

# STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

## ASSET ALLOCATION FOLLOW UP

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# SIC GOALS & RISK PREFERENCES: DISCUSSED IN JULY

## SIC Goals:

### **Improving Fund sustainability and progressing towards a fully funded plan**

- Maintain or improve probability of 100% funding ratio in 20 years

## Risk Constraints:

### **Achieve a more stable return path by managing and mitigating risks accordingly**

- Limit the probability of funding level falling below 50% in next 5 years (current funding level 54%) to ~15%
- Limit the probability of a 2% absolute increase in employer contribution rate (expressed as a percentage of payroll) to ~25% in any given year within next 10 years
  - Note that the discount rate has been updated from 7.5% to 7.0% from the previous objective which was set in September 2016
- Within 90% confidence, maintain at least 3x the annual benefit payment amount in assets with daily/weekly liquidity profile in a recessionary scenario



\*The above figures were presented as part of the September 2019 SIC Asset Allocation meeting

# PROPOSED NEW ALLOCATIONS TO SAA

- **As part of the asset allocation proposal, we are asking the SIC to make three major decisions:**
  - 1) Whether to add an allocation to **Emerging Market Debt (EMD)**
  - 2) Whether to add an allocation to **Equity Options**
  - 3) Whether to increase the **CPC program** or keep it as is
- **The mixes that have been profiled provide flexibility around the adoption of the above proposals**
  - **Mix E:** Introduce EMD at 2% funded from reductions to Core Bonds & Cash
    - Formally eliminate unfunded Commodity target in favor of small increase to TIPS
    - Disaggregate Core Bonds to Inv. Grade Credit and Securitized sector-focused mandates
  - **Mix EC:** Introduce EMD at 2% and increase CPC allocation by 2% funded from Core Bonds & Cash
    - Formally eliminate unfunded Commodity target in favor of small increase to TIPS
    - Disaggregate Core Bonds to Inv. Grade Credit and Securitized sector-focused mandates
  - **Mix ECO:** Introduce EMD, Increase CPC and introduce Equity Option mandate of 2% to income category funded from Core Bonds (-5%) & Cash (-1%)
    - Formally eliminate unfunded Commodity target in favor of small increase to TIPS
    - Disaggregate Core Bonds to Inv. Grade Credit and Securitized sector-focused mandates

# ASSET ALLOCATION REVIEW

				Individual Asset Classes					
		Current Target	Current Allocation	Mix E	Mix EC	Mix ECO	Expected Return 5-7 Year*	Expected Risk	Beta to ACWI
Growth	US Equities	22.0%	15.9%	12.7%	12.7%	12.7%	6.1%	17.6%	0.90
	Int'l Equities	13.3%	9.2%	7.6%	7.6%	7.6%	6.8%	20.5%	1.07
	Emerging Int'l Equities	4.7%	5.1%	4.7%	4.7%	4.7%	9.3%	28.0%	1.27
	Global Equity	0%	15%	15%	15%	15%	7.0%	17.6%	1.00
	<b>Global Equity</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>6.7%</b>	<b>19.8%</b>	
	Private Equity	11.25%	6.96%	11.25%	11.25%	11.25%	10.0%	24.2%	1.28
	Non-Core Real Estate	2.25%	1.78%	2.25%	2.25%	2.25%	7.0%	17.0%	0.45
	Opp. Private Credit	1.5%	0.6%	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%	8.5%	16.0%	0.63
	<b>Private Growth</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>9.4%</b>	<b>22.3%</b>	
	<b>TOTAL GROWTH</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>7.4%</b>	<b>20.4%</b>	<b>1.03</b>
Income	Equity Options	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.0%	4.8%	11.0%	0.70
	Liquid Credit	2.8%	3.9%	2.8%	2.8%	2.8%	5.4%	10.8%	0.35
	EMD (Blended)	0%	0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	5.6%	13.0%	0.51
	HY Infrastructure	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	9.5%	21.0%	0.50
	REITs	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	6.8%	20.0%	0.64
	Private Credit	3.2%	1.7%	3.2%	3.2%	3.2%	7.6%	12.0%	0.44
	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>7.0%</b>	<b>13.7%</b>	<b>0.44</b>
Stability	Long Treasuries	4%	4%	4%	5%	5%	1.8%	12.0%	-0.10
	Systematic Trend	4%	4%	4%	5%	5%	6.0%	9.5%	0.18
	<b>CPC</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>3.9%</b>	<b>10.8%</b>	
	Core Real Estate	3.6%	4.5%	3.6%	3.6%	3.6%	6.0%	13.0%	0.28
	Private Infrastructure	2.4%	2.0%	2.4%	2.4%	2.4%	6.3%	12.0%	0.34
	TIPS	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3.0%	6.5%	-0.05
	Commodities	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.3%	19.0%	0.34
	<b>Inflation Protection</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>5.5%</b>	<b>12.6%</b>	
	Core Bonds	11.5%	11.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.0%	6.1%	0.02
	IG Corp. Credit (Core Bonds)	0%	0%	5.25%	4.25%	3.25%	4.0%	7.5%	0.11
	Securitized Credit (Core Bonds)	0%	0%	5.25%	4.25%	3.25%	2.8%	7.0%	0.02
	Absolute Return	6.5%	7.0%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	5.7%	8.1%	0.39
	Strategic Cash	3%	3%	2%	2%	2%	2.5%	1.0%	0.00
	<b>Volatility Protection</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>3.8%</b>	<b>6.0%</b>	
	<b>TOTAL STABILITY</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>4.2%</b>	<b>8.5%</b>	<b>0.14</b>
Other	Short-Term Cash	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2.8%	1.0%	0.00
	Russell Overlay	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0.5%	1.0%	0.00
	<b>Total Cash</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Expected Return 5-7 yrs</b>		<b>6.70%</b>	<b>6.52%</b>	<b>6.79%</b>	<b>6.80%</b>	<b>6.83%</b>			
<b>Expected Return 30 yrs</b>		<b>7.81%</b>	<b>7.63%</b>	<b>7.88%</b>	<b>7.89%</b>	<b>7.90%</b>			
<b>Standard Dev</b>		<b>11.9%</b>	<b>11.6%</b>	<b>12.1%</b>	<b>12.0%</b>	<b>12.2%</b>			
<b>Sharpe Ratio (5-7 years)</b>		<b>0.35</b>	<b>0.35</b>	<b>0.36</b>	<b>0.36</b>	<b>0.36</b>			
<b>Total Duration</b>		<b>1.64</b>	<b>1.79</b>	<b>1.65</b>	<b>1.72</b>	<b>1.62</b>			
<b>Total Beta to ACWI</b>		<b>0.65</b>	<b>0.64</b>	<b>0.67</b>	<b>0.67</b>	<b>0.67</b>			

\*Expected Risk/Return figures for each functional bucket and composite is based on the weighted average of the underlying asset classes

