

PCF Historical Benchmark Presbyterian Endowment Fund Presbyterian Total Benchmark Historical Benchmark: NT Policy Benchmark (9/1/2017 - Present), Cambridge Total Policy Benchmark (1/1/2013-8/31/2017), 60% MSCI ACWI ND / 40% Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate (for periods prior to 1/1/2013)

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NT Policy Benchmark: 27% Russell 3000 / 25% MSCI ACWI ex US / 20% Cambridge Private Equity and Venture Capital Indices by Vintage Year / 16% Barclay's US Agg / 9% FTSE EPRA NAREIT Global Index / 3% BofA ML US 3 Month T-Bill Index

All returns are net of fees - Past performance is no guarantee of future investment results.

Commentary

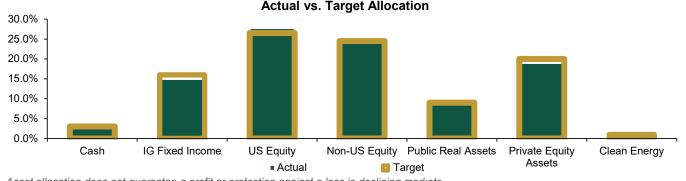
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Current Quarter

- For the guarter, the program appreciated 3.4%, slightly behind the PCF Total Benchmark of 3.9% as flat marks in the private equity portfolio and recent calls hurt relative returns. Public market (NT OCIO Liquid) performance of 4.4%, however kept pace with the 4.6% return for its benchmark as public market risk assets drove returns in the quarter. During this time, markets began to pull back future rate cut expectations as economic resiliency and strong labor fundamentals suggesting the fed will not be able to cut rates later in the year, if at all. Fixed income returns, as a result, turned in negative returns as rising interest rates hurt duration assets. Global equities rose over 8% in the quarter with U.S. markets leading the charge (+10%), while developed markets (+5.3%) and emerging markets (+2.2%) trailed. Real Assets were also challenged in the guarter as sustainable strategies and rising rates hurt infrastructure and real estate returns.
- Relative to benchmarks, the public market portfolio, as can be seen in the box above the graphic, held up better than the broader program due to negative marks in the legacy private equity portfolio and the still early lifecycle of the Northern Trust illiquid pool. Clean energy was fell -10.2% in the quarter consistent with the challenging returns from sustainable strategies. Our fixed income program held up very well falling only .2% in the guarter and was supported by our yield-oriented strategy that we added to the program this year. The portfolio's small overweight to cash (3.8% vs. 3%) detracted slightly as markets were broadly positive in the quarter.

Forward Looking Considerations

- Private equity allocation is no longer overweight, due to strong public equity returns and quiet activity across private markets. Capital flows into the space have not been enough to support the allocation.
- Current positioning will continue to focus on supporting target allocations with attention towards cash positions as rates remain high. We also will maintain the small underweight to non-U.S. developed equities as geopolitical concerns continue.
- Core fixed income should remain at or slightly below targets as cash returns remain meaningful. Recent addition of additional yield in fixed income should support the allocation should rates stay higher for longer. Public U.S. equities, due to their higher valuations, remain a source of cash for future private equity commitments as we carefully review our pipeline of managers coming to market.



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