# **SEPTEMBER 29, 2016**

# AGENDA ITEM 8 INFORMATION ITEM

# SCHOLARSHARE INVESTMENT BOARD

*Review and Analysis of Investment Performance for the ScholarShare College Savings Plan for Second Quarter 2016* 

### Background

The ScholarShare Investment Board (SIB or Board) and its investment consultant, Pension Consulting Alliance, LLC (PCA), monitor all portfolios in the ScholarShare College Savings Plan (Plan) in accordance with the ScholarShare Monitoring Procedures and Criteria adopted by the Board.

In this item, SIB will review and discuss "Investment Performance Report" (Exhibit A) for the Plan for second quarter 2016, provided by TIAA-CREF Tuition Financing, Inc., and PCA's "Investment Performance Status Report" (Exhibit B) for second quarter 2016. PCA's report compares each underlying fund allocated to the portfolios used in the Plan, to applicable benchmark criteria and labels the current status of funds as "positive," "acceptable," "caution," or "watch."

For the second quarter of 2016:

- 12 underlying funds were in the "positive" status (two of which were on "watch" status),
- Six underlying funds were in the "acceptable" status, and
- One underlying fund was in "caution" status (and on "watch" status).

As outlined in its memo (Exhibit C), PCA is recommending that the three underlying funds currently on "watch" status, the PIMCO Income Fund, the PIMCO Real Return Fund, and the TIAA-CREF Bond Index Fund remain on "watch" status at this time and no new funds qualify for "watch" status.

### Presenters

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Investment Performance Report 2nd Quarter, 2016



CALIFORNIA'S 529 COLLEGE SAVINGS PLAN





# Key themes

• The U.S. is arguably in the best shape of all the world's major economies. It has continued to advance in the face of regulatory uncertainty, political division in Europe, and depressed global commodity markets.

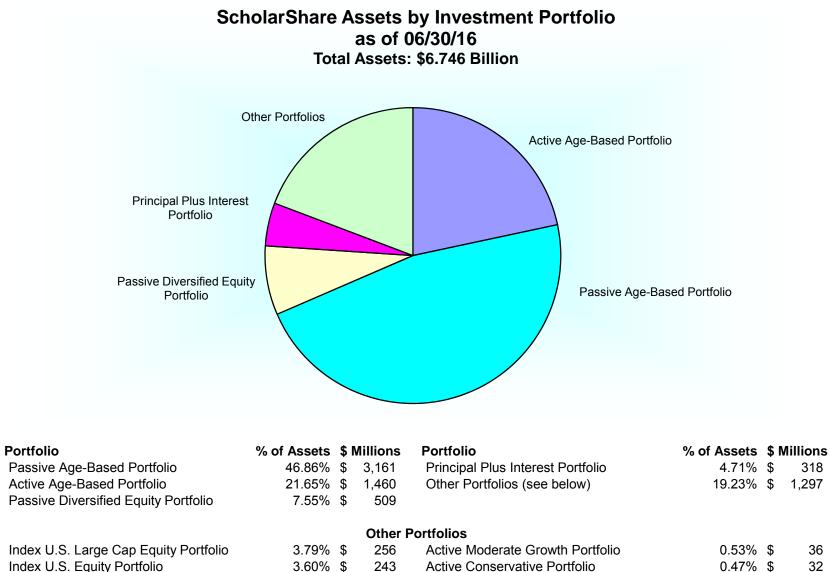
# Equities

- Robust demand for safe-haven assets during the quarter underpinned a surge in the yen, which is a sought-after refuge during periods of global volatility.
- Eight of the 10 sectors in the S&P 500 posted gains, led by Energy, Telecommunications Services, and Utilities.
   Fixed Income
- U.S. Treasuries realized solid returns, with the yield on the bellwether 10-year note falling from 1.78% to 1.49%—a drop accelerated by the Brexit result.
- Rising energy prices supported high-yield bonds, while 13 consecutive weeks of positive fund flows buoyed investment-grade corporate bonds.

Past performance is not indicative of future results. You can not invest directly in an index. U.S. Equities – Russell 3000 Index; U.S. Growth Stocks – Russell 1000 Growth; U.S. Value Stocks – Russell 1000 Value; U.S. Mid Cap Stocks – Russell Midcap Index; U.S. Small-Cap Stocks – Russell 2000 Index; International Developed Markets – MSCI EAFE Index; Emerging Markets – MSCI Emerging Markets; Real Estate Stocks – FTSE NAREIT All Equity REITS; U.S. Investment Grade Bonds – Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index; U.S. Treasuries – Barclays U.S. Government/Credit Long Index; Inflation-Linked Bonds – Barclays 1-10 Year U.S. TIPS Index; High Yield Bonds – BofA Merrill Lynch BB/B Cash Pay Index; Commodities - Bloomberg Commodity Index; Cash - Barclays U.S. 3 month Treasury Bellweathers Index C27529

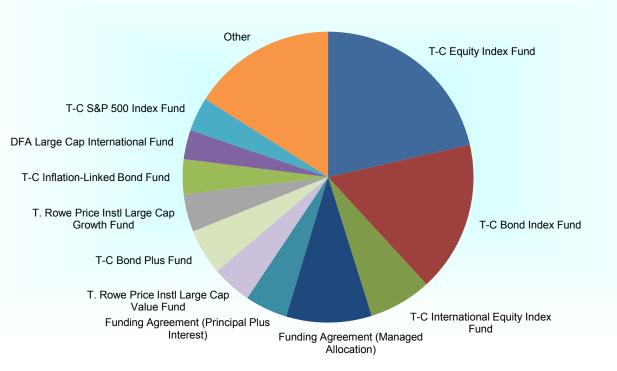
Market Perform	ance as of 、	June 30, 20	16 (%)	
Asset Class	3 Month	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year
U.S. Equities	2.63	2.14	11.13	11.60
U.S. Growth Stocks	0.61	3.02	13.07	12.35
U.S. Value Stocks	4.58	2.86	9.87	11.35
U.S. Mid-Cap Stocks	3.18	0.56	10.80	10.90
U.S. Small-Cap Stocks	3.79	-6.73	7.09	8.35
Int'l Developed Markets	-1.46	-10.16	2.06	1.68
Emerging Markets	0.66	-12.06	-1.56	-3.78
Real Estate Stocks	7.41	23.62	13.31	12.52
U.S. Investment Grade Bonds	2.21	6.00	4.06	3.76
U.S. Treasuries	6.55	15.72	9.33	9.18
Inflation-Linked Bonds	1.71	4.35	2.31	2.63
High Yield Bonds	4.62	2.13	4.61	5.86
Commodities	12.78	-13.32	-10.55	-10.82
Cash	0.08	0.21	0.11	0.10
Annualized Tuition Inflation E	nding as of	2015-2016	Academic	Year* (%)
Educational Institution		1 Year	3 Year	5 Year
National Average Public 4-Year I	n-state	2.90	2.86	4.29
National Average Private Nonpro	fit 4-Year	3.59	3.78	3.90
Consumer Price Index, June 201	6	0.90	0.99	1.36

Data are for the entire academic year and are average total charges for full-time attendance. Tuition and fees were enrollment weighted. SOURCES: CollegeBoard, Trends in College Pricing 2015 and U.S. Department of Labor: Bureau of Labor Statistics



Index U.S. Large Cap Equity Portfolio	3.79% \$	256	Active Moderate Growth Portfolio	0.53%	\$ 36
Index U.S. Equity Portfolio	3.60% \$	243	Active Conservative Portfolio	0.47%	\$ 32
Active Diversified Equity Portfolio	2.52% \$	170	Passive Conservative Portfolio	0.45%	\$ 31
Social Choice Portfolio	1.92% \$	130	Passive Moderate Growth Portfolio	0.43%	\$ 29
Active Growth Portfolio	1.61% \$	109	Active Diversified Fixed Income Portfolio	0.25%	\$ 17
Index International Equity Portfolio	1.32% \$	89	Active International Equity Portfolio	0.24%	\$ 16
Passive Growth Portfolio	1.25% \$	85	Passive Diversified Fixed Income Portfolio	0.16%	\$ 11
Index Bond Portfolio	0.65% \$	44			

# ScholarShare Assets by Underlying Funds as of 06/30/16 Total Assets: \$6.746 Billion

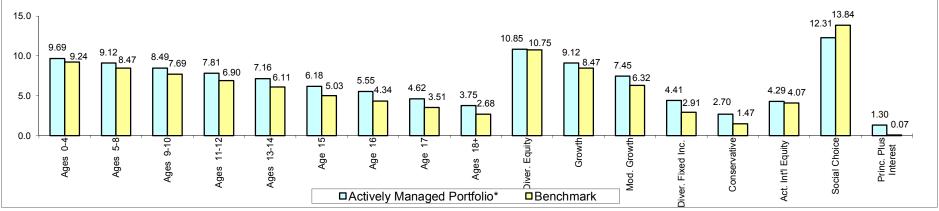


Fund	% of Assets	\$ N	lillions	Fund	% of Assets	\$ N	Aillions
T-C Equity Index Fund	21.41%	\$	1,444	T. Rowe Price Instl Large Cap Value Fund	4.46%	\$	301
T-C Bond Index Fund	16.77%	\$	1,131	T. Rowe Price Instl Large Cap Growth Fund	4.18%	\$	282
Funding Agreement (Managed Allocation)	9.51%	\$	641	T-C Inflation-Linked Bond Fund	3.89%	\$	263
T-C International Equity Index Fund	6.96%	\$	470	T-C S&P 500 Index Fund	3.79%	\$	256
Metropolitan West Total Return Bond Fund	5.10%	\$	344	DFA Large Cap International Fund	3.23%	\$	218
Funding Agreement (Principal Plus Interest)	4.72%	\$	318	Other	15.98%	\$	1,078
			Othe	Funds			
T-C Real Estate Securities Fund	3.50%	\$	236	T-C Emerging Markets Equity Index Fund	1.59%	\$	107
T-C High Yield Bond Fund	2.20%	\$	148	T-C Small Cap Equity Fund	0.99%	\$	67
PIMCO Income Fund	2.10%	\$	141	T. Rowe Price Instl Floating Rate Fund	0.94%	\$	63
PIMCO Real Return Fund	2.01%	\$	136	DFA Emerging Markets Core Equity Portfolio	0.74%	\$	50
T-C Social Choice Equity Fund	1.92%	\$	130				

# Actively Managed Portfolios vs. Composite Benchmarks

Q2 2016 Returns (%) 3.0 2.45 \_2.63 2.12 1.87 \_ 1.85 \_\_\_\_\_\_ 2.09 1.90 \_\_\_\_ 2.00 2.18 1.76 2.09 1.81 2.10 1.69 <sup>1.93</sup> 2.05 2.08 1.58 <sup>1.72</sup> 2.0 1.31 1.41 1<u>.1</u>6 <sup>1.12</sup> 1.11 1.10 1.0 0.28 0.06 0.16 0.0 t. Int'l Equity. 99'0--1.0 9-10 Equity 5-8 15 16 Growth 4 Ages 11-12 Ages 13-14 Age 17 Conservative Social Choice Mod. Growth Plus Interest Ages 18-Diver. Fixed Inc. Age Age Ages Ages Ages Diver. Act. Princ. I Actively Managed Portfolio\* Benchmark

### Since Inception Returns as of 06/30/16 (%)



\* Returns are net of most recent weighted average Underlying Fund Fees, Program Management Fees (4 bps) and State Administrative Fees (5 bps).

- The U.S. labor market ended the second quarter on a high note by generating 287,000 jobs in June. This was a vast turnaround from May, when only 11,000 jobs were added, raising doubts about the economy's strength.
- Existing home sales touched a nine-year high in May, and home prices rose on both a month-to-month and year-over-year basis in April. Both new-home and pending home sales were strong in April but declined in May.
- All actively Managed Portfolios had positive absolute returns in Q2 and most trailed their blended benchmarks after fees.
- Contributing to absolute returns was the TIAA-CREF Real Estate Securities Fund, which posted returns of 4.40% for the quarter. Also contributing was the T. Rowe Price Large Cap Value Fund, adding 3.93%.
- On a relative basis, the DFA Emerging Markets Core Equity I Portfolio beat its benchmark by 156 basis points in Q2, registering the highest relative returns of all underlying funds in ScholarShare for the second quarter.
- The Active International Equity Portfolio beat its blended benchmark by 82 basis points and had the highest relative returns among all Actively Managed Portfolios in Q2.
- The TC Life Funding Agreement outperformed by 22 basis points in Q2.

### ScholarShare College Savings Plan Performance Summary Actively Managed Portfolios vs. Composite Benchmarks\* For the Period Ending 06/30/2016

Investment Portfolios	3 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	Since Inception	Inception Date
Active Age-Based Portfolios**							
Active Age-Based Portfolio 0-4	1.72%	0.98%	-0.84%	7.65%		9.69%	11/04/11
Blended Benchmark Returns	2.08%	3.50%	0.86%	7.46%		9.24%	
Difference	-0.36%	-2.52%	-1.70%	0.19%		0.45%	
Active Age-Based Portfolio 5-8	1.76%	1.49%	-0.13%	7.30%		9.12%	11/04/11
Blended Benchmark Returns	2.09%	3.77%	1.47%	7.02%		8.47%	
Difference	-0.33%	-2.28%	-1.60%	0.28%		0.65%	
Active Age-Based Portfolio 9-10	1.81%	1.88%	0.41%	6.84%		8.49%	11/04/1
Blended Benchmark Returns	2.10%	4.04%	2.05%	6.57%		7.69%	
Difference	-0.29%	-2.16%	-1.64%	0.27%		0.80%	
Active Age-Based Portfolio 11-12	1.87%	2.38%	0.92%	6.31%		7.81%	11/04/1
Blended Benchmark Returns	2.12%	4.29%	2.63%	6.11%		6.90%	11/04/1
Difference	-0.25%	4.29% -1.91%	-1.71%	0.20%		0.90%	
Active Age-Based Portfolio 13-14	1.85%	2.83%	1.47%	5.84%		7.16%	11/04/1
Blended Benchmark Returns	2.13%	4.54%	3.18%	5.63%		6.11%	
Difference	-0.28%	-1.71%	-1.71%	0.21%		1.05%	
Active Age-Based Portfolio 15	1.69%	2.72%	1.69%	5.09%		6.18%	11/04/1
Blended Benchmark Returns	1.93%	4.24%	3.21%	4.78%		5.03%	
Difference	-0.24%	-1.52%	-1.52%	0.31%		1.15%	
Active Age-Based Portfolio 16	1.58%	2.72%	1.74%	4.65%		5.55%	11/04/1
Blended Benchmark Returns	1.72%	3.82%	2.96%	4.18%		4.34%	1110111
Difference	-0.14%	-1.10%	-1.22%	0.47%		1.21%	
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Active Age-Based Portfolio 17	1.31%	2.15%	1.56%	3.84%		4.62%	11/04/11
Blended Benchmark Returns	1.41%	3.13%	2.46%	3.39%		3.51%	
Difference	-0.10%	-0.98%	-0.90%	0.45%		1.11%	
Active Age-Based Portfolio 18 & Over	1.11%	1.80%	1.45%	3.17%		3.75%	11/04/11
Blended Benchmark Returns	1.10%	2.44%	1.94%	2.60%		2.68%	
Difference	0.01%	-0.64%	-0.49%	0.57%		1.07%	
Active Multi-Fund Investment Portfolios							
Active Diversified Equity Portfolio	1.57%	0.06%	-2.12%	8.43%		10.85%	11/04/1
Blended Benchmark Returns	2.05%	2.92%	-0.41%	8.31%		10.75%	
Difference	-0.48%	-2.86%	-1.71%	0.12%		0.10%	
Active Growth Portfolio	1.76%	1.49%	-0.07%	7.30%		9.12%	11/04/1 <i>1</i>
Blended Benchmark Returns	2.09%	3.77%	1.47%	7.02%		8.47%	
Difference	-0.33%	-2.28%	-1.54%	0.28%		0.65%	
Active Moderate Growth Portfolio	1.90%	2.87%	1.60%	5.88%		7.45%	11/09/1 <sup>-</sup>
Blended Benchmark Returns	2.13%	4.54%	3.18%	5.63%		6.32%	11/03/1
Difference	-0.23%	-1.67%	-1.58%	0.25%		1.13%	
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Active Conservative Portfolio	1.16%	2.54%	2.35%	2.34%		2.70%	11/04/11
Blended Benchmark Returns	1.12%	2.75%	2.66%	1.84%		1.47%	
Difference	0.04%	-0.21%	-0.31%	0.50%		1.23%	
Active International Equity Portfolio	0.16%	0.00%	-9.73%	1.53%		4.29%	11/10/1
Blended Benchmark Returns	-0.66%	-1.09%	-10.15%	1.27%		4.07%	
Difference	0.82%	1.09%	0.42%	0.26%		0.22%	
Active Diversified Fixed Income Portfolio	2.00%	4.53%	3.74%	3.69%		4.41%	11/08/1
Blended Benchmark Returns	2.18%	5.43%	5.22%	3.63%		2.91%	
Difference	-0.18%	-0.90%	-1.48%	0.06%		1.50%	
Active Single Fund Investment Portfolios	0.1070	0.0070		0.0070		1.0070	
Social Choice Portfolio	2.45%	4.19%	2.02%	9.30%		12.31%	11/04/1
Benchmark Returns	2.63%	3.62%	2.14%	11.13%		13.84%	11,0 1/1
Difference	-0.18%	0.57%	-0.12%	-1.83%		-1.53%	
							11/04/4
Principal Plus Interest Portfolio**	0.28%	0.66%	1.14%	1.19%		1.30%	11/04/11
Benchmark Returns	0.06%	0.12%	0.14%	0.07%		0.06%	
Difference	0.22%	0.54%	1.00%	1.12%		1.24%	

\*Returns are net of most recent weighted average Underlying Fund Fees, Program Management Fees (4 bps) and State Administrative Fees (5 bps).

\*\*The crediting rates of 1.10% for the TC Life Funding Agreement in the Active Age-Based Portfolio and 1.20% for the Principal Plus Interest Portfolio are guaranteed through 12/31/16.

