

## MEMORANDUM

TO: VSC Finance & Facilities Committee  
M. Jerome Diamond  
J. Churchill Hindes, Chair  
Tim Jerman  
Bill Lippert  
Christopher Macfarlane, Vice Chair  
Linda Milne  
Martha O'Connor  
Michael Pieciak

FROM: Steve Wisloski



DATE: August 16, 2017

SUBJ: Finance & Facilities Committee Meeting on August 23, 2017

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The Finance and Facilities Committee of the Board of Trustees will meet from 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Room 101 of the Chancellor's Office.

The agenda includes an update regarding the State appropriation, a review of final FY2017 operating results (which will be provided separately via e-mail early next week), a quarterly investment update, review of a revised draft investment policy, a capital projects update and, time permitting, a continued discussion of the questions and follow-up items from the list compiled at the May 31 meeting.

Should you have any questions regarding the upcoming meeting or any other matter, or any requested additions to the agenda, please contact me at [stephen.wisloski@vsc.edu](mailto:stephen.wisloski@vsc.edu) or (802) 224-3022. Thank you.

Attachments:

1. Agenda
2. Meeting Materials

cc: VSC Board of Trustees, Council of Presidents and Business Affairs Council  
David Beatty, Vermont Department of Finance & Management  
The Honorable Douglas Hoffer, Vermont State Auditor

**Vermont State Colleges Board of Trustees  
Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting  
August 23, 2017**

**AGENDA**

1. Call to order
2. Consent agenda
  - a. Approve minutes of June 20, 2017 meeting
3. Update on FY2018 Budget Adjustment and FY2019 Appropriation Requests
4. Review FY2017 final results (unaudited)
5. Quarterly update on cash, investments and endowment
6. Review of revised draft investment policy
7. Capital projects update
8. Questions and follow-up items from May 31 meeting, continued
9. Other business
10. Public comment
11. Adjourn

**MEETING MATERIALS**

1. Consent agenda items
2. FY2017 year-end results
3. Quarterly update on cash, investments and endowment
4. Revised draft investment policy
5. Capital projects updates
6. Questions and follow-up items from May 31 meeting
7. FY2018 Finance & Facilities Committee meetings schedule

## Item 1: Consent Agenda Items

**UNAPPROVED Minutes of the VSC Board of Trustees Finance and Facilities Committee held Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at the Office of the Chancellor, Montpelier, VT**

*Note: These are unapproved minutes, subject to amendment and/or approval at the subsequent meeting.*

The Vermont State Colleges Board of Trustees Finance and Facilities Committee met on Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at the Office of the Chancellor, Montpelier, VT.

Committee members present: Jerry Diamond, Church Hindes (Chair), Tim Jerman, Bill Lippert, Chris Macfarlane, Mike Pieciak

Additional Trustees: Martha O'Connor, Shavonna Bent and Aly Richards participated via conference call

Presidents: Nolan Atkins, Elaine Collins, Joyce Judy, Pat Moulton, Dave Wolk

Chancellor's Office Staff: Tricia Coates, Director of External & Governmental Affairs  
Kevin Conroy, Chief Information Officer  
Todd Daloz, Associate General Counsel  
Sheilah Evans, System Controller & Senior Director of Financial Operations  
Harriet Johnson, Executive Assistant to the Chancellor's Office  
Jeb Spaulding, Chancellor  
Steve Wisloski, Chief Financial Officer  
Sophie Zdatny, General Counsel  
Yasmine Ziesler, Chief Academic Officer

From the Colleges: Scott Dikeman, Dean of Administration, Castleton University  
Laura Jakubowski, Director of Finance, Castleton University  
Lisa Cline, Johnson State College, Faculty Federation President  
Barbara Flathers, Dean of Students, Johnson State College  
Barbara Martin, Dean of Administration, Community College of Vermont  
Toby Stewart, Controller, Johnson State College  
Lit Tyler, Dean of Administration, Vermont Technical College

1. Chair Hindes called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m.

Chair Hindes addressed the Trustees and gave a brief overview of the agenda.

2. Approve minutes of May 31, 2017 meeting

Trustee Jerman moved and Trustee Pieciak seconded the approval of the minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously.

3. Discuss FY2019 tuition request using multi-year budgeting model

Chair Hindes made brief comments on the topic of tuitions and the complexity of it. Chancellor Spaulding reported on the proposed FY 19 maximum tuition rate increase of 2.9% versus the Chancellor's previous recommendation of 3%. The Chancellor indicated that presenting this increase now allows VSC to help with awarding financial aid. Chancellor Spaulding also indicated that he'd spoken with the Governor, who indicated that the 2.9% maximum tuition increase is acceptable.

CFO Steve Wisloski reviewed a list of 15 questions that he had compiled from the meeting of May 31, 2017, and invited the Trustees to amend these and add others if they wished. He then updated the Trustees on several of the questions that related to tuition and multi-year budgeting, and said he would address the remaining questions at upcoming Committee meetings.

Trustee Diamond asked, does "maximum" in the resolution apply only to the tuition or does it also apply to the fees? Mr. Wisloski responded that it applies to all.

4. Review and approve FY2019 maximum tuition, fees, room and board
5. Review follow-up items from May 31 meeting
6. Discuss additional topics for FY2018 Committee meetings

Mr. Wisloski combined the above agenda items and presented his tables for FY19 tuition, fees, room and board and showed the Trustees variations of what the figures would look like with a 2.9% tuition increase.

Chancellor Spaulding noted that even with a 2.9% increase, the colleges will still need to push on operational efficiencies at the system level and at the institutional level. The 2.9% increase and the appropriation from the legislature does not take the pressure off.

Trustee Diamond suggested talking to the investment managers, Morgan Stanley to be prepared in the event VSC needs to pull \$1 M from their portfolio in the next year, and to learn how this would affect their portfolio. Mr. Wisloski stated he would add this as an additional item to his list of questions.

Mr. Wisloski continued his presentation on net tuition price and in and out of state burden using a web data base called "Scorecard" which provides data from the US Department of Education. At the end of the presentation Chair Hindes asked Mr. Wisloski to send the "Scorecard" web link to the Trustees, along with the tables he was discussing.

Trustee Diamond moved and Trustee Jerman seconded the resolution for the 2.9% tuition increase found on page 50 of the material along with the tables attached. The resolution was approved unanimously. Trustee Macfarlane abstained.

7. Other business

Mr. Wisloski reviewed upcoming meetings and offered to take comments from anyone to compile for the next meeting.

Chair Hinds thanked the committee members for their dedicated work and expressed thanks for the Education, Personnel & Student Life Committee, the continuation of the Long Range Planning Committee, and how beneficial it is that these committees overlap with the Finance and Facilities Committee.

Trustee Dickinson requested listing Board members who are present at meetings regardless if they are on the committee or not.

8. Public comment

There was no public comment.

9. Adjourn

Trustee Jerman moved to adjourn. Chair Hinds adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

**Item 2:  
FY2017 Final Results (Unaudited)  
[To Be Provided Under Separate Cover]**

Item 3:  
Cash, Investments and Endowment  
FY2017 Q4 Update



**VERMONT STATE COLLEGES  
CASH & INVESTMENT REPORT: As of 6/30/2017**

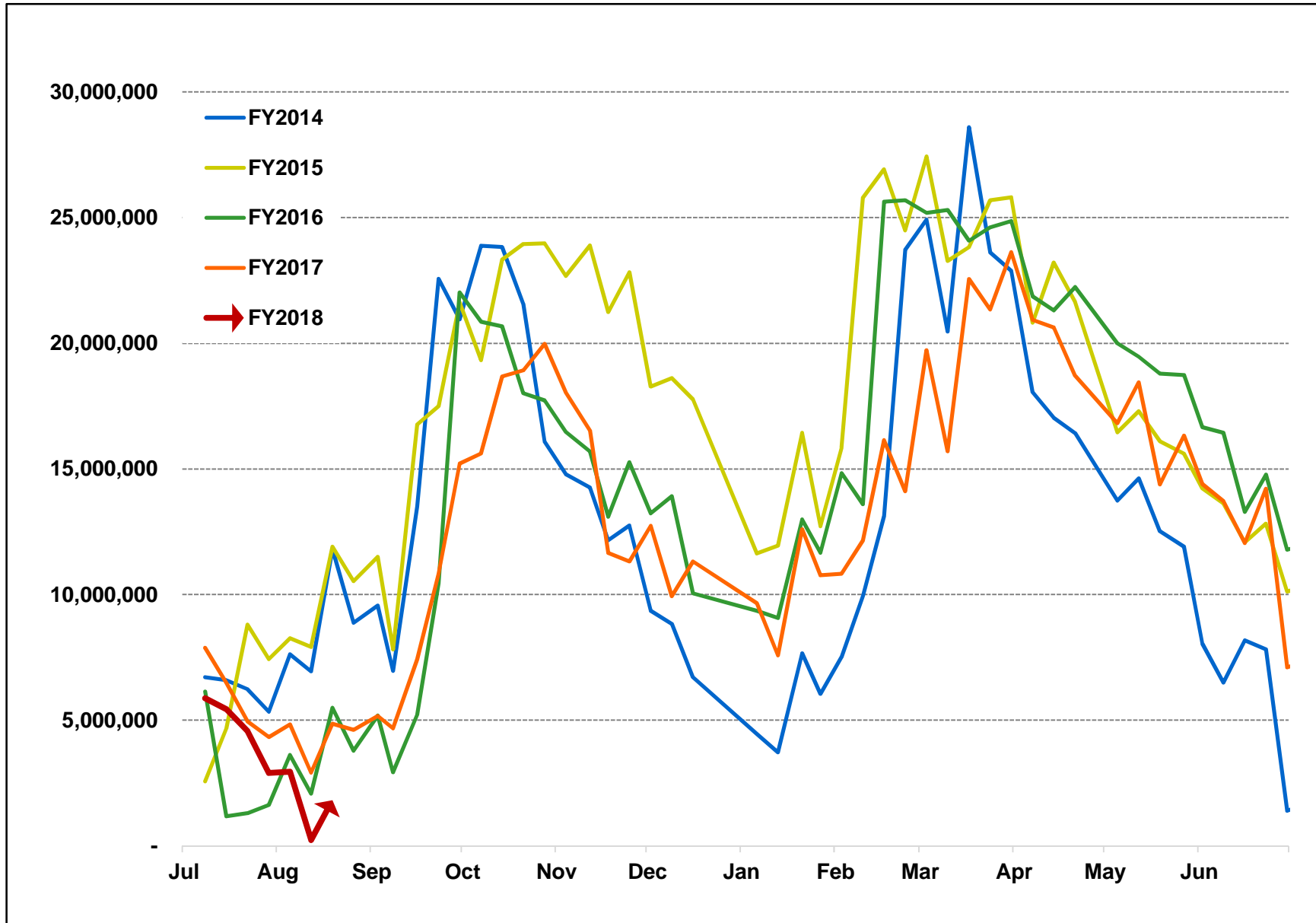
*(Excludes non-operating/non-endowment investments made by VSC capital bond trustees)*

	<u>FY2015</u>			<u>FY2016</u>			<u>FY2017</u>		
	CASH Avg Daily <u>Balance</u>	INV'MT Avg Daily <u>Balance</u>	CASH & INV'MT Avg Daily <u>Balance</u>	CASH Avg Daily <u>Balance</u>	INV'MT Avg Daily <u>Balance</u>	CASH & INV'MT Avg Daily <u>Balance</u>	CASH Avg Daily <u>Balance</u>	INV'MT Avg Daily <u>Balance</u>	CASH & INV'MT Avg Daily <u>Balance</u>
JULY	5,693,454	49,867,648	55,561,102	3,355,541	46,380,924	49,736,465	5,802,598	48,252,972	54,055,570
AUGUST	10,617,091	50,457,909	61,075,000	4,592,608	46,127,004	50,719,612	4,771,979	48,240,933	53,012,912
SEPTEMBER	15,870,921	49,854,030	65,724,951	11,165,432	45,681,768	56,847,200	10,524,995	48,953,239	59,478,234
OCTOBER	23,455,481	50,257,327	73,712,808	20,198,716	46,848,645	67,047,361	19,921,855	48,422,041	68,343,896
NOVEMBER	22,488,791	50,662,244	73,151,035	15,282,537	46,770,232	62,052,769	14,272,286	48,583,595	62,855,881
DECEMBER	16,582,373	50,599,560	67,181,933	11,965,241	46,325,445	58,290,686	11,656,241	48,920,191	60,576,432
JANUARY	13,982,318	50,470,073	64,452,391	12,107,286	45,698,086	57,805,372	10,474,838	49,436,478	59,911,316
FEBRUARY	25,288,139	51,191,635	76,479,774	22,520,132	45,771,201	68,291,333	15,537,918	50,060,833	65,598,751
MARCH	25,813,245	51,040,377	76,853,622	25,540,713	47,312,657	72,853,370	21,394,047	50,181,763	71,575,810
APRIL	33,001,582	51,196,107	84,197,689	22,137,233	47,488,459	69,625,692	19,400,018	50,499,834	69,899,852
MAY	16,613,579	50,630,767	67,244,346	18,899,541	47,627,944	66,527,485	16,577,913	50,877,230	67,455,143
JUNE	12,181,645	50,099,272	62,280,917	14,118,440	47,984,522	62,102,962	11,517,369	50,956,847	62,474,216
Cash & Inv Avg <u>thru 12 months</u>	\$18,465,718	\$50,527,246	\$68,992,964	\$15,156,952	\$46,668,074	\$61,825,026	\$13,487,671	\$49,448,830	\$62,936,501

Summary of June Average Daily Balances

TD Bank Concentration Account	10,860,242
TD Wealth Medical	126,338
TD Bank Enterprise Money Market	4,731,994
TD Wealth Investments	19,676,682
Morgan Stanley (Endowment)	<u>26,548,171</u>
Total Investment	\$61,943,427
Remainder of money at local college banks	<u>\$530,789</u>
	\$62,474,216

# Weekly Concentration Account Balance July 1, 2013 to August 14, 2017



## 2nd Quarter 2017

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## ACCOUNT(S) INCLUDED IN THIS REPORT

VSC Managed Accounts

Reporting Currency: USD

### ACCOUNT(S) DETAIL

Account Name and Address	Account Type/Manager Name	Advisory/ Brokerage	Account Number	Date Opened	Date Closed
IRONWOOD PO BOX 7 MONTPELIER	Alternative Investments Advisory	Advisory	383-020918	09/17/14	
SKYBRIDGE PO BOX 7	Alternative Investments Advisory	Advisory	383-020919	09/17/14	
VERMONT STATE COLLEGES ATTN STEPHEN WISLOSKI PO BOX 7 MONTPELIER	Consulting Group Advisor	Advisory	383-108872	12/20/02	
	Delaware Intl ADR -London	Advisory	383-108874	12/20/02	
	Anchor Mid Cap Value	Advisory	383-108918	02/06/03	
	AAA	Advisory	383-108920	02/06/03	01/25/17
	ClearBridge Multi Growth	Advisory	383-110533	04/19/06	
	AAA	Advisory	383-110534	04/19/06	
	ThomasPartners	Advisory	383-122584	03/07/12	

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# Capital Markets Overview: 2Q 2017

## Introduction

As of 2Q 2017

- Risk markets globally continued to gain in the second quarter of 2017. Led by international markets it appears we are in the midst of the most synchronous global economic upturn since 2009. Our bullish global equity outlook assumes earnings estimates will continue to move higher as the global economic recovery persists, and that valuations can expand further as market participants become more comfortable with the self-sustainability of this recovery. We are watching the Federal Open Market Committee, which hiked rates for the third meeting in a row this quarter and signaled 1 further hike in 2017 along with plans to begin the unwinding of their balance sheet later this year.
- For the quarter, US equities posted strong performance, especially the Health Care sector of the S&P 500, which returned 7.1%. Energy (-6.4%) and Telecom (-7.1%) were clear laggards as low oil prices and delayed tax reform weighed on returns for the respective sectors. While the US had solid performance (3.1%), the largest returns for the quarter actually came from abroad with Europe registering 7.7% total return and emerging markets 6.4%, with China's 10.7% return a clear standout. For the one-year period ending June 30, 2017, global equities rallied with double-digit returns exceeding 20% in most regions. Commodities and managed futures lagged for the one-year period.
- The Dow Jones Industrial Average increased 4.0% in the second quarter. The NASDAQ Composite Index was up 4.2% for the quarter. The S&P 500 Index increased 3.1% for the quarter.
- Nine of the 11 sectors within the S&P 500 generated positive returns in 2Q17. The top-performing sector was Health Care, which was up 7.1%. Industrials and Financials rose 4.7% and 4.3%, respectively, and were also among the top-performing sectors. The biggest laggards were Energy, which decreased 6.4%, and Telecom, which fell 7.0%.
- The bond market registered slightly positive returns during the second quarter. The Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index, a general measure of the bond market, increased 1.4% for the quarter.
- Morgan Stanley & Co. economists expect US real GDP will be 2.2% in 2017. They forecast global GDP growth to be 3.6% in 2017.
- Commodities continued negative returns into the second quarter; the Bloomberg Commodity Index decreased 3.2%.

Source: FactSet, Bloomberg, Morgan Stanley & Co. Research, Morgan Stanley Wealth Management GIC

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# Capital Markets Overview: 2Q 2017

## US Equity Markets

As of 2Q 2017

The Dow Jones Industrial Average increased 4.0% in the first quarter. The NASDAQ Composite Index was up 4.2% for the quarter. The S&P 500 Index increased 3.1% for the quarter.

Nine of the 11 sectors within the S&P 500 generated positive returns in 2Q17. The top-performing sector was Health Care, which was up 7.1%. Industrials and Financials rose 4.7% and 4.3%, respectively, and were also among the top-performing sectors. The biggest laggards were Energy, which decreased 6.4%, and Telecom, which fell 7.0%.

The Russell 1000 Index, a large-cap index, increased 3.1% for the quarter, with large-cap growth (4.7%) outperforming large-cap value (1.3%).

The Russell Midcap Index increased 2.7% for the quarter, with mid-cap growth (4.2%) outperforming mid-cap value (1.4%).

The Russell 2000 Index, a small-cap index, increased 2.5% for the quarter, with small-cap growth (4.4%) outperforming small-cap value (0.7%).

Key US Stock Market Index Returns (%) for the Period Ending 6/30/2017				
INDEX IN USD	Quarter	12 Months	5-Years (Annualized)	7-Years (Annualized)
S&P 500	3.1%	17.9%	14.6%	15.4%
Dow Jones	4.0%	22.1%	13.4%	14.7%
Russell 2000	2.5%	24.6%	13.7%	14.3%
Russell Midcap	2.7%	16.5%	14.7%	15.3%
Russell 1000	3.1%	18.0%	14.7%	15.4%

Source: FactSet, Bloomberg, Morgan Stanley Wealth Management GIC

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# Capital Markets Overview: 2Q 2017

## Global Equity Markets

As of 2Q 2017

In the second quarter, emerging markets (EM) and international developed regions both delivered positive returns (in USD). The MSCI EAFE Index (a benchmark for international developed markets) increased 6.4% for US-currency investors and increased 2.9% for local-currency investors, as the US dollar significantly depreciated in relation to the currencies of many nations in the index.

