

Model Portfolio Summary

Multi-Asset Income Models

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TRADE RATIONALE

As of 10/12/22

Key Takeaways:

Adding high quality fixed income via Treasuries and investment grade bonds at compelling yield levels to build in additional diversification should growth fears keep volatility elevated in the near-term.

Reducing floating rate investment grade and bank loans, the latter of which have performed relatively well but may be susceptible to further downside should the equity pullback persist.

Modestly reducing equities in some risk profiles to reduce sensitivity to short-term selloffs.

TRADE RATIONALE

After multiple elevated inflation prints and strong jobs data, it looks increasingly likely the Federal Reserve will remain in tightening mode for some time. Elsewhere, with inflation hitting new highs in Europe, the European Central Bank has also moved forward with more restrictive policies after an unprecedented .75% hike in September. Monetary policy works on a long and variable lag, meaning today's tighter financial conditions, which are the highest since March 2020, may take time to work their way through the economy. But we are already seeing signs of a policy-induced slowdown in the U.S. as evidenced by a buildup in retail inventories (i.e., slowing goods demand), a cooling housing market, and weaker consumer sentiment. Corporate earnings have also yet to adjust significantly and could have further room to fall, putting equities at risk of further downside.

Given the uncertain growth backdrop in the near-term, we added duration via investment grade bonds and Treasuries to add more ballast to the models to offset the higher risk exposures. Moreover, we deem the starting point yield on these asset classes as much more compelling today given the already significant move up in rates. For instance, the 10-year Treasury started the year yielding 1.6% and have since moved up over 2% to 3.8% as of the end of the third quarter. At these higher yield levels, we believe high quality bonds have more room to provide downside resiliency should volatility persist. We funded these exposures from floating rate high quality corporates and bank loans. Floating rate investment grade has held in well, providing downside cushion amidst the recent selloff; however, other areas of investment grade credit now offer significantly higher yields with only modestly higher risk. Bank loans have outperformed both high quality and riskier credit year to date given their lack of interest rate sensitivity, but could be vulnerable to catch up if corporate earnings disappoint and recessionary fears come to fruition. In addition, we are modestly reducing equities in some risk profiles to reduce sensitivity to short-term pullbacks.

Despite this modest risk-off trade, we remain optimistic over the medium-term. Valuations have improved across the board and the aggregate opportunity set across income markets today has become increasingly attractive for investors able to look beyond the immediate horizon. While it's clear growth has been slowing, we believe it's important to consider the longer-term opportunities created by risk-off events.

Views are subject to change.

PERFORMANCE COMMENTARY

As of 08/31/22

PERFORMANCE

After a strong run from June's lows, risk assets faltered in August over hawkish central bank remarks alongside ongoing inflation and growth concerns. Global equities (as measured by the MSCI World Index) had rallied nearly 15% from the trough on June 20 through the middle of August before stumbling in the last two weeks of the month. Global bonds also suffered negative returns amidst rising rates. One of the main catalysts came from Fed Chair Jerome Powell at the Jackson Hole conference. He stated rather emphatically that the Fed's overarching focus is bringing down inflation to their 2% target with a willingness to accept economic pain to do so. He also cautioned against loosening policy too soon, pushing back on the idea of rate cuts starting in the back half of 2023.

The economic outlook remains uncertain as markets absorb a higher-than-expected August consumer price inflation ("CPI") print and an unabating stance from the Fed. The projected year-end Fed Funds Rate is now meaningfully higher than today's rate and at levels that market participants may consider restrictive and modestly above "neutral", the level at which rates are neither supporting nor suppressing growth. Relative to the start of the year, we see opportunities for long-term investors to take advantage of higher income from bonds and upside potential in equities; however, we are increasingly cautious in our near-term sentiment.

All models posted negative returns for the month of August. A diversified multi-asset exposure detracted from returns as both broad equity and bond markets traded lower for the month. Global dividend growth and high dividend exposures were the largest detractors within equities, and a small real estate position also weighed on returns. Within fixed income, high yield bonds, investment grade bonds, and preferred stocks all detracted. Conversely, a bank loan exposure and the purchase of short-term investment grade floating rate bonds during the month boosted performance modestly.

Past performance does not guarantee future results.

