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SMART Monitoring Overview and Reporting

Fourth Quarter 2023



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Fiduciary Mandate Process



- Begin with over 25,000 funds
- Our screening process uses fiduciary mandates:
Criteria applied to each investment must score in the top 25%!
- Fiduciary Monitoring Quarterly

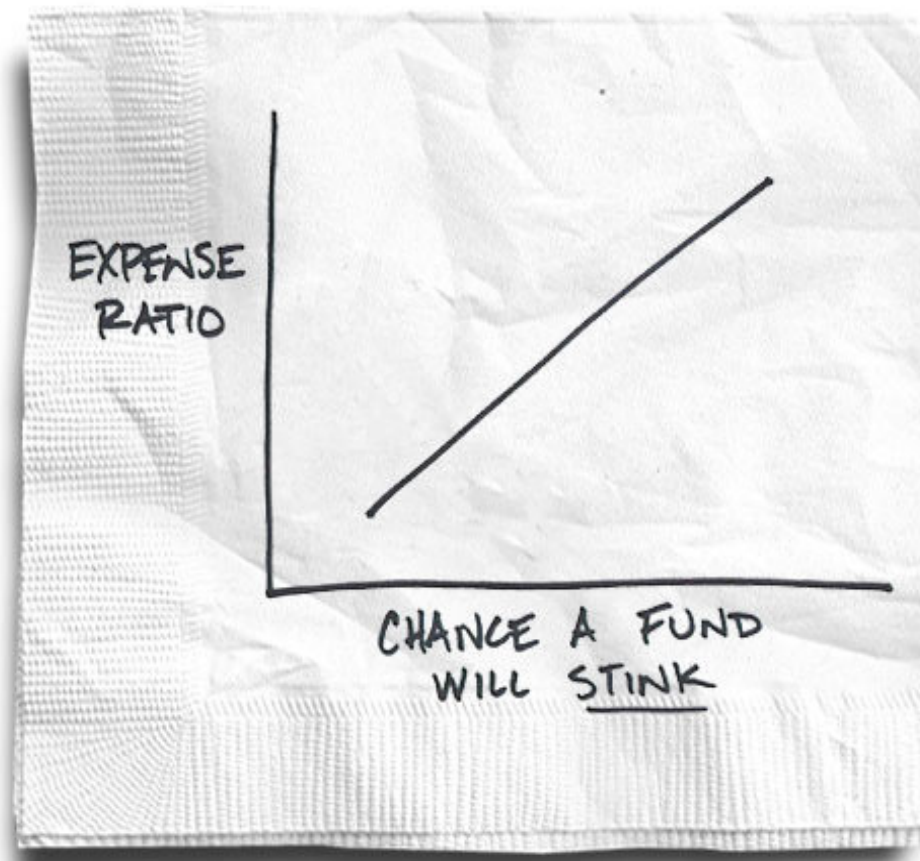
Fund Mandates

Test	Criteria
Product History	Product must have been in existence for a stated time period.
Product Assets	Must have at least \$100 million managed in this specific investment style.
Performance	The product must have positive excess performance relative to its benchmark over a stated period of time.
Alpha	The product's Alpha must be greater than or equal to 0.
Sharpe	The product's Sharpe Ratio must be greater than or equal to the benchmark.
Tracking Error	The product's tracking error must be less than 10%.
Peer Group	The product's return must be higher than the peer group's 50th percentile return.
Standard Deviation	The product's standard deviation must be less than or equal to 150% of the benchmark's standard deviation.

Our screening process evaluates more than 25,000 fund and institutional money managers to determine which funds will be included in your plan line-up.

- The criteria are applied to each investment resulting in a final score of 0 to 100, with 100 being best and 0 worst.
- We recalculate on a quarterly basis.

The Tabletop Guide to Mutual Funds



A recent Morningstar study suggests that keeping this bit of folded wisdom in your pocket might be more helpful than consulting an army of experts in the search for clever money managers.

Morningstar Director of Mutual Fund Research Russel Kinnel observed:

"In every single time period and data point tested, low-cost funds beat high-cost funds."

1. Russel Kinnel. "Fund Spy—How Fund Expense Ratios and Star Ratings Predict Success" Morningstar, August 9, 2010.

This sketch by Carl Richards originally appeared in [The New York Times](#). More of his sketches can be found at [Behaviorgap.com](#).

Two lineups monitored of which we serve as an ERISA 338 advisor:

- FSP 338 – Wealth Management Preferred
- FSP 338 – Wealth Management Partner

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Have Questions?

Levels of Service When Considering Service Providers

Responsibility

Full Scope

Limited

None

3(16) Plan Administrator

The person has these primary responsibilities:

- ensures all filings with the federal government (form 5500, etc) are timely made
- makes important disclosures to plan participants
- hires plan service providers if no other fiduciary has that responsibility

"Administrator" should not be confused with third party administrator or other consultants.

3(21) Functional Fiduciaries

- provides investment advice for a fee but leaves the ultimate decision up to the plan sponsor
- does not provide relief to the plan sponsor of any fiduciary responsibility
- No legal discretion (only can "help", "advise", or "assist" the plan sponsor)

3(38) Investment Manager

- front of the line defense to investments
- serves as an "investment manager" in writing
- assumes discretion and sole legal responsibility for selecting, monitoring and replacing investment options" the plan sponsor

None

Limited

Full Scope

Authority and Discretion

FSP 338 – Wealth Management Preferred

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CORE LIST OF APPROVED FUNDS
WEALTH MANAGEMENT PREFERRED CORE LINEUP - DECEMBER 31, 2023

Fund Name	Asset Class	Ticker	Expense Ratio	Returns Trailing Returns %		
				1-Year	5--Year	10-Year
U.S. Large Cap						
S&P 500 TR USD	Benchmark			26.28%	15.68%	12.03%
DFA U.S. Large Company	Large Cap	DFUSX	0.08%	26.25%	15.63%	11.97%
Russell 1000 Value	Benchmark			11.46%	10.90%	8.39%
DFA U.S. Large Cap Value	Large Cap Value	DFLVX	0.21%	11.47%	10.90%	8.33%
Russell 1000 Growth	Benchmark			42.67%	19.49%	14.86%
Vanguard Growth Index Admiral	Large Cap Growth	VIGAX	0.05%	46.77%	19.16%	13.97%
U.S. Mid Cap						
Russell Mid Cap	Benchmark			17.22%	12.67%	9.42%
Vanguard Mid Cap Index Admiral	Mid Cap Core	VIMAX	0.05%	15.98%	12.71%	9.41%
Russell Mid Cap Value	Benchmark			12.71%	11.15%	8.26%
Vanguard Mid Cap Value Index Admiral	Mid Cap Value	VMVAX	0.07%	9.76%	11.31%	8.49%
U.S. Small Cap						
Russell 2000	Benchmark			16.92%	9.97%	7.15%
DFA U.S. Small Cap	Small Cap	DFSTX	0.27%	17.64%	12.45%	8.07%
Russell 2000 Value	Benchmark			14.64%	10.00%	6.75%
DFA U.S. Targeted Value	Small Cap Value	DFFVX	0.29%	19.31%	14.77%	8.51%
Int'l Large Cap						
MSCI ACWI Ex USA Growth NR	Benchmark			14.03%	7.48%	4.54%
Vanguard Int'l Growth Admiral	Large Cap Growth	VWILX	0.31%	14.81%	10.62%	7.09%
MSCI World Ex USA Value NR	Benchmark			17.79%	8.84%	4.15%
DFA Int'l Value	Large Cap Value	DFIVX	0.28%	18.48%	7.47%	3.29%