### ScholarShare College Savings Plan Performance Summary Actively Managed Portfolios Asset Allocation, Fees, and Performance Q2 2016

### **Investment Portfolios**

Active Age-Based Portfolio Age of Beneficiary	Q2 Portfolio Return	Q2 Blended Benchmk Return	Annual Asset Based Fees (bp)*	T. Rowe Price Instl Large Cap Growth Fund	T. Rowe Price Instl Large Cap Value Fund	-	-	TIAA-CREF Real Estate Securities Fund		DFA Emerging Markets Core Equity I Portfolio	MetWest Total Return Bond Fund	PIMCO Real Return Instl Fund	PIMCO Income Insti Fund	T-C Life Funding Agreement
Underlying Fund Expenses (bp)				56	57	56	42	52	29	62	44	45	45	-
0 - 4	1.72%	2.08%	57	22.68%	22.68%	2.00%	5.04%	5.60%	19.20%	4.80%	10.00%	4.00%	4.00%	0.00%
5 - 8	1.76%	2.09%	57	19.85%	19.85%	3.00%	4.40%	4.90%	16.80%	4.20%	15.00%	6.00%	6.00%	0.00%
9 - 10	1.81%	2.10%	57	17.01%	17.01%	4.00%	3.78%	4.20%	14.40%	3.60%	20.00%	8.00%	8.00%	0.00%
11 - 12	1.87%	2.12%	56	14.18%	14.18%	5.00%	3.14%	3.50%	12.00%	3.00%	25.00%	10.00%	10.00%	0.00%
13 - 14	1.85%	2.13%	56	11.34%	11.34%	6.00%	2.52%	2.80%	9.60%	2.40%	30.00%	12.00%	12.00%	0.00%
15	1.69%	1.93%	51	8.51%	8.51%	6.00%	1.88%	2.10%	7.20%	1.80%	30.00%	12.00%	12.00%	10.00%
16	1.58%	1.72%	46	7.09%	7.09%	5.50%	1.57%	1.75%	6.00%	1.50%	27.50%	11.00%	11.00%	20.00%
17	1.31%	1.41%	39	5.67%	5.67%	4.50%	1.26%	1.40%	4.80%	1.20%	22.50%	9.00%	9.00%	35.00%
18+	1.11%	1.10%	32	4.25%	4.25%	3.50%	0.95%	1.05%	3.60%	0.90%	17.50%	7.00%	7.00%	50.00%
Fund's Performance vs Benchmk Q2 2016	δ (bp)			(61)	(65)	(102)	(244)	(301)	75	156	(23)	17	23	22

### Active Multi-Fund Investment Portfolios

Active Diversified Equity Portfolio	1.57%	2.05%	58	28.35%	28.35%		6.30%	7.00%	24.00%	6.00%				
Active Growth Portfolio	1.76%	2.09%	57	19.85%	19.85%	3.00%	4.40%	4.90%	16.80%	4.20%	15.00%	6.00%	6.00%	
Active Moderate Growth Portfolio	1.90%	2.13%	56	11.34%	11.34%	6.00%	2.52%	2.80%	9.60%	2.40%	30.00%	12.00%	12.00%	
Active Diversified Fixed Income Portfolio	2.00%	2.18%	55			10.00%					50.00%	20.00%	20.00%	
Active Conservative Portfolio	1.16%	1.12%	32			5.00%					25.00%	10.00%	10.00%	50.00%
Active International Equity Portfolio	0.16%	-0.66%	45						80.00%	20.00%				
Fund's Performance vs Benchmk Q2 2016	i (bp)			(61)	(65)	(102)	(244)	(301)	75	156	(23)	17	23	22

### Active Single Fund Investment Portfolios

			Annual			Fund's
	Q2	Q2 Blended	Asset			Performance
	Portfolio	Benchmk	<b>Based Fees</b>	Percent		vs Benchmk
Investment Portfolios	Return	Return	(bp)*	Allocation	Underlying Mutual Fund	Q2 2016 (bp)
Social Choice Portfolio	2.45%	2.63%	27	100.00%	TIAA-CREF Social Choice Equity Fund	(16)
Principal Plus Interest Portfolio	0.28%	0.06%	-	100.00%	TIAA-CREF Life Co. Funding Agreement	22

\* Asset Based Fees include most recent weighted average Underlying Fund Fees, Program Management Fees (4 bps) and State Administrative Fees (5 bps).

#### Passively Managed Portfolios vs. Composite Benchmarks Q2 2016 Returns (%) 3.0 2.02 1.97 2.09 2.01 2.09 2.05 2.10 2.09 2.17 2.13 2.02 1.94 1.74 1.73 1.53 2.45 2.46 2.65 2.63 2.09 2.01 2.10 2.13 2.25 2.28 2.21 2.02 1.90 2.06 2.0 <sup>1.30</sup> 1.17 1.43 1.22 1.11 1.0 0.0 -0.17 -1.0 -0.99 -2.0 9-10 Ages 18+ Growth Growth 5-8 15 16 Ages 11-12 Ages 13-14 17 Conservative Int'l Equity ldx. Bond ldx. Large Cap 4 ldx US Equity ver. Equity **Diver.** Fixed Inc.

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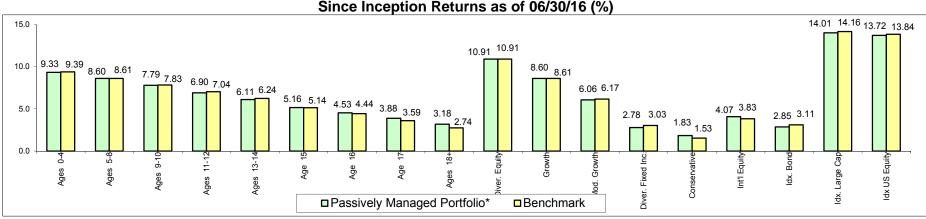
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□Passively Managed Portfolio\*



\* Returns are net of most recent weighted average Underlying Fund Fees and Program Management Fees (4 bps) for the quarter, as well as State Administrative Fees (5 bps) before 11/12/13.

- In April, the S&P 500® Index marked 2,608 days without a 20% correction, making it the second-longest bull market in history. A rally in May spilled over into early June, when the index climbed to within 1% of its all-time high.
- Meanwhile, the Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index (+2.21%), a broad measure of the domestic investment-grade bond market, benefited from falling interest rates.
- Nearly all Passively Managed Portfolios posted positive absolute returns for the guarter and either performed in line with or slightly outperformed their benchmarks.
- The TIAA-CREF High Yield Fund provided a boost to absolute returns for many portfolios as it posted a gain of 4.81% for the guarter.
- The Index U.S. Equity Portfolio had the highest absolute returns in Q2 at 2.65%, slightly outpacing its Russell 3000 benchmark.
- While the Index International Equity Portfolio had the lowest absolute returns at -0.17%, it had the highest relative returns, beating its blended benchmark by 82 basis points.

### ScholarShare College Savings Plan Performance Summary Passively Managed Portfolios vs. Composite Benchmarks\* For the Period Ending 06/30/2016

				·	al Total Return			
Investment Portfolios	3 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	Since Inception Inc	ception Date	
Passive Age-Based Portfolio**								
Passive Age-Based Portfolio 0-4	2.02%	3.13%	0.73%	7.57%	-	9.33%	11/04/11	
Blended Benchmark Returns	1.97%	3.20%	0.83%	7.54%	-	9.39%		
Difference	0.05%	-0.07%	-0.10%	0.03%	-	-0.06%		
Passive Age-Based Portfolio 5-8	2.09%	3.53%	1.38%	7.16%	-	8.60%	11/04/11	
Blended Benchmark Returns	2.01%	3.52%	1.42%	7.09%	-	8.61%		
Difference	0.08%	0.01%	-0.04%	0.07%	-	-0.01%		
Passive Age-Based Portfolio 9-10	2.09%	3.65%	1.87%	6.68%	-	7.79%	11/04/11	
Blended Benchmark Returns	2.05%	3.83%	1.99%	6.64%	-	7.83%		
Difference	0.04%	-0.18%	-0.12%	0.04%	-	-0.04%		
Passive Age-Based Portfolio 11-12	2.10%	3.88%	2.25%	6.10%	-	6.90%	11/04/11	
Blended Benchmark Returns	2.09%	4.13%	2.54%	6.17%	-	7.04%		
Difference	0.01%	-0.25%	-0.29%	-0.07%	-	-0.14%		
Passive Age-Based Portfolio 13-14	2.17%	4.27%	2.81%	5.64%	-	6.11%	11/04/11	
Blended Benchmark Returns	2.13%	4.43%	3.08%	5.70%	-	6.24%		
Difference	0.04%	-0.16%	-0.27%	-0.06%	-	-0.13%		
Passive Age-Based Portfolio 15	2.02%	4.12%	2.93%	4.93%	-	5.16%	11/04/11	
Blended Benchmark Returns	1.94%	4.17%	3.11%	4.84%	-	5.14%		
Difference	0.08%	-0.05%	-0.18%	0.09%	-	0.02%		
Passive Age-Based Portfolio 16	1.74%	3.63%	2.67%	4.37%	-	4.53%	11/04/11	
Blended Benchmark Returns	1.74%	3.76%	2.87%	4.23%	-	4.44%		
Difference	0.00%	-0.13%	-0.20%	0.14%	-	0.09%		
Passive Age-Based Portfolio 17	1.53%	3.20%	2.40%	3.79%	_	3.88%	11/04/11	
Blended Benchmark Returns	1.43%	3.08%	2.38%	3.43%	-	3.59%	11/04/11	
Difference	0.10%	0.12%	0.02%	0.36%	_	0.29%		
	1.22%	2.57%	2.12%	3.12%		3.18%	11/04/11	
Passive Age-Based Portfolio 18 & Over Blended Benchmark Returns	1.11%	2.57%	1.89%	2.63%	-	2.74%	11/04/11	
Difference	0.11%	0.16%	0.23%	0.49%	-	0.44%		
Passive Multi-Fund Investment Portfolios	0.1170	0.1070	0.2370	0.4370	-	0.44 /0		
Passive Diversified Equity Portfolio	2.02%	2.60%	-0.25%	8.49%	-	10.91%	11/04/11	
Blended Benchmark Returns	1.90%	2.53%	-0.39%	8.39%	-	10.91%		
Difference	0.12%	0.07%	0.14%	0.10%	-	0.00%		
Passive Growth Portfolio	2.09%	3.45%	1.38%	7.19%	_	8.60%	11/04/11	
Blended Benchmark Returns	2.01%	3.52%	1.42%	7.09%	_	8.61%	11/04/11	
Difference	0.08%	-0.07%	-0.04%	0.10%	_	-0.01%		
Passive Moderate Growth Portfolio	2.10%	4.29%	2.74%	5.63%		6.06%	11/08/11	
Blended Benchmark Returns	2.10%	4.29%	3.08%	5.70%	-	6.17%	11/00/11	
Difference	-0.03%	-0.14%	-0.34%	-0.07%	-	-0.11%		
					-		11/04/14	
Passive Conservative Portfolio	1.30%	3.03%	2.93%	2.24%	-	1.83%	11/04/11	
Blended Benchmark Returns	1.17%	2.79%	2.57%	1.88%	-	1.53%		
Difference	0.13%	0.24%	0.36%	0.36%	-	0.30%		
Index International Equity Portfolio	-0.17%	-1.15%	-9.68%	1.75%	-	4.07%	11/04/11	
Blended Benchmark Returns	-0.99%	-2.26%	-10.40%	1.42%	-	3.83%		
Difference	0.82%	1.11%	0.72%	0.33%	-	0.24%		
Passive Diversified Fixed Income Portfolio	2.25%	5.48%	4.89%	3.49%	-	2.78%	11/08/11	
Blended Benchmark Returns	2.28%	5.51%	5.05%	3.70%	-	3.03%		
Difference	-0.03%	-0.03%	-0.16%	-0.21%	-	-0.25%		
Passive Single Fund Investment Portfolios	2.06%	E 260/	E 0.E %	2.010/	_	2.959/	11/04/11	
Index Bond Portfolio Benchmark Returns	2.06% 2.21%	5.26% 5.31%	5.95%	3.91% 4.06%	-	2.85% 3.11%	11/04/11	
Difference			6.00%		-			
	-0.15%	-0.05%	-0.05%	-0.15%	-	-0.26%		
Index U.S. Large Cap Equity Portfolio	2.45%	3.78%	3.89%	11.53%	-	14.01%	11/04/11	
Benchmark Returns	2.46%	3.84%	3.99%	11.66%	-	14.16%		
Difference	-0.01%	-0.06%	-0.10%	-0.13%	-	-0.15%		
Index U.S. Equity Portfolio	2.65%	3.65%	2.13%	11.03%	-	13.72%	11/04/11	
Benchmark Returns	2.63%	3.62%	2.14%	11.13%	-	13.84%		
Difference	0.02%	0.03%	-0.01%	-0.10%	-	-0.12%		

\* Returns are net of most recent weighted average Underlying Fund Fees and Program Management Fees (4 bps) for the quarter, as well as State Administrative Fees (5 bps) before 11/12/13 \*\*The crediting rate of 1.10% for the TC Life Funding Agreement in the Passive Age-Based Portfolio is guaranteed through 12/31/16.

### ScholarShare College Savings Plan Performance Summary Passively Managed Portfolios Asset Allocation, Fees, and Performance Q2 2016

### **Investment Portfolios**

Passive Age-Based Portfolio Age of Beneficiary	Q2 Portfolio Return	Q2 Blended Benchmk Return	Annual Asset Based Fees (bp)*	TIAA-CREF Equity Index Fund	TIAA-CREF International Equity Index Fund	TIAA-CREF Emerging Markets Equity Index Fund	TIAA-CREF Real Estate Securities Fund	TIAA-CREF Bond Index Fund	TIAA-CREF Inflation- Linked Bond Fund	TIAA-CREF High Yield Fund	T-C Life Funding Agreement
Underlying Fund Expenses (bp)				5	6	23	52	12	26	36	0
0 - 4	2.02%	1.97%	15	50.40%	19.20%	4.80%	5.60%	14.00%	4.00%	2.00%	0.00%
5 - 8	2.09%	2.01%	16	44.10%	16.80%	4.20%	4.90%	21.00%	6.00%	3.00%	0.00%
9 - 10	2.09%	2.05%	17	37.80%	14.40%	3.60%	4.20%	28.00%	8.00%	4.00%	0.00%
11 - 12	2.10%	2.09%	17	31.50%	12.00%	3.00%	3.50%	35.00%	10.00%	5.00%	0.00%
13 - 14	2.17%	2.13%	18	25.20%	9.60%	2.40%	2.80%	42.00%	12.00%	6.00%	0.00%
15	2.02%	1.94%	17	18.90%	7.20%	1.80%	2.10%	42.00%	12.00%	6.00%	10.00%
16	1.74%	1.74%	16	15.75%	6.00%	1.50%	1.75%	38.50%	11.00%	5.50%	20.00%
17	1.53%	1.43%	14	12.60%	4.80%	1.20%	1.40%	31.50%	9.00%	4.50%	35.00%
18 +	1.22%	1.11%	11	9.45%	3.60%	0.90%	1.05%	24.50%	7.00%	3.50%	50.00%
Fund's Performance vs Benchmk Q2 2016 (bp)				0	97	61	(301)	(9)	(2)	19	22

### Passive Multi-Fund Investment Portfolios

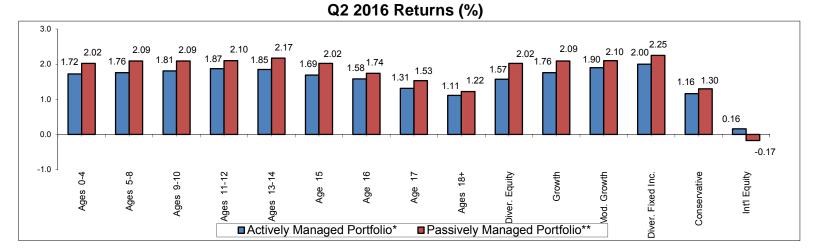
Passive Diversified Equity Portfolio	2.02%	1.90%	14	63.00%	24.00%	6.00%	7.00%				
Passive Growth Portfolio	2.09%	2.01%	16	44.10%	16.80%	4.20%	4.90%	21.00%	6.00%	3.00%	
Passive Moderate Growth Portfolio	2.10%	2.13%	18	25.20%	9.60%	2.40%	2.80%	42.00%	12.00%	6.00%	
Passive Diversified Fixed Income Portfolio	2.25%	2.28%	21					70.00%	20.00%	10.00%	
Passive Conservative Portfolio	1.30%	1.17%	13					35.00%	10.00%	5.00%	50.00%
Index International Equity Portfolio	-0.17%	-0.99%	13		80.00%	20.00%					
Fund's Performance vs Benchmk Q2 2016 (bp)				0	97	61	(301)	(9)	(2)	19	22

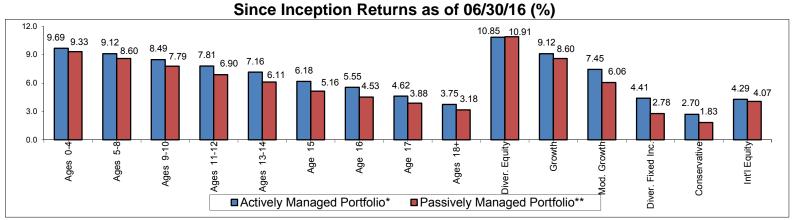
### Passive Single Fund Investment Portfolios

Investment Portfolios	Q2 Portfolio Return	Q2 Blended Benchmk Return	Annual Asset Based Fees (bp)*	Percent Allocation	Underlying Mutual Fund	Fund's Performance vs Benchmk Q2 2016 (bp)
Index Bond Portfolio	2.06%	2.21%	16	100.00%	TIAA-CREF Bond Index Fund	(9)
Index U.S. Large Cap Equity Portfolio	2.45%	2.46%	10	100.00%	TIAA-CREF S&P 500 Index Fund	(3)
Index U.S. Equity Portfolio	2.65%	2.63%	9	100.00%	TIAA-CREF Equity Index Fund	0

\* Asset Based Fees include most recent weighted average Underlying Fund Fees and Program Management Fees (4 bps).

# **Actively Managed Portfolios vs. Passively Managed Portfolios**





\* Returns are net of most recent weighted average Underlying Fund Fees, Program Management Fees (4 bps), and State Administrative Fees (5 bps). \*\* Returns are net of most recent weighted average Underlying Fund Fees, Program Management Fees (4 bps), and State Administrative Fees (5 bps) before 11/12/13.

- In Q2, nearly all Passively Managed Portfolios outperformed the Actively Managed Portfolios. A few underlying
  funds in the Active Portfolios underperformed their benchmark, which resulted in lower returns for these portfolios
  compared to their passive counterparts.
- For example, the domestic equity funds in the Actively Managed Portfolios -- the T. Rowe Price Large Cap Value Fund, the T. Rowe Price Large Cap Growth Fund, and the TIAA-CREF Small Cap Equity Fund -- all underperformed, while the TIAA-CREF Equity Index Fund in the Passively Managed Portfolios delivered benchmark-like returns.
- Since Inception returns continue to primarily favor the Actively Managed Portfolios, though they lead the Passively Managed Portfolios by smaller amounts than they had in the past.

