# **ESG** - Moderate Aggressive

#### **Fund Overview**

Fund Assets Under Management \$2.25mil

# **Annual Investment Management Costs**

Please contact the Foundation office or your local representative for more information regarding fees and investment management costs.

# **Description**

The portfolio seek to obtain growth over stability of principal. As such, the portfolio will experience fluctuation in market value with meaningful exposure to investments focused on growth. The portfolio will mainly in liquid (e.g. mutual funds & exchange-traded funds) assets that incorporate environmental, social, and governance (ESG) characteristics into their investment process.

# **About Performance**

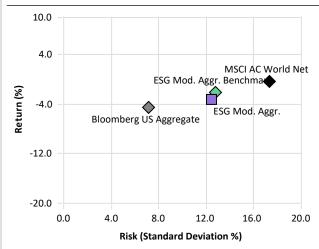
The investment results depicted herein represent historical Net performance after the deduction of investment management costs.

Annual, cumulative and annualized total returns are calculated assuming reinvestment of dividends and income plus capital appreciation. Performance for periods greater than one year is annualized. The performance data presented has been prepared by the fund or its sponsor.

# Past performance is not a guarantee of future results.

#### **Target Asset Allocation Multi-Period Performance Analysis** Alternative Cash & **ESG Moderate Aggressive ESG Moderate Agressive Benchmark** Equivalents Investments 12.0 Real Assets 7.0% 1.0% 7.0% 6.1 6.1 5.1 5.1 6.0 Return (%) 0.0 -2.2 Equity -3.3 -6.0 49.0% -6.4 -7.8 -12.0QTD YTD Since Fixed Income Year Inception 36.0% 1 Since QTD YTD Apr 2021 Year **ESG Moderate Aggressive** 6.10 6.10 -6.42 -3.29 **ESG Moderate Agressive Benchmark** 5.08 5.08 -7.84-2.17

# Since Apr 2021 Risk / Return Performance Analysis



Return	Deviation	Ratio	Drawdown	Alpha	Beta
-3.29	12.71	-0.31	-22.63	-1.25	0.96
-0.35	17.70	-0.01	-25.63	3.04	1.34
-4.47	7.29	-0.78	-16.60	-3.62	0.46
-2.17	13.06	-0.21	-21.62	0.00	1.00
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The ESG Moderate Aggressive Benchmark consists of 49% MSCI ACWI Net, 36% Barclays Aggregate, 4.7% FTSE EPRA NAREIT Dev Net, 2.3% Bloomberg Commodities, 7% HFRI Fund Weighted Comp, and 1% FTSE Treasury 3-Month T-bill.

Further information, including current Portfolio size, performance, fees, and information pertaining to underlying holdings & investments, can be obtained from the Foundation office by contacting 336-725-2589,

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# **Market Commentary**

The first quarter of 2023 brought positive returns for many fixed income and equity indices as the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) ensured commitment to taming inflation through rate hikes and tightening financial conditions. Meanwhile, the 10Y2Y yield curve stayed inverted alongside a slowing economy. Throughout the quarter, equities and fixed income markets were not aligned. As expectations for interest rates decreased, valuations rose, short-covering picked up, and one-day options activity surged. Equities appeared to look through potential risks for an economic and/or profits recession and lagged effects of central bank tightening and tighter credit availability.

Inflation remained at elevated levels in 1Q23 even as US Headline CPI Inflation cooled to 6.0% year-over-year in February, a decline from the June 2022 peak of 9.1%. Since this was well above the FOMC's 2% inflation target, the Committee continued to raise rates. Following seven rate hikes in 2022, the FOMC raised rates a total of 50 basis points during the first quarter while the Quantitative Tightening (QT program held. Together with tighter lending standards from banks, these monetary effects caused tightening in financial conditions, which threatens to slow economic activity.

# **S&P 500 Sector Performance**



# **Equity Markets Commentary**

The collapse of SVB, followed shortly by further financial sector disruption in Europe, caused stocks to dip sharply in March before recovering to finish the month and quarter higher. The Fed expressed confidence in the resilience of the US banking system and raised the policy rate by 50 basis points. This took borrowing costs to the highest points since 2007. However, inflation climbed less than expected in March, leading to speculation that further rate hikes will be limited.

Seven of the eleven sectors posted positive returns in 1Q 2023. Technology, Telecommunications, and Consumer Discretionary performed the strongest returning 21.8%, 20.5%, and 16.1% respectively. The poorest performing sectors in 1Q were Healthcare, Energy, and Financials. Each posting -4.3%, -4.7%, and -5.6% respectively.

# **Bond Market Performance**



# **Fixed Income Markets Commentary**

During Q1, growth improved as headwinds from higher inflation on consumers' real incomes, started to abate. While there were signs that hiking cycles were already taking effect, the full spill-over effects to the broader economy are yet to come. Core measures of CPI delivered upside surprises to inflation in the US. The US 10-year yield fell from 3.92% to 3.47%, with the two-year going back from 4.82% to 4.03%.

All sectors of the bond market improved in the first quarter of 2023. The best performers in the fixed income market where the BC Aggregate, and Treasury indices, each improving 3.0% for the quarter. BC Credit improved by 3.5%, and the best performer in Q1 was the BC High Yield index at 3.6%.

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Because of their narrow focus, MLPs maintain exposure to price volatility of commodities and/or

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All Peer Group data are provided by Investment Metrics, LLC.

The URL below provides all the definitions and methodology about the various Peer Groups

https://www.invmetrics.com/style-peer-groups

# Peer Group Ranking Methodology

A percentile rank denotes the value of a product in which a certain percent of observations fall within a peer group. The range of percentile rankings is between 1 and 100, where 1 represents a high statistical value and 100 represents a low statistical value.

The 30th percentile, for example, is the value in which 30% of the highest observations may be found, the 65th percentile is the value in which 65% of the highest observations may be found, and so on.

Percentile rankings are calculated based on a normalized distribution ranging from 1 to 100 for all products in each peer group, where a ranking of 1 denotes a high statistical value and a ranking of 100 denotes a low statistical value. It is important to note that the same ranking methodology applies to all statistics, implying that a ranking of 1 will always mean highest value across all statistics.

For example, consider a risk/return assessment using standard deviation as a measure of risk. A percentile ranking equal to 1 for return denotes highest return, whereas a percentile ranking of 1 for standard deviation denotes highest risk among peers.

In addition, values may be used to demonstrate quartile rankings. For example, the third quartile is also known as the 75th percentile, and the median is the 50th percentile.

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