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Int'l Small Cap						
MSCI World Ex USA Small Cap NR	Benchmark			12.62%	7.05%	4.62%
DFA Int'l Small Company	Small Cap Core	DFISX	0.39%	14.43%	8.02%	4.94%
MSCI World ex USA Small Value NR	Benchmark			14.70%	7.08%	4.19%
DFA Int'l Small Cap Value	Small Cap Value	DISVX	0.44%	17.58%	8.44%	4.62%
Emerging Markets Equity						
MSCI EM NR	Benchmark			9.82%	3.68%	2.66%
DFA Emerging Markets Core Equity	Emerging Mkts Core	DFCEX	0.40%	15.45%	6.18%	4.00%
REITS						
S&P Global REIT TR USD	Benchmark			11.52%	5.24%	5.84%
DFA Global Real Estate Securities	Real Estate Inv Trust	DFGEX	0.22%	9.42%	5.17%	5.90%
U.S. Fixed Income						
Bloomberg US Treasury US TIPS TR USD	Benchmark			3.89%	3.15%	2.42%
DFA Inflation-Protected Securities	Inflation-Protected	DIPSX	0.11%	3.93%	3.12%	2.42%
Bloomberg US AGG Bond TR USD	Benchmark			5.52%	1.10%	1.80%
Vanguard Int Term Bond Idx Admiral	Int Term Inv Grade	VBILX	0.07%	6.07%	1.67%	2.29%
Vanguard Total Bond Index Admiral	Int Term Inv Grade	VBTLX	0.05%	5.70%	1.11%	1.79%
Bloomberg Govt/Credit 1-5 Yr TR USD	Benchmark			4.88%	1.53%	1.42%
Vanguard Short-Term Inv Grade Admiral	Short Term Inv Grade	VFSUX	0.10%	6.17%	2.13%	1.95%
ICE BofAML US High Yield TR USD	Benchmark			13.45%	5.21%	4.51%
Vanguard High-Yield Corporate Adm	High-Yield Bond	VWEAX	0.13%	11.74%	5.21%	4.43%
Global Fixed Income						
Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond TR USD	Benchmark			7.14%	1.39%	2.41%
Vanguard Total International Bond Index	World Bond	VTABX	0.11%	8.78%	0.87%	2.39%

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Fund Name	Asset Class	Ticker	Expense Ratio	Returns Trailing Returns %		
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Target Retirement						
Vanguard Target Retirement Income	Managed Asset	VTINX	0.08%	10.65%	4.82%	4.08%
Vanguard Target Retirement 2020	Managed Asset	VTWNX	0.08%	12.51%	6.61%	5.52%
Vanguard Target Retirement 2025	Managed Asset	VTTVX	0.08%	14.55%	7.56%	6.10%
Vanguard Target Retirement 2030	Managed Asset	VTHRX	0.08%	15.99%	8.37%	6.58%
Vanguard Target Retirement 2035	Managed Asset	VTTHX	0.08%	17.14%	9.17%	7.06%
Vanguard Target Retirement 2040	Managed Asset	VFORX	0.08%	18.34%	9.99%	7.52%
Vanguard Target Retirement 2045	Managed Asset	VTIVX	0.08%	19.48%	10.76%	7.91%
Vanguard Target Retirement 2050	Managed Asset	VFIFX	0.08%	20.17%	10.93%	7.99%
Vanguard Target Retirement 2055	Managed Asset	VFFVX	0.08%	20.16%	10.92%	7.97%
Vanguard Target Retirement 2060	Managed Asset	VTTSX	0.08%	20.18%	10.92%	7.97%
Vanguard Target Retirement 2065	Managed Asset	VLXVX	0.08%	20.15%	10.91%	N/A
Vanguard Target Retirement 2070	Managed Asset	VSVNX	0.08%	20.24%	N/A	N/A

Vanguard Target Retirement Funds (2020, 2025, 2030, 2035, 2040, 2045, 2050, 2055, 2060, 2065, 2070 Institutional Class) will be the Defaulted QDIA depending upon participant age, unless otherwise requested.

Performance data represents past performance. Past performance is no guarantee of future results, and current performance may be higher or lower than the performance displayed. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate such that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Total returns include reinvestment of dividends and capital gains and are net of all fees and expenses related only to the fund itself.

Underlying Fund Performance information is current as of the stated date and has been obtained from sources that are believed to be reliable. Wealth Management Nebraska LLC, a Registered Investment Advisor, have not independently verified the return of each fund.

An Investment in these funds could lose money over short or long periods of time. Past performance is not necessarily an indication of future performance. In addition, the performance information set forth above in the "Portfolio Performance" section does not reflect the charges assessed by the plan. If it did, the annual total return would be lower.

Return figures reflect investor share class returns (indicated in italics).

Model Portfolios derived from Lineups

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WM PREFERRED MANAGED PORTFOLIOS

More Aggressive
More Conservative

	OBJECTIVE	ALLOCATION	PORTFOLIO EXPENSES ¹	PORTFOLIO GROSS PERFORMANCE ²																		
Portfolio 100	This portfolio is suitable for someone who wants to take advantage of the long-term potential of the markets and has a risk tolerance to handle the gyrations of the market.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> U.S. Equity 65% Int'l Equity 30% Real Estate 5% 	0.26%	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>3 Mo.</th> <th>1 Yr.</th> <th>3 Yr.</th> <th>5 Yr.</th> <th>10 Yr.</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Portfolio</td> <td>11.22%</td> <td>17.69%</td> <td>10.61%</td> <td>11.79%</td> <td>7.77%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Benchmark</td> <td>11.81%</td> <td>16.29%</td> <td>6.91%</td> <td>9.99%</td> <td>7.04%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		3 Mo.	1 Yr.	3 Yr.	5 Yr.	10 Yr.	Portfolio	11.22%	17.69%	10.61%	11.79%	7.77%	Benchmark	11.81%	16.29%	6.91%	9.99%	7.04%
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Portfolio 80	This portfolio is suitable for investors who want to take advantage of the long-term potential of the markets but want to reduce the volatility of the portfolio by mixing in bonds.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> U.S. Equity 51% Int'l Equity 24% Bonds 20% Real Estate 5% 	0.22%	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>3 Mo.</th> <th>1 Yr.</th> <th>3 Yr.</th> <th>5 Yr.</th> <th>10 Yr.</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Portfolio</td> <td>10.37%</td> <td>14.81%</td> <td>7.79%</td> <td>9.72%</td> <td>6.62%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Benchmark</td> <td>10.87%</td> <td>13.62%</td> <td>4.72%</td> <td>8.18%</td> <td>5.99%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		3 Mo.	1 Yr.	3 Yr.	5 Yr.	10 Yr.	Portfolio	10.37%	14.81%	7.79%	9.72%	6.62%	Benchmark	10.87%	13.62%	4.72%	8.18%	5.99%
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Portfolio 40	This portfolio is suitable for someone who is nearing retirement or someone who has a low risk tolerance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bonds 60% U.S. Equity 26% Int'l Equity 12% Real Estate 2% 	0.15%	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>3 Mo.</th> <th>1 Yr.</th> <th>3 Yr.</th> <th>5 Yr.</th> <th>10 Yr.</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Portfolio</td> <td>8.54%</td> <td>11.18%</td> <td>2.43%</td> <td>5.72%</td> <td>4.61%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Benchmark</td> <td>9.13%</td> <td>9.87%</td> <td>0.33%</td> <td>4.66%</td> <td>3.85%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		3 Mo.	1 Yr.	3 Yr.	5 Yr.	10 Yr.	Portfolio	8.54%	11.18%	2.43%	5.72%	4.61%	Benchmark	9.13%	9.87%	0.33%	4.66%	3.85%
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*Source: Morningstar & fi360 through December 31, 2023

Note: Returns are not net of any management or fiduciary fees. ¹Portfolio Expenses (Net Expense Ratio) as Weighted Average Total

Historical performance is based on an assumption that an investor has owned the exact portfolio in the exact allocation reflected in the snapshot for the previous three months, one-, three-, five- and ten-year periods.