# ScholarShare College Savings Plan Performance Summary Underlying Funds vs. Benchmarks

For the Period Ending 06/30/2016

				Average Annual T	otal Return		
[	3 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	Life	Fund Incept. Da
TIAA-CREF FUNDS							
-C Bond Index Fund	2.12%	5.31%	5.99%	3.97%	3.62%	4.06%	09/14/2009
Barclays Capital U.S. Aggregate Bond Index	2.21%	5.31%	6.00%	4.06%	3.76%	4.26%	
Difference	-0.09%	0.00%	-0.01%	-0.09%	-0.14%	-0.20%	
-C Emerging Markets Equity Index Fund*	1.27%	7.34%	-11.46%	-1.35%	-3.99%	-0.49%	08/31/2010
ISCI Emerging Markets® Index	0.66%	6.41%	-12.06%	-1.56%	-3.78%	-0.14%	
ifference	0.61%	0.93%	0.60%	0.21%	<b>-0.21%</b>	-0.35%	
-C Equity Index Fund	2.63%	3.65%	2.15%	11.08%	11.56%	4.88%	07/01/1999
ussell 3000 Index	2.63%	3.62%	2.14%	11.12%	11.59%	4.96%	
ifference	0.00%	0.03%	0.01%	-0.04%	-0.03%	-0.08%	
-C High Yield Bond Fund	4.81%	7.69%	0.91%	3.89%	5.52%	6.86%	03/31/2006
lerrill Lynch BB/B Cash Pay Index	4.62%	7.93%	2.13%	4.61%	5.86%	6.83%	00/01/2000
ifference	0.19%	-0.24%	-1.22%	-0.72%	-0.34%	0.03%	
-C Inflation-Linked Bond Fund	1.30%	4.85%	3.15%	1.70%	2.18%	4.45%	10/01/2002
arclays 1-10 Year U.S. Treasury Inflation Protected Securities Index	1.32%	4.97%	3.33%	1.62%	1.55%	4.14%	10/01/2002
ifference	-0.02%	-0.12%	-0.18%	0.08%	0.63%	0.31%	
C International Equity Index Eurod*	-0.49%	-3.21%	-9.59%	2.37%	1.92%		10/01/2007
-C International Equity Index Fund* ISCI EAFE Index	-0.49% -1.46%	-3.21%	-9.59% -10.16%	2.06%	1.68%	7.25% 7.17%	10/01/2002
ifference	0.97%	1.21%	0.57%	0.31%	0.24%	0.08%	
-C Real Estate Securities Fund	4.40%	8.89%	19.35%	12.79%	11.56%	11.36%	10/01/2002
TSE NAREIT Equity Index	4.40% 7.41%	13.68%	23.62%	13.31%	12.51%	11.94%	10/01/2002
ifference	-3.01%	-4.79%	-4.27%	-0.52%	-0.95%	-0.58%	
-C S&P 500 Index Fund	2.43%	3.78%	3.93%	11.57%	12.01%	8.94%	10/01/2002
&P 500 Index	2.45%	3.84%	3.99%	11.65%	12.01%	9.03%	10/01/2002
ifference	-0.03%	-0.06%	-0.06%	-0.08%	-0.08%	-0.09%	
	1.35%	-1.19%	-6.37%	8.26%	8.51%	10.15%	10/01/2002
-C Small Cap Equity Fund ussell 2000 Index	3.79%	-1.19% 2.22%	-6.73%	8.26% 7.08%	8.51%	10.15%	10/01/2002
ifference	-2.44%	-3.41%	-0.73% <b>0.36%</b>	1.18%	0.16%	0.04%	
-C Social Choice Equity Fund	2.47%	4.19%	2.12%	9.39%	10.46%	4.66%	07/01/1999
ussell 3000 Index ifference	2.63% -0.16%	3.62% <b>0.57%</b>	2.14% -0.02%	11.12% <b>-1.73%</b>	11.59% -1.13%	4.96% -0.30%	
PFA FUNDS	-0.1078	0.57 /6	-0.02 /8	-1.7376	-1.1378	-0.30 /8	
FA Emerging Markets Core Equity Portfolio*	2.22%	9.64%	-8.77%	-0.16%	-3.00%	6.98%	04/05/2005
ISCI Emerging Markets® Index	0.66%	6.41%	-12.06%	-1.56%	-3.78%	6.30%	04/03/2000
ifference	1.56%	3.23%	3.29%	1.40%	0.78%	0.68%	
FA Large Cap International Portfolio*	-0.30%	-2.07%	-9.80%	1.99%	1.34%	5.19%	07/17/1991
ISCI World Ex US Index	-1.05%	-2.98%	-9.84%	1.88%	1.23%	5.28%	07/17/1991
ifference	0.75%	0.91%	0.04%	0.11%	0.11%	-0.09%	
METWEST FUNDS	0.1.070	0.0170	0.0170		0,0		
letWest Total Return Bond Fund	1.98%	4.47%	4.72%	4.17%	5.01%	6.59%	07/01/1999
arclays Capital U.S. Aggregate Bond Index	2.21%	5.31%	6.00%	4.06%	3.76%	5.48%	
ifference	-0.23%	-0.84%	-1.28%	0.11%	1.25%	1.11%	
IMCO FUNDS							
IMCO Income Fund	2.44%	4.26%	3.93%	5.82%	8.16%	9.06%	03/30/2007
arclays Capital U.S. Aggregate Bond Index	2.21%	5.31%	6.00%	4.06%	3.76%	4.82%	
ifference	0.23%	-1.05%	-2.07%	1.76%	4.40%	4.24%	
IMCO Real Return Fund	1.88%	6.08%	3.31%	1.86%	2.36%	6.22%	01/29/1997
arclays Capital U.S. TIPS Index	1.71%	6.24%	4.35%	2.31%	2.63%	-	
ifference	0.17%	-0.16%	-1.04%	-0.45%	-0.27%	-	
. ROWE PRICE FUNDS							
Rowe Price Instl Floating Rate Fund	1.82%	3.64%	1.94%	3.38%	3.93%	5.26%	01/31/200
&P/LSTA Performing Loan Index	2.84%	4.57%	1.46%	3.15%	4.04%	5.26%	
ifference	-1.02%	-0.93%	0.48%	0.23%	-0.11%	0.00%	
Rowe Price Instl Large Cap Growth Fund	0.00%	-6.44%	-3.14%	12.63%	12.26%	8.35%	10/31/200
ussell 1000 Growth Index	0.61%	1.36%	3.02%	13.07%	12.34%	6.83%	
ifference	<b>-0.61%</b>	-7.80%	-6.16%	-0.44%	-0.08%	1.52%	
Rowe Price Instl Large Cap Value Fund	3.93%	5.54%	3.24%	9.89%	11.22%	7.70%	3/31/2000
ussell 1000 Value Index	4.58%	6.30%	2.86%	9.86%	11.35%	6.21%	
ifference	-0.65%	-0.76%	0.38%	0.03%	-0.13%	1.49%	

\* For funds holding securities traded on foreign exchange that close before the U.S. market, fair value pricing creates tracking error relative to a benchmark index that uses foreign closing prices.



# The results of our approach speak for themselves

#### Pensions & Investments

- One of the top five money managers of equity and fixed income assets based on institutional tax-exempt assets under management.<sup>1</sup>
- The largest real estate manager of U.S. institutional tax-exempt assets.<sup>2</sup>

#### Morningstar

- 72% of TIAA-CREF's funds received an Morningstar overall rating of 4 or 5 stars (44.83% 4 stars and 27.59% 5 stars), based on riskadjusted returns as of June 30, 2016.<sup>3, 4</sup>
- Over a five-year period, 90% of TIAA-CREF's funds and variable annuity accounts have met or exceeded their Morningstar median.<sup>5</sup>

#### Barron's/ Lipper

- Awarded Thomson Reuters Lipper Best Overall Large Fund Company United States, for an unprecedented fourth year in a row based on three-year risk-adjusted performance across multiple asset classes among 37 mutual fund families.<sup>6</sup>
- Awarded Thomson Reuters Lipper 2016 Best Mixed Assets Large Fund Company United States, based on three-year risk-adjusted performance among that of 39 mutual fund families for its Lifecycle, Lifecycle Index, Lifestyle and Managed Allocation Funds.<sup>6</sup>
- Ranked 12 out of 58 mutual fund families in the Barron's/Lipper Fund Family survey based on five year asset-weighted total returns.<sup>7</sup>
- 1. Pensions & Investments, May 30, 2016. Equity and Fixed Income rankings based on institutional tax-exempt assets under management as of December 31, 2015 reported by each responding asset manager
- 2. Pensions & Investments, October 19, 2015. Rankings based on TIAA Global Real Assets institutional tax-exempt assets under management as of June 30, 2015 reported by each responding asset manager. TGRA has nearly \$100 billion in AUM consisting of mandates covering timber, agriculture, energy, infrastructure, real estate and related financing investments.
- 3. Morningstar ratings based on the lowest cost share class for each mutual fund, based on U.S. open end mutual funds. For a fund with multiple share classes and the same pricing, the share class with the longest performance history is used. Morningstar ratings may be higher or lower on a monthly basis. Morningstar is an independent service that rates mutual funds. The top 10% of funds in an investment category receive five stars, the next 22.5% receive four stars and the next 35% receive three stars. Morningstar proprietary ratings reflect historical risk-adjusted performance and can change every month. They are calculated from the fund's three-, five- and ten-year average annual returns in excess of 90-day Treasury bill returns with appropriate fee adjustments, and a risk factor that reflects fund performance below 90-day T-bill returns. The overall star ratings are Morningstar's published ratings, which are weighted averages of its three-, five- and ten-year ratings for periods ended June 30, 2016. Past performance cannot guarantee future results. For current performance and rankings, please visit TIAA.org/public/tcfpi/InvestResearch.
- 4. Please note variable annuity account options are available through contracts issued by TIAA or CREF. These contracts are designed for retirement or other long-term goals, and offer a variety of income options, including lifetime income. Payments from the variable annuity accounts are not guaranteed and will rise or fall based on investment performance.
- 5. The Morningstar median represents the midpoint of an index of comparable funds/accounts grouped by factors such as investment objective and asset class. Applies to mutual fund and variable annuity expense ratios. Source: Morningstar Direct (June 30, 2016). Based on Morningstar data, the expense ratios on all TIAA-CREF Funds and TIAA Variable Annuity Accounts managed by TIAA-CREF are generally less than half the mutual fund industry average (70% are less than half the Morningstar U.S. Open-End Fund Universe average and 62% are less than half the Morningstar U.S. Open-End Fund Universe median.) Our mutual fund and variable annuity products are subject to various fees and expenses, including but not limited to management, administrative, and distribution fees; our variable annuity products have an additional mortality and expense risk charge.
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- 7. TIAA ranked #12 among 58 fund families as of December, 2015. The Barron's/Lipper Fund Family survey uses an asset-weighted ranking system. Each fund's return was measured against all those in its Lipper category, and the resulting percentile ranking was then weighted by asset size relative to the fund family's other assets in its general category. The family's overall ranking was then determined by weighting the five fund categories in proportion to their overall importance within Lipper's fund universe. In the one-year overall ranking, TIAA is ranked 8th out of 67 mutual fund families. TIAA does not qualify for the 10-year ranking.

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# Appendix



# TAKEAWAYS

- For the second quarter of 2016, all active and passive age-based portfolios generated positive absolute results. Most actively managed age-based portfolios trailed their respective benchmarks (the Age 18+ portfolio being the exception), while all passively managed age-based portfolios matched or modestly exceeded their respective benchmarks.
- Most US Equity indices recorded gains for the quarter as a partial rebound in oil prices allowed the Energy segment to generate strong gains. All of the Plan's US Equity managers posted positive absolute results but all active US Equity managers trailed their respective benchmarks for the quarter.
- International Equity markets saw steep sell-offs after the Brexit vote which, despite a slight rebound, led to negative absolute returns for the Plan's International Equity managers over the short-term periods. Relative results were positive.
- Sell-offs of riskier assets, and the expectation that the Fed would hold off on future rate hikes, boosted Fixed Income prices as investors retreated to safe haven assets. All of the Plan's Fixed Income managers posted positive absolute results. Notably, the TIAA-CREF High Yield Bond Fund generated the largest absolute quarterly return for the Plan during the period.
- Continuing geopolitical uncertainty as a result of the Brexit vote has many experts expecting that the recently elevated market volatility will continue for the short-term.



# SECTION 1 ECONOMIC OVERVIEW







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**Overview:** US GDP growth increased from the prior quarter (advanced estimate) but has slowed relative to quarterly growth from one-year ago (2.6% in 2Q 2015 vs. 1.2% in 2Q 2016). GDP growth during the second quarter was driven mostly by consumer spending on goods and services. The unemployment rate remained unchanged since the prior quarter at 4.9%. The seasonally adjusted Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers increased by 3.4% on an annualized basis in the quarter, its largest quarterly increase since the third quarter of 2012. Commodities continued to improve during the quarter and are now up 15.1% since the end of February. Global equities were slightly positive during the quarter returning 1.2% (MSCI ACWI) despite a volatile quarter end, resulting from the UK's "leave" vote in the Brexit referendum. The referendum result also put downward pressure on the British Pound, decreasing by -8.3% versus the US dollar during the quarter - almost all of which came in the last two weeks. Bond markets had a strong positive quarter as the BC Universal increased by 2.5% and yields fell.

### **Economic Growth**

- Real GDP increased at an annualized rate of 1.2 percent in the second quarter of 2016.
- Consumer spending was the biggest contributor to real GDP growth in the quarter driven by spending on durable goods, nondurable goods, and services (mostly health care, housing, and health care).
- GDP growth gains were partially offset during the quarter by a decline in business and housing investments.

#### Inflation

- The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased by 3.4 percent in the quarter on an annualized basis after seasonal adjustment.
- Quarterly percentage changes may be adjusted between data publications due to periodic updates in seasonal factors.
- Core CPI-U increased by 2.3 percent for the quarter on an annualized basis.
- Over the last 12 months, core CPI-U increased 2.2 percent after seasonal adjustment.

### **Unemployment**

- The US economy gained approximately 442,000 jobs in the quarter.
- The unemployment rate remained at 4.9% at quarter end.
- The majority of jobs gained occurred in education and health services, health care and social assistance, and professional and business services. The majority of jobs lost occurred in goods-producing, mining and logging, and construction.

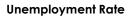
 Annualized Quarterly GDP Growth

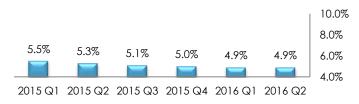
 2.0%
 2.6%
 2.0%
 0.9%
 0.8%
 1.2%



**CPI-U After Seasonal Adjustment** 

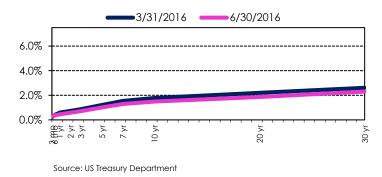
#### 2.7% 0.1% 0.9% -1.0% 2015 Q1 2015 Q2 2015 Q3 2015 Q4 2016 Q1 2016 Q2 0.0% -0.2% -0.2% 0.0% -0.2% 0.0% -0.2% 0.0% -0.2% 0.1% 0.9% 0.1% 0.9% 0.1% 0.9% 0.9% 0.0%





### **Treasury Yield Curve Changes**

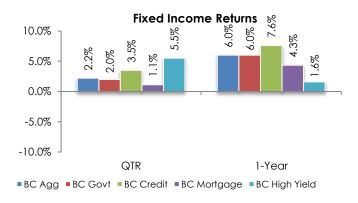
- US Treasury yields fell on average over the quarter.
- The Federal Reserve has maintained the federal funds rate between 0.25 percent and 0.50 percent.
- The US dollar depreciated against the Yen by -8.0% and appreciated against the Pound and Euro by 7.3% and 2.4%, respectively.



### Fixed Income

Interest Rates & US Dollar

- US bond markets delivered positive returns for the quarter with high yield, returning 5.5%, performing the best, while MBS performed the worst at 1.1%.
- Despite a strong second quarter, high yield continued to trail all other bond sectors over the trailing 1-year period. Credit provided the strongest returns with 7.6%.



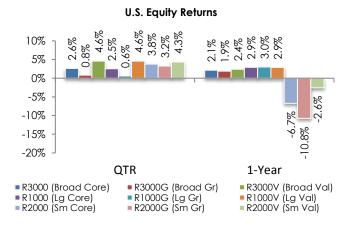
US Fixed Income Sector Performance (BC Aggregate Index)					
Sector	Weight	QTR	1 Year		
Governments*	40.7%	2.0%	6.0%		
Agencies	4.0%	1.3%	3.9%		
Inv. Grade Credit	25.4%	3.5%	7.6%		
MBS	27.7%	1.1%	4.3%		
ABS	0.6%	1.2%	2.7%		
CMBS	1.7%	2.2%	6.2%		

\*US Treasuries and Government Related



### **US Equities**

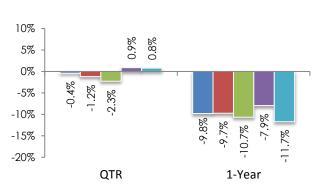
- During the quarter, value stocks were the top performers, while growth trailed all other styles. In terms of market capitalization, broad and large cap had the strongest returns each with 4.6%, but small cap stocks had the most consistent returns across styles.
- During the 1-year period, large cap stocks performed well, while small cap stocks trailed all other capitalizations. Value stocks proved to be reliable as they outperformed core and growth in both broad and small cap with returns of 2.4% and (2.6%), respectively.



US Equity Sector Performance (Russell 3000 Index)					
Sector	Weight	QTR	1 Year		
Information Tech.	19.2%	-0.8%	8.5%		
Financials	17.4%	3.4%	2.9%		
Health Care	14.4%	7.5%	1.9%		
Consumer Disc.	12.9%	0.0%	7.2%		
Industrials	10.2%	2.4%	7.7%		
Consumer Staples	9.4%	5.3%	19.9%		
Energy	6.8%	12.8%	-1.7%		
Utilities	3.7%	7.6%	35.3%		
Materials	3.3%	6.7%	3.5%		
Telecomm. Serv.	2.7%	-7.8%	24.3%		

### **International Equities**

- International equities performed poorly over the quarter with the exception of the Pacific and Emerging Markets, which posted slightly positive returns of 0.9% and 0.8%, respectively.
- Over the 1-year period, international equities were negative across the board. The Pacific had the least negative results, while emerging markets performed the worst with (7.9%), and (11.7%), respectively.



International Equity Returns (in USD)

MSCI ACW EX U.S. MSCI EAFE MSCI Europe MSCI Pacific MSCI EM

International Equity Region Performance (in USD) (MSCI ACW Index ex US)					
Sector	Weight	QTR	1 Year		
Europe Ex. UK	31.3%	-3.0%	-10.0%		
Emerging Markets	22.7%	0.8%	-11.7%		
Japan	16.5%	1.0%	-8.6%		
United Kingdom	13.9%	-0.7%	-12.1%		
Pacific Ex. Japan	8.7%	0.7%	-6.6%		
Canada	6.9%	3.6%	-5.5%		



## Market Summary – Long-term Performance\*

Indexes	Month	Quarter	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	20 Years
Global Equity							
MSCI AC World Index	-0.6%	1.2%	-3.2%	6.6%	6.0%	4.8%	6.1%
Domestic Equity							
S&P 500	0.3%	2.5%	4.0%	11.7%	12.1%	7.4%	7.9%
Russell 3000	0.2%	2.6%	2.1%	11.1%	11.6%	7.4%	8.0%
Russell 3000 Growth	-0.4%	0.8%	1.9%	12.7%	12.0%	8.7%	6.9%
Russell 3000 Value	0.8%	4.6%	2.4%	9.6%	11.1%	6.1%	8.5%
Russell 1000	0.2%	2.5%	2.9%	11.5%	11.9%	7.5%	8.0%
Russell 1000 Growth	-0.4%	0.6%	3.0%	13.1%	12.4%	8.8%	7.1%
Russell 1000 Value	0.9%	4.6%	2.9%	9.9%	11.4%	6.1%	8.5%
Russell 2000	-0.1%	3.8%	-6.7%	7.1%	8.4%	6.2%	7.6%
Russell 2000 Growth	-0.5%	3.2%	-10.8%	7.7%	8.5%	7.1%	5.6%
Russell 2000 Value	0.3%	4.3%	-2.6%	6.4%	8.2%	5.2%	9.1%
CBOE BXM Index	1.2%	3.2%	4.0%	7.2%	7.0%	4.6%	6.9%
International Equity							
MSCI AC World Index ex USA	-1.5%	-0.4%	-9.8%	1.6%	0.6%	2.3%	4.7%
MSCI EAFE	-3.3%	-1.2%	-9.7%	2.5%	2.2%	2.1%	4.4%
MSCI Pacific	-1.3%	0.9%	-7.9%	2.4%	3.2%	1.9%	1.7%
MSCI Europe	-4.4%	-2.3%	-10.7%	2.5%	1.6%	2.1%	6.2%
MSCI EM (Emerging Markets)	4.1%	0.8%	-11.7%	-1.2%	-3.4%	3.9%	5.3%
Fixed Income							
BC Universal	1.8%	2.5%	5.8%	4.2%	4.0%	5.3%	5.8%
Global Agg Hedged	1.9%	2.5%	7.4%	5.2%	4.8%	5.0%	5.7%
BC Aggregate Bond	1.8%	2.2%	6.0%	4.1%	3.8%	5.1%	5.7%
BC Government	2.1%	2.0%	6.0%	3.5%	3.4%	4.7%	5.4%
BC Credit Bond	2.3%	3.5%	7.6%	5.3%	5.2%	6.1%	6.3%
BC Mortgage Backed Securities	0.8%	1.1%	4.3%	3.8%	3.0%	5.0%	5.5%
BC High Yield	0.9%	5.5%	1.6%	4.2%	5.8%	7.6%	7.0%
BC WGIL All Maturities - Hedged	4.4%	4.4%	7.7%	5.1%	4.5%	5.2%	
Emerging Markets Debt	2.9%	4.7%	7.8%	6.0%	6.0%	7.7%	9.4%
Real Estate							
NCREIF UNLAGGED	0.0%	0.0%	8.4%	10.9%	11.1%	7.2%	9.8%
FTSE NAREIT All Equity Index	6.7%	7.4%	22.7%	13.1%	12.3%	7.0%	10.7%
Commodity Index							
DJUBS	4.1%	12.8%	-13.4%	-10.6%	-10.8%	-5.6%	1.0%

\* Performance is annualized for periods greater than one year.