\*\*The Beta of each functional bucket is based on the current target

\*\*Current allocation is as of May 2019



# STOCHASTIC RESULTS

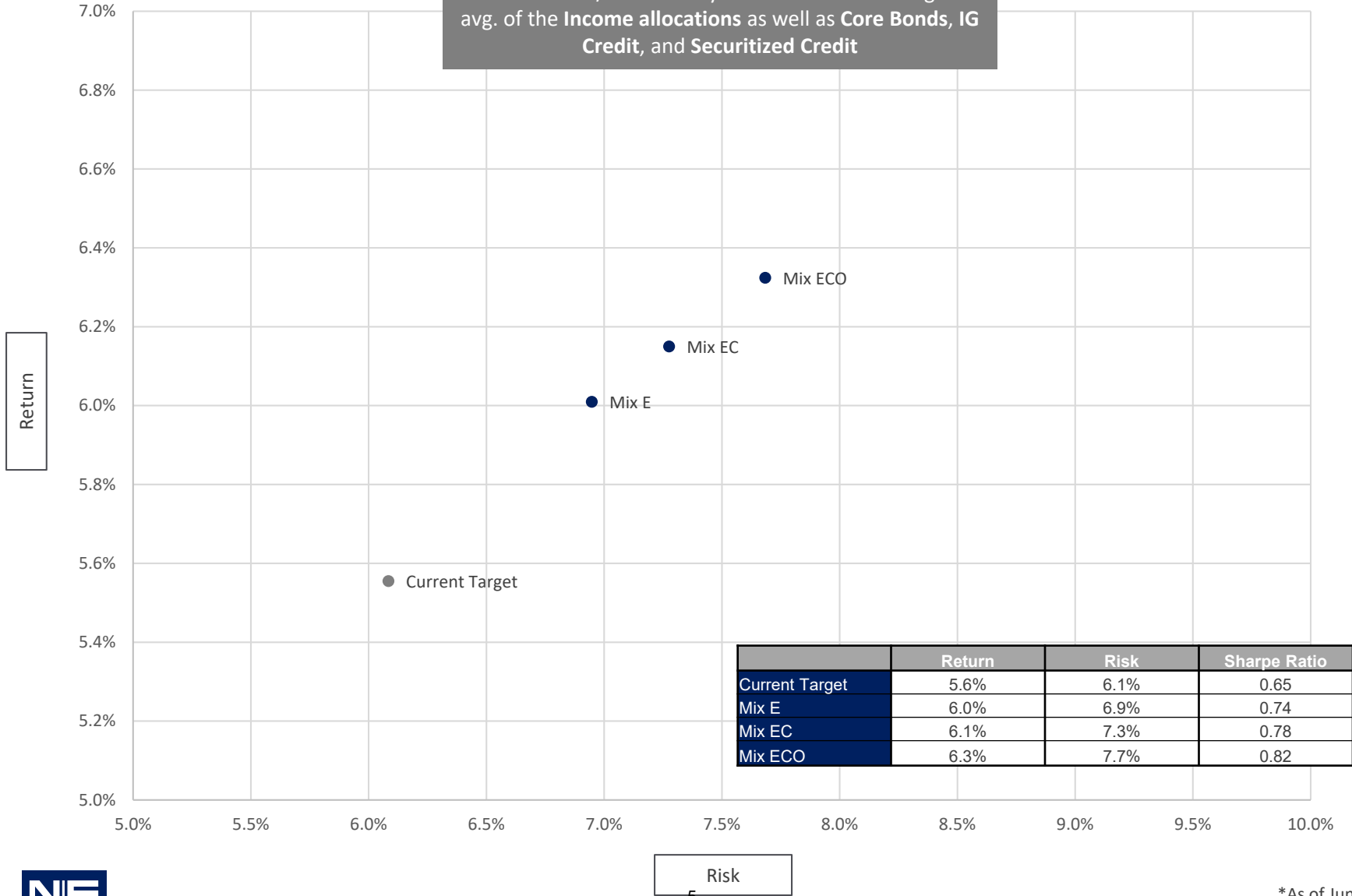
	Current Target	Mix E	Mix EC	Mix ECO
<b>Expected Return 5-7 years</b>	6.7%	6.8%	6.8%	6.8%
<b>Expected Return 30 years</b>	7.8%	7.9%	7.9%	7.9%
<b>Standard Deviation</b>	11.9%	12.1%	12.0%	12.2%
<b>Sharpe Ratio (5-7 years)</b>	0.35	0.36	0.36	0.36
<b>Worst Decile 5-Year Return</b>	-0.1%	-0.1%	-0.1%	-0.2%
<b>Chance of Falling Below 50% Funded</b>	14.8%	15.1%	14.3%	14.3%
<b>Chance of 2% ARC Increase</b>	22.5%	22.3%	21.9%	22.3%

Versus Current Target

<b>Chance of Falling Below 50% Funded</b>	—	↑	↓	↓
<b>Chance of 2% ARC Increase</b>	—	↓	↓	↓

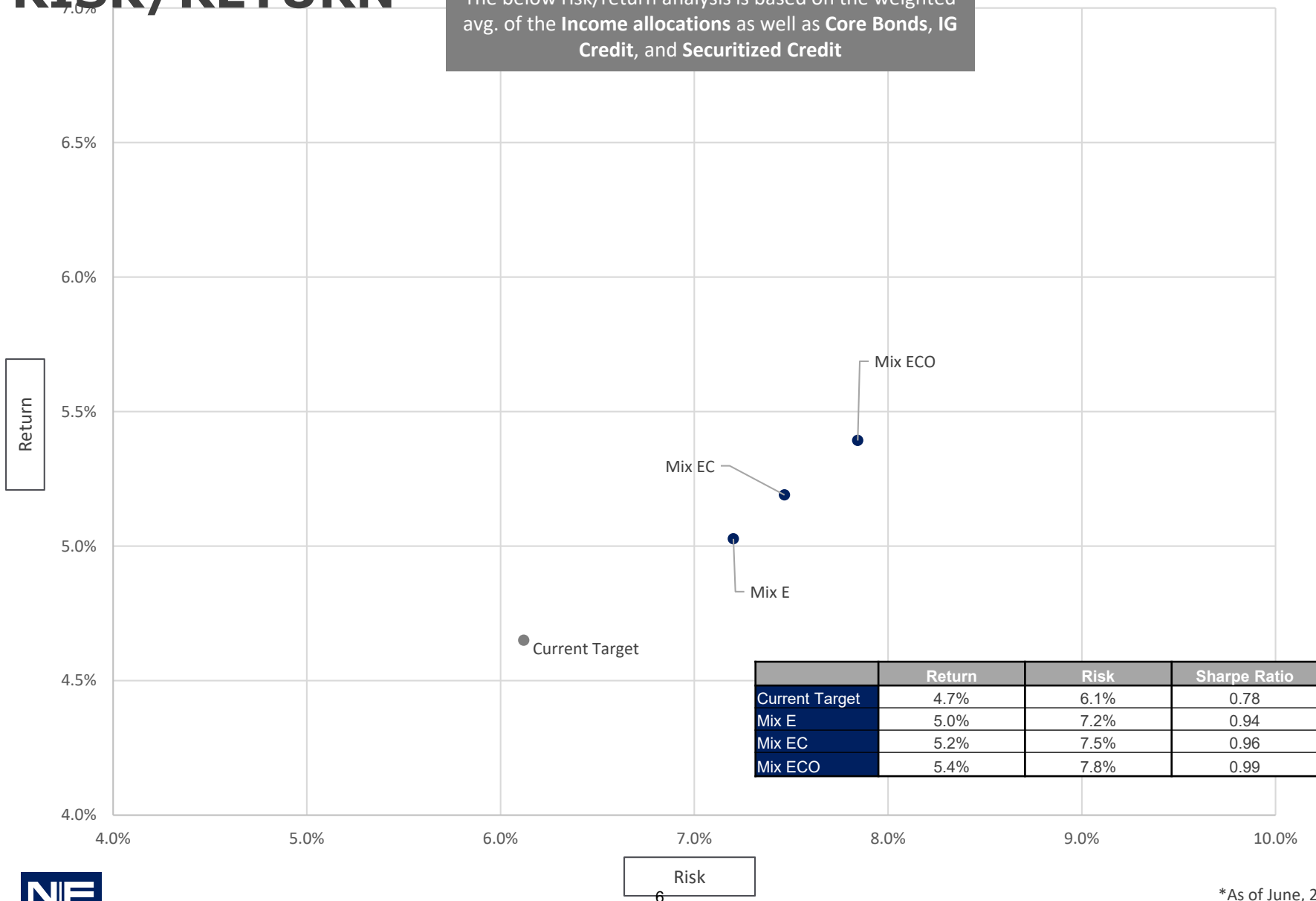
# INCOME PORTFOLIO: TRAILING 15 YEAR RISK/RETURN

The below risk/return analysis is based on the weighted avg. of the Income allocations as well as Core Bonds, IG Credit, and Securitized Credit



# INCOME PORTFOLIO: EXPECTED 5-7 YEAR RISK/RETURN

The below risk/return analysis is based on the weighted avg. of the Income allocations as well as Core Bonds, IG Credit, and Securitized Credit



