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Performance Summary

| | Index Performance as of: 12/31/2021 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|---------------|--------|---------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|---------|------------|--------|--------|---------------|-----------------|
| | 3 Month | <u>YTD</u> | <u>1 Year</u> | 3 Year | <u>5 Year</u> | <u> 10 Year</u> | | 3 Month | <u>YTD</u> | 1 Year | 3 Year | <u>5 Year</u> | <u> 10 Year</u> |
| Russell | | | | | | | Other U.S. Equity | | | | | | |
| 3000 Value | 7.54 | 25.37 | 25.37 | 17.65 | 11.00 | 12.89 | Dow Jones Industrial Avg. | 7.87 | 20.95 | 20.95 | 18.49 | 15.51 | 14.21 |
| 3000 | 9.28 | 25.66 | 25.66 | 25.79 | 17.97 | 16.30 | Wilshire 5000 (Full Cap) | 8.44 | 24.51 | 24.51 | 25.60 | 17.82 | 16.14 |
| 3000 Growth | 10.89 | 25.85 | 25.85 | 33.21 | 24.56 | 19.39 | | | | | | | |
| 1000 Value | 7.77 | 25.16 | 25.16 | 17.64 | 11.16 | 12.97 | International Equity - Broad N | /larket | | | | | |
| 1000 | 9.78 | 26.45 | 26.45 | 26.21 | 18.43 | 16.54 | MSCI EAFE | 2.69 | 11.26 | 11.26 | 13.54 | 9.55 | 8.03 |
| 1000 Growth | 11.64 | 27.60 | 27.60 | 34.08 | 25.32 | 19.79 | MSCI EM | -1.31 | -2.54 | -2.54 | 10.94 | 9.87 | 5.49 |
| Mid Cap Value | 8.54 | 28.34 | 28.34 | 19.62 | 11.22 | 13.44 | MSCI Frontier Markets | 0.71 | 19.73 | 19.73 | 12.74 | 9.57 | 7.34 |
| Mid Cap | 6.44 | 22.58 | 22.58 | 23.29 | 15.10 | 14.91 | MSCI ACWI | 6.68 | 18.54 | 18.54 | 20.38 | 14.40 | 11.85 |
| Mid Cap Growth | 2.85 | 12.73 | 12.73 | 27.46 | 19.83 | 16.63 | MSCI ACWI Ex USA | 1.82 | 7.82 | 7.82 | 13.18 | 9.61 | 7.28 |
| 2000 Value | 4.36 | 28.27 | 28.27 | 17.99 | 9.07 | 12.03 | MSCI AC Asia Ex Japan | -1.23 | -4.72 | -4.72 | 12.07 | 11.30 | 8.02 |
| 2000 | 2.14 | 14.82 | 14.82 | 20.02 | 12.02 | 13.23 | | | | | | | |
| 2000 Growth | 0.01 | 2.83 | 2.83 | 21.17 | 14.53 | 14.14 | International Equity - Country | / | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | MSCI Brazil | -6.47 | -17.40 | -17.40 | -5.47 | 0.85 | -3.04 |
| Standard & Poors | | | | | | | MSCI BRIC | -5.01 | -11.25 | -11.25 | 8.65 | 9.49 | 5.07 |
| S&P 500 | 11.03 | 28.71 | 28.71 | 26.07 | 18.47 | 16.55 | MSCI China | -6.06 | -21.72 | -21.72 | 7.76 | 9.36 | 7.17 |
| Consumer Disc | 12.84 | 24.43 | 24.43 | 28.51 | 21.35 | 19.57 | MSCI Europe | 5.66 | 16.30 | 16.30 | 14.90 | 10.14 | 8.18 |
| Consumer Staples | 13.31 | 18.63 | 18.63 | 18.80 | 11.76 | 12.24 | MSCI India | -0.21 | 26.23 | 26.23 | 16.20 | 15.08 | 10.85 |
| Energy | 7.97 | 54.64 | 54.64 | 4.67 | -1.45 | 1.20 | MSCI Japan | -3.96 | 1.71 | 1.71 | 11.68 | 8.51 | 8.34 |
| Financials | 4.57 | 35.04 | 35.04 | 20.60 | 13.26 | 16.32 | MSCI EM Latin America | -2.69 | -8.09 | -8.09 | -2.37 | 1.47 | -2.17 |
| Health Care | 11.17 | 26.13 | 26.13 | 20.02 | 17.58 | 17.19 | MSCI Russia | -9.19 | 19.01 | 19.01 | 16.27 | 10.50 | 5.04 |
| Industrials | 8.64 | 21.12 | 21.12 | 20.28 | 12.80 | 14.19 | | | | | | | |
| Information Technology | 16.69 | 34.53 | 34.53 | 42.76 | 32.13 | 24.01 | | | | | | | |
| Materials | 15.20 | 27.28 | 27.28 | 24.17 | 15.12 | 12.81 | | | | | | | |
| Real Estate | 17.54 | 46.19 | 46.19 | 22.65 | 14.87 | 13.11 | | | | | | | |
| Telecom Services | -0.01 | 21.57 | 21.57 | 25.87 | 11.49 | 11.56 | | | | | | | |
| Utilities | 12.93 | 17.67 | 17.67 | 14.32 | 11.76 | 11.06 | | | | | | | |
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Source: Morningstar



Performance Summary

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| Fixed Income | | | | | | | Fixed Income-Tax Exempt | | | | | | |
| Barclays U.S. Aggregate | 0.01 | -1.54 | -1.54 | 4.79 | 3.57 | 2.90 | Barclays Municipal | 0.72 | 1.52 | 1.52 | 4.73 | 4.17 | 3.72 |
| Barclays US Aggregate 1-3 Yr | -0.56 | -0.49 | -0.49 | 2.19 | 1.81 | 1.38 | Barclays Municipal 3 Yr | -0.10 | 0.40 | 0.40 | 2.34 | 2.07 | 1.60 |
| Barclays US Aggregate 3-5 Yr | -0.80 | -1.49 | -1.49 | 3.35 | 2.58 | 2.22 | Barclays Municipal 5 Yr | 0.04 | 0.34 | 0.34 | 3.34 | 2.97 | 2.38 |
| Barclays US Aggregate 5-7 Yr | -0.56 | -2.29 | -2.29 | 4.21 | 3.22 | 2.72 | Barclays Municipal 7 Yr | 0.21 | 0.36 | 0.36 | 4.03 | 3.64 | 3.01 |
| BofAML 3-Month T-Bill | 0.01 | 0.05 | 0.05 | 0.99 | 1.14 | 0.63 | Barclays HY Muni | 1.16 | 7.77 | 7.77 | 7.75 | 7.53 | 6.72 |
| Barclays U.S. Gov't | 0.15 | -2.28 | -2.28 | 4.06 | 3.07 | 2.14 | | | | | | | |
| Barclays U.S. Credit | 0.22 | -1.08 | -1.08 | 7.17 | 5.05 | 4.45 | Alternative Investments | | | | | | |
| Barclays High Yield Corp. | 0.71 | 5.28 | 5.28 | 8.83 | 6.30 | 6.83 | Alerian MLP | 0.55 | 40.17 | 40.17 | 2.12 | -2.70 | -0.26 |
| Barclays TIPS | 2.36 | 5.96 | 5.96 | 8.44 | 5.34 | 3.09 | Bloomberg Commodity | -1.56 | 27.11 | 27.11 | 9.86 | 3.66 | -2.85 |
| Barclays Global Aggregate | -1.18 | -7.05 | -7.05 | 2.46 | 3.07 | 0.82 | FTSE NAREIT Equity REIT | 16.31 | 43.24 | 43.24 | 18.41 | 10.75 | 11.38 |
| Barclays Gbl Agg Ex USD | -0.67 | -4.71 | -4.71 | 3.59 | 3.36 | 1.77 | S&P Global Natural Res. | 7.32 | 25.20 | 25.20 | 13.89 | 9.64 | 4.59 |
| JPM EMBI Global Div | 0.02 | -1.51 | -1.51 | 6.06 | 4.47 | 4.95 | S&P N. Amer Natural Res. | 8.13 | 39.94 | 39.94 | 10.06 | 1.27 | 1.27 |

Source: Morningstar



Performance drivers

1. The growth outlook remains positive, although inflation presents a risk

- The surge in demand since early 2021 continues to put pressure on supply chains and overall prices. While shipping prices remain elevated, they are well below their peak levels of 2021, which should begin providing some price relief to both consumers and businesses.
- Fears that the latest Covid-19 variant would become a major headwind for economic growth are gradually fading as health outcomes do not appear to be as severe as with prior strains of the virus. This should allow many economies to avoid re-imposing restrictions on activity.
- **GYL View:** Many of the short-term headwinds that impacted markets over the quarter are showing signs of improvement. While we expect the economic recovery to continue and maintain an optimistic view toward equities, elevated valuations leave little cushion for downside surprises and may act to limit upside potential in 2022.

2. Central banks are becoming more hawkish and fiscal policy will be less supportive in 2022

- During Q4, inflation readings continued to move higher amid strong demand and ongoing supply chain difficulties. While inflation remains elevated, markets continue to price in future inflation near the Fed's target.
- Monetary policy is becoming less accommodative, but policy rates remain near zero in the developed world. During
 Q4, the Fed announced a doubling of its tapering pace, while the European Central Bank and Bank of Japan are
 targeting a March end to their bond buying programs. The Bank of England was the first major central bank to raise its
 policy rate during the quarter and the Fed now projects three rate increases during 2022.
- Fiscal support is slowing. Many pandemic related fiscal programs have expired. Meanwhile, President Biden's Build Back Better plan has stalled in the Senate amid concerns about inflation and the level of national debt.
- **GYL View:** With a fair amount of monetary tightening priced in for 2022, the Fed and other central banks should have room to maneuver without triggering a meaningful market reaction. Our expectation is that inflation will peak and begin to stabilize this year, even if it is above 2019 levels, which should allow the Fed to proceed on its current course.

3. Political risks remain

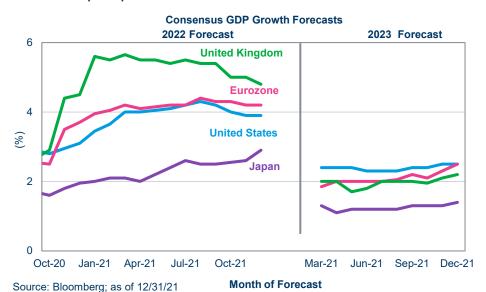
- Relations between Russia and NATO allies have become increasingly strained as large numbers of Russian troops are stationed near the Ukraine border.
- China's deleveraging drive, regulatory actions and Covid-19 response continue to weigh on the outlook for emerging markets. However, there have been recent signs that the government is increasingly focusing on economic stability, which could lead to an easing of restrictions.
- **GYL View:** Political risks had limited market impact during Q4, but unexpected developments could lead to volatility and downside risk.

