 8.7         | 0.0         | 3.5         | 2.6         | 0.5         | 6.0        |
| <b>Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Adm</b>         | <b>5.7</b>     | <b>-13.2</b> | <b>-1.7</b> | <b>7.7</b>  | <b>8.7</b>  | <b>0.0</b>  | <b>3.6</b>  | <b>2.6</b>  | <b>0.4</b>  | <b>5.9</b> |
| <i>Vanguard Spliced Bloomberg U.S. Agg Flt Adj</i>  | 5.6            | -13.1        | -1.6        | 7.7         | 8.9         | -0.1        | 3.6         | 2.8         | 0.4         | 5.9        |
| IM U.S. Broad Market Core Fixed Income (MF) Median  | 5.8            | -13.7        | -1.3        | 8.2         | 8.8         | -0.6        | 3.6         | 2.9         | 0.0         | 5.5        |
| Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Adm Rank           | 54             | 27           | 66          | 65          | 53          | 20          | 54          | 64          | 30          | 32         |
| <b>Baird Aggregate Bond Instl</b>                   | <b>6.4</b>     | <b>-13.4</b> | <b>-1.5</b> | <b>8.6</b>  | <b>9.5</b>  | <b>-0.3</b> | <b>4.2</b>  | <b>3.5</b>  | <b>0.6</b>  | <b>6.9</b> |
| <i>Blmbg. U.S. Aggregate</i>                        | 5.5            | -13.0        | -1.5        | 7.5         | 8.7         | 0.0         | 3.5         | 2.6         | 0.5         | 6.0        |
| IM U.S. Broad Market Core Fixed Income (MF) Median  | 5.8            | -13.7        | -1.3        | 8.2         | 8.8         | -0.6        | 3.6         | 2.9         | 0.0         | 5.5        |
| Baird Aggregate Bond Instl Rank                     | 23             | 36           | 57          | 37          | 27          | 33          | 22          | 33          | 20          | 8          |
| <b>Harbor Core Bond Retirement - IR&amp;M</b>       | <b>5.8</b>     | <b>-13.3</b> | <b>-1.6</b> | <b>9.1</b>  | <b>8.8</b>  | <b>-</b>    | <b>-</b>    | <b>-</b>    | <b>-</b>    | <b>-</b>   |
| <i>Blmbg. U.S. Aggregate</i>                        | 5.5            | -13.0        | -1.5        | 7.5         | 8.7         | 0.0         | 3.5         | 2.6         | 0.5         | 6.0        |
| IM U.S. Broad Market Core Fixed Income (MF) Median  | 5.8            | -13.7        | -1.3        | 8.2         | 8.8         | -0.6        | 3.6         | 2.9         | 0.0         | 5.5        |
| Harbor Core Bond Retirement - IR&M Rank             | 48             | 33           | 62          | 26          | 50          | -           | -           | -           | -           | -          |
| <b>PGIM Total Return Bond R6</b>                    | <b>7.8</b>     | <b>-14.9</b> | <b>-1.2</b> | <b>8.1</b>  | <b>11.1</b> | <b>-0.6</b> | <b>6.7</b>  | <b>4.8</b>  | <b>0.1</b>  | <b>7.3</b> |
| <i>Blmbg. U.S. Aggregate</i>                        | 5.5            | -13.0        | -1.5        | 7.5         | 8.7         | 0.0         | 3.5         | 2.6         | 0.5         | 6.0        |
| IM U.S. Broad Market Core+ Fixed Income (MF) Median | 6.3            | -13.7        | -0.9        | 8.6         | 9.3         | -1.0        | 4.5         | 4.1         | -0.3        | 5.1        |
| PGIM Total Return Bond R6 Rank                      | 6              | 76           | 60          | 60          | 11          | 36          | 2           | 30          | 35          | 8          |

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|   | Performance(%) |              |             |             |             |              |             |             |             |             |
|---|----------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|   | 2023           | 2022         | 2021        | 2020        | 2019        | 2018         | 2017        | 2016        | 2015        | 2014        |
| <b>BlackRock Strategic Income Opportunities Class K</b> | <b>7.4</b>     | <b>-5.6</b>  | <b>1.0</b>  | <b>7.3</b>  | <b>7.8</b>  | <b>-0.5</b>  | <b>5.0</b>  | <b>3.6</b>  | <b>-0.6</b> | <b>3.6</b>  |
| <i>Blmbg. U.S. Aggregate</i>                            | 5.5            | -13.0        | -1.5        | 7.5         | 8.7         | 0.0          | 3.5         | 2.6         | 0.5         | 6.0         |
| IM Alternative Credit Focus (MF) Median                 | 7.3            | -7.6         | 1.9         | 3.9         | 7.3         | -1.9         | 4.5         | 4.9         | -1.6        | 1.0         |
| BlackRock Strategic Income Opportunities Class K Rank   | 49             | 41           | 58          | 17          | 43          | 29           | 43          | 64          | 25          | 21          |
| <b>Domestic Equity</b>                                  | <b>22.4</b>    | <b>-18.2</b> | <b>25.1</b> | <b>21.7</b> | <b>30.7</b> | <b>-5.1</b>  | <b>19.7</b> | <b>13.9</b> | <b>1.1</b>  | <b>9.0</b>  |
| <i>Domestic Equity Benchmark</i>                        | 23.1           | -18.8        | 24.4        | 19.2        | 29.8        | -6.3         | 19.5        | 15.1        | -0.5        | 10.8        |
| <b>Vanguard Institutional Index Fund Instl</b>          | <b>26.2</b>    | <b>-18.1</b> | <b>28.7</b> | <b>18.4</b> | <b>31.5</b> | <b>-4.4</b>  | <b>21.8</b> | <b>11.9</b> | <b>1.4</b>  | <b>13.7</b> |
| <i>S&amp;P 500</i>                                      | 26.3           | -18.1        | 28.7        | 18.4        | 31.5        | -4.4         | 21.8        | 12.0        | 1.4         | 13.7        |
| IM U.S. Large Cap Core Equity (MF) Median               | 24.8           | -18.7        | 26.9        | 18.4        | 30.7        | -5.4         | 21.5        | 9.7         | 0.5         | 11.5        |
| Vanguard Institutional Index Fund Instl Rank            | 38             | 46           | 26          | 50          | 37          | 32           | 45          | 20          | 35          | 18          |
| <b>Touchstone Large Cap Focused Fund Instl</b>          | <b>25.4</b>    | <b>-17.3</b> | <b>25.6</b> | <b>24.2</b> | <b>30.6</b> | <b>-2.4</b>  | <b>23.6</b> | <b>11.6</b> | <b>0.9</b>  | <b>10.6</b> |
| <i>S&amp;P 500</i>                                      | 26.3           | -18.1        | 28.7        | 18.4        | 31.5        | -4.4         | 21.8        | 12.0        | 1.4         | 13.7        |
| IM U.S. Large Cap Core Equity (MF) Median               | 24.8           | -18.7        | 26.9        | 18.4        | 30.7        | -5.4         | 21.5        | 9.7         | 0.5         | 11.5        |
| Touchstone Large Cap Focused Fund Instl Rank            | 46             | 37           | 67          | 10          | 52          | 16           | 25          | 25          | 44          | 65          |
| <b>Neuberger Berman Genesis R6</b>                      | <b>15.9</b>    | <b>-19.0</b> | <b>18.5</b> | <b>25.2</b> | <b>29.8</b> | <b>-6.4</b>  | <b>15.9</b> | <b>18.4</b> | <b>0.5</b>  | <b>0.0</b>  |
| <i>Russell 2000 Index</i>                               | 16.9           | -20.4        | 14.8        | 20.0        | 25.5        | -11.0        | 14.6        | 21.3        | -4.4        | 4.9         |
| IM U.S. Small Cap Core Equity (MF) Median               | 16.0           | -15.8        | 25.1        | 9.9         | 23.9        | -12.7        | 12.1        | 21.7        | -4.3        | 4.7         |
| Neuberger Berman Genesis R6 Rank                        | 52             | 79           | 83          | 5           | 7           | 5            | 14          | 79          | 3           | 86          |
| <b>William Blair Small Cap Value R6</b>                 | <b>11.0</b>    | <b>-11.1</b> | <b>29.6</b> | <b>2.8</b>  | <b>26.2</b> | <b>-14.0</b> | <b>13.1</b> | <b>31.4</b> | <b>-3.2</b> | <b>2.9</b>  |
| <i>Russell 2000 Value Index</i>                         | 14.6           | -14.5        | 28.3        | 4.6         | 22.4        | -12.9        | 7.8         | 31.7        | -7.5        | 4.2         |
| IM U.S. Small Cap Value Equity (MF) Median              | 16.6           | -11.1        | 32.0        | 3.6         | 21.1        | -16.1        | 8.5         | 26.7        | -7.0        | 3.4         |
| William Blair Small Cap Value R6 Rank                   | 88             | 49           | 66          | 57          | 9           | 32           | 13          | 18          | 11          | 59          |
| <b>Hood River Small Cap Growth R</b>                    | <b>21.6</b>    | <b>-27.9</b> | <b>23.9</b> | <b>60.8</b> | <b>24.2</b> | <b>-6.8</b>  | <b>20.8</b> | <b>13.5</b> | <b>0.8</b>  | <b>8.6</b>  |
| <i>Russell 2000 Growth Index</i>                        | 18.7           | -26.4        | 2.8         | 34.6        | 28.5        | -9.3         | 22.2        | 11.3        | -1.4        | 5.6         |
| IM U.S. Small Cap Growth Equity (MF) Median             | 16.5           | -27.5        | 10.5        | 36.6        | 27.6        | -5.6         | 20.7        | 10.1        | -2.4        | 2.8         |
| Hood River Small Cap Growth R Rank                      | 12             | 53           | 9           | 10          | 73          | 57           | 50          | 27          | 17          | 4           |

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# Calendar Year Performance

Town of Ledyard Pension Plan

As of September 30, 2024

|   | Performance(%) |              |             |             |             |              |             |            |              |             |
|---|----------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|------------|--------------|-------------|
|   | 2023           | 2022         | 2021        | 2020        | 2019        | 2018         | 2017        | 2016       | 2015         | 2014        |
| <b>International Equity</b>                           | <b>14.7</b>    | <b>-18.0</b> | <b>5.2</b>  | <b>12.5</b> | <b>23.0</b> | <b>-13.8</b> | <b>28.6</b> | <b>4.1</b> | <b>-7.3</b>  | <b>-5.2</b> |
| <i>International Equity Benchmark</i>                 | 14.8           | -16.6        | 5.9         | 12.0        | 20.6        | -14.1        | 29.8        | 5.6        | -7.2         | -3.6        |
| <b>Vanguard Total International Stock Index Adm</b>   | <b>15.5</b>    | <b>-16.0</b> | <b>8.6</b>  | <b>11.3</b> | <b>21.5</b> | <b>-14.4</b> | <b>27.6</b> | <b>4.7</b> | <b>-4.3</b>  | <b>-4.2</b> |
| <i>Vanguard Spliced Total Int'l Stock Index (Net)</i> | 15.8           | -16.1        | 8.8         | 11.2        | 21.8        | -14.6        | 27.4        | 4.7        | -4.3         | -3.4        |
| IM International Large Cap Core Equity (MF) Median    | 17.2           | -15.1        | 10.7        | 9.1         | 22.1        | -15.0        | 25.0        | 0.0        | -1.9         | -6.0        |
| Vanguard Total International Stock Index Adm Rank     | 77             | 62           | 72          | 34          | 61          | 41           | 25          | 12         | 70           | 19          |
| <b>T. Rowe Price Overseas Stock Instl</b>             | <b>16.6</b>    | <b>-15.4</b> | <b>12.4</b> | <b>9.3</b>  | <b>23.0</b> | <b>-14.8</b> | <b>27.2</b> | <b>3.0</b> | <b>-2.5</b>  | <b>-4.5</b> |
| <i>MSCI EAFE (Net)</i>                                | 18.2           | -14.5        | 11.3        | 7.8         | 22.0        | -13.8        | 25.0        | 1.0        | -0.8         | -4.9        |
| IM International Large Cap Core Equity (MF) Median    | 17.2           | -15.1        | 10.7        | 9.1         | 22.1        | -15.0        | 25.0        | 0.0        | -1.9         | -6.0        |
| T. Rowe Price Overseas Stock Instl Rank               | 62             | 56           | 27          | 47          | 37          | 47           | 25          | 14         | 59           | 23          |
| <b>Invesco Developing Markets R6</b>                  | <b>11.5</b>    | <b>-24.8</b> | <b>-7.1</b> | <b>17.7</b> | <b>24.5</b> | <b>-11.8</b> | <b>35.3</b> | <b>7.4</b> | <b>-13.7</b> | <b>-4.4</b> |
| <i>MSCI Emerging Markets (Net)</i>                    | 9.8            | -20.1        | -2.5        | 18.3        | 18.4        | -14.6        | 37.3        | 11.2       | -14.9        | -2.2        |
| IM Emerging Markets Equity (MF) Median                | 10.9           | -22.5        | -1.6        | 17.7        | 20.2        | -16.5        | 35.7        | 8.3        | -13.7        | -3.0        |
| Invesco Developing Markets R6 Rank                    | 44             | 68           | 81          | 51          | 26          | 12           | 52          | 54         | 50           | 68          |
| <b>Real Assets</b>                                    | <b>2.6</b>     | <b>-</b>     | <b>-</b>    | <b>-</b>    | <b>-</b>    | <b>-</b>     | <b>-</b>    | <b>-</b>   | <b>-</b>     | <b>-</b>    |
| <i>S&amp;P Real Assets</i>                            | 7.8            | -9.9         | 15.4        | 1.2         | 17.2        | -5.9         | 11.2        | 10.8       | -10.1        | 5.4         |
| <b>DWS RREEF Real Assets R6</b>                       | <b>2.6</b>     | <b>-9.6</b>  | <b>23.9</b> | <b>3.9</b>  | <b>21.8</b> | <b>-5.1</b>  | <b>15.0</b> | <b>4.4</b> | <b>-9.5</b>  | <b>3.5</b>  |
| <i>S&amp;P Real Assets</i>                            | 7.8            | -9.9         | 15.4        | 1.2         | 17.2        | -5.9         | 11.2        | 10.8       | -10.1        | 5.4         |

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## Investment Gain/Loss Summary

Town of Ledyard Pension Plan

1 Quarter Ending September 30, 2024

|  | Market Value<br>as of<br>07/01/2024 | Net Contributions | Gain/Loss        | Market Value<br>As of<br>09/30/2024 |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Town of Ledyard Pension Plan</b>              | <b>30,443,700</b>                   | <b>-525,512</b>   | <b>1,876,443</b> | <b>31,794,632</b>                   |
| <b>Short Term Liquidity</b>                      | <b>958,461</b>                      | <b>-925,512</b>   | <b>3,131</b>     | <b>36,081</b>                       |
| Dreyfus Treasury Securities Cash Management      | 958,461                             | -925,512          | 3,131            | 36,081                              |
| <b>Fixed Income</b>                              | <b>12,192,046</b>                   | <b>325,000</b>    | <b>636,362</b>   | <b>13,153,408</b>                   |
| Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Adm             | 2,958,890                           | 100,000           | 155,175          | 3,214,065                           |
| Baird Aggregate Bond Instl                       | 2,093,322                           | 50,000            | 112,434          | 2,255,756                           |
| Harbor Core Bond Retirement - IR&M               | 2,090,301                           | 50,000            | 110,704          | 2,251,005                           |
| PGIM Total Return Bond R6                        | 3,859,140                           | 75,000            | 205,118          | 4,139,258                           |
| BlackRock Strategic Income Opportunities Class K | 1,190,392                           | 50,000            | 52,931           | 1,293,324                           |
| <b>Domestic Equity</b>                           | <b>9,989,896</b>                    | <b>-</b>          | <b>722,365</b>   | <b>10,712,262</b>                   |
| Vanguard Institutional Index Fund Instl          | 4,388,329                           | -                 | 257,875          | 4,646,204                           |
| Touchstone Large Cap Focused Fund Instl          | 2,146,921                           | -                 | 131,868          | 2,278,790                           |
| Neuberger Berman Genesis R6                      | 1,789,257                           | -                 | 169,958          | 1,959,216                           |
| William Blair Small Cap Value R6                 | 789,542                             | -                 | 56,029           | 845,571                             |
| Hood River Small Cap Growth R                    | 875,847                             | -                 | 106,635          | 982,482                             |
| <b>International Equity</b>                      | <b>6,555,853</b>                    | <b>50,000</b>     | <b>434,372</b>   | <b>7,040,225</b>                    |
| Vanguard Total International Stock Index Adm     | 2,462,006                           | -                 | 197,583          | 2,659,590                           |
| T. Rowe Price Overseas Stock Instl               | 2,229,191                           | 50,000            | 155,431          | 2,434,622                           |
| Invesco Developing Markets R6                    | 1,864,655                           | -                 | 81,358           | 1,946,014                           |
| <b>Real Assets</b>                               | <b>747,444</b>                      | <b>25,000</b>     | <b>80,212</b>    | <b>852,656</b>                      |
| DWS RREEF Real Assets R6                         | 747,444                             | 25,000            | 80,212           | 852,656                             |

