

# Diversified Income Income with Capital Preservation

## INVESTMENT STRATEGY

Diversified Income portfolio's primary goal is to generate above-average income while protecting principal.

A secondary goal of the portfolio is to generate capital appreciation at least equal to the rate of inflation.

Depending on market conditions and prevailing opportunities, these portfolios may have a greater allocation to income-generating stocks and may incorporate higher income generation asset classes such as high-yield bonds.

The portfolio's income premium will usually be derived from traditional equity and fixed income asset classes, but we expect to utilize alternative investments beyond the basics.

## PORTFOLIO POSITIONING

The portfolio aims to generate above-average income while preserving principal and generating capital appreciation at least equal to the rate of inflation.

The equity portion of the portfolio, compared to the benchmark, had overweight exposure in the following sectors:

- Materials
- Financials
- Real Estate
- Energy
- Industrials
- Consumer Staples
- Healthcare
- Utilities

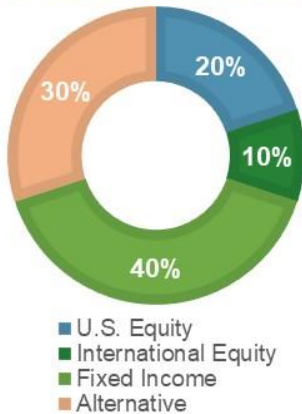
It was underweight in the following sectors:

- Consumer Discretionary
- Communication
- Technology

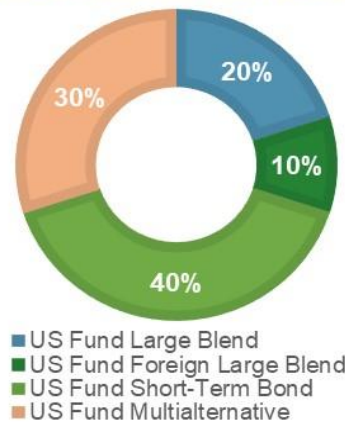
At month-end, the equity style breakdown was 75% large cap, and 25% Mid-Small Cap.

The Bond Credit Rating breakdown was 81% Investment Grade and 19% High-Yield Bonds.

## STRATEGIC ALLOCATION



## BLENDED BENCHMARK COMPOSITION



## PERFORMANCE REVIEW

3 of 11 sectors positively impacted performance on an absolute basis in this quarter, with the Materials, Consumer Discretionary, Communication, Energy, Technology, Consumer Staples, Healthcare, and Utilities detracting.

## PERFORMANCE OVERVIEW

Net returns are net of the advisory fees

As Of 12/31/2023

	QTR	YTD	1 YR	3 YRS	5 YRS	*Cumulative 7/01/2013 - 2/28/2023
Gross (%)	-	-	-	-	-	56.86
Net (%)	-	-	-	-	-	38.48
Blended Benchmark	5.05	10.23	10.23	3.06	5.28	71.09

Footnotes: See the next page for blended benchmark composition definitions.

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## IMPORTANT DISCLOSURES

The benchmarks were selected because, in our opinion, they most closely track the types of holdings that are likely to be included in our allocations.

The custom benchmark uses a 19.60% Large Blend, 9.80% Foreign Large Blend, 39.2% Short-Term Bond, 29.40% Multistrategy, and 2.00% Cash rebalanced monthly. Before Mar 31, 2021, the benchmark was 19.6% US Fund Large Blend, 9.8% US Fund Foreign Large Blend, 39.2% US Fund Short-Term Bond, 29.4% US Fund Multialternative, and 2% Cash. Morningstar discontinued Multialternative and split it into Multistrategy and Macro-Trading. The index return is calculated by weighting the respective index return on a monthly basis.

The Large Blend represents The Morningstar US Fund Large Blend Category which includes large-blend fund portfolios which are fairly representative of the overall U.S. stock market in size, growth rates, and price. Stocks in the top 70% of the capitalization of the U.S. equity market are defined as large cap. The blend style is assigned to portfolios where neither growth nor value characteristics predominate. These portfolios tend to invest across the spectrum of U.S. industries, and owing to their broad exposure, the portfolios' returns are often similar to those of the S&P 500 Index. The Foreign Large Blend represents the Morningstar US Fund Foreign Large Blend Category which includes foreign large-blend fund portfolios which invest in a variety of big international stocks. These portfolios primarily invest in stocks that have market caps in the top 70% of each economically integrated. The blend style is assigned to portfolios where neither growth nor value characteristics predominate. These portfolios typically will have less than 20% of assets invested in U.S. stocks. The Short-Term Bond represents the Morningstar US Fund Short-Term Bond which includes managers that focus on corporate and other investment-grade issues with an average duration of more than one year but less than 3.5 years, or an average effective maturity of more than one year but less than 4 years. The Multistrategy represents the Morningstar US Fund Multistrategy category which includes Multistrategy portfolios which typically have a majority of their assets exposed to alternative strategies, but at a minimum, alternatives must comprise greater than 30% of the strategy's gross exposure. The category includes funds with static allocations to alternative strategies as well as those that tactically adjust their exposure to different alternative strategies and asset classes. The Multialternative represents the Morningstar US Fund Multialternative which includes managers that will use a combination of alternative strategies such as taking long and short positions in equity and debt, trading futures, or using convertible arbitrage, among others. Past performance is not indicative of future results. Performance shown represents total returns that include income, realized and unrealized gains and losses.

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The composite may include bundled fee portfolios that pay a fee based on a percentage of assets under management. This fee includes investment management, trading costs, portfolio monitoring, consulting services, and in some cases, custodial services. Net of fee returns was calculated using actual fees. Management fees are booked on a cash basis. Gross returns are supplemental to net returns. Gross returns without bundled fee portfolios are presented net transaction costs as well as custodial fees. Gross returns with bundled fee portfolios may be gross transaction costs and custodial fees of those bundled fee portfolios. Both gross returns and net returns are net of tax withholdings on dividends, interest, and capital gains.

Benchmark indices are unmanaged, and cannot be invested into directly.

\*Cumulative Performance shown starts on 7/1/2013, when the first account was incepted as being eligible to measure performance. Because there were no accounts in this composite from 3/1/2023 to 12/31/2023, the performance for those periods are not shown.

2% cash is blended into the above allocations in the actual portfolios as well as the benchmarks. The cash position is set to avoid overbuying caused by market fluctuation and other liquidity problems, and will not change because of market conditions. Refer to the next paragraph for the exact allocations.

Diversified Income Composite includes portfolios that aim to generate above-average income while preserving principal. A secondary goal of the portfolio is to generate capital appreciation at least equal to the rate of inflation. The portfolio's income premium will usually be derived from traditional equity and fixed income asset classes, but other sources of income beyond the basics are also expected to be utilized. The strategic asset allocations are 19.6% in US equity, 9.8% in international equity, 39.2% in short-term fixed income, 2% cash, and 30% others, with tolerance bands of 15% deviation. The U.S. Dollar is the currency used to express performance. Performance includes the reinvestment of income.

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Market Index Definitions:

The **Standard & Poor's 500 Index** is a capitalization-weighted index of 500 stocks designed to measure the performance of the broad domestic economy through changes in the aggregate market value of 500 stocks representing all major industries.

The **Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index** is an index of U.S. investment-grade fixed-rate bond market, including both government and corporate bonds.

The **MSCI EAFE Index** captures the returns of large and mid-cap equities across developed markets in Europe, Australasia, and the Far East, excluding the U.S. and Canada.

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