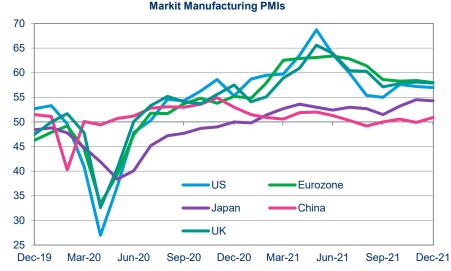


Economic fundamentals

Economic recovery remains on track

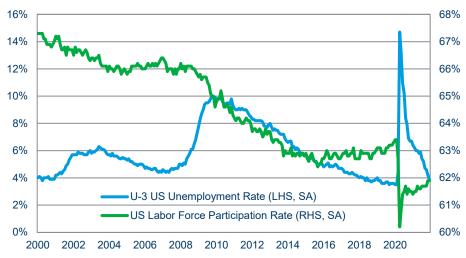
- Ongoing supply chain issues, the discovery of a new Covid-19 variant and the potential for monetary tightening weighed on the growth outlook during Q4.
 Manufacturing PMIs have generally declined since midyear, but remain expansionary for most regions.
- Monetary policy remains highly accommodative, but major central banks have begun discussing plans to begin normalizing policy during 2022. On the fiscal side, government spending is set to decline in 2022 with the expiration of many pandemic programs.
- The US unemployment rate (U-3)¹ has fallen to 3.9% after peaking at 14.7% in April 2020. While the labor force participation rate is trending higher, it remains below pre-pandemic levels.





Source: Bloomberg; as of 12/31/21

US Employment Statistics



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics; as of 12/31/21

¹ The U-3 unemployment rate represents the percentage of the civilian labor force that is jobless and actively seeking employment.



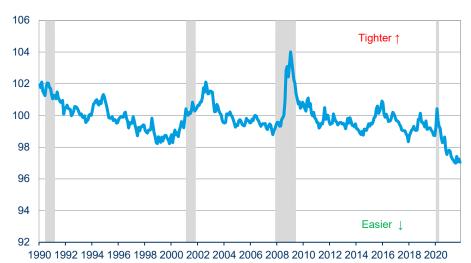
Risk factors

Source: Bloomberg; as of 12/31/21

US inflation continued to move higher

- Financial conditions remained quite loose at the end of 2021, with the Goldman Sachs US Financial Conditions Index near its lowest level on record
- The VIX index fell from 23 to 17 during the quarter, after briefly spiking to around 30 in late-November¹ amid the discovery of the Omicron variant.
- US inflation continued to move higher in Q4, and Fed minutes have suggested a more hawkish view among committee members. A faster than expected pace of tightening is a risk to equity markets.
- The Omicron strain has shown to be more transmissible than prior variants, but it also appears to generally cause less severe health outcomes.

Goldman Sachs US Financial Conditions Index

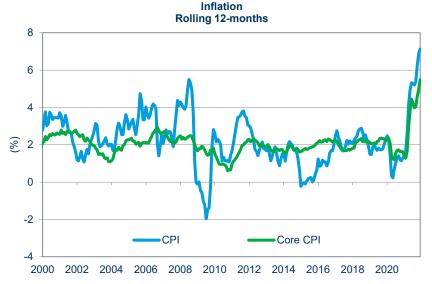


80 70 60 40 30 20 10 2009 2015 2021 2006 2012 2018

CBOE S&P Implied Volatility Index (VIX)

Source: Bloomberg; as of 12/31/21

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Source: Bloomberg; through 12/31/21



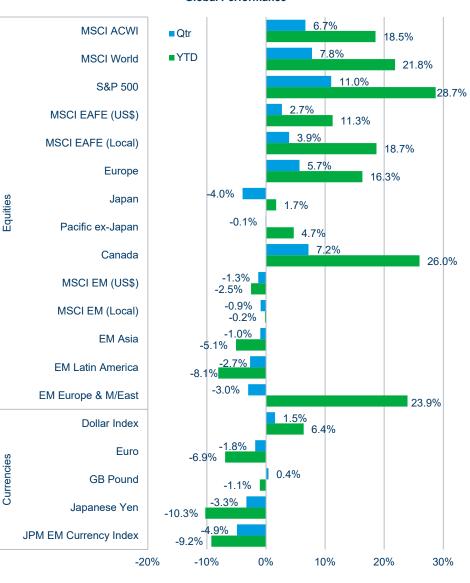
Regional equity returns Global equities finish the year strong

- Global equities posted strong returns in Q4, with the MSCI ACWI index gaining 6.7% for the quarter, and finishing the year with an 18.5% gain.
- The S&P 500 returned 11.0% during the quarter, outpacing most other regions. The S&P 500 returned 28.7% in 2021.
- International developed stocks gained 2.7% in Q4, and finished the year with an 11.3% gain. A stronger dollar detracted 120 bps from US\$ returns during the quarter.
- Emerging market equities fell 1.3% in Q4 and finished the year down 2.5%. Latin American and Asian markets drove the losses for the calendar year.

Ratio of MSCI US to MSCI EAFE (Relative Performance) 2.2 2.0 1.8 1.6 1.4 1.2 1.0 0.8 0.6 0.4 0.2 0.0 1969 1973 1977 1981 1985 1989 1993 1997 2001 2005 2009 2013 2017 2021

Source: Refinitiv; as of 12/31/21

Global Performance

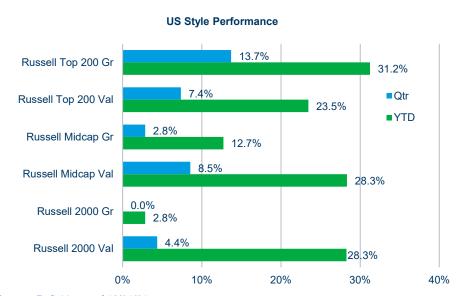


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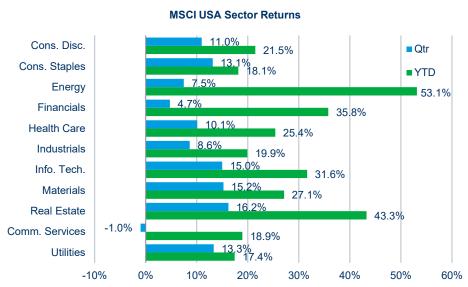


US equity factor and sector returns Large-cap growth and small-cap value led in 2021

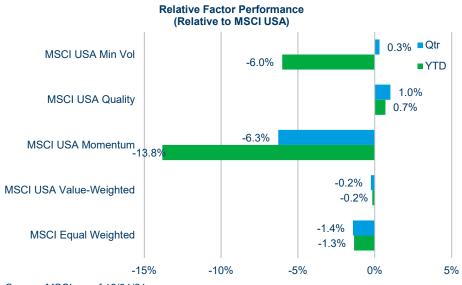
- Large-caps outperformed small-caps during Q4 and for the calendar year. During 2021, growth and value produced similar results at the total market level, with growth outperforming among large-caps and value outperforming among small- and mid-caps. Large-cap growth and small-cap value were the best performing segments of the US market during 2021.
- The quality factor outperformed during Q4, while other factors generally lagged. Momentum and minimum volatility were the worst performing factors in 2021. Energy and real estate were the best performing sectors during 2021, while utilities and consumer staples lagged.



Source: Refinitiv; as of 12/31/21



Source: Bloomberg; as of 12/31/21



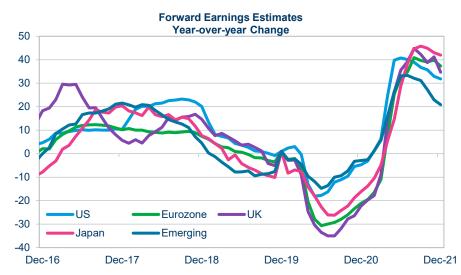
Source: MSCI; as of 12/31/21



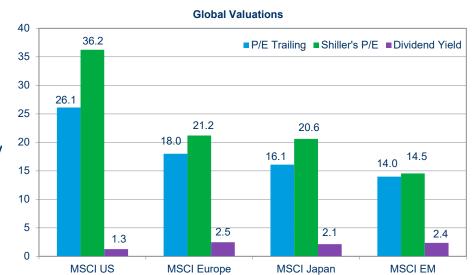
Equity fundamentals

Valuations move higher despite strong earnings

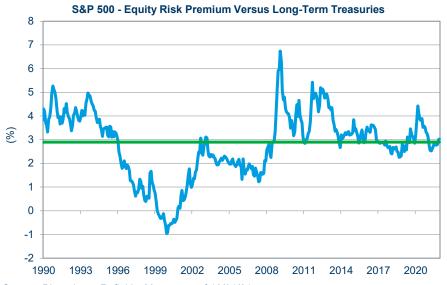
- Valuations edged higher during the quarter as price gains slightly outpaced the increase in earnings. The trailing P/E ratio on the MSCI US Index rose from 25.9 to 26.1¹. We estimate that the equity risk premium over long-term Treasuries rose from 2.8% to 3.0%² as longer-term yields fell during the quarter.
- International developed stocks remain more reasonably valued than US stocks, with the potential for positive macro surprises given the bias toward cyclical companies in these markets.
- Emerging market valuations have become more attractive relative to developed markets. However, the Chinese regulatory environment and property market may present headwinds over the near-term.







Source: Bloomberg, Refinitiv, Mercer; as of 12/31/21



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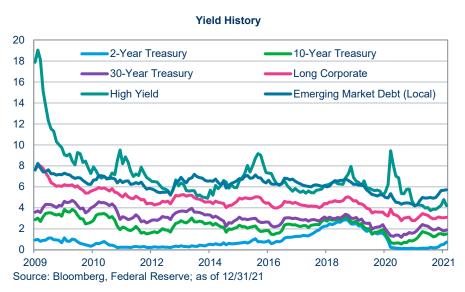


¹ Source: Refinitiv; as of 12/31/21

² Source: MSCI, Refinitiv, Mercer; as of 12/31/21

Interest rates and fixed income Short-term yields move higher in anticipation of Fed moves

- The Bloomberg Barclays Aggregate was flat during Q4 with similar performance for Treasuries and corporate bonds. The yield curve flattened during the guarter, with 2-year yields rising 45 bps, while 30-year yields fell by 18 bps¹. 10-year yields were unchanged during Q4.
- Investment-grade corporate bonds gained 0.2% during Q4. Credit spreads rose an average of 8 bps during the quarter to 0.9%, which is roughly 20 bps below the long-term median level².
- High vield bonds gained 0.7% during the quarter, as credit spreads fell 6 bps to 2.8%. High yield spreads are roughly 180 bps below the long-term median level of 4.6%². Local currency EMD declined 2.5% during Q4.