For the second quarter, the MSCI Emerging Markets Index increased 6.4% for US-currency investors and 6.7% for local-currency investors. The MSCI Europe Index increased 7.6% for US-currency investors and increased 6.2% for local-currency investors during 2Q17.

The S&P 500 Index increased 3.1% for the quarter.

Emerging economy equity market indices were up in the second quarter. The MSCI BRIC (Brazil, Russia, India and China) Index rose 4.8% for the quarter in US dollar terms and 5.8% in terms of local currencies. For the first quarter, the MSCI EM Asia Index was up 8.7% in US dollar terms and 9.2% in local terms.

Key Global Equity Market Index Returns (%) for the Period Ending 6/30/2017				
INDEX IN USD	Quarter	12 Months	5-Years (Annualized)	7-Years (Annualized)
MSCI EAFE	6.4%	20.8%	9.2%	8.4%
MSCI EAFE Growth	7.7%	16.1%	9.6%	9.0%
MSCI EAFE Value	5.1%	25.7%	8.7%	7.7%
MSCI Europe	7.7%	21.8%	9.4%	8.8%
MSCI Japan	5.2%	19.6%	9.8%	7.7%
S&P 500	3.1%	17.9%	14.6%	15.4%
MSCI Emerging Markets	6.4%	24.2%	4.3%	4.2%

Source: FactSet, Bloomberg, Morgan Stanley Wealth Management GIC

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# Capital Markets Overview: 2Q 2017

## The US Bond Market

As of 2Q 2017

The bond market registered positive returns during the second quarter. The Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index, a general measure of the bond market, increased 1.4% for the quarter as the curve continued to flatten.

Interest rates decreased during the second quarter, as the yield on the 10-year US Treasury note declined to a quarter-end 2.30% from 2.38% at the end of 1Q17. This came out to a 3.5% decrease in rates for the quarter.

Riskier parts of the bond market such as US high yield debt also increased in the second quarter. The Bloomberg Barclays Capital High Yield Index, a measure of lower-rated corporate bonds, rose 2.2%.

Mortgage-backed securities posted slightly positive returns during the second quarter. The Bloomberg Barclays Capital Mortgage Backed Index increased 0.9% for the quarter. During the second quarter, the municipal bond market also increased. As a result, the Bloomberg Barclays Capital Muni Index generated a 2.0% return for the quarter.

Key US Bond Market Index Returns (%) for the Period Ending 6/30/2017				
INDEX IN USD	Quarter	12 Months	5-Years (Annualized)	7-Years (Annualized)
Bloomberg Barclays Capital US Aggregate	1.4%	-0.3%	2.2%	3.2%
Bloomberg Barclays Capital High Yield	2.2%	12.7%	6.9%	8.1%
Bloomberg Barclays Capital Government/Credit	1.7%	-0.4%	2.3%	3.4%
Bloomberg Barclays Capital Government	1.2%	-2.3%	1.3%	2.5%
Bloomberg Barclays Capital Intermediate Govt/Credit	0.9%	-0.2%	1.8%	2.6%
Bloomberg Barclays Capital Long Govt/Credit	4.4%	-1.1%	4.3%	6.8%
Bloomberg Barclays Capital Mortgage Backed Securities	0.9%	-0.1%	2.0%	2.7%
Bloomberg Barclays Capital Muni	2.0%	-0.5%	3.3%	4.2%

Source: FactSet, Bloomberg, Morgan Stanley & Co. Research, Morgan Stanley Wealth Management GIC

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# Asset Class Returns: Diversified Portfolios Can Help Mitigate Risk

As of June 30, 2017

2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017 YTD	10-Yrs ('07-'16) Ann. Return	10-Yrs ('07-'16) Volatility
EM Equities 40.2%	Managed Futures 13.6%	EM Equities 82.9%	MLPs <sup>1</sup> 35.9%	MLPs <sup>1</sup> 13.9%	REITs 29.8%	US Equities 32.4%	REITs 14.7%	EMD 1.8%	MLPs <sup>1</sup> 18.3%	EM Equities 18.3%	MLPs <sup>1</sup> 8.0%	MLPs <sup>1</sup> 19.0%
Commod. 16.2%	DM Int'l Debt 11.7%	MLPs <sup>1</sup> 76.4%	EM Equities 20.2%	Inflation-Linked 13.6%	High Yield 19.6%	MLPs <sup>1</sup> 27.6%	US Equities 13.7%	US Equities 1.4%	High Yield 14.3%	DM Int'l Equities 14.6%	High Yield 7.3%	REITs 18.4%
MLPs <sup>1</sup> 12.7%	US Debt 5.2%	High Yield 59.4%	REITs 20.0%	EMD 9.2%	EM Equities 19.1%	DM Int'l Equities 24.0%	Managed Futures 12.3%	DM Int'l Equities 0.9%	US Equities 12.0%	US Equities 9.3%	US Equities 6.9%	Commod. 17.9%
Inflation-Linked 11.6%	Inflation-Linked -2.4%	REITs 41.3%	Commod. 16.8%	US Debt 7.8%	DM Int'l Equities 18.2%	Diversified Portfolio 15.1%	EMD 6.2%	US Debt 0.5%	Commod. 11.8%	REITs 7.2%	EMD 6.6%	EM Equities 17.5%
DM Int'l Debt 11.2%	EMD -9.7%	DM Int'l Equities 33.9%	US Equities 15.1%	DM Int'l Debt 6.0%	EMD 18.0%	Hedged Strategies 8.8%	US Debt 6.0%	REITs -0.4%	EM Equities 10.3%	Diversified Portfolio 6.8%	US Debt 4.8%	US Equities 15.2%
DM Int'l Equities 10.8%	Hedged Strategies -21.4%	US Equities 26.5%	High Yield 14.8%	High Yield 3.1%	US Equities 16.0%	High Yield 7.3%	MLPs <sup>1</sup> 4.8%	Inflation-Linked -1.4%	EMD 9.6%	High Yield 6.5%	Diversified Portfolio 4.5%	DM Int'l Equities 15.0%
Hedged Strategies 10.3%	Diversified Portfolio -25.7%	EMD 25.9%	Diversified Portfolio 12.7%	US Equities 2.1%	Diversified Portfolio 12.0%	REITs 2.2%	Diversified Portfolio 4.7%	Diversified Portfolio -1.9%	Diversified Portfolio 7.5%	EMD 6.3%	Inflation-Linked 4.4%	High Yield 11.4%
Diversified Portfolio 7.9%	High Yield -26.9%	Diversified Portfolio 23.6%	EMD 11.8%	Diversified Portfolio -2.1%	Inflation-Linked 7.0%	Managed Futures 0.7%	Inflation-Linked 3.6%	Managed Futures -2.0%	Inflation-Linked 4.7%	DM Int'l Debt 5.2%	DM Int'l Debt 2.8%	Diversified Portfolio 9.9%
Managed Futures 7.6%	Commod. -35.6%	Commod. 18.9%	DM Int'l Equities 9.8%	Managed Futures -4.3%	MLPs <sup>2</sup> 4.8%	EM Equities -1.9%	Hedged Strategies 3.4%	High Yield -2.7%	REITs 4.6%	Hedged Strategies 2.6%	EM Equities 2.4%	EMD 9.0%
US Debt 7.0%	MLPs <sup>1</sup> -36.9%	Hedged Strategies 11.5%	DM Int'l Debt 7.0%	Hedged Strategies -5.7%	Hedged Strategies 4.8%	US Debt -2.0%	High Yield 0.0%	Hedged Strategies -3.6%	US Debt 2.6%	US Debt 2.3%	REITs 1.9%	DM Int'l Debt 8.4%
EMD 6.5%	US Equities -37.0%	Inflation-Linked 11.4%	US Debt 6.5%	REITs -8.1%	US Debt 4.2%	DM Int'l Debt -5.6%	EM Equities -1.4%	DM Int'l Debt -4.4%	Hedged Strategies 2.5%	Inflation-Linked 0.9%	DM Int'l Equities 1.5%	Managed Futures 6.9%
US Equities 5.5%	DM Int'l Equities -43.4%	US Debt 5.9%	Managed Futures 6.4%	DM Int'l Equities -12.2%	DM Int'l Debt 0.5%	EMD -8.3%	DM Int'l Debt -3.0%	EM Equities -13.5%	DM Int'l Debt 2.1%	Managed Futures 0.0%	Hedged Strategies -0.6%	Inflation-Linked 6.3%
High Yield 3.2%	REITs -48.9%	DM Int'l Debt 3.7%	Inflation-Linked 6.3%	Commod. -13.3%	Commod. -1.1%	Inflation-Linked -8.6%	DM Int'l Equities -4.5%	Commod. -24.7%	DM Int'l Equities 1.6%	MLPs <sup>1</sup> -2.7%	Managed Futures -1.0%	Hedged Strategies 5.9%
REITs -4.7%	EM Equities -53.6%	Managed Futures -4.8%	Hedged Strategies 4.2%	EM Equities -19.2%	Managed Futures -1.8%	Commod. -9.5%	Commod. -17.0%	MLPs <sup>1</sup> -32.6%	Managed Futures -3.1%	Commod. -5.3%	Commod. -5.6%	US Debt 3.3%

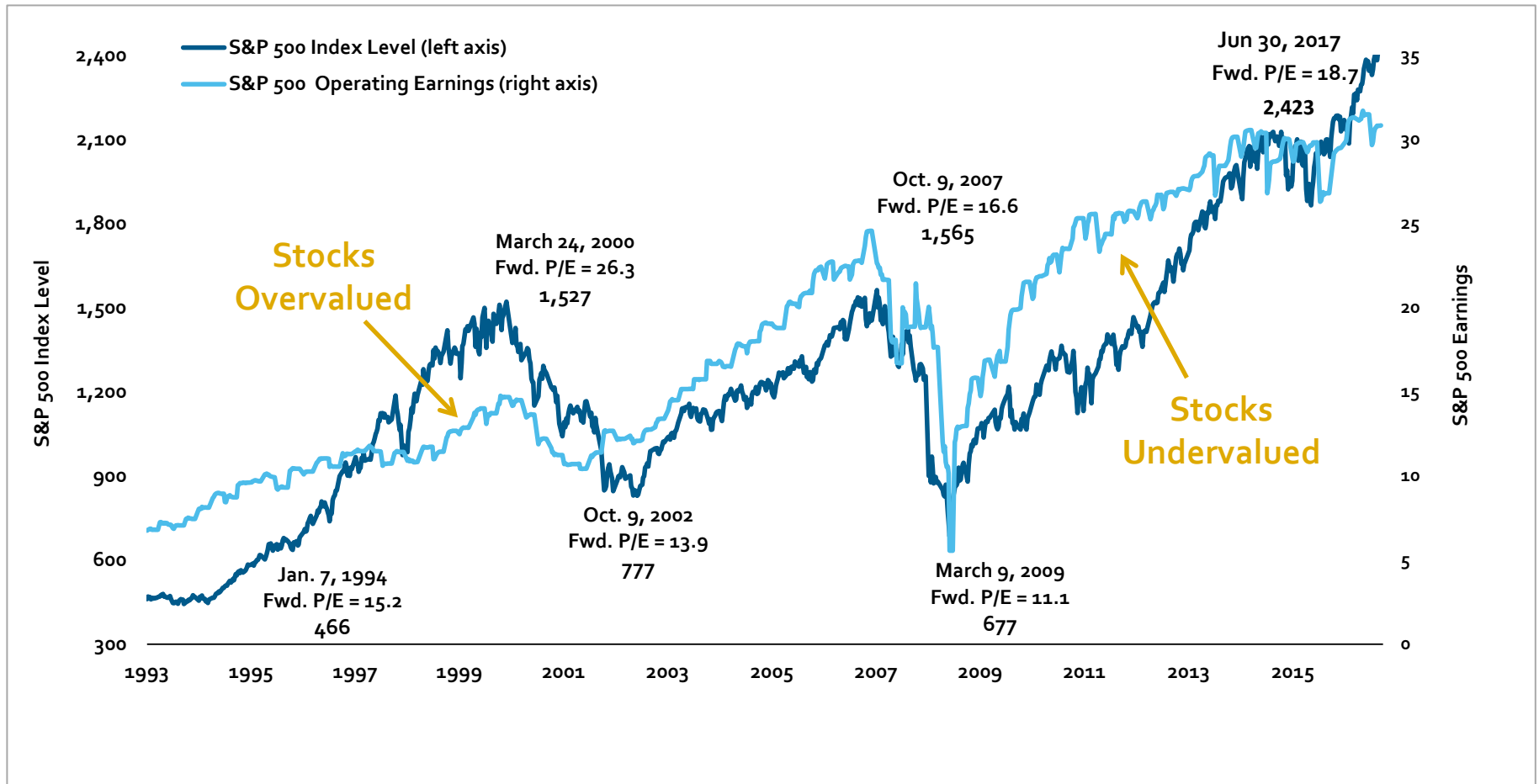
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# Earnings Remain Supportive of US Equities

## S&P 500 Index Level Vs. S&P 500 Operating Earnings

Index Level as of June 30, 2017; Operating Earnings as of June 16, 2017



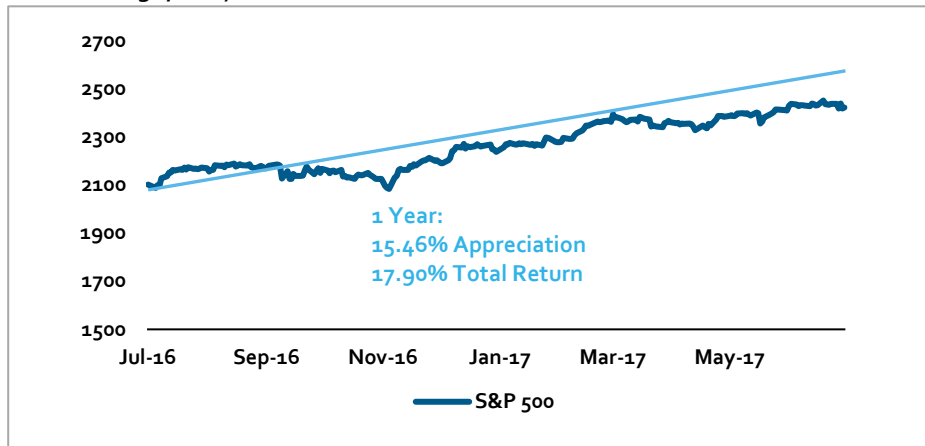
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# US Large-Cap Equity Market Performance and Fundamentals

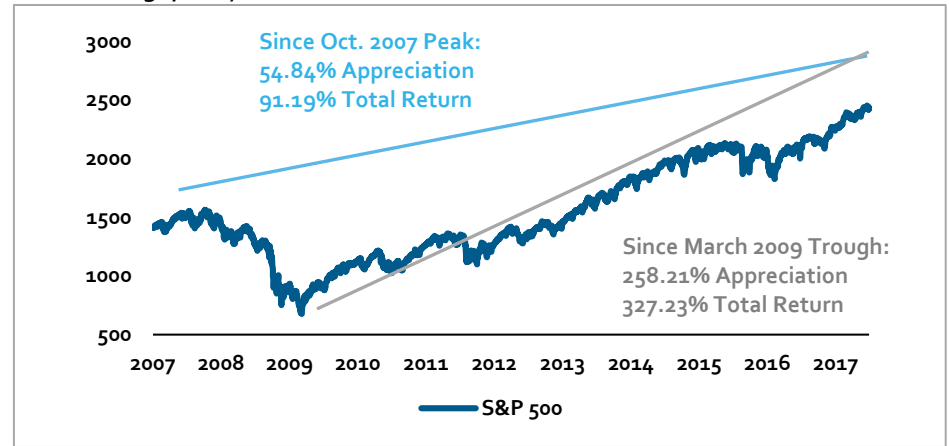
## S&P 500 Last 12 Months<sup>1</sup>

As of June 30, 2017



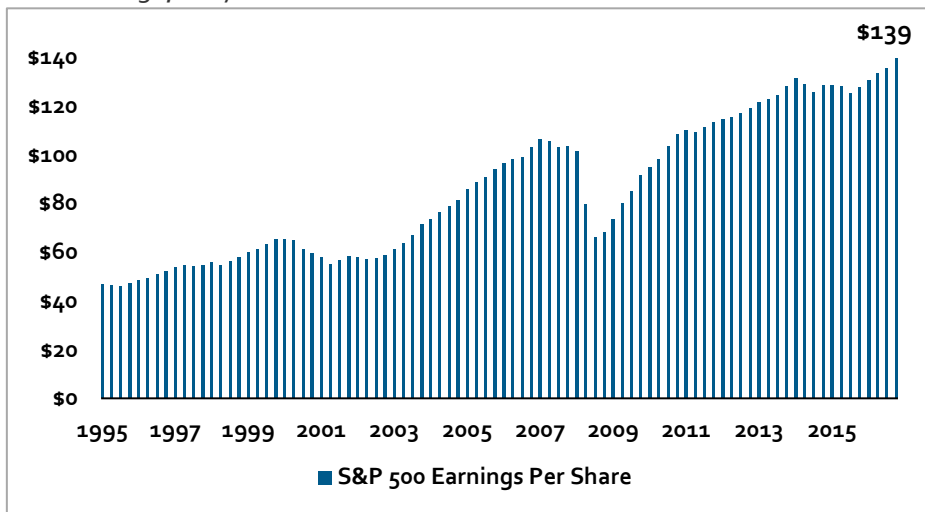
## S&P 500 Since Financial Crisis<sup>1</sup>

As of June 30, 2017



## S&P 500 EPS Estimates

As of June 30, 2017



## Implied S&P 500 Index Levels

As of June 30, 2017

Hypothetical Operating Earnings Per Share	Hypothetical P/E							
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
\$80	1040	1120	1200	1280	1360	1440	1520	1600
\$90	1170	1260	1350	1440	1530	1620	1710	1800
\$100	1300	1400	1500	1600	1700	1800	1900	2000
\$110	1430	1540	1650	1760	1870	1980	2090	2200
\$120	1560	1680	1800	1920	2040	2160	2280	2400
\$130	1690	1820	1950	2080	2210	2340	2470	2600
\$140	1820	1960	2100	2240	2380	2520	2660	2800
\$150	1950	2100	2250	2400	2550	2700	2850	3000

