

OBJECTIVE

Primarily focused on reliable income with a secondary focus on growth. Profile is similar to a well-diversified bond portfolio alongside an equity allocation.

INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY

Asset allocation is a portfolio management process where various asset classes are combined in one portfolio. Properly implemented, asset allocation is a time-tested approach that addresses risk through diversification. The Confluence approach to asset allocation is different than traditional asset allocation approaches which rely on long-term historical averages for strategic capital market assumptions. Confluence recognizes that risk levels and return potential rise and fall over market and economic cycles. Therefore, we apply an adaptive process in which the Confluence team estimates the performance of 12 different asset classes in terms of risk, return and yield looking forward three years. This cyclical approach is not market *timing*. Rather, the intention is to remain within an acceptable risk profile, while changing the asset class mix to optimize return potential. We may adjust allocations in much shorter time frames, depending upon changing views of the marketplace and economy. Alternately, we may abstain from making significant allocation adjustments if we believe the existing posture remains optimal. The process may involve somewhat higher turnover than a more static strategic program, but usually involves less trading relative to tactical approaches.

The asset allocation portfolios utilize exchange-traded funds (ETFs). We may use ETFs that allow us to focus on or avoid particular industry sectors, bond maturities, commodities or countries.

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 U.S. 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

CHARACTERISTICS¹

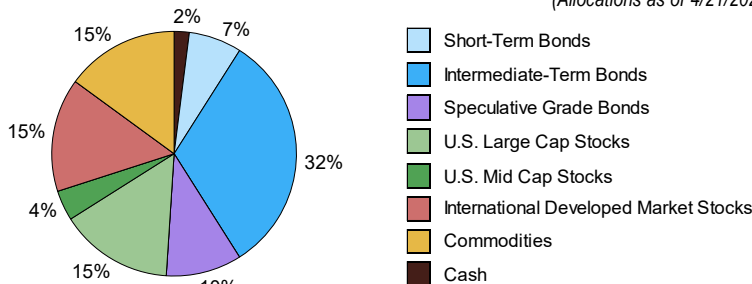
Weighted SEC Yield	2.3%
Volatility Ceiling	10.0%
Number of Securities	19
Annual Turnover (3-Year Rolling as of 12/31/21)	107%

5 LARGEST HOLDINGS¹

iShares BB Rated Corporate Bond ETF - HYBB	10.0%
SPDR® Developed World ex-US ETF - SPDW	10.0%
iShares iBonds Dec 2031 Term Corp ETF - IBDW	9.9%
iShares iBonds Dec 2030 Term Tr ETF - IBTK	9.5%
iShares Gold Trust - IAU	8.0%

