

Asset Allocation

Income



Second Quarter 2025

Objective

Primarily focused on reliable income. Profile is similar to a diversified bond portfolio with a small portion allocated to equities, when appropriate.

Investment Philosophy

Asset allocation is a time-tested approach that addresses risk through diversification, while positioning portfolios to achieve growth, income, and other client-specific objectives. Confluence employs an *adaptive* approach to asset allocation that evaluates the investing landscape against the backdrop of the pending business cycle, as we recognize that risk levels and return potential rise and fall over market and economic cycles.

Through a disciplined, consensus-driven process, the Confluence team estimates the performance of 12 different asset classes in terms of risk, return, and yield looking forward three years. The intention is to remain within an acceptable risk profile, while changing the asset class mix to optimize return potential. Allocations are adjusted depending upon the investment committee's changing views of the marketplace and economy, utilizing over/underweights to focus on particular industry sectors, maturities, commodities, or countries. Confluence's Asset Allocation portfolios offer a broad spectrum of risk profiles and are implemented using exchange-traded funds (ETFs).

Overview

- Focus is reliable income with principal preservation; an element of long-term growth can be used to mitigate risk associated with inflation
- Majority of its allocation in fixed-income asset classes with the core being a ladder of target maturity ETFs, with each of the next 10 years representing a fixed percentage of assets
- A small portion of the portfolio may include real estate, equities, and commodities to contribute growth potential and diversification benefits
- Complementary strategy for investors in the distribution phase for their investments
- Strategy assets: \$48.9 million¹

¹ Strategy assets=\$2.0 million assets under management (AUM) + \$46.9 million assets under advisement (AUA); as of 12/31/24.

Overall Morningstar Rating™



Among 441 separate accounts in the Moderately Conservative Allocation category. This separate account was rated 2 stars/441 separate accounts (3 years), 4 stars/398 separate accounts (5 years) based on risk-adjusted returns. As of 12/31/24. Confluence provides compensation to Morningstar, Inc. for use of their analytics and permission to publish these ratings.⁷

Current Holdings²

(As of 4/16/2025 rebalance)

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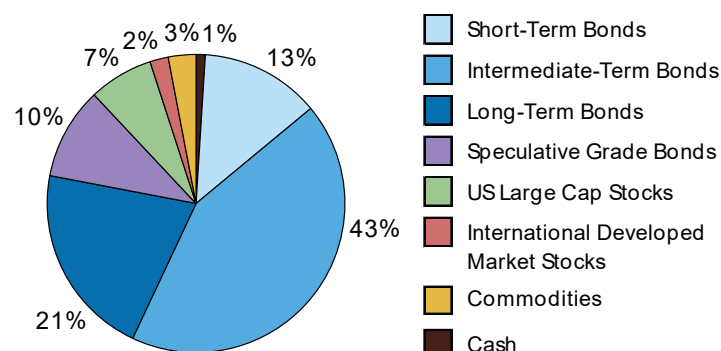
Characteristics

Weighted SEC Yield	4.2%
Volatility Ceiling	7.0%
Number of Securities	21
Annual Turnover (3-Yr Rolling as of 12/31/24)	66%

5 Largest Holdings

SPDR® Portfolio Mortgage Backed Bond ETF - SPMB	20.0%
iShares 20+ Year Treasury Bond ETF - TLT	10.0%
iShares BB Rated Corporate Bond ETF - HYBB	10.0%
iShares iBonds Dec 2025 Term Treasury ETF - IBTF	4.3%
iShares iBonds Dec 2026 Term Corporate ETF - IBDR	4.3%

