

# Asset Allocation

## Income with Growth

(Taxable)



First Quarter 2026

### Objective

Primarily focused on reliable income with a secondary focus on growth.

### 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 oriented toward reliable income, moderate volatility, long-term growth, and principal preservation
- Allocations in fixed income asset classes, usually with an emphasis on US investment-grade fixed income
- Portfolio may include real estate, equities, commodities, or other asset classes that contribute growth potential and diversification benefits
- Profile similar to that of a diversified bond portfolio alongside an equity allocation
- Appropriate for investors with a conservative risk tolerance
- Strategy assets: \$613.3 million<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Strategy assets = \$70.4 million assets under management (AUM) + \$542.9 million assets under advisement (AUA); as of 6/30/25.

### Current Holdings<sup>2</sup>

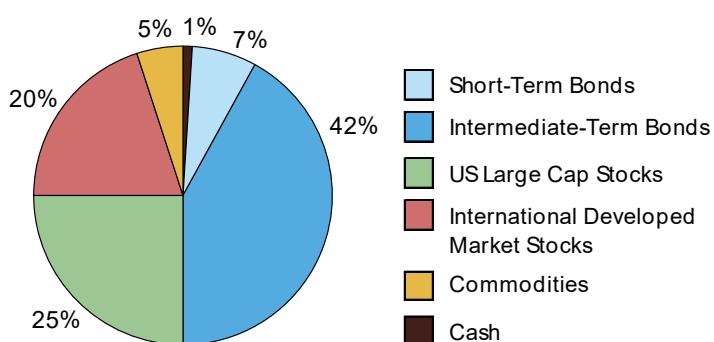
(As of 1/27/2026 rebalance)

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Characteristics	
Weighted SEC Yield	2.9%
Volatility Ceiling	10.0%
Number of Securities	16
Annual Turnover (3-Yr Rolling as of 12/31/25)	90%

5 Largest Holdings	
SPDR® Portfolio Mortgage Backed Bond ETF - SPMB	20.8%
iShares Short-Term Corporate Bond ETF - IGSB	16.0%
SPDR® Developed World ex-US ETF - SPDW	12.7%
SPDR® Portfolio S&P 500 Value ETF - SPYV	11.2%
SPDR® Portfolio S&P 500 Growth ETF - SPYG	10.5%

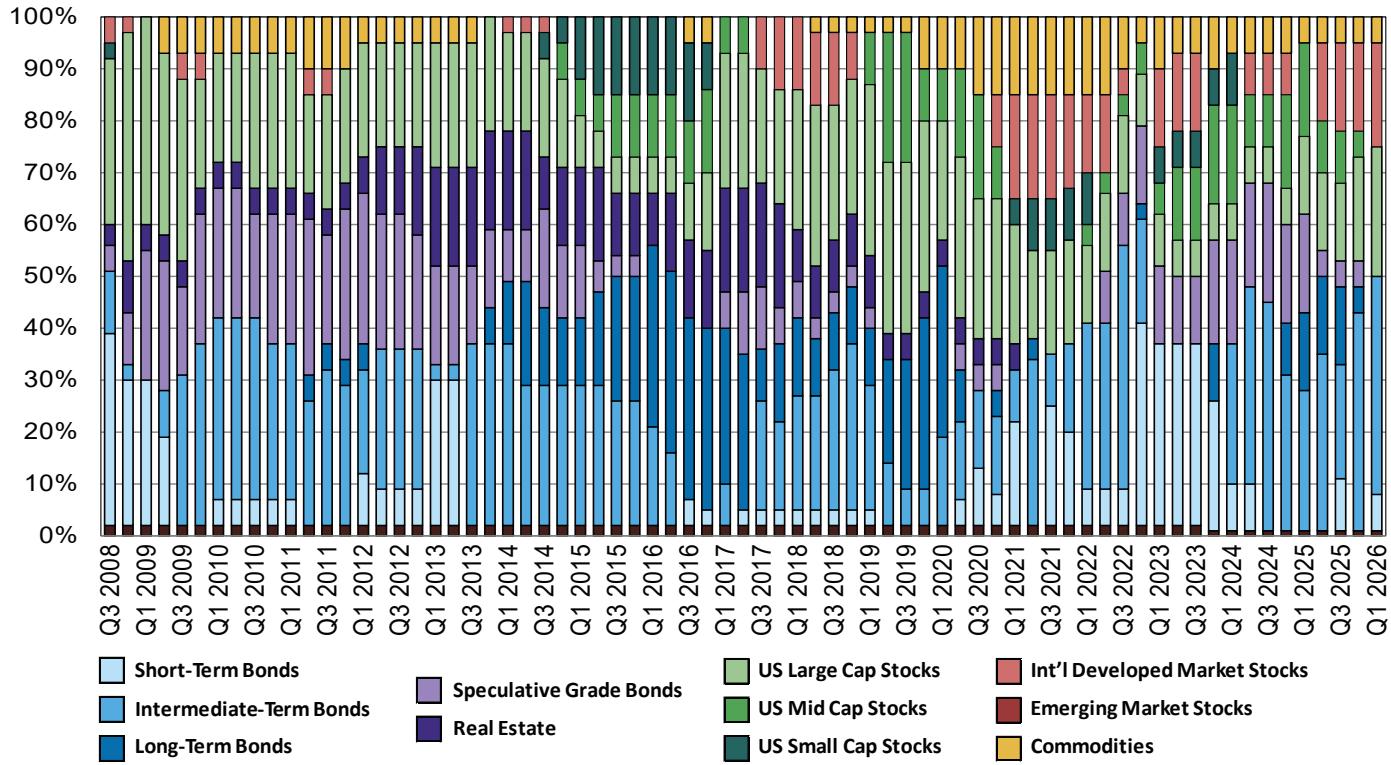
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### Recent Portfolio Changes<sup>3</sup>