¹ Source: Federal Reserve: as of 12/31/21



-15%

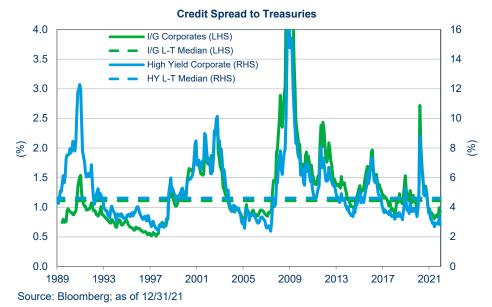
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Fixed Income Performance

Source: Bloomberg, Datastream; as of 12/31/21

Bloomberg Long Corporate

Bloomberg High Yield





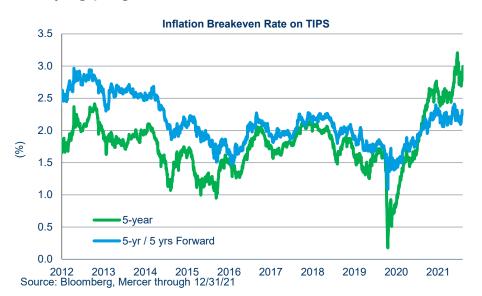
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² Source: Bloomberg, Mercer; as of 12/31/21

Monetary policy

Monetary policy to become less accommodative in 2022

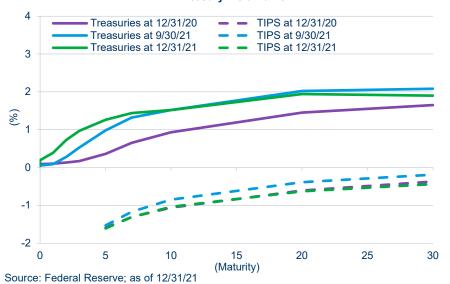
- The Fed left its policy rate unchanged during Q4, but announced a doubling in the pace of its tapering, set to begin in January. The Fed's December dot plot showed that a majority of members now expect at least three rate hikes in 2022.
- US inflation breakeven rates rose during the quarter, with 10-year inflation breakeven rates rising from 2.37% to 2.56%, remaining near the Fed's target of 2% PCE (roughly 2.5% CPI)¹.
- Overseas, the Bank of England was the first major central bank to raise its policy rate, with a 15 bp increase to 0.25%. The European Central Bank and Bank of Japan are set to end their respective bond buying programs in March.



Federal Reserve Balance Sheet 10000 9000 8000 7000 6000 4000 3000 2000 1000 0 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021

Source: Bloomberg; as of 12/31/21

Treasury Yield Curve



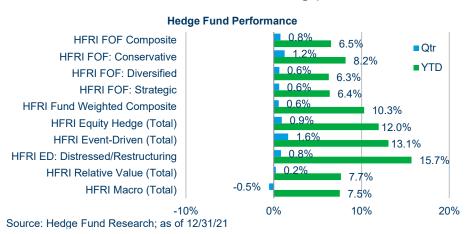
Source: St. Louis Fed; as of 12/31/21



Alternative investment performance

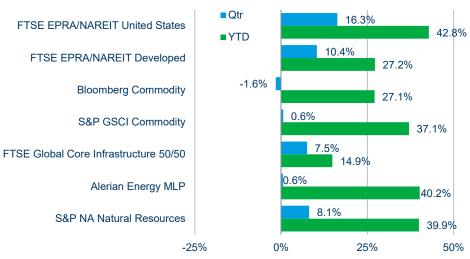
Real assets outperformed

- REITs posted strong results during Q4, outperforming broader equity markets. REITs have broadly benefited from reduced restrictions, but could face challenges in a rising rate environment. Infrastructure stocks outperformed broader markets for the quarter, but lagged over the course of 2021.
- Commodities on average were flat in Q4, with oil dropping early in the quarter on Omicron fears before rebounding to roughly where it started the quarter. Master Limited Partnerships (MLPs) were flat in Q4, while natural resource stocks posted strong gains.
- The HFRI FOF Composite Index returned 0.8% in Q4 and 6.5% for the year¹. For the calendar year, event driven and equity hedge strategies generally outperformed.
- Global private equity outperformed global developed stocks over the most recent trailing periods².



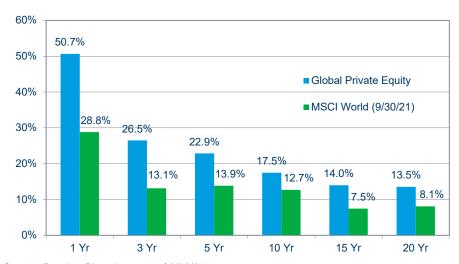
¹ Source: Hedge Fund Research; as of 12/31/21

Real Asset Performance



Source: Bloomberg, Datastream; as of 12/31/21

Global Private Equity vs. Global Public Equities



Source: Burgiss, Bloomberg; as of 9/30/21



² Source: Burgiss, Bloomberg; as of 9/30/21

Valuations and yields Ending December 31, 2021

Valuations

| MSCI USA | 12/31/2021 | 9/30/2021 | 6/30/2021 | 3/31/2021 |
|---|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Index Level | 20958.0 | 19038.4 | 18960.7 | 17411.2 |
| P/E Ratio (Trailing) | 32.2 | 25.9 | 29.7 | 34.0 |
| CAPE Ratio | 36.2 | 34.4 | 35.3 | 33.8 |
| Dividend Yield | 1.5 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 1.4 |
| P/B | 4.4 | 4.7 | 4.8 | 4.6 |
| P/CF | 20.3 | 20.1 | 20.1 | 19.6 |
| MSCI EAFE | 12/31/2021 | 9/30/2021 | 6/30/2021 | 3/31/2021 |
| Index Level | 7695.5 | 7493.7 | 7527.2 | 7157.1 |
| P/E Ratio (Trailing) | 23.1 | 18.5 | 24.1 | 25.2 |
| CAPE Ratio | 18.0 | 19.2 | 19.1 | 18.0 |
| Dividend Yield | 2.4 | 2.5 | 2.3 | 2.3 |
| P/B | 1.8 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.9 |
| P/CF | 7.7 | 7.1 | 6.5 | 6.5 |
| MSCI EM | 12/31/2021 | 9/30/2021 | 6/30/2021 | 3/31/2021 |
| Index Level | 608.3 | 616.4 | 670.6 | 638.4 |
| P/E Ratio (Trailing) | 21.7 | 15.1 | 18.7 | 21.5 |
| CAPE Ratio | 14.5 | 15.8 | 16.7 | 16.4 |
| Dividend Yield | 2.0 | 2.2 | 1.9 | 1.9 |
| P/B | 2.0 | 1.9 | 2.1 | 2.1 |
| P/CF | 8.3 | 9.4 | 9.1 | 11.9 |
| Source: Bloomberg, Refinitiv Datastream | | | | |

Yields

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|-------------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Global Bonds | 12/31/2021 | 9/30/2021 | 6/30/2021 | 3/31/2021 |
| Germany – 10Y | -0.18 | -0.20 | -0.21 | -0.29 |
| France - 10Y | 0.20 | 0.16 | 0.13 | -0.05 |
| UK - 10Y | 0.97 | 1.02 | 0.72 | 0.85 |
| Switzerland – 10Y | -0.14 | -0.16 | -0.22 | -0.28 |
| Italy – 10Y | 1.17 | 0.86 | 0.82 | 0.67 |
| Spain 10Y | 0.57 | 0.46 | 0.41 | 0.34 |
| Japan – 10Y | 0.07 | 0.07 | 0.06 | 0.10 |
| Euro Corporate | 0.52 | 0.35 | 0.33 | 0.36 |
| Euro High Yield | 3.55 | 3.16 | 2.97 | 3.22 |
| EMD (\$) | 5.27 | 5.11 | 4.89 | 5.26 |
| EMD (LCL) | 5.72 | 5.30 | 4.98 | 4.99 |
| US Bonds | 12/31/2021 | 9/30/2021 | 6/30/2021 | 3/31/2021 |
| 3-Month T-Bill | 0.06 | 0.04 | 0.05 | 0.03 |
| 10Y Treasury | 1.52 | 1.52 | 1.45 | 1.74 |
| 30Y Treasury | 1.90 | 2.08 | 2.06 | 2.41 |
| 10Y TIPS | -1.04 | -0.85 | -0.87 | -0.63 |
| 30Y TIPS | -0.44 | -0.19 | -0.20 | 0.11 |
| US Aggregate | 1.75 | 1.56 | 1.50 | 1.61 |
| US Treasury | 1.23 | 1.01 | 0.95 | 1.00 |
| US Corporate | 2.33 | 2.13 | 2.04 | 2.28 |
| US Corporate High Yield | 4.21 | 4.04 | 3.75 | 4.23 |
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Source: Bloomberg, Refinitiv Datastream



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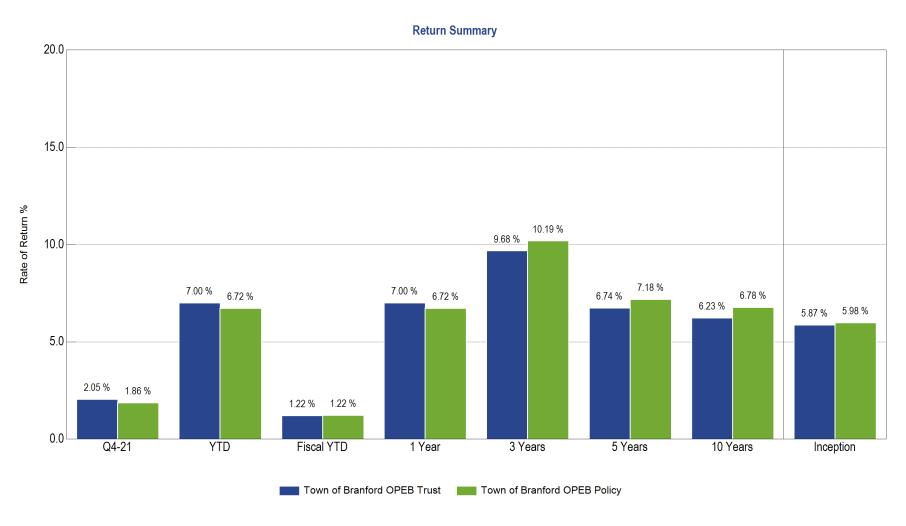
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Performance Summary

As of December 31, 2021



For the purposes of investment comparison, the Town of Branford OPEB Policy (the "Policy") is utilized. This Policy is a blend of comparative index sub-components based upon the current target asset allocation of the plan and has been adjusted periodically in adherence with the plan's investment policy statement. Details on the composition of the Policy can be found on page 30.