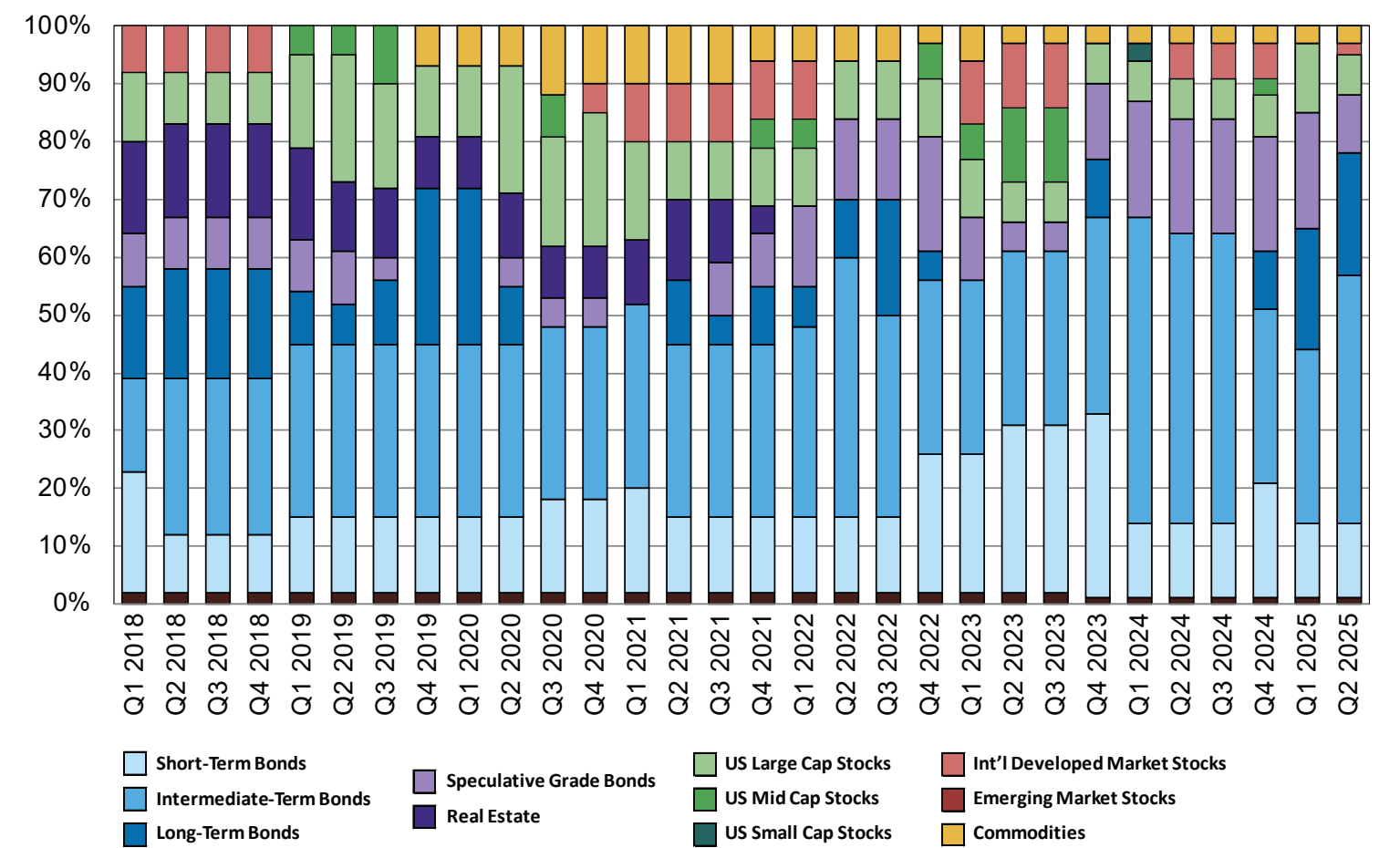
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Recent Portfolio Changes³

We have reduced the risk posture of the Income strategy this quarter. The laddered maturity core is now dominated by Treasuries, yet with a larger allocation to MBS in intermediate bonds due to their favorable spreads and low extension risk. Speculative grade corporates were reduced substantially and are now solely in the BB-rated segment. We trimmed large cap equities, skewing the remaining posture to value and employing a dividend-focused ETF. A position in international developed equities was introduced and gold remains in the strategy due to its effectiveness as a geopolitical hedge.