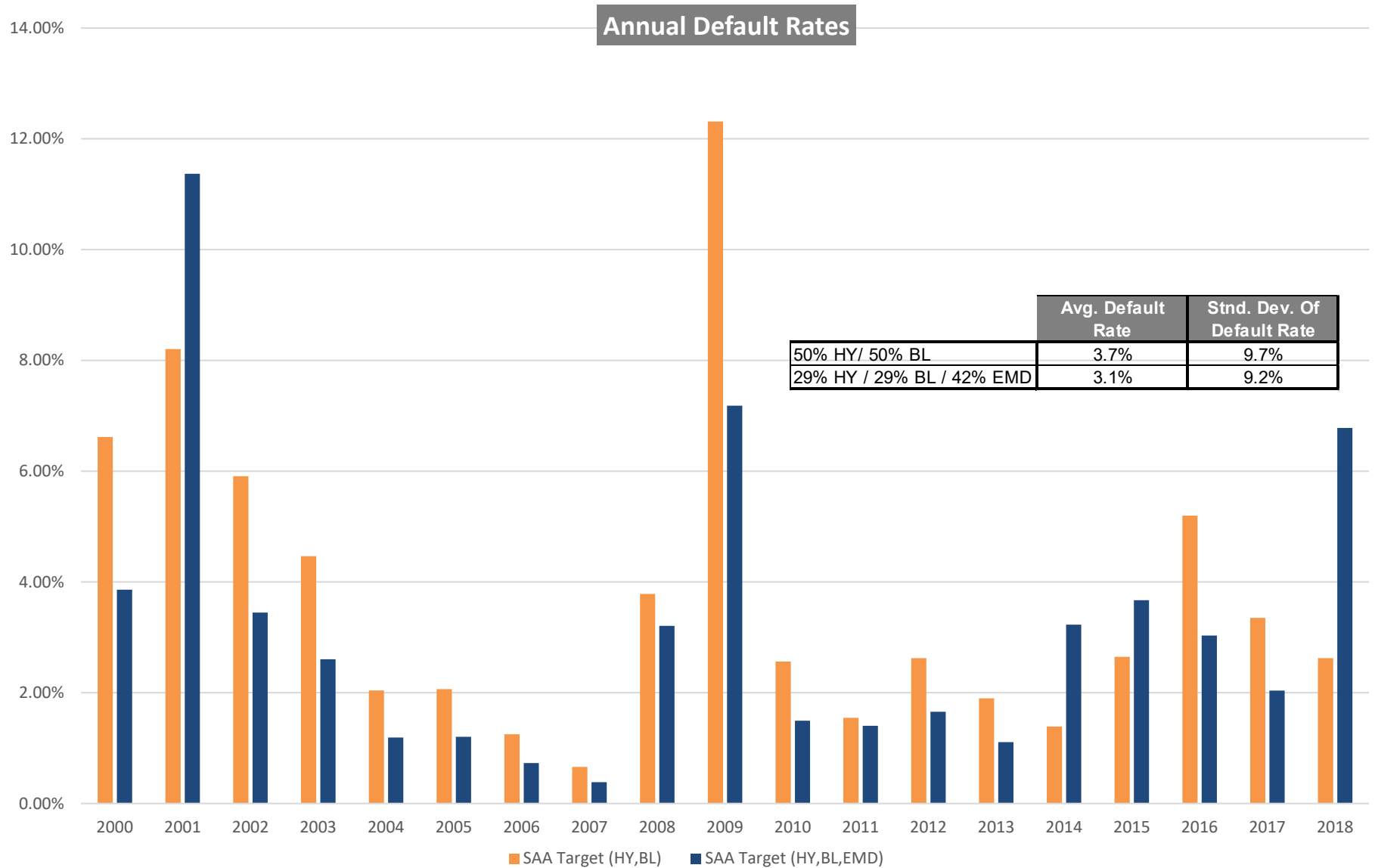
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# EMERGING MARKET DEBT DEFAULT RATES



# EMD COUNTRY WEIGHTS: TOP 25

## EM External Sovereign

Countries	JPM EMBI GD
Mexico	5.1%
China	4.7%
Indonesia	4.6%
Turkey	3.7%
Russia	3.6%
Brazil	3.4%
Philippines	3.4%
Colombia	3.1%
Chile	2.9%
Peru	2.9%
Kazakhstan	2.8%
Panama	2.8%
South Africa	2.8%
Argentina	2.7%
Dominican Republic	2.7%
Malaysia	2.7%
Ecuador	2.6%
Oman	2.6%
Ukraine	2.6%
Egypt	2.5%
Uruguay	2.5%
Hungary	2.3%
Lebanon	2.3%
Poland	2.1%
Nigeria	1.9%

## EM Local Sovereign

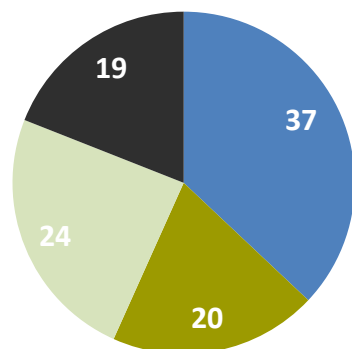
Countries	JPM GBI-EM GD
Mexico	10.0%
Brazil	10.0%
Indonesia	9.4%
Poland	9.3%
South Africa	8.5%
Thailand	8.3%
Russia	7.1%
Colombia	7.1%
Malaysia	5.7%
Turkey	5.0%
Hungary	4.8%
Czech Republic	4.1%
Chile	3.2%
Peru	3.2%
Romania	3.2%
Argentina	0.6%
Philippines	0.3%
Uruguay	0.2%
Dominican Republic	0.1%
China	0.0%
Kazakhstan	0.0%
Panama	0.0%
Ecuador	0.0%
Oman	0.0%
Ukraine	0.0%

## 50/50 Blend

Countries	Blended
Mexico	7.55%
Indonesia	7.00%
Brazil	6.70%
Poland	5.70%
South Africa	5.65%
Russia	5.35%
Colombia	5.10%
Turkey	4.35%
Malaysia	4.20%
Thailand	4.15%
Hungary	3.55%
Chile	3.05%
Peru	3.05%
China	2.35%
Romania	2.30%
Czech Republic	2.05%
Philippines	1.85%
Argentina	1.65%
Dominican Republic	1.40%
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Panama	1.40%
Uruguay	1.35%
Ecuador	1.30%
Oman	1.30%
Ukraine	1.30%

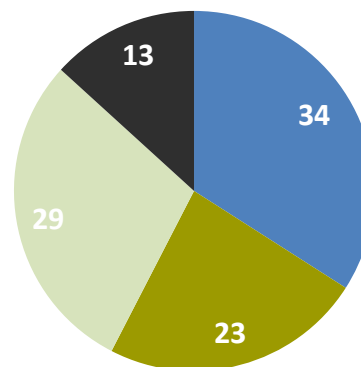
# EMD INVESTMENT UNIVERSES

	<b><u>EM External Sovereign (Hard Currency)</u></b>	<b><u>EM Local (Local Currency Sovereign)</u></b>	<b><u>EM Corporates (Hard Currency)</u></b>
	JPM EMBI Global Diversified	JPM GBI-EM Global Diversified	JPM CEMBI Broad Diversified
Duration (years)	6.5	5.1	4.5
Market Value (US \$bn)	520	844	461
Yield (%)	7.1	6.5	6.2
High Yield (% of index)	46.1%	15.7%	38.1%
Investment Grade (% of Index)	53.9%	84.3%	61.9%



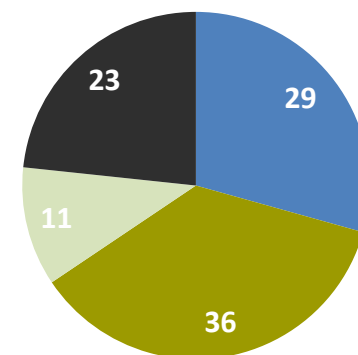
- Latin America
- Asia
- Europe
- Africa/Middle East