Returns are gross of fees unless otherwise noted. Client returns will be reduced by advisory and other expenses the client may incur. Net performance is shown on page 16.

Town of Branford OPEB Trust

Investment Performance Analysis

Gross Composite Performance

As of December 31, 2021

Ending December 31, 2021

| | Market Value (\$) | % of Portfolio | 3 Mo (%) | YTD (%) | Fiscal YTD (%) | 1 Yr (%) | 3 Yrs (%) | 5 Yrs (%) | 10 Yrs (%) | Inception (%) | Inception Date |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|------------|----------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Town of Branford OPEB Trust | 37,496,743 | 100.00 | 2.05 | 7.00 | 1.22 | 7.00 | 9.68 | 6.74 | 6.23 | 5.87 | Jul-11 |
| Town of Branford OPEB Policy | | | 1.86 | 6.72 | 1.22 | 6.72 | 10.19 | 7.18 | 6.78 | 5.98 | Jul-11 |
| Equity Group | 13,973,022 | 37.26 | 5.92 | 21.26 | 3.42 | 21.26 | 18.39 | 12.06 | 10.66 | 9.56 | Jul-11 |
| Equity Custom Benchmark | | | 5.73 | 21.03 | 3.54 | 21.03 | 18.50 | 12.28 | 10.87 | 9.13 | Jul-11 |
| iShares S&P 500 | 4,170,048 | 11.12 | 11.08 | 28.76 | 11.74 | 28.76 | 26.03 | 18.34 | 16.52 | 15.82 | Jul-11 |
| S&P 500 | | | 11.03 | 28.70 | 11.67 | 28.70 | 26.07 | 18.47 | 16.55 | 15.29 | Jul-11 |
| iShares S&P MidCap 400 | 2,331,781 | 6.22 | 7.99 | 24.71 | 6.10 | 24.71 | 21.26 | 12.97 | 14.15 | 12.97 | Jul-11 |
| S&P 400 MidCap | | | 8.00 | 24.76 | 6.09 | 24.76 | 21.41 | 13.09 | 14.20 | 12.41 | Jul-11 |
| iShares Russell 2000 | 1,660,466 | 4.43 | 2.01 | 14.54 | -2.42 | 14.54 | 19.83 | 11.86 | 13.26 | 12.17 | Jul-11 |
| Russell 2000 | | | 2.14 | 14.82 | -2.31 | 14.82 | 20.02 | 12.02 | 13.23 | 11.47 | Jul-11 |
| iShares MSCI EAFE | 2,401,282 | 6.40 | 2.64 | 11.24 | 1.51 | 11.24 | 13.45 | 9.39 | 7.86 | 6.34 | Jul-11 |
| MSCI EAFE | | | 2.69 | 11.26 | 2.24 | 11.26 | 13.54 | 9.55 | 8.03 | 5.82 | Jul-11 |
| iShares MSCI Emerging Mkts | 1,305,903 | 3.48 | -1.61 | -3.65 | -10.12 | -3.65 | 10.09 | 9.00 | 4.65 | 3.02 | Jul-11 |
| MSCI Emerging Markets | | | -1.31 | -2.54 | -9.30 | -2.54 | 10.94 | 9.87 | 5.49 | 3.11 | Jul-11 |
| iShares Dow Jones US Real Estate | 908,295 | 2.42 | 14.60 | 38.74 | 15.43 | 38.74 | 18.99 | 11.99 | 11.22 | 10.83 | Jul-11 |
| iShares U.S. Real Estate Benchmark | | | 14.61 | 39.28 | 15.62 | 39.28 | 19.36 | 12.38 | 11.74 | 10.75 | Jul-11 |
| Alerian MLP | 1,195,247 | 3.19 | 0.36 | 38.89 | -6.21 | 38.89 | -0.17 | -4.25 | | -3.58 | Sep-15 |
| Alerian MLP Index | | | 0.55 | 40.17 | -5.19 | 40.17 | 2.12 | -2.70 | | -2.54 | Sep-15 |
| Fixed Income Group | 23,523,721 | 62.74 | -0.11 | -0.04 | -0.05 | -0.04 | 3.77 | 2.83 | 2.35 | 2.27 | Jul-11 |
| Fixed Income Custom Benchmark | | | -0.11 | -0.03 | -0.04 | -0.03 | 3.94 | 3.00 | 2.69 | 2.85 | Jul-11 |
| High Yield | 1,873,270 | 5.00 | 0.74 | 5.34 | 1.74 | 5.34 | 8.29 | 5.61 | 5.25 | 5.19 | Jul-11 |
| High Yield Bond Blended Benchmark | | | 0.63 | 5.35 | 1.59 | 5.35 | 8.71 | 5.98 | 6.37 | 6.18 | Jul-11 |
| Fixed Income | 7,856,902 | 20.95 | -0.51 | -1.44 | -0.55 | -1.44 | 3.65 | 2.76 | 2.22 | 2.14 | Jul-11 |
| Bloomberg US Govt/Credit Int TR | | | -0.57 | -1.44 | -0.55 | -1.44 | 3.86 | 2.91 | 2.38 | 2.58 | Jul-11 |
| Cash Alternatives | 13,793,549 | 36.79 | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.71 | 0.84 | 0.42 | 0.40 | Jul-11 |
| FTSE T-Bill 3 Months TR | | | 0.01 | 0.05 | 0.02 | 0.05 | 0.96 | 1.11 | 0.60 | 0.57 | Jul-11 |

Effective September 4, 2015, ELEMENTS Rogers International Commodity Total Return was replaced with Alerian MLP. Effective May 23, 2019. SPDR Barclays HY Bond ETF was replaced with Mainstay Mackay High Yield Corp Bond Fund in the High Yield account.

Returns for the Town of Branford OPEB Trust (as shown above) are gross of advisory fees. Although our advisory fee is not reflected in the returns reference above, it is important to note that the return streams for registered mutual funds are net of the internal expenses of the Funds. Client returns will be reduced by advisory fees and other expenses the client may incur.

Town of Branford OPEB Trust

Investment Performance Analysis

Net Composite Performance

As of December 31, 2021

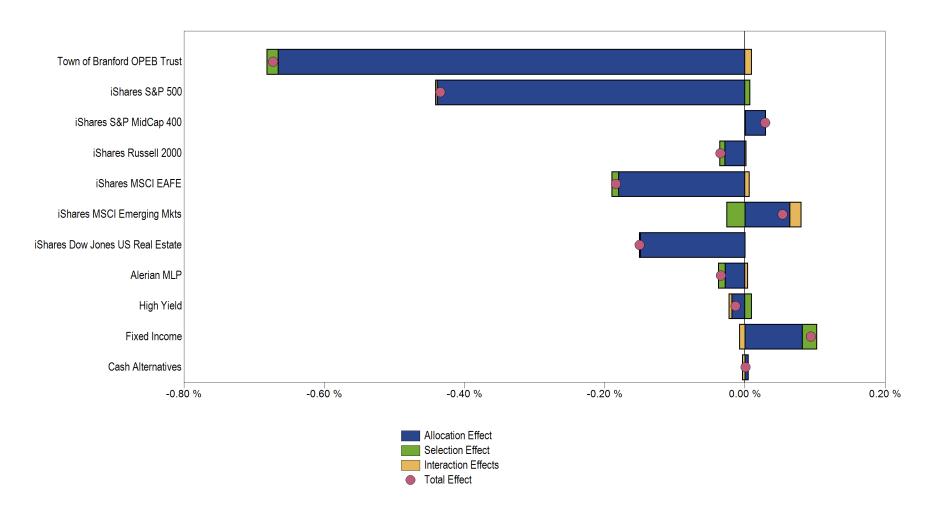
Ending December 31, 2021

| | Market Value (\$) | % of Portfolio | 3 Mo (%) | YTD (%) | Fiscal YTD (%) | 1 Yr (%) | 3 Yrs (%) | 5 Yrs (%) | 10 Yrs (%) | Inception (%) | Inception Date |
|------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------|------------|----------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Town of Branford OPEB Trust | 37,496,743 | 100.00 | 2.00 | 6.81 | 1.11 | 6.81 | 9.37 | 6.50 | 6.05 | 5.69 | Jul-11 |
| Town of Branford OPFB Policy | | | 1.86 | 6.72 | 1.22 | 6.72 | 10.19 | 7.18 | 6.78 | 5.98 | Jul-11 |

Fund Level Attribution Analysis

As of December 31, 2021

Attribution Effects
3 Months Ending December 31, 2021

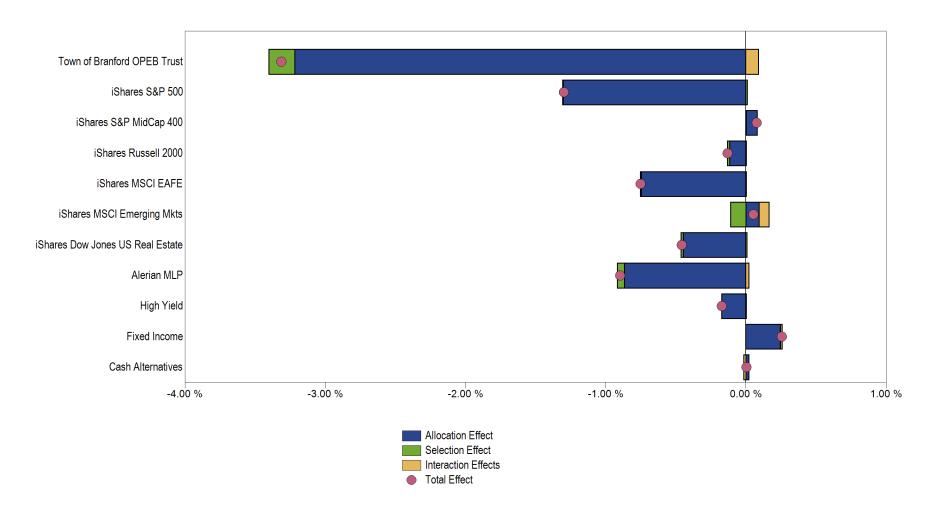


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Fund Level Attribution Analysis

As of December 31, 2021

Attribution Effects
1 Year Ending December 31, 2021



Returns are gross of advisory fees. Client returns will be reduced by advisory fees and other expenses the client may incur.