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# Estimated Fee Analysis

Town of Ledyard Pension Plan

As of September 30, 2024

|  | Market Value<br>(\$) | Estimated<br>Annual Fee<br>(\$) | Estimated<br>Annual Fee<br>(%) |
|--|----------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Town of Ledyard Pension Plan</b>              | <b>31,794,632</b>    | <b>131,789</b>                  | <b>0.41</b>                    |
| <b>Short Term Liquidity</b>                      | <b>36,081</b>        | <b>-</b>                        | <b>-</b>                       |
| Dreyfus Treasury Securities Cash Management      | 36,081               | -                               | -                              |
| <b>Fixed Income</b>                              | <b>13,153,408</b>    | <b>38,777</b>                   | <b>0.29</b>                    |
| Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Adm             | 3,214,065            | 1,607                           | 0.05                           |
| Baird Aggregate Bond Instl                       | 2,255,756            | 6,767                           | 0.30                           |
| Harbor Core Bond Retirement - IR&M               | 2,251,005            | 5,853                           | 0.26                           |
| PGIM Total Return Bond R6                        | 4,139,258            | 16,143                          | 0.39                           |
| BlackRock Strategic Income Opportunities Class K | 1,293,324            | 8,407                           | 0.65                           |
| <b>Domestic Equity</b>                           | <b>10,712,262</b>    | <b>48,710</b>                   | <b>0.45</b>                    |
| Vanguard Institutional Index Fund Instl          | 4,646,204            | 1,626                           | 0.04                           |
| Touchstone Large Cap Focused Fund Instl          | 2,278,790            | 16,179                          | 0.71                           |
| Neuberger Berman Genesis R6                      | 1,959,216            | 14,498                          | 0.74                           |
| William Blair Small Cap Value R6                 | 845,571              | 6,680                           | 0.79                           |
| Hood River Small Cap Growth R                    | 982,482              | 9,727                           | 0.99                           |
| <b>International Equity</b>                      | <b>7,040,225</b>     | <b>36,628</b>                   | <b>0.52</b>                    |
| Vanguard Total International Stock Index Adm     | 2,659,590            | 3,192                           | 0.12                           |
| T. Rowe Price Overseas Stock Instl               | 2,434,622            | 16,312                          | 0.67                           |
| Invesco Developing Markets R6                    | 1,946,014            | 17,125                          | 0.88                           |
| <b>Real Assets</b>                               | <b>852,656</b>       | <b>7,674</b>                    | <b>0.90</b>                    |
| DWS RREEF Real Assets R6                         | 852,656              | 7,674                           | 0.90                           |

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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.



# Financial Markets Performance

**Total Return as of October 31, 2024**  
**Periods greater than one year are annualized**  
**All returns are in U.S. dollar terms**

| <b>Global Fixed Income Markets</b>          | <b>MTD</b> | <b>YTD</b> | <b>1YR</b> | <b>3YR</b> | <b>5YR</b> | <b>7YR</b> | <b>10YR</b> | <b>15YR</b> |
|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| Bloomberg 1-3-Month T-Bill                  | 0.4%       | 4.5%       | 5.4%       | 3.7%       | 2.4%       | 2.3%       | 1.7%        | 1.1%        |
| Bloomberg U.S. TIPS                         | -1.8%      | 3.0%       | 8.6%       | -1.5%      | 2.2%       | 2.6%       | 2.3%        | 3.0%        |
| Bloomberg Municipal Bond (5 Year)           | -1.0%      | 1.2%       | 6.6%       | 0.1%       | 1.0%       | 1.6%       | 1.6%        | 2.4%        |
| Bloomberg High Yield Municipal Bond         | -1.5%      | 5.8%       | 17.5%      | 0.7%       | 2.7%       | 4.2%       | 4.4%        | 5.7%        |
| Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate                    | -2.5%      | 1.9%       | 10.5%      | -2.2%      | -0.2%      | 1.1%       | 1.5%        | 2.4%        |
| Bloomberg U.S. Corporate High Yield         | -0.5%      | 7.4%       | 16.5%      | 3.0%       | 4.5%       | 4.6%       | 4.9%        | 6.7%        |
| Bloomberg Global Aggregate ex-U.S. Hedged   | -0.5%      | 3.7%       | 9.3%       | 0.6%       | 0.7%       | 2.1%       | 2.5%        | 3.1%        |
| Bloomberg Global Aggregate ex-U.S. Unhedged | -4.1%      | -1.4%      | 8.6%       | -5.6%      | -2.9%      | -1.3%      | -0.9%       | -0.1%       |
| Bloomberg U.S. Long Gov / Credit            | -4.7%      | -1.3%      | 17.0%      | -8.2%      | -2.9%      | 0.3%       | 1.6%        | 3.9%        |
| <b>Global Equity Markets</b>                | <b>MTD</b> | <b>YTD</b> | <b>1YR</b> | <b>3YR</b> | <b>5YR</b> | <b>7YR</b> | <b>10YR</b> | <b>15YR</b> |
| S&P 500                                     | -0.9%      | 21.0%      | 38.0%      | 9.1%       | 15.3%      | 14.0%      | 13.0%       | 14.2%       |
| Dow Jones Industrial Average                | -1.3%      | 12.5%      | 28.9%      | 7.4%       | 11.4%      | 11.0%      | 11.6%       | 12.9%       |
| NASDAQ Composite                            | -0.5%      | 21.2%      | 41.9%      | 6.1%       | 17.8%      | 16.2%      | 15.7%       | 16.8%       |
| Russell 3000                                | -0.7%      | 19.7%      | 37.9%      | 7.6%       | 14.6%      | 13.3%      | 12.4%       | 13.9%       |
| Russell 1000                                | -0.7%      | 20.3%      | 38.1%      | 8.1%       | 15.0%      | 13.7%      | 12.7%       | 14.1%       |
| Russell 1000 Growth                         | -0.3%      | 24.1%      | 43.8%      | 8.8%       | 19.0%      | 17.5%      | 16.2%       | 16.6%       |
| Russell 1000 Value                          | -1.1%      | 15.4%      | 31.0%      | 6.8%       | 10.1%      | 9.2%       | 8.9%        | 11.4%       |
| Russell Mid Cap                             | -0.5%      | 14.0%      | 35.4%      | 3.5%       | 10.9%      | 10.1%      | 9.8%        | 12.8%       |
| Russell Mid Cap Growth                      | 1.7%       | 14.9%      | 38.7%      | 0.6%       | 11.5%      | 11.7%      | 11.2%       | 13.6%       |
| Russell Mid Cap Value                       | -1.3%      | 13.6%      | 34.0%      | 5.1%       | 9.9%       | 8.5%       | 8.4%        | 11.9%       |
| Russell 2000                                | -1.4%      | 9.6%       | 34.1%      | 0.0%       | 8.5%       | 7.0%       | 7.9%        | 11.0%       |
| Russell 2000 Growth                         | -1.3%      | 11.7%      | 36.5%      | -2.3%      | 7.9%       | 7.2%       | 8.1%        | 11.5%       |
| Russell 2000 Value                          | -1.6%      | 7.5%       | 31.8%      | 1.9%       | 8.4%       | 6.3%       | 7.3%        | 10.2%       |
| MSCI ACWI                                   | -2.2%      | 16.0%      | 32.8%      | 5.5%       | 11.1%      | 9.6%       | 9.1%        | 9.6%        |
| MSCI ACWI ex. U.S.                          | -4.9%      | 8.6%       | 24.3%      | 1.6%       | 5.8%       | 4.4%       | 4.8%        | 5.2%        |
| MSCI EAFE                                   | -5.4%      | 6.8%       | 23.0%      | 2.7%       | 6.2%       | 4.9%       | 5.3%        | 5.7%        |
| MSCI EAFE Growth                            | -6.2%      | 5.3%       | 23.3%      | -1.3%      | 5.6%       | 5.4%       | 6.0%        | 6.5%        |
| MSCI EAFE Value                             | -4.7%      | 8.4%       | 22.8%      | 6.6%       | 6.5%       | 4.2%       | 4.3%        | 4.7%        |
| MSCI EAFE Small Cap                         | -6.3%      | 4.1%       | 23.0%      | -3.0%      | 4.1%       | 3.0%       | 5.7%        | 6.8%        |
| MSCI Emerging Markets                       | -4.4%      | 11.7%      | 25.3%      | -1.4%      | 3.9%       | 2.5%       | 3.4%        | 3.8%        |
| <b>Alternatives</b>                         | <b>MTD</b> | <b>YTD</b> | <b>1YR</b> | <b>3YR</b> | <b>5YR</b> | <b>7YR</b> | <b>10YR</b> | <b>15YR</b> |
| Consumer Price Index*                       | 0.2%       | 1.9%       | 2.4%       | 4.7%       | 4.2%       | 3.6%       | 2.9%        | 2.5%        |
| FTSE NAREIT Equity REITs                    | -2.9%      | 12.6%      | 36.8%      | 1.5%       | 4.5%       | 6.7%       | 6.5%        | 10.6%       |
| S&P Real Assets                             | -2.9%      | 5.6%       | 17.6%      | 1.4%       | 4.1%       | 4.4%       | 3.7%        | 5.6%        |
| FTSE EPRA NAREIT Developed                  | -5.0%      | 7.0%       | 29.8%      | -2.3%      | 0.8%       | 3.6%       | 3.8%        | 6.8%        |
| FTSE EPRA NAREIT Developed ex U.S.          | -8.7%      | -0.8%      | 20.3%      | -7.3%      | -3.5%      | 0.0%       | 1.0%        | 3.6%        |
| Bloomberg Commodity Total Return            | -1.9%      | 3.9%       | -1.2%      | 2.1%       | 7.0%       | 4.3%       | -0.1%       | -0.8%       |
| HFRI Fund of Funds Composite*               | 1.0%       | 6.8%       | 10.2%      | 2.5%       | 5.4%       | 4.3%       | 3.7%        | 3.6%        |
| HFRI Asset Weighted Composite*              | 1.4%       | 6.5%       | 7.0%       | 4.1%       | 4.6%       | 4.2%       | 3.8%        | 4.5%        |
| Alerian MLP                                 | -1.3%      | 17.0%      | 22.3%      | 22.9%      | 14.6%      | 9.3%       | 2.2%        | 8.3%        |

Sources: Morningstar, FactSet. As of October 31, 2024. \*Consumer Price Index and HFRI indexes as of September 30, 2024.

See disclosures for list of indices representing each asset class. Past performance does not indicate future performance and there is a possibility of a loss.

Indices cannot be invested in directly.



# Asset Allocation

Town of Ledyard Pension Plan

As of October 31, 2024

|  | Asset Allocation (\$) | Asset Allocation (%) | Target Allocation (%) | Differences (%) |
|--|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Town of Ledyard Pension Plan</b>              | <b>30,876,343</b>     | <b>100.0</b>         | <b>100.0</b>          | <b>0.0</b>      |
| <b>Short Term Liquidity</b>                      | <b>414,819</b>        | <b>1.3</b>           | <b>3.0</b>            | <b>-1.7</b>     |
| Dreyfus Treasury Securities Cash Management      | 414,819               | 1.3                  | 3.0                   | -1.7            |
| <b>Fixed Income</b>                              | <b>12,778,448</b>     | <b>41.4</b>          | <b>41.0</b>           | <b>0.4</b>      |
| Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Adm             | 3,111,631             | 10.1                 | 10.0                  | 0.1             |
| Baird Aggregate Bond Instl                       | 2,175,970             | 7.0                  | 7.0                   | 0.0             |
| Harbor Core Bond Retirement - IR&M               | 2,170,634             | 7.0                  | 7.0                   | 0.0             |
| PGIM Total Return Bond R6                        | 4,044,498             | 13.1                 | 13.0                  | 0.1             |
| BlackRock Strategic Income Opportunities Class K | 1,275,715             | 4.1                  | 4.0                   | 0.1             |
| <b>Domestic Equity</b>                           | <b>10,179,063</b>     | <b>33.0</b>          | <b>32.0</b>           | <b>1.0</b>      |
| Vanguard Institutional Index Fund Instl          | 4,403,928             | 14.3                 | 14.0                  | 0.3             |
| Touchstone Large Cap Focused Fund Instl          | 2,217,632             | 7.2                  | 7.0                   | 0.2             |
| Neuberger Berman Genesis R6                      | 1,863,012             | 6.0                  | 6.0                   | 0.0             |
| William Blair Small Cap Value R6                 | 817,421               | 2.6                  | 2.5                   | 0.1             |
| Hood River Small Cap Growth R                    | 877,070               | 2.8                  | 2.5                   | 0.3             |
| <b>International Equity</b>                      | <b>6,669,715</b>      | <b>21.6</b>          | <b>21.5</b>           | <b>0.1</b>      |
| Vanguard Total International Stock Index Adm     | 2,915,442             | 9.4                  | 9.5                   | -0.1            |
| JHancock International Dynamic Growth R6 - Axiom | 1,871,747             | 6.1                  | 6.0                   | 0.1             |
| Invesco Developing Markets R6                    | 1,882,526             | 6.1                  | 6.0                   | 0.1             |
| <b>Real Assets</b>                               | <b>834,297</b>        | <b>2.7</b>           | <b>2.5</b>            | <b>0.2</b>      |
| DWS RREEF Real Assets R6                         | 834,297               | 2.7                  | 2.5                   | 0.2             |

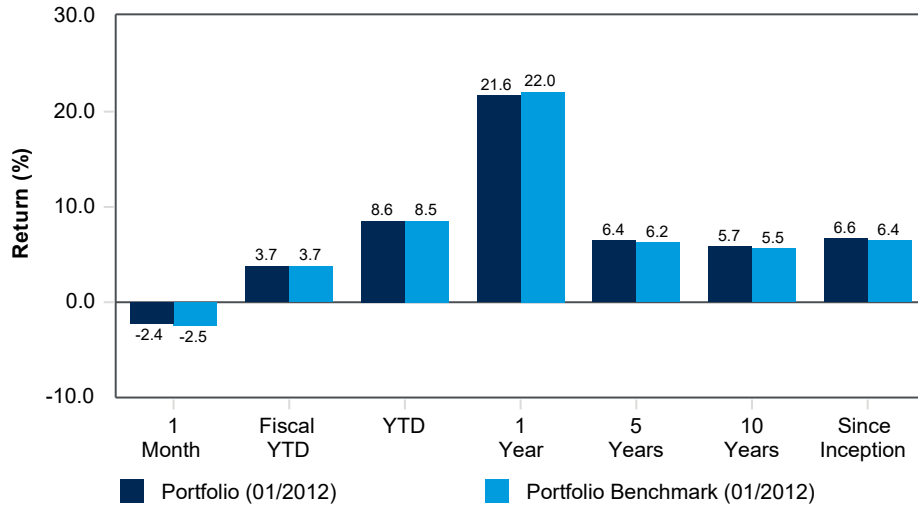


# Portfolio Dashboard

Town of Ledyard Pension Plan

As of October 31, 2024

## Historical Performance



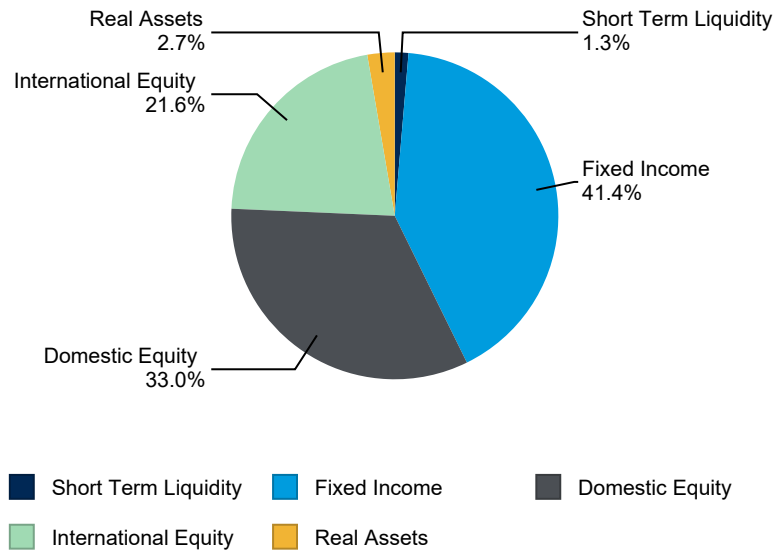
## Summary of Cash Flows

|                        | 1 Month    | Fiscal YTD | YTD        | 1 Year     |
|------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Beginning Market Value | 31,794,632 | 30,443,700 | 29,163,734 | 26,346,447 |
| Net Contributions      | -215,019   | -740,530   | -805,505   | -1,123,765 |
| Gain/Loss              | -703,271   | 1,173,172  | 2,518,114  | 5,653,661  |
| Ending Market Value    | 30,876,343 | 30,876,343 | 30,876,343 | 30,876,343 |