WM PREFERRED MANAGED PORTFOLIOS

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Income

Domestic Equity

DFA U.S. Large Company	14	7	8	5	2	0
DFA U.S. Large Company Value	18	16	11	7	4	0
DFA U.S. Small Cap	9	8	5	4	2	0
DFA U.S. Targeted Value	24	20	15	10	5	0

International Developed Equity

DFA International Value	14	11	8	5	3	0
DFA International Small Cap	4	3	3	2	0	0
DFA International Small Cap Value	8	6	5	3	2	0

Emerging Markets

DFA Emerging Markets Core	4	4	2	2	1	0
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Real Estate Securities

DFA Global Real Estate	5	5	3	2	1	0
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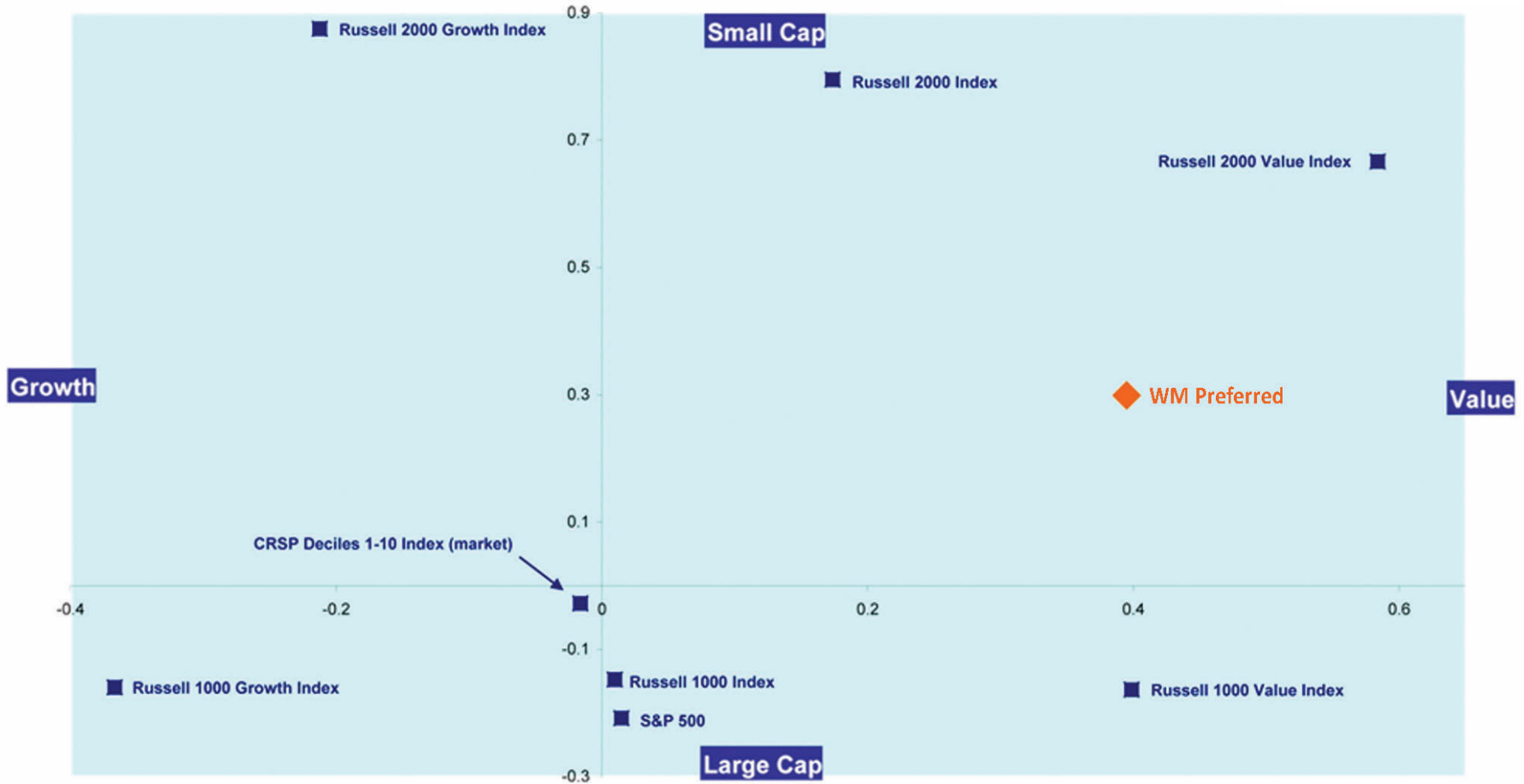
Fixed Income

Vanguard Total Bond Market	0	20	30	40	45	50
Vanguard Total International Bond Index	0	0	10	20	20	25
DFA Inflation Protection Security	0	0	0	0	15	25

Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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How the Domestic Models are Invested in Comparison to Indexes



Selection of funds, indices and time periods presented chosen by client's advisor. Indices are not available for direct investment and performance does not reflect expenses of an actual portfolio. Past performance is not a guarantee of future results.

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Other Managed Portfolios derived from Lineups available for your plans:

- WM Preferred Managed Portfolio**
- WM Preferred Core Managed Portfolio**
- WM Partner Managed Portfolio**
- WM Socially Responsible**

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Market Recap

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Quarterly Market Summary

Index returns

	US Stock Market	International Developed Stocks	Emerging Markets Stocks	Global Real Estate	US Bond Market	Global Bond Market ex US
Q4 2023	STOCKS				BONDS	
	12.07%	10.51%	7.86%	15.47%	6.82%	5.36%
						
Since Jan. 2001						
Average Quarterly Return	2.3%	1.6%	2.5%	2.3%	0.9%	0.9%
Best Quarter	22.0%	25.9%	34.7%	32.3%	6.8%	5.4%
	2020 Q2	2009 Q2	2009 Q2	2009 Q3	2023 Q4	2023 Q4
Worst Quarter	-22.8%	-23.3%	-27.6%	-36.1%	-5.9%	-4.1%
	2008 Q4	2020 Q1	2008 Q4	2008 Q4	2022 Q1	2022 Q1

Past performance is not a guarantee of future results. Indices are not available for direct investment. Index performance does not reflect the expenses associated with the management of an actual portfolio. Market segment (index representation) as follows: US Stock Market (Russell 3000 Index), International Developed Stocks (MSCI World ex USA Index [net dividends]), Emerging Markets (MSCI Emerging Markets Index [net dividends]), Global Real Estate (S&P Global REIT Index [net dividends]), US Bond Market (Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index), and Global Bond Market ex US (Bloomberg Global Aggregate ex-USD Bond Index [hedged to USD]). S&P data © 2024 S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC, a division of S&P Global. All rights reserved. Frank Russell Company is the source and owner of the trademarks, service marks, and copyrights related to the Russell Indexes. MSCI data © MSCI 2024, all rights reserved. Bloomberg data provided by Bloomberg.