Latest Holdings (%)

Allocation as of 10/12/22

		As of Date	Conservative	Moderate	Growth
Net Expense Ratio (%)		8/31/22	0.48	0.49	0.44
Gross Expense Ratio (%)		8/31/22	0.53	0.54	0.50
US Equities			7.0	18.0	35.0
BMCIX	BlackRock High Equity Income Instl		4.0	6.0	9.0
DGRO	iShares Core Dividend Growth ETF		3.0	10.0	20.0
VYM	Vanguard High Dividend Yield ETF		-	2.0	6.0
International/Global Equities			-	8.0	11.0
BIBDX	BlackRock Global Dividend Instl		-	6.0	9.0
IGRO	iShares International Dividend Gr ETF		-	2.0	2.0
Sector Equities			3.0	3.0	4.0
BIREX	BlackRock Real Estate Securities Instl		3.0	3.0	4.0
US Fixed Income			73.0	54.0	33.0
BFRIX	BlackRock Floating Rate Income Instl		11.0	9.0	2.0
BHYIX	BlackRock High Yield Bond Instl		17.0	21.0	13.0
BSIIX	BlackRock Strategic Income Opps Instl		12.0	2.0	-
FLOT	iShares Floating Rate Bond ETF		-	-	2.0
IEF	iShares 7-10 Year Treasury Bond ETF		5.0	3.0	-
IGSB	iShares 1-5 Year invmt Grd Corp Bd ETF		3.0	4.0	5.0
LQD	iShares iBoxx \$ Invmt Grade Corp Bd ETF		19.0	6.0	2.0
PFF	iShares Preferred&Income Securities ETF		6.0	9.0	9.0
Multi Asset			15.0	15.0	15.0
BDHIX	BlackRock Dynamic High Income Instl		15.0	15.0	15.0
Cash			2.0	2.0	2.0
CASH-USD	UNITED STATES DOLLAR		2.0	2.0	2.0

Allocations for the model portfolios are targets and subject to change. If a ratio is used in the model name, the ratio corresponds to the target percentage of equity and fixed income exposure within the model. For example, "60/40" means the model targets 60% in equity exposure and 40% in fixed income exposure. The target fixed income exposure may include an allocation to cash.

Changes to Holdings (%)

Allocation as of 10/12/22

		Conservative	Moderate	Growth
US Equities		-2.0	-	-
BMCIX	BlackRock High Equity Income Instl	-	-	-
DGRO	iShares Core Dividend Growth ETF	-2.0	-	-
VYM	Vanguard High Dividend Yield ETF	-	-	-
International/Global Equities		-	-	-1.0
BIBDX	BlackRock Global Dividend Instl	-	-	-
IGRO	iShares International Dividend Gr ETF	-	-	-1.0
Sector Equities		-	-	-
BIREX	BlackRock Real Estate Securities Instl	-	-	-
US Fixed Income		2.0	-	1.0
BFRIX	BlackRock Floating Rate Income Instl	-3.0	-3.0	-2.0
BHYIX	BlackRock High Yield Bond Instl	-	-	-
BSIIX	BlackRock Strategic Income Opps Instl	-	-	-
FLOT	iShares Floating Rate Bond ETF	-4.0	-4.0	-2.0
IEF	iShares 7-10 Year Treasury Bond ETF	+5.0	+3.0	-
IGSB	iShares 1-5 Year invmt Grd Corp Bd ETF	-5.0	+4.0	+5.0
LQD	iShares iBoxx \$ Invmt Grade Corp Bd ETF	+9.0	-	-
PFF	iShares Preferred&Income Securities ETF	-	-	-
Multi Asset		-	-	-
BDHIX	BlackRock Dynamic High Income Instl	-	-	-
Cash		-	-	-
CASH-USD	UNITED STATES DOLLAR	-	-	-

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Performance (%)

As of 8/31/22

Model	Performance Type	Last Month (%)	3 Month (%)	Year to Date (%)	1 Year (%)	3 Year (%)	5 Year (%)	10 Year (%)	Since Inception (%)
Conservative	Gross of an advisory fee	-1.99	-2.41	-8.57	-7.47	1.92	2.81	-	3.10
	Net of 3% advisory fee	-2.23	-3.15	-10.41	-10.24	-1.14	-0.27	-	0.01
Conservative Benchmark	Gross of an advisory fee	-3.23	-3.00	-12.78	-12.40	1.45	2.95	-	3.75
Moderate	Gross of an advisory fee	-2.61	-3.55	-10.35	-8.90	1.56	2.72	-	3.33
	Net of 3% advisory fee	-2.86	-4.28	-12.16	-11.63	-1.49	-0.36	-	0.23
Moderate Benchmark	Gross of an advisory fee	-3.50	-3.69	-14.18	-13.08	3.65	4.47	-	5.27
Growth	Gross of an advisory fee	-3.18	-4.71	-12.01	-10.12	2.10	3.10	-	3.16
	Net of 3% advisory fee	-3.43	-5.43	-13.78	-12.81	-0.97	0.01	-	0.07
Growth Benchmark	Gross of an advisory fee	-3.77	-4.40	-15.60	-13.82	5.77	5.90	-	6.09

Inception date for the Conservative model is **12/31/16**. Inception date for the Moderate model is **1/31/17**. Inception date for the Growth model is **5/31/17**.