As of December 31, 2021

Performance Attribution

Quarter Ending December 31, 2021

| | Last 3 Mo. | YTD | Fiscal YTD | 1 Yr | 3 Yrs | 5 Yrs | 10 Yrs |
|---------------------|------------|--------|------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Wtd. Actual Return | 2.05% | 6.99% | 7.11% | 6.99% | 9.69% | 6.81% | 6.39% |
| Wtd. Index Return * | 2.73% | 10.31% | 9.92% | 10.31% | 12.20% | 8.44% | 7.40% |
| Excess Return | -0.67% | -3.31% | -2.80% | -3.31% | -2.51% | -1.63% | -1.01% |
| Selection Effect | -0.02% | -0.18% | -0.33% | -0.18% | -0.34% | -0.30% | -0.27% |
| Allocation Effect | -0.67% | -3.22% | -2.56% | -3.22% | -2.24% | -1.38% | -0.76% |
| Interaction Effect | 0.01% | 0.09% | 0.09% | 0.09% | 0.07% | 0.05% | 0.02% |

^{*}Calculated from benchmark returns and weightings of each component.

Attribution Summary

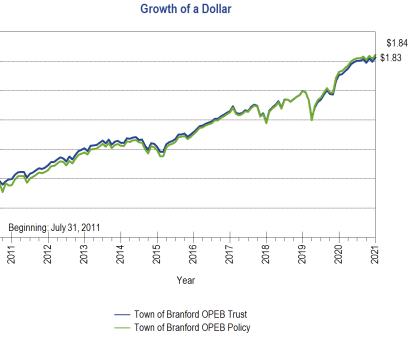
3 Months Ending December 31, 2021

| | | | 3 | | | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------|------------|--------|-----------|------------|-------------|---------|
| | Wtd. Actual | Wtd. Index | Excess | Selection | Allocation | Interaction | Total |
| | Return | Return | Return | Effect | Effect | Effects | Effects |
| iShares S&P 500 | 11.08% | 11.03% | 0.05% | 0.01% | -0.44% | 0.00% | -0.43% |
| iShares S&P MidCap 400 | 7.99% | 8.00% | -0.01% | 0.00% | 0.03% | 0.00% | 0.03% |
| iShares Russell 2000 | 2.01% | 2.14% | -0.13% | -0.01% | -0.03% | 0.00% | -0.03% |
| iShares MSCI EAFE | 2.64% | 2.69% | -0.05% | -0.01% | -0.18% | 0.01% | -0.18% |
| iShares MSCI Emerging Mkts | -1.61% | -1.31% | -0.29% | -0.03% | 0.06% | 0.02% | 0.05% |
| iShares Dow Jones US Real Estate | 14.60% | 14.61% | -0.02% | 0.00% | -0.15% | 0.00% | -0.15% |
| Alerian MLP | 0.36% | 0.55% | -0.19% | -0.01% | -0.03% | 0.00% | -0.03% |
| High Yield | 0.74% | 0.63% | 0.11% | 0.01% | -0.02% | 0.00% | -0.01% |
| Fixed Income | -0.51% | -0.57% | 0.06% | 0.02% | 0.08% | -0.01% | 0.09% |
| Cash Alternatives | 0.00% | 0.01% | -0.01% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| Total | 2.05% | 2.73% | -0.67% | -0.02% | -0.67% | 0.01% | -0.67% |
| | | | | | | | |

Returns are gross of advisory fees. Client returns will be reduced by advisory fees and other expenses the client may incur.

Total Plan Information As of December 31, 2021

RISK RETURN STATISTICS



\$2.0

\$1.8

\$1.6

\$1.4

\$1.2

\$0.8

| The Growth of Dollar graph and the returns presented above are gross of advisory fees. The returns presented herein will be |
|---|
| reduced by advisory and other expenses the client may incur. The Summary of Cash Flows is net of all expenses |

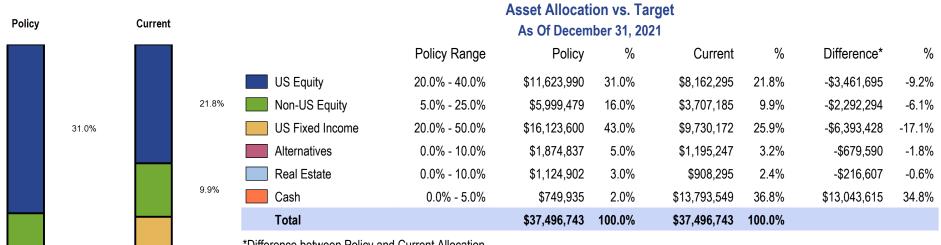
| | Town of Branford OPEB Trust | Town of Branford OPEB Policy |
|---|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| RETURN SUMMARY STATISTICS | | |
| Number of Periods | 126 | 126 |
| Maximum Return | 5.87 | 6.92 |
| Minimum Return | -8.09 | -8.89 |
| Annualized Return | 5.87 | 5.98 |
| Total Return | 82.07 | 83.98 |
| Annualized Excess Return Over Risk Free | 5.30 | 5.40 |
| Annualized Excess Return | -0.10 | 0.00 |
| RISK SUMMARY STATISTICS | | |
| Beta | 0.84 | 1.00 |
| Upside Deviation | 4.14 | 5.02 |
| Downside Deviation | 5.59 | 6.48 |
| RISK/RETURN SUMMARY STATISTICS | | |
| Annualized Standard Deviation | 6.92 | 7.92 |
| Alpha | 0.07 | 0.00 |
| Sharpe Ratio | 0.77 | 0.68 |
| Excess Return Over Market / Risk | -0.02 | 0.00 |
| Tracking Error | 2.27 | 0.00 |
| Information Ratio | -0.05 | |
| CORRELATION STATISTICS | | |
| R-Squared | 0.93 | 1.00 |
| Correlation | 0.96 | 1.00 |
| | | |

Summary of Cash Flows

| | Last Three Months | Year-To-Date | Fiscal Year-To- Date | One Year | Three Years | Five Years | Ten Years | Inception 7/1/11 |
|------------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Beginning Market Value | \$36,760,723 | \$35,106,922 | \$37,083,381 | \$35,106,922 | \$15,787,328 | \$12,696,659 | \$5,145,808 | \$4,030,671 |
| Contributions | \$655 | \$2,239,742 | \$655 | \$2,239,742 | \$19,088,190 | \$25,722,480 | \$36,457,723 | \$38,120,911 |
| Withdrawals | -\$19,622 | -\$2,304,829 | -\$38,283 | -\$2,304,829 | -\$4,079,057 | -\$8,123,367 | -\$13,498,963 | -\$14,000,058 |
| Net Cash Flow | -\$18,967 | -\$65,087 | -\$37,628 | -\$65,087 | \$15,009,133 | \$17,599,114 | \$22,958,759 | \$24,120,853 |
| Net Investment Change | \$754,987 | \$2,454,908 | \$450,991 | \$2,454,908 | \$6,700,282 | \$7,200,970 | \$9,392,176 | \$9,345,219 |
| Ending Market Value | \$37,496,743 | \$37,496,743 | \$37,496,743 | \$37,496,743 | \$37,496,743 | \$37,496,743 | \$37,496,743 | \$37,496,743 |

Asset Allocation vs. Target Policy

As of December 31, 2021



^{*}Difference between Policy and Current Allocation

16.0%

43.0%

5.0% 3.0% 2.0% 25.9%

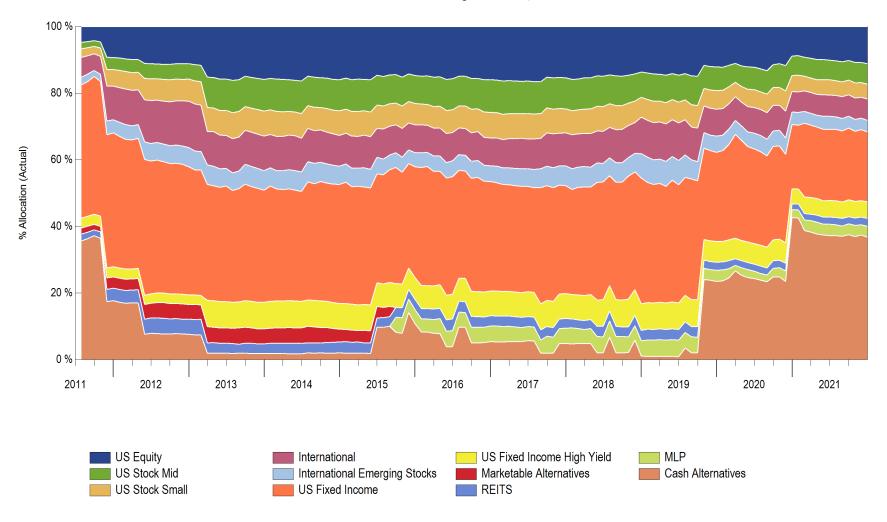
3.2% 2.4%

36.8%

Asset Allocation History

As of December 31, 2021

Asset Allocation History
10 Years 6 Months Ending December 31, 2021



Investment Analysis

Total Plan

As of December 31, 2021

Manager Roster As of December 31, 2021

| | Account Type | Benchmark | Universe | Market Value | Allocation | Inception |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|------------|-----------|
| Alerian MLP | MLP | Alerian MLP Index | | \$1,195,247 | 3.2% | 9/1/2015 |
| Cash Alternatives | Cash Alternatives | FTSE T-Bill 3 Months TR | | \$13,793,549 | 36.8% | 7/1/2011 |
| Fixed Income | US Fixed Income | Bloomberg US Govt/Credit Int TR | US Intermediate Fixed Income | \$7,856,902 | 21.0% | 7/1/2011 |
| High Yield | US Fixed Income High Yield | High Yield Bond Blended Benchmark | High Yield Bond MStar MF | \$1,873,270 | 5.0% | 7/1/2011 |
| iShares Dow Jones US Real Estate | REITS | iShares U.S. Real Estate Benchmark | Real Estate MStar MF | \$908,295 | 2.4% | 7/1/2011 |
| iShares MSCI EAFE | International | MSCI EAFE | Foreign Large Blend MStar MF | \$2,401,282 | 6.4% | 7/1/2011 |
| iShares MSCI Emerging Mkts | International Emerging Stocks | MSCI Emerging Markets | Diversified Emerging Mkts MStar MF | \$1,305,903 | 3.5% | 7/1/2011 |
| iShares Russell 2000 | US Stock Small | Russell 2000 | Small Blend MStar MF | \$1,660,466 | 4.4% | 7/1/2011 |
| iShares S&P 500 | US Equity | S&P 500 | Large Blend MStar MF | \$4,170,048 | 11.1% | 7/1/2011 |
| iShares S&P MidCap 400 | US Stock Mid | S&P 400 MidCap | Mid-Cap Blend MStar MF | \$2,331,781 | 6.2% | 7/1/2011 |
| Total | | Town of Branford OPEB Policy | | \$37,496,743 | 100.0% | 7/1/2011 |