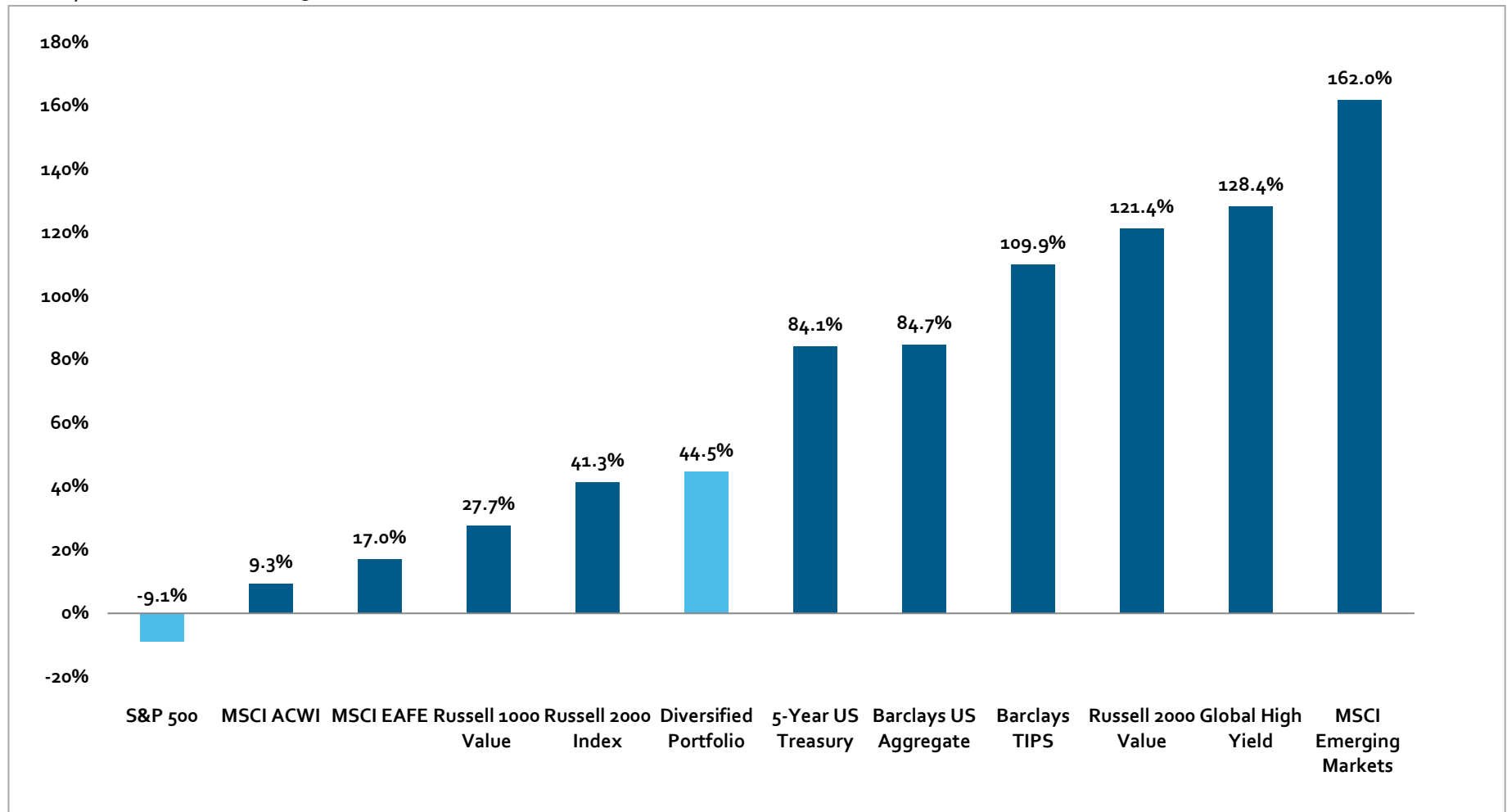
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# “Lost Decade” (2000-2010) Demonstrates the Importance of Global Diversification and Asset Allocation

## Total Returns

January 2000 - December 2009

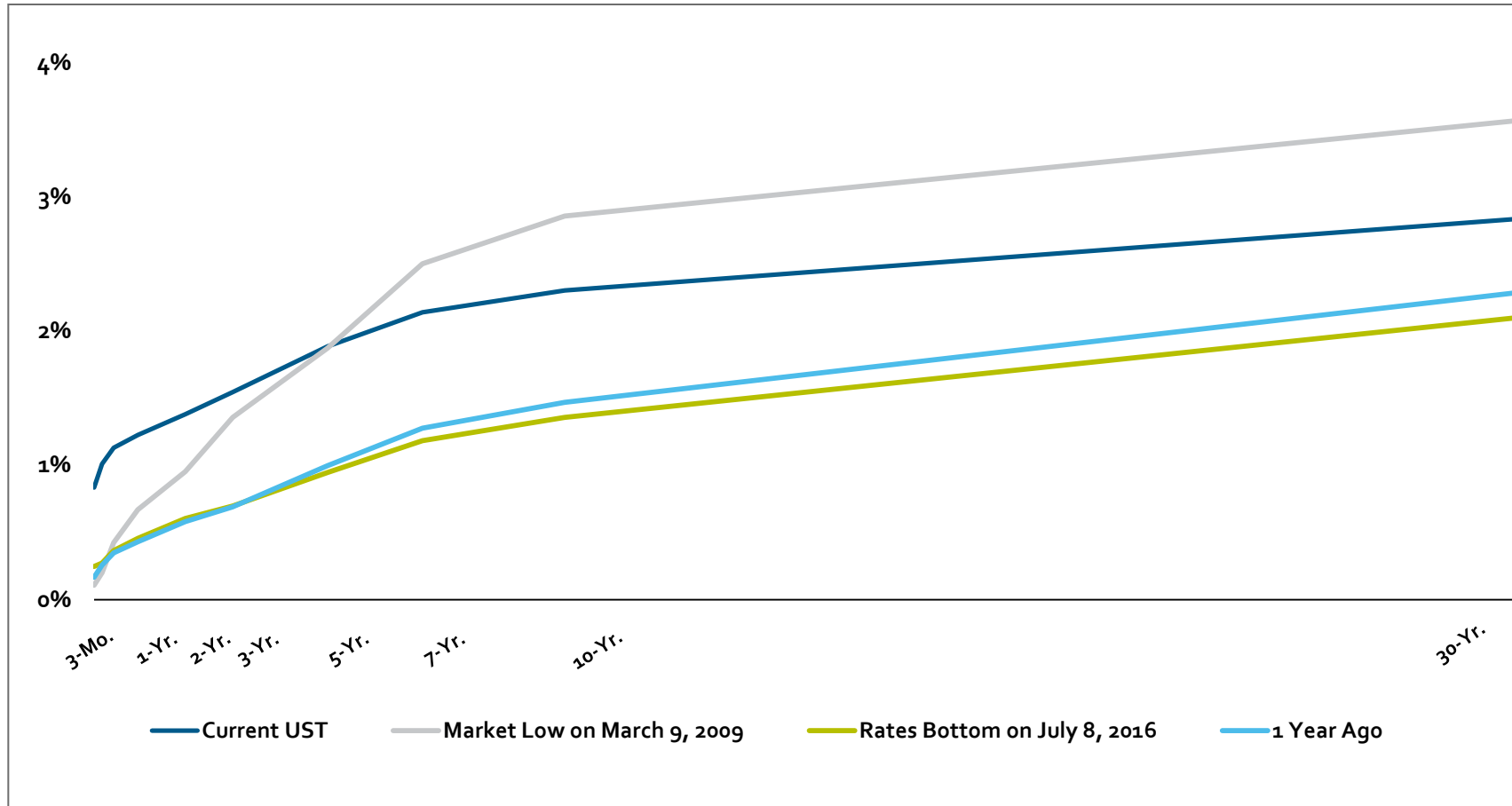


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# US Treasury Yield Curve

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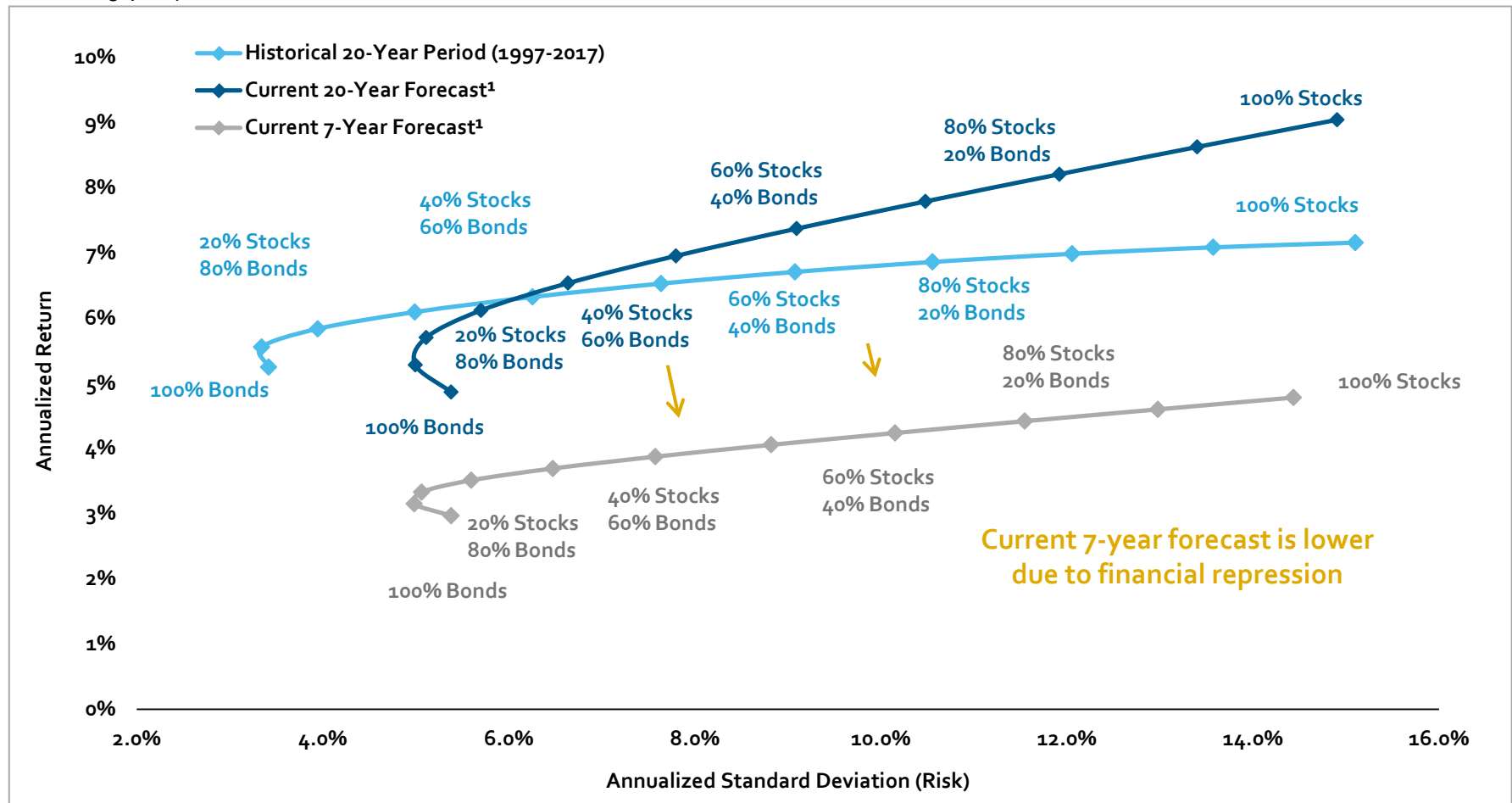
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# Diversification Benefits Have Waned: Forecasted Efficient Frontiers

## Stock and Bond Blends

As of June 30, 2017



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**VERMONT STATE COLLEGES**  
PORTFOLIO SUMMARY - ASSET ALLOCATION  
June 30, 2017

	Large Cap Growth	Large Cap Value	Small / Mid Growth	Small / Mid Value	International	International Emerging	Domestic and High Yield Fixed	International Fixed	Alternatives	Cash	Total	% of Total Portfolio
<b>CG Advisor</b>												
I shares Russell 1000 Growth	\$ 3,302,210										\$ 3,302,210	12.5%
I shares Russell 1000 Value		\$ 2,775,575									\$ 2,775,575	10.5%
I shares Trust S&P Mid Cap 400			\$ 32,639								\$ 32,639	0.1%
iShares Russell 2000			\$ 215,537	\$ 215,537							\$ 431,074	1.6%
William Blair Int Growth					\$ 1,470,245						\$ 1,470,245	5.6%
Vanguard FTSE Developed Mkts					\$ 1,121,136						\$ 1,121,136	4.2%
Oppenheimer Developing Mkts						\$ 633,484					\$ 633,484	2.4%
I shares MSCI EAFE					\$ 334,348						\$ 334,348	1.3%
Dreyfus Standish GLB Fix Inc I								\$ 787,226			\$ 787,226	3.0%
Loomis Bond Fund							\$ 1,129,836				\$ 1,129,836	4.3%
Vanguard Sh Tm Inv Gr Inv							\$ 1,219,894				\$ 1,219,894	4.6%
Vanguard Total Bd Mkt Indx Inv							\$ 1,179,108				\$ 1,179,108	4.5%
Blackrock Hi Yield Bond							\$ 1,541,090				\$ 1,541,090	5.8%
Guggenheim Total Return Bond							\$ 1,174,809				\$ 1,174,809	4.4%
Lazard Emerging Markets						\$ 625,725					\$ 625,725	2.4%
Money Funds										\$ 131,957	\$ 131,957	0.5%
Ishares Dj US Real Estate									\$ 264,757		\$ 264,757	1.0%
Vanguard REIT ETF									\$ 275,075		\$ 275,075	1.0%
<b>Ironwood HF</b>									\$ 528,906		\$ 528,906	2.0%
<b>Skybridge HF</b>									\$ 488,644		\$ 488,644	1.8%
<b>Anchor</b>				\$ 638,646							\$ 638,646	2.4%
<b>Delaware</b>					\$ 1,226,888						\$ 1,226,888	4.6%
<b>Clearbridge</b>	\$ 983,820	\$ 549,406	\$ 459,968	\$ 562,183						\$ 45,305	\$ 2,600,682	9.8%
<b>Thomas Partners</b>	\$ 381,852	\$ 1,447,017	\$ 75,365	\$ 306,486	\$ 261,267					\$ 40,195	\$ 2,512,182	9.5%
<b>Total Fund</b>	<b>\$ 4,667,882</b>	<b>\$ 4,771,998</b>	<b>\$ 783,509</b>	<b>\$ 1,722,852</b>	<b>\$ 4,413,884</b>	<b>\$ 1,259,209</b>	<b>\$ 6,244,738</b>	<b>\$ 787,226</b>	<b>\$ 1,557,381</b>	<b>\$ 217,457</b>	<b>\$ 26,426,136</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
Allocation	17.66%	18.06%	2.96%	6.52%	16.70%	4.77%	23.63%	2.98%	5.89%	0.82%	100.00%	
<i>Strategic Target Allocation a/o 6.30.11</i>												
By Percent	12.00%	12.00%	6.00%	6.00%	17.00%	7.00%	28.00%	4.00%	8.00%	0.00%	100.00%	
By Dollar	\$ 3,171,136	\$ 3,171,136	\$ 1,585,568	\$ 1,585,568	\$ 4,492,443	\$ 1,849,830	\$ 7,399,318	\$ 1,057,045	\$ 2,114,091	\$ -	\$ 26,426,136	
<b>Current Tactical Allocation</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>100%</b>	
Revised Tactical a/o 3.30.2017	18%	18%	4%	6%	15%	6%	24%	3%	6%	0%	100%	
<b>Operations Account</b>		\$ 105,941 (common stock)			\$ 16,092 (money funds)						\$ 122,033	
<b>Total All Accounts</b>											<b>\$ 26,548,169</b>	
<b>Basic Asset Allocation:</b>					<b>Stocks</b>	<b>67%</b>						
					<b>Alternatives</b>	<b>6%</b>						
					<b>Fixed Income/Cash</b>	<b>27%</b>						

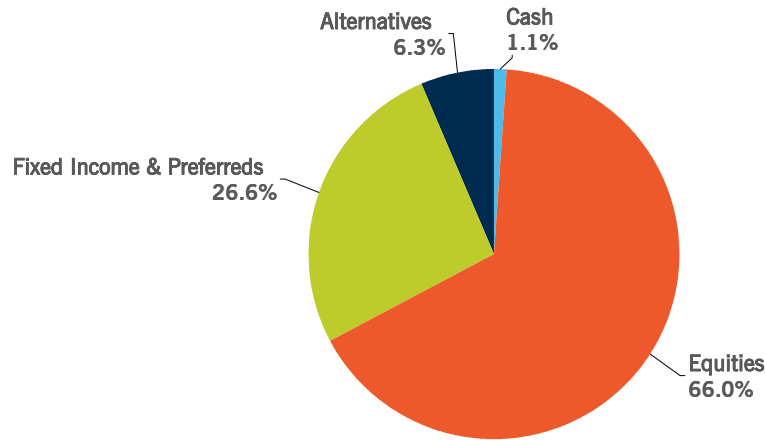
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**ASSET ALLOCATION**

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**ASSET ALLOCATION - ASSET CLASS**



**ASSET ALLOCATION**

	Total Value 06/30/17	% of Portfolio 06/30/17
Cash	\$288,819.09	1.1%
Equities	17,439,724.04	66.0
Fixed Income & Preferreds	7,031,963.81	26.6
Alternatives	1,677,503.87	6.3
<b>Total Portfolio</b>	<b>\$26,438,010.81</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Total Value and % of Portfolio are based on US Dollar values.