# SECTION 2 INVESTMENT MARKET RISK METRICS





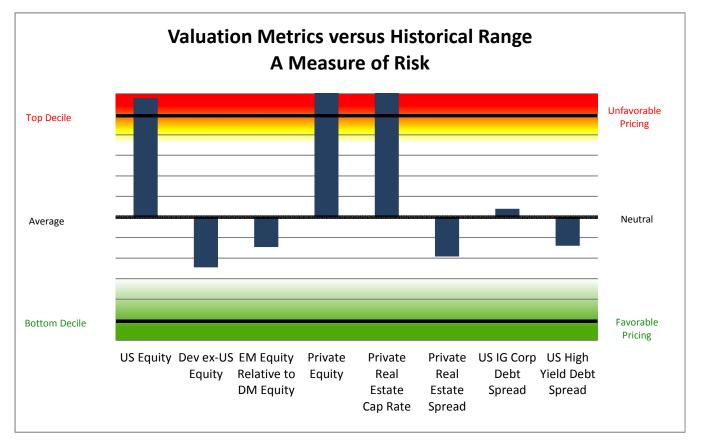


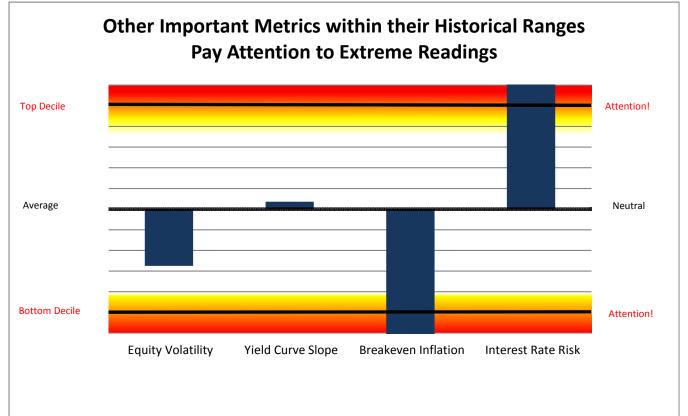
- From a review of beginning and month end market levels, it appears that nothing happened in equity markets. While BREXIT introduced a lot of turmoil and volatility into the markets, U.S. and global equity markets ended the month much where they started. The key take away: more volatility.
- 10-year Treasury interest rates plummeted as Treasuries rallied hard on BREXIT uncertainty. Unlike equity markets, the 10-year interest rate fell 40 basis points (bond prices move inversely to yields) and did not revert, ending the month at a multi-year low of 1.46%.
- As of July 5<sup>th</sup>, the 10- and 30-year Treasury interests rates have fallen to all time lows of 1.37% and 2.14%, respectively.
- U.S. equity valuations remain extended.
- U.S. private market valuations (PE and RE) also remain extended.
- Non-U.S. developed and emerging market valuations are historically cheap.
- Bond spreads reverted to beginning of month levels (much like equities) after intra-month BREXIT volatility.
- 10-year breakeven inflation fell precipitously, hitting 1.4% at month end (bottom decile territory).
- Somewhat surprisingly, the PCA Market Sentiment Indicator remained neutral at the end of June after the mid-month volatility.
- The yield curve flattened more, as the 10-year Treasury yield declined, and the 1year yield hardly moved.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>See Appendix for the rationale for selection and calculation methodology used for the risk metrics.



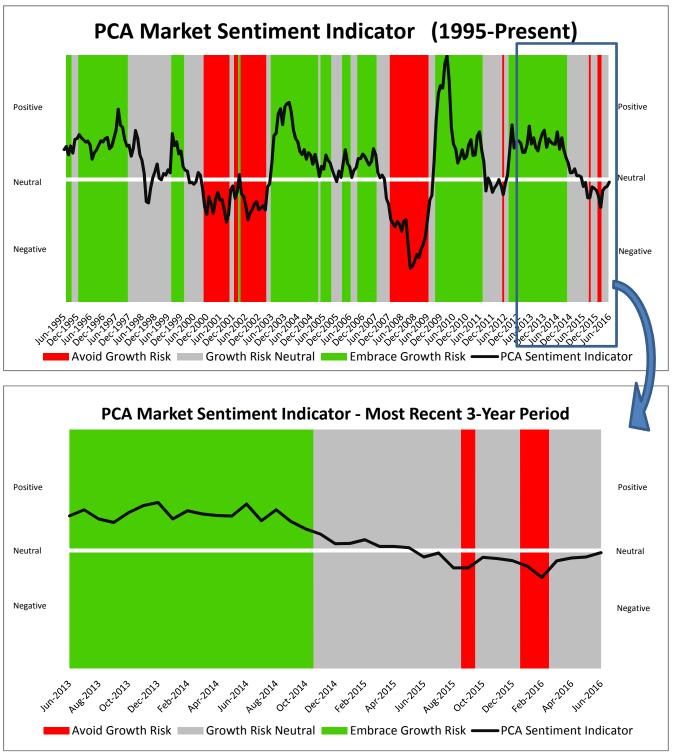
# **Risk Overview**





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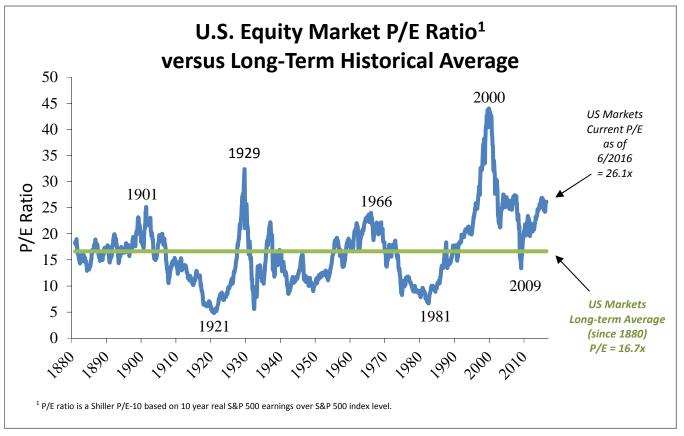
# **Market Sentiment**



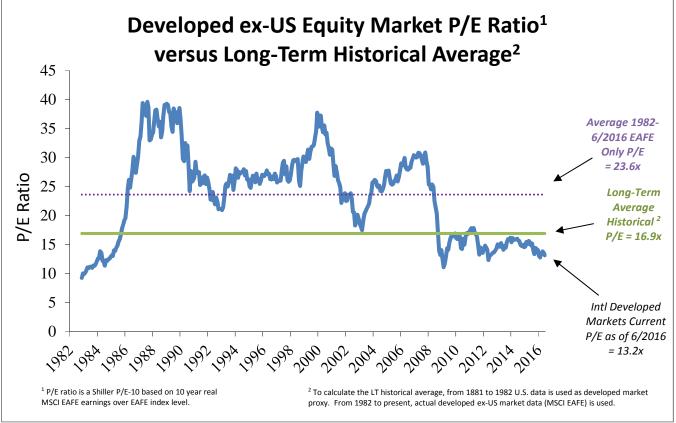
# Information Behind Current Sentiment Reading

Agreement Between Bond Spread and Equity Spread Momentum Measures? Growth Risk Visibility (Current Overall Sentiment)	Disagree Neutral	
Equity Return Momentum Trailing-Twelve Months	Positive Disagree	
Bond Spread Momentum Trailing-Twelve Months	Negative	

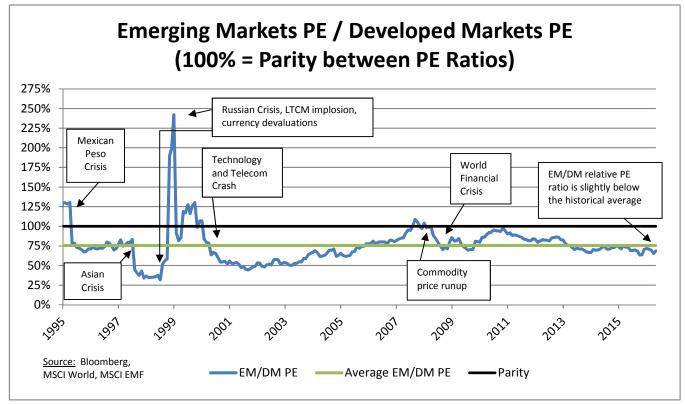
# **Developed Public Equity Markets**



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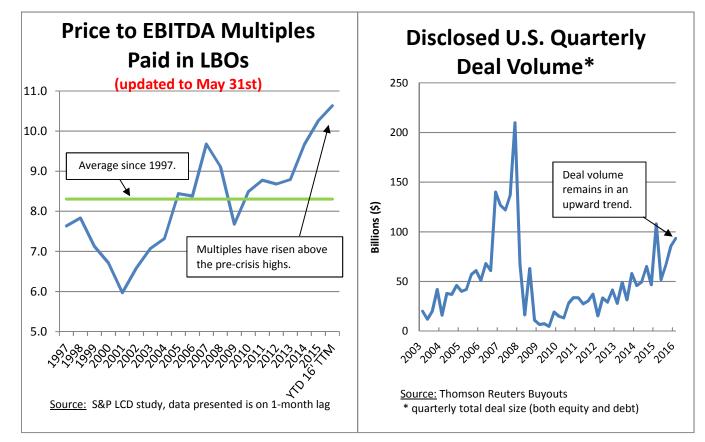






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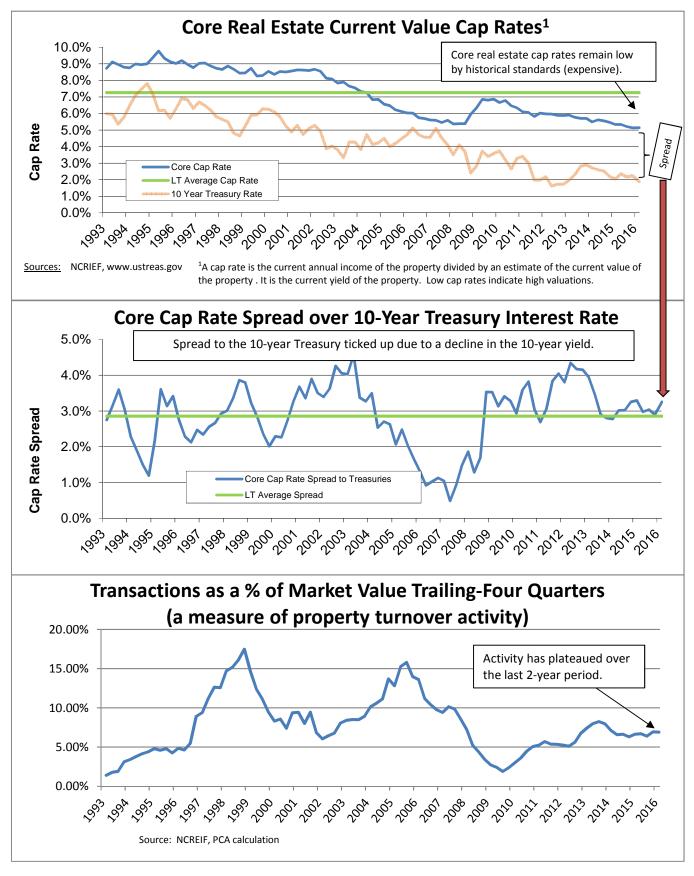
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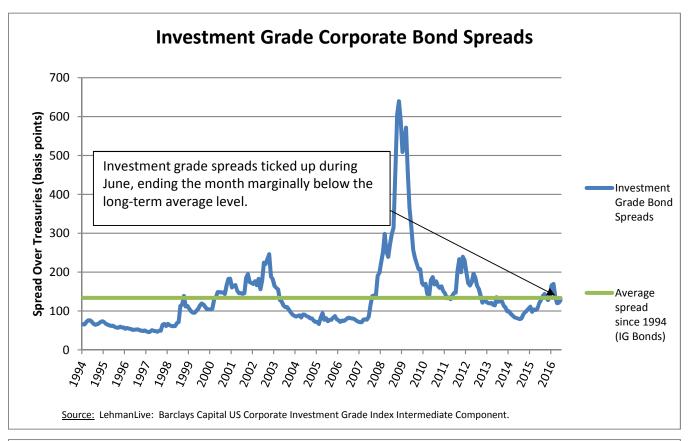
### Private Real Estate Markets

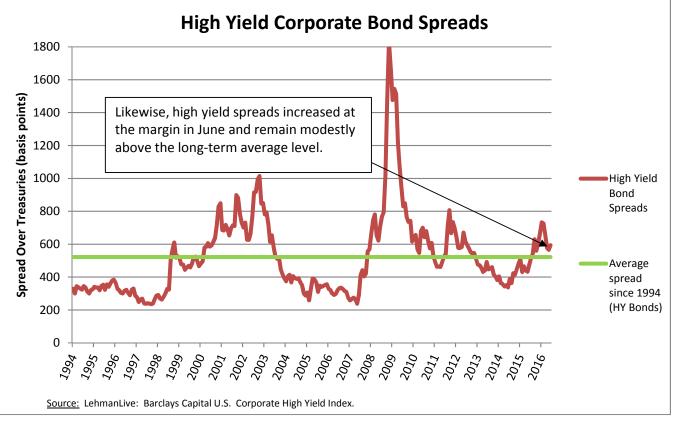
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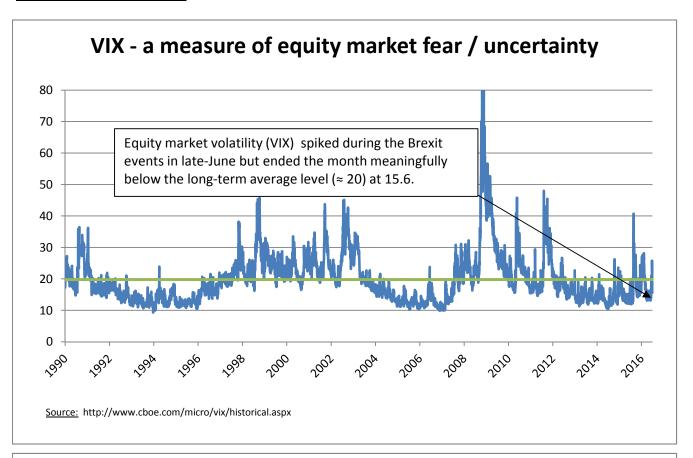


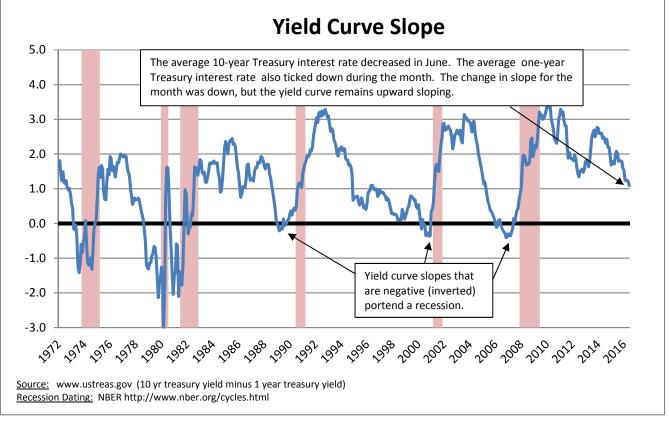
# **Credit Markets US Fixed Income**



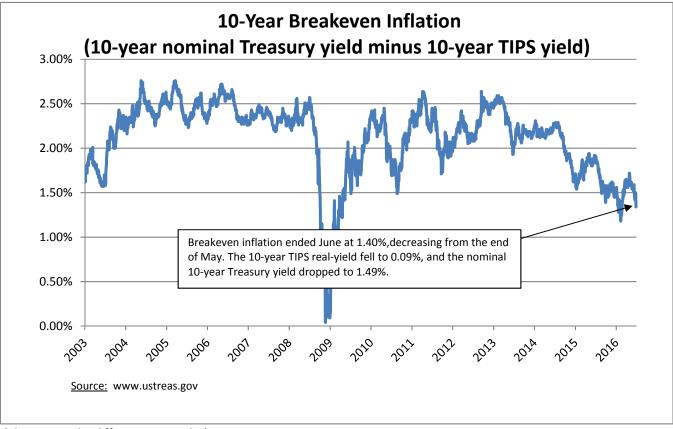


### **Other Market Metrics**

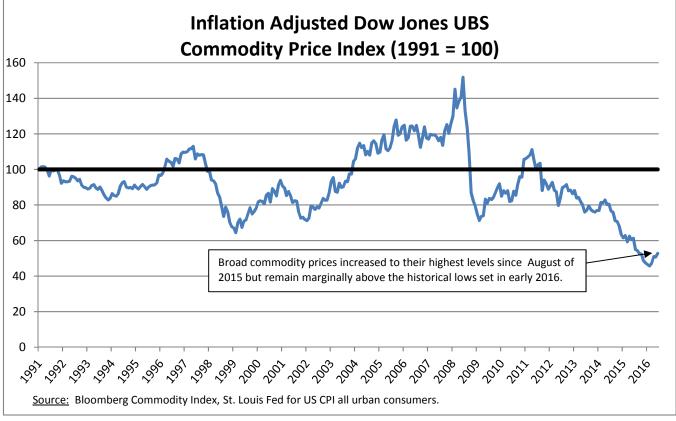




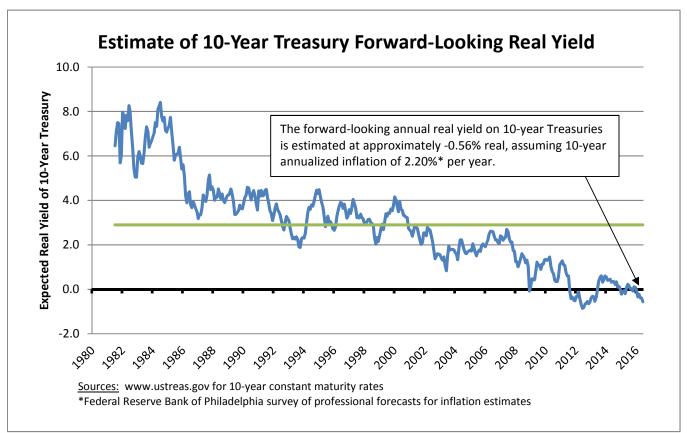
# **Measures of Inflation Expectations**

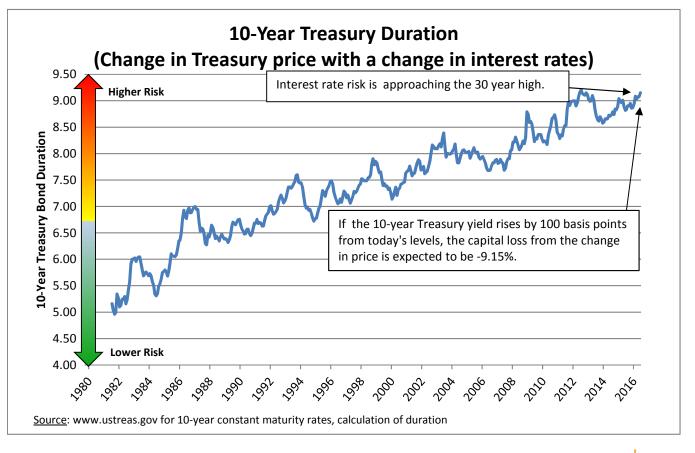


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# Measures of U.S. Treasury Interest Rate Risk











### METRIC DESCRIPTION, RATIONALE FOR SELECTION AND CALCULATION METHODOLOGY

### US Equity Markets:

Metric: P/E ratio = Price / "Normalized" earnings for the S&P 500 Index

To represent the price of US equity markets, we have chosen the S&P 500 index. This index has the longest published history of price, is well known, and also has reliable, long-term, published quarterly earnings. The price=P of the P/E ratio is the current price of the market index (the average daily price of the most recent full month for the S&P 500 index). Equity markets are very volatile. Prices fluctuate significantly during normal times and extremely during periods of market stress or euphoria. Therefore, developing a measure of earnings power (E) which is stable is vitally important, if the measure is to provide insight. While equity prices can and do double, or get cut in half, real earnings power does not change nearly as much. Therefore, we have selected a well known measure of real, stable earnings power developed by Yale Professor Robert Shiller known as the Shiller E-10. The calculation of E-10 is simply the average real annual earnings over the past 10 years. Over 10 years, the earnings shenanigans and boom and bust levels of earnings tend to even out (and often times get restated). Therefore, this earnings statistic gives a reasonably stable, slow-to-change estimate of average real earnings power for the index. Professor Shiller's data and calculation of the E-10 are available on his website at http://www.econ.yale.edu/~shiller/data.htm. We have used his data as the base for our calculations. Details of the theoretical justification behind the measure can be found in his book Irrational Exuberance [Princeton University Press 2000, Broadway Books 2001, 2nd ed., 2005].