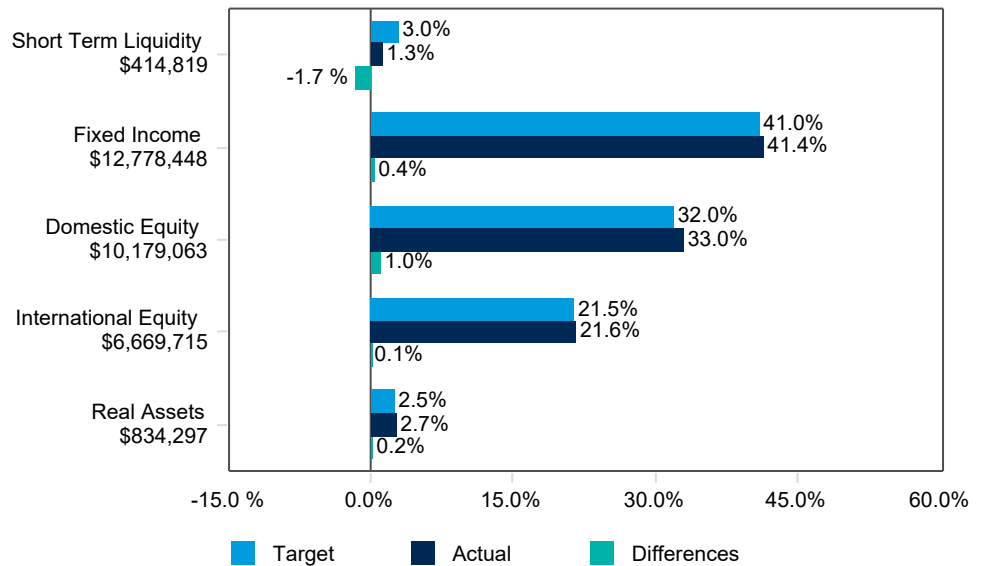
## Current Benchmark Composition

| From Date | To Date | Composition   |
|-----------|---------|---|
| 04/2024   | 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, 8.00% MSCI AC World ex USA (Net), 7.50% MSCI EAFE (Net), 6.00% MSCI Emerging Markets (Net), 2.50% S&P Real Assets |

## Portfolio Allocation



## Actual vs. Target Allocations



Client portfolio performance is presented net of underlying investment manager fees but gross of Fiduciant Advisors' fees.





# Manager Performance

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|   | Allocation        |              | Performance(%) |            |            |             |             |             |            |                 |                |
|---|-------------------|--------------|----------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-----------------|----------------|
|   | Market Value (\$) | %            | 1 Month        | Fiscal YTD | YTD        | 1 Year      | 3 Years     | 5 Years     | 10 Years   | Since Inception | Inception Date |
| <b>Town of Ledyard Pension Plan</b>                     | <b>30,876,343</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>-2.4</b>    | <b>3.7</b> | <b>8.6</b> | <b>21.6</b> | <b>1.3</b>  | <b>6.4</b>  | <b>5.7</b> | <b>6.6</b>      | <b>01/2012</b> |
| <i>Blended Benchmark</i>                                |                   |              | -2.5           | 3.7        | 8.5        | 22.0        | 1.6         | 6.2         | 5.5        | 6.4             |                |
| <b>Dreyfus Treasury Securities Cash Management</b>      | <b>414,819</b>    | <b>1.3</b>   | <b>0.4</b>     | <b>1.7</b> | <b>4.2</b> | <b>5.0</b>  | <b>3.4</b>  | <b>2.2</b>  | <b>1.5</b> | <b>1.2</b>      | <b>01/2012</b> |
| <i>90 Day U.S. Treasury Bill</i>                        |                   |              | 0.4            | 1.8        | 4.4        | 5.4         | 3.6         | 2.4         | 1.7        | 1.3             |                |
| <b>Fixed Income</b>                                     | <b>12,778,448</b> | <b>41.4</b>  | <b>-2.3</b>    | <b>2.7</b> | <b>2.6</b> | <b>11.7</b> | <b>-1.8</b> | <b>0.2</b>  | <b>2.0</b> | <b>2.4</b>      | <b>12/2011</b> |
| <i>Blmbg. U.S. Aggregate</i>                            |                   |              | -2.5           | 2.6        | 1.9        | 10.5        | -2.2        | -0.2        | 1.5        | 1.8             |                |
| <b>Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Adm</b>             | <b>3,111,631</b>  | <b>10.1</b>  | <b>-2.4</b>    | <b>2.5</b> | <b>1.9</b> | <b>10.4</b> | <b>-2.2</b> | <b>-0.2</b> | <b>1.5</b> | <b>1.7</b>      | <b>01/2012</b> |
| <i>Vanguard Spliced Bloomberg U.S. Agg Flt Adj</i>      |                   |              | -2.4           | 2.6        | 1.9        | 10.5        | -2.2        | -0.2        | 1.5        | 1.8             |                |
| IM U.S. Broad Market Core Fixed Income (MF) Median      |                   |              | -2.5           | 2.6        | 2.2        | 11.0        | -2.3        | 0.0         | 1.5        | 1.9             |                |
| Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Adm Rank               |                   |              | 41             | 59         | 74         | 78          | 47          | 63          | 54         | 68              |                |
| <b>Baird Aggregate Bond Instl</b>                       | <b>2,175,970</b>  | <b>7.0</b>   | <b>-2.5</b>    | <b>2.7</b> | <b>2.4</b> | <b>11.6</b> | <b>-1.9</b> | <b>0.2</b>  | <b>1.9</b> | <b>2.9</b>      | <b>04/2024</b> |
| <i>Blmbg. U.S. Aggregate</i>                            |                   |              | -2.5           | 2.6        | 1.9        | 10.5        | -2.2        | -0.2        | 1.5        | 2.7             |                |
| IM U.S. Broad Market Core Fixed Income (MF) Median      |                   |              | -2.5           | 2.6        | 2.2        | 11.0        | -2.3        | 0.0         | 1.5        | 2.8             |                |
| Baird Aggregate Bond Instl Rank                         |                   |              | 47             | 32         | 40         | 28          | 22          | 31          | 18         | 37              |                |
| <b>Harbor Core Bond Retirement - IR&amp;M</b>           | <b>2,170,634</b>  | <b>7.0</b>   | <b>-2.5</b>    | <b>2.5</b> | <b>2.2</b> | <b>10.8</b> | <b>-2.2</b> | <b>0.1</b>  | <b>-</b>   | <b>2.8</b>      | <b>04/2024</b> |
| <i>Blmbg. U.S. Aggregate</i>                            |                   |              | -2.5           | 2.6        | 1.9        | 10.5        | -2.2        | -0.2        | 1.5        | 2.7             |                |
| IM U.S. Broad Market Core Fixed Income (MF) Median      |                   |              | -2.5           | 2.6        | 2.2        | 11.0        | -2.3        | 0.0         | 1.5        | 2.8             |                |
| Harbor Core Bond Retirement - IR&M Rank                 |                   |              | 56             | 52         | 52         | 59          | 44          | 40          | -          | 50              |                |
| <b>PGIM Total Return Bond R6</b>                        | <b>4,044,498</b>  | <b>13.1</b>  | <b>-2.3</b>    | <b>2.8</b> | <b>3.4</b> | <b>12.7</b> | <b>-1.6</b> | <b>0.3</b>  | <b>2.4</b> | <b>2.2</b>      | <b>04/2015</b> |
| <i>Blmbg. U.S. Aggregate</i>                            |                   |              | -2.5           | 2.6        | 1.9        | 10.5        | -2.2        | -0.2        | 1.5        | 1.3             |                |
| IM U.S. Broad Market Core+ Fixed Income (MF) Median     |                   |              | -2.4           | 2.7        | 2.5        | 11.7        | -2.1        | 0.3         | 1.6        | 1.5             |                |
| PGIM Total Return Bond R6 Rank                          |                   |              | 35             | 33         | 16         | 11          | 33          | 51          | 14         | 15              |                |
| <b>BlackRock Strategic Income Opportunities Class K</b> | <b>1,275,715</b>  | <b>4.1</b>   | <b>-1.4</b>    | <b>2.8</b> | <b>4.5</b> | <b>10.7</b> | <b>1.9</b>  | <b>3.0</b>  | <b>3.0</b> | <b>3.4</b>      | <b>04/2022</b> |
| <i>Blmbg. U.S. Aggregate</i>                            |                   |              | -2.5           | 2.6        | 1.9        | 10.5        | -2.2        | -0.2        | 1.5        | -0.2            |                |
| IM Alternative Credit Focus (MF) Median                 |                   |              | -0.7           | 3.0        | 5.3        | 10.3        | 1.9         | 3.0         | 2.0        | 3.4             |                |
| BlackRock Strategic Income Opportunities Class K Rank   |                   |              | 82             | 54         | 76         | 48          | 50          | 48          | 24         | 49              |                |

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|  | Allocation        |             | Performance(%) |             |             |             |             |             |             |                 |                |  |
|--|-------------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------|--|
|  | Market Value (\$) | %           | 1 Month        | Fiscal YTD  | YTD         | 1 Year      | 3 Years     | 5 Years     | 10 Years    | Since Inception | Inception Date |  |
| <b>Domestic Equity</b>                         | <b>10,179,063</b> | <b>33.0</b> | <b>-1.3</b>    | <b>5.8</b>  | <b>17.3</b> | <b>35.5</b> | <b>6.4</b>  | <b>13.7</b> | <b>12.0</b> | <b>13.6</b>     | <b>12/2011</b> |  |
| <i>Domestic Equity Benchmark</i>               |                   |             | <i>-1.1</i>    | <i>6.0</i>  | <i>17.0</i> | <i>37.0</i> | <i>6.1</i>  | <i>13.1</i> | <i>11.5</i> | <i>13.4</i>     |                |  |
| <b>Vanguard Institutional Index Fund Instl</b> | <b>4,403,928</b>  | <b>14.3</b> | <b>-0.9</b>    | <b>4.9</b>  | <b>20.9</b> | <b>38.0</b> | <b>9.0</b>  | <b>15.2</b> | <b>13.0</b> | <b>14.6</b>     | <b>01/2012</b> |  |
| <i>S&amp;P 500</i>                             |                   |             | <i>-0.9</i>    | <i>4.9</i>  | <i>21.0</i> | <i>38.0</i> | <i>9.1</i>  | <i>15.3</i> | <i>13.0</i> | <i>14.7</i>     |                |  |
| IM U.S. Large Cap Core Equity (MF) Median      |                   |             | -0.9           | 4.2         | 19.7        | 36.6        | 7.7         | 14.3        | 11.9        | 13.7            |                |  |
| Vanguard Institutional Index Fund Instl Rank   |                   |             | 49             | 37          | 33          | 39          | 29          | 27          | 13          | 16              |                |  |
| <b>Touchstone Large Cap Focused Fund Instl</b> | <b>2,217,632</b>  | <b>7.2</b>  | <b>-0.5</b>    | <b>5.6</b>  | <b>17.8</b> | <b>31.9</b> | <b>7.4</b>  | <b>15.4</b> | <b>13.2</b> | <b>16.9</b>     | <b>01/2019</b> |  |
| <i>S&amp;P 500</i>                             |                   |             | <i>-0.9</i>    | <i>4.9</i>  | <i>21.0</i> | <i>38.0</i> | <i>9.1</i>  | <i>15.3</i> | <i>13.0</i> | <i>17.1</i>     |                |  |
| IM U.S. Large Cap Core Equity (MF) Median      |                   |             | -0.9           | 4.2         | 19.7        | 36.6        | 7.7         | 14.3        | 11.9        | 15.9            |                |  |
| Touchstone Large Cap Focused Fund Instl Rank   |                   |             | 23             | 16          | 66          | 76          | 57          | 24          | 9           | 24              |                |  |
| <b>Neuberger Berman Genesis R6</b>             | <b>1,863,012</b>  | <b>6.0</b>  | <b>-2.4</b>    | <b>6.9</b>  | <b>10.1</b> | <b>28.7</b> | <b>1.7</b>  | <b>9.9</b>  | <b>10.0</b> | <b>10.8</b>     | <b>04/2012</b> |  |
| <i>Russell 2000 Index</i>                      |                   |             | <i>-1.4</i>    | <i>7.7</i>  | <i>9.6</i>  | <i>34.1</i> | <i>0.0</i>  | <i>8.5</i>  | <i>7.9</i>  | <i>9.5</i>      |                |  |
| IM U.S. Small Cap Core Equity (MF) Median      |                   |             | -1.9           | 6.4         | 7.7         | 29.3        | 2.6         | 9.0         | 7.8         | 9.4             |                |  |
| Neuberger Berman Genesis R6 Rank               |                   |             | 74             | 42          | 28          | 58          | 62          | 34          | 4           | 7               |                |  |
| <b>William Blair Small Cap Value R6</b>        | <b>817,421</b>    | <b>2.6</b>  | <b>-3.3</b>    | <b>3.5</b>  | <b>1.6</b>  | <b>19.9</b> | <b>1.5</b>  | <b>6.9</b>  | <b>7.8</b>  | <b>2.1</b>      | <b>12/2021</b> |  |
| <i>Russell 2000 Value Index</i>                |                   |             | <i>-1.6</i>    | <i>8.4</i>  | <i>7.5</i>  | <i>31.8</i> | <i>1.9</i>  | <i>8.4</i>  | <i>7.3</i>  | <i>3.2</i>      |                |  |
| IM U.S. Small Cap Value Equity (MF) Median     |                   |             | -1.6           | 6.2         | 6.9         | 28.6        | 4.4         | 9.9         | 7.4         | 5.5             |                |  |
| William Blair Small Cap Value R6 Rank          |                   |             | 92             | 89          | 89          | 93          | 96          | 96          | 36          | 97              |                |  |
| <b>Hood River Small Cap Growth R</b>           | <b>877,070</b>    | <b>2.8</b>  | <b>-0.4</b>    | <b>11.7</b> | <b>30.9</b> | <b>62.6</b> | <b>4.0</b>  | <b>19.7</b> | <b>14.1</b> | <b>5.8</b>      | <b>12/2021</b> |  |
| <i>Russell 2000 Growth Index</i>               |                   |             | <i>-1.3</i>    | <i>7.0</i>  | <i>11.7</i> | <i>36.5</i> | <i>-2.3</i> | <i>7.9</i>  | <i>8.1</i>  | <i>-0.7</i>     |                |  |
| IM U.S. Small Cap Growth Equity (MF) Median    |                   |             | -1.7           | 5.7         | 10.9        | 33.9        | -2.7        | 8.6         | 8.6         | -1.1            |                |  |
| Hood River Small Cap Growth R Rank             |                   |             | 18             | 3           | 2           | 1           | 4           | 1           | 1           | 2               |                |  |

