

# Confluence Investment Management Research, Reports & Portfolio Updates

### **About Us**

Confluence Investment Management LLC is an independent Registered Investment Adviser that provides professional portfolio management and advisory services to institutional and individual clients. The investment teams at Confluence specialize in value equities, asset allocation, fixed income & balanced accounts, international & global equities, and alternative investment portfolio management. As of December 31, 2022, Confluence had \$11.4 billion in assets under management and advisement.\*

\* Assets under management = \$6.9 billion; Assets under advisement = \$4.5 billion

### Macroeconomic Research

Confluence offers numerous publicly available macroeconomic research reports on varying publication cycles, including daily, weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, and quarterly, along with periodic updates as market conditions dictate. All reports can be found on our **website**.

## Daily Comment

Morning analysis of important recent news and U.S. economic data, plus updates of various market and economic indicators that provide a snapshot of daily market performance. In a world full of news but little insight, we try to provide context to help advisors and investors make sense of the news flow.

## Bi-Weekly Geopolitical Report + Podcast

In-depth insights on geopolitical topics, international events, and long-term trends that can affect policy decisions and markets. We provide historical perspective to current geopolitical tensions and incidents, with an examination of their impact on financial and commodity markets.

This report is published on alternating Mondays with an accompanying podcast that elaborates on the themes in the written report.

## Asset Allocation Bi-Weekly + Podcast

Examination of different aspects of the macroeconomic environment that informs our asset allocation process, allowing investors to follow our thoughts on market and economic trends between quarterly rebalancing cycles. This report is published on alternating Mondays with an accompanying podcast that briefly expounds on the various economic factors discussed in the publication.

#### Weekly Energy Update

Regular updates on the Department of Energy's weekly oil and products data, along with commentary on the overall energy market, energy geopolitics, and alternative energy developments.

### Business Cycle Report

Monthly snapshot of the current state of the business cycle using our proprietary diffusion index, with a summary of its components. We believe one of the most important economic indicators for investors is the business cycle as early warnings about recessions can help investors prepare for the downturn.

### Current Perspectives

Periodic comprehensive reports written in collaboration with Confluence's macro team and chief investment officers, notably featuring our annual in-depth outlook for the coming year with economic and market forecasts. We may issue periodic updates to the outlook if conditions warrant as well as additional detailed papers under this series on various investment topics.

#### Keller Ouarterly

Quarterly letter to investors from Confluence CEO/CIO Mark Keller, with his reflections on the market and world events. *Distributed as part of the Current Perspectives email series.* 

#### The Confluence of Ideas Podcast

Occasional podcast episodes covering special topics, including our market and geopolitical outlooks and other timely subjects.



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## **Investor Support & Portfolio Updates**

Confluence's investment teams provide regular updates on the firm's strategies to keep advisors and investors informed of the market impact on their portfolios.

## Asset Allocation Quarterly + Rebalance Presentation

Following the quarterly rebalance of the Asset Allocation portfolios, the Asset Allocation Committee publishes a report explaining the rationale for the adjustments. In addition, the investment team records a video presentation to further highlight their viewpoints by reviewing the portfolio changes and examining the macro environment that underlies their decisions.

## • Increasing Dividend Equity Account (IDEA) Dividend Increase Announcements

New alerts of dividend increase activity in the Confluence IDEA portfolio as it occurs, including the company's history of dividend payments and increases, along with year-to-date dividend statistics for the IDEA portfolio.

## Equity Income Dividend Update

Monthly update of dividend activity in the Confluence Equity Income portfolio, including companies that have paid and/or increased their dividends each month, along with historical and year-to-date dividend statistics for the portfolio.

## Quarterly Product Updates

Quarterly strategy information including in-depth commentaries containing general market observations as well as an explanation of portfolio changes and how the strategy has fared in light of recent market conditions.

## **Product Overview**

Confluence offers a variety of investment solutions, primarily separately managed account portfolios, with a range of investment objectives that allow investors to select a strategy that suits their individual investment goals.

#### **Value Equity Strategies**

- ♦ Select Equity Income
- ♦ Equity Income\*
- ◆ Increasing Dividend Equity Account (IDEA)
- ◆ IDEA Plus (covered call strategy)
- ◆ Large Cap Value
- ♦ All Cap Value
- ♦ Small Cap Value
- ♦ Value Opportunities\*

#### **Asset Allocation Strategies**

- ♦ Income
- ◆ Income with Growth (Taxable & Tax-Exempt)
- ◆ Growth & Income (Taxable & Tax-Exempt)
- ▲ Growth
- ◆ Aggressive Growth

#### **Fixed Income Solutions**

- ◆ Fixed Income (Taxable & Tax-Exempt)
- ◆ Balanced Accounts
  (Fixed Income + Value Equity strategy)

## **International & Global Equity Strategies**

- ♦ International Growth
- ♦ International Developed
- ♦ Emerging Markets
- ◆ International Opportunities
- ♦ Global Large Cap

#### **Alternative Strategies**

- ♦ Global Hard Assets
- ♦ Specialty Finance BDC

## Why Confluence?

- Experienced, cohesive team
- Consistent investment approach for 25+ years
- ♦ Dedication to research process
- ♦ Exceptional client service
- Highest standards of ethics & integrity

### **Key Attributes**

- ♦ 100% employee-owned
- ♦ 49 employees
- ◆ Research-intensive & teamdriven
- ◆ 30 years average investment experience

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