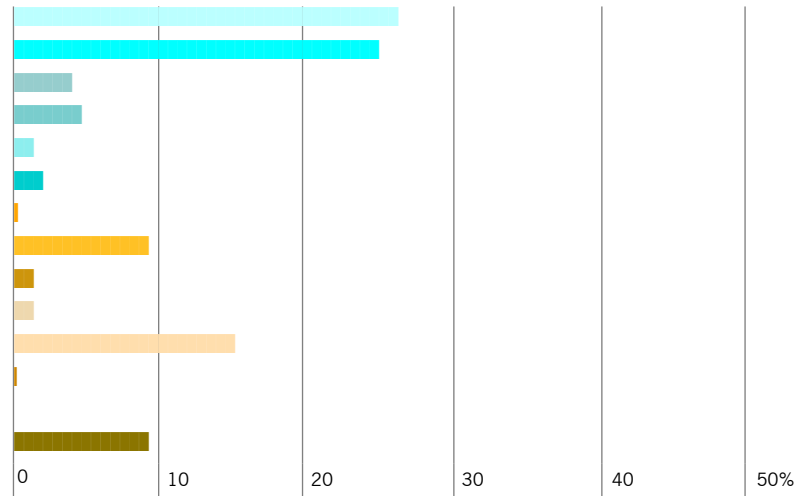
# EQUITIES ASSET AND SECTOR ALLOCATION

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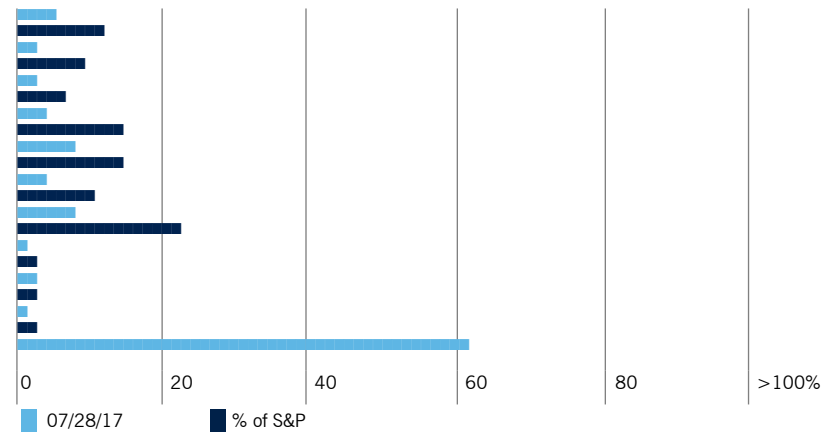
## EQUITIES ASSET ALLOCATION

	Total Value 07/28/17	% of Equities 07/28/17
US Large Cap Growth	\$4,737,348.90	26.5%
US Large Cap Value	4,430,231.19	24.8
US Mid Cap Growth	708,530.77	4.0
US Mid Cap Value	780,684.90	4.4
US Small Cap Growth	283,512.27	1.6
US Small Cap Value	332,121.19	1.9
Canadian Equities	70,513.06	0.4
European Equities	1,662,823.70	9.3
Japan Equities	181,280.69	1.0
Asia Pac ex Jpn Equities	246,872.72	1.4
Intl Equities Other	2,683,298.45	15.0
Asia Equities	40,342.50	0.2
Latin America Equities	8,491.50	0.0
Emerging Mkt Equities Oth	1,680,746.73	9.4
<b>Total Equities</b>	<b>\$17,846,798.57</b>	<b>100.0%</b>



## EQUITIES SECTOR DISTRIBUTION

	Total Value 07/28/17	% of Equities 07/28/17	% of S&P 07/28/17
Consumer Discretionary	\$884,256.60	5.0%	12.3%
Consumer Staples	467,216.41	2.6	8.7
Energy	549,226.44	3.1	6.0
Financials	683,779.80	3.8	14.4
Health Care	1,338,642.03	7.5	14.4
Industrials	726,617.05	4.1	10.1
Information Technology	1,369,127.18	7.7	22.9
Materials	234,188.06	1.3	2.9
Telecommunication Services	353,556.89	2.0	2.2
Utilities	231,931.92	1.3	3.2
Others	11,008,256.19	61.7	-
<b>Total Equities</b>	<b>\$17,846,798.57</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	



## EQUITIES ASSET ALLOCATION

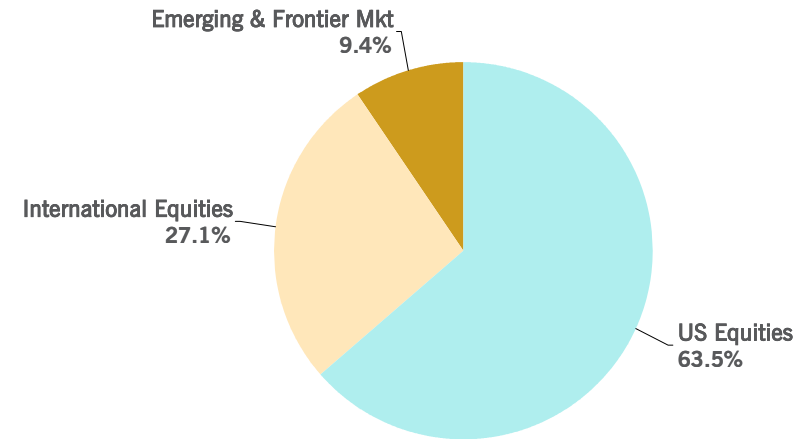
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### TOP EQUITY POSITIONS BASED ON TOTAL VALUE

	Total Value 06/30/17	% of Equities
ISHARES RUSSELL 1000 GRW ETF	\$3,302,209.90	18.9%
ISHARES RUSSELL 1000 VALUE ETF	2,775,574.77	15.9
WILLIAM BLAIR INTL GROWTH I	1,470,245.41	8.4
VANGUARD FTSE DEVELOPED MKTS E	1,121,135.56	6.4
OPPENHEIMER DEVELOPING MKTS Y	633,484.49	3.6
LAZARD EMERGING MKTS EQ I	625,724.69	3.6
ISHARES RUSSELL 2000 ETF	431,074.28	2.5
ISHARES MSCI EMERGING MKTS ETF	334,348.42	1.9
UNITEDHEALTH GP INC	250,502.42	1.4
COMCAST CORP (NEW) CLASS A	205,078.72	1.2
<b>Top Equity Positions</b>	<b>\$11,149,378.66</b>	<b>63.9%</b>
<b>Other Equity Positions</b>	<b>\$6,290,345.38</b>	<b>36.1%</b>
<b>Total Equities</b>	<b>\$17,439,724.04</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

### ASSET ALLOCATION - EQUITIES



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	Total Value 06/30/17	% of Equities 06/30/17	% of Portfolio 06/30/17
US Equities	\$11,078,096.10	63.5%	41.9%
International Equities	4,719,698.44	27.1	17.9
Emerging & Frontier Mkt	1,641,929.49	9.4	6.2
<b>Total Equities</b>	<b>\$17,439,724.04</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>66.0%</b>

## FIXED INCOME & PREFERRED ASSET ALLOCATION

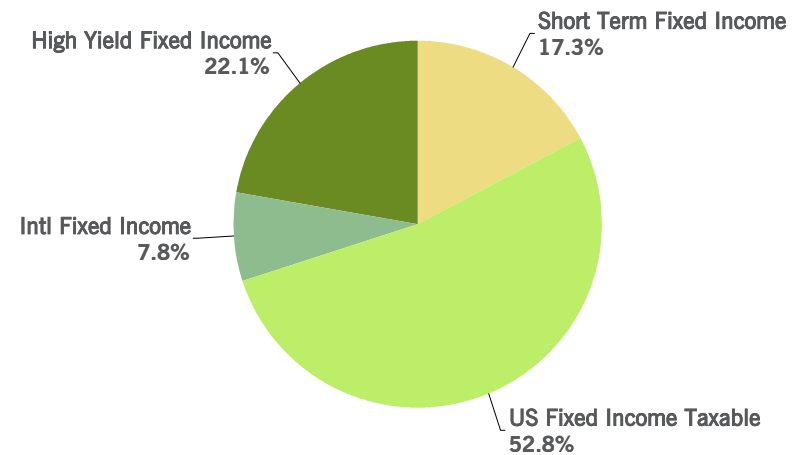
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### TOP FIXED INCOME & PREFERRED POSITIONS BASED ON TOTAL VALUE

	Total Value 07/28/17	% of Fixed Income & Preferreds
BLACKROCK HI YIELD BD PTF INST	\$1,564,232.41	22.1%
VANGUARD SH TM INVT GR INV	1,224,317.59	17.3
VANGUARD TOTAL BD MKT INDX INV	1,183,660.41	16.7
GUGGENHEIM TOTAL RETURN BD I	1,177,249.74	16.6
LOOMIS SAYLES BOND INST	1,142,584.69	16.1
DREYFUS STANDISH GLB FIX INC I	792,879.76	11.2
<b>Top Fixed Income &amp; Preferred Positions</b>	<b>\$7,084,924.60</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Other Fixed Income &amp; Preferred Positions</b>	-	-
<b>Total Fixed Income &amp; Preferreds</b>	<b>\$7,084,924.60</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

### ASSET ALLOCATION - FIXED INCOME & PREFERREDS



### ASSET ALLOCATION - FIXED INCOME & PREFERREDS

	Total Value 07/28/17	% of Fixed Income & Preferreds 07/28/17	% of Portfolio 07/28/17
Short Term Fixed Income	\$1,224,317.59	17.3%	4.5%
Short Term Govt/Corp	918,238.19	13.0	3.4
Short Term Securitized	306,079.40	4.3	1.1
US Fixed Income Taxable	3,741,358.77	52.8	13.9
Intermed Term Govt/Corp	1,183,660.41	16.7	4.4
US Taxable Core	2,557,698.36	36.1	9.5
Intl Fixed Income	555,015.83	7.8	2.1
Intl Core Fixed Income	555,015.83	7.8	2.1
High Yield Fixed Income	1,564,232.41	22.1	5.8
High Yield Fixed Income	1,564,232.41	22.1	5.8
<b>Total Fixed Income &amp; Preferreds</b>	<b>\$7,084,924.60</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>26.3%</b>

## ALTERNATIVES ASSET ALLOCATION

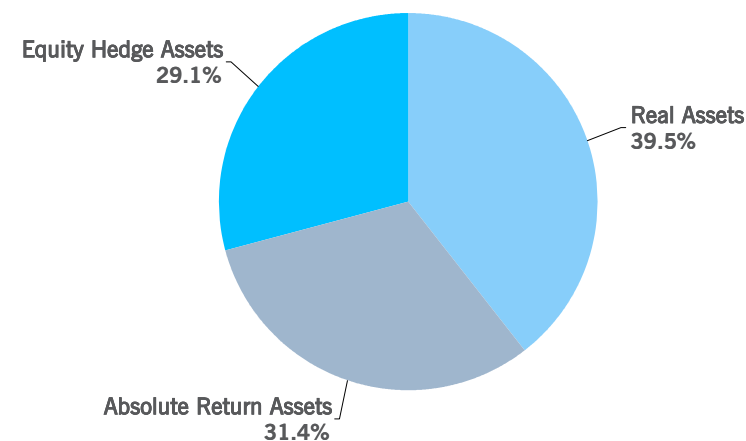
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### TOP ALTERNATIVE POSITIONS BASED ON TOTAL VALUE

	Total Value 07/28/17	% of Alternatives
IRONWOOD INSTIT MS LLC	\$529,238.48	31.4%
SKYBRIDGE MUL-AD SER G ADV	490,779.78	29.1
VANGUARD REIT ETF	278,115.75	16.5
ISHARES US REAL ESTATE ETF	267,743.73	15.9
ALERIAN MLP ETF	87,034.70	5.2
SUN COMMUNITIES INC	13,622.24	0.8
CORECIVIC INC	10,020.64	0.6
WELLTOWER INC	9,279.89	0.6
<b>Top Alternative Positions</b>	<b>\$1,685,835.21</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Other Alternative Positions</b>	-	-
<b>Total Alternatives</b>	<b>\$1,685,835.21</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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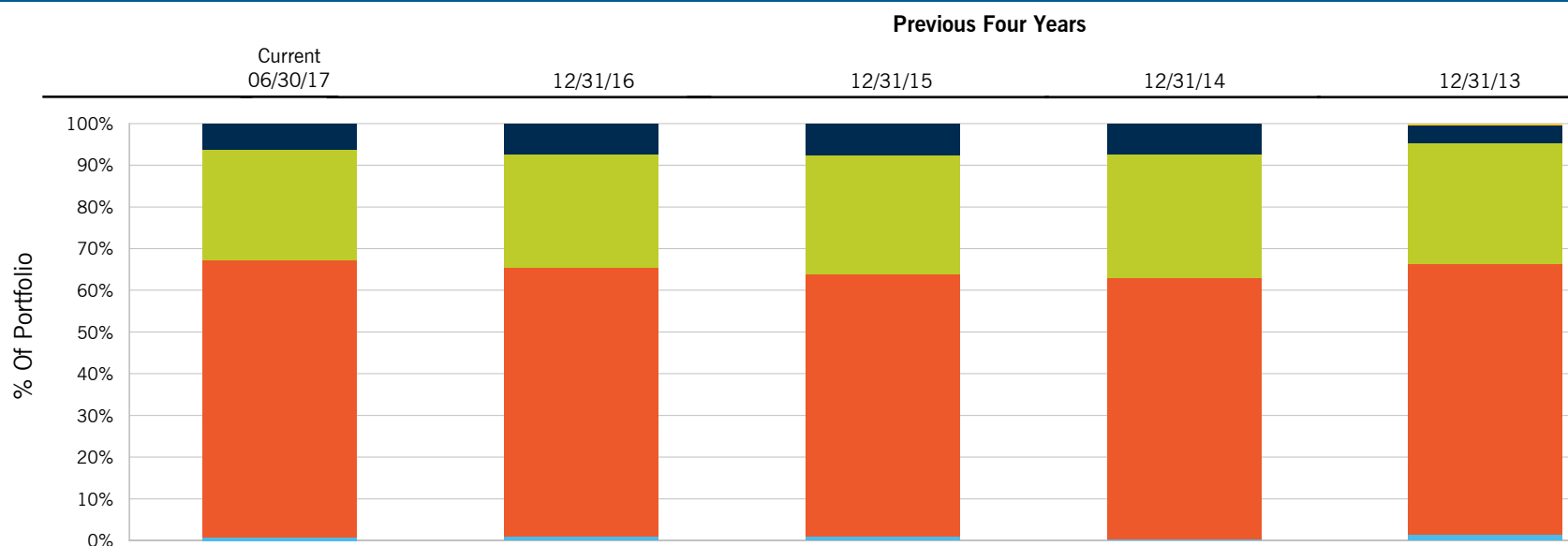
	Total Value 07/28/17	% of Alternatives 07/28/17	% of Portfolio 07/28/17
Real Assets	\$665,816.95	39.5%	2.5%
Absolute Return Assets	529,238.48	31.4	2.0
Equity Hedge Assets	490,779.78	29.1	1.8
<b>Total Alternatives</b>	<b>\$1,685,835.21</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>6.3%</b>

# ASSET ALLOCATION OVER TIME

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## HISTORICAL ALLOCATION



### % OF PORTFOLIO

	Current 06/30/17	12/31/16	12/31/15	12/31/14	12/31/13
Cash	0.7%	1.1%	1.1%	0.4%	1.4%
Equities	66.5	64.3	62.9	62.5	65.0
Fixed Income & Preferreds	26.6	27.3	28.4	29.8	29.0
Alternatives	6.2	7.3	7.5	7.3	4.3
Other	-	-	-	-	0.3

### % of Portfolio

<b>% of Portfolio</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
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### TOTAL VALUE

	Current 06/30/17	12/31/16	12/31/15	12/31/14	12/31/13
Cash	\$172,253.15	\$277,910.66	\$254,589.42	\$106,084.82	\$306,417.74
Equities	17,589,530.51	15,816,288.51	14,265,615.90	14,992,590.65	14,551,953.38
Fixed Income & Preferreds	7,031,963.81	6,723,896.53	6,442,297.37	7,153,477.63	6,500,836.58
Alternatives	1,644,263.20	1,791,147.80	1,711,441.43	1,754,743.77	956,740.37
Other	-	-	-	-	64,295.35
<b>Total Value</b>	<b>\$26,438,010.67</b>	<b>\$24,609,243.49</b>	<b>\$22,673,944.12</b>	<b>\$24,006,896.87</b>	<b>\$22,380,243.42</b>

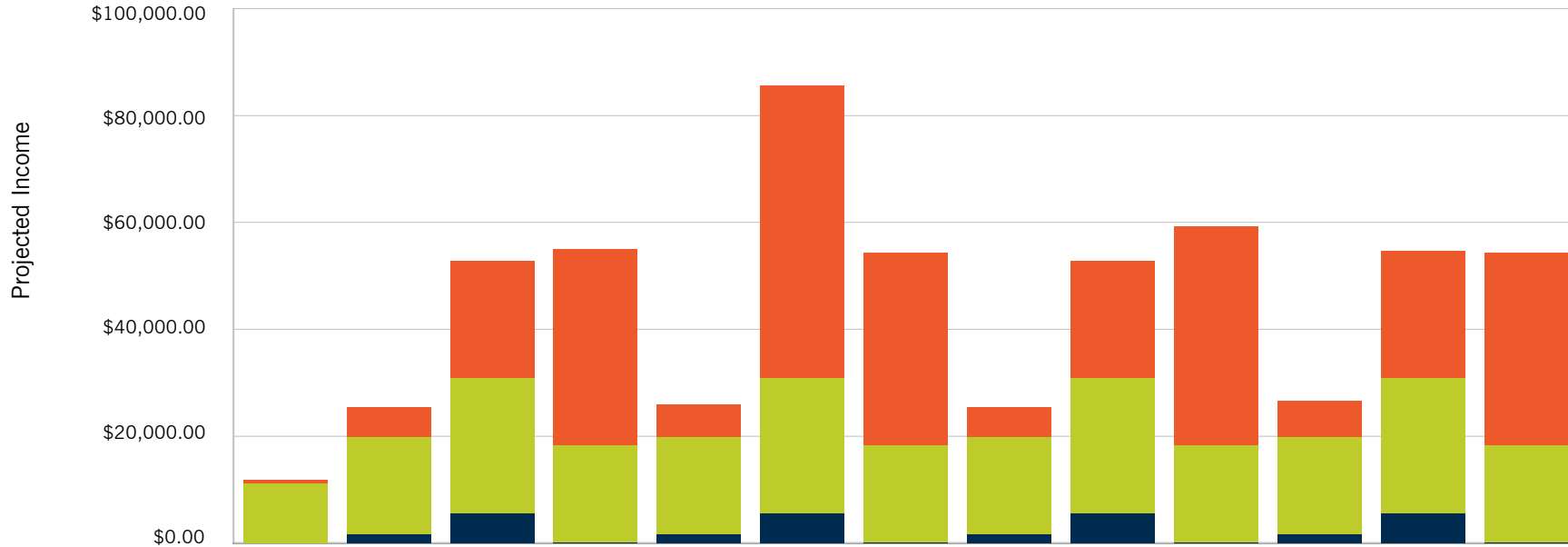
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# PROJECTED 12 MONTH INCOME SUMMARY

VSC Managed Accounts

As of July 28, 2017 | Reporting Currency: USD

## PROJECTED 12 MONTH INCOME SUMMARY



Asset Class	Total Value 07/28/17	07/29/17 to 07/31/17	12 Month Projected Income (08/01/17 - 07/31/18)												% Yield		
			Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	Jun.	Jul.		Total	
Cash	\$309,227	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Equities	17,846,799	533	5,567	21,836	36,605	6,027	54,573	36,024	5,567	21,836	40,829	6,652	23,739	36,024	<b>324,050</b>	1.82	
Fixed Income & Preferreds	7,084,925	11,265	18,074	25,178	18,074	18,074	25,178	18,074	18,074	25,178	18,074	18,074	25,178	18,074	<b>245,306</b>	3.46	
Alternatives	1,685,835	0	1,781	5,735	257	1,781	5,735	257	1,781	5,735	257	1,781	5,735	257	<b>31,092</b>	1.84	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$26,926,786</b>	<b>\$11,798</b>	<b>\$25,422</b>	<b>\$52,749</b>	<b>\$54,936</b>	<b>\$25,882</b>	<b>\$85,486</b>	<b>\$54,355</b>	<b>\$25,422</b>	<b>\$52,749</b>	<b>\$59,160</b>	<b>\$26,507</b>	<b>\$54,652</b>	<b>\$54,355</b>	<b>\$600,448</b>	<b>2.23%</b>	

Projected Income is calculated only for securities where data is available.

In instances whereby payment frequency and/or last payment date is not available, income is based on the current dividend or coupon rate, and will be displayed in the Total column only.