In Income with Growth, we shortened duration modestly by reducing the long end of the curve. Within the bond allocation, we are overweight Treasurys and MBS and eliminated the speculative bond exposure. The domestic equity allocation now favors value over growth, and we exited mid-caps. We added modestly to international developed equities, introducing new ETFs in industrial metals mining and gold mining in addition to the existing broad-based, Europe-specific, and small cap positions in this exposure. Gold remains a strategic anchor in the portfolio, providing diversification and acting as a hedge against elevated geopolitical risk.

## Historical Model Allocation



## Performance Composite Returns<sup>4</sup> (For periods ending December 31, 2025)

		Since Inception**		15-Year*	10-Year*	5-Year*	3-Year*	1-Year	YTD	QTD
<b>Income with Growth (Taxable)</b> <i>Pure Gross-Of-Fees<sup>5</sup></i>		9.8%		8.5%	9.4%	6.6%	10.9%	12.8%	12.8%	2.6%
<b>Max Net-Of Fees<sup>6</sup></b>		6.5%		5.3%	6.1%	3.5%	7.6%	9.5%	9.5%	1.8%
<b>Benchmark (40stock/60bond)</b>		7.9%		7.2%	7.2%	5.5%	11.8%	11.6%	11.6%	1.7%
Calendar Year	Pure Gross-Of-Fees <sup>5</sup>	Max Net-Of-Fees <sup>6</sup>	Benchmark (40stock/60bond)	Difference (Gross-Benchmark)	# of Portfolios	Composite Assets (000s)	Total Firm Assets (000s)	Composite 3yr Std Dev	Benchmark 3yr Std Dev	Composite Dispersion
2008**	4.5%	4.3%	2.7%	1.9%	80	\$10,864	\$291,644	N/A	N/A	N/A
2009	22.9%	19.3%	14.3%	8.6%	14	\$4,276	\$533,832	N/A	N/A	N/A
2010	12.2%	8.9%	10.4%	1.8%	25	\$9,337	\$751,909	N/A	N/A	0.3%
2011	4.9%	1.8%	5.8%	(0.9%)	43	\$14,679	\$937,487	11.8%	7.7%	0.1%
2012	10.1%	6.9%	8.9%	1.2%	53	\$20,940	\$1,272,265	7.7%	5.5%	0.1%
2013	7.8%	4.6%	10.7%	(2.9%)	50	\$20,925	\$1,955,915	7.0%	4.7%	0.2%
2014	13.1%	9.8%	9.1%	4.0%	54	\$19,985	\$2,589,024	5.5%	3.9%	0.1%
2015	(0.8%)	(3.7%)	1.1%	(1.9%)	70	\$27,222	\$3,175,419	6.1%	4.5%	0.1%
2016	10.0%	6.7%	6.4%	3.5%	27	\$5,776	\$4,413,659	7.0%	4.4%	0.1%
2017	10.5%	7.2%	10.6%	(0.0%)	47	\$11,956	\$5,944,479	6.4%	4.0%	0.1%
2018	(3.8%)	(6.6%)	(1.5%)	(2.3%)	52	\$10,840	\$5,486,737	6.3%	4.4%	0.1%
2019	20.7%	17.1%	17.6%	3.1%	61	\$13,757	\$7,044,708	6.2%	4.8%	0.1%
2020	25.8%	22.1%	12.5%	13.3%	94	\$24,340	\$6,889,798	10.0%	7.8%	0.2%
2021	11.6%	8.2%	9.8%	1.7%	115	\$30,151	\$7,761,687	9.6%	7.3%	0.1%
2022	(9.4%)	(12.1%)	(14.8%)	5.3%	144	\$32,049	\$6,931,635	10.8%	10.5%	0.1%
2023	12.4%	9.0%	13.5%	(1.1%)	163	\$45,699	\$7,200,019	8.7%	10.3%	0.1%
2024	7.5%	4.4%	10.3%	(2.7%)	179	\$51,824	\$7,280,773	8.9%	10.7%	0.1%
2025	12.8%	9.5%	11.6%	1.3%	189	\$58,765	\$6,769,052	6.9%	7.5%	0.2%

\*Average annualized returns

\*\*Inception is 12/1/2008

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:** 40% stock / 60% bond - custom benchmark is calculated monthly and consists of a blend of 40% S&P 500 and 60% 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, 2024. 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 with Growth-Plus Composite contains fully discretionary Income Taxable with Growth-Plus wrap accounts. The Income Taxable with Growth 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 with Growth strategy. Although the portfolio typically favors an allocation to taxable fixed income asset classes, a smaller portion of the portfolio may include real estate, equities, commodities or other asset classes. These allocations provide an aspect of growth potential, along with diversification benefits. This portfolio may be appropriate for investors with a conservative risk tolerance.

The benchmark three-year standard deviation for 2024 has been corrected to 10.7% from 0.7%.

\*\*Results shown for the year 2008 represent partial period performance from December 1, 2008, through December 31, 2008. 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.