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|   | Allocation        |             | Performance(%) |             |             |             |             |             |            |                 |                |
|---|-------------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-----------------|----------------|
|   | Market Value (\$) | %           | 1 Month        | Fiscal YTD  | YTD         | 1 Year      | 3 Years     | 5 Years     | 10 Years   | Since Inception | Inception Date |
| <b>International Equity</b>                             | <b>6,669,715</b>  | <b>21.6</b> | <b>-5.0</b>    | <b>1.3</b>  | <b>5.6</b>  | <b>19.0</b> | <b>-0.8</b> | <b>4.5</b>  | <b>3.9</b> | <b>4.5</b>      | <b>03/2012</b> |
| <i>International Equity Benchmark</i>                   |                   |             | -5.0           | 2.6         | 8.9         | 24.2        | 1.2         | 5.5         | 4.6        | 4.8             |                |
| <b>Vanguard Total International Stock Index Adm</b>     | <b>2,915,442</b>  | <b>9.4</b>  | <b>-4.7</b>    | <b>2.9</b>  | <b>8.2</b>  | <b>23.3</b> | <b>1.4</b>  | <b>6.0</b>  | <b>4.9</b> | <b>5.5</b>      | <b>04/2012</b> |
| <i>Vanguard Spliced Total Int'l Stock Index (Net)</i>   |                   |             | -4.9           | 3.1         | 8.5         | 24.4        | 1.6         | 6.1         | 5.1        | 5.6             |                |
| IM International Large Cap Core Equity (MF) Median      |                   |             | -5.1           | 1.4         | 7.0         | 21.9        | 1.7         | 6.1         | 4.7        | 5.6             |                |
| Vanguard Total International Stock Index Adm Rank       |                   |             | 31             | 18          | 29          | 36          | 62          | 58          | 37         | 54              |                |
| <b>JHancock International Dynamic Growth R6 - Axiom</b> | <b>1,871,747</b>  | <b>6.1</b>  | <b>-1.8</b>    | <b>-0.1</b> | <b>25.2</b> | <b>43.4</b> | <b>0.3</b>  | <b>12.2</b> | <b>-</b>   | <b>-1.8</b>     | <b>10/2024</b> |
| <i>MSCI AC World ex USA Growth (Net)</i>                |                   |             | -5.1           | 1.5         | 8.3         | 25.2        | -1.9        | 5.2         | 5.5        | -5.1            |                |
| IM International Growth Equity (MF) Median              |                   |             | -4.9           | 1.5         | 7.0         | 23.2        | -1.6        | 5.6         | 5.3        | -4.9            |                |
| JHancock International Dynamic Growth R6 - Axiom Rank   |                   |             | 4              | 80          | 2           | 2           | 28          | 1           | -          | 4               |                |
| <b>Invesco Developing Markets R6</b>                    | <b>1,882,526</b>  | <b>6.1</b>  | <b>-3.3</b>    | <b>1.0</b>  | <b>3.8</b>  | <b>13.3</b> | <b>-6.5</b> | <b>0.3</b>  | <b>1.8</b> | <b>2.9</b>      | <b>04/2012</b> |
| <i>MSCI Emerging Markets (Net)</i>                      |                   |             | -4.4           | 3.9         | 11.7        | 25.3        | -1.4        | 3.9         | 3.4        | 3.1             |                |
| IM Emerging Markets Equity (MF) Median                  |                   |             | -3.8           | 2.3         | 9.7         | 23.1        | -2.7        | 3.7         | 3.0        | 2.8             |                |
| Invesco Developing Markets R6 Rank                      |                   |             | 27             | 69          | 90          | 93          | 80          | 93          | 78         | 48              |                |
| <b>Real Assets</b>                                      | <b>834,297</b>    | <b>2.7</b>  | <b>-2.2</b>    | <b>8.0</b>  | <b>9.6</b>  | <b>21.0</b> | <b>-</b>    | <b>-</b>    | <b>-</b>   | <b>-1.0</b>     | <b>04/2022</b> |
| <i>S&amp;P Real Assets</i>                              |                   |             | -2.9           | 5.8         | 5.6         | 17.6        | 1.4         | 4.1         | 3.7        | 0.4             |                |
| <b>DWS RREEF Real Assets R6</b>                         | <b>834,297</b>    | <b>2.7</b>  | <b>-2.2</b>    | <b>8.0</b>  | <b>9.6</b>  | <b>21.0</b> | <b>1.4</b>  | <b>6.1</b>  | <b>5.0</b> | <b>-1.0</b>     | <b>04/2022</b> |
| <i>S&amp;P Real Assets</i>                              |                   |             | -2.9           | 5.8         | 5.6         | 17.6        | 1.4         | 4.1         | 3.7        | 0.4             |                |

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## International Manager Search

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Town of  
Ledyard  
International  
Equity  
Structure  
Review



# Town of Ledyard International Allocation Review

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- ✓ This analysis serves as a review of the town's pension portfolio's international equity manager allocation.
- ✓ At its previous meeting, the Pension Board agreed to replace *T. Rowe Price Overseas* and allocate the position to the *J. Hancock International Dynamic Growth*, and the existing *Vanguard Total International Stock Index*.
- ✓ Fiducient was tasked with including due diligence on a core/value manager to compare against *Dodge & Cox International Stock*. We have included *Causeway International Value* for consideration.
- ✓ Additionally, we have included longer term performance history for *Arga Emerging Markets Value* and have included due diligence on *Driehaus Emerging Markets Growth*.
  - ✓ Arga and Driehaus would replace the incumbent *Invesco Developing Markets* fund. The value and growth strategies from Arga and Driehaus would create a "core" style position.

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# International Equity Managers Due Diligence





# Our Experienced, Deep Research Team

**35 Professionals**  
Across Research Teams

**~17 years**  
Average industry experience

**~10 years**  
Average firm tenure

**28 Advanced Degrees**  
Including CFA®  
Charterholders, MBAs,  
Masters, CAIAs, FRM, CPA

**Global Public Markets**

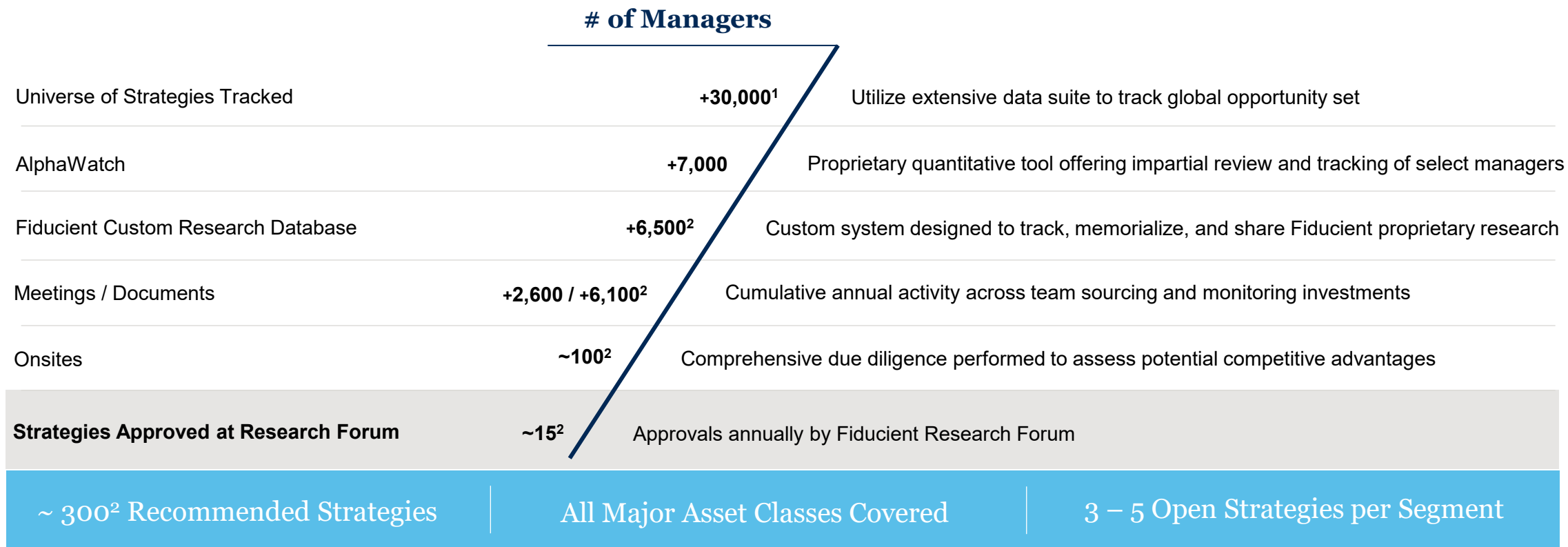
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**Operational Due Diligence**



# Robust Investment Program



## Sample Managers We Partner With<sup>3</sup>



*These managers are a representative sample of recent manager recommendations that have been utilized by our clients across public, private and marketable alternatives. There is no guarantee of future access or approval, and their status is subject to change.*

*1) Based on available data aggregated from Morningstar Direct representing public asset classes, Prequin representing hedge funds, and Pitchbook for private assets. As of June 30, 2024*

*2) Data from Fiducient's custom database as of June 30, 2024*

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# Investment Selection Process

## Quantitative Review

Proprietary data-driven approach analyzes key characteristics to provide valuable insights into strategy performance and its consistency in achieving investment objectives.

## Operational Due Diligence

Deep dive analysis across the firm to identify and assess potential risks related to a managers operational, legal, and administrative functions.



## Manager Sourcing

Utilize our vast network and industry expertise to identify top-tier managers globally.

## Qualitative Review

Extensive interviews, office visits, and document reviews to gain an intimate understanding of potential competitive advantages, sustainability and key risks.

## Research Forum

Diligence materials and potential competitive advantages are presented in an open forum amongst committee members for rigorous debate.



## Status of Investments

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### Maintain

The investment continues to meet Fiducient Advisors established quantitative and/or qualitative standards

### Discuss

Recent material events or actions are worthy of discussion and notification, but are unlikely to impact our long-term outlook for the investment

### Watch

The investment exhibits certain characteristics which have caused concern regarding the intermediate and/or long-term outlook. Concerns will be evaluated, and a decision made over the next four quarters if the fund should be moved to Terminate or to Maintain

### Terminate

The investment no longer meets Fiducient Advisors established quantitative and/or qualitative standards and we recommend removing the investment for your portfolio

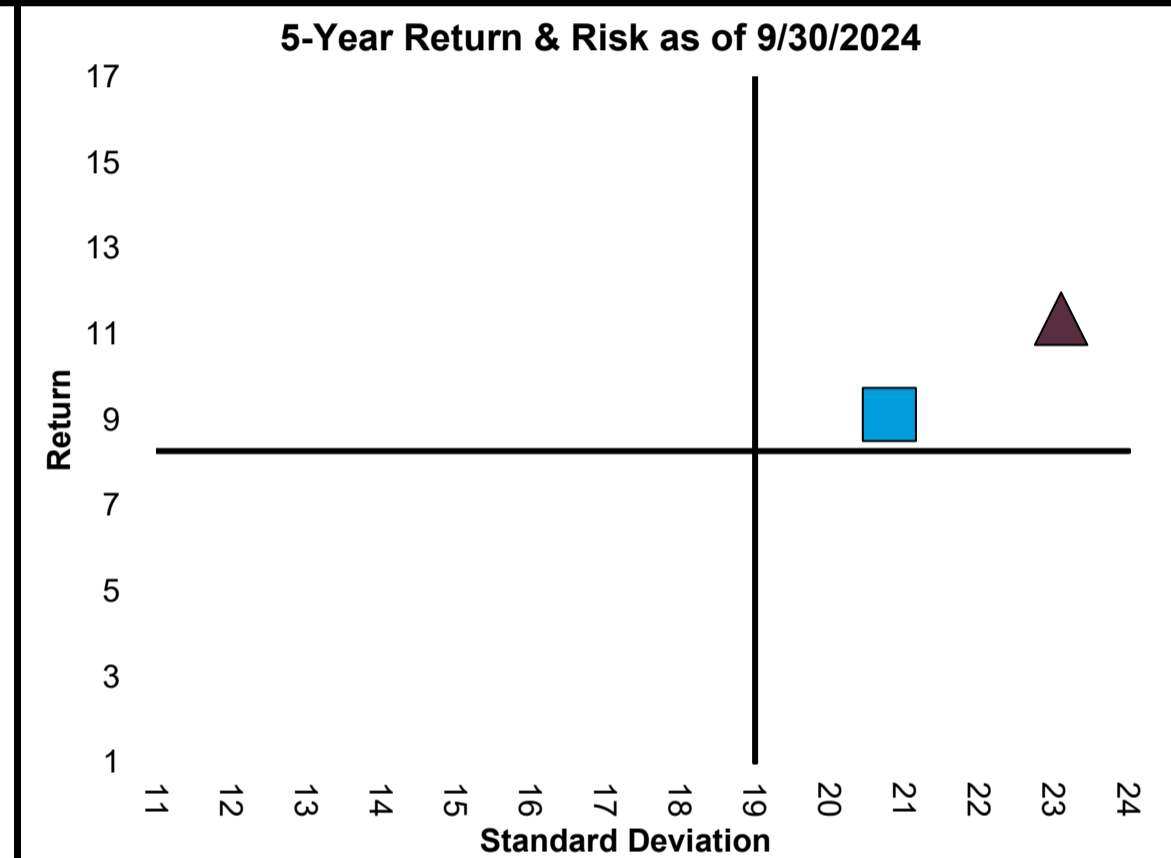
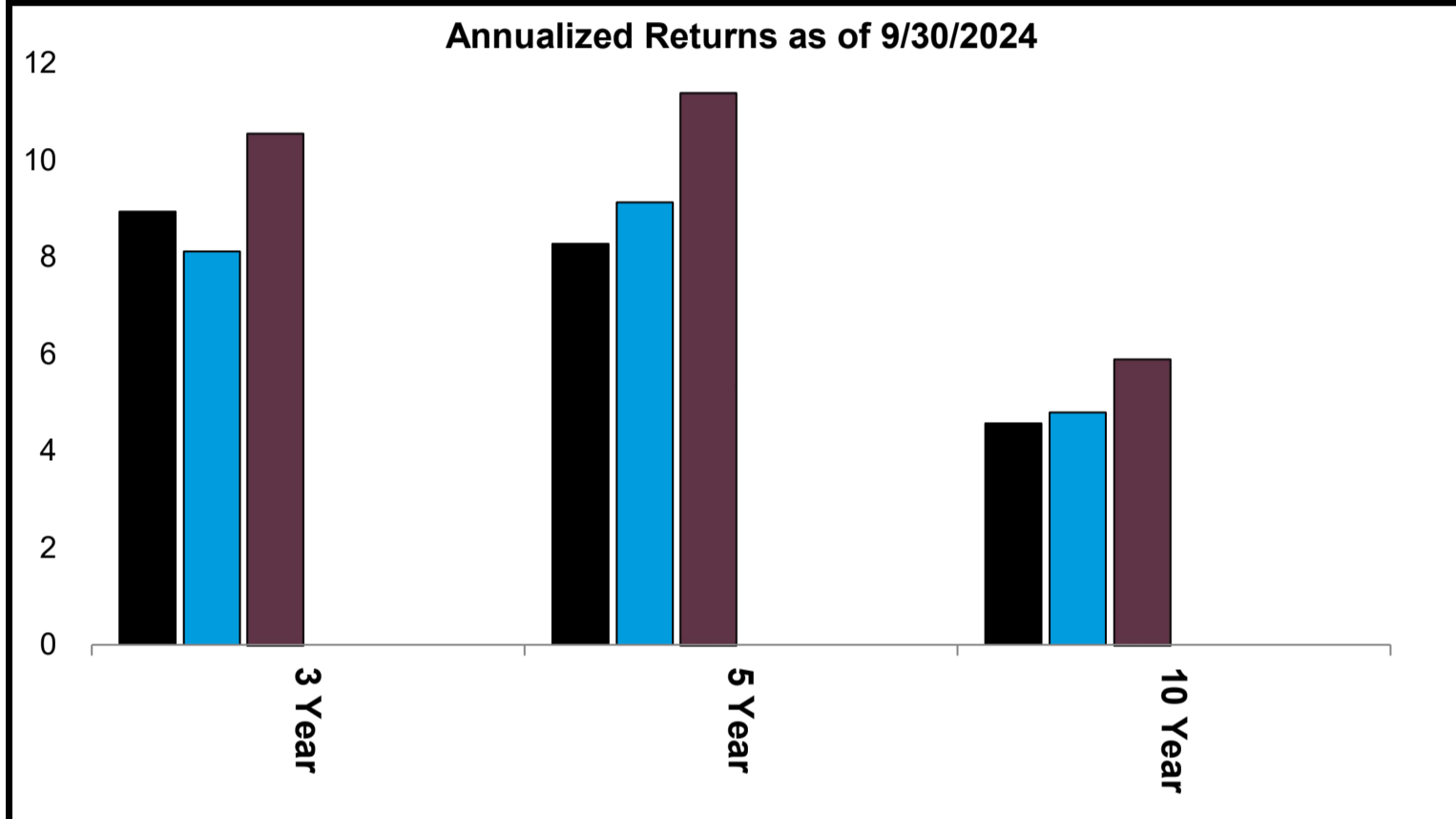
**International Large Cap Value (EAFE)**