### Developed Equity Markets Excluding the US:

Metric: P/E ratio = Price / "Normalized" earnings for the MSCI EAFE Index

To represent the price of non-US developed equity markets, we have chosen the MSCI EAFE index. This index has the longest published history of price for non-US developed equities. The price=P of the P/E ratio is the current price of the market index (the average daily price of the most recent full month for the MSCI EAFE index). The price level of this index is available starting in December 1969. Again, for the reasons described above, we elected to use the Shiller E-10 as our measure of earnings (E). Since 12/1972, a monthly price earnings ratio is available from MSCI. Using this quoted ratio, we have backed out the implied trailing-twelve month earnings of the EAFE index for each month from 12/1972 to the present. These annualized earnings are then inflation adjusted using CPI-U to represent real earnings in US dollar terms for each time period. The Shiller E-10 for the EAFE index (10 year average real earnings) is calculated in the same manner as detailed above.

However, we do not believe that the pricing and earnings history of the EAFE markets are long enough to be a reliable representation of pricing history for developed market equities outside of the US. Therefore, in constructing the Long-Term Average Historical P/E for developed ex-US equities for comparison purposes, we have elected to use the US equity market as a developed market proxy, from 1881 to 1982. This lowers the Long-Term Average Historical P/E considerably. We believe this methodology provides a more realistic historical comparison for a market with a relatively short history.





### METRIC DESCRIPTION, RATIONALE FOR SELECTION AND CALCULATION METHODOLOGY

#### Emerging Market Equity Markets:

Metric: Ratio of Emerging Market P/E Ratio to Developed Market P/E Ratio

To represent the Emerging Markets P/E Ratio, we have chosen the MSCI Emerging Market Free Index, which has P/E data back to January 1995 on Bloomberg. To represent the Developed Markets PE Ratio, we have chosen the MSCI World Index, which also has data back to January 1995 on Bloomberg. Although there are issues with published, single time period P/E ratios, in which the denominator effect can cause large movements, we feel that the information contained in such movements will alert investors to market activity that they will want to interpret.

#### US Private Equity Markets:

Metrics: S&P LCD Average EBITDA Multiples Paid in LBOs and US Quarterly Deal Volume

The Average Purchase Price to EBITDA multiples paid in LBOs is published quarterly by S&P in their LCD study. This is the total price paid (both equity and debt) over the trailing-twelve month EBITDA (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization) as calculated by S&P LCD. This is the relevant, high-level pricing metric that private equity managers use in assessing deals. Data is published monthly.

US quarterly deal volume for private equity is the total deal volume in \$ billions (both equity and debt) reported in the quarter by Thomson Reuters Buyouts. This metric gives a measure of the level of activity in the market. Data is published quarterly.

#### U.S Private Real Estate Markets:

Metrics: US Cap Rates, Cap Rate Spreads, and Transactions as a % of Market Value

Real estate cap rates are a measure of the price paid in the market to acquire properties versus their annualized income generation before financing costs (NOI=net operating income). The data, published by NCREIF, describes completed and leased properties (core) on an unleveraged basis. We chose to use current value cap rates. These are capitalization rates from properties that were revalued during the quarter. This data relies on estimates of value and therefore tends to be lagging (estimated prices are slower to rise and slower to fall than transaction prices). The data is published quarterly.

Spreads between the cap rate (described above) and the 10-year nominal Treasury yield, indicate a measure of the cost of properties versus a current measure of the cost of financing.

Transactions as a % of Market Value Trailing-Four Quarters is a measure of property turnover activity in the NCREIF Universe. This quarterly metric is a measure of activity in the market.

### Credit Markets US Fixed Income:

Metric: Spreads

The absolute level of spreads over treasuries and spread trends (widening / narrowing) are good indicators of credit risk in the fixed income markets. Spreads incorporate estimates of future default, but can also be driven by technical dislocations in the fixed income markets. Abnormally narrow spreads (relative to historical levels) indicate higher levels of valuation risk, wide spreads indicate lower levels of valuation risk and / or elevated default fears. Investment grade bond spreads are represented by the Barclays Capital US Corporate Investment Grade Index Intermediate Component. The high yield corporate bond spreads are represented by the Barclays Capital US Corporate High Yield Index.



### METRIC DESCRIPTION, RATIONALE FOR SELECTION AND CALCULATION METHODOLOGY

#### Measure of Equity Market Fear / Uncertainty

Metric: VIX - Measure of implied option volatility for U.S. equity markets

The VIX is a key measure of near-term volatility conveyed by implied volatility of S&P 500 index option prices. VIX increases with uncertainty and fear. Stocks and the VIX are negatively correlated. Volatility tends to spike when equity markets fall.

### Measure of Monetary Policy

Metric: Yield Curve Slope

We calculate the yield curve slope as the 10 year treasury yield minus the 1 year treasury yield. When the yield curve slope is zero or negative, this is a signal to pay attention. A negative yield curve slope signals lower rates in the future, caused by a contraction in economic activity. Recessions are typically preceded by an inverted (negatively sloped) yield curve. A very steep yield curve (2 or greater) indicates a large difference between shorter-term interest rates (the 1 year rate) and longer-term rates (the 10 year rate). This can signal expansion in economic activity in the future, or merely higher future interest rates.

### Measures of US Inflation Expectations

Metrics: Breakeven Inflation and Inflation Adjusted Commodity Prices

Inflation is a very important indicator impacting all assets and financial instruments. Breakeven inflation is calculated as the 10 year nominal treasury yield minus the 10 year real yield on US TIPS (treasury inflation protected securities). Abnormally low long-term inflation expectations are indicative of deflationary fears. A rapid rise in breakeven inflation indicates an acceleration in inflation continues to rise quarter over quarter, this is a signal of inflationary worries rising, which may cause Fed action and / or dollar decline. Commodity price movement (above the rate of inflation) is an indication of anticipated inflation caused by real global economic activity putting pressure on resource prices. We calculate this metric by adjusted in the Dow Jones UBS Commodity Index (formerly Dow Jones AIG Commodity Index) by US CPI-U. While rising commodity prices will not necessarily translate to higher US inflation, higher US inflation will likely show up in higher commodity prices, particularly if world economic activity is robust.

### Measures of US Treasury Bond Interest Rate Risk

Metrics: 10-Year Treasury Forward-Looking Real Yield and 10-Year Treasury Duration

The expected annualized real yield of the 10 year U.S. Treasury Bond is a measure of valuation risk for U.S. Treasuries. A low real yield means investors will accept a low rate of expected return for the certainly of receiving their nominal cash flows. PCA estimates the expected annualized real yield by subtracting an estimate of expected 10 year inflation (produced by the Survey of Professional Forecasters as collected by the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia), from the 10 year Treasury constant maturity interest rate. Duration for the 10-Year Treasury Bond is calculated based on the current yield and a price of 100. This is a measure of expected percentage movements in the price of the bond based on small movements in percentage yield. We make no attempt to account for convexity.

### Definition of "extreme" metric readings

A metric reading is defined as "extreme" if the metric reading is in the top or bottom decile of its historical readings. These "extreme" reading should cause the reader to pay attention. These metrics have reverted toward their mean values in the past.



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## PCA Market Sentiment Indicator

Explanation, Construction and Q&A

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PCA has created the PCA Market Sentiment Indicator (PMSI) to <u>complement</u> our valuation-focused PCA Investment Market Risk Metrics. This measure of sentiment is meant to capture significant and persistent shifts in long-lived market trends of economic growth risk, either towards a <u>risk-seeking trend</u> or a <u>risk-aversion trend</u>.

This paper explores:

- What is the PCA Market Sentiment Indicator (PMSI)?
- How do I read the indicator graph?
- How is the PCA Market Sentiment Indicator (PMSI) constructed?
- What do changes in the indicator mean?



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# PCA Market Sentiment Indicator

PCA has created a market sentiment indicator for monthly publication (the PMSI – see below) to complement PCA's Investment Market Risk Metrics.

PCA's Investment Market Risk Metrics, which rely significantly on standard market measures of relative valuation, often provide valid early signals of increasing long-term risk levels in the global investment markets. However, as is the case with numerous valuation measures, the Risk Metrics may convey such risk concerns long before a market corrections take place. The PMSI helps to address this early-warning bias by measuring whether the markets are beginning to acknowledge key Risk Metrics trends, and / or indicating non-valuation based concerns. Once the PMSI indicates that the market sentiment has shifted, it is our belief that investors should consider significant action, particularly if confirmed by the Risk Metrics. Importantly, PCA believes the Risk Metrics and PMSI should always be used in conjunction with one another and never in isolation. The questions and answers below highlight and discuss the basic underpinnings of the PCA PMSI:

### What is the PCA Market Sentiment Indicator (PMSI)?

The PMSI is a measure meant to gauge the market's sentiment regarding economic growth risk. Growth risk cuts across most financial assets, and is the largest risk exposure that most portfolios bear. The PMSI takes into account the momentum (trend over time, positive or negative) of the economic growth risk exposure of publicly traded stocks and bonds, as a signal of the future direction of growth risk returns; either positive (risk seeking market sentiment), or negative (risk averse market sentiment).

### How do I read the PCA Market Sentiment Indicator (PMSI) graph?

Simply put, the PMSI is a color coded indicator that signals the market's sentiment regarding economic growth risk. It is read left to right chronologically. A green indicator on the PMSI indicates that the market's sentiment towards growth risk is positive. A gray indicator indicates that the market's sentiment towards growth risk is neutral or inconclusive. A red indicator indicates that the market's sentiment towards growth risk is negative. The black line on the graph is the level of the PMSI. The degree of the signal above or below the neutral reading is an indication the signal's current strength.

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Momentum as we are defining it is the use of the past behavior of a series as a predictor of its future behavior.

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# PCA Market Sentiment Indicator

### How is the PCA Market Sentiment Indicator (PMSI) Constructed?

The PMSI is constructed from two sub-elements representing investor sentiment in stocks and bonds:

- 1. Stock return momentum: Return momentum for the S&P 500 Equity Index (trailing 12-months)
- 2. Bond yield spread momentum: Momentum of bond yield spreads (excess of the measured bond yield over the identical duration U.S. Treasury bond yield) for corporate bonds (trailing 12-months) for both investment grade bonds (75% weight) and high yield bonds (25% weight). The scale of this measure is adjusted to match that of the stock return momentum measure.

The black line reading on the graph is calculated as the average of the stock return momentum measure and the bonds spread momentum measure. The color reading on the graph is determined as follows:

- 1. If both stock return momentum and bond spread momentum are positive = GREEN (positive)
- 2. If one of the momentum indicators is positive, and the other negative = GRAY (inconclusive)
- 3. If both stock return momentum and bond spread momentum are negative = RED (negative)

### What does the PCA Market Sentiment Indicator (PMSI) mean? Why might it be useful?

There is strong evidence that time series momentum is significant and persistent. In particular, across an extensive array of asset classes, the sign of the trailing 12-month return (positive or negative) is indicative of future returns (positive or negative) over the next 12 month period. The PMSI is constructed to measure this momentum in stocks and corporate bond spreads. A reading of green or red is agreement of both the equity and bond measures, indicating that it is likely that this trend (positive or negative) will continue over the next 12 months. When the measures disagree, the indicator turns gray. A gray reading does not necessarily mean a new trend is occurring, as the indicator may move back to green, or into the red from there. The level of the reading (black line) and the number of months at the red or green reading, gives the user additional information on which to form an opinion, and potentially take action.

<sup>1</sup>Momentum as we are defining it is the use of the past behavior of a series as a predictor of its future behavior.

""Time Series Momentum" Moskowitz, Ooi, Pedersen, August 2010 http://pages.stern.nyu.edu/~lpederse/papers/TimeSeriesMomentum.pdf



# SECTION 3 REVIEW OF SCHOLARSHARE POLICY





### **Active Funds**

### Fund

T. Rowe Price Instl Large Cap Growth T. Rowe Price Instl Large Cap Value TIAA-CREF Small Cap Equity TIAA-CREF Social Choice Equity TIAA-CREF Real Estate Securities DFA Large Cap International DFA Emerging Markets Core Equity Metropolitan West Total Return Bond PIMCO Real Return PIMCO Income TIAA-CREF Inflation-Linked Bond T. Rowe Price Institutional Floating Rate TIAA-CREF High Yield Bond Asset Class Domestic Equity Domestic Equity Domestic Equity Domestic Equity Domestic Equity International Equity International Equity Fixed Income Fixed Income Fixed Income Fixed Income High Yield High Yield

### Benchmark

Russell 1000 Growth TR USD Russell 1000 Value TR USD Russell 2000 TR USD Russell 3000 TR USD FTSE NAREIT All Equity REITs TR MSCI World ex US NR USD MSCI EM NR USD BarCap US Agg Bond TR USD BarCap US Trsy US TIPS TR USD BarCap US Agg Bond TR USD BarCap US Trsy US TIPS TR USD S&P/LSTA Performing Loan TR BofA ML US HY C Pay BB-B Constd TR

### **Passive Funds**

Fund	Asset Class	<u>Benchmark</u>
TIAA-CREF Equity Index	Domestic Equity	Russell 3000 TR USD
TIAA-CREF S&P 500 Index	Domestic Equity	S&P 500 TR
TIAA-CREF International Equity Index	International Equity	MSCI EAFE NR USD
TIAA-CREF Emerging Markets Equity Index	International Equity	MSCI EM NR USD
TIAA-CREF Bond Index	Fixed Income	BarCap US Agg Bond TR USD

### **T-C Life Funding Agreements**

T-C Life Funding Agreements\*

\*Investment through a funding agreement with TIAA-CREF Life Insurance Company. Not benchmarked to an index, rather, portfolio performance is monitored using a set of qualitative guidelines.



### Performance Criteria for Placing a Fund on Watch

### **Actively Managed Funds**

Asset Class	Short-Term (rolling 12-month periods)	Medium-term (rolling 36-month periods)	Long-term (> 60 months)
Domestic Equity	Fund return < bench return -3.5% for 6 consecutive monthsFund return < return -1.75% consecutive m		VRR< 0.97 for 6 consecutive months
International Equity	Fund return < bench return -4.5% for 6 consecutive months	Fund return < bench return -2.0% for 6 consecutive months	VRR< 0.97 for 6 consecutive months
Fixed Income	Fund return < bench return -1.0% for 6 consecutive months	Fund return < bench return -0.5% for 6 consecutive months	VRR< 0.98 for 6 consecutive months
High Yield	Fund return < bench return -6.5% for 6 consecutive months	Fund return < bench return -3.25% for 6 consecutive months	VRR< 0.96 for 6 consecutive months

### **Passively Managed Funds**

Asset Class	Short-Term (rolling 12-month periods)	Medium-term (rolling 36-month periods)	Long-term (rolling 60-month periods)
Domestic Equity	Tracking Error > 0.30% for 6 consecutive months	Tracking Error> 0.25% for 6 consecutive months	Fd annlzd return < bench annlzd return -0.30% for 6 consecutive months
International Equity	Tracking Error > 0.75% for 6 consecutive months	Tracking Error> 0.70% for 6 consecutive months	Fd annlzd return < bench annlzd return -0.30% for 6 consecutive months
Fixed Income	Tracking Error > 0.40% for 6 consecutive months	Tracking Error> 0.55% for 6 consecutive months	Fd annlzd return < bench annlzd return -0.35% for 6 consecutive months

[1] Return discounts from a benchmark return based on 2/3rds of the typical tracking error estimates of the specified type of fund manager.

[2] Annualized return is the average annual return of either the manager or its benchmark.

[3] VRR – Value Relative Ratio – is calculated as: Manager Cumulative Return / Benchmark Cumulative Return.

[4] Tracking error is a measure of the volatility of the average annual difference between the manager's return and the benchmark's return.



### Performance Criteria for Placing a Fund on Watch (Continued)

T-C Life Funding Agreements (based on non-investment performance criteria)

Fund Name	Financial Strength	Mortgage Portfolio	Bond Portfolio	Account Diversification
	Moody's = Aaa			
	Standard & Poor's = AAA			Portfolio is diversified
T-C Life Funding	A.M. Best = A+++		At least 90% Investment	across asset classes and
Agreements	Fitch = AAA	100% in Good Standing	Grade	types

The T-C Life Funding Agreements are measured against a set of non-investment performance criteria (see above) in a published TIAA-CREF report every quarter.





### **Investment Status Schedule**

Performance Category	Actively Managed Portfolios	Passively Managed Portfolios
Positive	Performance exceeds the benchmark.	<ul> <li>Performance exceeds the benchmark (first 1-12 month period), or</li> <li>Tracking error is within the allowable range<sup>1</sup> (short, medium, and long time periods).</li> </ul>
Acceptable	<ul> <li>Performance meets or is under the benchmark and is within the allowable range.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Performance does not exceed the benchmark but is within the allowable range (first 1-12 month period only).</li> </ul>
Caution	<ul> <li>Performance is below allowable range but either:         <ol> <li>for less than six consecutive months, or</li> <li>the Board has not taken (or decided not to take) a formal action to place the asset class or individual fund portfolio on Watch even though performance has been below allowable range for six months or longer.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Tracking error falls outside of the allowable range but either</li> <li>i) for less than six consecutive months, or</li> <li>ii) the Board has not voted to place the asset class or stand alone fund on Watch</li> </ul>
Watch <sup>2</sup>	<ul> <li>Performance is below allowable range for more than six consecutive months and the Board has formally voted to place the asset class or individual fund on Watch.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Tracking error falls outside of the allowable range for more than six consecutive months and the Board has formally voted to place the asset class or individual fund portfolio on Watch.</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> Ranges are shown in the Investment Performance Criteria Schedules.
 <sup>2</sup> The amount of time generally required before an investment is put on watch.





## SUMMARY OF FUND PERFORMANCE STATUS

	Prior Qu	arter	Current Q	Current Quarter		
Funds	Status	On Watch	Status	On Watch		
Active Funds						
T. Rowe Price Instl Large Cap Growth	Acceptable		Acceptable			
T. Rowe Price Instl Large Cap Value	Positive		Positive			
TIAA-CREF Small Cap Equity	Positive		Positive			
TIAA-CREF Social Choice Equity	Acceptable		Acceptable			
TIAA-CREF Real Estate Securities	Positive		Acceptable			
DFA Large Cap International	Positive		Positive			
DFA Emerging Markets Core Equity	Positive		Positive			
Metropolitan West Total Return Bond	Acceptable		Acceptable			
PIMCO Real Return	Caution	Х	Caution	Х		
PIMCO Income	Positive	Х	Positive	Х		
TIAA-CREF Inflation-Linked Bond	Acceptable		Acceptable			
T. Rowe Price Instl Floating Rate	Positive		Positive			
TIAA-CREF High-Yield Bond	Acceptable		Acceptable			
Passive Funds						
TIAA-CREF Equity Index	Positive		Positive			
TIAA-CREF S&P 500 Index	Positive		Positive			
TIAA-CREF International Equity Index	Positive		Positive			
TIAA-CREF Emerging Markets Index	Positive		Positive			
TIAA-CREF Bond Index	Caution		Positive	Х		
T-C Life Funding Agreements						
T-C Life Funding Agreements	Positive		Positive			

- Current status is based on Short-Term (rolling 12-month) and Medium-Term (rolling 36-month) evaluation results.
- According to the Investment Status Schedule on the previous page, the portfolio's overall "Current Status" equals the lowest status as achieved by one or more of the criteria during the quarter.