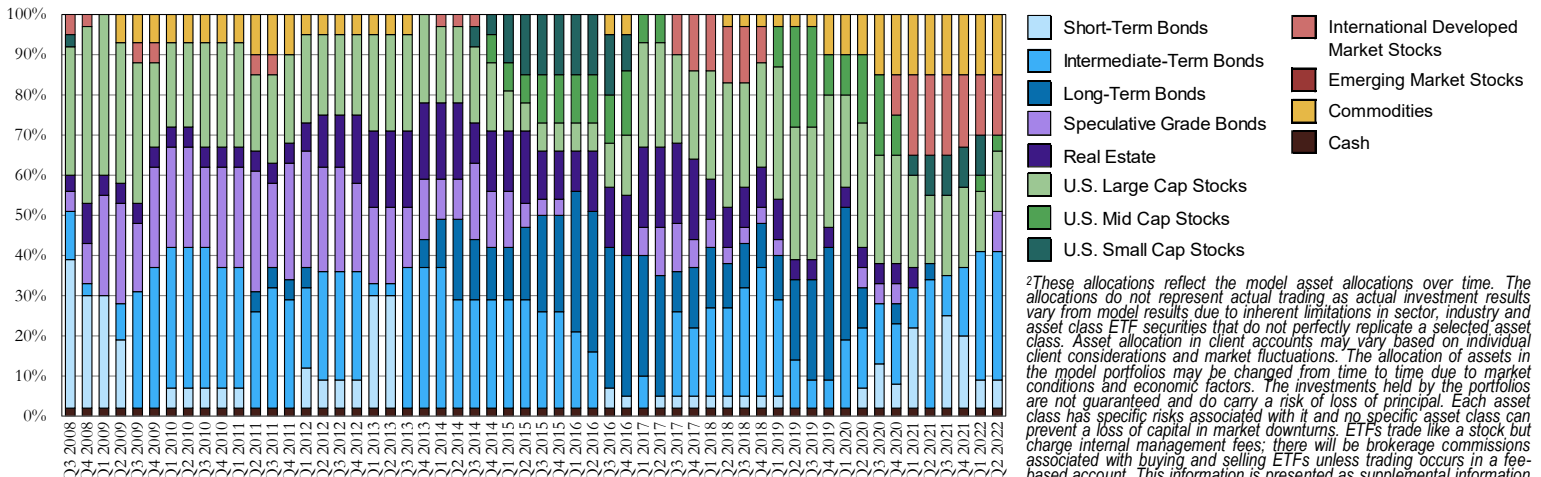
ASSET ALLOCATION¹

(Allocations as of 4/21/2022 rebalance)



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HISTORICAL MODEL ALLOCATIONS²



²These allocations reflect the model asset allocations over time. The allocations do not represent actual trading as actual investment results vary from model results due to inherent limitations in sector, industry and asset class ETF securities that do not perfectly replicate a selected asset class. Asset allocation in client accounts may vary based on individual client considerations and market fluctuations. The allocation of assets in the model portfolios may be changed from time to time due to market conditions and economic factors. The investments held by the portfolios are not guaranteed and do carry a risk of loss of principal. Each asset class has specific risks associated with it and no specific asset class can prevent a loss of capital in market downturns. ETFs trade like a stock but charge internal management fees; there will be brokerage commissions associated with buying and selling ETFs unless trading occurs in a fee-based account. This information is presented as supplemental information to the disclosures required by the GIPS® standards.

ABOUT CONFLUENCE INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LLC

Confluence Investment Management is an independent Registered Investment Advisor located in St. Louis, Missouri, that provides professional portfolio management and advisory services to institutional and individual clients. Confluence's investment philosophy is based upon independent, fundamental research that integrates evaluation of market cycles, macroeconomics and geopolitical analysis with the firm's value-driven approach. The investment team's portfolio management philosophy begins by addressing risk and follows through by positioning clients to achieve income and growth objectives.

SECOND QUARTER 2022 INCOME WITH GROWTH MARKET OBSERVATIONS

- ◆ In its efforts to combat inflation, the U.S. Federal Reserve has adopted a much more hawkish monetary policy stance through a combination of raising the fed funds rate and reducing its balance sheet.
- ◆ Global central banks, in contrast, have varying policy responses ranging from extensively accommodative to increasingly hawkish.
- ◆ Given the shifting landscape, the potential for a policy mistake leading to an economic slowdown or even a recession has increased.
- ◆ Equity allocations were trimmed across all strategies and are now underweight. Bond allocations were increased in strategies with income as an objective, while exposure to commodities was enhanced in growth-oriented strategies.
- ◆ U.S. stock exposure remains heavily tilted to value, with overweights to defensive sectors instead of the prior elevated exposure to cyclical sectors.
- ◆ A position in broad-based commodities with an emphasis on oil is employed across the array of strategies as is a position in gold given the advantages it affords during periods of heightened geopolitical risk.

The single allocation change to the Income with Growth strategy was the complete elimination of U.S. small cap stocks in favor of speculative grade bonds as we find the risk/reward ratio more attractive given our expectations of a slowing economy. Stocks now represent an underweight in the strategy, while commodities are significantly overweight. The investment-grade bond exposure retains a healthy weight to the intermediate section of the curve through a laddered maturity mix of Treasuries and investment-grade corporates. The strategy continues to omit long-term bonds.