Total ex-Asia: 80%



- Latin America
- Asia
- Europe
- Africa/Middle East

Total ex-Asia: 77%



- Latin America
- Asia
- Europe
- Africa/Middle East

Total ex-Asia: 64%

# **EQUITY OPTIONS: RETURN ANALYSIS**

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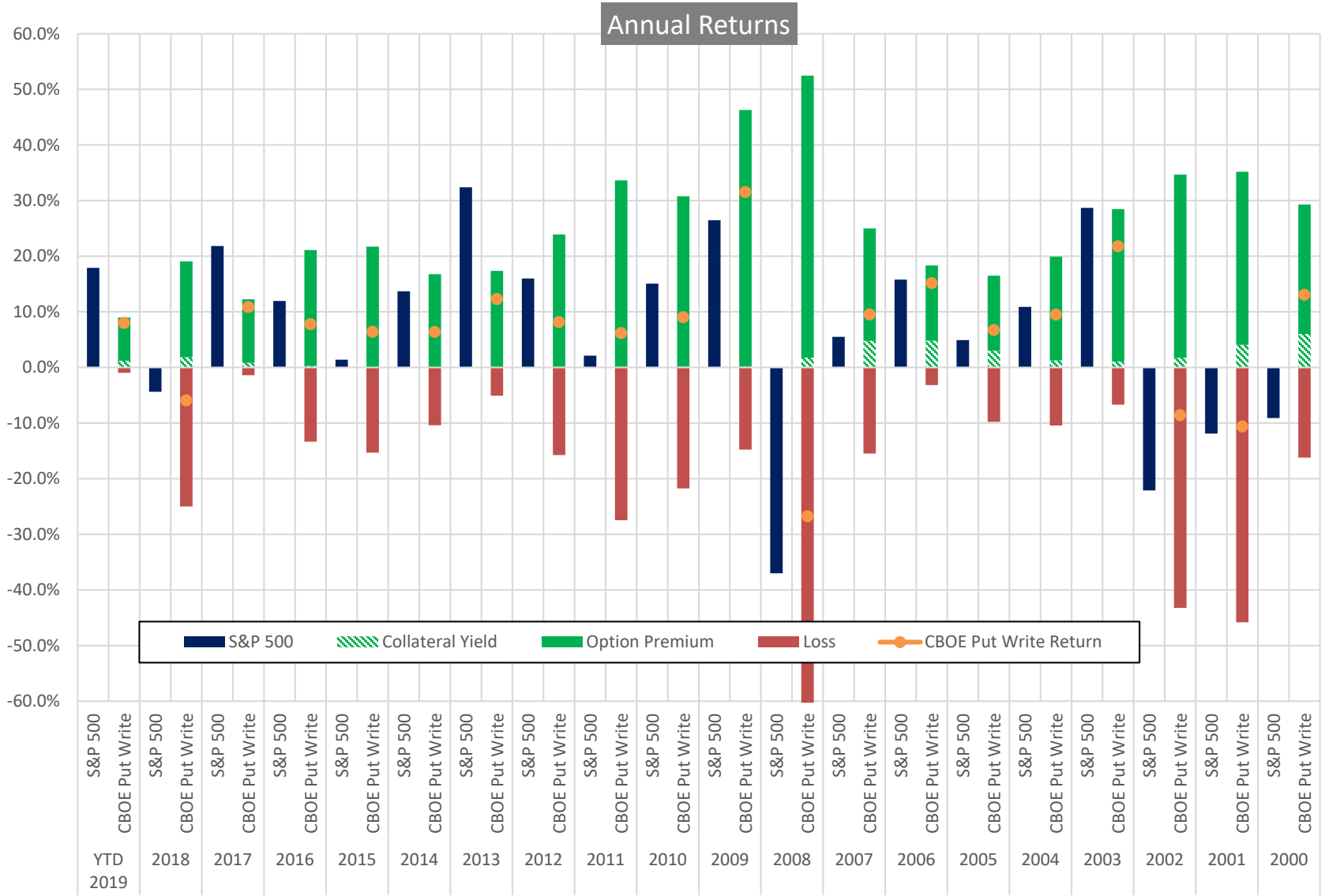
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# HOW ARE CLIENTS USING OPTIONS?

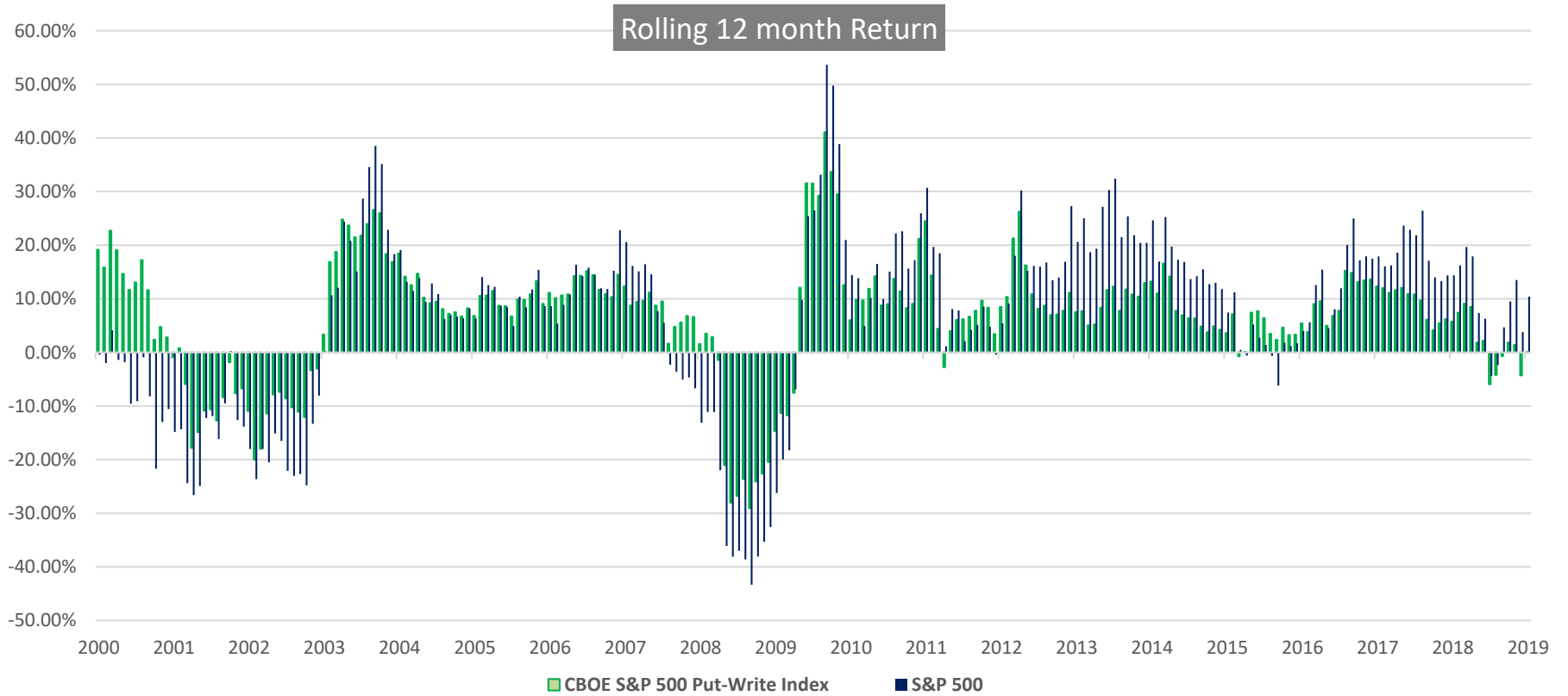
- **Institutional clients have been more willing to adopt options as a tool to manage risk and produce a differentiated return stream**
  - Most institutional clients who use options at the total Fund level have outsourced implementation via a specialized provider
- **Investors have also used options as a return enhancer by capturing the volatility risk premia through the sale of options**
  - Selling options produces income helping investors capture a risk premium that can be a strong diversifier

<u>Public Plan</u>	<u>Mandate</u>	<u>Portfolio Sizing</u>
Alaska Permanent Fund	Custom	1%
Arkansas Teachers Retirement	Custom	NA
Baltimore ERS	US Index Put Write	3-4%
Chicago Municipal Employees	US Index Put Write	NA
Hawaii ERS	US & Global Index Put Write	14-16%
Illinois SURS	Custom	2.50%
Massachusetts PRIM	Custom	3-5%+
Texas ERS	Custom	NA