| <b>Fund / Manager</b>            | <b>Dodge &amp; Cox International Stock I</b>  | <b>Causeway International Value Instl</b>  |
|----------------------------------|---|--|
| <b>Status</b>                    | Maintain  | Maintain   |
| <b>Manager (Tenure in Years)</b> | Team (20.8)   | Team (23)  |
| <b>Net Assets (\$ Millions)</b>  | \$50,292  | \$11,603   |
| <b>Firm</b>                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Founded in 1930, employee-owned Dodge &amp; Cox focuses solely on the management of a small number of value strategies.</li> <li>- The team-based approach to investment management is a hallmark of the firm.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Los Angeles-based Causeway Capital Management is an employee owned, value-oriented investment management firm that manages international equity strategies; the firm was founded in 2001 by Sarah Ketterer and Harry Hartford.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Team</b>                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The portfolio is managed by the firm's International Equity Investment Committee ("IEIC"); the IEIC typically consists of between six and ten investment professionals.</li> <li>- The IEIC leverages the work of the firm's team of global industry analysts; the Director of Research coordinates the work of the analyst team.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The strategy is managed by a team of fundamental portfolio managers. The portfolio managers are supported by a deep and highly experienced team of fundamental analysts and a team of quantitative analysts.</li> <li>- The fundamental team divides up coverage based on global industry into six fundamental clusters.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Philosophy/Process</b>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The strategy seeks to invest in undervalued, often out-of-favor, companies based on their long term profit potential. The team employs a research-intensive, fundamentally driven bottom-up approach to stock selection.</li> <li>- Analysts focus on assessing a company's valuation, growth prospects, business strategy and financial results and build detailed integrated financial statement models based on their assessment of a company's profit and cash flow prospects over the next three to five years in various scenarios.</li> <li>- Analysts present ideas to one of five sector committees, which must approve an idea before it goes to the IEIC. Analysts subsequently present to the IEIC, who votes anonymously in real-time on all portfolio management decisions.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The strategy is based on the philosophical beliefs that value stocks outperform over the long term and that pricing anomalies exist in the market that cause securities to become mispriced.</li> <li>- The team uses screens to narrow the universe on the front-end and then the fundamental portfolio managers and analysts perform comprehensive bottom-up fundamental analysis which culminates in a valuation model and an estimated expected return over the next two years.</li> <li>- The quantitative risk model is used to assess the risk of each company and rank all stocks in the universe based on their marginal contribution to utility, which is essentially a risk-adjusted, liquidity-adjusted expected return.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Portfolio Construction</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The portfolio typically holds between 60 and 100 stocks; turnover has historically been in the range of 10-20 percent annually.</li> <li>- Position sizes typically range from a half a percent to five percent of assets; initial positions typically do not exceed one percent of assets.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The portfolio typically holds between 50 and 80 stocks; individual position sizes are usually limited to five percent of the portfolio at time of purchase.</li> <li>- Industry allocations are capped at 25 percent of the portfolio.</li> <li>- The strategy uses a quantitative model to estimate the incremental risk of each stock in conjunction to its upside potential.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Expense Ratio</b>             | 0.62  | 0.88   |

## International Large Cap Value (EAFE) Return, Standard Deviation and Peer Group Comparisons

9/30/2024

| Manager or Index                   | Annual Returns (%) as of 9/30/2024 |        |        |        |         | Calendar Year Returns (%) |      |       |      |       |      |        | Volatility (%) as of 9/30/2024 |        |        |        |         |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------------------------|------|-------|------|-------|------|--------|--------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
|                                    | 1 Year                             | 3 Year | 5 Year | 7 Year | 10 Year | 2024 YTD                  | 2023 | 2022  | 2021 | 2020  | 2019 | 2018   | 1 Year                         | 3 Year | 5 Year | 7 Year | 10 Year |
| MSCI EAFE Value                    | 23.1                               | 8.9    | 8.3    | 5.0    | 4.6     | 13.8                      | 19.0 | (5.6) | 10.9 | (2.6) | 16.1 | (14.8) | 12.4                           | 16.4   | 19.0   | 17.6   | 16.3    |
| Dodge & Cox International Stock I  | 21.2                               | 8.1    | 9.1    | 5.2    | 4.8     | 13.4                      | 16.7 | (6.8) | 11.0 | 2.1   | 22.8 | (18.0) | 14.1                           | 17.6   | 20.8   | 19.5   | 18.1    |
| Causeway International Value Instl | 23.9                               | 10.5   | 11.4   | 6.8    | 5.9     | 12.7                      | 27.3 | (6.8) | 9.1  | 5.4   | 20.1 | (18.6) | 13.2                           | 18.7   | 23.1   | 21.0   | 18.7    |
|                                    |                                    |        |        |        |         |                           |      |       |      |       |      |        |                                |        |        |        |         |
|                                    |                                    |        |        |        |         |                           |      |       |      |       |      |        |                                |        |        |        |         |



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|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| /± Index (MSCI EAFE Value) |                                    |
| ■                          | Dodge & Cox International Stock I  |
| ▲                          | Causeway International Value Instl |

| Differentiators   |   |
|---|---|
| <b>Batting Average<sup>^</sup></b><br>1) Causeway (79%)<br>2) Dodge (73%) | <b>Loss Protection (5 Yrs)</b><br>1) Causeway (110%)<br>2) Dodge (110%) |

| Manager or Index                   | Peer Group Rankings as of 9/30/2024 |        |        |        |         | Calendar Year Peer Group Rank |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|-------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
|                                    | 1 Year                              | 3 Year | 5 Year | 7 Year | 10 Year | 2024 YTD                      | 2023 | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 |
| MSCI EAFE Value                    | 38                                  | 21     | 46     | 55     | 61      | 28                            | 36   | 19   | 58   | 80   | 75   | 42   |
| Dodge & Cox International Stock I  | 67                                  | 34     | 29     | 47     | 47      | 35                            | 64   | 29   | 56   | 48   | 12   | 82   |
| Causeway International Value Instl | 28                                  | 5      | 3      | 9      | 12      | 48                            | 2    | 29   | 78   | 19   | 33   | 88   |
|                                    |                                     |        |        |        |         |                               |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                                    |                                     |        |        |        |         |                               |      |      |      |      |      |      |

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| <b>High Alpha (5 Yrs)</b><br>1) Causeway (2.0)<br>2) Dodge (0.4) | <b>Low-to-High Beta (5 Yrs)</b><br>1) Dodge (1.07)<br>2) Causeway (1.18) |
|--|--|

| Peer Group Range           | Peer Group Spreads as of 9/30/2024 |            |            |            |            | Calendar Year Peer Group Spreads |             |              |             |            |             |               |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|----------------------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|------------|-------------|---------------|
|                            | 1 Year                             | 3 Year     | 5 Year     | 7 Year     | 10 Year    | 2024 YTD                         | 2023        | 2022         | 2021        | 2020       | 2019        | 2018          |
| 10th Percentile            | 26.3                               | 9.9        | 10.2       | 6.7        | 6.1        | 15.9                             | 21.1        | (3.5)        | 17.2        | 7.4        | 23.3        | (9.8)         |
| 25th Percentile            | 24.0                               | 8.7        | 9.3        | 6.0        | 5.5        | 14.0                             | 19.8        | (6.4)        | 14.4        | 4.9        | 20.7        | (12.4)        |
| <b>50th Percentile</b>     | <b>22.3</b>                        | <b>7.3</b> | <b>8.2</b> | <b>5.2</b> | <b>4.7</b> | <b>12.6</b>                      | <b>17.9</b> | <b>(9.1)</b> | <b>11.6</b> | <b>1.9</b> | <b>18.3</b> | <b>(15.4)</b> |
| 75th Percentile            | 20.6                               | 5.4        | 6.8        | 4.2        | 4.1        | 11.2                             | 15.5        | (11.7)       | 9.4         | (1.8)      | 16.0        | (17.5)        |
| 90th Percentile            | 18.2                               | 4.4        | 5.9        | 3.4        | 3.4        | 9.5                              | 12.6        | (13.8)       | 7.0         | (5.9)      | 14.7        | (18.8)        |
| Top/Bottom Quartile spread | +3.4                               | +3.2       | +2.5       | +1.8       | +1.4       | +2.8                             | +4.3        | +5.3         | +5.0        | +6.8       | +4.7        | +5.1          |

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| <b>Low Vol (5 Yrs)</b><br>1) Dodge (20.8)<br>2) Causeway (23.1) | <b>Low-to-High Expense</b><br>1) Dodge (0.62)<br>2) Causeway (0.88) |
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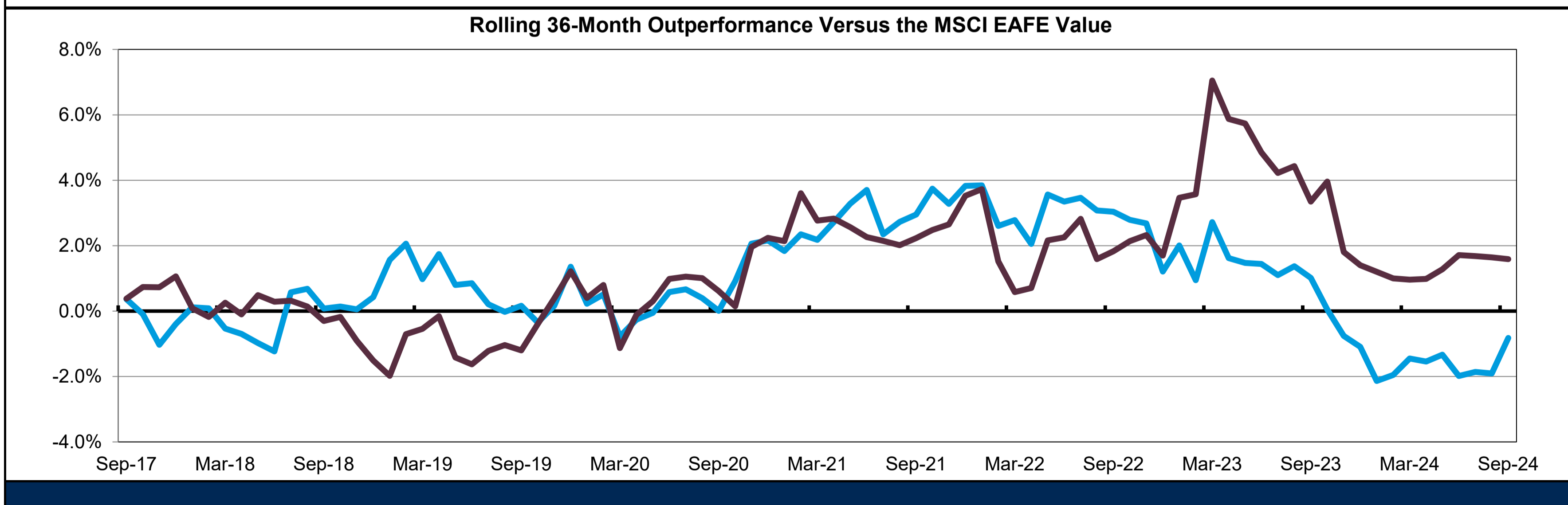
<sup>^</sup>The Batting Average measures the frequency of rolling 3-year period outperformance from the lesser of 10 years or each fund's inception date.

## International Large Cap Value (EAFE) MPT and Other Quantitative Risk and Return Metrics

9/30/2024

| Managers vs. MSCI EAFE Value       | Past 10-Year Metrics as of 9/30/2024 |          |           |                  |                                |             |              | Past 5-Year Metrics as of 9/30/2024 |          |           |                  |                                |             |              | Max Drawdowns (10 yrs) |                 |                 |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------|-----------|------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|----------|-----------|------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|--------------|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                                    | Correl / R <sup>2</sup>              | Beta     | Alpha (%) | Sharpe Ratio (%) | Track. Error / Info. Ratio (%) | UP Capture  | DOWN Capture | Correl / R <sup>2</sup>             | Beta     | Alpha (%) | Sharpe Ratio (%) | Track. Error / Info. Ratio (%) | UP Capture  | DOWN Capture | 2/2018 - 3/2020        | 6/2021 - 9/2022 | 5/2015 - 2/2016 |
| <b>MSCI EAFE Value</b>             | <b>1 / 1</b>                         | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b>  | <b>0.18</b>      | <b>0 / 0</b>                   | <b>100%</b> | <b>100%</b>  | <b>1 / 1</b>                        | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b>  | <b>0.31</b>      | <b>0 / 0</b>                   | <b>100%</b> | <b>100%</b>  | <b>-32.6%</b>          | <b>-22.8%</b>   | <b>-21.7%</b>   |
| Dodge & Cox International Stock I  | 0.97 / 0.94                          | 1.08     | 0.0       | 0.17             | 4.5 / 0.05                     | 113%        | 109%         | 0.98 / 0.95                         | 1.07     | 0.4       | 0.33             | 4.7 / 0.18                     | 117%        | 110%         | -34.2%                 | -21.7%          | -27.5%          |
| Causeway International Value Instl | 0.96 / 0.92                          | 1.10     | 1.0       | 0.23             | 5.4 / 0.24                     | 111%        | 104%         | 0.97 / 0.94                         | 1.18     | 2.0       | 0.39             | 6.7 / 0.46                     | 125%        | 110%         | -35.8%                 | -26.8%          | -19.4%          |
|                                    |                                      |          |           |                  |                                |             |              |                                     |          |           |                  |                                |             |              |                        |                 |                 |