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PERFORMANCE COMPOSITE RETURNS (FOR PERIODS ENDING MARCH 31, 2022)

	Pure Gross-of-Fees ¹	Net-of-Fees ²	Benchmark (40stock/60bond)	Inflation	Calendar Year	Pure Gross-of-Fees ¹	Net-of-Fees ²	Benchmark (40stock/60bond)	Inflation	Difference (Gross-Bchmrk)	# of Portfolios	Composite Assets (000s)	Total Firm Assets (000s)	Composite 3yr Std Dev	Bchmrk 3yr Std Dev	Composite Dispersion
Since Inception**	10.7%	7.5%	8.3%	1.7%	2008**	4.5%	4.3%	2.4%	(0.0%)	2.2%	80	\$10,864	\$291,644	N/A	N/A	N/A
10-Year*	9.4%	6.2%	7.3%	1.8%	2009	22.9%	19.3%	13.8%	1.1%	9.1%	14	\$4,276	\$533,832	N/A	N/A	N/A
5-Year*	11.3%	8.0%	7.8%	1.9%	2010	12.2%	8.9%	10.4%	1.6%	1.9%	25	\$9,337	\$751,909	N/A	N/A	0.3%
3-Year*	14.9%	11.5%	8.7%	2.0%	2011	4.9%	1.8%	5.9%	1.9%	(0.9%)	43	\$14,679	\$937,487	11.8%	7.6%	0.1%
1-Year	5.9%	2.8%	3.6%	2.8%	2012	10.1%	6.9%	9.1%	2.0%	1.1%	53	\$20,940	\$1,272,265	7.7%	5.5%	0.1%
YTD	(2.4%)	(3.1%)	(5.4%)	0.8%	2013	7.8%	4.6%	10.5%	2.0%	(2.7%)	50	\$20,925	\$1,955,915	7.0%	4.7%	0.2%
QTD	(2.4%)	(3.1%)	(5.4%)	0.8%	2014	13.1%	9.8%	9.3%	1.8%	3.8%	54	\$19,985	\$2,589,024	5.5%	3.9%	0.1%
					2015	(0.8%)	(3.7%)	1.1%	1.4%	(1.9%)	70	\$27,222	\$3,175,419	6.1%	4.5%	0.1%
					2016	10.0%	6.7%	6.4%	1.5%	3.6%	27	\$5,776	\$4,413,659	7.0%	4.4%	0.1%
					2017	10.5%	7.2%	10.6%	1.8%	(0.1%)	47	\$11,956	\$5,944,479	6.4%	4.0%	0.1%
					2018	(3.8%)	(6.6%)	(1.5%)	2.0%	(2.3%)	52	\$10,840	\$5,486,737	6.3%	4.4%	0.1%
					2019	20.7%	17.1%	17.8%	1.6%	2.9%	61	\$13,757	\$7,044,708	6.2%	4.8%	0.1%
					2020	25.8%	22.1%	12.6%	1.3%	13.2%	94	\$24,340	\$6,889,798	10.0%	7.8%	0.2%
					2021	11.6%	8.2%	9.7%	2.6%	1.8%	115	\$30,151	\$7,761,687	9.6%	7.3%	0.1%

*Average annualized returns

**Inception is 12/1/2008

Portfolio Benchmark

The benchmark is calculated monthly and consists of a blend of 40% S&P 500 and 60% ICE BofA U.S. Corporate, Government, and Mortgage Bond Index (Source: Bloomberg)

Inflation is provided as additional information and is represented by the U.S. 5-year TIP breakeven spread (Bloomberg: USGGBE05 Index), which had 3-year standard deviation as follows: 0.1% 2011, 0.1% 2012, 0.1% 2013, 0.1% 2014, 0.1% 2015, 0.1% 2016, 0.1% 2017, 0.1% 2018, 0.1% 2019, 0.1% 2020, 0.2% 2021.

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¹ Pure gross returns are shown as supplemental information to the disclosures required by the GIPS® standards.

² 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: 0.40% on the first \$500,000; 0.35% on the next \$500,000; 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. Bundled fee accounts make up 100% of the composite for all periods. 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. **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.

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