Long-Term Market Summary

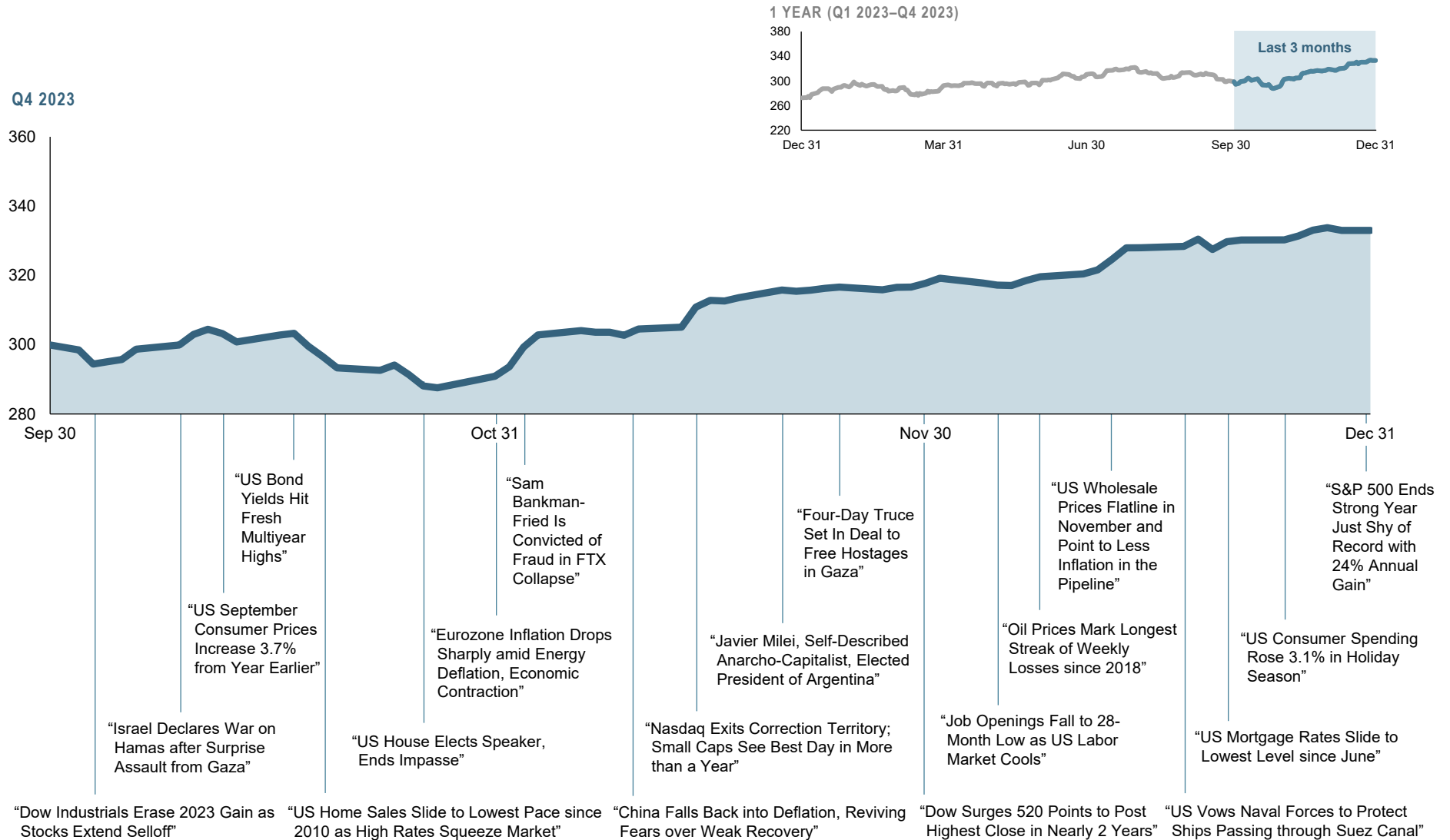
Index returns as of December 31, 2023

	US Stock Market	International Developed Stocks	Emerging Markets Stocks	Global Real Estate	US Bond Market	Global Bond Market ex US
1 Year	STOCKS				BONDS	
	25.96%	17.94%	9.83%	10.23%	5.53%	8.32%
						
5 Years						
	15.16%	8.45%	3.68%	4.16%	1.10%	1.50%
						
10 Years						
	11.48%	4.32%	2.66%	4.72%	1.81%	2.80%
						

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World Stock Market Performance

MSCI All Country World Index with selected headlines from Q4 2023



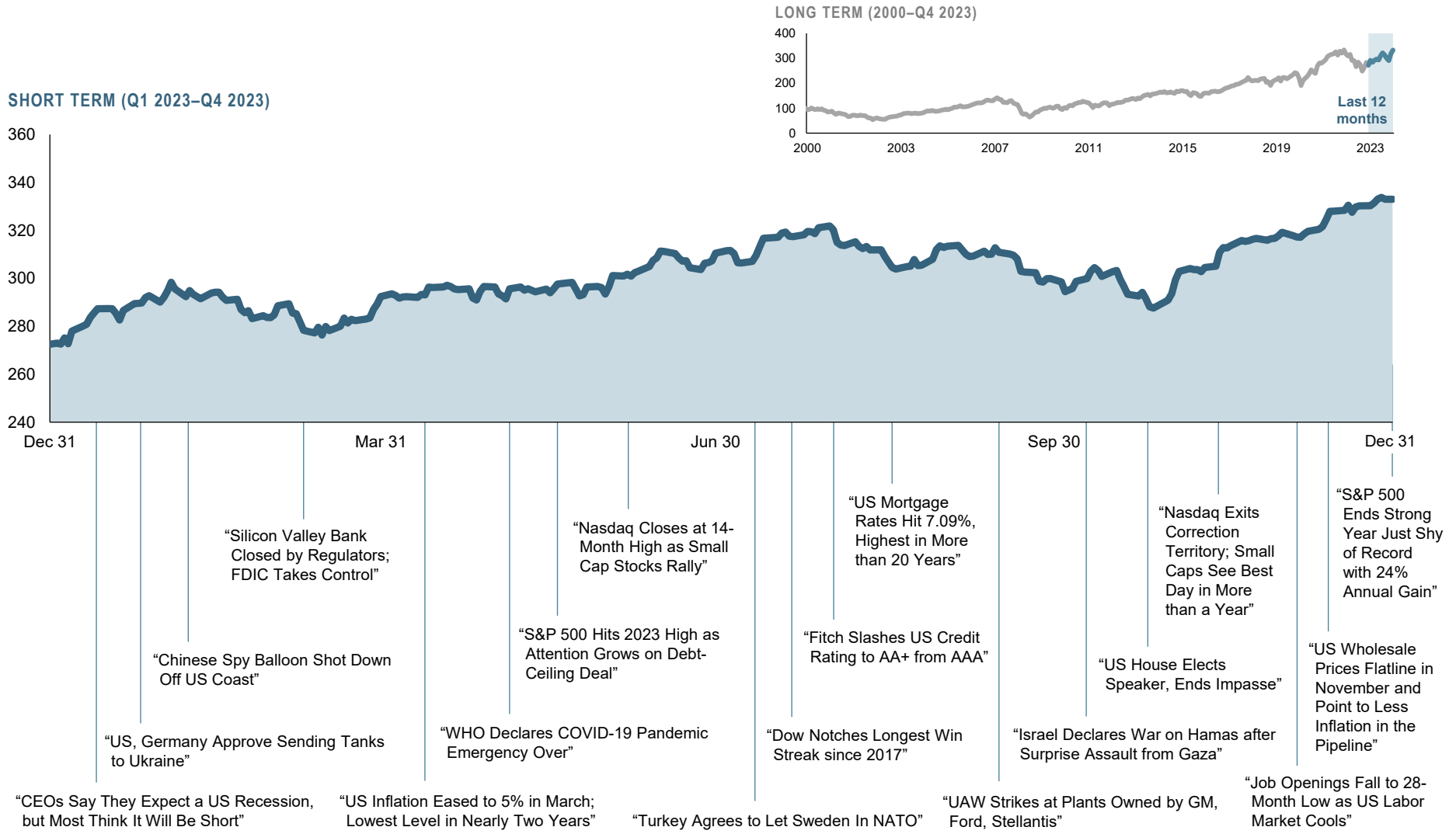
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World Stock Market Performance

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US Stocks

Fourth quarter 2023 index returns

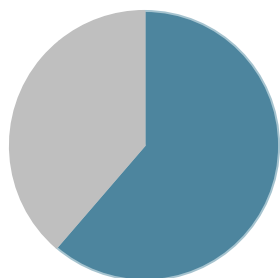
The US equity market posted positive returns for the quarter and outperformed both non-US developed and emerging markets.