Components of the risk benchmarks are as follows: 30% MSCI World Index & 70% Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index for MAI MF/ETF Conservative, 50% MSCI World Index & 50% Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index for MAI MF/ETF Moderate, and 70% MSCI World Index & 30% Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index for MAI MF/ETF Growth.

Past performance does not guarantee future results. For standardized performance of the underlying funds within the model portfolios, please see the Appendix. Index performance is for illustrative purposes only. Index performance does not reflect any management fees, transaction costs or expenses. Indexes are unmanaged and one cannot invest directly in an index. Performance is annualized for time periods greater than 1 year. The performance shown does not reflect the performance of actual client accounts. Each model portfolio includes allocations to underlying constituent securities and uses the underlying securities' historical performance. Where the constituent security is a fund, performance (i) assumes reinvestment of dividends and capital gains, (ii) reflects the deduction of fund expenses, including management fees and other expenses, and (iii) does not reflect any applicable sales charges. In addition, where the constituent security is a fund, performance shown is based on the performance of the share class (if applicable) featured in the model portfolio. A financial professional's client may or may not be eligible to hold the share class shown. A financial professional's client may or may not be eligible to hold the share class shown. The performance of actual client accounts may differ from the performance shown for a variety of reasons, including but not limited to: the financial professional is responsible for implementing trades in the accounts; differences in market conditions; client-imposed investment restrictions; the timing of client investments and withdrawals; fees payable by such accounts; cash flows into or out of such accounts; and/or other factors.

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APPENDIX

Fund Performance

QUARTERLY RETURNS - NAV(%)

As of 6/30/22

Ticker	Name	1YR	5YR	10YR	Since Inception	Inception Date
BDHIX	BlackRock Dynamic High Income Instl	-15.55%	2.43%	-	3.47%	11/3/14
BFRIX	BlackRock Floating Rate Income Instl	-3.89%	2.26%	3.30%	3.68%	3/18/11
BHYIX	BlackRock High Yield Bond Instl	-12.18%	2.29%	4.65%	6.41%	11/19/98
BIBDX	BlackRock Global Dividend Instl	-10.71%	4.47%	7.18%	5.92%	4/7/08
BIREX	BlackRock Real Estate Securities Instl	-6.94%	6.99%	-	8.57%	9/28/12
BMCIX	BlackRock High Equity Income Instl	-0.93%	7.07%	10.56%	12.43%	5/1/98
BSIIX	BlackRock Strategic Income Opps Instl	-5.72%	2.33%	2.99%	3.66%	2/5/08
DGRO	iShares Core Dividend Growth ETF	-3.62%	11.30%	-	10.88%	6/10/14
FLOT	iShares Floating Rate Bond ETF	-0.69%	1.34%	1.23%	1.16%	6/14/11
IEF	iShares 7-10 Year Treasury Bond ETF	-10.55%	0.75%	1.17%	3.87%	7/22/02
IGRO	iShares International Dividend Gr ETF	-12.67%	3.93%	-	5.50%	5/17/16
IGSB	iShares 1-5 Year invmt Grd Corp Bd ETF	-6.23%	1.47%	1.42%	2.36%	1/5/07
LQD	iShares iBoxx \$ Invmt Grade Corp Bd ETF	-16.19%	1.20%	2.64%	4.54%	7/22/02
PFF	iShares Preferred&Income Securities ETF	-12.81%	1.67%	3.96%	3.56%	3/26/07
VYM	Vanguard High Dividend Yield ETF	0.00%	8.80%	11.18%	7.94%	11/10/06

QUARTERLY RETURNS - MARKET(%)

As of 6/30/22

Ticker	Name	1YR	5YR	10YR	Since Inception	Inception Date
BDHIX	BlackRock Dynamic High Income Instl	-	-	-	-	11/3/14
BFRIX	BlackRock Floating Rate Income Instl	-	-	-	-	3/18/11
BHYIX	BlackRock High Yield Bond Instl	-	-	-	-	11/19/98
BIBDX	BlackRock Global Dividend Instl	-	-	-	-	4/7/08
BIREX	BlackRock Real Estate Securities Instl	-	-	-	-	9/28/12
BMCIX	BlackRock High Equity Income Instl	-	-	-	-	5/1/98
BSIIX	BlackRock Strategic Income Opps Instl	-	-	-	-	2/5/08
DGRO	iShares Core Dividend Growth ETF	-3.49%	11.30%	-	11.05%	6/10/14
FLOT	iShares Floating Rate Bond ETF	-1.31%	1.21%	1.15%	1.10%	6/14/11