## SUMMARY OF FUND ASSETS

### Assets as of 6/30/2016

Funds	Assets (\$)	% of Total
Active Funds		
T. Rowe Price Instl Large Cap Growth	282,007,499	4.18%
T. Rowe Price Instl Large Cap Value	300,526,040	4.46%
TIAA-CREF Small Cap Equity	66,745,472	0.99%
TIAA-CREF Social Choice Equity	129,659,458	1.92%
TIAA-CREF Real Estate Securities	235,923,572	3.50%
DFA Large Cap International	217,711,224	3.23%
DFA Emerging Markets Core Equity	49,795,731	0.74%
Metropolitan West Total Return Bond	343,814,926	5.10%
PIMCO Real Return	135,848,583	2.01%
PIMCO Income	141,394,610	2.10%
TIAA-CREF Inflation-Linked Bond	262,554,084	3.89%
T. Rowe Price Instl Floating Rate	63,304,965	0.94%
TIAA-CREF High-Yield Bond	148,086,668	2.20%
Active Funds Total	2,377,372,831	35.24%
Passive Funds		
TIAA-CREF Equity Index	1,445,093,015	21.42%
TIAA-CREF S&P 500 Index	255,916,728	3.79%
TIAA-CREF International Equity Index	469,585,985	6.96%
TIAA-CREF Emerging Markets Index	107,087,136	1.59%
TIAA-CREF Bond Index	1,131,102,401	16.77%
Passive Funds Total	3,408,785,265	50.53%
T-C Life Funding Agreements		
T-C Life Funding Agreements	959,504,968	14.22%
TOTAL	6,745,663,065	100%



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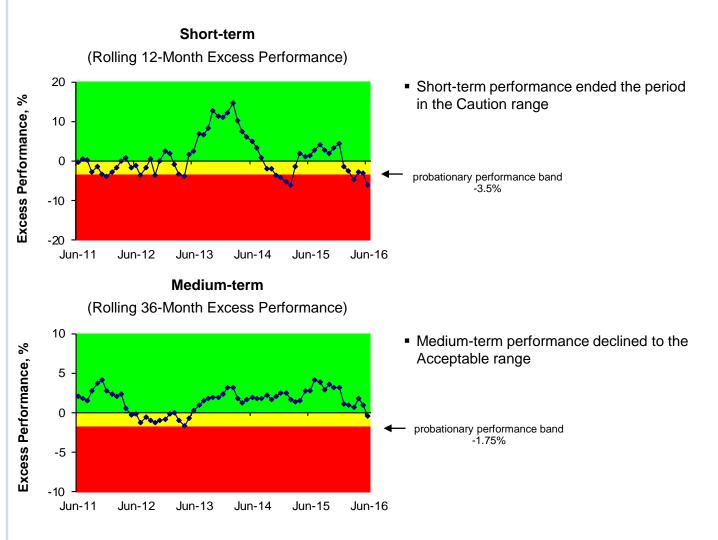
**ACTIVE FUNDS** 





## T.ROWE PRICE INSTL. LARGE CAP GROWTH FUND

Positive Acceptable Caution or Watch



Long-term criteria to take effect 4Q 2016

### Annualized Performance Results (net of fund management fees)

	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	Program Inc. (11/2011)	
T. Rowe Price Instl Large Cap Growth	-3.14	12.63	12.26	15.08	Current Status
Russell 1000 Growth TR	3.02	13.07	12.35	15.01	
Peer Rank (Percentile)	62	18	9	12	Acceptable
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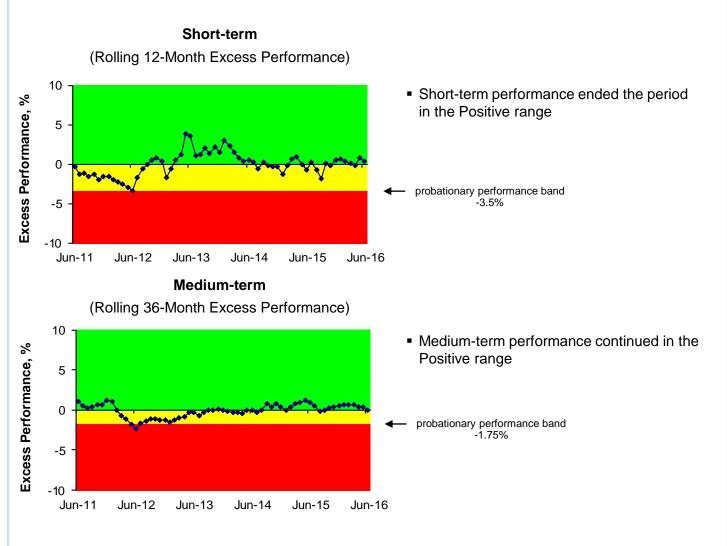
Source: Morningstar Direct Peer Group = US OE Large Growth



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## T.ROWE PRICE INSTL. LARGE CAP VALUE FUND

Positive Acceptable Caution or Watch



Long-term criteria to take effect 4Q 2016

### Annualized Performance Results (net of fund management fees)

	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	Program Inc. (11/2011)
T. Rowe Price Instl Large Cap Value	3.24	9.89	11.23	15.08
Russell 1000 Value TR	2.86	9.87	11.35	14.83
Peer Rank (Percentile)	25	16	16	7





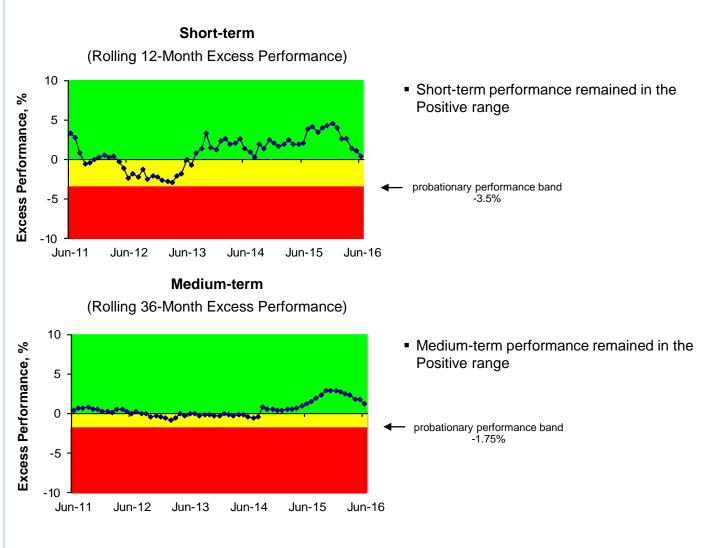
**Current Status** 

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## TIAA-CREF SMALL CAP EQUITY FUND

Positive Acceptable Caution or Watch



Long-term criteria to take effect 4Q 2016

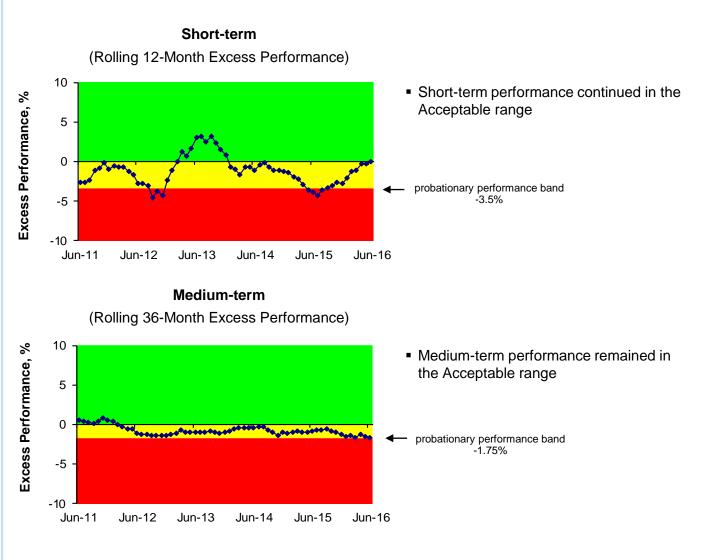
### Annualized Performance Results (net of fund management fees)

		1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	Program Inc. (11/2011)	
	TIAA-CREF Small Cap Equity	-6.37	8.27	8.52	12.76	Current Status
	Russell 2000 TR	-6.73	7.09	8.35	12.31	
	Peer Rank (Percentile)	26	23	26	20	Positive
Ľ	Source: Morningstar Direct Peer Group =	US OE Small Blen	d			



## TIAA-CREF SOCIAL CHOICE EQUITY FUND

Positive Acceptable Caution or Watch



Long-term criteria to take effect 4Q 2016

### Annualized Performance Results (net of fund management fees)

	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	Program Inc. (11/2011)	
TIAA-CREF Social Choice Equity	2.12	9.39	10.47	13.25	Current Status
Russell 3000 TR	2.14	11.13	11.60	14.75	
Peer Rank (Percentile)	34	58	51	59	Acceptable

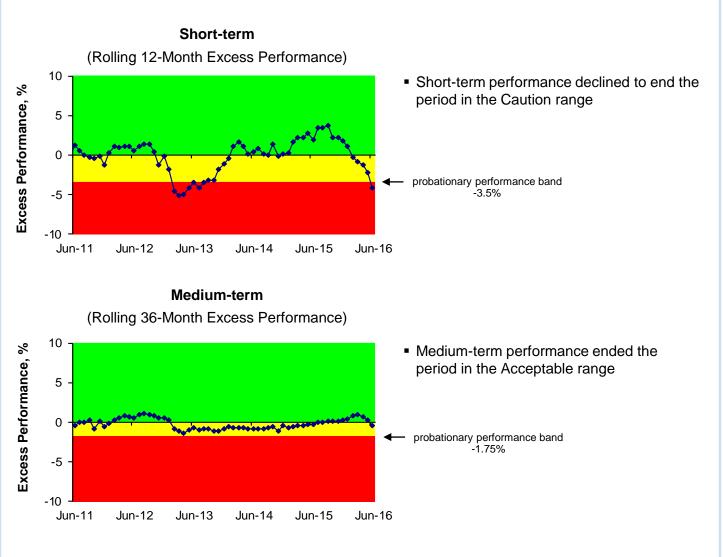
Source: Morningstar Direct Peer Group = US OE Large Cap Blend



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## TIAA-CREF REAL ESTATE SECURITIES FUND

Positive Acceptable Caution or Watch



Long-term criteria to take effect 4Q 2016

### **Annualized Performance Results** (net of fund management fees)

	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	Program Inc. (11/2011)
TIAA-CREF Real Estate Securites	19.35	12.79	11.56	14.47
FTSE NAREIT All Equity REITs TR	23.62	13.31	12.52	15.58
Peer Rank (Percentile)	71	49	47	40

Source: Morningstar Direct Peer Group = US OE Real Estate



**Current Status** 

**Acceptable** 

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## DFA LARGE CAP INTERNATIONAL PORTFOLIO

Positive Acceptable Caution or Watch



Long-term criteria to take effect 4Q 2016

### Annualized Performance Results (net of fund management fees)

	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	Program Inc. (11/2011)
DFA Large Cap International	-9.80	1.99	1.34	5.74
MSCI World ex US NR USD	-9.84	1.88	1.23	5.52
Peer Rank (Percentile)	43	47	46	49

Source: Morningstar Direct Peer Group = US OE Foreign Large Blend



**Current Status** 

**Positive** 

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## DFA EMERGING MARKETS CORE EQUITY PORTFOLIO

Positive Acceptable Caution or Watch



Long-term criteria to take effect 4Q 2016

### Annualized Performance Results (net of fund management fees)

	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	Program Inc. (11/2011)	
DFA Emerging Markets Core Equity	-8.77	-0.16	-3.00	1.33	Current Status
MSCI EM NR USD	-12.06	-1.56	-3.78	0.03	
Peer Rank (Percentile)	35	29	45	41	Positive

Source: Morningstar Direct Peer Group = US OE Diversified Emerging Markets



## METROPOLITAN WEST TOTAL RETURN BOND FUND

Positive Acceptable Caution or Watch Short-term (Rolling 12-Month Excess Performance) 10 Short-term performance declined to the Excess Performance, % Caution range 5 0 probationary performance band -1.0% -5 -10 Jun-11 Jun-12 Jun-13 Jun-14 Jun-16 Jun-15 **Medium-term** (Rolling 36-Month Excess Performance) 10 Excess Performance, % Medium-term performance ended the period in the Positive range 5 0 probationary performance band . -0.5%

Long-term criteria to take effect 4Q 2020

Jun-13

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### Annualized Performance Results (net of fund management fees)

Jun-14

Jun-15

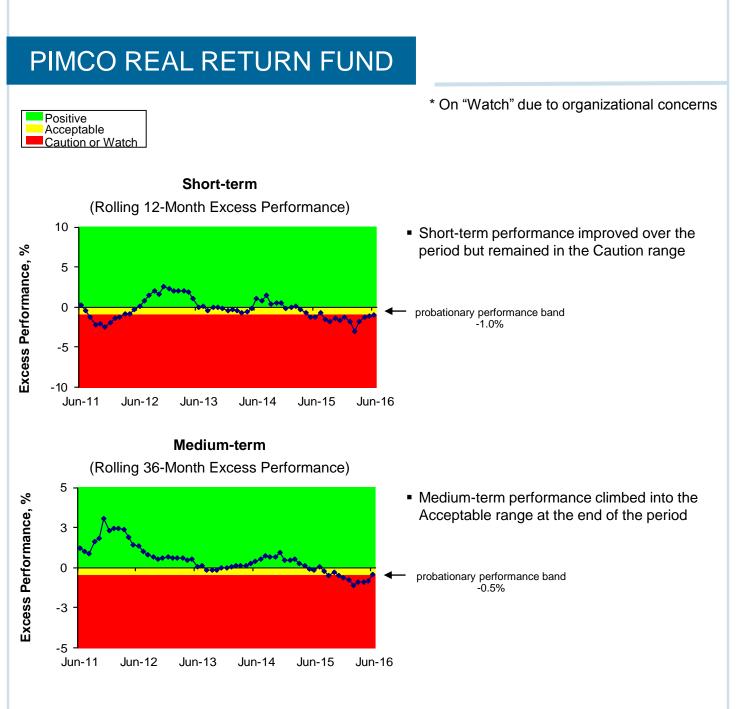
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	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	Program Inc. (10/2015)	
Met West Total Return Bond Fund	4.72	4.17	5.01	3.73	Current Status
BarCap US Aggregate TR	6.00	4.06	3.76	4.46	
Peer Rank (Percentile)	53	20	4	67	Acceptable
Source: Morningstar Direct Peer Group =					



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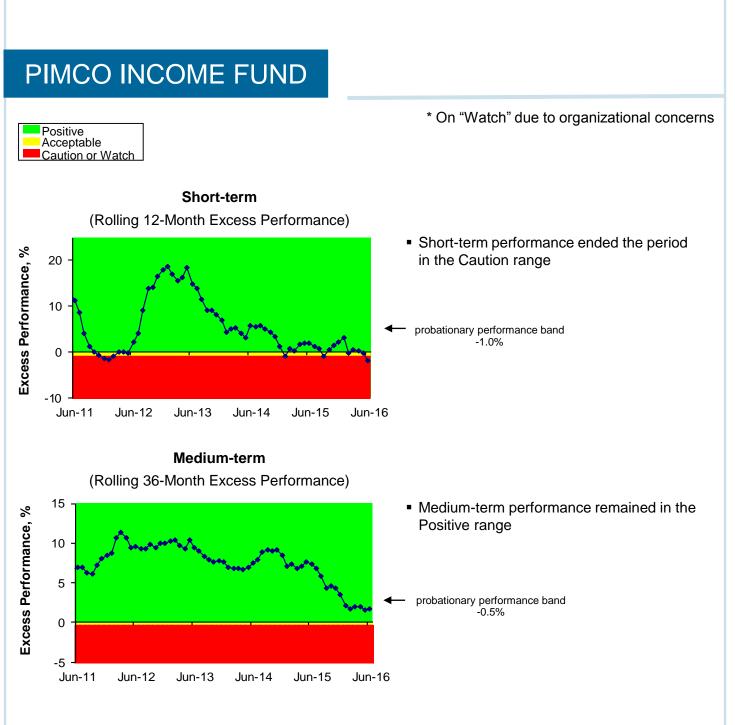
Long-term criteria to take effect 4Q 2016

### Annualized Performance Results (net of fund management fees)

	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	Program Inc. (11/2011)	
PIMCO Real Return Institutional	3.31	1.86	2.36	1.40	Current Status
BarCap US Treasury US TIPS TR	4.35	2.31	2.63	1.38	
Peer Rank (Percentile)	38	29	10	7	Caution

Peer Group = US OE Inflation-Protected Bond Source: Morningstar Direct





Long-term criteria to take effect 4Q 2016

### Annualized Performance Results (net of fund management fees)

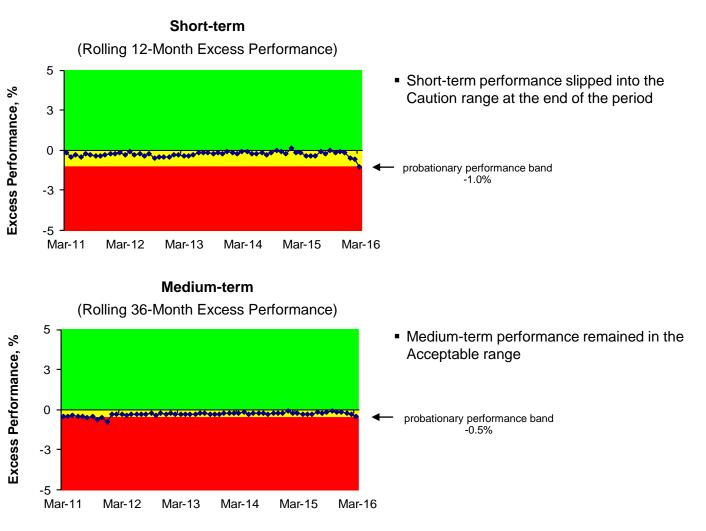
	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	Program Inc. (11/2011)	
PIMCO Income Institutional	3.93	5.82	8.16	8.96	Current Status
BC US Aggregate Bond TR	6.00	4.06	3.76	3.19	
Peer Rank (Percentile)	19	4	2	2	Positive

Source: Morningstar Direct Peer Group = US OE Multisector Bond



### TIAA-CREF INFLATION-LINKED BOND FUND

Positive Acceptable Caution or Watch



Long-term criteria to take effect 4Q 2016

• Note, monitoring criteria utilizes the the Barclays US Treasury US TIPS TR USD. TIAA changed the benchmark for the fund effective January 1, 2016, to the Barclays US TIPS 1-10 year TR USD.