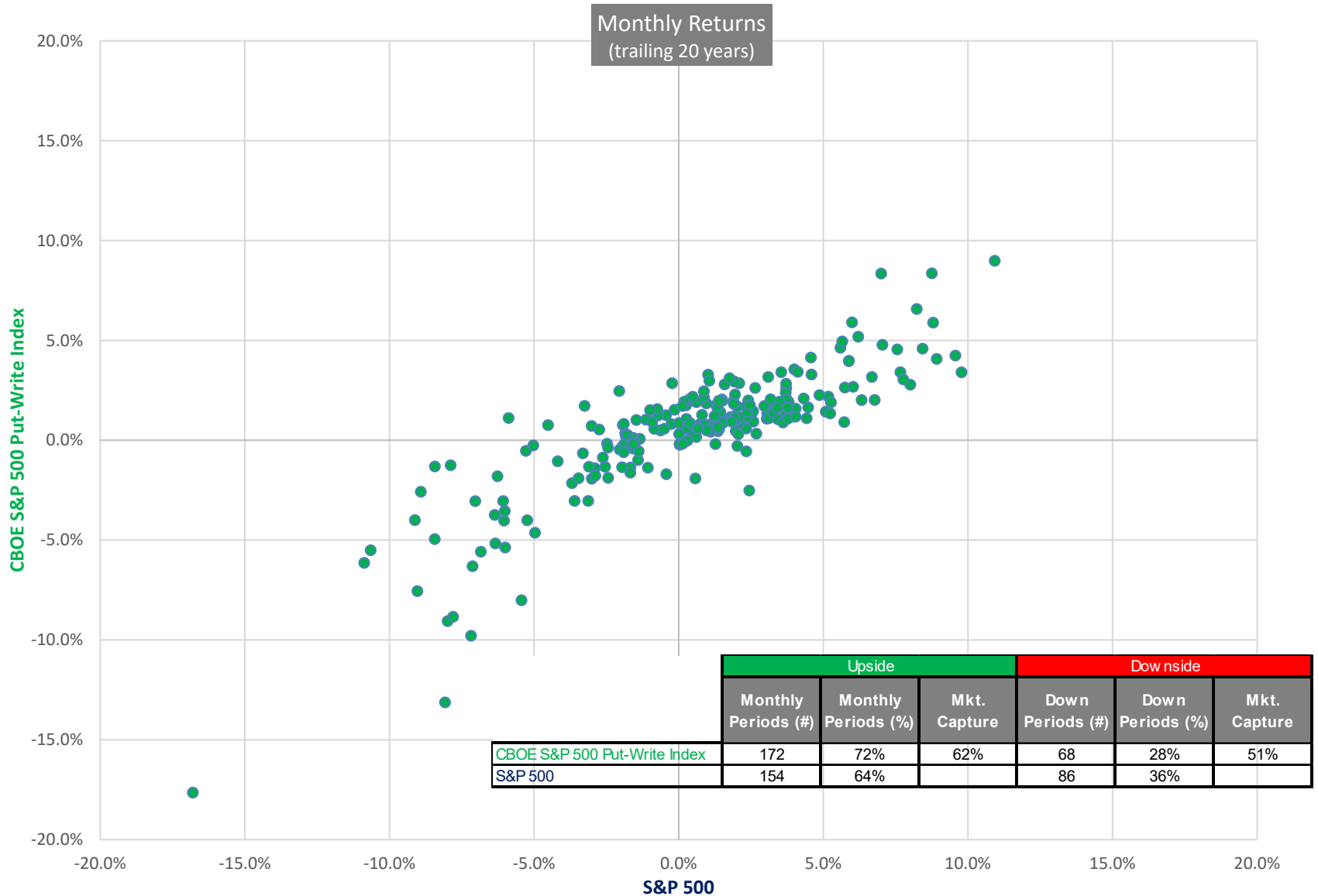
# ANNUAL PUT WRITING RETURNS VS. S&P 500