Town of Branford OPEB Equity Positions As of December 31, 2021

| % | οf | Fa | uity |
|----|--------|-----|-------|
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|----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|
| Holding | Market Value | Portfolio |
| Cash & Cash Equivalents | \$13,793,549.41 | 49.68% |
| ISHARES S&P 500 | \$4,170,048.34 | 15.02% |
| ISHARES S&P MIDCAP 400 | \$2,331,781.19 | 8.40% |
| ISHARES Russell 2000 | \$1,660,465.79 | 5.98% |
| ISHARES MSCI EAFE Index ETF | \$2,401,282.20 | 8.65% |
| ISHARES MSCI Emerging Markets | \$1,305,902.55 | 4.70% |
| ISHARES Dow Jones US Real Estate | \$908,294.93 | 3.27% |
| Alerian MLP | \$1,195,247.07 | 4.30% |
| | \$27,766,571.48 | 100.00% |

Town of Suffield, CT OPEB Trust Fixed Income Positions as of December 31, 2021

% Held

Effective

| | | | | | | % Held | | Effective |
|-------------------------------------|---------|--------|------------|---------|---------------|--------|---|-----------|
| Par (000) Issuer Name | Quality | Coupon | Maturity | Price | Mkt Val (000) | (MV) | YTW | Duration |
| 141 CASH & EQUIVALENTS | AAA | 0.050 | 01/31/2022 | 100.000 | 141 | 3.02 | 0.050 | 0.085 |
| 90 UNITED STATES TREAS NTS | AA+ | 2.500 | 02/15/2022 | 100.286 | 91 | 1.95 | 0.209 | 0.126 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| 0 FHLMC GOLD POOL - J04540 | AA+ | 5.500 | 03/01/2022 | 100.106 | 0 | 0.00 | 1.446 | 0.082 |
| 30 NEW YORK LIFE GLOBAL FDG | AA+ | 2.300 | 06/10/2022 | 100.846 | 30 | 0.65 | 0.381 | 0.440 |
| 9 ASTRAZENECA PLC | A- | 2.375 | 06/12/2022 | 100.629 | 9 | 0.19 | 0.642 | 0.361 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| 0 FNMA UMBS POOL - 890042 | AA+ | 5.500 | 07/01/2022 | 100.261 | 0 | 0.00 | 1.247 | 0.147 |
| 20 NORTHERN TR CORP | Α | 2.375 | 08/02/2022 | 101.035 | 20 | 0.44 | 0.603 | 0.578 |
| 25 PHILIP MORRIS INTL INC | Α | 2.375 | 08/17/2022 | 100.977 | 25 | 0.54 | 0.575 | 0.537 |
| 30 TOYOTA MTR CR CORP | A+ | 2.150 | 09/08/2022 | 101.120 | 31 | 0.65 | 0.512 | 0.680 |
| 6 JPMORGAN CHASE & CO | A- | 3.250 | 09/23/2022 | 102.006 | 6 | 0.13 | 0.485 | 0.719 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| 30 DISNEY WALT CO | BBB+ | 2.350 | 12/01/2022 | 101.304 | 30 | 0.65 | 0.918 | 0.907 |
| 35 GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC | BBB+ | 3.625 | 01/22/2023 | 102.992 | 37 | 0.78 | 0.780 | 1.030 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| 30 UNITED STATES TREAS NTS | AA+ | 2.000 | 02/15/2023 | 101.727 | 31 | 0.66 | 0.459 | 1.108 |
| 100 UNITED STATES TREAS NTS | AA+ | 0.125 | 03/31/2023 | 99.543 | 100 | 2.13 | 0.493 | 1.242 |
| 54 GENERAL DYNAMICS CORP | A- | 3.375 | 05/15/2023 | 103.334 | 56 | 1.20 | 0.770 | 1.261 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| 30 AMERICAN HONDA FIN CORP MTN | A- | 0.875 | 07/07/2023 | 100.043 | 30 | 0.64 | 0.846 | 1.495 |
| 3 FNMA UMBS POOL - 988958 | AA+ | 6.000 | 08/01/2023 | 102.255 | 3 | 0.06 | 2.074 | 0.644 |
| 2 RAYTHEON TECHNOLOGIES CORP | BBB+ | 3.650 | 08/16/2023 | 103.975 | 2 | 0.05 | 1.044 | 1.485 |
| 36 GILEAD SCIENCES INC | BBB+ | 0.750 | 09/29/2023 | 99.589 | 36 | 0.77 | 0.988 | 1.071 |
| 100 UNITED STATES TREAS BDS | AA+ | 0.250 | 09/30/2023 | 99.305 | 99 | 2.12 | 0.651 | 1.738 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| 30 GLAXOSMITHKLINE CAP PLC | Α | 0.534 | 10/01/2023 | 99.628 | 30 | 0.64 | 0.748 | 1.435 |
| 15 ABBVIE INC | BBB | 3.750 | 11/14/2023 | 104.706 | 16 | 0.34 | 1.082 | 1.729 |
| 100 UNITED STATES TREAS NTS | | | | 99.188 | | | | |
| | AA+ | 0.250 | 11/15/2023 | | 99 | 2.12 | 0.687 | 1.863 |
| 1 FNMA UMBS POOL - 995728 | AA+ | 6.500 | 12/01/2023 | 102.678 | 1 | 0.02 | 2.324 | 0.705 |
| 80 KEURIG DR PEPPER INC | BBB | 3.130 | 12/15/2023 | 103.632 | 83 | 1.77 | 1.075 | 1.754 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| 45 FIFTH THIRD BANCORP | BBB | 4.300 | 01/16/2024 | 105.759 | 48 | 1.04 | 1.312 | 1.854 |
| 80 ALPHABET INC | AA | 3.375 | 02/25/2024 | 105.379 | 85 | 1.82 | 0.845 | 2.066 |
| 25 GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC | BBB+ | 4.000 | 03/03/2024 | 106.036 | 27 | 0.57 | 1.177 | 2.068 |
| 31 BLACKROCK INC | AA- | 3.500 | 03/18/2024 | 105.696 | 33 | 0.71 | 0.895 | 2.123 |
| 51 BK OF AMERICA CORP | A- | 4.000 | 04/01/2024 | 106.323 | 55 | 1.17 | 1.145 | 2.148 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| 55 FLORIDA PWR & LT CO | A+ | 3.250 | 06/01/2024 | 104.208 | 57 | 1.23 | 1.027 | 1.889 |
| 100 UNITED STATES TREAS NTS | AA+ | 0.375 | 08/15/2024 | 98.703 | 99 | 2.11 | 0.876 | 2.604 |
| 100 UNITED STATES TREAS NTS | AA+ | 0.375 | 09/15/2024 | 98.609 | 99 | 2.11 | 0.897 | 2.690 |
| 31 UNITED STATES TREAS NTS | AA+ | 1.500 | 09/30/2024 | 101.602 | 32 | 0.68 | 0.908 | 2.690 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| 29 CAPITAL ONE FINL CORP | BBB | 3.300 | 10/30/2024 | 105.269 | 31 | 0.66 | 1.344 | 2.642 |
| · · · · · - · · · · · · · · · · · · | | | 10/05/0004 | 407.050 | | | | |
| 70 AMAZON COM INC | A+ | 3.800 | 12/05/2024 | 107.259 | 75 | 1.61 | 1.044 | 2.573 |
| 100 UNITED STATES TREAS NTS | AA+ | 1.000 | 12/15/2024 | 100.133 | 100 | 2.14 | 0.954 | 2.918 |
| 45 DEERE JOHN CAPITAL CORP | Α | 2.050 | 01/09/2025 | 102.789 | 47 | 1.00 | 1.109 | 2.918 |
| 33 MERCK & CO INC | A+ | 2.750 | 02/10/2025 | 104.755 | 35 | 0.75 | 1.057 | 2.784 |
| 8 ABBVIE INC | BBB | 3.800 | 03/15/2025 | 106.487 | 9 | 0.18 | 1.546 | 2.805 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| 80 CME GROUP INC | AA- | 3.000 | 03/15/2025 | 105.014 | 85 | 1.81 | 1.266 | 2.858 |
| 55 CHARLES SCHWAB CORP | Α | 4.200 | 03/24/2025 | 108.763 | 60 | 1.29 | 1.347 | 2.956 |
| 1 FHLMC GOLD POOL - G13833 | AA+ | 4.500 | 05/01/2025 | 104.285 | 1 | 0.02 | 0.878 | 1.016 |
| 30 APPLE INC | AA+ | 3.200 | 05/01/2025 | 104.203 | 32 | 0.69 | 1.238 | 3.206 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| 30 AT&T INC | BBB | 3.400 | 05/15/2025 | 105.683 | 32 | 0.68 | 1.529 | 3.001 |
| 05 LOMES 202 INS | DDC | 0.0== | 00/45/0005 | 400 170 | | 4 40 | 4 | 0.004 |
| 65 LOWES COS INC | BBB+ | 3.375 | 09/15/2025 | 106.472 | 70 | 1.49 | 1.448 | 3.291 |
| 40 BP CAP MKTS AMER INC | A- | 3.796 | 09/21/2025 | 107.967 | 44 | 0.93 | 1.487 | 3.341 |
| 80 UNITED STATES TREAS NTS | AA+ | 0.250 | 10/31/2025 | 96.691 | 77 | 1.65 | 1.135 | 3.817 |
| | | | | | | | | |