Value underperformed growth within large caps and outperformed within small caps.

Small caps outperformed large caps.

REIT indices outperformed equity market indices.

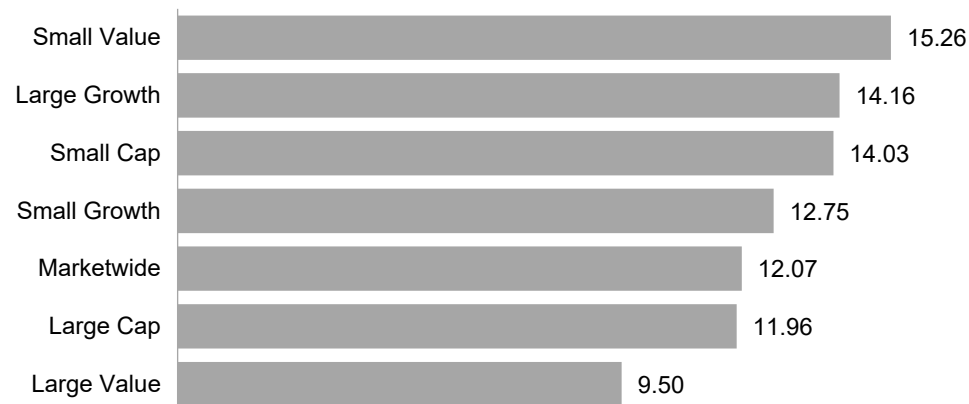
World Market Capitalization—US



61%

US Market
\$46.4 trillion

Ranked Returns (%)



Period Returns (%)

Asset Class	QTR	1 Year	Annualized		
			3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Small Value	15.26	14.65	7.94	10.00	6.76
Large Growth	14.16	42.68	8.86	19.50	14.86
Small Cap	14.03	16.93	2.22	9.97	7.16
Small Growth	12.75	18.66	-3.50	9.22	7.16
Marketwide	12.07	25.96	8.54	15.16	11.48
Large Cap	11.96	26.53	8.97	15.52	11.80
Large Value	9.50	11.46	8.86	10.91	8.40

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International Developed Stocks

Fourth quarter 2023 index returns

Developed markets outside of the US posted positive returns for the quarter and underperformed the US market, but outperformed emerging markets.

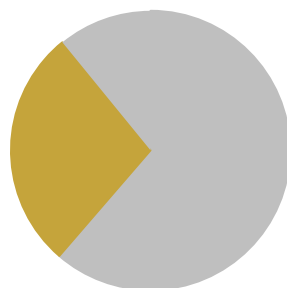
Value underperformed growth.

Small caps outperformed large caps.

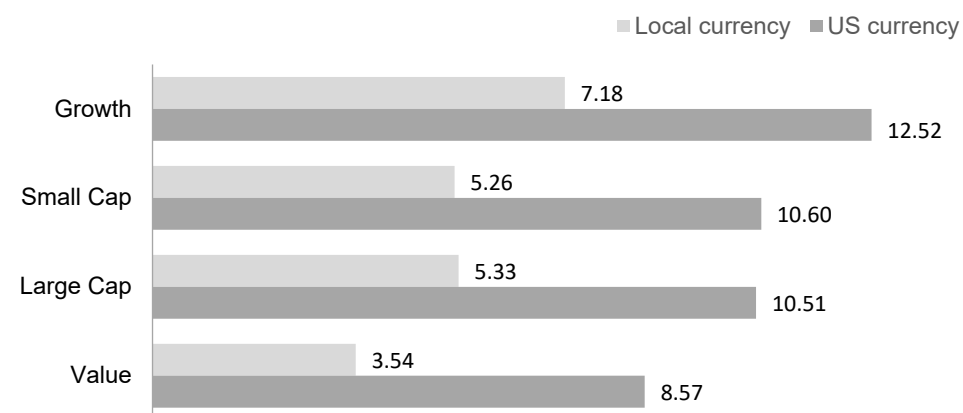
World Market Capitalization—International Developed

28%

International
Developed Market
\$21.0 trillion



Ranked Returns (%)



Period Returns (%)

Asset Class	QTR	1 Year	Annualized		
			3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Growth	12.52	17.45	0.44	8.94	5.08
Small Cap	10.60	12.62	-0.20	7.05	4.63
Large Cap	10.51	17.94	4.42	8.45	4.32
Value	8.57	18.48	8.19	7.48	3.29

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Emerging Markets Stocks

Fourth quarter 2023 index returns

Emerging markets posted positive returns for the quarter and underperformed both US and non-US developed markets.

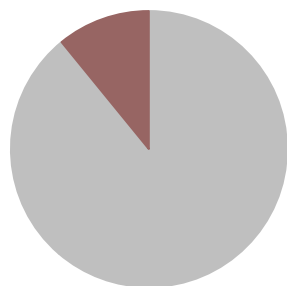
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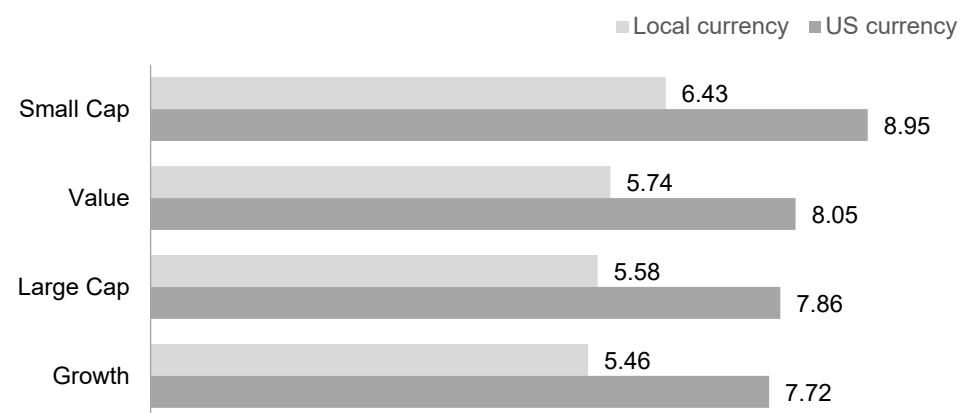
World Market Capitalization—Emerging Markets

11%

Emerging Markets
\$8.2 trillion



Ranked Returns (%)