| Managers vs. MSCI EAFE Value       | Monthly, 12-month and 36-month batting averages vs. MSCI EAFE Value for 10 Years (or manager inception date) |            |                  |               |                  |               |                   | Graph Legend                        |                                      |
|------------------------------------|--|------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
|                                    | 1 Month Periods  | % + Months | 12 Month periods | % + 12-Months | 36 Month Periods | % + 36 Months | Return Start Date | — Dodge & Cox International Stock I | — Causeway International Value Instl |
| Dodge & Cox International Stock I  | 120  | 52%        | 109              | 53%           | 85               | 73%           | Sep-14            |                                     |                                      |
| Causeway International Value Instl | 120  | 56%        | 109              | 56%           | 85               | 79%           | Sep-14            |                                     |                                      |
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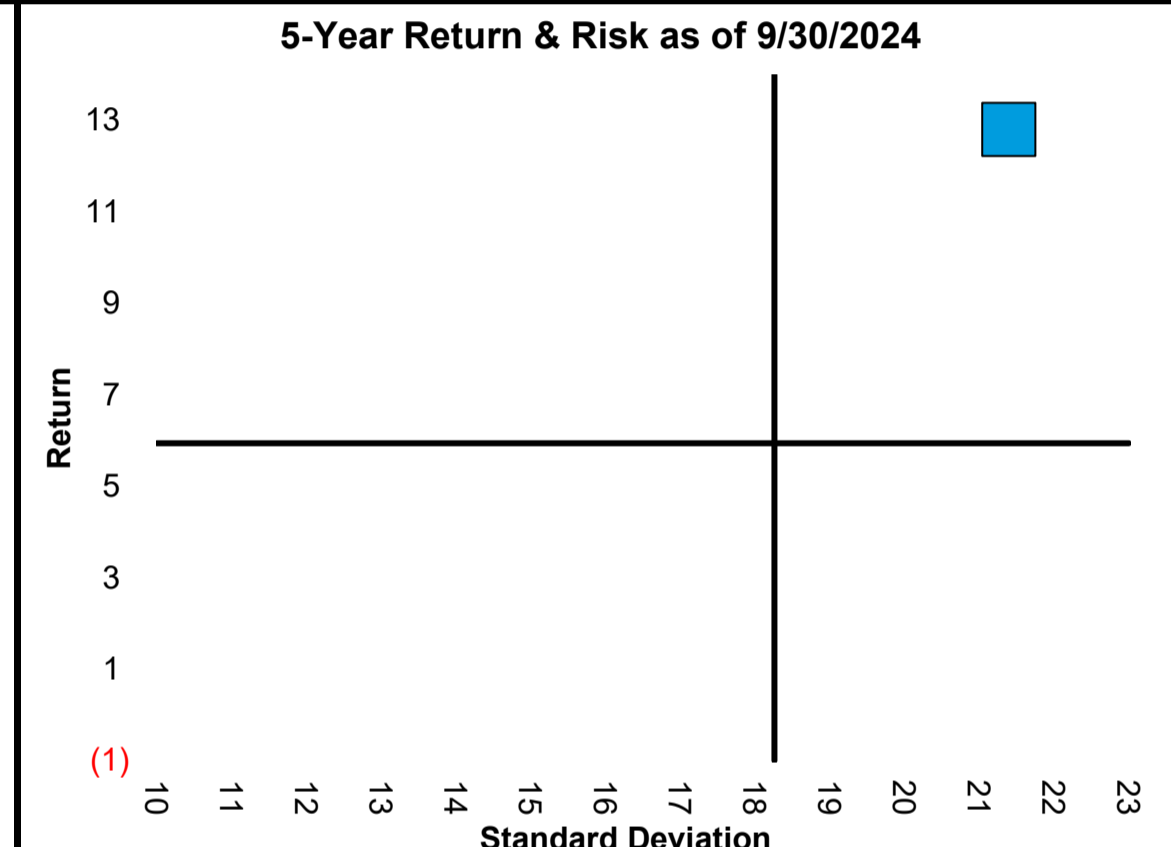
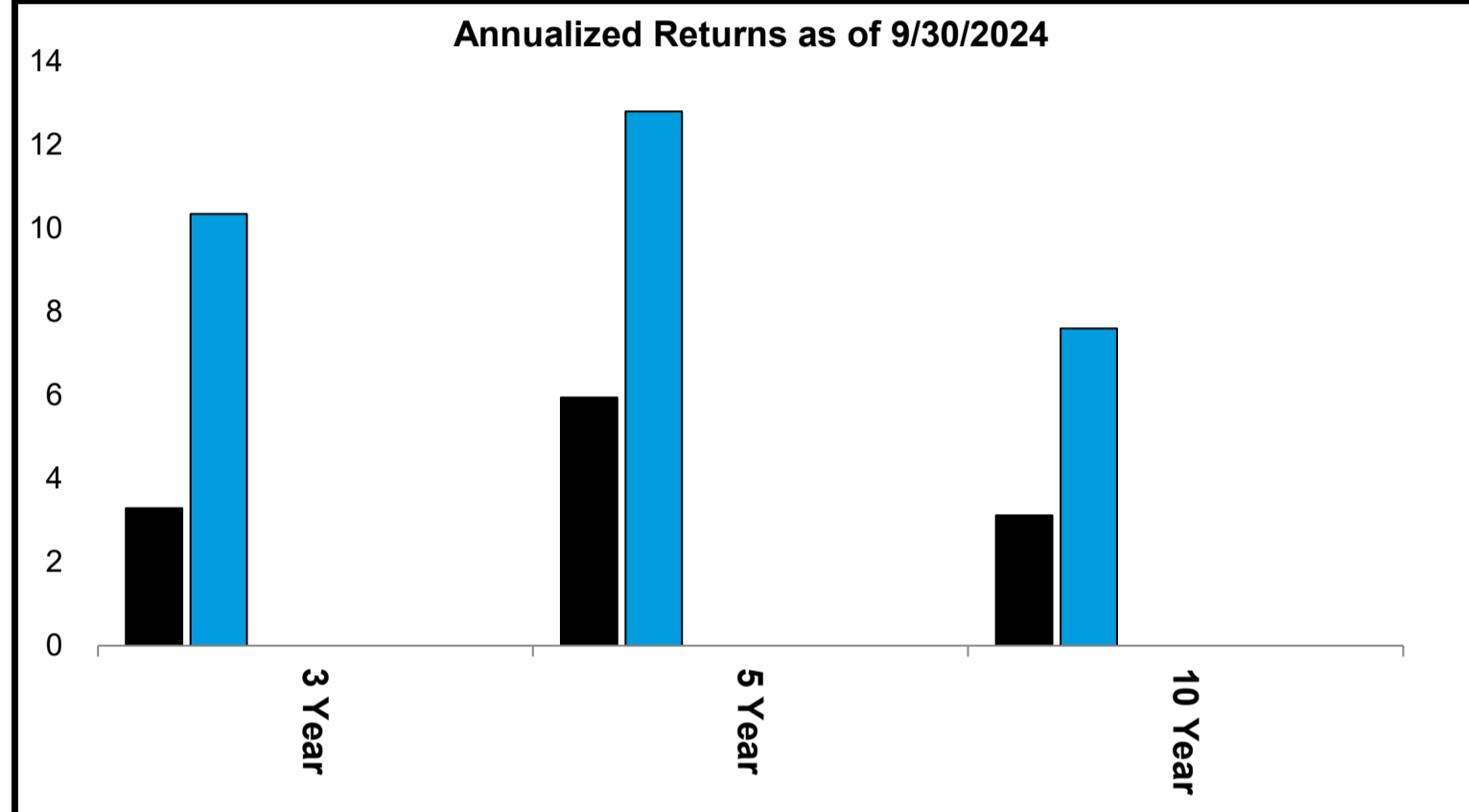
**Emerging Markets Value Equity**

| <b>Fund / Manager</b>            | <b>ARGA Emerging Markets Equity Strategy</b>   |
|----------------------------------|--|
| <b>Status</b>                    | Maintain   |
| <b>Manager (Tenure in Years)</b> | Team (3.3)   |
| <b>Net Assets (\$ Millions)</b>  | \$838  |
| <b>Firm</b>                      | - ARGA Investment Management, LP – founded in 2010 by A. Rama Krishna – is headquartered in Stamford, Connecticut. ARGA manages value-oriented international, global, and domestic equity portfolios.  |
| <b>Team</b>                      | - The strategy is managed by the Portfolio Construction Team ("PCT") consisting of three members: Chief Investment Officer Rama Krishna and Global Business Analysts Takashi Ito and Sujith Kumar.<br>- The PCT is supported by ARGA's Director of Research and its team of global business analysts and research associates.  |
| <b>Philosophy/Process</b>        | - The strategy takes a long-term perspective and employs a bottom-up, fundamentally driven approach and seeks to invest in businesses trading at a discount to intrinsic value.<br>- The front-end screen ranks every stock in the universe on key value metrics including price to earnings, price to book, dividend yield and normalized earnings yield adjusted for return on invested capital.<br>- The PCT and Director of Research assign the analysts companies in the cheapest quintile for fundamental research. The analysts conduct one-week research projects and present to the PCT; if the stock warrants further analysis the analyst performs a detailed research project.<br>- The analysts determine intrinsic value using ARGA's multi-stage dividend discount model. |
| <b>Portfolio Construction</b>    | - Position sizes are determined based on a stock's upside-to-downside profile and ARGA's level of conviction.<br>- Initial position sizes typically range from 1% to 3% and tend to increase as ARGA builds conviction in the thesis; positions are limited to 5% of the portfolio at the time of purchase and 8% based on market value.<br>- The portfolio typically holds between 35 and 80 stocks.  |
| <b>Expense Ratio</b>             | N.A.   |

## Emerging Markets Value Equity Return, Standard Deviation and Peer Group Comparisons

9/30/2024

| Manager or Index                      | Annual Returns (%) as of 9/30/2024 |        |        |        |         | Calendar Year Returns (%) |      |        |      |      |      |        | Volatility (%) as of 9/30/2024 |        |        |        |         |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------------------------|------|--------|------|------|------|--------|--------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
|                                       | 1 Year                             | 3 Year | 5 Year | 7 Year | 10 Year | 2024 YTD                  | 2023 | 2022   | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 | 2018   | 1 Year                         | 3 Year | 5 Year | 7 Year | 10 Year |
| MSCI Emerging Markets Value           | 24.4                               | 3.3    | 5.9    | 3.8    | 3.1     | 15.1                      | 14.2 | (15.8) | 4.0  | 5.5  | 12.0 | (10.7) | 11.8                           | 16.0   | 18.3   | 17.4   | 17.2    |
| ARGA Emerging Markets Equity Strategy | 26.9                               | 10.4   | 12.8   | 9.3    | 7.6     | 18.4                      | 16.5 | (1.5)  | 10.2 | 6.3  | 18.3 | (9.2)  | 14.7                           | 19.2   | 21.4   | 19.5   | 19.9    |
|                                       |                                    |        |        |        |         |                           |      |        |      |      |      |        |                                |        |        |        |         |
|                                       |                                    |        |        |        |         |                           |      |        |      |      |      |        |                                |        |        |        |         |



**/+** Index (MSCI Emerging Markets Value)  
**ARGA Emerging Markets Equity Strategy**

| Manager or Index                      | Peer Group Rankings as of 9/30/2024 |        |        |        |         | Calendar Year Peer Group Rank |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|-------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
|                                       | 1 Year                              | 3 Year | 5 Year | 7 Year | 10 Year | 2024 YTD                      | 2023 | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 |
| MSCI Emerging Markets Value           | 40                                  | 21     | 49     | 45     | 69      | 38                            | 35   | 20   | 35   | 85   | 93   | 8    |
| ARGA Emerging Markets Equity Strategy | 19                                  | 1      | 1      | 1      | 1       | 12                            | 23   | 1    | 15   | 85   | 61   | 3    |
|                                       |                                     |        |        |        |         |                               |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                                       |                                     |        |        |        |         |                               |      |      |      |      |      |      |

| Differentiators              |                         |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Batting Average <sup>^</sup> | Loss Protection (5 Yrs) |
| 1) ARGA (100%)               | 1) ARGA (97%)           |

| Peer Group Range           | Peer Group Spreads as of 9/30/2024 |            |            |            |            | Calendar Year Peer Group Spreads |             |               |            |             |             |               |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|----------------------------------|-------------|---------------|------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
|                            | 1 Year                             | 3 Year     | 5 Year     | 7 Year     | 10 Year    | 2024 YTD                         | 2023        | 2022          | 2021       | 2020        | 2019        | 2018          |
| 10th Percentile            | 29.1                               | 5.4        | 9.3        | 6.3        | 5.5        | 19.0                             | 21.2        | (13.0)        | 13.1       | 34.4        | 28.1        | (11.1)        |
| 25th Percentile            | 26.2                               | 2.8        | 7.5        | 4.9        | 4.9        | 16.3                             | 16.2        | (16.8)        | 6.4        | 23.6        | 23.4        | (13.9)        |
| <b>50th Percentile</b>     | <b>23.6</b>                        | <b>0.1</b> | <b>5.9</b> | <b>3.6</b> | <b>3.8</b> | <b>14.3</b>                      | <b>11.7</b> | <b>(20.9)</b> | <b>0.4</b> | <b>17.1</b> | <b>19.5</b> | <b>(16.0)</b> |
| 75th Percentile            | 20.7                               | (3.1)      | 4.1        | 2.3        | 2.9        | 11.2                             | 8.8         | (24.6)        | (3.4)      | 10.6        | 16.6        | (18.5)        |
| 90th Percentile            | 15.4                               | (5.4)      | 2.4        | 1.2        | 2.0        | 8.1                              | 6.0         | (28.5)        | (7.7)      | 1.8         | 12.7        | (20.9)        |
| Top/Bottom Quartile spread | +5.4                               | +6.0       | +3.4       | +2.6       | +2.0       | +5.0                             | +7.4        | +7.8          | +9.8       | +13.0       | +6.8        | +4.6          |

|                    |                          |
|--------------------|--------------------------|
| High Alpha (5 Yrs) | Low-to-High Beta (5 Yrs) |
| 1) ARGA (6.4)      | 1) ARGA (1.12)           |

|                 |                     |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| Low Vol (5 Yrs) | Low-to-High Expense |
| 1) ARGA (21.4)  | 1) ARGA (0.87)      |

<sup>^</sup>The Batting Average measures the frequency of rolling 3-year period outperformance from the lesser of 10 years or each fund's inception date.

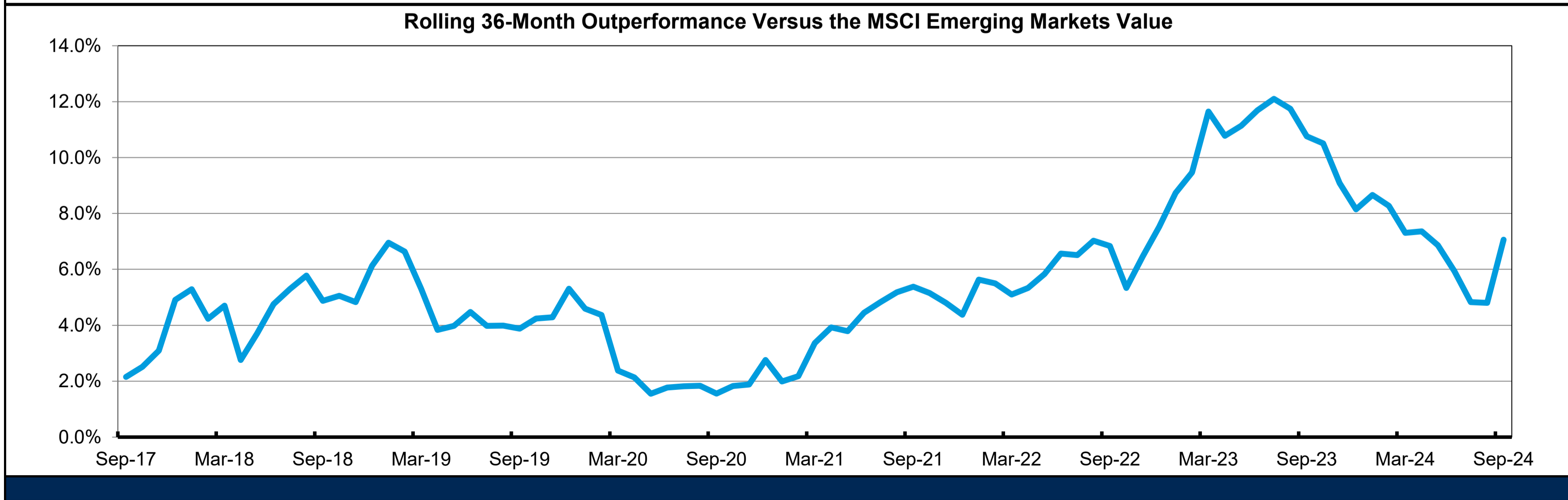


## Emerging Markets Value Equity MPT and Other Quantitative Risk and Return Metrics

9/30/2024

| Managers vs. MSCI Emerging Markets Value | Past 10-Year Metrics as of 9/30/2024 |          |           |                  |                                |             |              | Past 5-Year Metrics as of 9/30/2024 |          |           |                  |                                |             |              | Max Drawdowns (10 yrs) |                 |                  |
|--|--------------------------------------|----------|-----------|------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|----------|-----------|------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|--------------|------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
|  | Correl / R <sup>2</sup>              | Beta     | Alpha (%) | Sharpe Ratio (%) | Track. Error / Info. Ratio (%) | UP Capture  | DOWN Capture | Correl / R <sup>2</sup>             | Beta     | Alpha (%) | Sharpe Ratio (%) | Track. Error / Info. Ratio (%) | UP Capture  | DOWN Capture | 2/2018 - 3/2020        | 5/2015 - 1/2016 | 6/2021 - 10/2022 |
| <b>MSCI Emerging Markets Value</b>       | <b>1 / 1</b>                         | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b>  | <b>0.09</b>      | <b>0 / 0</b>                   | <b>100%</b> | <b>100%</b>  | <b>1 / 1</b>                        | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b>  | <b>0.20</b>      | <b>0 / 0</b>                   | <b>100%</b> | <b>100%</b>  | <b>-33.8%</b>          | <b>-30.7%</b>   | <b>-29.2%</b>    |
| ARGA Emerging Markets Equity Strategy    | 0.96 / 0.92                          | 1.11     | 4.3       | 0.30             | 6.1 / 0.74                     | 122%        | 100%         | 0.96 / 0.92                         | 1.12     | 6.4       | 0.49             | 6.4 / 1.07                     | 128%        | 97%          | -30.7%                 | -35.4%          | -22.3%           |
|  |                                      |          |           |                  |                                |             |              |                                     |          |           |                  |                                |             |              |                        |                 |                  |
|  |                                      |          |           |                  |                                |             |              |                                     |          |           |                  |                                |             |              |                        |                 |                  |

| Managers vs. MSCI Emerging Markets Value | Monthly, 12-month and 36-month batting averages vs. MSCI Emerging Markets Value for 10 Years (or manager inception date) |            |                  |               |                  |               |                   | Graph Legend                            |
|--|--|------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|-------------------|---|
|  | 1 Month Periods  | % + Months | 12 Month periods | % + 12-Months | 36 Month Periods | % + 36 Months | Return Start Date | — ARGA Emerging Markets Equity Strategy |
| ARGA Emerging Markets Equity Strategy    | 120  | 58%        | 109              | 84%           | 85               | 100%          | Sep-14            |   |
|  |  |            |                  |               |                  |               |                   |   |
|  |  |            |                  |               |                  |               |                   |   |
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**Emerging Markets Growth Equity**