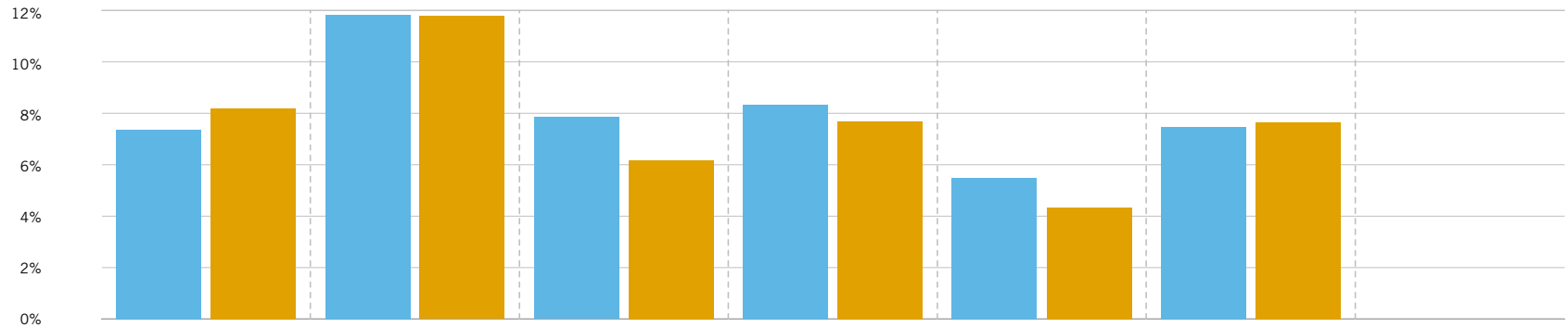


## TIME WEIGHTED PERFORMANCE SUMMARY - ADVISORY ASSETS ONLY

VSC Managed Accounts

As of June 30, 2017 | Reporting Currency: USD

### RETURN % (NET OF FEES) VS. BENCHMARKS



	Year to Date 12/31/16 - 06/30/17	Last 12 Months 06/30/16 - 06/30/17	Previous Year 12/31/15 - 12/30/16	Last 5 Years 06/30/12 - 06/30/17	Last 10 Years 06/30/07 - 06/30/17	Performance Inception 02/27/03 - 06/30/17
<b>Beginning Total Value</b>	<b>\$24,642,576.28</b>	<b>\$23,493,810.71</b>	<b>\$22,687,417.15</b>	<b>\$19,476,391.27</b>	<b>\$14,754,988.05</b>	<b>\$1,601,430.00</b>
Net Contributions/Withdrawals	1,202.26	185,418.31	184,475.20	-1,835,753.98	496,497.49	10,069,750.83
Investment Earnings	1,815,146.69	2,779,696.21	1,770,683.93	8,818,287.94	11,207,439.69	14,787,744.40
<b>Ending Total Value</b>	<b>\$26,458,925.22</b>	<b>\$26,458,925.22</b>	<b>\$24,642,576.28</b>	<b>\$26,458,925.22</b>	<b>\$26,458,925.22</b>	<b>\$26,458,925.22</b>
<b>Return % (Net of Fees)</b>	<b>7.37</b>	<b>11.83</b>	<b>7.85</b>	<b>8.33</b>	<b>5.49</b>	<b>7.46</b>
<b>65 MSCI ACWI 35 BC Agg</b>	<b>8.18</b>	<b>11.77</b>	<b>6.17</b>	<b>7.69</b>	<b>4.33</b>	<b>7.64</b>

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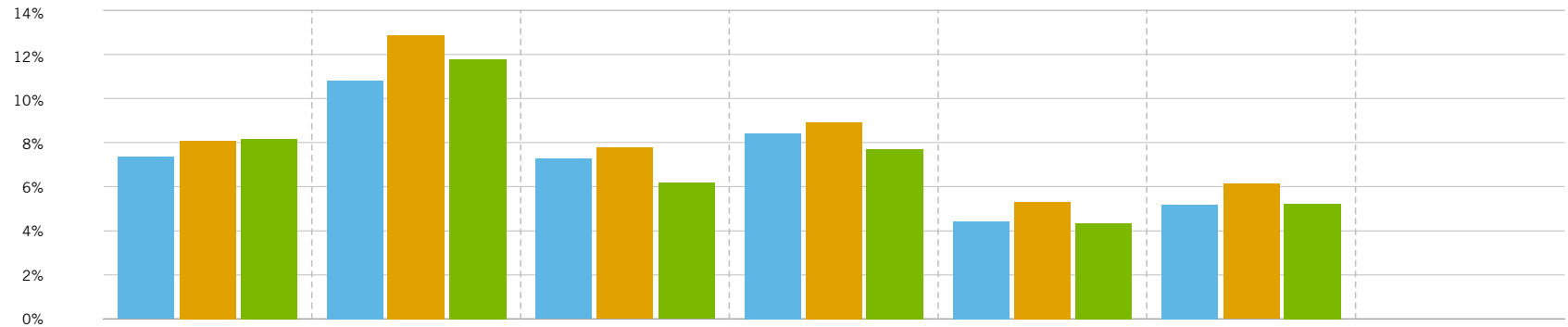
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## TIME WEIGHTED PERFORMANCE SUMMARY - ADVISORY ASSETS ONLY

VERMONT STATE COLLEGES 383-108872 - Consulting Group Advisor

As of June 30, 2017 | Reporting Currency: USD

### RETURN % (NET OF FEES) VS. BENCHMARKS



	Year to Date 12/31/16 - 06/30/17	Last 12 Months 06/30/16 - 06/30/17	Previous Year 12/31/15 - 12/30/16	Last 5 Years 06/30/12 - 06/30/17	Last 10 Years 06/30/07 - 06/30/17	Performance Inception 04/21/06 - 06/30/17
<b>Beginning Total Value</b>	<b>\$15,535,849.90</b>	<b>\$14,831,728.79</b>	<b>\$14,276,291.83</b>	<b>\$10,499,496.38</b>	<b>\$7,085,893.02</b>	<b>\$6,166,191.00</b>
Net Contributions/Withdrawals	1,722,645.08	1,954,556.48	229,880.59	2,930,637.72	5,355,518.82	5,387,661.02
Investment Earnings	1,190,131.86	1,662,341.56	1,029,677.47	5,018,492.73	6,007,214.99	6,894,774.81
<b>Ending Total Value</b>	<b>\$18,448,626.83</b>	<b>\$18,448,626.83</b>	<b>\$15,535,849.90</b>	<b>\$18,448,626.83</b>	<b>\$18,448,626.83</b>	<b>\$18,448,626.83</b>
<b>Return % (Net of Fees)</b>	<b>7.34</b>	<b>10.82</b>	<b>7.27</b>	<b>8.41</b>	<b>4.42</b>	<b>5.19</b>
<b>Custom Account Index</b>	<b>8.07</b>	<b>12.88</b>	<b>7.76</b>	<b>8.91</b>	<b>5.30</b>	<b>6.12</b>
<b>65 MSCI ACWI 35 BC Agg</b>	<b>8.18</b>	<b>11.77</b>	<b>6.17</b>	<b>7.69</b>	<b>4.33</b>	<b>5.23</b>

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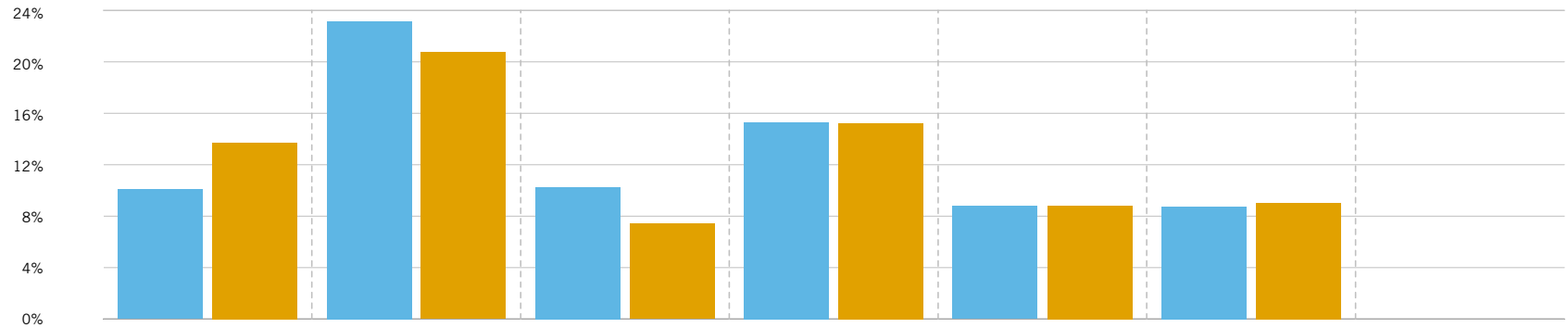
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## TIME WEIGHTED PERFORMANCE SUMMARY - ADVISORY ASSETS ONLY

VERMONT STATE COLLEGES 383-110533 - ClearBridge Multi Growth

As of June 30, 2017 | Reporting Currency: USD

### RETURN % (NET OF FEES) VS. BENCHMARKS



	Year to Date 12/31/16 - 06/30/17	Last 12 Months 06/30/16 - 06/30/17	Previous Year 12/31/15 - 12/30/16	Last 5 Years 06/30/12 - 06/30/17	Last 10 Years 06/30/07 - 06/30/17	Performance Inception 04/21/06 - 06/30/17
<b>Beginning Total Value</b>	<b>\$2,366,853.68</b>	<b>\$2,114,890.03</b>	<b>\$2,146,181.43</b>	<b>\$1,279,284.49</b>	<b>\$1,272,130.49</b>	<b>\$1,040,220.00</b>
Net Contributions/Withdrawals	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-310,000.00	-200,720.16
Investment Earnings	238,134.97	490,098.62	220,672.25	1,325,704.16	1,642,858.16	1,765,488.81
<b>Ending Total Value</b>	<b>\$2,604,988.65</b>	<b>\$2,604,988.65</b>	<b>\$2,366,853.68</b>	<b>\$2,604,988.65</b>	<b>\$2,604,988.65</b>	<b>\$2,604,988.65</b>
<b>Return % (Net of Fees)</b>	<b>10.06</b>	<b>23.17</b>	<b>10.28</b>	<b>15.28</b>	<b>8.78</b>	<b>8.74</b>
<b>Russell 3000 Gr</b>	<b>13.69</b>	<b>20.72</b>	<b>7.39</b>	<b>15.21</b>	<b>8.82</b>	<b>9.01</b>

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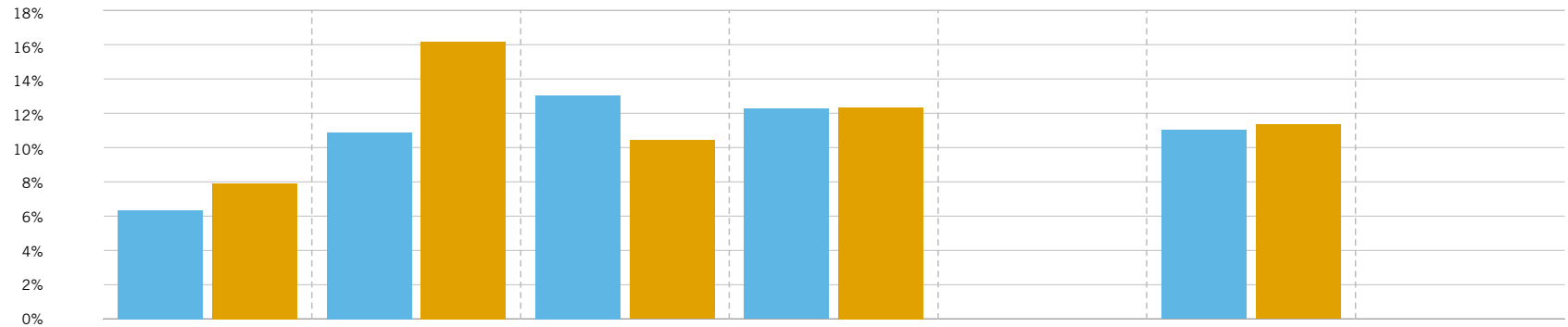
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## TIME WEIGHTED PERFORMANCE SUMMARY - ADVISORY ASSETS ONLY

VERMONT STATE COLLEGES 383-122584 - ThomasPartners

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### RETURN % (NET OF FEES) VS. BENCHMARKS



	Year to Date 12/31/16 - 06/30/17	Last 12 Months 06/30/16 - 06/30/17	Previous Year 12/31/15 - 12/30/16	Last 5 Years 06/30/12 - 06/30/17	Last 10 Years 06/30/07 - 06/30/17	Performance Inception 03/13/12 - 06/30/17
<b>Beginning Total Value</b>	<b>\$2,365,048.22</b>	<b>\$2,268,563.81</b>	<b>\$2,092,143.31</b>	<b>\$2,004,337.54</b>	-	<b>\$2,052,342.00</b>
Net Contributions/Withdrawals	0.00	0.00	0.00	-900,000.00	-	-900,000.00
Investment Earnings	149,919.92	246,404.33	272,904.91	1,410,630.60	-	1,362,626.14
<b>Ending Total Value</b>	<b>\$2,514,968.14</b>	<b>\$2,514,968.14</b>	<b>\$2,365,048.22</b>	<b>\$2,514,968.14</b>	-	<b>\$2,514,968.14</b>
<b>Return % (Net of Fees)</b>	<b>6.34</b>	<b>10.86</b>	<b>13.04</b>	<b>12.25</b>	-	<b>11.01</b>
<b>Russell 3000 Price Return</b>	<b>7.89</b>	<b>16.19</b>	<b>10.41</b>	<b>12.33</b>	-	<b>11.34</b>

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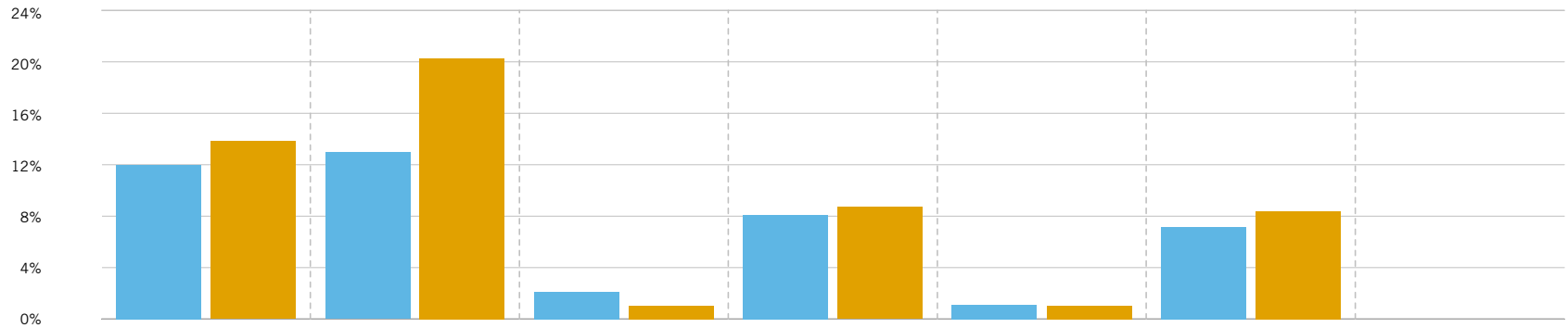
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## TIME WEIGHTED PERFORMANCE SUMMARY - ADVISORY ASSETS ONLY

VERMONT STATE COLLEGES 383-108874 - Delaware Intl ADR -London

As of June 30, 2017 | Reporting Currency: USD

### RETURN % (NET OF FEES) VS. BENCHMARKS



	Year to Date 12/31/16 - 06/30/17	Last 12 Months 06/30/16 - 06/30/17	Previous Year 12/31/15 - 12/30/16	Last 5 Years 06/30/12 - 06/30/17	Last 10 Years 06/30/07 - 06/30/17	Performance Inception 02/27/03 - 06/30/17
<b>Beginning Total Value</b>	<b>\$1,098,883.19</b>	<b>\$1,139,999.60</b>	<b>\$1,126,018.49</b>	<b>\$827,666.14</b>	<b>\$1,167,929.19</b>	<b>\$806,021.00</b>
Net Contributions/Withdrawals	0.00	-50,000.00	-50,000.00	49,972.03	-44,999.60	-904,770.76
Investment Earnings	131,719.91	140,603.51	22,864.70	352,964.94	107,673.52	1,329,352.87
<b>Ending Total Value</b>	<b>\$1,230,603.11</b>	<b>\$1,230,603.11</b>	<b>\$1,098,883.19</b>	<b>\$1,230,603.11</b>	<b>\$1,230,603.11</b>	<b>\$1,230,603.11</b>
<b>Return % (Net of Fees)</b>	<b>11.99</b>	<b>12.97</b>	<b>2.13</b>	<b>8.12</b>	<b>1.11</b>	<b>7.15</b>
<b>MSCI EAFE Net</b>	<b>13.81</b>	<b>20.27</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>8.70</b>	<b>1.03</b>	<b>8.39</b>

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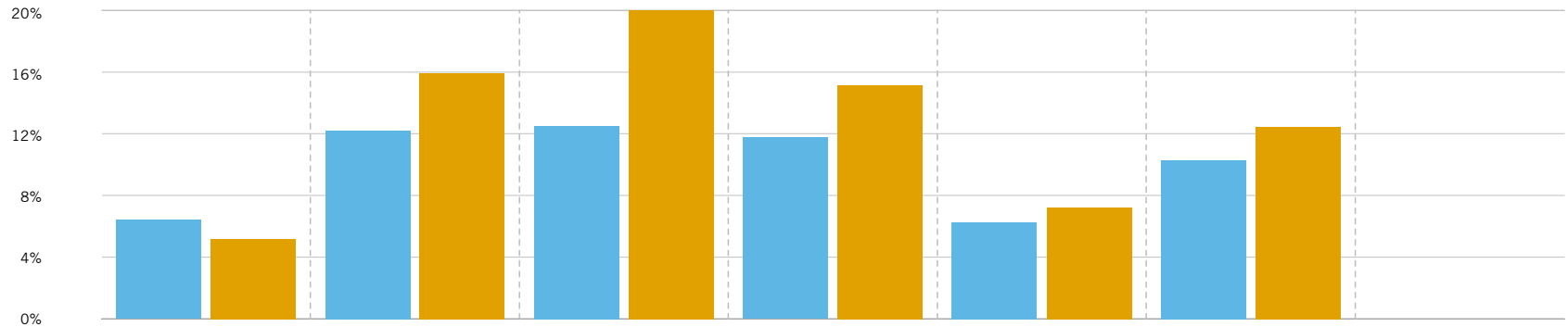
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## TIME WEIGHTED PERFORMANCE SUMMARY - ADVISORY ASSETS ONLY

VERMONT STATE COLLEGES 383-108918 - Anchor Mid Cap Value

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### RETURN % (NET OF FEES) VS. BENCHMARKS