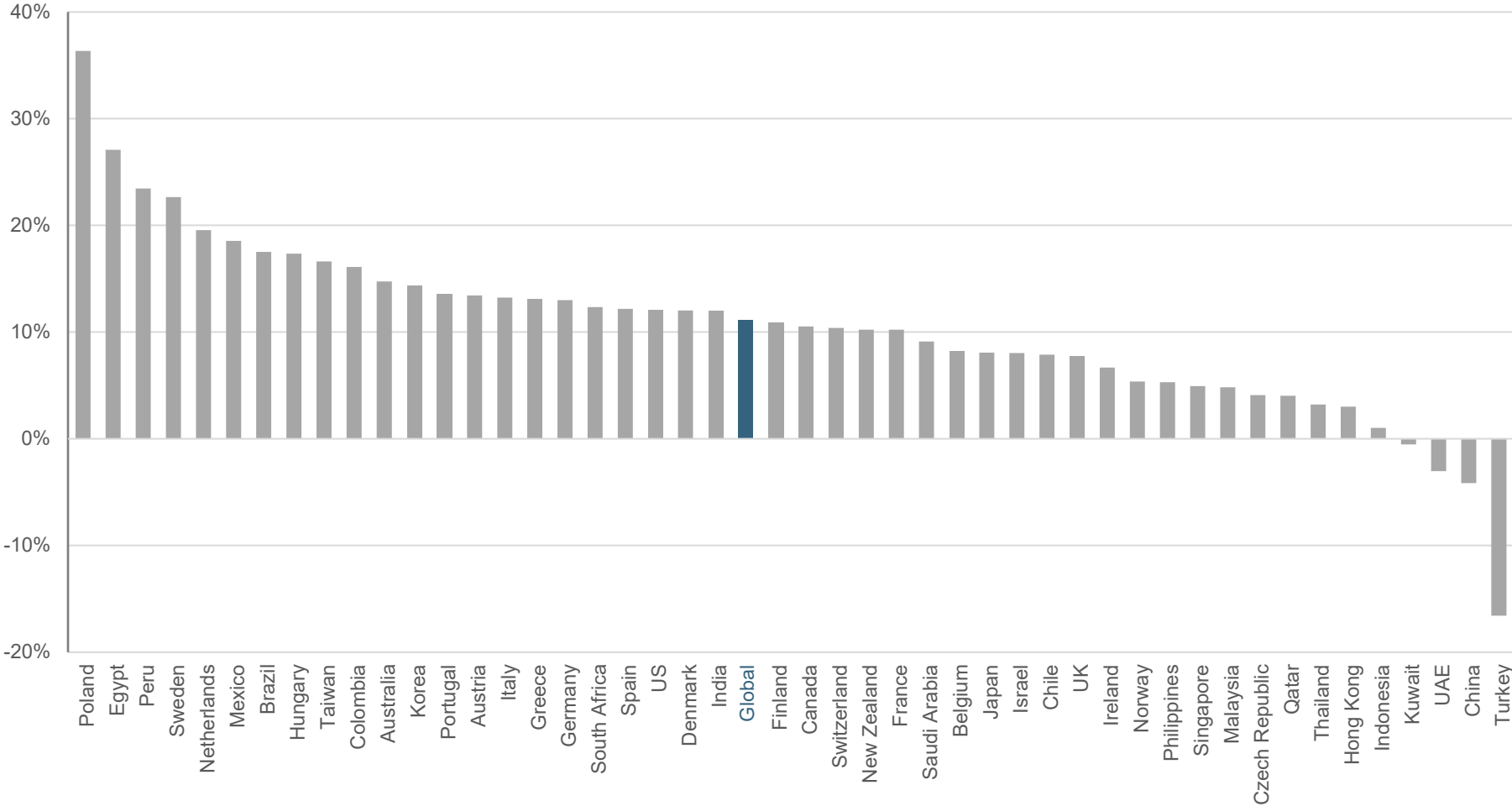
Period Returns (%)

Asset Class	QTR	1 Year	Annualized		
			3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Small Cap	8.95	23.92	6.45	9.92	5.34
Value	8.05	14.21	-0.01	3.37	1.94
Large Cap	7.86	9.83	-5.08	3.68	2.66
Growth	7.72	5.83	-9.67	3.90	3.28

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Country Returns

Fourth quarter 2023 index returns



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Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs)

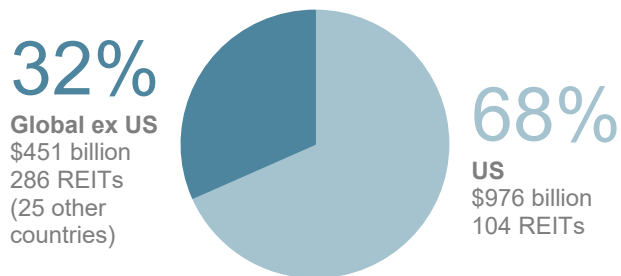
Fourth quarter 2023 index returns

US real estate investment trusts outperformed non-US REITs during the quarter.

Ranked Returns (%)



Total Value of REIT Stocks



Period Returns (%)

Asset Class	QTR	1 Year	Annualized		
			3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
US REITs	16.35	13.96	7.18	6.12	7.00
Global ex US REITs	14.98	5.59	-2.69	0.48	1.92

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Commodities

Fourth quarter 2023 index returns

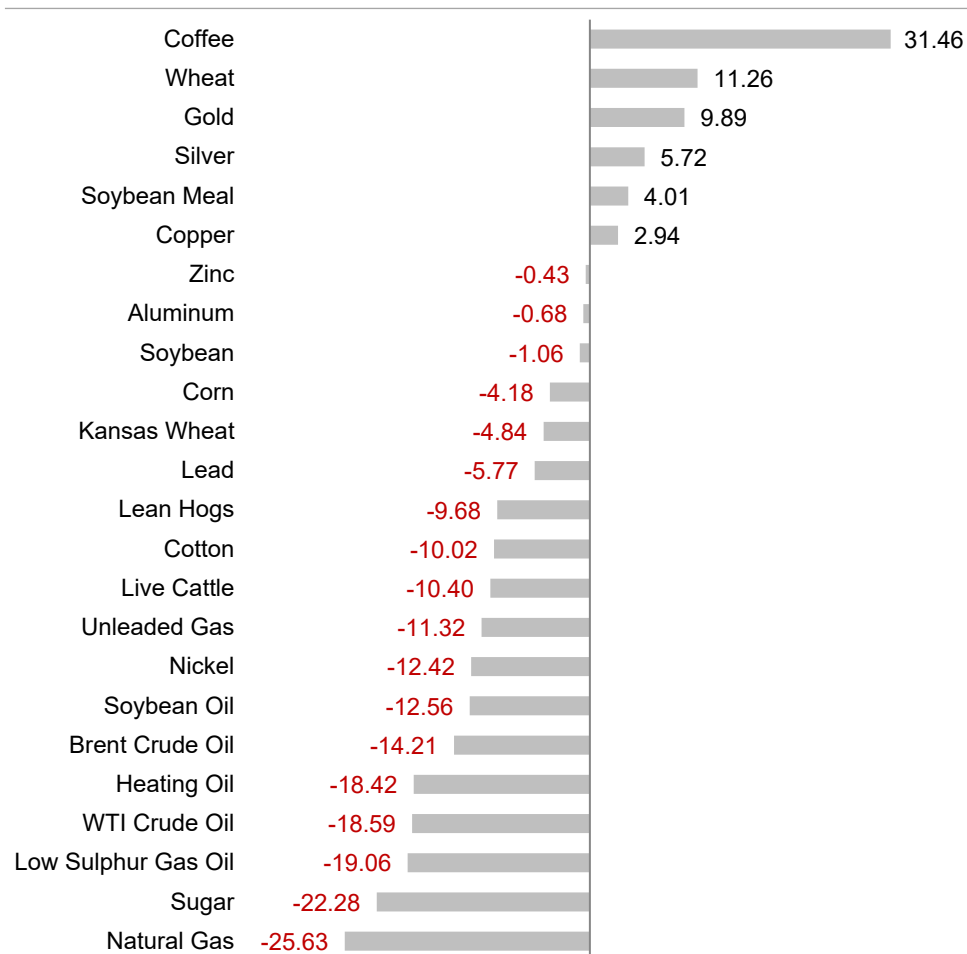
The Bloomberg Commodity Total Return Index returned -4.63% for the fourth quarter of 2023.

Natural Gas and Sugar were the worst performers, returning -25.63% and -22.28% during the quarter, respectively. Coffee and Wheat were the best performers, returning +31.46% and +11.26% during the quarter, respectively.

Period Returns (%)

Asset Class	QTR	1 Year	Annualized		
			3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Commodities	-4.63	-7.91	10.76	7.23	-1.11

Ranked Returns (%)



Fixed Income

Fourth quarter 2023 index returns

Interest rates generally decreased in the US Treasury market for the quarter.