# ROLLING 12 MONTH PUT WRITING RETURNS VS. S&P 500

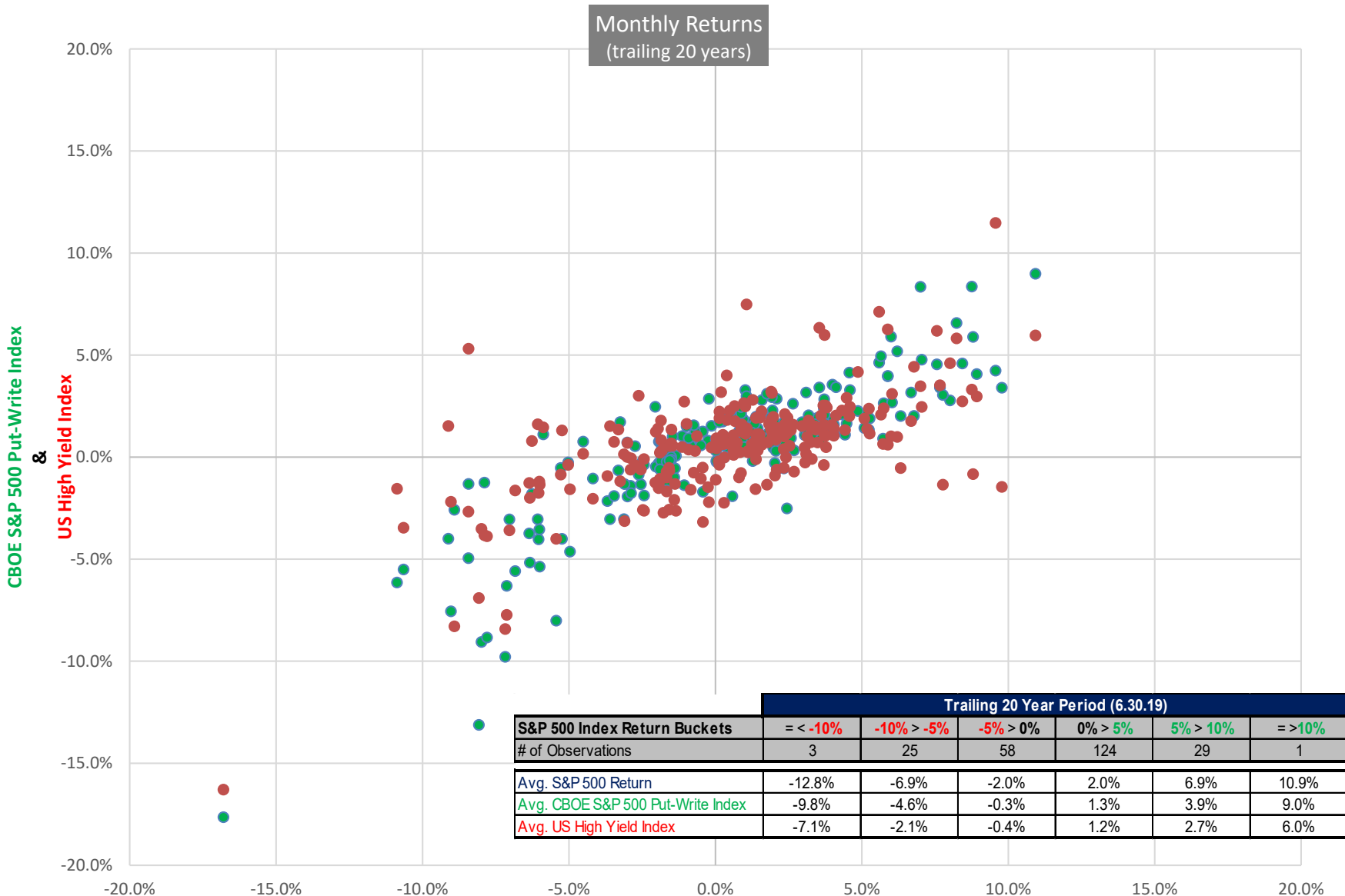


# MONTHLY PUT WRITING RETURNS VS. S&P 500

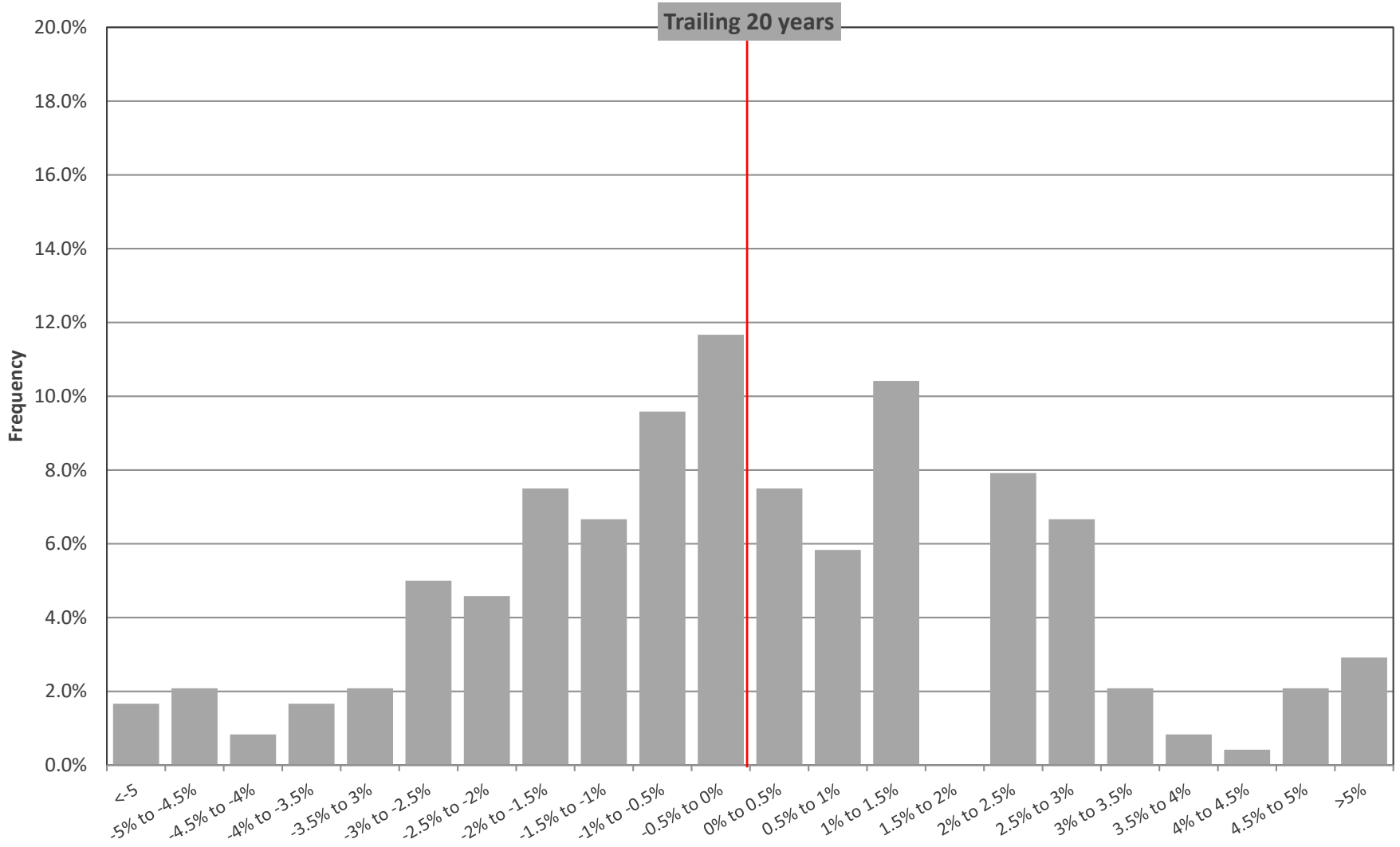




# MONTHLY PUT WRITING RETURNS VS. S&P 500



# MONTHLY PUT WRITING EXCESS RETURNS VS. S&P 500



CBOE S&P 500 Put-Write Index Excess Returns



# APPENDIX

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# INDEX PUTWRITE INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES

Capturing equity volatility premiums: June 1986 – August 2019

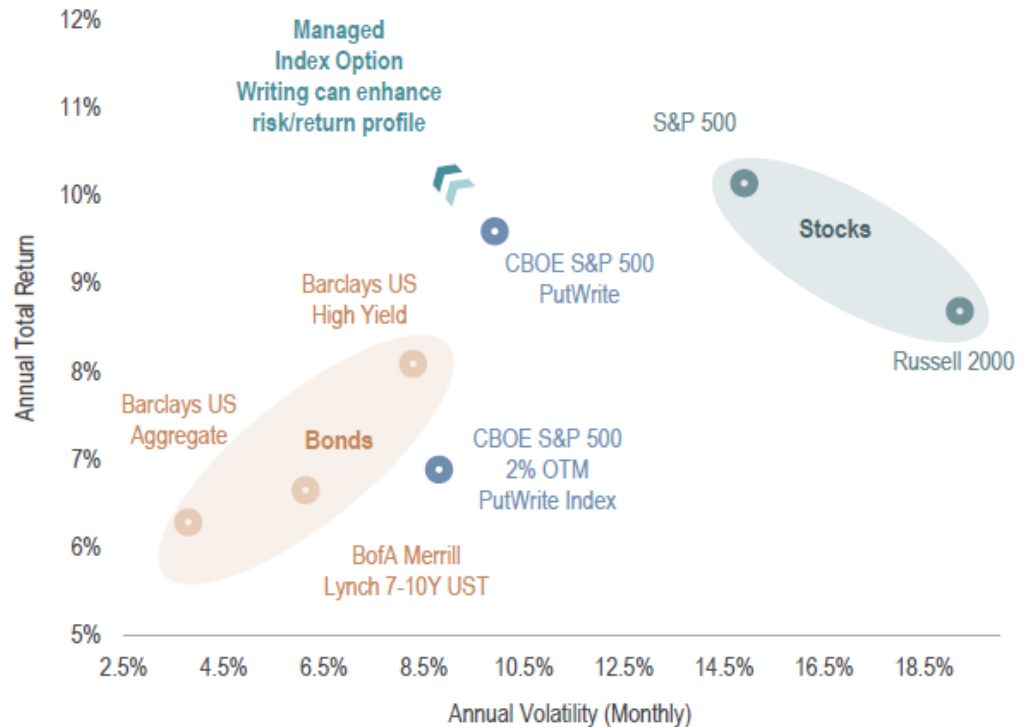
## Our Objectives:

- Earn index option volatility premiums
- Experience lower return volatility than equity indexes
- Exhibit reduced market risk (lower beta)
- Mitigate drawdowns

## Why investors are adopting index put writing:

- Institutional quality
- Index based exposures
- Structural diversification
- Standardized benchmarks
- Implementation:
  - Transparent, liquid, unlevered, cost-effective