	Year to Date 12/31/16 - 06/30/17	Last 12 Months 06/30/16 - 06/30/17	Previous Year 12/31/15 - 12/30/16	Last 5 Years 06/30/12 - 06/30/17	Last 10 Years 06/30/07 - 06/30/17	Performance Inception 02/27/03 - 06/30/17
<b>Beginning Total Value</b>	<b>\$792,037.51</b>	<b>\$751,122.94</b>	<b>\$704,073.24</b>	<b>\$483,784.69</b>	<b>\$697,254.52</b>	<b>\$795,409.00</b>
Net Contributions/Withdrawals	-200,000.00	-200,000.00	0.00	-200,000.00	-450,000.00	-1,479,300.32
Investment Earnings	47,675.39	88,589.96	87,964.27	355,928.21	392,458.38	1,323,604.22
<b>Ending Total Value</b>	<b>\$639,712.90</b>	<b>\$639,712.90</b>	<b>\$792,037.51</b>	<b>\$639,712.90</b>	<b>\$639,712.90</b>	<b>\$639,712.90</b>
<b>Return % (Net of Fees)</b>	<b>6.42</b>	<b>12.22</b>	<b>12.49</b>	<b>11.75</b>	<b>6.26</b>	<b>10.26</b>
<b>Russell Midcap Value</b>	<b>5.18</b>	<b>15.93</b>	<b>20.00</b>	<b>15.15</b>	<b>7.24</b>	<b>12.42</b>

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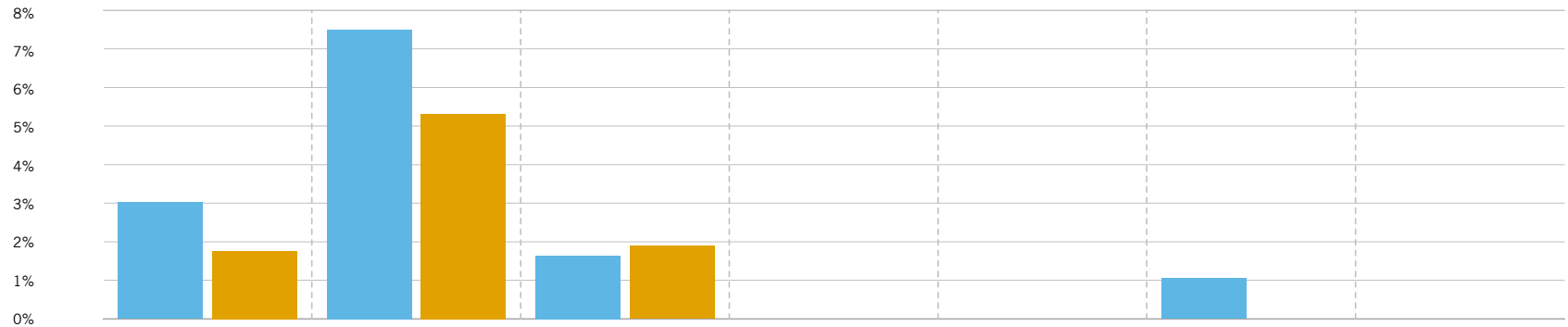
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## TIME WEIGHTED PERFORMANCE SUMMARY - ADVISORY ASSETS ONLY

IRONWOOD 383-020918 - Alternative Investments Advisory

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### RETURN % (NET OF FEES) VS. BENCHMARKS



	Year to Date 12/31/16 - 06/30/17	Last 12 Months 06/30/16 - 06/30/17	Previous Year 12/31/15 - 12/30/16	Last 5 Years 06/30/12 - 06/30/17	Last 10 Years 06/30/07 - 06/30/17	Performance Inception 05/21/15 - 06/30/17
<b>Beginning Total Value</b>	<b>\$512,553.17</b>	<b>\$490,056.88</b>	<b>\$501,853.14</b>	-	-	<b>\$0.00</b>
Net Contributions/Withdrawals	1,161.16	2,359.27	2,376.24	-	-	517,569.70
Investment Earnings	15,527.93	36,826.11	8,323.79	-	-	11,672.56
<b>Ending Total Value</b>	<b>\$529,242.26</b>	<b>\$529,242.26</b>	<b>\$512,553.17</b>	-	-	<b>\$529,242.26</b>
<b>Return % (Net of Fees)</b>	<b>3.02</b>	<b>7.50</b>	<b>1.64</b>	-	-	<b>1.05</b>
<b>HFRI FOF Conservative</b>	<b>1.75</b>	<b>5.32</b>	<b>1.89</b>	-	-	-

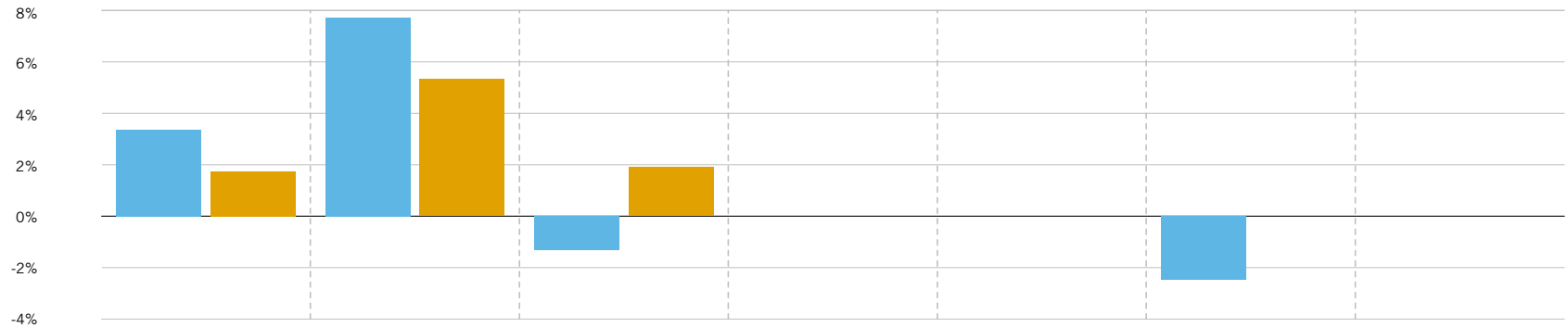
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## TIME WEIGHTED PERFORMANCE SUMMARY - ADVISORY ASSETS ONLY

SKYBRIDGE 383-020919 - Alternative Investments Advisory

As of June 30, 2017 | Reporting Currency: USD

### RETURN % (NET OF FEES) VS. BENCHMARKS



	Year to Date 12/31/16 - 06/30/17	Last 12 Months 06/30/16 - 06/30/17	Previous Year 12/31/15 - 12/30/16	Last 5 Years 06/30/12 - 06/30/17	Last 10 Years 06/30/07 - 06/30/17	Performance Inception 05/21/15 - 06/30/17
<b>Beginning Total Value</b>	<b>\$473,724.84</b>	<b>\$453,549.95</b>	<b>\$477,753.67</b>	-	-	<b>\$0.00</b>
Net Contributions/Withdrawals	1,074.18	2,180.72	2,218.37	-	-	516,908.76
Investment Earnings	15,984.31	35,052.66	-6,247.20	-	-	-26,125.43
<b>Ending Total Value</b>	<b>\$490,783.33</b>	<b>\$490,783.33</b>	<b>\$473,724.84</b>	-	-	<b>\$490,783.33</b>
<b>Return % (Net of Fees)</b>	<b>3.37</b>	<b>7.71</b>	<b>-1.32</b>	-	-	<b>-2.46</b>
<b>HFRI FOF Conservative</b>	<b>1.75</b>	<b>5.32</b>	<b>1.89</b>	-	-	<b>-</b>

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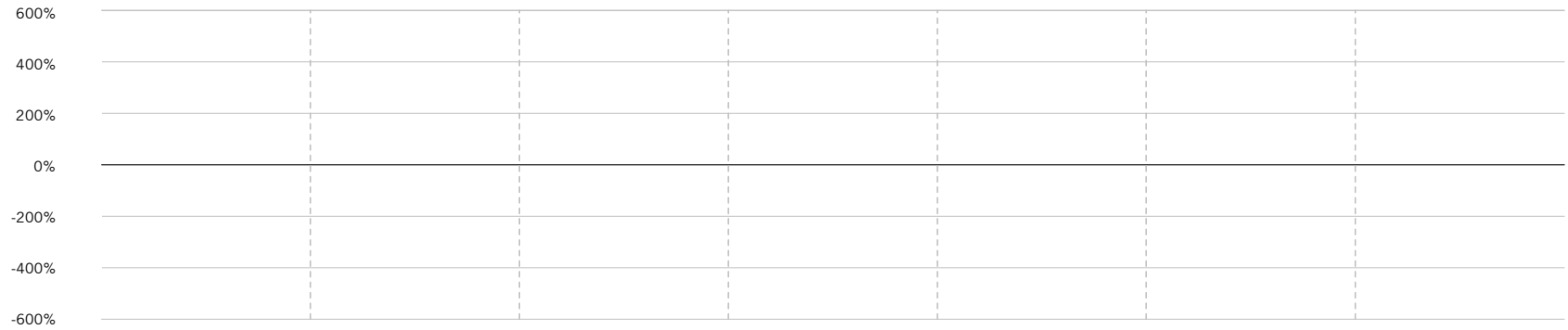


## TIME WEIGHTED PERFORMANCE SUMMARY - ADVISORY ASSETS ONLY

VERMONT STATE COLLEGES 383-108920 - AAA

As of June 30, 2017 | Reporting Currency: USD

### RETURN % (NET OF FEES) VS. BENCHMARKS



	Year to Date 12/31/16 - 06/30/17	Last 12 Months 06/30/16 - 06/30/17	Previous Year 12/31/15 - 12/30/16	Last 5 Years 06/30/12 - 06/30/17	Last 10 Years 06/30/07 - 06/30/17	Performance Inception 02/28/03 - 06/30/17
<b>Beginning Total Value</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net Contributions/Withdrawals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment Earnings	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Ending Total Value</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Return % (Net of Fees)</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>BC Gov/Cr Intm</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Barclays Govt/Credit Bond</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>90-Day T-Bills</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-

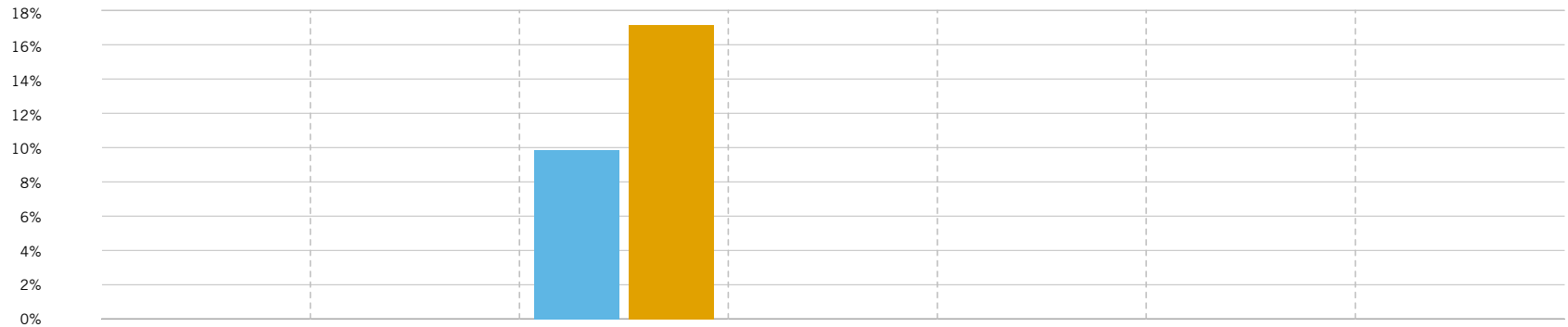
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# TIME WEIGHTED PERFORMANCE SUMMARY - ADVISORY ASSETS ONLY

VERMONT STATE COLLEGES 383-110534 - AAA

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## RETURN % (NET OF FEES) VS. BENCHMARKS



	Year to Date 12/31/16 - 06/30/17	Last 12 Months 06/30/16 - 06/30/17	Previous Year 12/31/15 - 12/30/16	Last 5 Years 06/30/12 - 06/30/17	Last 10 Years 06/30/07 - 06/30/17	Performance Inception 04/21/06 - 06/30/17
<b>Beginning Total Value</b>	-	-	<b>\$1,363,102.03</b>	-	-	-
Net Contributions/Withdrawals	-	-	0.00	-	-	-
Investment Earnings	-	-	134,523.74	-	-	-
<b>Ending Total Value</b>	-	-	<b>\$1,497,625.77</b>	-	-	-
<b>Return % (Net of Fees)</b>	-	-	<b>9.86</b>	-	-	-
<b>BC Corp High Yield TR</b>	-	-	<b>17.13</b>	-	-	-

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While the HFRI indices are frequently used, they have limitations (some of which are typical of other widely used indices). These limitations include survivorship bias (the returns of the indices may not be representative of all the hedge funds in the universe because of the tendency of lower performing funds to leave the index); heterogeneity (not all hedge funds are alike or comparable to one another, and the index may not accurately reflect the performance of a described style); and limited data (many hedge funds do not report to indices, and the index may omit funds, the inclusion of which might significantly affect the performance shown). The HFRI indices are based on information self-reported by hedge fund managers that decide on their own, at any time, whether or not they want to provide, or continue to provide, information to HFR Asset Management, L.L.C. Results for funds that go out of business are included in the index until the date that they cease operations. Therefore, these indices may not be complete or accurate representations of the hedge fund universe, and may be biased in several ways.

It should be noted that the majority of hedge fund indexes are comprised of hedge fund manager returns. This is in contrast to traditional indexes, which are comprised of individual securities in the various market segments they represent and offer complete transparency as to membership and construction methodology. As such, some believe that hedge fund index returns have certain biases that are not present in traditional indexes. Some of these biases inflate index performance, while others may skew performance negatively. However, many studies indicate that overall hedge fund index performance has been biased to the upside. Some studies suggest performance has been inflated by up to 260 basis points or more annually depending on the types of biases included and the time period studied. Although there are numerous potential biases that could affect hedge fund returns, we identify some of the more common ones throughout this paper. Self-selection bias results when certain manager returns are not included in the index returns and may result in performance being skewed up or down. Because hedge funds are private placements, hedge fund managers are able to decide which fund returns they want to report and are able to opt out of reporting to the various databases. Certain hedge fund managers may choose only to report returns for funds with strong returns and opt out of reporting returns for weak performers. Other hedge funds that close may decide to stop reporting in order to retain secrecy, which may cause a downward bias in returns. Survivorship bias results when certain constituents are removed from an index. This often results from the closure of funds due to poor performance, "blow ups," or other such events. As such, this bias typically results in performance being skewed higher. As noted, hedge fund index performance biases can result in positive or negative skew. However, it would appear that the skew is more often positive. While it is difficult to quantify the effects precisely, investors should be aware that idiosyncratic factors may be giving hedge fund index returns an artificial "lift" or upwards bias.

**Hedge Funds of Funds** and many funds of funds are private investment vehicles restricted to certain qualified private and institutional investors. They are often speculative and include a high degree of risk. Investors can lose all or a substantial amount of their investment. They may be highly illiquid, can engage in leverage and other speculative practices that may increase volatility and the risk of loss, and may be subject to large investment minimums and initial lockups. They involve complex tax structures, tax-inefficient investing and delays in distributing important tax information. Categorically, hedge funds and funds of funds have higher fees and expenses than traditional investments, and such fees and expenses can lower the returns achieved by investors. Funds of funds have an additional layer of fees over and above hedge fund fees that will offset returns. An investment in an **exchange-traded fund** involves risks similar to those of investing in a broadly based portfolio of equity securities traded on an exchange in the relevant securities market, such as market fluctuations caused by such factors as economic and political developments, changes in interest rates and perceived trends in stock and bond prices. An investment in a **target date portfolio** is subject to the risks attendant to the underlying funds in which it invests, in these portfolios the funds are the Consulting Group Capital Market funds. A target date portfolio is geared to investors who will retire and/or require income at an approximate year. The portfolio is managed to meet the investor's goals by the pre-established year or "target date." A target date portfolio will transition its invested assets from a more aggressive portfolio to a more conservative portfolio as the target date draws closer. An investment in the target date portfolio is not guaranteed at any time, including, before or after the target date is reached. **Managed futures** investments are speculative, involve a high degree of risk, use significant leverage, are generally illiquid, have substantial charges, subject investors to conflicts of interest, and are suitable only for the risk capital portion of an investor's portfolio. Managed futures investments do not replace equities or bonds but rather may act as a complement in a well diversified portfolio. Managed Futures are complex and not appropriate for all investors. **Rebalancing** does not protect against a loss in declining financial markets. There may be a potential tax implication with a rebalancing strategy. **Asset allocation and diversification** do not assure a profit or protect against loss in declining financial markets. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Actual results may vary.