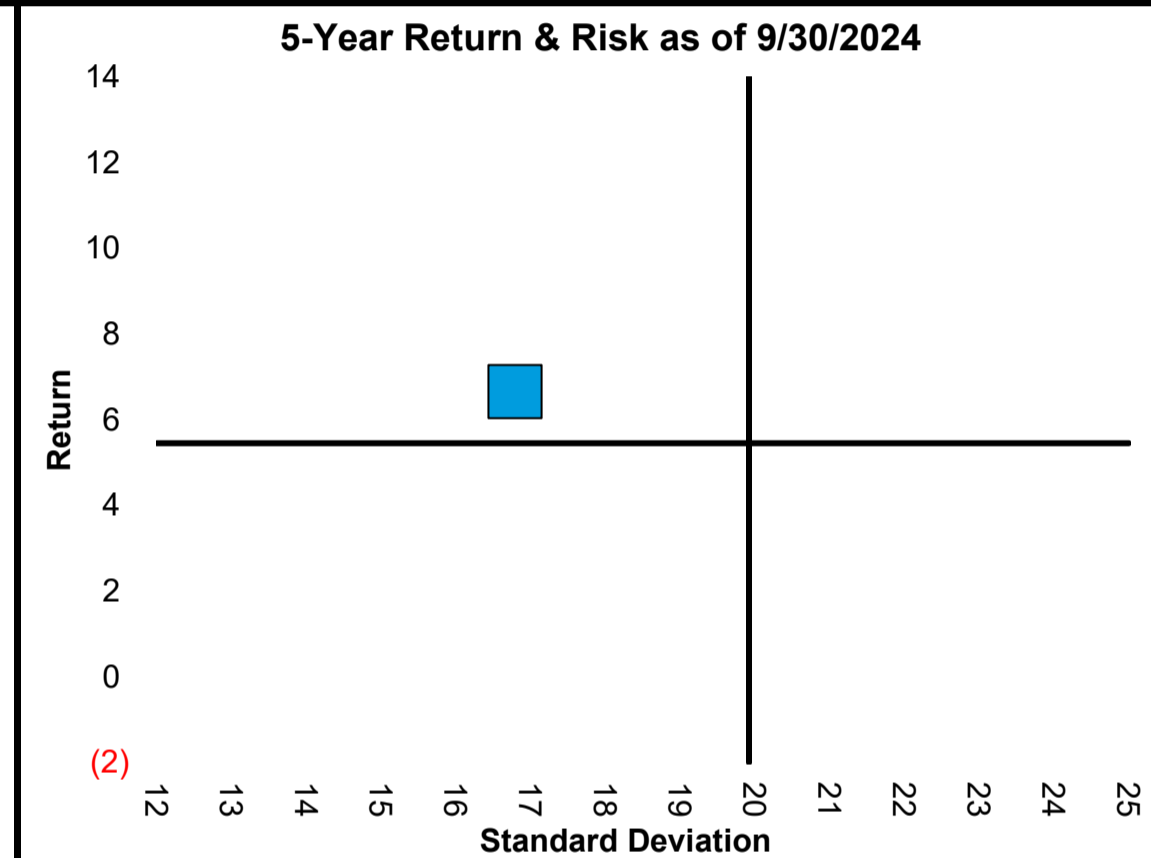
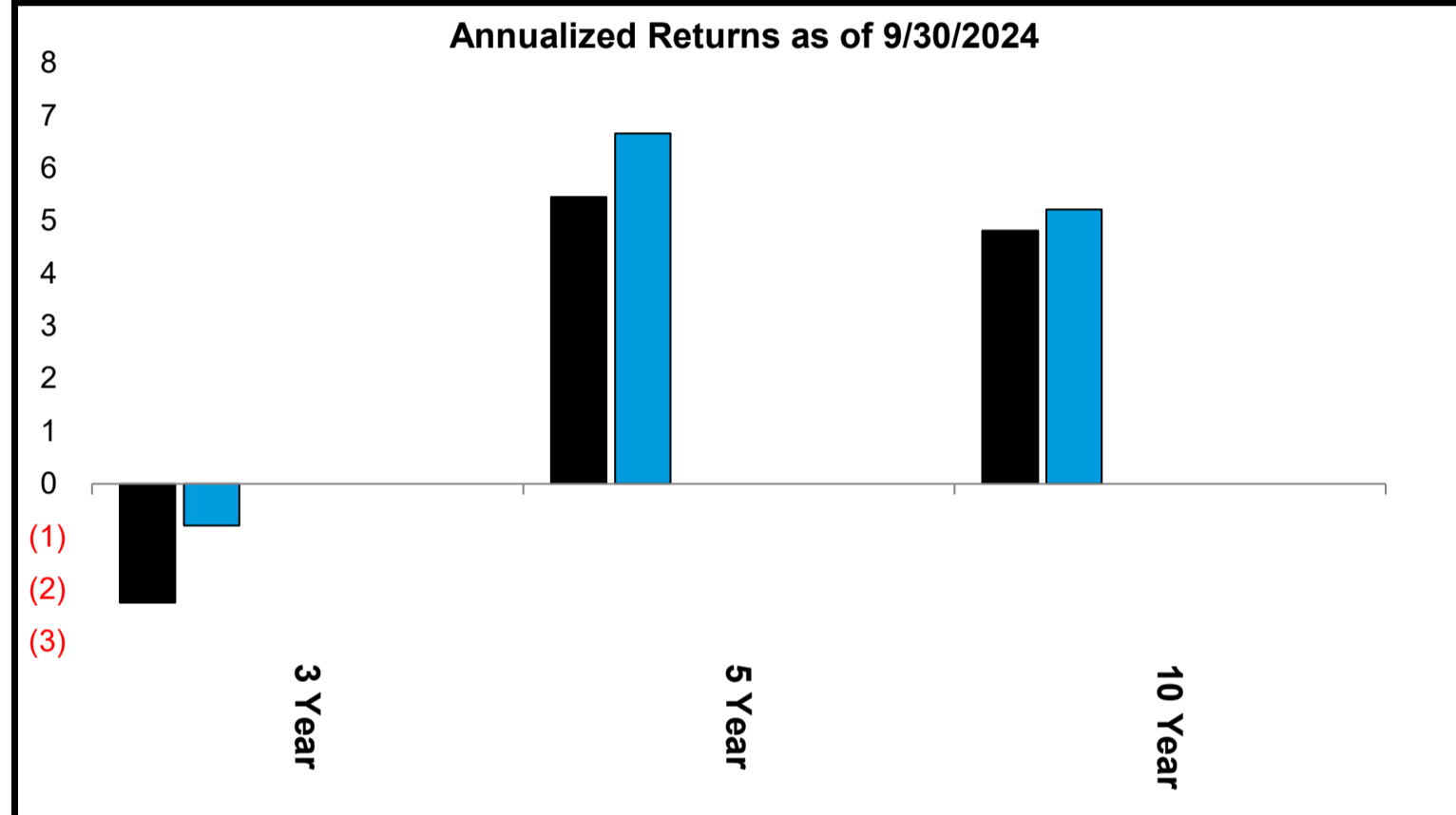
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| <b>Fund / Manager</b>            | <b>Driehaus Emerging Markets Growth Instl</b>   |
| <b>Status</b>                    | Maintain  |
| <b>Manager (Tenure in Years)</b> | Team (17.2)   |
| <b>Net Assets (\$ Millions)</b>  | \$3,269   |
| <b>Firm</b>                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Driehaus Capital Management was founded in 1982 and is based out of Chicago, IL.</li> <li>- The firm operates a multi-boutique structure with four distinct investment teams: U.S. Growth, International Growth, Emerging Markets, and Alternative Investments; the firm's roots are in small cap growth equity investing.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Team</b>                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The team is led by Lead Portfolio Manager Howie Schwab and Portfolio Managers Chad Cleaver and Richard Thies. Howie has been at Driehaus since 2001 and has been a PM on the strategy since 2007. Chad joined the firm in 2004 and has been a PM on the strategy since 2008 while Rich joined in 2011 and became a PM on the strategy in 2008.</li> <li>- The PMs are supported by a dedicated team of four senior analysts and one analyst. The senior analysts average over eight years at the firm and over 17 years of investment experience while the analyst has been at Driehaus for over two years and has over four years of industry experience.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Philosophy/Process</b>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Underpinned by the philosophical beliefs that earnings growth and earnings estimate revisions are the primary drivers of stock prices over the long-term and that inefficiencies exist around fundamental growth inflection points due to the behavioral biases of investors.</li> <li>- The strategy employs a bottom-up fundamental approach to building the Focus List; the team wants companies with superior growth prospects over the next 3-5 years, differentiated business models, sustainable competitive advantages, high returns on capital, strong free cash flow generation, and excellent management teams.</li> <li>- The team focuses on identifying the 3-5 variables that drive a company's earnings; stocks are selected for inclusion in portfolio based on a 12-month earnings inflection thesis – the team takes a view on the magnitude, acceleration, and duration of the earnings inflection and looks for inefficiency gaps between market expectations and fundamentals.</li> <li>- The strategy employs a bucketing approach with four types of growth: dynamic, cyclical, recovery, and consistent and incorporates macro and behavioral analysis into the investment decision-making process</li> </ul> |
| <b>Portfolio Construction</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The portfolio is highly risk-managed and typically holds 80-110 stocks</li> <li>- Turnover can be quite high, often in excess of 100% annually</li> <li>- Active country weights tend to be within +/- 10 percentage points relative to the benchmark</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Expense Ratio</b>             | 1.09  |

## Emerging Markets Growth Equity

### Return, Standard Deviation and Peer Group Comparisons

9/30/2024

| Manager or Index                       | Annual Returns (%) as of 9/30/2024 |        |        |        |         | Calendar Year Returns (%) |      |        |       |      |      |        | Volatility (%) as of 9/30/2024 |        |        |        |         |
|--|------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------------------------|------|--------|-------|------|------|--------|--------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
|  | 1 Year                             | 3 Year | 5 Year | 7 Year | 10 Year | 2024 YTD                  | 2023 | 2022   | 2021  | 2020 | 2019 | 2018   | 1 Year                         | 3 Year | 5 Year | 7 Year | 10 Year |
| MSCI Emerging Markets Growth           | 27.6                               | (2.3)  | 5.5    | 3.4    | 4.8     | 18.5                      | 5.8  | (24.0) | (8.4) | 31.3 | 25.1 | (18.3) | 15.0                           | 19.5   | 19.9   | 19.0   | 17.9    |
| Driehaus Emerging Markets Growth Instl | 23.4                               | (0.8)  | 6.7    | 5.0    | 5.2     | 14.0                      | 11.5 | (22.4) | (1.7) | 27.6 | 25.6 | (16.1) | 10.8                           | 14.4   | 16.8   | 15.9   | 15.0    |
|  |                                    |        |        |        |         |                           |      |        |       |      |      |        |                                |        |        |        |         |
|  |                                    |        |        |        |         |                           |      |        |       |      |      |        |                                |        |        |        |         |



| /+ Index (MSCI Emerging Markets Growth) |  |
|---|--|
| Driehaus Emerging Markets Growth Instl  |  |

| Differentiators   |   |
|---|---|
| <b>Batting Average<sup>^</sup></b><br>1) Driehaus (64%) | <b>Loss Protection (5 Yrs)</b><br>1) Driehaus (86%) |

| Manager or Index                       | Peer Group Rankings as of 9/30/2024 |        |        |        |         | Calendar Year Peer Group Rank |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|--|-------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|-------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
|  | 1 Year                              | 3 Year | 5 Year | 7 Year | 10 Year | 2024 YTD                      | 2023 | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 |
| MSCI Emerging Markets Growth           | 14                                  | 71     | 56     | 53     | 27      | 11                            | 91   | 71   | 91   | 14   | 20   | 73   |
| Driehaus Emerging Markets Growth Instl | 52                                  | 60     | 37     | 24     | 18      | 54                            | 51   | 62   | 62   | 19   | 18   | 51   |
|  |                                     |        |        |        |         |                               |      |      |      |      |      |      |
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| <b>High Alpha (5 Yrs)</b><br>1) Driehaus (1.9) | <b>Low-to-High Beta (5 Yrs)</b><br>1) Driehaus (0.79) |
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| Peer Group Range           | Peer Group Spreads as of 9/30/2024 |            |            |            |            | Calendar Year Peer Group Spreads |             |               |            |             |             |               |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|----------------------------------|-------------|---------------|------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
|                            | 1 Year                             | 3 Year     | 5 Year     | 7 Year     | 10 Year    | 2024 YTD                         | 2023        | 2022          | 2021       | 2020        | 2019        | 2018          |
| 10th Percentile            | 29.1                               | 5.4        | 9.3        | 6.3        | 5.5        | 19.0                             | 21.2        | (13.0)        | 13.1       | 34.4        | 28.1        | (11.1)        |
| 25th Percentile            | 26.2                               | 2.8        | 7.5        | 4.9        | 4.9        | 16.3                             | 16.2        | (16.8)        | 6.4        | 23.6        | 23.4        | (13.9)        |
| <b>50th Percentile</b>     | <b>23.6</b>                        | <b>0.1</b> | <b>5.9</b> | <b>3.6</b> | <b>3.8</b> | <b>14.3</b>                      | <b>11.7</b> | <b>(20.9)</b> | <b>0.4</b> | <b>17.1</b> | <b>19.5</b> | <b>(16.0)</b> |
| 75th Percentile            | 20.7                               | (3.1)      | 4.1        | 2.3        | 2.9        | 11.2                             | 8.8         | (24.6)        | (3.4)      | 10.6        | 16.6        | (18.5)        |
| 90th Percentile            | 15.4                               | (5.4)      | 2.4        | 1.2        | 2.0        | 8.1                              | 6.0         | (28.5)        | (7.7)      | 1.8         | 12.7        | (20.9)        |
| Top/Bottom Quartile spread | +5.4                               | +6.0       | +3.4       | +2.6       | +2.0       | +5.0                             | +7.4        | +7.8          | +9.8       | +13.0       | +6.8        | +4.6          |