## Index Annual Return vs. Risk



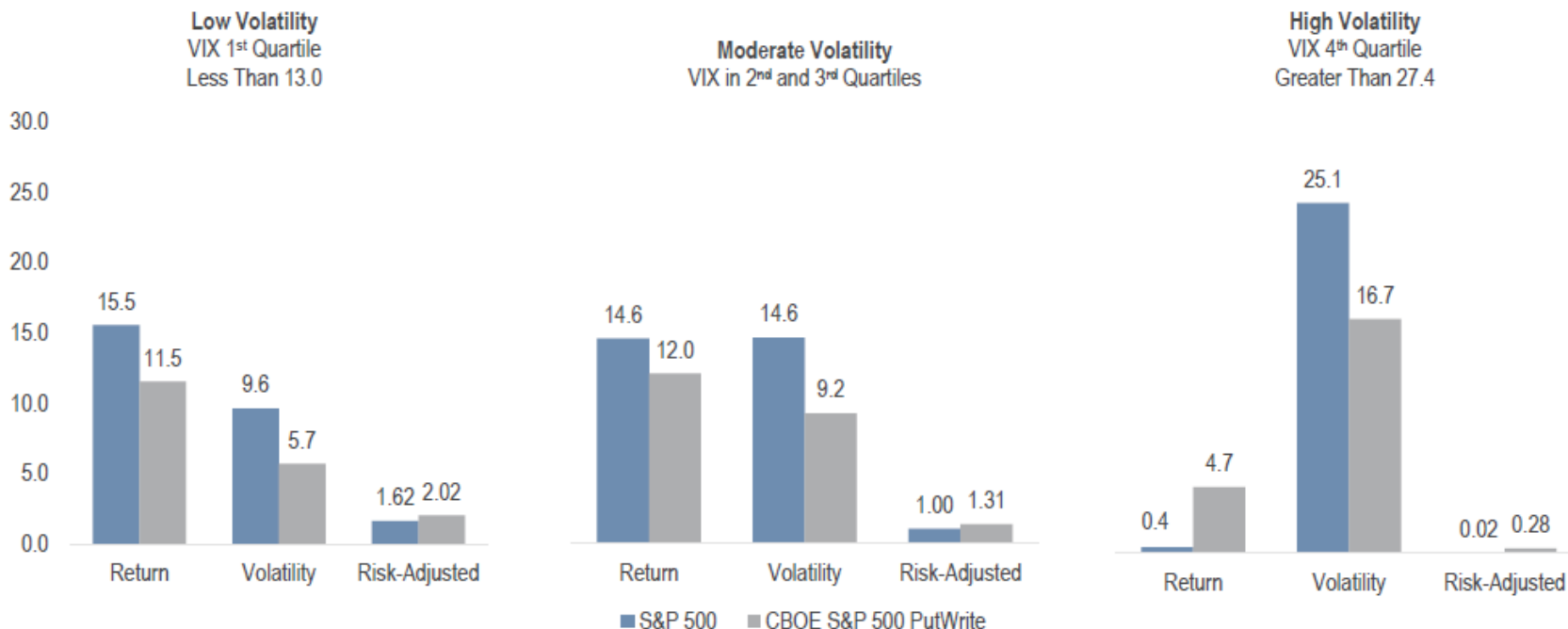
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# PUTWRITING CAN BE SUCCESSFUL ACROSS VOLATILITY REGIMES

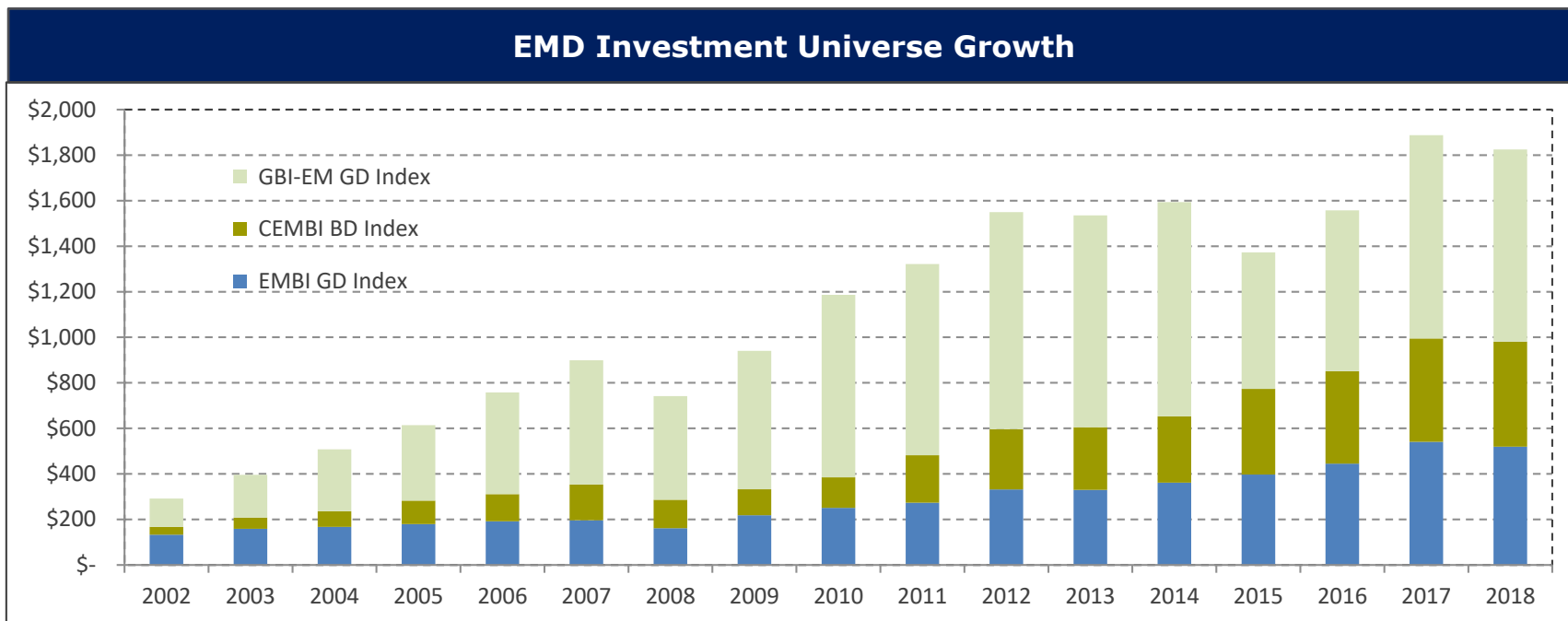
CBOE S&P 500 PutWrite Index average 1-year rolling statistics: January 1990 – August 2019<sup>1</sup>

## CBOE S&P 500 Volatility Index (VIX) Regimes



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# EMD: AN EXPANDING OPPORTUNITY SET



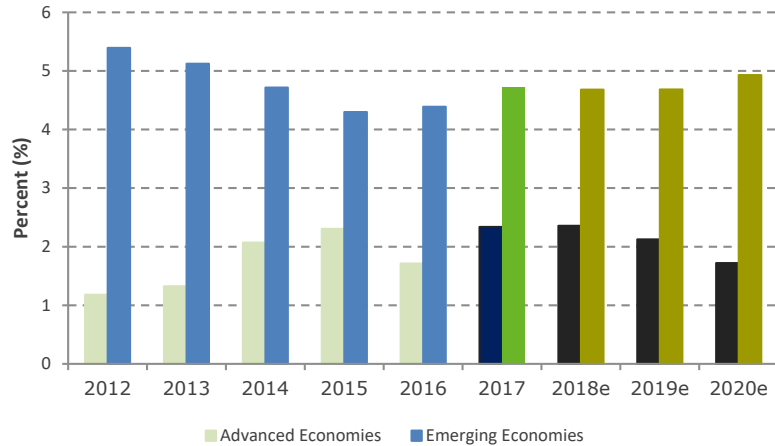
### Yield and Ratings

Asset Type	Yield (%)	Average Ratings
<b>EM Local</b> (JPM GBI EM Global Index)	6.5	BBB
<b>EM Hard Currency Corporate</b> (JPM CEMBI Broad Index)	6.2	BBB
<b>EM Hard Currency Sovereigns</b> (JPM EMBI Global)	7.1	BB

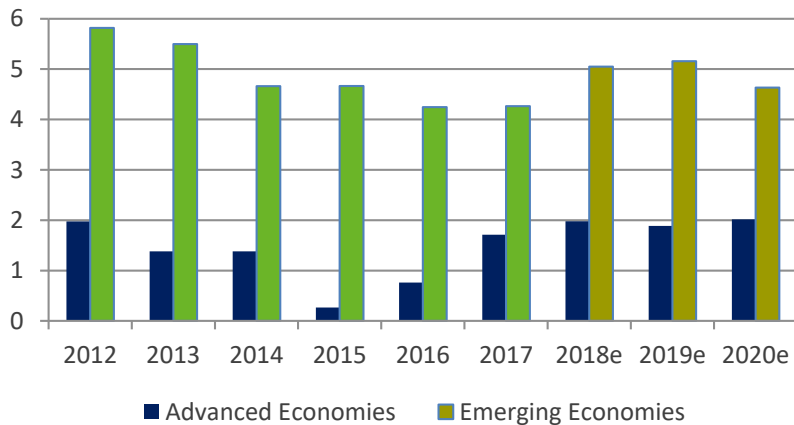
- ### Comments
- **Total emerging market debt universe has grown substantially, from \$500 million at the end of 2000 to almost \$2 trillion by 2019**
  - **This is helped by the ability of EM countries to issue debt in their local currencies, and the growth of the EM corporate sectors**