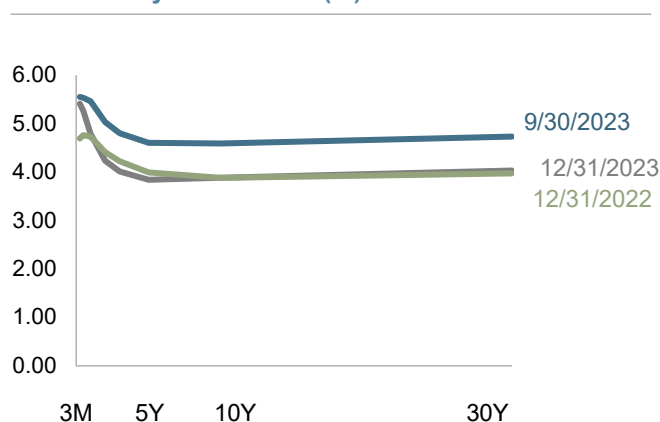
On the short end of the yield curve, the 1-Month US Treasury Bill yield increased 5 basis points (bps) to 5.60%, while the 1-Year US Treasury Bill yield decreased 67 bps to 4.79%. The yield on the 2-Year US Treasury Note decreased 80 bps to 4.23%.

The yield on the 5-Year US Treasury Note decreased 76 bps to 3.84%. The yield on the 10-Year US Treasury Note decreased 71 bps to 3.88%. The yield on the 30-Year US Treasury Bond decreased 70 bps to 4.03%.

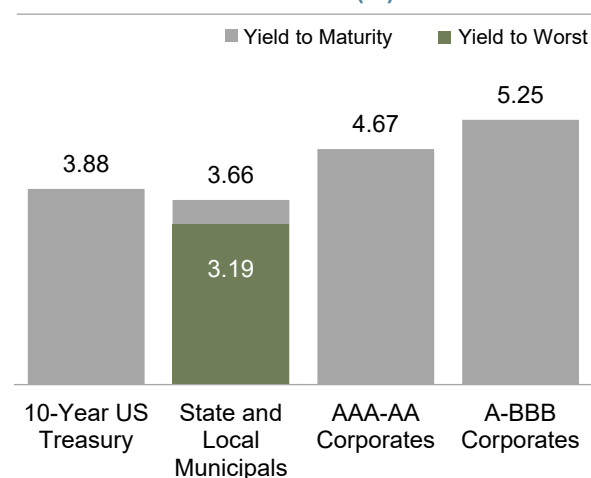
In terms of total returns, short-term US treasury bonds returned +3.21% while intermediate-term US treasury bonds returned +3.99%. Short-term corporate bonds returned +4.12% and intermediate-term corporate bonds returned +5.86%.¹

The total returns for short- and intermediate-term municipal bonds were +3.53% and +6.53%, respectively. Within the municipal fixed income market, general obligation bonds returned +7.79% while revenue bonds returned +8.15%.²

US Treasury Yield Curve (%)



Bond Yield Across Issuers (%)



Period Returns (%)

Asset Class	QTR	1 Year	Annualized		
			3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Bloomberg U.S. Government Bond Index Long	12.69	3.11	-11.35	-1.23	2.27
Bloomberg Municipal Bond Index	7.89	6.40	-0.40	2.25	3.03
Bloomberg U.S. High Yield Corporate Bond Index	7.16	13.44	1.98	5.37	4.60
Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index	6.82	5.53	-3.31	1.10	1.81
FTSE World Government Bond Index 1-5 Years	4.95	4.79	-2.95	-0.07	-0.44
Bloomberg U.S. TIPS Index	4.71	3.90	-1.00	3.15	2.42
FTSE World Government Bond Index 1-5 Years (hedged to USD)	3.09	5.26	-0.09	1.34	1.44
ICE BofA 1-Year US Treasury Note Index	1.79	4.74	1.18	1.66	1.18
ICE BofA US 3-Month Treasury Bill Index	1.37	5.01	2.15	1.88	1.25

1. Bloomberg US Treasury and US Corporate Bond Indices.

2. Bloomberg Municipal Bond Index.

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Global Fixed Income

Fourth quarter 2023 yield curves

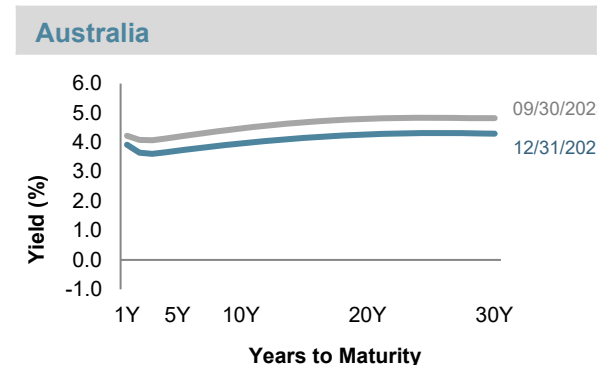
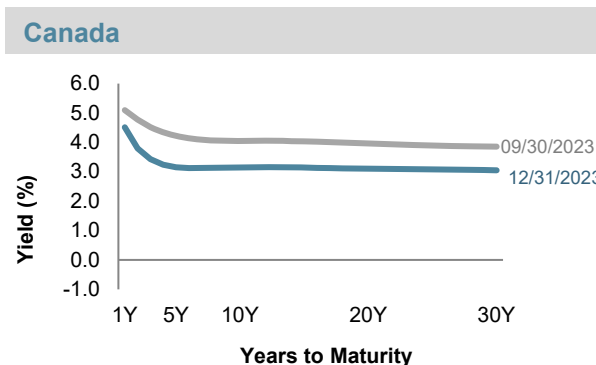
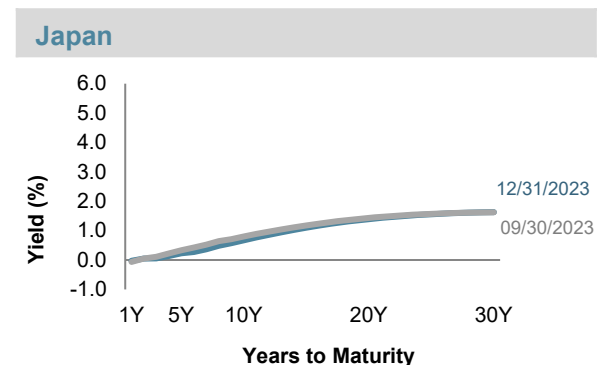
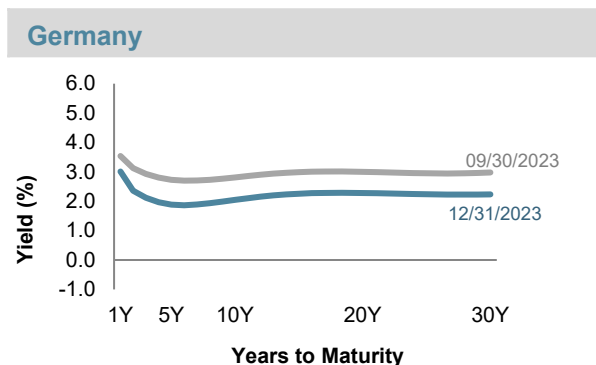
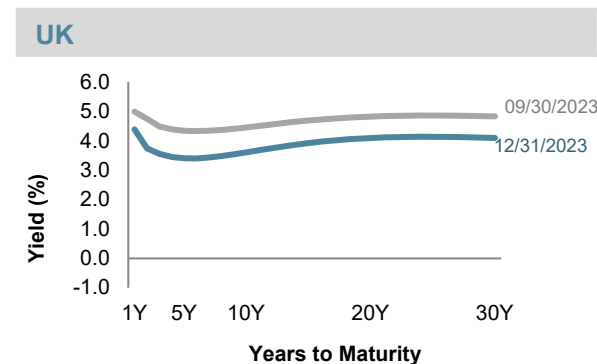
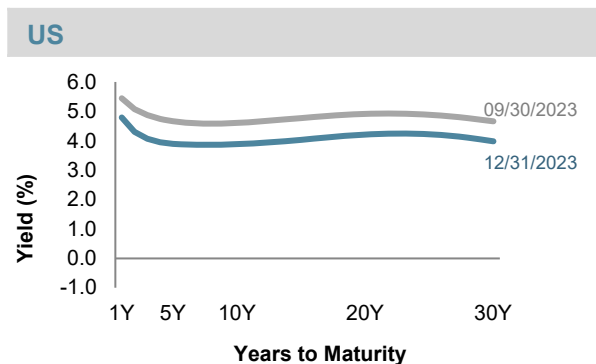
Interest rates generally decreased across global developed markets for the quarter.