Annualized Performance Results	(net of fund management fees)

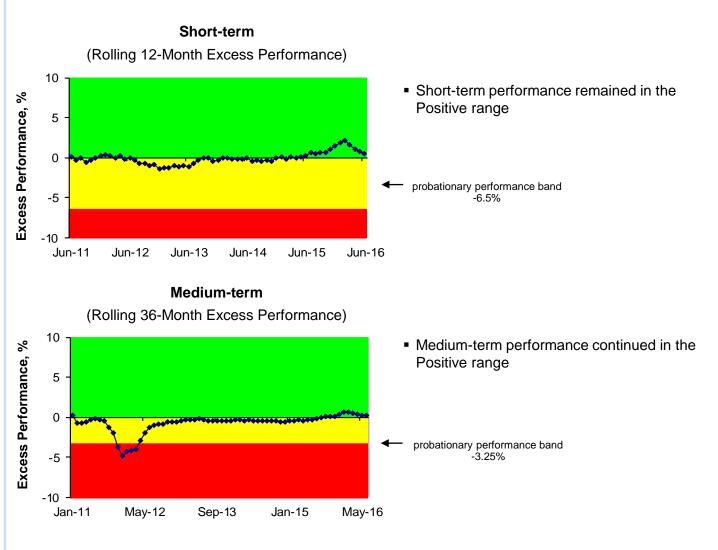
	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	Program Inc. (11/2011)	
TIAA-CREF Inflation-Linked Bond	3.15	1.71	2.18	0.88	Current Ctature
BarCap US Treasury US TIPS TR	4.35	2.31	2.63	1.38	Current Status
Peer Rank (Percentile)	40	34	18	33	Acceptable

Source: Morningstar Direct Peer Group = US OE Inflation-Protected Bond



## T.ROWE PRICE INSTL. FLOATING RATE FUND

Positive Acceptable Caution or Watch



Long-term criteria to take effect 4Q 2016

### Annualized Performance Results (net of fund management fees)

	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	Program Inc. (11/2011)	
T. Rowe Price Instl Floating Rate	1.94	3.38	3.93	4.48	Current Status
S&P/LSTA Performing Loan TR	1.46	3.15	4.04	4.65	
Peer Rank (Percentile)	9	5	17	20	Positive
Source: Morningstar Direct Peer Group =	US OE Bank Loar	1			

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## TIAA-CREF HIGH YIELD BOND FUND

Positive Acceptable Caution or Watch Short-term (Rolling 12-Month Excess Performance) 10 Short-term performance continued in the Excess Performance, % Acceptable range 5 0 -5 probationary performance band -6.5% -10 Jun-11 Jun-14 Jun-12 Jun-13 Jun-15 Jun-16 **Medium-term** (Rolling 36-Month Excess Performance) 10 Excess Performance, % Medium-term performance continued in the Acceptable range 5 0 -------5 probationary performance band -3.25% -10 Jun-11 Jun-12 Jun-13 Jun-14 Jun-15 Jun-16

Long-term criteria to take effect 4Q 2016

### Annualized Performance Results (net of fund management fees)

		1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	Program Inc. (11/2011)	
	TIAA-CREF High Yield	0.91	3.89	5.52	6.16	Current Status
	BofA ML US HY C Pay BB-B Constd TR	2.13	4.61	5.86	6.65	
	Peer Rank (Percentile)	32	24	19	33	Acceptable
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Source: Morningstar Direct Peer Group = US OE High Yield Bond



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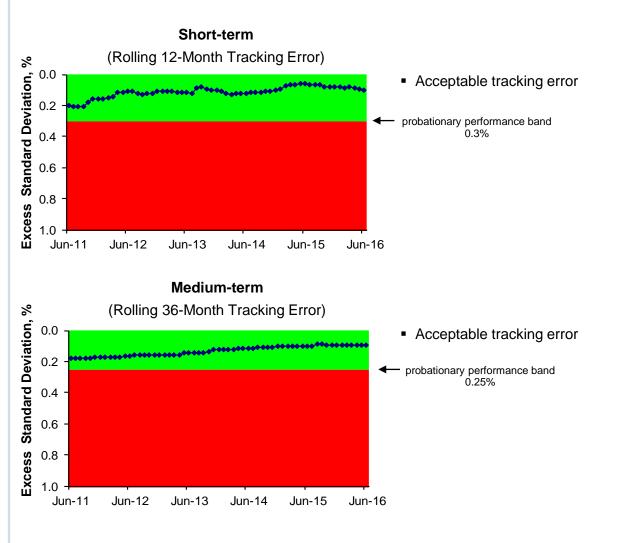
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## TIAA-CREF EQUITY INDEX FUND

Positive Acceptable Caution or Watch



Long-term criteria to take effect 4Q 2016

### Annualized Performance Results (net of fund management fees)

	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	Program Inc. (11/2011)		
TIAA-CREF Equity Index	2.15	11.09	11.57	14.70		
Russell 3000 TR	2.14	11.13	11.60	14.75		
Peer Rank (Percentile)	34	23	21	18		
Source: Morningstar Direct Deer Group - US OF Large Blend						

### Current Status

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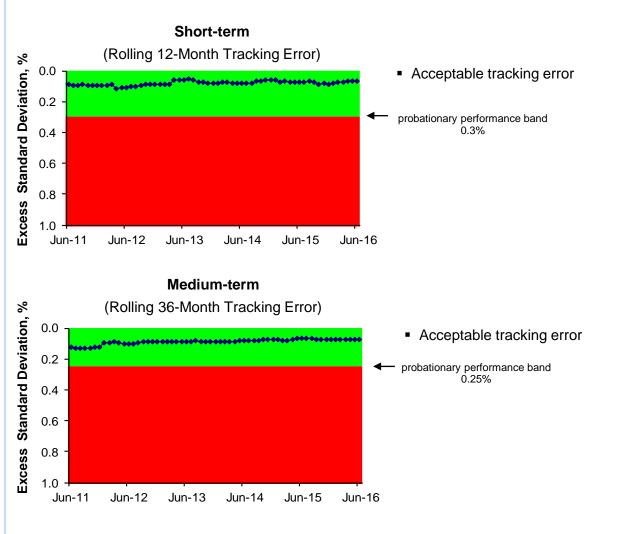
Source: Morningstar Direct Peer Group = US OE Large Blend



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## TIAA-CREF S&P 500 INDEX FUND

Positive Acceptable Caution or Watch



Long-term criteria to take effect 4Q 2016

### Annualized Performance Results (net of fund management fees)

	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	Program Inc. (11/2011)
TIAA-CREF S&P 500 Index	3.93	11.57	12.02	14.93
S&P 500 Index TR	3.99	11.66	12.10	15.01
Peer Rank (Percentile)	16	10	10	11
Source: Morningstar Direct Peer Group =	nd			

Source: Morningstar Direct Peer Group = US OE Large Blend



**Current Status** 

**Positive** 

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### TIAA-CREF INTERNATIONAL EQUITY INDEX FUND

Positive Acceptable Caution or Watch



Long-term criteria to take effect 4Q 2016

\*Increased tracking error is due primarily to the Fund's "fair market value" adjustment procedures, which increases or decreases the Fund's actual closing price to compensate for pricing differences between international markets. This results in increased tracking error during periods of high volatility.

### Annualized Performance Results (net of fund management fees)

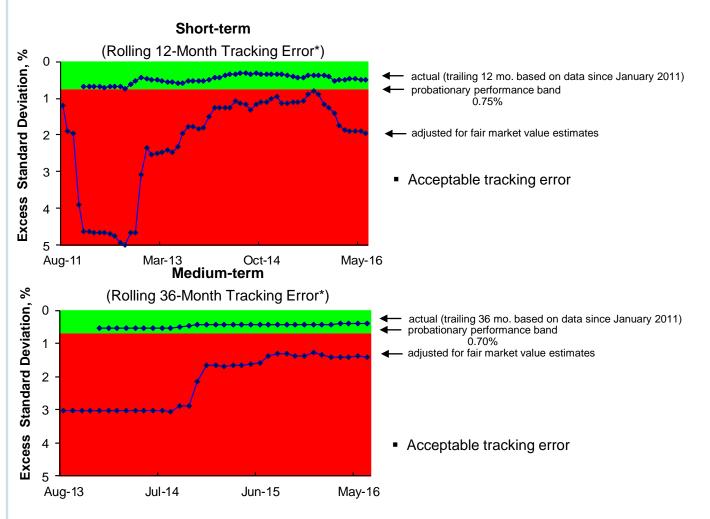
	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	Program Inc. (11/2011)	
TIAA-CREF International Equity Index	-9.59	2.37	1.92	6.42	Current Status
MSCI EAFE Index NR	-10.16	2.06	1.68	6.06	
Peer Rank (Percentile)	39	36	28	31	Positive
Source: Morningstar Direct Peer Group = US	OF Foreign Larg	ne Blend			

Source: Morningstar Direct Peer Group = US OE Foreign Large Blend



### TIAA-CREF EMERGING MARKETS EQUITY INDEX FUND

Positive Acceptable Caution or Watch



Long-term criteria to take effect 4Q 2016

\*Increased tracking error is due primarily to the Fund's "fair market value" adjustment procedures, which increases or decreases the Fund's actual closing price to compensate for pricing differences between international markets. This results in increased tracking error during periods of high volatility.

Annualized Performance Results	(net of fund management fees)
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1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	Program Inc. (11/2011)	
-11.46	-1.35	-3.99	-0.07	Current Status
-12.06	-1.56	-3.78	0.03	
66	51	65	64	Positive
	-11.46	-11.46 -1.35 -12.06 -1.56	-11.46         -1.35         -3.99           -12.06         -1.56         -3.78	-11.46         -1.35         -3.99         -0.07           -12.06         -1.56         -3.78         0.03

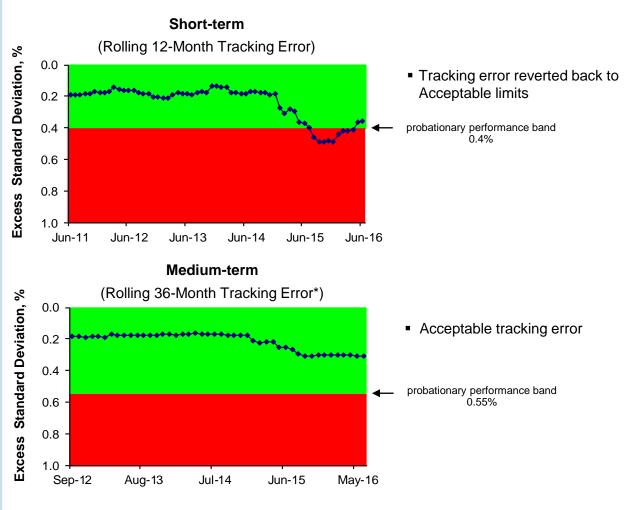
Source: Morningstar Direct Peer Group = US OE Diversified Emerging Markets



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## TIAA-CREF BOND INDEX FUND

Positive Acceptable Caution or Watch



Long-term criteria to take effect 4Q 2016

### Annualized Performance Results (net of fund management fees)

	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	Program Inc. (11/2011)
TIAA-CREF Bond Index	5.99	3.98	3.63	3.06
BC US Aggregate Bond TR	6.00	4.06	3.76	3.19
Peer Rank (Percentile)	11	30	55	69
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Source: Morningstar Direct Peer Group = US OE Intermediate-Term Bond



**Current Status** 

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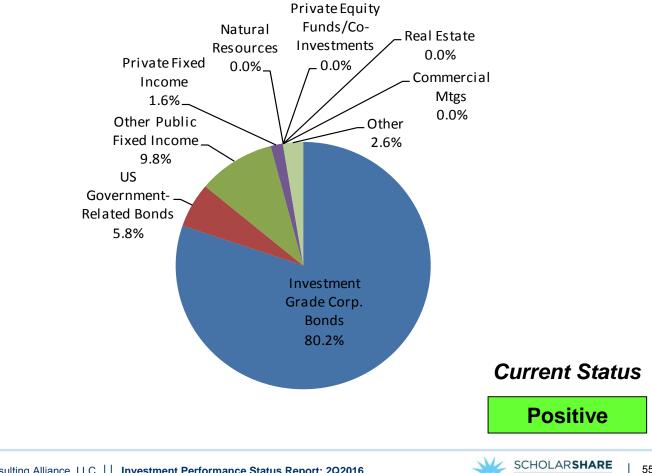
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(based on non-investment performance criteria)

Criteria	Status as of 6/30/2016	Status as of 3/31/2016	Status as of 12/31/2015	Status as of 9/30/2015
Financial Strength	Moody's = Aa1	Moody's = Aa1	Moody's = Aa1	Moody's = Aa1
	Standard & Poor's = AA+			
	A.M. Best = A++			
	Fitch = AAA	Fitch = AAA	Fitch = AAA	Fitch = AAA
Mortgage Portfolio	100% in Good Standing*			
Bond Portfolio	98.10% in Investment	97.80% in Investment	98.90% in Investment	98.90% in Investment
	Grade (at least 90%)			
Account Diversification	Portfolio is diversified	Portfolio is diversified	Portfolio is diversified	Portfolio is diversified
	across asset classes and			
	types (see chart below)			

\*Portfolio did not contain any commercial mortgages.

Note, prior-period investment status will shift to the right. Source: TIAA-CREF



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# SECTION 5 SUMMARY POINTS





## SUMMARY POINTS

	Criter	Criteria Utilized for Performance Watch Status				
	On Watch	Short-term	Medium-term	Long-term		
T. Rowe Price Instl Large Cap Growth	No			N/A		
T. Rowe Price Instl Large Cap Value	No			N/A		
TIAA-CREF Small Cap Equity	No			N/A		
TIAA-CREF Social Choice Equity	No			N/A		
TIAA-CREF Real Estate Securities	No			N/A		
DFA Large Cap International	No			N/A		
DFA Emerging Markets Core Equity	No			N/A		
Metropolitan West Total Return Bond	No			N/A		
PIMCO Real Return	Yes - Org./Perf.	Yes		N/A		
PIMCO Income	Yes - Org.			N/A		
TIAA-CREF Inflation-Linked Bond	No			N/A		
T. Rowe Price Instl Floating Rate	No			N/A		
TIAA-CREF High Yield Bond	No			N/A		
TIAA-CREF Equity Index	No			N/A		
TIAA-CREF S&P 500 Index	No			N/A		
TIAA-CREF International Eq Index	No			N/A		
TIAA-CREF Emerging Markets Eq Index	No			N/A		
TIAA-CREF Bond Index	Yes - Perf.			N/A		
T-C Life Funding Agreements	No			N/A		
Total	3 of 19	1 of 18 eligible portfolios	0 of 18 eligible portfolios	0 of 0 eligible portfolios		

- Performance-based watch status criteria is on a <u>relative</u> basis
  - > Absolute results may still be negative
- · Criteria set up to evaluate managers over differing time periods
- The following funds remain on "Watch" status for organizational concerns:
  - PIMCO Real Return
  - PIMCO Income

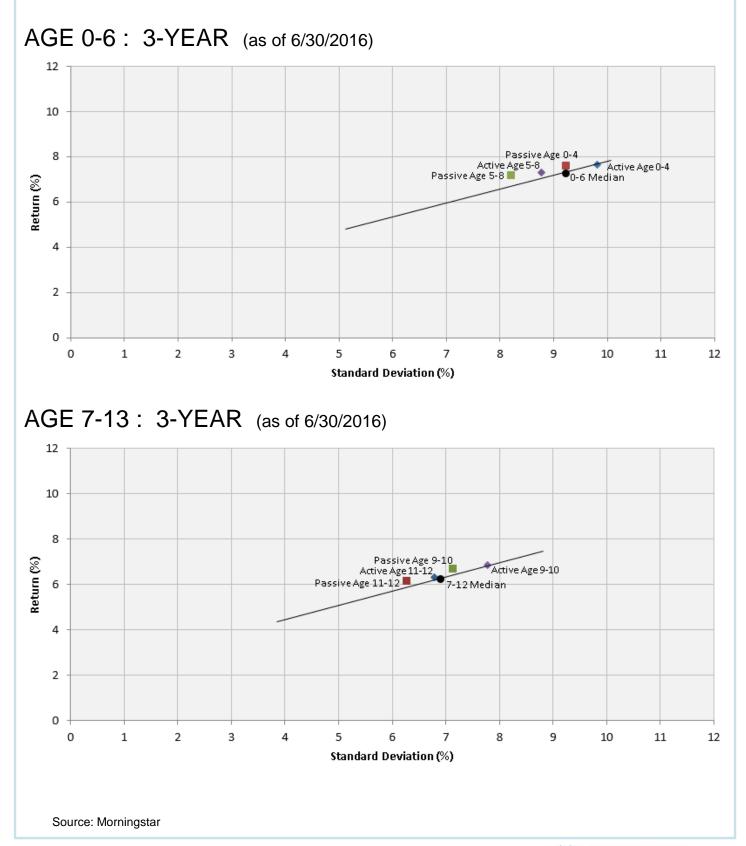


# SECTION 6 AGE-BASED FUND ANALYSIS





## SCHOLARSHARE AGE-BASED FUND – RISK/RETURN

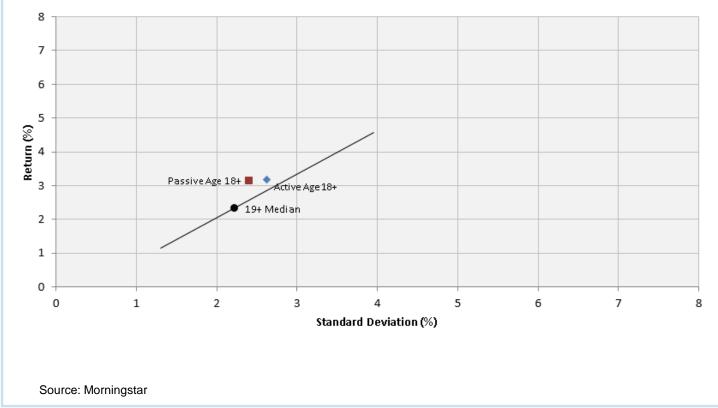




## SCHOLARSHARE AGE-BASED FUND – RISK/RETURN

AGE 13-18: 3-YEAR (as of 6/30/2016) 8 7 6 Active Age 13-14 Passive Age 13-14 Active Age 15 5 ی Return (%) م 4 م 13-18 Mediar Active Age 16 Passive 16 Active 17 Passive 17 3 2 1 0 0 1 2 6 7 3 5 8 4 Standard Deviation (%)

### AGE 19+: 3-YEAR (as of 6/30/2016)



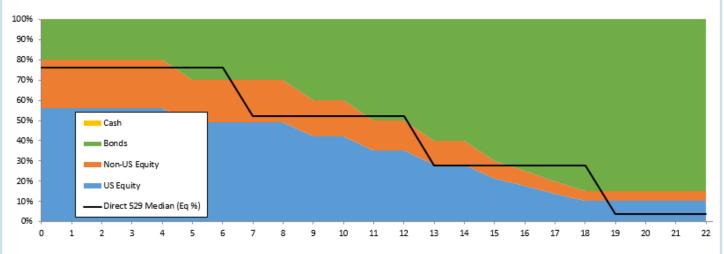


### SCHOLARSHARE AGE-BASED GLIDEPATH

#### 100% 90% 80% 70% 60% 50% Cash 40% Bonds 30% Non-US Equity 20% US Equity 10% Direct 529 Median (Eq %) 0% 0 6 10 11 18 19 20 21 22 1 2 з 4 5 7 8 9 12 13 14 15 16 17

### ACTIVE AGE-BASED PORTFOLIO

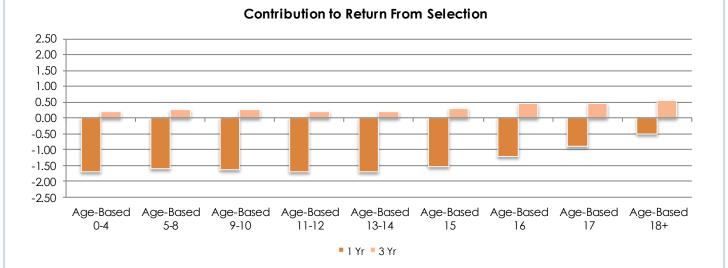
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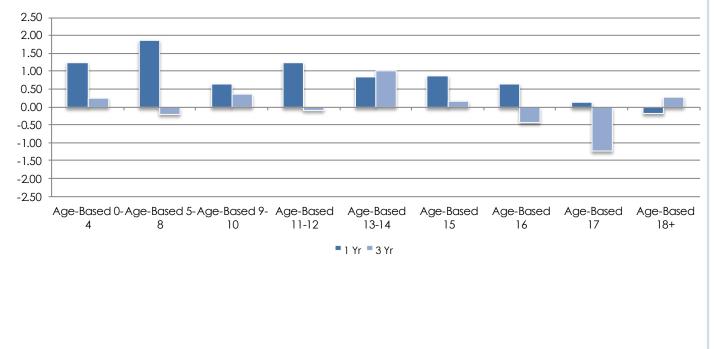


### SCHOLARSHARE AGE-BASED ATTRIBUTION

## ACTIVE AGE-BASED PORTFOLIO









## APPENDIX







Annualized Return – The average annual return of either the manager or its benchmark.