Historical Model Allocation



Performance Composite Returns⁴ (For periods ending March 31, 2025)

	Since Inception**	5-Year*	3-Year*	1-Year	YTD	QTD
Income (Taxable)						
Pure Gross-Of-Fees ⁵	6.0%	6.4%	3.0%	6.6%	2.8%	2.8%
Max Net-Of Fees ⁶	2.8%	3.3%	(0.1%)	3.4%	2.0%	2.0%

Benchmark (20stock/80bond)	3.7%	3.3%	2.3%	5.6%	1.4%	1.4%
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Calendar Year	Pure Gross-Of-Fees ⁵	Max Net-Of-Fees ⁶	Benchmark (20stock/80bond)	Difference (Gross-Benchmark)	# of Portfolios	Composite Assets (000s)	Total Firm Assets (000s)	Composite 3yr Std Dev	Benchmark 3yr Std Dev	Composite Dispersion
2018	(2.6%)	(5.5%)	(0.7%)	(1.9%)	1	\$448	\$5,486,737	N/A	N/A	N/A
2019	15.0%	11.6%	13.1%	1.9%	1	\$210	\$7,044,708	N/A	N/A	N/A
2020	19.6%	16.1%	10.1%	9.5%	1	\$242	\$6,889,798	6.9%	4.7%	N/A
2021	9.4%	6.2%	4.0%	5.4%	1	\$247	\$7,761,687	6.5%	4.5%	N/A
2022	(11.7%)	(14.4%)	(13.8%)	2.1%	1	\$201	\$6,931,635	8.5%	7.6%	N/A
2023	9.5%	6.3%	9.5%	0.0%	4	\$740	\$7,200,019	7.9%	8.5%	0.1%
2024	4.6%	1.5%	5.7%	(1.1%)	8	\$1,488	\$7,280,773	7.8%	9.0%	0.0%

*Average annualized returns **Inception is 1/1/2018 See performance disclosures on last page.

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³ **Recent Portfolio Changes**—The investment or strategy discussed may not be suitable for all investors. Investors must make their own decisions based on their specific investment objectives and financial circumstances.

Benchmark: 20% stock / 80% bond – custom benchmark is calculated monthly and consists of a blend of 20% S&P 500 and 80% Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index. (Source: Bloomberg)

⁴ **Performance Composite Returns**—Confluence Investment Management LLC claims compliance with the Global investment Performance Standards (GIPS®) and has prepared and presented this report in compliance with the GIPS standards. Confluence Investment Management LLC has been independently verified for the periods August 1, 2008, through December 31, 2023. The verification report is available upon request. A firm that claims compliance with the GIPS standards must establish policies and procedures for complying with all the applicable requirements of the GIPS standards.

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⁵ Pure gross returns are shown as supplemental information to the disclosures required by the GIPS® standards.

⁶ Net-of-fee performance was calculated using the highest applicable annual bundled fee of 3.00% applied quarterly. This fee includes brokerage commissions, portfolio management, consulting services and custodial services. The Confluence fee schedule for this composite is as follows: 0.40% on the first \$500,000; 0.35% on the next \$500,000; and 0.30% over \$1,000,000. There are no incentive fees. Clients pay an all-inclusive fee based on a percentage of assets under management. The collection of fees produces a compounding effect on the total rate of return net of fees. Subsequent to July 1, 2019, bundled fee accounts make up 100% of the composite. Actual investment advisory fees incurred by clients may vary. Wrap fee schedules are provided by independent wrap sponsors and are available upon request from the respective wrap sponsor.

A complete list of composite descriptions is available upon request. Policies for valuing investments, calculating performance, and preparing GIPS Reports are available upon request. The annual composite dispersion is an equal-weighted standard deviation, using gross-of-fee returns, calculated for the accounts in the composite for the entire year. The three-year annualized standard deviation measures the variability of the composite gross returns over the preceding 36-month period. The Income Taxable—Plus Composite contains fully discretionary Income Taxable—Plus wrap accounts. The Income Taxable strategy is implemented using ETFs and the investment objective is the pursuit of nominal returns (yield and growth) in excess of inflation, subject to the limitations of the risk constraint for the Income Taxable strategy. Although the portfolio typically has the majority of its allocation in taxable fixed income asset classes, a smaller portion of the portfolio may include real estate, equities, commodities or other asset classes. This minority allocation provides an aspect of growth potential, along with diversification benefits. This portfolio may be appropriate for investors with a conservative risk tolerance.

The Income Taxable—Plus composite report includes a correction of the information: the composite dispersion for the Income Taxable—Plus Composite for 2024 was originally presented as 5.3%, while it should have been 0.0%.

N/A-Composite Dispersion: Information is not statistically meaningful due to an insufficient number of portfolios in the composite for the entire year. N/A-3yr Std Dev: Composite does not have 3 years of monthly performance history.

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