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The benchmark indices for these asset classes are not issued on a daily basis. When calculating model performance on a day for which no benchmark index data is issued, we have assumed straight line growth between the index levels issued before and after that date. **FEES REDUCE THE PERFORMANCE OF ACTUAL ACCOUNTS:** None of the fees or other expenses (e.g. commissions, mark-ups, mark-downs, fees) associated with actual trading or accounts are reflected in the GIC Asset Allocation Models. The GIC Asset Allocation Models and any model performance included in this presentation are intended as educational materials. Were a client to use these models in connection with investing, any investment decisions made would be subject to transaction and other costs which, when compounded over a period of years, would decrease returns. 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All guarantees, including optional benefits, are based on the financial strength and claims-paying ability of the issuing insurance company and do not apply to the underlying investment options. Optional riders may not be able to be purchased in combination and are available at an additional cost. Some optional riders must be elected at time of purchase. Optional riders may be subject to specific limitations, restrictions, holding periods, costs, and expenses as specified by the insurance company in the annuity contract. If you are investing in a **variable annuity** through a tax-advantaged retirement plan such as an IRA, you will get no additional tax advantage from the variable annuity. Under these circumstances, you should only consider buying a variable annuity because of its other features, such as lifetime income payments and death benefits protection. Taxable distributions (and certain deemed distributions) are subject to ordinary income tax and, if taken prior to age 59½, may be subject to a 10% federal income tax penalty. Early withdrawals will reduce the death benefit and cash surrender value. **Equity securities** may fluctuate in response to news on companies, industries, market conditions and general economic environment. **Ultrashort-term fixed income** asset class is comprised of fixed income securities with high quality, very short maturities. They are therefore subject to the risks associated with debt securities such as credit and interest rate risk. **Master Limited Partnerships (MLPs):** Individual MLPs are publicly traded partnerships that have unique risks related to their structure. These include, but are not limited to, their reliance on the capital markets to fund growth, adverse ruling on the current tax treatment of distributions (typically mostly tax deferred), and commodity volume risk. The potential tax benefits from investing in MLPs depend on their being treated as partnerships for federal income tax purposes and, if the MLP is deemed to be a corporation, then its income would be subject to federal taxation at the entity level, reducing the amount of cash available for distribution to the fund which could result in a reduction of the fund's value. MLPs carry interest rate risk and may underperform in a rising interest rate environment. **Investing in commodities** entails significant risks. Commodity prices may be affected by a variety of factors at any time, including but not limited to, (i) changes in supply and demand relationships, (ii) governmental programs and policies, (iii) national and international political and economic events, war and terrorist events, (iv) changes in interest and exchange rates, (v) trading activities in commodities and related contracts, (vi) pestilence, technological change and weather, and (vii) the price volatility of a commodity. 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distortions or other disruptions due to various factors, including lack of liquidity, participation of speculators and government intervention. **Physical precious metals** are non-regulated products. Precious metals are speculative investments, which may experience short-term and long term price volatility. The value of precious metals investments may fluctuate and may appreciate or decline, depending on market conditions. Unlike bonds and stocks, precious metals do not make interest or dividend payments. Therefore, precious metals may not be suitable for investors who require current income. Precious metals are commodities that should be safely stored, which may impose additional costs on the investor. **REITs** investing risks are similar to those associated with direct investments in real estate: property value fluctuations, lack of liquidity, limited diversification and sensitivity to economic factors such as interest rate changes and market recessions. Risks of **private real estate** include: illiquidity; a long-term investment horizon with a limited or nonexistent secondary market; lack of transparency; volatility (risk of loss); and leverage. Principal is returned on a monthly basis over the life of a **mortgage-backed security**. Principal prepayment can significantly affect the monthly income stream and the maturity of any type of MBS, including standard MBS, CMOs and Lottery Bonds. **Asset-backed securities** generally decrease in value as a result of interest rate increases, but may benefit less than other fixed-income securities from declining interest rates, principally because of prepayments. **Yields** are subject to change with economic conditions. Yield is only one factor that should be considered when making an investment decision. **Credit ratings** are subject to change. The majority of \$25 and \$1000 par **preferred securities** are "callable" meaning that the issuer may retire the securities at specific prices and dates prior to maturity. Interest/dividend payments on certain preferred issues may be deferred by the issuer for periods of up to 5 to 10 years, depending on the particular issue. The investor would still have income tax liability even though payments would not have been received. Price quoted is per \$25 or \$1,000 share, unless otherwise specified. Current yield is calculated by multiplying the coupon by par value divided by the market price. The initial interest rate on a **floating-rate security** may be lower than that of a fixed-rate security of the same maturity because investors expect to receive additional income due to future increases in the floating security's underlying reference rate. The reference rate could be an index or an interest rate. However, there can be no assurance that the reference rate will increase. Some floating-rate securities may be subject to call risk. The market value of **convertible bonds** and the underlying common stock(s) will fluctuate and after purchase may be worth more or less than original cost. If sold prior to maturity, investors may receive more or less than their original purchase price or maturity value, depending on market conditions. Callable bonds may be redeemed by the issuer prior to maturity. Additional call features may exist that could affect yield. Some \$25 or \$1000 par **preferred securities** are QDI (Qualified Dividend Income) eligible. Information on QDI eligibility is obtained from third party sources. The dividend income on QDI eligible preferreds qualifies for a reduced tax rate. Many traditional 'dividend paying' perpetual preferred securities (traditional preferreds with no maturity date) are QDI eligible. In order to qualify for the preferential tax treatment all qualifying preferred securities must be held by investors for a minimum period – 91 days during a 180 day window period, beginning 90 days before the ex-dividend date. Companies paying **dividends** can reduce or cut payouts at any time. **Nondiversification**: For a portfolio that holds a concentrated or limited number of securities, a decline in the value of these investments would cause the portfolio's overall value to decline to a greater degree than a less concentrated portfolio. The **indices selected by Morgan Stanley Wealth Management** to measure performance are representative of broad asset classes. Morgan Stanley Wealth Management retains the right to change representative indices at any time. Because of their narrow focus, **sector investments** tend to be more volatile than investments that diversify across many sectors and companies. **Growth investing** does not guarantee a profit or eliminate risk. The stocks of these companies can have relatively high valuations. Because of these high valuations, an investment in a growth stock can be more risky than an investment in a company with more modest growth expectations. **Value investing** does not guarantee a profit or eliminate risk. Not all companies whose stocks are considered to be value stocks are able to turn their business around or successfully employ corrective strategies which would result in stock prices that do not rise as initially expected. Any type of **continuous or periodic investment plan** does not assure a profit and does not protect against loss in declining markets. Since such a plan involves continuous investment in securities regardless of fluctuating price levels of such securities, the investor should consider his financial ability to continue his purchases through periods of low price levels. **Duration**, the most commonly used measure of bond risk, quantifies the effect of changes in interest rates on the price of a bond or bond portfolio. The longer the duration, the more sensitive the bond or portfolio would be to changes in interest rates. This material is disseminated in the United States of America by Morgan Stanley Smith Barney LLC. Morgan Stanley Wealth Management is not acting as a municipal advisor to any municipal entity or obligated person within the meaning of Section 15B of the Securities Exchange Act (the "Municipal Advisor Rule") and the opinions or views contained herein are not intended to be, and do not constitute, advice within the meaning of the Municipal Advisor Rule. 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## GENERAL DEFINITIONS

**Dollar-Weighted Return (Internal Rate of Return)**: A return calculation that measures the actual performance of a portfolio over the reporting period. Since dollar weighted returns include the impact of client contributions and withdrawals, they should not be compared to market indices or used to evaluate the performance of a manager, but can be used to evaluate progress toward investment goals.

**Investment Earnings**: A combination of the income received and total portfolio value increase or decrease, excluding net contributions and withdrawals, over the reporting period.

**Net Contributions/Withdrawals**: The net value of cash and securities contributed to or withdrawn from the account(s) during the reporting period. Net contributions and withdrawals may include advisory fees for advisory accounts.

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**Net of Fees:** Performance results depicted as "net" of fees shall mean that any wrap fee, investment management fees, trade commissions, and/or other account fees have been deducted. Any other fees or expenses associated with the account, such as third party custodian fees, may not have been deducted. Please see the Morgan Stanley Smith Barney LLC Form ADV Part 2 Brochure for advisory accounts and/or any applicable brokerage account trade confirmation statements for a full disclosure of the applicable charges, fees and expenses. Your Financial Advisor will provide those documents to you upon request.

**Time-Weighted Return:** A return calculation that measures the investment performance of a portfolio over the reporting period. Time weighted returns do not include the impact of client contributions and withdrawals and therefore, may not reflect the actual rate of return the client received. Time weighted returns isolate investment actions and can be compared to benchmarks and used to evaluate the performance of a manager.

**Total Value:** Total Value represents the Market Value of the portfolio or of a given Asset Class inclusive of interest and dividend accruals. Total Value for Asset Allocation before January 2014 does not include accruals. Total Value for Morgan Stanley & Co. and Externally Held accounts may not include accruals.

**BENCHMARK DEFINITIONS**

**Custom Account Index:** The Custom Account Index is an investment benchmark based on your historical target allocations and/or manager selection that you may use to evaluate the performance of your account. The Custom Account index does take into consideration certain changes that may have occurred in your portfolio since the inception of your account, i.e., asset class and/or manager changes. However, in some circumstances, it may not be an appropriate benchmark for use with your specific account composition. For detailed report of the historical composition of this blend please contact your Financial Advisor.

**Custom Account Index:** 383108872 Custom Account Index. The current allocation began as of 04/30/2017, and is comprised of 24.00% BC Global Agg Hed, 01.00% Citi 90-Day Treasury, 09.00% HFRI Fund Weighted Comp, 66.00% MSCI AC World IMI Net.

**65 MSCI ACWI 35 BC Agg:** The current allocation is comprised of 35.00% Barclays Aggregate, 65.00% MSCI AC World Net.

**MSCI AC World Net:** The MSCI ACWI Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed and emerging markets. The MSCI ACWI consists of 46 country indexes comprising 23 developed and 23 emerging market country indexes. The developed market country indexes included are: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the United States. The emerging market country indexes included are: Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, Czech Republic, Egypt, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Russia, South Africa, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, and United Arab Emirates (as of June 2014). Net total return indices reinvest dividends after the deduction of withholding taxes, using (for international indices) a tax rate applicable to non-resident institutional investors who do not benefit from double taxation treaties. For historical return purposes the AC World gross returns are being used from 1/31/1988 to 12/31/1998 and the net returns begin as of 1/31/1999.

**Citi 90-Day Treasury:** Equal dollar amounts of three-month Treasury bills are purchased at the beginning of each of three consecutive months. As each bill matures, all proceeds are rolled over or reinvested in a new three-month bill. The income used to calculate the monthly return is derived by subtracting the original amount invested from the maturity value. The yield curve average is the basis for calculating the return on the index. The index is rebalanced monthly by market capitalization. The 90-Day Treasury Bill is a short-term obligation issued by the United States government. T-bills are purchased at a discount to the full face value, and the investor receives the full value when they mature. The difference of discount is the interest earned. T-bills are issued in denominations of \$10,000 auction and \$1,000 increments thereafter.

**BC Global Agg Hed:** The Barclays Global Aggregate Index provides a broad-based measure of the global investment-grade fixed income markets. The three major components of this index are the U.S. Aggregate, the Pan-European Aggregate, and the Asian-Pacific Aggregate Indices. The index also includes Eurodollar and Euro-Yen corporate bonds, Canadian government, agency and corporate securities, and USD investment grade 144A securities. This is the Hedged return.

**HFRI FOF Conservative:** Fund Of Funds (FOF) classified as "Conservative" exhibit one or more of the following characteristics: seeks consistent returns by primarily investing in funds that generally engage in more "conservative" strategies such as Equity Market Neutral, Fixed Income Arbitrage, and Convertible Arbitrage; exhibits a lower historical annual standard deviation than the HFRI Fund of

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Funds Composite Index. A fund in the HFRI FOF Conservative Index shows generally consistent performance regardless of market conditions. Returns for HFRI Indices are to be considered estimated returns for the previous stated quarter as HFRI may revise Index data from time to time, as necessary. Generally Final Index returns are made available by HFRI 4 months after a particular month end. Please contact your Financial Advisor for more information.

**BC Corp High Yield TR:** The Barclays U.S. High Yield Index covers the universe of fixed rate, non-investment grade debt. Eurobonds and debt issues from countries designated as emerging markets (sovereign rating of Baa1/BBB+/BBB+ and below using the middle of Moody, S&P, and Fitch) are excluded, but Canadian and global bonds (SEC registered) of issuers in non-EMG countries are included. Original issue zeroes, step-up coupon structures, 144-As and pay-in-kind bonds (PIKs, as of October 1, 2009) are also included. The corporate sectors are Industrial, Utility, and Finance, which include both U.S. and non-U.S. corporations.

**MSCI EAFE Net:** The MSCI EAFE Index -Europe, Australasia, Far East - is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed markets, excluding the US and Canada. The MSCI EAFE Index consists of the following 21 developed market country indexes: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom (as of June 2014). Net total return indices reinvest dividends after the deduction of withholding taxes, using (for international indices) a tax rate applicable to non-resident institutional investors who do not benefit from double taxation treaties.

**Goldman Sachs Commodity Tr:** The S&P GS Commodity Index (GSCI) is a composite index of commodity sector returns representing an unleveraged, long-only investment in commodity futures that is broadly diversified across the spectrum of commodities. The returns are calculated on a fully collateralized basis with full reinvestment.

**Russell 3000 Gr:** The Russell 3000 Growth Index is representative of those Russell 3000 Index companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values. The stocks in this index are also members of either the Russell 1000 Growth Index or the Russell 2000 Growth Index.

**Russell 2000 Gr:** The Russell 2000 Growth Index is representative of the U.S. market for smaller capitalization stocks containing those companies in the Russell 2000 Index with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth.

**Russell 2000 VL:** The Russell 2000 Value Index is representative of the U.S. market for smaller capitalization stocks containing those companies in the Russell 2000 Index with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth.

**MSCI AC World IMI Net:** The MSCI AC World IMI NT tracks the total return performance of the Investable Markets in the MS All Country World Index. The index is made up of 22 developed and 23 emerging markets as of 1/1/2015. This subset is calculated on a net dividend basis.

**BC Gov/Cr Intm:** The Barclays Government/Credit Bond Index contains bonds that are investment grade and that have at least one year to maturity. The Barclays Intermediate Government/Credit Bond Index is composed primarily of bonds covered by the Barclays Government/Credit Bond Index with maturities between one and 9.99 years.

**MSCI EM Net:** The MSCI Emerging Markets Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure equity market performance of emerging markets. The MSCI Emerging Markets Index consists of the following 23 emerging market country indexes: Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, Czech Republic, Egypt, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Russia, South Africa, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, and United Arab Emirates (as of June 2014). Net total return indices reinvest dividends after the deduction of withholding taxes, using (for international indices) a tax rate applicable to non-resident institutional investors who do not benefit from double taxation treaties.

**S&P 500 Total Return:** The S&P 500 has been widely regarded as the best single gauge of the large cap U.S. equities market since the index was first published in 1957. The index has over \$5.58 trillion benchmarked, with index assets comprising approximately \$1.31 trillion of this total. The index includes 500 leading companies in leading industries of the U.S. economy, capturing 75% coverage of U.S. equities. This index includes dividend reinvestment.

**90-Day T-Bills:** Equal dollar amounts of three-month Treasury bills are purchased at the beginning of each of three consecutive months. As each bill matures, all proceeds are rolled over or reinvested in a new three-month bill. The income used to calculate the monthly return is derived by subtracting the original amount invested from the maturity value. The yield curve average is the basis for calculating the return on the index. The index is rebalanced monthly by market capitalization. The 90-Day Treasury Bill is a short-term obligation issued by the United States government. T-bills are purchased at a discount to the full face value, and the investor receives the full value when they mature. The difference of discount is the interest earned. T-bills are issued in denominations of \$10,000

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auction and \$1,000 increments thereafter.

**Russell 3000 Price Return:** The Russell 3000 Index measures the performance of the 3,000 largest U.S. companies based on total market capitalization, which represents approximately 98% of the investable U.S. equity market. This is the Price Return.

**Russell Midcap Value:** The Russell Mid Cap Value Index contains Russell Midcap companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth values. The stocks are also members of the Russell 1000 Value Index.

**Russell Midcap Growth:** The Russell Mid Cap Growth Index contains Russell Midcap companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values. The stocks are also members of the Russell 1000 Growth Index.

**Russell 1000 Gr:** The Russell 1000 Growth Index is representative of the U.S. market for large capitalization stocks containing those companies in the Russell 1000 Index with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth.

**Russell 1000 VL:** The Russell 1000 Value Index is representative of the U.S. market for large capitalization stocks containing those companies in the Russell 1000 Index with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth.

**Citi Non-US WGBI Unhedged:** The Citigroup World Government Bond Index Unhedged, excluding the U.S. bond market. The index includes all fixed-rate bonds with a remaining maturity of one year or longer and with amounts outstanding of at least the equivalent of \$25 million U.S. Dollars. Those government securities that are excluded from the indices typically fall into three categories: floating- or variable-rate bonds (including index-linked bonds); securities aimed principally at non-institutional investors such as savings bonds in the United States and Canada; and private placement-type securities, where liquidity may be poor and where accurate information on outstandings, market coupon, and maturity structure may be difficult or impossible to obtain. This index is designed to directly address the growing interest in and implementation of currency-hedged bond investments by global investors as a means of achieving low-risk interest rate diversification in their portfolios.

**Barclays Govt/Credit Bond:** The Barclays Government/Credit Bond Index contains bonds that are investment grade and that have at least one year to maturity.

**HFRI Fund Weighted Comp:** HFRI Fund Weighted Composite Index: Hedge Fund Research (HFR) Fund Weighted Composite Index is an equally-weighted composite index including both domestic and offshore funds, with no Fund of Funds. The index includes over 2000 constituent funds. All funds report assets in USD and all funds report Net of All Fees returns on a monthly basis. Fund must have a least \$50 Million under management or have been actively trading for at least twelve(12) months.

**Barclays Aggregate:** The Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index is a broad-based flagship benchmark that measures the investment grade, US dollar-denominated, fixed-rate taxable bond market. The index includes Treasuries, government-related and corporate securities, MBS (agency fixed-rate and hybrid ARM pass-throughs), ABS and CMBS (agency and non-agency).

Item 4:  
Revised Draft Investment Policy

# INVESTMENT POLICY STATEMENT

For

The Endowed Funds of the

Vermont State Colleges

Amended  
September, 2014

**DRAFT**  
Amended and Restated  
March 31, 2017

**In RED**  
DRAFT as of  
March 31, 2017  
With amendments April  
4, 2017 Investment  
Sub -Committee  
Meeting and CFO.

## Purpose

The purpose of this Investment Policy Statement (the "IPS") is to assist the Vermont State Colleges (VSC) in effectively supervising, monitoring and evaluating the investment of the Endowed Funds of the VSC system. This IPS supports VSC Endowment Investment and Spending Policy #430.

The IPS represents the prudent investment process that implements the investment goals set by the Board of Trustees. The IPS sets forth the investment structure for managing assets, including appropriate asset classes, asset allocation and acceptable ranges. Together, these investment principles are expected to produce a sufficient level of overall diversification and total investment return over the long-term to meet the investment goals of the VSC.

The IPS is intended to comply with all applicable fiduciary, ethical and due diligence requirements that experienced investment professionals would employ. It will also adhere to all applicable laws, rules and regulations from various local, state, federal and international ~~political~~ governmental entities that may impact the Plan's assets. It seeks to be in full compliance with all aspects of the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act as adopted in the State of Vermont.

## Background

The VSC holds endowed funds to be managed for the benefit of VSC system. These assets are managed with a long-term time horizon of ten years or greater and are maintained and managed for perpetuity. Within this Investment Policy Statement these assets shall be referred to as the Fund.

## Duties and Responsibilities of Involved Parties

### The Vermont State Colleges Board of Trustees

The Board is responsible for setting overall Investment Policy and acting on advisory recommendations made by the Finance & Facilities Committee.

### The Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees

### The Finance & Facilities Committee of the Board of Trustees

The Finance & Facilities Committee shall be responsible for developing advisory recommendations to the Board. ~~of Trustees in the following areas:~~ The Finance & Facilities Committee may designate an Investment Subcommittee to assist in its responsibilities. These responsibilities include:

- Fiduciary oversight of the Fund.
- Investment objectives and policies of the Fund.
- Advising the Chancellor on the selection and retention of investment managers.



- Changes in investment policy, guidelines, and objectives.
- Responsibility to exercise all rights, including voting rights, as are acquired through the purchase of securities.

### The Chancellor

~~The Chancellor shall be responsible for developing the IPS, day-to-day communications with the Advisor, day-to-day oversight of the Fund, and making decisions not otherwise vested in the Board of Trustees.~~

~~The Chancellor may employ either investment managers that actively select securities or utilize index funds that passively track an appropriate benchmark index.~~

The Chancellor, or the Chief Financial Officer on behalf of the Chancellor, shall be responsible for implementing and monitoring the IPS, day-to-day oversight of the Fund, authorizing the selection and retention of investments or investment managers, day-to-day communications with the Advisor, authorizing actions as directed by the Board and making decisions not otherwise vested in the Board of Trustees.

### The Advisor

The Advisor is a Registered Investment Advisor and shall act as the investment advisor to the Board of Trustees, the Finance and Facilities Committee and the Chancellor until it is decided otherwise.

The Advisor, at the direction of the Chancellor or his designee, may employ either investment managers that actively select securities or utilize index funds or vehicles that passively track an appropriate benchmark index.

The Advisor shall be responsible for:

- Designing and implementing an appropriate asset allocation plan consistent with the investment objectives, time horizon, risk profile, guidelines and constraints outlined in this statement.
- Advising the Board of Trustees, Finance & Facilities Committee, and Chancellor about the selection of and the allocation of asset categories.
- Identifying specific assets and investment managers within each asset category.
- Providing "due diligence", or research, on the Investment Manager(s)
- Monitoring the performance of all selected assets the advisor consults to.
- Periodically reviewing the suitability of the investments for the Board of Trustees and/or Finance Committee.
- Being available to meet with the Board of Trustees and/or Finance & Facilities Committee at least four times each year.
- Being available at such other times within reason at the Board of Trustees and/or Finance Committee's request.
- Preparing and presenting appropriate reports.
- Assisting in the development and periodic review of investment policy.