Multi-Asset Income Models

Ticker	Name	1YR	5YR	10YR	Since Inception	Inception Date
IEF	iShares 7-10 Year Treasury Bond ETF	-10.48%	0.76%	1.17%	3.88%	7/22/02
IGRO	iShares International Dividend Gr ETF	-12.95%	3.53%	-	5.72%	5/17/16
IGSB	iShares 1-5 Year invmt Grd Corp Bd ETF	-6.17%	1.48%	1.43%	2.35%	1/5/07
LQD	iShares iBoxx \$ Invmt Grade Corp Bd ETF	-16.14%	1.18%	2.60%	4.52%	7/22/02
PFF	iShares Preferred&Income Securities ETF	-12.70%	1.70%	3.97%	3.57%	3/26/07
VYM	Vanguard High Dividend Yield ETF	0.05%	8.80%	11.20%	7.94%	11/10/06

QUARTERLY RETURNS - LOAD ADJUSTED(%)

As of 6/30/22

Ticker	Name	1YR	5YR	10YR	Since Inception	Inception Date	Max Front Load	Deferred Load
BDHIX	BlackRock Dynamic High Income Instl	-15.55%	2.43%	-	3.47%	11/3/14	-	-
BFRIX	BlackRock Floating Rate Income Instl	-3.89%	2.26%	3.30%	3.68%	3/18/11	-	-
BHYIX	BlackRock High Yield Bond Instl	-12.18%	2.29%	4.65%	6.41%	11/19/98	-	-
BIBDX	BlackRock Global Dividend Instl	-10.71%	4.47%	7.18%	5.92%	4/7/08	-	-
BIREX	BlackRock Real Estate Securities Instl	-6.94%	6.99%	-	8.57%	9/28/12	-	-
BMCIX	BlackRock High Equity Income Instl	-0.93%	7.07%	10.56%	12.43%	5/1/98	-	-
BSIIX	BlackRock Strategic Income Opps Instl	-5.72%	2.33%	2.99%	3.66%	2/5/08	-	-
DGRO	iShares Core Dividend Growth ETF	-3.62%	11.30%	-	10.88%	6/10/14	-	-
FLOT	iShares Floating Rate Bond ETF	-0.69%	1.34%	1.23%	1.16%	6/14/11	-	-
IEF	iShares 7-10 Year Treasury Bond ETF	-10.55%	0.75%	1.17%	3.87%	7/22/02	-	-
IGRO	iShares International Dividend Gr ETF	-12.67%	3.93%	-	5.50%	5/17/16	-	-
IGSB	iShares 1-5 Year invmt Grd Corp Bd ETF	-6.23%	1.47%	1.42%	2.36%	1/5/07	-	-
LQD	iShares iBoxx \$ Invmt Grade Corp Bd ETF	-16.19%	1.20%	2.64%	4.54%	7/22/02	-	-
PFF	iShares Preferred&Income Securities ETF	-12.81%	1.67%	3.96%	3.56%	3/26/07	-	-
VYM	Vanguard High Dividend Yield ETF	0.00%	8.80%	11.18%	7.94%	11/10/06	-	-

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Fees

As of 8/31/2022

Ticker	Name	Gross Expense Ratio
BDHIX	BlackRock Dynamic High Income Instl	0.84%
BFRIX	BlackRock Floating Rate Income Instl	0.73%
BHYIX	BlackRock High Yield Bond Instl	0.59%
BIBDX	BlackRock Global Dividend Instl	0.75%
BIREX	BlackRock Real Estate Securities Instl	1.02%
BMCIIX	BlackRock High Equity Income Instl	1.10%
BSIIX	BlackRock Strategic Income Opps Instl	0.69%
DGRO	iShares Core Dividend Growth ETF	0.08%
FLOT	iShares Floating Rate Bond ETF	0.15%
IEF	iShares 7-10 Year Treasury Bond ETF	0.15%
IGRO	iShares International Dividend Gr ETF	0.15%
IGSB	iShares 1-5 Year invmt Grd Corp Bd ETF	0.06%
LQD	iShares iBoxx \$ Invmt Grade Corp Bd ETF	0.14%
PFF	iShares Preferred&Income Securities ETF	0.45%
VYM	Vanguard High Dividend Yield ETF	0.06%

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Glossary

Gross Expense Ratio: Weighted average prospectus gross expense ratio of the portfolio. Source: Morningstar

Net Expense Ratio: Weighted average prospectus net expense ratio of the portfolio. Source: Morningstar

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