Town of Suffield, CT OPEB Trust Fixed Income Positions as of December 31, 2021

| as of December 31, 2021 % Held Effectiv | | | | | | | | Effective |
|---|---------|--------|------------|---------|---------------|------|-------|-----------|
| ar (000) Issuer Name | Quality | Coupon | Maturity | Price | Mkt Val (000) | (MV) | YTW | Duration |
| 19 CITIGROUP INC | BBB+ | 3.700 | 01/12/2026 | 108.181 | 21 | 0.45 | 1.596 | 3.729 |
| 14 INVESCO FINANCE PLC | BBB+ | 3.750 | 01/15/2026 | 108.166 | 15 | 0.33 | 1.652 | 3.732 |
| 30 ANHEUSER BUSCH INBEV FIN INC | BBB+ | 3.650 | 02/01/2026 | 107.416 | 33 | 0.70 | 1.646 | 3.598 |
| 69 UNITED STATES TREAS NTS | AA+ | 1.625 | 02/15/2026 | 101.766 | 71 | 1.51 | 1.185 | 3.988 |
| 35 EXXON MOBIL CORP | AA- | 3.043 | 03/01/2026 | 105.842 | 37 | 0.80 | 1.502 | 3.740 |
| 40 BK OF AMERICA CORP | BBB+ | 4.450 | 03/03/2026 | 110.151 | 45 | 0.95 | 1.907 | 3.808 |
| 45 BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY INC DEL | AA | 3.125 | 03/15/2026 | 107.082 | 49 | 1.04 | 1.283 | 3.765 |
| 75 UNITED STATES TREAS NTS | AA+ | 0.750 | 03/31/2026 | 98.152 | 74 | 1.58 | 1.197 | 4.184 |
| 70 US BANCORP | Α | 3.100 | 04/27/2026 | 105.727 | 74 | 1.59 | 1.694 | 4.005 |
| 12 BANK NEW YORK MELLON CORP | Α | 2.800 | 05/04/2026 | 104.827 | 13 | 0.27 | 1.577 | 3.951 |
| 30 ABBVIE INC | BBB | 3.200 | 05/14/2026 | 106.053 | 32 | 0.68 | 1.673 | 3.933 |
| 11 UNITED STATES TREAS NTS | AA+ | 1.625 | 05/15/2026 | 101.731 | 11 | 0.24 | 1.217 | 4.234 |
| 64 CVS HEALTH CORP | BBB | 2.875 | 06/01/2026 | 104.492 | 67 | 1.43 | 1.753 | 4.026 |
| 26 UNITED STATES TREAS NTS | AA+ | 1.875 | 07/31/2026 | 102.891 | 27 | 0.58 | 1.224 | 4.387 |
| 34 MICROSOFT CORP | AAA | 2.400 | 08/08/2026 | 104.705 | 36 | 0.77 | 1.285 | 4.214 |
| 20 BOSTON PPTYS LTD PARTNERSHIP | BBB+ | 2.750 | 10/01/2026 | 104.112 | 21 | 0.45 | 1.795 | 4.330 |
| 100 UNITED STATES TREAS NTS | AA+ | 1.250 | 11/30/2026 | 100.000 | 100 | 2.14 | 1.250 | 4.788 |
| 35 UNITED STATES TREAS NTS | AA+ | 1.625 | 11/30/2026 | 101.770 | 36 | 0.76 | 1.252 | 4.750 |
| 24 PFIZER INC | Α | 3.000 | 12/15/2026 | 107.549 | 26 | 0.55 | 1.417 | 4.655 |
| 25 TOYOTA MTR CR CORP | A+ | 3.200 | 01/11/2027 | 107.330 | 27 | 0.58 | 1.674 | 4.635 |
| 40 MORGAN STANLEY | BBB+ | 3.625 | 01/20/2027 | 108.482 | 44 | 0.94 | 1.858 | 4.609 |
| 24 UNITED STATES TREAS NTS | AA+ | 0.500 | 05/31/2027 | 95.824 | 23 | 0.49 | 1.301 | 5.357 |
| 80 UNITED STATES TREAS NTS | AA+ | 0.500 | 10/31/2027 | 95.242 | 76 | 1.63 | 1.351 | 5.763 |
| 60 JPMORGAN CHASE & CO | BBB+ | 3.625 | 12/01/2027 | 107.813 | 65 | 1.39 | 1.951 | 4.708 |
| 35 XYLEM INC | BBB | | | 98.944 | 35 | | | |
| | | 1.950 | 01/30/2028 | | | 0.75 | 2.136 | 5.654 |
| 65 UNITED STATES TREAS NTS | AA+ | 2.875 | 05/15/2028 | 109.035 | 71 | 1.52 | 1.389 | 5.885 |
| 25 HORMEL FOODS CORP | Α | 1.700 | 06/03/2028 | 99.697 | 25 | 0.53 | 1.750 | 6.050 |
| 35 UNITED STATES TREAS NTS | AA+ | 2.875 | 08/15/2028 | 109.301 | 39 | 0.83 | 1.400 | 6.059 |
| 19 ENTERPRISE PRODS OPER LLC | BBB+ | 4.150 | 10/16/2028 | 112.352 | 22 | 0.46 | 2.118 | 5.824 |
| 40 UNITED STATES TREAS NTS | AA+ | 3.125 | 11/15/2028 | 111.242 | 45 | 0.95 | 1.403 | 6.270 |
| 20 RAYTHEON TECHNOLOGIES CORP | BBB+ | 4.125 | 11/16/2028 | 111.944 | 22 | 0.48 | 2.179 | 5.912 |
| 100 UNITED STATES TREAS NTS | AA+ | 1.500 | 11/30/2028 | 100.484 | 101 | 2.15 | 1.426 | 6.604 |
| 35 WELLS FARGO & CO | BBB+ | 4.150 | 01/24/2029 | 112.033 | 40 | 0.85 | 2.236 | 5.981 |
| 45 UNITED STATES TREAS NTS | AA+ | 2.625 | 02/15/2029 | 108.199 | 49 | 1.05 | 1.411 | 6.528 |
| 39 BOEING CO | BBB- | 3.200 | 03/01/2029 | 103.006 | 41 | 0.87 | 2.720 | 6.260 |
| 51 AON CORP | BBB | 3.750 | 05/02/2029 | 109.715 | 56 | 1.20 | 2.259 | 6.316 |
| 35 WASTE MGMT INC DEL | BBB+ | 2.000 | 06/01/2029 | 99.991 | 35 | 0.75 | 2.001 | 6.839 |
| 10 KROGER CO | BBB | 7.700 | 06/01/2029 | 135.900 | 14 | 0.29 | 2.389 | 5.996 |
| 27 SOUTHERN CALIF EDISON CO | A- | 2.850 | 08/01/2029 | 103.440 | 28 | 0.60 | 2.337 | 6.664 |
| 25 UNITED STATES TREAS NTS | AA+ | 1.750 | 11/15/2029 | 102.598 | 26 | 0.55 | 1.400 | 7.396 |
| 60 PNC FINL SVCS GROUP INC | A- | 2.550 | 01/22/2030 | 102.903 | 62 | 1.33 | 2.145 | 7.135 |
| 40 JEFFERIES GROUP LLC / JEFFER | BBB | 4.150 | 01/23/2030 | 110.966 | 45 | 0.96 | 2.631 | 6.855 |
| 17 UNITED STATES TREAS NTS | AA+ | 1.500 | 02/15/2030 | 100.613 | 17 | 0.37 | 1.420 | 7.654 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| 40 EXXON MOBIL CORP | AA- | 3.482 | 03/19/2030 | 109.617 | 44 | 0.95 | 2.161 | 7.036 |
| 30 VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC | BBB+ | 3.150 | 03/22/2030 | 105.915 | 32 | 0.68 | 2.333 | 7.121 |
| 5 PROCTER & GAMBLE CO | AA- | 3.000 | 03/25/2030 | 108.798 | 5 | 0.12 | 1.843 | 7.338 |
| 30 CATERPILLAR INC | Α | 2.600 | 04/09/2030 | 104.309 | 31 | 0.67 | 2.016 | 7.331 |

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| Par (000) Issuer Name | Quality | Coupon | Maturity | Price | Mkt Val (000) | (MV) | YTW | Duration |
| 40 3M CO | A+ | 3.050 | 04/15/2030 | 107.332 | 43 | 0.92 | 2.056 | 7.223 |
| 10 T MOBILE USA INC | BBB- | 3.875 | 04/15/2030 | 109.513 | 11 | 0.24 | 2.558 | 6.996 |
| 15 TJX COS INC NEW | Α | 3.875 | 04/15/2030 | 112.255 | 17 | 0.36 | 2.203 | 7.014 |
| 40 HOME DEPOT INC | Α | 2.700 | 04/15/2030 | 105.029 | 42 | 0.90 | 2.019 | 7.319 |
| 25 BLACKROCK INC | AA- | 2.400 | 04/30/2030 | 103.009 | 26 | 0.55 | 1.995 | 7.447 |
| 25 NORTHERN TR CORP | Α | 1.950 | 05/01/2030 | 99.117 | 25 | 0.53 | 2.066 | 7.586 |
| 30 ENERGY TRANSFER L P | BBB- | 3.750 | 05/15/2030 | 106.068 | 32 | 0.68 | 2.906 | 7.091 |
| 30 VULCAN MATLS CO | BBB | 3.500 | 06/01/2030 | 108.116 | 33 | 0.70 | 2.400 | 7.221 |
| 40 GENERAL MTRS FINL CO INC | BBB- | 3.600 | 06/21/2030 | 106.753 | 43 | 0.91 | 2.680 | 7.239 |
| 35 CROWN CASTLE INTL CORP | BBB- | 3.300 | 07/01/2030 | 105.592 | 38 | 0.80 | 2.545 | 7.235 |
| 20 REPUBLIC SVCS INC | BBB | 1.450 | 02/15/2031 | 93.098 | 19 | 0.40 | 2.293 | 8.408 |
| 30 SALESFORCE COM INC | Α | 1.950 | 07/15/2031 | 99.182 | 30 | 0.64 | 2.045 | 8.537 |
| 30 ZIMMER BIOMET HOLDINGS INC | BBB- | 2.600 | 11/24/2031 | 100.643 | 30 | 0.65 | 2.524 | 8.619 |
| 40 CANADIAN PAC RY CO NEW | BBB | 2.450 | 12/02/2031 | 101.917 | 41 | 0.87 | 2.228 | 8.711 |
| 38 ALTRIA GROUP INC | BBB | 2.450 | 02/04/2032 | 95.057 | 37 | 0.78 | 3.022 | 8.744 |
| 6 FNMA UMBS POOL - AB4713 | AA+ | 3.000 | 03/01/2032 | 103.676 | 7 | 0.14 | 1.809 | 2.494 |
| 9 MARATHON OIL CORP | BBB- | 6.800 | 03/15/2032 | 128.974 | 12 | 0.25 | 3.413 | 7.684 |
| 4 COMCAST CORP NEW | A- | 6.500 | 11/15/2035 | 143.803 | 6 | 0.12 | 2.694 | 10.123 |
| 3 FNMA UMBS POOL - 995787 | AA+ | 6.500 | 09/01/2036 | 114.472 | 3 | 0.06 | 1.594 | 2.440 |
| 10 MARATHON OIL CORP | BBB- | 6.600 | 10/01/2037 | 130.932 | 13 | 0.28 | 3.944 | 10.638 |
| 25 COMM 2012-CCRE2- A4 | AAA | 3.147 | 08/15/2045 | 100.267 | 25 | 0.54 | 2.322 | 0.508 |
| 1 AT&T INC | BBB | 4.750 | 05/15/2046 | 121.140 | 1 | 0.03 | 3.444 | 15.519 |
| 4,497 | A+ | 2.344 | 4.384 | 103.470 | 4,678 | 100.00 | 1.383 | 3.964 |