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| <b>Low Vol (5 Yrs)</b><br>1) Driehaus (16.8) | <b>Low-to-High Expense</b><br>1) Driehaus (1.09) |
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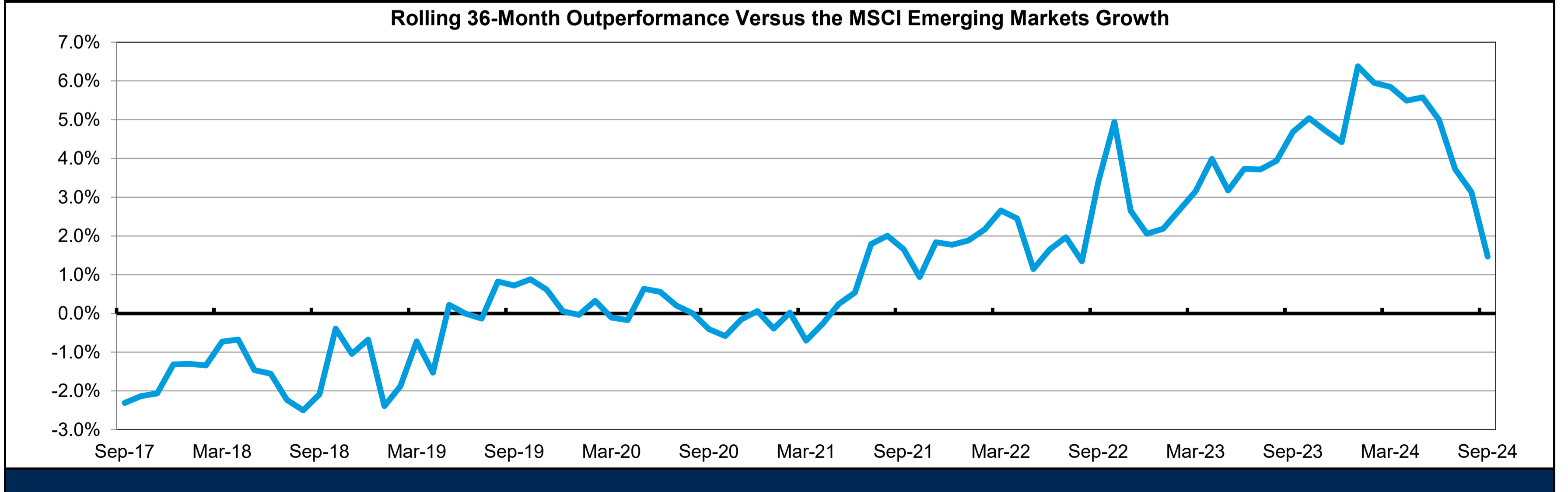
<sup>^</sup>The Batting Average measures the frequency of rolling 3-year period outperformance from the lesser of 10 years or each fund's inception date.

## Emerging Markets Growth Equity MPT and Other Quantitative Risk and Return Metrics

9/30/2024

| Managers vs. MSCI Emerging Markets Growth | Past 10-Year Metrics as of 9/30/2024 |          |           |                  |                                |             |              | Past 5-Year Metrics as of 9/30/2024 |          |           |                  |                                |             |              | Max Drawdowns (10 yrs) |                  |                 |
|---|--------------------------------------|----------|-----------|------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|----------|-----------|------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|--------------|------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
|   | Correl / R <sup>2</sup>              | Beta     | Alpha (%) | Sharpe Ratio (%) | Track. Error / Info. Ratio (%) | UP Capture  | DOWN Capture | Correl / R <sup>2</sup>             | Beta     | Alpha (%) | Sharpe Ratio (%) | Track. Error / Info. Ratio (%) | UP Capture  | DOWN Capture | 2/2021 - 10/2022       | 2/2018 - 10/2018 | 5/2015 - 2/2016 |
| <b>MSCI Emerging Markets Growth</b>       | <b>1 / 1</b>                         | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b>  | <b>0.18</b>      | <b>0 / 0</b>                   | <b>100%</b> | <b>100%</b>  | <b>1 / 1</b>                        | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b>  | <b>0.16</b>      | <b>0 / 0</b>                   | <b>100%</b> | <b>100%</b>  | <b>-42.3%</b>          | <b>-25.9%</b>    | <b>-25.5%</b>   |
| Driehaus Emerging Markets Growth Instl    | 0.95 / 0.91                          | 0.80     | 1.0       | 0.24             | 5.8 / 0.07                     | 84%         | 86%          | 0.94 / 0.88                         | 0.79     | 1.9       | 0.26             | 7 / 0.17                       | 87%         | 86%          | -28.7%                 | -22.3%           | -22.3%          |
|   |                                      |          |           |                  |                                |             |              |                                     |          |           |                  |                                |             |              |                        |                  |                 |
|   |                                      |          |           |                  |                                |             |              |                                     |          |           |                  |                                |             |              |                        |                  |                 |

| Managers vs. MSCI Emerging Markets Growth | Monthly, 12-month and 36-month batting averages vs. MSCI Emerging Markets Growth for 10 Years (or manager inception date) |            |                  |               |                  |               |                   | Graph Legend  |  |
|---|---|------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|-------------------|---|--|
|   | 1 Month Periods   | % + Months | 12 Month periods | % + 12-Months | 36 Month Periods | % + 36 Months | Return Start Date | <div style="text-align: center;"> <span style="color: blue;">—</span> Driehaus Emerging Markets Growth Instl                 </div> |  |
| Driehaus Emerging Markets Growth Instl    | 120   | 44%        | 109              | 61%           | 85               | 64%           | Sep-14            |   |  |
|   |   |            |                  |               |                  |               |                   |   |  |
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# 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 you 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.



# TOWN OF LEDYARD

741 Colonel Ledyard  
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**File #:** 24-0981

**Agenda Date:** 11/19/2024

**Agenda #:** 1.

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## MINUTES

**Minutes:**

Motion to APPROVE the Regular Meeting Minutes from October 15, 2024, as written.



# TOWN OF LEDYARD

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway  
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

## Retirement Board Meeting Minutes

Chairman  
John Rodolico

### Regular Meeting

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Tuesday, October 15, 2024

10:00 AM

Council Chambers - Hybrid Format

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#### I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Rodolico called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

#### II. ROLL CALL

- Present** Board Member William Thorne  
 Board Member Roger Coddling  
 Board Member Sharon Wadecki  
 Chairman John Rodolico  
 Alternate Member Minna DeGaetano
- Excused** Board Member Daniel Panosky

Staff Present:  
 Mayor Fred Allyn III  
 Christine Dias, Human Resource Director  
 Matt Bonin, Finance Director

Staff Excused:  
 Ian Stammel, Assistant Finance Director  
 Christina Hostetler, Town Hall Assistant

#### III. PRESENTATIONS

None.

#### IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to APPROVE the Regular Meeting Minutes from September 17, 2024, as written.

- RESULT:** APPROVED AND SO DECLARED  
**MOVER:** William Thorne  
**SECONDER:** Sharon Wadecki
- AYE** 4 Thorne Coddling Rodolico DeGaetano  
**EXCUSED** 1 Panosky  
**ABSTAIN** 1 Wadecki

**V. DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES UPDATE****1. Director of Human Resources update.**

Christine Dias, Human Resource Director, said she did not have an official report for the meeting but could answer any questions that the Board has as they go through calculations later in the meeting.

**RESULT:** DISCUSSED

**VI. FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT****1. Finance Director's Report.**

Matt Bonin, Finance Director, made the following announcements:

Chris Rowllins, Fiducient Advisors will be attending the meeting on November 19, 2024, to discuss the Full 3Q Investment Review & Fiduciary Governance Calendar Content - Municipal Landscape / CT Pension Plans and to follow up on International Equity Portfolio Manager Structure - Emerging market fund options and large cap value/core consideration.

Frederica Daniels, USI will attend either the November or December meeting to discuss the yearly GASB disclosure report for fiscal year ending June 20, 2024. He asked the Board which month they would prefer. It was asked if the presentation was time sensitive, Mr. Bonin answered no. The Board agreed that the December meeting would be better. Frederica Daniels, USI will present on December 17, 2024, with Zoom as an option.

**RESULT:** DISCUSSED

**VII. OLD BUSINESS****1. Motion to APPROVE payment of death benefit for David Browning's accumulated balance with interest in the amount of \$35,485.68 as a cash disbursement.**

Mr. Thorne asked what interest rate was used for the death benefit calculation, Ms. Dias answered "5% rate". Mr. Thorne asked if USI performed the calculations, Ms. Dias replied yes. Mr. Coddling asked for the figure that USI had for the July 1, 2021, date, Ms. Dias replied that the employee contribution with interest was \$30,356.20.

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

**MOVER:** John Rodolico

**SECONDER:** Sharon Wadecki

**AYE** 5 Thorne Coddling Wadecki Rodolico DeGaetano

**EXCUSED** 1 Panosky

**2. Discuss Amendment 2015-1 to the Retirement Plan for Full-Time Employees of the Town of Ledyard continued.**

Discussion on Amendment 2015-1 to Section 5.0 (approved by the Ledyard Town Council on

October 14, 2015)-

"If a Member continues employment with the Town after reaching his or her Normal Retirement Date, any benefits payable to such Member or retired or former Eligible Employee under the Plan shall be suspended during the period of continued employment. If a retired Member returns to employment with the Town in the same department which he or she retired from, any benefits payable to such retired Member under the Plan shall be suspended during the period of such continued employment. However, if a retired Member returns to employment with the Town in a different department which he or she retired from, any benefits payable to such a retired Member under the Plan during such period of continued employment shall continue without disruption. This member will not be allowed to contribute to any Town pension plan".

Mr. Thorne suggested that the Board recommends the deletion of the amendment to the Town Council. Mr. Thorne asked Mayor Allyn III if he agrees with his suggestion. Mayor Allyn III said he agreed. He added that the Town of Ledyard isn't very competitive with salaries, and this would be a way to help keep seasoned employees. Mr. Thorne said he will work on the wording for the recommendation to the Town Council.

**RESULT:** DISCUSSED

- 3. Any Other Old Business to come before the Board.

None.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Motion to APPROVE the Retirement Board 2025 meeting date calendar as written.

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

**MOVER:** John Rodolico

**SECONDER:** Sharon Wadecki

**AYE** 5 Thorne Coddling Wadecki Rodolico DeGaetano

**EXCUSED** 1 Panosky

- 2. Motion to APPROVE a monthly retirement benefit for Dennis Deslandes in the amount of \$1,975.22 as of November 1, 2024, payable in the normal form of a Modified Cash Refund Annuity based on his service and earnings through this retirement date.

Mr. Thorne questioned Mr. Deslandes's normal retirement date of June 1, 2028, and added because of the "rule of 82" that Mr. Deslandes was eligible for retirement in 2023.

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

**MOVER:** John Rodolico

**SECONDER:** Sharon Wadecki

**AYE** 5 Thorne Coddling Wadecki Rodolico DeGaetano

**EXCUSED** 1 Panosky

- 3. Any Other New Business to come before the Board.

Mr. Thorne said that the Town's Defined Benefit Plan hasn't been updated since 2012. He

suggested that the Board extends a meeting to start reviewing the plan's documentation. Mr. Thorne found several nuances and thought it would be best to hire USI to perform a review. Ms. Wadecki suggested asking Attorney Bruce Barth to perform the review instead of USI. She added that Attorney Bruce Barth is the attorney that the Board hired in 2012. The Board agreed.

Chairman Rodolico asked Mr. Thorne if there were specific areas he would like reviewed in the Defined Benefit Plan. Mr. Thorne answered that he had a fundamental question as to whether the Board should keep the appendixes up to date with contract changes or reference back to the Union contracts. He added that he would like section 1.08 Credited Interest, on page 3 reviewed, specifically, should it state 5%? The document wording allows the Board to change the percentage, but they haven't, should it be updated?

Mayor Allyn III asked Chairman Rodolico if he could bring up one more thing, the past few months the Town has been working with a firefighter on an early retirement. The Town felt they were in a good place and told the employee they could work with him on his retirement. Afterwards, the employee brought a new request forward which Mayor Allyn III wanted to share with the Board. The employee realized that he would have a tax consequence when collecting his retirement and asked if he could have his retirement pay increased by \$300.00 to absorb the tax implications of his early retirement. Ms. Wadecki did not feel the Board should honor that; the other Members agreed.

Mr. Thorne asked the status of the CMERs meeting. Mayor Allyn III answered that Ms. Dias is aware that the meetings need to be scheduled before the end of January 2025. Ms. Dias, Mr. Bonin and Mayor Allyn III will be in attendance as well as two representatives from the Police and two from the Teamsters.

**RESULT:** DISCUSSED

## IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to ADJOURN the Regular Meeting at 10:55 a.m.

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

**MOVER:** Sharon Wadecki

**SECONDER:** William Thorne

**AYE** 5 Thorne Coddington Wadecki Rodolico DeGaetano

**EXCUSED** 1 Panosky

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# TOWN OF LEDYARD

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**File #:** 24-0979

**Agenda Date:** 11/19/2024

**Agenda #:** 1.

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AGENDA REQUEST  
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

**Subject:**

Director of Human Resources update.

**Background:**

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**Department Comment/Recommendation:**

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**File #:** 24-0980

**Agenda Date:** 11/19/2024

**Agenda #:** 1.

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AGENDA REQUEST  
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

**Subject:**

Finance Director's Report.

**Background:**

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**Department Comment/Recommendation:**

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# TOWN OF LEDYARD

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**File #:** 24-0785

**Agenda Date:** 11/19/2024

**Agenda #:** 1.

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AGENDA REQUEST  
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

**Subject:**

Discuss Amendment 2015-1 to the Retirement Plan for Full-Time Employees of the Town of Ledyard continued.

**Background:**

From the October 15, 2024, meeting:

“If a Member continues employment with the Town after reaching his or her Normal Retirement Date, any benefits payable to such Member or retired or former Eligible Employee under the Plan shall be suspended during the period of continued employment. If a retired Member returns to employment with the Town in the same department which he or she retired from, any benefits payable to such retired Member under the Plan shall be suspended during the period of such continued employment. However, if a retired Member returns to employment with the Town in a different department which he or she retired from, any benefits payable to such a retired Member under the Plan during such period of continued employment shall continue without disruption. This member will not be allowed to contribute to any Town pension plan”.

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**Department Comment/Recommendation:**

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AMENDMENT 2015-1  
TO THE RETIREMENT PLAN FOR  
FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES OF  
THE TOWN OF LEDYARD

Amended and Restated July 1, 2012

WHEREAS, The Town of Ledyard, hereinafter referred to as the "Employer" established a Plan which reserves in Section 10.01, the Ledyard Town Council's right and authority to amend the Plan; and

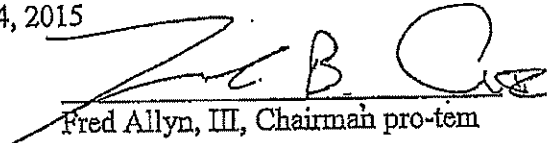
WHEREAS, the Employer desires to amend the Plan to provide for continuation of benefits for any retiree returning to employment with the Employer; and;

NOW THEREFORE, effective July 1, 2015, the Employer hereby amends the Plan as follows:

Section 5.06 (Suspension of Benefits) is hereby amended to read as follows:

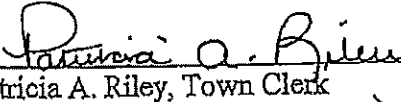
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Approved by the Ledyard Town Council on October 14, 2015

  
Fred Allyn, III, Chairman pro-tem

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this 2015-1 Amendment is signed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of  
October 2015.

THE TOWN OF LEDYARD

By   
Patricia A. Riley, Town Clerk



# TOWN OF LEDYARD

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**File #:** 24-0977

**Agenda Date:** 11/19/2024

**Agenda #:** 2.

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AGENDA REQUEST  
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

**Subject:**

Any Other Old Business to come before the Board.

**Background:**

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**Department Comment/Recommendation:**

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# TOWN OF LEDYARD

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**File #:** 24-0978

**Agenda Date:** 11/19/2024

**Agenda #:** 1.

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AGENDA REQUEST  
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

**Subject:**

Any Other New Business to come before the Board.

**Background:**

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**Department Comment/Recommendation:**

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