**Excess Performance** – Manager returns in excess of the benchmark returns.

**Standard Deviation** – A measure of dispersion of a set of data from its mean.

**Excess Standard Deviation** – A measure of the volatility of the average annual difference between the manager's return and the benchmark's return, same as tracking error.

**VRR – Value Relative Ratio** – Is calculated as: Manager Cumulative Return / Benchmark Cumulative Return.



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- From: Pension Consulting Alliance, LLC (PCA)
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### RE: Review of Underlying Funds Qualifying for "Watch" Status

#### Summary

PCA has conducted a review of the underlying funds in the ScholarShare College Savings Plan. The review included a quantitative analysis of the underlying funds based on specific performance criteria (as per the *Monitoring Procedures and Criteria*) as well as a qualitative analysis, including a review of organizational concerns, stability of personnel, changes in investment objectives, etc. This memo summarizes the period from April 1, 2016 through June 30, 2016.

At the end of the period, three funds remain on "Watch" status for organizational and/or performance concerns, and no new funds qualify for "Watch" status. <u>PCA recommends the three funds currently on "Watch" status remain on "Watch"</u>. Each of these funds is discussed in more detail on the following pages.

Funds on Watch Status	Plan Assets (\$mil)	Board Action Date	Watch Status Start Date	Number of Months Since Watch Began	Excess Perf. Since Watch Began	Perf. / Org. Concerns
PIMCO Income Fund	\$141.4	10/02/2014	10/01/2014	21	-0.47%	Org.
PIMCO Real Return Fund	\$135.8	10/02/2014	10/01/2014	21	-1.28%	Org./Perf.*
TIAA-CREF Bond Index Fund	\$1131.1	06/23/2016	04/01/2016	3	-0.09%	Perf.

#### Performance of Funds on Watch Status As of 6/30/2016

\*The PIMCO Real Return Fund was placed on "Watch" status for organizational concerns in October 2014. As of the period ending March 31, 2016, the fund also qualifies for "Watch" status for performance concerns upon breaching the short-term Monitoring Procedures and Criteria.

#### Background

At the October 2, 2014 Board meeting, the Board approved the recommendation to place the following three funds on "Watch" status to be closely monitored due to material organizational changes: i) PIMCO Total Return Fund, ii) PIMCO Income Fund, and iii) PIMCO Real Return Fund. The Board also authorized the Executive Director of SIB to take necessary action, with the recommendation of PCA and TIAA Tuition Financing, Inc. (TFI), to remove any or all of the three PIMCO funds for replacement by actively-managed bond fund(s) with comparable risk return characteristics. On October 10, 2014, in accordance with the ScholarShare Monitoring



Procedures and Criteria and upon recommendation of PCA and TFI, assets were transferred from the PIMCO Total Return Fund to the TIAA-CREF Bond Plus Fund. With that fund replacement completed, the remaining two funds on "Watch" status include the PIMCO Income Fund and the PIMCO Real Return Fund.

#### New Funds Qualifying for "Watch" Status

PCA has conducted a review of the underlying funds in the ScholarShare College Savings Plan (see also the 2Q2016 ScholarShare College Savings Plan Investment Performance Status Report) and determined that no additional funds qualify for "Watch" status at this time.

#### Funds Currently on "Watch" Status

The PIMCO Income Fund and the PIMCO Real Return Fund were placed on "Watch" status for organizational concerns upon the departure of the firm's CIO and founder, Bill Gross, in September 2014. Since the departure of Mr. Gross, the firm has experienced various other portfolio manager departures and high-level organizational restructurings (e.g., investment committee changes). The latest development at the firm, reported in October 2015, is a lawsuit filed by Mr. Gross against the firm. The lawsuit states a complaint for 1) constructive termination, 2) breach of contract, and 3) breach of covenant of good faith and fair dealing. With regard to the allegations within the lawsuit, the accusation of unethical fee practices within the PIMCO mutual fund business raises concern. Due to the various allegations within the lawsuit, along with the ongoing organizational changes and uncertainty with respect to PIMCO, PCA recommends the Plan's PIMCO funds remain on "Watch" status. These funds are discussed in more detail below.

#### PIMCO Income Fund

The Fund was placed on "Watch" status for organizational concerns upon the departure of the firm's CIO and founder, Bill Gross, in September 2014.

#### Investment Role in Program

The fund is a portfolio of a broad range of intermediate-duration bonds that is actively managed to maximize current income while maintaining a relatively low risk profile. It also has a secondary goal of capital appreciation. The strategy utilizes multiple sectors of the bond market in an effort to generate a competitive and consistent distribution yield and monthly dividend. Managed to pursue efficient income generation, the strategy also focuses on PIMCO total-return ideas in an effort to maximize capital appreciation and risk-adjusted returns relative to its peers. This approach seeks to provide consistent income over the long term.

#### History and Organizational Structure

PIMCO (Pacific Investment Management Company) was founded in 1971 and started as a subsidiary of Pacific Life Insurance Company to manage separate accounts for institutional clients. In 2000, PIMCO was acquired by AllianzSE, a large global financial services company based in Germany. PIMCO currently operates as a separate and autonomous subsidiary of Allianz. PIMCO is currently one of the world's largest fixed income managers with offices around the globe.

#### Investment Team

Daniel Ivascyn has been the lead portfolio manager of the fund since its inception in 2007. Mr. Ivascyn was named Group Chief Investment Officer in October 2014 upon the departure of the



firm's former CIO and founder, Bill Gross. He is also the head of the mortgage credit portfolio management team and a lead portfolio manager for PIMCO's credit hedge fund and mortgage opportunistic strategies. Mr. Ivascyn is a member of PIMCO's Executive Committee and a member of the Investment Committee. Morningstar named him Fixed-Income Fund Manager of the Year (US) for 2013.

Mr. Ivascyn is supported by Alfred Murata who has been co-portfolio manager on the fund since March 2013. Mr. Murata joined PIMCO in 2001. With Mr. Ivascyn, Morningstar named Mr. Murata Fixed-Income Fund Manager of the Year (U.S.) for 2013.

#### Investment Philosophy and Approach

PIMCO's investment philosophy for the Income strategy revolves around the principle of diversification. By diversifying strategies, or relying on multiple sources of value, they are confident that they will be able to generate a solid track record with a high degree of consistency. They seek to add value through the use of "top-down" strategies such as exposure to interest rates, or duration, changing volatility, yield curve positioning and sector rotation. These strategies are deployed from a macro view of the portfolio that are driven by PIMCO's secular outlook of the forces likely to influence the economy and financial markets over the next three to five years and their cyclical views of two-to-four quarter trends. "Bottom-up" strategies and securities that pay high income. Here, they employ advanced proprietary analytics and expertise in all major fixed-income sectors. By combining perspectives from both the portfolio and security levels, they attempt to add value consistently over time within acceptable levels of portfolio risk.

PIMCO's investment process starts with an annual Secular Forum at which their investment professionals from around the globe gather with industry experts for a discussion about the future of the global economy and financial markets. The goal of this Forum is to look beyond the current business cycle and determine how secular forces will play out over the next three to five years. Quarterly, PIMCO holds Economic Forums to evaluate growth and inflation over the next six to nine months.

Following the Secular and Economic Forums, the Investment Committee, comprised of senior portfolio managers as well as PIMCO's Chief Economist and headed by PIMCO's Group Chief Investment Officer and CIOs, develops key portfolio strategies. They consider both the "top-down" conclusions emanating from the Forum, as well as the "bottom-up" market intelligence provided by teams of sector specialist portfolio managers. Through an interactive series of meetings, the Investment Committee defines a set of consistent strategies that are then implemented across all PIMCO strategies.

Portfolios are then continuously monitored for adherence to the current model portfolio structure, and historical measures such as volatility (close to benchmark) and tracking error (moderate) affirm PIMCO's adherence to a diversified, moderate risk style.

Buy and sell decisions are executed in order to optimize the risk/return and the relative value characteristics of the portfolio. PIMCO does not employ automated or mechanical selling procedures. Securities are sold when the credit analysis indicates that a company or a particular issue will become fundamentally flawed. Current holdings are constantly re-evaluated for their relative attractiveness versus investments available in the marketplace. Securities are sold when they individually no longer represent good value, when superior risk/return potential exists in



substitute positions (factoring in transaction costs), or when they no longer fit with the macroeconomic or structural strategies in the portfolio.

#### Performance

Since being placed on "Watch" status 21 months ago, the PIMCO Income Fund has trailed its benchmark, the Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index, by (0.47%) and ranked in the 7<sup>th</sup> percentile versus its peers in the Multisector Bond category. Over the recent quarter, the fund outperformed the benchmark by 0.23%. High quality duration exposures in the US and Australia, allocations to high yield and investment grade credit, and holdings of securitized debt and emerging market debt contributed to the recent quarter's results. The portfolio underperformed the benchmark by (2.07%) over the 1-year period but outperformed over the 3- and 5-year periods by 1.76% and 4.40%, respectively; these results ranked in the top 20<sup>th</sup> percentile versus category peers. Short-term performance results declined to end the period below the acceptable limits as per the Program's *Monitoring Procedures and Criteria* but does not qualify for performance "Watch" at this time. Medium-term performance was within acceptable limits.

#### Recommendation

At this time, due to organizational concerns, PCA recommends that the PIMCO Income Fund remain on "Watch" status.

#### PIMCO Real Return Fund

The Fund was placed on "Watch" status for organizational concerns upon the departure of the firm's CIO and founder, Bill Gross, in September 2014. As of the period ended March 31, 2016, the Fund also qualified for "Watch" status for performance concerns upon breaching the short-term investment monitoring guidelines. The fund continued to breach the short-term investment monitoring guidelines over the most recent quarter-end period.

#### Investment Role in Program

The fund is an actively managed strategy that provides investors exposure to US Treasury Inflation Protected Securities (TIPS). The fund seeks to provide high correlation to the broad TIPS market and consistently outperforms the benchmark by leveraging PIMCO's disciplined investment process, global investment team, and focus on risk management. The strategy can invest in up to 20% of assets outside of the US TIPS market.

#### History and Organizational Structure

PIMCO (Pacific Investment Management Company) was founded in 1971 and started as a subsidiary of Pacific Life Insurance Company to manage separate accounts for institutional clients. In 2000, PIMCO was acquired by AllianzSE, a large global financial services company based in Germany. PIMCO currently operates as a separate and autonomous subsidiary of Allianz. PIMCO is currently one of the world's largest fixed income managers with offices around the globe.

#### Investment Team

Mihir Worah, Managing Director and CIO of Real Return and Asset Allocation, has been the lead portfolio manager of the fund since December 2007. Mr. Worah is a member of PIMCO's Investment Committee and Executive Committee and oversees portfolio management of the US. He serves as a generalist portfolio manager who manages a variety of fixed income, commodity and multi-asset portfolios. Mr. Worah is also responsible for overseeing the firm's US-based investment personnel. In January 2015, PIMCO announced Jeramie Banet was added as



a co-Portfolio Manager to the Real Return fund. Mr. Banet first joined PIMCO in 2011 and rejoined the firm in 2014.

The Real Return portfolio management team is responsible for adapting the firm's "top-down" views into TIPS portfolios and further incorporates TIPS-specific "bottom-up" views to create a well-diversified portfolio.

The management team is supported by additional commodities specialists and has access to a number of other sector teams across the firm.

#### Investment Philosophy and Approach

PIMCO's Real Return investment philosophy is centered on the goal of delivering the strategic characteristics of the TIPS asset class in a way that enhances total real returns. The TIPS market provides a robust opportunity set to add active alpha, and PIMCO's long-term track record is reflective of this. To accomplish the dual goals of providing exposure to the TIPS asset class and delivering active excess returns, the firm's Real Return investment philosophy is based on the following four key points:

1) Look to obtain the most cost efficient exposure to the TIPS market. PIMCO seeks better execution than rules-based, price indifferent passive investors. The firm also seeks to intelligently manage portfolio exposures around recurring structural factors that affect the TIPS market, such as index rebalancing and auctions.

2) Benefit from a diversified set of "top-down" and "bottom-up" strategies. PIMCO seeks to position TIPS portfolios to benefit from changing "top-down" macroeconomic conditions, such as global rates of growth and inflation, and from a range of "bottom-up" strategies, which relate to inflation and issue specific opportunities unique to the TIPS market.

3) Quantify and actively monitor all active positions. The excess return potential of each active position is weighed against its potential risk and scaled accordingly, so as to preserve the strategic characteristics of the TIPS asset class while enhancing investors' real return potential.

4) Provide index-like characteristics with above-index returns. Portfolio returns should exhibit high correlation to the TIPS index with a higher level of return.

PIMCO's investment process is oriented to identify and implement global macro "top-down" opportunities and complement that with TIPS specific "bottom-up" strategies to create a welldiversified portfolio around a core strategic position in dedicated TIPS exposure. The firm's "top-down" views are driven by quarterly economic forums. Annually, all PIMCO investment professionals gather for a secular forum in which they identify forces that are likely to affect US and world economies and financial markets over a three to five year horizon. During the other three quarterly intervals, PIMCO investment professionals convene for cyclical forums in which they identify shorter-term economic forces that are likely to prevail over a three to twelve month horizon. The conclusions of these forums are further refined by the Portfolio Management group during an all-day "strategy meeting" in which each specialty desk contributes more detailed sector views. PIMCO's Investment Committee ultimately distills these views into a "model portfolio" that provides a risk position framework that can be adapted by each specialty portfolio manager. This model portfolio provides guidance with respect to duration, curve, country, sector, volatility and currency positioning.

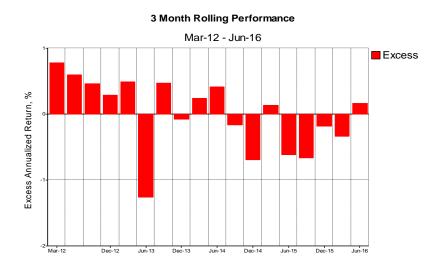


PIMCO does not have any systematic selling procedures. Securities are sold subject to portfolio manager discretion while keeping portfolios directionally consistent with the Investment Committee's "model portfolio" themes. Current holdings are constantly re-evaluated for their relative attractiveness versus investments available in the marketplace. The expected length of an active "top down" position is generally consistent with the three to twelve month time horizon of the firm's cyclical views. "Bottom up" strategies, which are more micro in nature, may have a shorter expected payoff horizon.

#### Performance

Since being placed on "Watch" status 21 months ago, the PIMCO Real Return fund has trailed its benchmark, the Barclays US Treasury US TIPS Index, by (1.28%) and ranked in the 53<sup>rd</sup> percentile versus its peers in the Inflation-Protected Bond category. Over the latest quarter, the portfolio outperformed the benchmark by 0.17% as the portfolio's short position to long-dated UK breakeven inflation and select spread exposure contributed to results. While the fund's relative performance improved over the quarter, trailing 1-year results continued to underperform the benchmark, remaining slightly below the (1.0%) probationary band per the Program's Monitoring Procedures and Criteria, and continues to qualify for "Watch" status.

When looking at quarterly excess results since being added to the Program, the fund has struggled versus its benchmark since the second half of the 2014.



Relative underperformance in 2015 mostly occurred in the second and third quarters. Exposure to inflation-linked bonds in Italy in the second quarter and commodity-driven weakness in stakes on US inflation in the third quarter were a drag on relative results. At times, PIMCO's strategy has led to significant off-index positions, resulting in large deviations from basic index allocations.

The portfolio underperformed the benchmark by (0.45%) over the 3-year period and (0.27%) over the 5-year period; these results ranked in the 29<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> percentile versus their peers, respectively.

#### Recommendation

At this time, due to both organizational and performance concerns, **PCA recommends that the PIMCO Real Return Fund remain on "Watch" status**.



#### TIAA-CREF Bond Index Fund

The fund was placed on "Watch" status for performance concerns upon breaching the shortterm investment monitoring guidelines as of the period ended March, 31, 2016. The fund no longer breached the short-term investment monitoring guidelines as of the most recent quarter end period.

#### Investment Role in Program

The fund is a passively managed strategy that seeks a favorable long-term total return, mainly from current income. The fund invests at least 80% of its assets in bonds within its benchmark and portfolio tracking index, the Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index.

#### History and Organizational Structure

Founded in 1918, TIAA is a global asset manager providing investment solutions and strategies to a wide range of clients worldwide. TIAA is one of the largest global asset managers across multiple asset classes and has built management expertise in every asset class: fixed income, real estate, equities, international, and alternatives.

#### Investment Team

The portfolio is co-managed by TIAA Directors Lijun (Kevin) Chen and James Tsang, CFA. Mr. Chen has been a manager on the fund since the beginning of 2010, and Mr. Tsang has been on the fund since August 2011, replacing the fund's prior managers, Elizabeth Black and Steven Sterman.

#### Investment Philosophy and Approach

Under normal circumstances, the Fund invests at least 80% of its assets in bonds within its benchmark and portfolio tracking index, the Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index. The Fund uses a sampling technique to create a portfolio that closely matches the overall investment characteristics of the Index (for example, duration, sector diversification and credit quality) without investing in all of the securities in its index. At times the Fund may purchase securities not held in the Index but which Teachers Advisors, Inc. (TAI) believes have similar investment characteristics to securities held in its index. Generally, the Fund intends to invest in a wide spectrum of public, investment grade, taxable debt securities denominated in U.S. dollars, including government securities. The Fund's investments in mortgage-backed securities may include pass-through securities sold by private, governmental and government-related organizations and collateralized mortgage obligations, to the extent that such instruments are held by the Index. The Fund generally will invest in foreign securities denominated in U.S. dollars only to the extent they are included or eligible to be included in the Index.

The securities purchased by the Fund will mainly be high-quality instruments rated in the top four credit categories by Moody's or S&P or deemed to be of the same quality by TAI using its own credit quality analysis. The Fund may continue to hold instruments that were rated as high-quality when purchased but which subsequently are downgraded to below-investment-grade status or have their ratings withdrawn by one or more rating agencies.

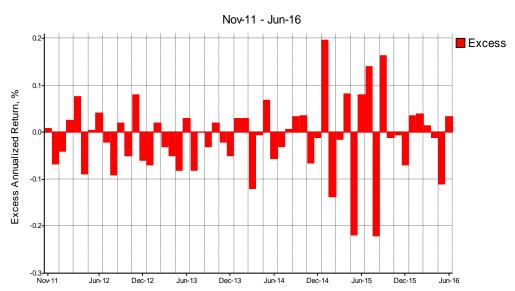
#### Performance

The TIAA-CREF Bond Index Fund generated a tracking error of 0.36% as of the latest 1-year period, placing slightly below the acceptable limit of 0.40% as per the Program's *Monitoring Procedures and Criteria*. The Fund's rolling 12-month tracking error had previously exceeded the threshold since August 2015 and qualified the Fund for "Watch" as of March 31, 2016, while



medium-term tracking error has remained within acceptable limits. As market volatility has subsided since the prior year, the fund's tracking error has been slowly shifting closer to historical levels.

When looking at monthly excess results since being added to the Program, the fund experienced increased excess return volatility in 2015 compared to prior years. Monthly excess out/underperformance for the fund versus its benchmark topped 20+ basis points during three months out of the most recent calendar year. The TIAA-CREF Bond Index fund was incepted in September 2009, and historical rolling 12-month tracking error (September 2010 – December 2014) has ranged from 0.14-0.21%. However, in 2015, rolling 12-month tracking error increased to a high of 0.49% in September due to the excess return volatility experienced earlier in the year. The excess return volatility was largely a result of market volatility and pricing discrepancies between the pricing service used by the fund (IDC) and prices used by the Barclays benchmark. Barclays uses a 3pm closing price each day, while the fund uses a 4pm closing. During periods of high volatility, these pricing differences can be significant and affect the short-term tracking error of the fund.



#### Monthly Excess Performance

#### Recommendation

At this time, **PCA recommends that the TIAA-CREF Bond Index Fund remain on "Watch" status** to evaluate if the performance trend continues.



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