Town of Branford OPEB High Yield Positions As of December 31, 2021

| | | % of High |
|------------------------------------|----------------|-----------|
| | | Yield |
| Holding | Market Value | Portfolio |
| Cash & Cash Equivalents | \$1.57 | 0.00% |
| MainStay MacKay High Yield Corp Bd | 1,873,268.14 | 100.00% |
| | \$1,873,269.71 | 100.00% |

Historical Policy

| 7/1/2011 | to | 2/28/2013 | 40.00 12.00 15.00 7.00 6.00 5.00 5.00 5.00 3.00 2.00 | Barclays Capital Int Govt/Credit S&P 500 MSCI EAFE (Net) Russell 2000 MSCI Emerging Market (Net) S&P 400 Mid Cap Dow USA Real Estate Bloomberg Commodity Index Barclays Capital High Yield Very Liquid Citigroup Treasury Bill-3 Month |
|----------|------|------------|---|---|
| 3/1/2013 | to | 8/31/2015 | 35.00 15.00 10.00 9.00 8.00 7.00 6.00 5.00 3.00 2.00 | Barclays Capital Int Govt/Credit S&P 500 MSCI EAFE (Net) S&P 400 Mid Cap Barclays Capital High Yield Very Liquid Russell 2000 MSCI Emerging Market (Net) Bloomberg Commodity Index Dow USA Real Estate Citigroup Treasury Bill-3 Month |
| 9/1/2015 | to | 12/31/2018 | 35.00 15.00 10.00 9.00 8.00 7.00 6.00 5.00 3.00 2.00 | Barclays Capital Int Govt/Credit S&P 500 MSCI EAFE (Net) S&P 400 Mid Cap Barclays Capital High Yield Very Liquid Russell 2000 MSCI Emerging Market (Net) Alerian MLP Index Dow USA Real Estate Citigroup Treasury Bill-3 Month |
| 1/1/2019 |) to | 2/28/2019 | 36.00 14.50 12.50 8.50 8.00 5.50 5.50 5.25 3.25 1.00 | Barclays Capital Int Govt/Credit S&P 500 MSCI EAFE (Net) MSCI Emerging Market (Net) Barclays Capital High Yield Very Liquid S&P 400 Mid Cap Russell 2000 Alerian MLP Index Dow USA Real Estate Citigroup Treasury Bill-3 Month |
| 3/1/2019 |) to | 5/31/2019 | 35.00 15.00 | Barclays Capital Int Govt/Credit S&P 500 |

| | | | 10.00 9.00 8.00 7.00 6.00 5.00 3.00 2.00 | MSCI EAFE (Net) S&P 400 Mid Cap Barclays Capital High Yield Very Liquid Russell 2000 MSCI Emerging Market (Net) Alerian MLP Index Dow USA Real Estate Citigroup Treasury Bill-3 Month |
|-----------|----|------------|---|---|
| 6/1/2019 | to | 10/31/2019 | 35.00 15.00 10.00 9.00 8.00 7.00 6.00 5.00 3.00 2.00 | Barclays Capital Int Govt/Credit S&P 500 MSCI EAFE (Net) S&P 400 Mid Cap BofAML US High Yield Constrained Russell 2000 MSCI Emerging Market (Net) Alerian MLP Index Dow USA Real Estate Citigroup Treasury Bill-3 Month |
| 11/1/2019 | to | 12/31/2020 | 27.10 24.00 11.70 8.10 6.90 6.20 5.40 4.70 3.40 2.50 | Barclays Capital Int Govt/Credit Citigroup Treasury Bill-3 Month S&P 500 MSCI EAFE (Net) S&P 400 Mid Cap BofAML US High Yield Constrained Russell 2000 MSCI Emerging Market (Net) Alerian MLP Index Dow USA Real Estate |
| 1/1/2021 | to | 1/31/2021 | 42.50 19.30 8.80 6.20 5.90 4.80 4.60 3.80 2.40 1.70 | Citigroup Treasury Bill-3 Month Barclays Capital Int Govt/Credit S&P 500 MSCI EAFE (Net) S&P 400 Mid Cap Russell 2000 BofAML US High Yield Constrained MSCI Emerging Market (Net) Alerian MLP Index Dow USA Real Estate |
| 2/1/2021 | to | Present | 42.50 19.30 8.80 6.20 5.90 4.80 4.60 | Citigroup Treasury Bill-3 Month Barclays Capital Int Govt/Credit S&P 500 MSCI EAFE (Net) S&P 400 Mid Cap Russell 2000 BofAML US High Yield Constrained |

- 3.80 MSCI Emerging Market (Net)
- 2.40 Alerian MLP Index
- 1.70 Dow USA Real Estate Capped

Definitions



Accrued – Usually associated with interest or income, as in accrued interest; interest owed by the issuer but not yet paid.

Allocation Effect – In attribution analysis, this examines the gain or loss achieved from over or under weighting a manager versus its targeted allocation.

Alpha – Value that is added by the manager, or the non-systematic return; the excess portfolio return compared to the risk-adjusted benchmark. A positive alpha implies the manager has added value to the return over that of the market.

Alpha-Jensen – A version of alpha that utilizes risk-adjusted manager returns in its calculation.

Attribution Analysis – A tool to separate and examine the different sources of gain or loss from an overall investment policy and targeted asset allocation.

Batting Average – Measure of a fund or manager's ability to beat the market consistently. It is calculated by dividing the number of quarters in which the fund or manager outperformed its benchmark by the number of quarters in the analysis.

Best Quarter – The largest single quarterly return which occurred during the specified time period.

Beta – Measures the systematic risk, or the return that is attributable to market movements. A beta equal to one indicates a risk level equivalent to the market. Higher betas are associated with higher risk levels.

Consumer Discretionary – Sector classification of companies that produce goods that are not necessities, like automobiles, high-end clothing, hotels, and restaurants.

Consumer Staples – Sector classification of companies that produce necessities like food/beverage and household products.

Correlation Coefficient – Statistical measure of the degree to which the movements of two variables are related. A correlation of 1.0 indicates a perfect positive correlation; 0.0 indicates a random relationship; -1.0 indicates perfect negative correlation.

Credit Risk – A measure of the default risk on amounts due from policyholder or creditors.

Current Yield – A bond's coupon rate divided by the bond's current price.

Dividend Yield – The current dividend per share of a stock divided by its current price per share.

Dollar/Money Weighted Rate of Return – Measure of portfolio returns that includes the impact from cash flows.

Down Market – A quarter in which the market return is negative.

Downside Deviation – Standard deviation of negative returns only.

Duration – A measure of a bond's price volatility relative to a change in the general level of interest rates, measured in years. In general, bonds with longer durations have greater sensitivity to interest rates and vice-versa.

Earnings Per Share (EPS) – The portion of a company's profit allocated to each outstanding share of common stock.

Earnings Per Share Growth Rate – The rate at which the earnings per share grows over various time periods.

Energy – Sector classification of companies that relate to producing or supplying energy.

Excess Return over Market/Risk – Annualized excess return achieved by the manager divided by annualized standard deviation. **Financials** – Sector classification of companies that provide banking, investment, and real estate services to commercial and retail customers.

Health Care – Sector classification of companies that provide health related services or products.

Information Ratio – Measures the consistency of out-performance. Excess return divided by Standard deviation of excess return.

Information Technology – Sector classification of companies that are involved in the development, installation, and implementation of computer systems and applications.

Industrials – Sector classification of companies that manufacture or distribute goods.

Manager Effect – In attribution analysis, this examines the difference between a manager's returns versus his or her respective benchmark.

Definitions



Materials – Sector classification of companies that are involved in the discovery, development, and processing of raw materials.

Maturity – Date when the principal or stated value of a fixed income security becomes due and payable in full to the bondholder.

Policy Allocation - Targeted allocation across various asset classes and/or managers.

Price to Book Ratio (P/B) – The current price of a stock divided by its book value per share.

Price to Earnings Ratio (P/E) – The current price of a stock divided by its earnings per share.

Quality Rating - Bond issuer's credit quality, or its ability to meet future contractual obligations. (Moody's and S&P's)

R-Squared – Measure of how closely related are the variance of a manager's returns to the variance of the benchmark's returns.

Range – The difference between the Best Quarter and the Worst Quarter returns.

Return on Equity (ROE) – Equity (net worth) at the beginning of an accounting period divided into net income for the period.

Return/Risk Comparison – Analysis that exhibits the rate of return in relation to the volatility of those returns as measured by the annualized standard deviation of quarterly returns.

Risk Free – The equivalent of an investment with little to no risk of market loss, typically defined as short term Treasury bills.

Sharpe Ratio – This measures excess return per unit of risk. A higher ratio means the manager is achieving higher return for the risk.

Sortino Ratio – Similar to Sharpe Ratio, this measures excess return per unit of downside risk.

Standard Deviation – A statistical measure of portfolio risk, it measures the volatility of a fund's returns compared to the average return of the fund. It reflects the average deviation of the observations from their sample mean.

Telecommunication Service – Sector classification of companies that provide communication technology related services or products.

Time-Weighted Rate of Return – Minimizes the impact of cash flows on rate of return calculations.

Total Return – For bonds, the sum of interest and principal payments as well as any reinvestment income received over a holding or measurement period, plus any capital gain or loss if the bond is sold at the end of the period.

Tracking Error – How closely a fund or manager's returns track the returns of a benchmark.; the annualized standard deviation of the differences between the fund or manager's return and the benchmark's return.

Transportation – Sector classification of companies that provide transportation related services or products.

Treynor Ratio – Risk is measured using Beta, which is an index dependent measure; relates the difference between the fund return and the risk-free rate to the fund beta for a given time period.

Universe – A broadly defined group of investment managers. For example, a group of equity investment managers.

Up Market – A quarter in which the market return is positive.

Upside Deviation – the standard deviation of positive returns only.

Upside/Downside – A graphical representation of up market and down market returns, measured as percentages versus benchmark. **Utilities** – Sector classification of companies that own or operate facilities used in the generation, transmission, or distribution of electric

energy.

Worst Four Quarters – Smallest return experienced over any four consecutive quarters, may not correspond with calendar years.

Worst Quarter - The worst single quarterly return which occurred during the specified time period.

Yield – The return to a bondholder who holds a bond until it matures.

Yield to Maturity – Internal rate of return on a bond bought at the current price and held to maturity. This assumes that coupon income is reinvested at the yield to maturity.

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