Realized term premiums were generally positive across global developed markets, as longer-term bonds generally outperformed shorter-term bonds.

In Japan, ultrashort-term nominal interest rates were negative. In the UK, Germany, Canada, and Australia, the short-term segment of the yield curve was inverted.

Changes in Yields (bps) since 09/30/2023

	1Y	5Y	10Y	20Y	30Y
US	-65.2	-76.9	-72.2	-70.3	-67.8
UK	-59.7	-93.9	-84.8	-72.8	-73.1
Germany	-52.7	-84.6	-76.3	-72.1	-74.9
Japan	3.9	-10.3	-13.3	-4.1	0.8
Canada	-58.0	-106.2	-90.0	-85.7	-80.5
Australia	-30.6	-48.0	-51.1	-53.2	-52.9




Guide for Reading the *SMART Monitoring Report*


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If you see  all is well. This fund has passed our mandate system by scoring 75% or better.

If you see  this fund did not pass our fiduciary mandate testing for the quarter. For various reasons that are detailed in this report, these funds are not included on the watch or replacement list.

If you see  look closer. This fund has failed our mandate system for at least four quarters and is on our watch list. If the fund fails six consecutive quarters, it will be moved to the replacement list.

If you see  we will be removing the fund from the lineup. It has been moved to the replacement list and we will be communicating regarding a substitute fund.

The following slides will review our SMART Monitoring Report and address any issues or updates.



SMART Monitoring



The below table outlines the different screens each fund must pass to stay in your plan's lineup.

Our Fiduciary Mandates

Mandate	Criteria
Product History	Product must have been in existence for at least 10 years.
Product Assets	Must have at least \$100 million managed in this specific investment style.
Alpha 10 Year	The product's 10 year alpha must be greater than or equal to 0.
Sharpe 10 Year	The product's 10 year Sharpe ratio must be greater than or equal to the benchmark.
Performance 10 Year	The product must have positive excess performance relative to its benchmark over the trailing 10-year period.
Peer Group 10 Year	The product's 10 year return must be higher than the peer group's 50 th percentile 10 year return.
Standard Deviation 10 Year	The product's 10 year standard deviation must be less than or equal to 150% of the benchmark's standard deviation.
Tracking Error 10 Year	The product's 10 year tracking error must be less than 10%.

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Fund Commentary, Secondary Considerations, and Watch/Replacement List

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	Product History	Product Assets	Alpha 10 Year	Sharpe 10 Year	Performance 10 Year	Peer Group 10 Year	Standard Deviation 10 Year	Tracking Error 10 Year	Fund Result
U.S. Large Cap									
DFA US Large Company	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Vanguard Growth Index Admiral	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
DFA US Large Cap Value	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	
U.S. Mid Cap									
Vanguard Mid-Cap Index Admiral	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Vanguard Mid-Cap Value Index Adm	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
U.S. Small Cap									
DFA US Small Cap	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
DFA US Targeted Value	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓
International Large Cap									
Vanguard International Growth Adm	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
DFA International Value	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
International Small Cap									
DFA International Small Company	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
DFA International Small Cap Value	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓





SMART Monitoring Results – Fund Commentary

	Product History	Product Assets	Alpha 10 Year	Sharpe 10 Year	Performance 10 Year	Peer Group 10 Year	Standard Deviation 10 Year	Tracking Error 10 Year	Fund Result
Emerging Markets Equity									
DFA Emerging Markets Core Equity	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
REITS									
DFA Global Real Estate Securities	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓
U.S. Fixed Income									
DFA Inflation-Protected Securities	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Vanguard Intermediate-Term Bond Index	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Vanguard Total Bond Market Index	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Vanguard Short-Term Investment Grade	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓
Vanguard High-Yield Corporate	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓
Global Fixed Income									
Vanguard Total Int'l Bond Index	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓



SMART Monitoring Results – Fund Commentary

	Product History	Product Assets	Alpha 10 Year	Sharpe 10 Year	Performance 10 Year	Peer Group 10 Year	Standard Deviation 10 Year	Tracking Error 10 Year	Fund Result
Target Retirement									
Vanguard Target Date Income	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓
Vanguard Target Date 2020	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Vanguard Target Date 2025	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Vanguard Target Date 2030	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Vanguard Target Date 2035	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Vanguard Target Date 2040	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Vanguard Target Date 2045	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Vanguard Target Date 2050	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Vanguard Target Date 2055	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Vanguard Target Date 2060	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Vanguard Target Date 2065	X	✓	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Vanguard Target Date 2070	X	✓	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	



SMART Monitoring Results – Secondary Considerations

Vanguard Target Retirement Funds¹: 2065 & 2070

Based on the scoring of the Vanguard Target Retirement 2040 fund, we consider the above funds as passing. The holdings inside the Vanguard Target Retirement 2040 fund are the same as the funds listed above; however, each fund has a different allocation to stocks and bonds.

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SMART Monitoring Results – Watch/Replacement List



Watch List:



Replacement List:



Definitions & Disclosures:

Alpha is a measure of performance on a risk-adjusted basis. Alpha takes the volatility (price risk) of a mutual fund and compares its risk-adjusted performance to a benchmark index. The excess return of the fund relative to the return of the benchmark index is a fund's alpha.

The **Sharpe** ratio tells us whether a portfolio's returns are due to smart investment decisions or a result of excess risk. Although one portfolio or fund can reap higher returns than its peers, it is only a good investment if those higher returns do not come with too much additional risk. The greater a portfolio's Sharpe ratio, the better its risk-adjusted performance has been. A negative Sharpe ratio indicates that a risk-less asset would perform better than the security being analyzed.

Standard deviation is a statistical measurement that sheds light on historical volatility. For example, a volatile stock will have a high standard deviation while the deviation of a stable blue chip stock will be lower. A large dispersion tells us how much the return on the fund is deviating from the expected normal returns.

Tracking errors are reported as a "standard deviation percentage" difference. This measure reports the difference between the return an investor receives and that of the benchmark he or she was attempting to imitate.

To create the fund scorecard, a set of tests are applied to a product's data for a certain date. This report includes the tests and the results and should not be considered investment advice. We do not suggest using the fund scorecard to buy or sell any Fund. Please refer to your fiduciary system document for more details on the monitoring and replacement of investment options, and contact us if you would like more information regarding the results.

¹ The fund did not pass all of the different mandates. The mandates not passed are listed underneath the respective fund. Review was given to each individual fund to form conclusions. Based on the detailed review, the fund is allowed to stay within the lineup and will not be included on the watch list and/or replacement. Secondary considerations can be applied when comparing risk and performance measurements to the benchmark.

Quarterly Investment Meeting Minutes

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SMART Investment Minutes

Persons Present: _____

Item Discussed/Decisions Made by Trustees:

The SMART Monitoring Report is accepted as presented for this quarter.

Print Name: _____

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If nothing noted above, the Plan trustees have accepted this quarter's monitoring report as-is.

Thanks for listening!

Any questions

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