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- Monitoring the performance of all selected assets the advisor consults to.
- Periodically reviewing the suitability of the investments and report to the Board of Trustees and/or Finance & Facilities Committee thereon.
- Being available to meet with the Board of Trustees and/or Finance & Facilities Committee at least four times each year.
- Being available at such other times within reason at the Board of Trustees and/or Finance & Facilities Committee's request.
- Preparing and presenting appropriate reports.
- Assisting in the development and periodic review of investment policy.

The Advisor shall not:

- Have discretionary control of the portfolio.
- Have authority to withdraw funds from the Fund's accounts, except to cover payment of previously agreed to fees or to rebalance the portfolio or at the Board of Trustees or its designee's specific direction.
- Change the investment policy, including the targeted strategic asset allocation, of the Fund without the Board of Trustees prior approval.

#### The Investment Manager(s)

Each Investment Manager will have full discretion to make all investment decisions for assets placed under its jurisdiction, while observing and operating within all policies, guidelines, constraints, and philosophies as outlined in this statement. Managers shall maintain the general investment style and risk level as stated at time of hiring unless VSC is specifically notified in advance otherwise. Specific responsibilities of the Investment Manager(s) include:

- Implementing discretionary investment management including decisions to buy, sell, or hold individual securities, and to alter asset allocation within the guidelines established in this statement.
- Reporting, on a timely basis, periodic investment performance results.
- Communicating any major changes in investment strategy or any other factor which might affect implementation of investment process.
- Informing the Advisor regarding any qualitative change to investment management organization: Examples include changes in portfolio management personnel, ownership structure, investment policy, etc.
- Voting proxies, unless otherwise directed by the Board of Trustees or the Chancellor.

## Selection of Investment Managers

The Chancellor **or his designee**, after the recommendation of the Advisor, will select appropriate investment managers to manage the fund assets. Managers must meet the following minimum criteria:

- Be a bank, insurance company, investment management company, or investment adviser as defined by the Registered Investment Advisers Act of 1940.
- Provide historical quarterly performance numbers calculated on a time-weighted basis, based on a composite of all fully discretionary accounts of comparable investments, and reported net and gross of fees.
- Provide performance evaluation reports prepared by an objective third party that illustrate the risk/return profile of the manager relative to other managers of like investment style.
- Provide detailed information on the history of the firm, key personnel, key clients, fee schedule, and support personnel. This information can be a copy of a recent Request for Proposal (RFP) completed by the manager.
- Clearly articulate the investment strategy that will be followed and document that the strategy has been successfully adhered to over time.
- Maintain minimum assets under management of \$250 million.

## **Plan Objectives and Time Horizon**

### Time Horizon

The investment time horizon of the Fund is ten years or greater, as the existence and obligations of the Plan are long term and ongoing. The Board of Trustees may alter this time horizon if factors change making shorter-term liquidity more important.

### Risk Tolerances

In establishing the market risk tolerances of the Plan, the ability to withstand short and intermediate term variability was analyzed. The Board of Trustees and Finance Committee recognize that "moderate" risk and volatility, including periods of portfolio declines, must be assumed in order to achieve the long-term investment objective of prudent capital appreciation.

As a general guideline, the assumed risk on Fund assets is targeted to be less than the projected volatility of U.S. domestic equities as measured by the Standard & Poor's 500 Stock Index and greater than a portfolio comprised of 50% of the Standard & Poor's 500 Stock Index and 50% the Barclay's Aggregate Bond Index.

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### Performance Expectations and Investment Objectives

The rate of return on the Fund is expected to meet or exceed the rate of return for the composite of 65%MSCI ACWI and 35% Barclay's Aggregate Bond Index. Over the long run, the investment goal for the fund is an average annual rate of return of 7½%. (We do not believe this to be a reasonable goal, at least over the next full market cycle. Our projections for a balanced portfolio are closer to 5%. Let's discuss possible adjustment or elimination of this target.)

### **Spending Policy**

~~The Board of Trustees has set the annual withdrawal and spending per college at 5% of the average annual portfolio value over the last three years. Actual spending will be limited by the amount of unspent earnings available at the time the spending allocation is made, unless the donor stipulates otherwise. Distributions from the Fund will be made as needed.~~

The Board of Trustees has set the annual maximum withdrawal and spending rate to be the lesser of 5% of the current market value or 5% of the average market value over the last three years. Actual spending will be limited by the amount of unspent earnings available at the time the spending allocation is made. Distributions from the Fund will be made as needed.

### **Strategic Asset Allocation**

Asset allocation of the Fund will be determined based on the time horizon, moderate risk tolerances, performance expectations and investment objectives. The structure of the portfolio will follow modern portfolio theory and attempts to maximize return while limiting risk over time. The current allocation grid is set forth in Exhibit A. The asset allocation will be reviewed from time to time, but no less frequently than once per year. The Board of Trustees may adjust the Target Strategic Allocation in order to meet fund objectives.

### **Rebalancing of Plan Assets**

The value of each asset class will change depending upon asset performance. When necessary and/or available, cash inflows/outflows will be deployed to rebalance the portfolio in a manner consistent with the Target Strategic Allocation of this IPS. Additionally, at the recommendation of the Advisor and with the approval of the Chancellor, the assets will be reviewed quarterly and rebalanced, in order to more closely align with the Target Strategic Allocation.

### **Asset Managers**

The Chancellor may employ either asset managers that actively select securities or utilize index funds that passively track an appropriate benchmark index.

### **Duties and Responsibilities of the Asset Managers**

The duties and responsibilities of each money manager or fund company retained by the Vermont State Colleges include the following:

- Managing the fund assets under its care, custody and/or control in accordance with the IPS objectives and guidelines set forth herein.
- Exercising investment discretion (including holding cash equivalents as an alternative) within the IPS objectives and guidelines set forth herein.
- **Passively tracking an appropriate benchmark index.**

### **Investment Policies and Guidelines for the Investment Managers**

Every investment manager selected to manage fund assets must adhere to the following investment policy and guidelines. If mutual funds are employed, only those that meet the following relevant criteria shall be selected:

- Equity holdings in any one company should not exceed more than ~~10%~~**3%** of the market value of the Plan's equity portfolio.
- The manager shall have the discretion to invest a portion of the assets in cash reserves when they deem appropriate. Cash is to be employed productively at all times by investment in short term cash equivalents to provide safety, liquidity and return. Nonetheless, the managers will be evaluated against their peers on the performance of the total funds under their direct management.

### **~~Prohibited Assets~~**

~~Private Placements  
Limited Partnerships  
Venture Capital Investments~~

### **Brokerage Policy**

All transactions effected for the Fund will be subject to the best price and execution.

### **Monitoring of Investment Managers**

Quarterly performance will be evaluated to monitor progress toward the attainment of longer-term targets. It is understood that there are likely to be short-term periods during which performance deviates from market indices. During such times, greater emphasis shall be placed on performance comparisons with managers employing similar styles.

On a timely basis the Advisor will assess each asset manager relative to the following:

- Overall adherence to the IPS guidelines.
- Material changes in the managers' organization, investment philosophy and/or personnel.
- Comparisons of the managers' results to appropriate indices and peer groups.
- Comparison of Up/Down market capture ratios.
- Other comparisons as agreed to by the Chancellor and the Advisor.

### **Review of this Investment Policy Statement**

The Finance and Facilities Committee will review these guidelines on an annual basis or in the interim whenever substantive changes to the guidelines are proposed by the Chancellor.

## EXHIBIT A

<u>Asset Allocation</u>	<u>Lower Limit</u>	<u>Target Strategic Allocation</u>	<u>Upper Limit</u>
Large Cap Equities	15%	24%	50%
Small/Mid Cap Growth Equities	3%	6%	10%
Small/Mid Cap Value Equities	3%	6%	10%
International Equities	10%	17%	25%
International Emerging Equities	0%	7%	15%
Domestic Fixed Income	10%	23%	45%
High Yield Fixed Income	0%	5%	8%
International Fixed Income	0%	4%	10%
Alternative Investments	0%	8%	15%
Cash	0%	0%	10%

With the individual asset class maximum and minimum thresholds notwithstanding, the following broad sector limits shall not be violated:

Maximums: Equities – 75%; Fixed Income/Cash – 55%; Alternative (~~Real Estate, Commodity~~) – 12%

Minimums: Equities – 40%; Fixed Income/Cash – 25%; Alternative (~~Real Estate, Commodity~~) – 0%

Evaluation Benchmarks

Individual investments with asset classes will be compared to the most appropriate benchmark including **but not limited to**:

Standard & Poor's 500 Stock Index  
 MSCI All Country World Index  
 Russell 1000 Large Capitalization Growth Index  
 Russell 1000 Large Capitalization Value Index  
 Russell 2000 Small Capitalization ~~Equity~~ Growth Index  
 Russell 2000 Small Capitalization Value Index  
 MSCI EAFE Index  
 MSCI Emerging Markets Index

Barclay's Aggregate Bond Index  
Barclay's High Yield Bond Index  
JPM Non-US Govt. Index  
HFRI Fund of Funds Index – Conservative **and/or Composite**  
Dow Jones Real Estate Index  
S&P GSCI

The most appropriate benchmark will be used to evaluate individual manager performance.



Item 5:  
Questions and Follow-Up Items from May 31 Meeting

## Finance and Facilities Committee Questions and Follow-Up Items from May 31 Meeting

1. Provide an appraisal of Northern Vermont University unification-related expenses that are not otherwise reported the in budgets for Johnson State or Lyndon State.
2. Provide an appraisal of the cost increases in the Chancellor's Office vs. benefits from consolidations to the Institutions.
3. What are the return on investment (ROI) target and other objectives for the \$250,000 the Chancellor's Office withheld from the FY2018 increase to the System's State appropriation?
4. What is the status of investments funded with OPEB monies collected during FY2013-15 returned during FY2015?
5. What are the potential impacts to Federal Funds decreases to (a) VSC directly, (b) students, (c) pressure on State of Vermont, (d) other?
6. What are impacts from lower State funding generally (e.g., due to E-Board revenue decreases)?
7. In addition to inter-System loans, what were the total approved loans or credit lines?
8. What is average net tuition price/tuition discount by Institution and System-level?
9. What is in-state and out-of-state student debt burden by Institution and System-level?
10. What is effect of limiting tuition to Vermont Average Wage Growth?
11. Is AIG stock still in portfolio, and what is/was impact on historical performance?
12. With respect to Fossil Free VSC's four (4) requests of the Board of Trustees:
  - a. What initiatives have Institutions already undertaken/are undertaking?
  - b. Solicit information from Morgan Stanley on SRI/low carbon investments.
  - c. What positive investments have TD Bank made?
13. Itemize FY2018 "windfalls," identify which are one-time vs. recurring, and provide a multi-year projection of impacts.
14. Confirm the last year the System was "in the black."
15. Confirm the definitive accounting treatment of the proceeds of VTC's sale of 44 Water Street, and any subsequent property sales.

## Item 6: Capital Projects Update

## **August 2017 VSC Finance & Facilities Meeting Capital Projects Update**

### **CCV Projects:**

- a) The CCV site located in St Albans completed its HVAC system upgrade this past spring. This CCV site had been struggling with HVAC issues for the past few years. The old HVAC system was original equipment, installed in 1992 and had out lived its design life. The new HVAC system was installed by Alliance Mechanical and has the ability to either heat or cool individual spaces as needed.
- b) The HVAC control system at the CCV Montpelier site was upgraded in early summer. The original control system operated on a java platform, which had many operational and security issues. The system was upgraded to an html platform that has improved security and operational features.
- c) The exterior of the CCV Upper Valley site was repainted this past summer. The building exterior had areas where the paint was faded and peeling, so our painting contractor touched up, repainted and caulked the exterior to give the facility a fresh look.

### **Castleton Projects:**

- a) In April, the Adams Hall sprinkler project was awarded to Quick Response Sprinkler for \$64,860. Construction began upon the completion of the spring semester and the sprinkler system was completely installed and operational by August 1<sup>st</sup>.
- b) Castleton also completed a couple other fire safety projects this summer. The fire alarm systems in the Fine Art Building and Stafford Hall were up-graded to meet the current fire safety code.
- c) Castleton repaved a number of areas on the east side of the campus this summer. A majority of the areas received a 2-inch asphalt overlay. The overlay areas were, Jeffords, Woodruff, and the Library parking lots. The existing pavement on the main drive was ground, graded and topped off with 3 inches of new asphalt. The Fine Arts parking lot pavement was also ground, repairs made to the gravel base, then regraded and paved with 3 inches of asphalt.
- d) A few additional projects were completed this summer on the Castleton campus. A number of areas received automatic door openers and a quit testing area was constructed. Also a number of areas received new carpeting, such as Leavenworth 1st floor, Jeffords classroom and corridors in Stafford Hall.

### **Lyndon Projects:**

- a) The last four Wheelock residence hall restroom upgrades were completed this summer. This project is a continuation of a multi-phase project where the restrooms were reconfigured, received new plumbing, plumbing fixtures and electrical. They also received new partitions, counter tops, wall and floor finishes.
- b) The exterior windows in the Activities science corridor are scheduled to be replaced starting August 21<sup>st</sup>. The existing windows have lost their thermal seals and have collected moisture giving them a cloudy appearance.
- c) The replacement of the SHAPE pool dehumidifier project was bid in early June and was awarded to Sorrell's Plumbing in Concord Vt. for \$175,547 The replacement unit has been ordered and is expected to be delivered the end of August and at which time Sorrell will start the installation.
- d) The Stevens Dining Hall grease trap replacement project is on track to be completed this coming October vacation. Replacement units have been ordered and are expected to be delivered in mid-September.
- e) Misc LSC projects completed this summer included the spot repair of a few of the campus walkways and roadways. This work was done to correct safety issues and hazardous conditions. Also completed this summer LSC completed some brick repair on Vail Hall. These types of brick repairs to Vail Hall been on going due to the building movement and density of the original brick.
- f) The LSC President's house roof has been scheduled for replacement in late August. This asphalt shingle roof is 20 years old and showing signs of failure.

### **Johnson Projects:**

- a) In early March, bids were requested for the installation of the Governors Sprinkler system. The project was awarded to Firetech Sprinkler Corp. of Colchester for \$163,000. Firetech mobilized and started work on the project immediately following commencement. Due to the construction of the building, Firetech was required to do an incredible amount of concrete core drilling to install the system. The system installation was completed, inspected and put in service on August 7.
- b) The Dibden Theater chiller replacement project is being designed and will be out to bid in early fall. It is anticipated that this project will be completed by December and the estimated cost of the project is \$100,000.
- c) In early March, J. Hutchins, Inc. of Richmond Vermont was awarded the JSC Walkway Reconstruction project for \$193,578. Hutchins started the reconstruction of the walkways immediately following commencement. The existing pavement was removed, repairs were done to the gravel base, drainage and manhole structures located in the walkways were repaired as needed, and finally the walkways were

repaved with 3 inches of asphalt. Despite the wet summer conditions, the project was completed in early July.

**Vermont Tech Projects:**

- a) In late spring a request for bids was issued for the replacement of the Nutting Hall student room and common space windows. The Glass Connection of Milton was awarded the bid for \$317,363. This bid also included the installation of Petrick panels on the exterior of the building to mask the removal of the old window system. The Glass Connection started the project immediately following commencement and was substantially completed by the July 29<sup>th</sup>. The replacement windows and the exterior panels significantly improve the appearance of the building.
- b) In mid-June the Judd Hall roofing project was released for bidding and Burrell Roofing of Williamstown was selected as our contractor. The cost of the re-roof and replacement of the insulation was \$206,000. Burrell started work on the roof in early July and was completed by the first of August.
- c) Another phase of the Randolph campus site lighting replacement project was completed this summer. This project replaced all the underground conduit, wire, light poles and fixtures on approximately 40 site lights. A number of storm water catch basins located adjacent to the walkways were also repaired or replaced. At this time, 35 of the original site lights remain and will be replaced in future phases. The cost for this project was approximately \$75,0000.
- d) A few flooring projects were also completed this summer. The SHAPE pool deck was repaired and retiled, the Clarke Hall computer labs received new carpets and the Green Hall Civil Lab entry was retiled this summer.
- e) The Morey Hall domestic hot water storage tanks are in the process of being replaced. At this time, the replacement tanks are on order and will be delivered in September. It is anticipated that the new tanks will installed during the October break.

**Item 7:**  
**FY2018 Committee Meeting Schedule**

**Finance and Facilities Committee  
Proposed Meeting Schedule for Fiscal Year 2018  
as of August 23, 2017**

Mtg #	Date	Topic Count	JSC-LSC Unification	System Consolidation / ERP	FY19 Budget Development	FY20 Tuition, Fees, Room & Board	Quarterly Results, Metrics	Appropriation Requests	Cash, Investments, Endowment	Debt Management	Capital Planning and Projects	Facilities Management	Grants and Gifts	Policies and Procedures	Special Topics
1	Wed, Aug 23, 2017	6					Q4 FY17 Results, reserves and system loans	Budget Adjustment and Appropriations Bills <b>due</b> mid-September	Regular quarterly report (per Policy 404)			Capital projects update		Review of draft revised Investment Policy	Review of Questions from May 31 (various topics)
	Wed, Sep 27, 2017 *	Meeting Cancelled; Board of Trustees Meeting to include update on Northern Vermont University, and presentation on Admissions and Enrollments													
2	Wed, Oct 25, 2017	8		Update on A/P and Accounting	Initial discussion informed by Q1 FY18 results		Review of official Fall 2017 Enrollment, Q1 FY18 Results	Capital appropriation request <b>due</b> mid-October		Debt "201" discussion	Capital projects list review	Deferred maintenance update			AGB Report update
3	Wed, Dec 6, 2017 *	5						Responses to Budget Adjustment Act (if any)	Regular quarterly report (per Policy 404)	Annual surveillance from S&P, rating update	<b>Vote</b> to approve capital projects list				VSC report (Act 85 Sec. E.101(c)) due to Legislature Jan 15
4	Mon, Jan 29, 2018	1					Q2 FY18 Results								
5	Mon, Feb 19, 2018 *	4			Preliminary FY19 Budgets discussed				Regular quarterly report (per Policy 404)					Investment policy annual review	AGB Report update
6	Mon, Apr 2, 2018	0													
7	Mon, Apr 30, 2018	3			Preliminary FY19 Budgets presented	Initial FY20 Tuition discussion	Q3 FY18 Results								
8	Wed, May 30, 2018	3			<b>Vote</b> on FY19 Budgets	Preliminary FY20 Tuition request			Regular quarterly report, Annual Banking & Investment <b>Resolution</b> (per Policy 404)						
9	Wed, Jun 20, 2018 *	2				<b>Vote</b> on FY20 Tuition									AGB Report update

\* Last meeting before quarterly Board of Trustees Meeting