# SUPERIOR GROWTH IN EMERGING MARKETS

## Real GDP Growth (%)



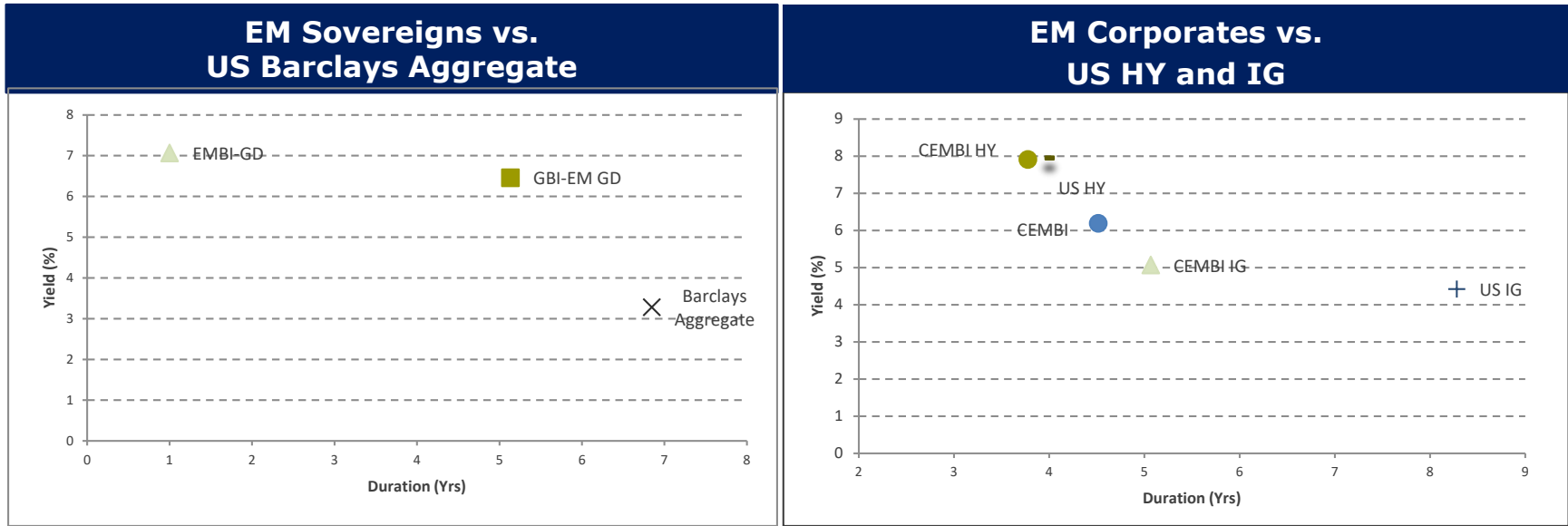
## Inflation Rates (%)



## Comments

- **Real GDP growth rates for emerging economies continue to outpace advanced economies**
- **Growth gap between EM vs. DM is forecasted to widen for the next three years in favor of emerging countries as developed markets slow down slightly**
- **Inflation however is stabilizing and forecast to come down in EM**
  - **Inflation gap between EM vs. DM might trend narrower in the near future**

**EMERGING MARKET CORPORATE DEBT:  
BETTER YIELD WITH SIMILAR OR LOWER DURATION RISK**



**Comments**

- **EM Local and Hard currency sovereigns (GBI-EM GD and EMBI-GD indices respectively) have shorter duration and higher yields compared to the US Barclays Aggregate which is concentrated in US duration risk**
- **Emerging markets high yield corporates offer better yield for slightly shorter duration profile versus US high yield**
- **In investment grade sector, EM Corporates offer better yield for much lower interest rate risk (over 3 years shorter duration)**



# EM COUNTRY FUNDAMENTALS

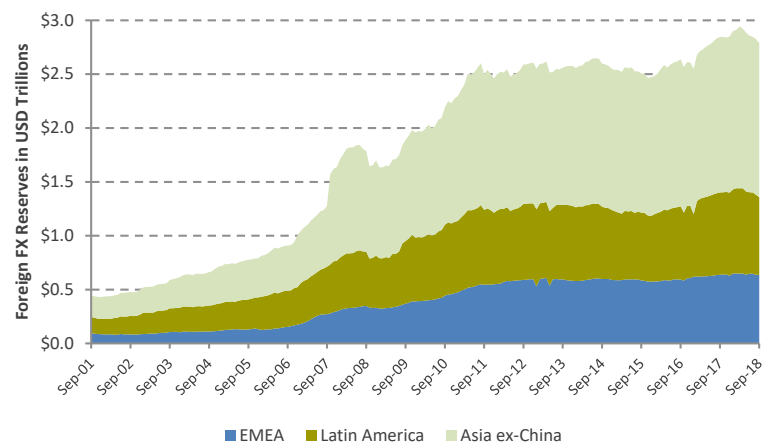
## Comments

- **EM ex China current accounts have recovered and continue to stabilize**
- **Foreign reserves are at healthy levels, mitigating concerns of FX crisis**
- **EM growth has slowed in the near term, but forecasts remain at a healthier level compared to DM**

### EM current accounts recovered materially



### Foreign FX Reserves (ex-China)



Source: IMF, J.P. Morgan

# ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY

- **Liability calculations follow a roll-forward methodology based on the June 30, 2018 actuarial valuation by GRS**
  - Accrued Liability and Normal Cost rolled forward each year
  - Discount rate is assumed to remain at 7.00% each year
  - Benefit payments as projected by the plan’s actuary
  - Accrued liability and benefit payments adjusted for differences in projected COLA vs. assumed COLA
  - Other than those described herein, all assumptions remain unchanged from the actuarial valuation report
- **Actual asset returns through May 31, 2019 (2.9%)<sup>1</sup> assumed for FY2019, thereafter:**
  - 5-7 year return assumption of 6.7% for medium-term projections
  - 30 year return assumption of 7.8% for long-term projections
- **Employer contributions are based on the plan’s funding policy**
  - Employer normal cost plus amortization of the unfunded liability
  - Future gains and losses are laddered and amortized over 20 years
  - “Staggering” of losses due to 2016 assumption changes
  - Once 100% funded, all amortization bases are assumed to be fully amortized
  - Employer normal cost contribution will always be made (the effective minimum employer contribution)
- **Employee contribution rates are assumed to remain level**
- **Fiscal year contributions are budgeted based on the valuation year three years prior**
  - E.g., FYE 2021 contribution is determined by the FYE 2018 valuation



<sup>1</sup> Per May 31, 2019 Flash Report

# 2019 5-7 YEAR RETURN FORECASTS

Geometric Expected Return			
Asset Class	2019	2018	2019-2018
Cash	2.50%	2.00%	+0.50%
Large Cap Equities	6.00%	5.25%	+0.75%
Small/Mid Cap Equities	6.25%	5.75%	+0.50%
Int'l Equities (Unhedged)	6.75%	7.50%	-0.75%
Int'l Sm Cap Equities (Unhedged)	7.25%	7.75%	-0.50%
Emerging Int'l Equities	9.25%	9.00%	+0.25%
Emerging Int'l Sm Cap Equities	9.50%	9.25%	+0.25%
Hedge Funds - Long/Short	5.50%	6.25%	-0.75%
TIPS	3.00%	3.25%	-0.25%
Treasuries	2.50%	2.25%	+0.25%
IG Corp Credit	4.00%	3.50%	+0.50%
MBS	2.75%	2.50%	+0.25%
High-Yield Bonds	5.25%	3.75%	+1.50%
Bank Loans	5.50%	4.50%	+1.00%
EMD (External)	4.75%	4.25%	+0.50%
EMD (Local Currency)	6.50%	6.00%	+0.50%
Municipal Bonds	3.00%	2.50%	+0.50%
High-Yield Municipal Bonds	3.00%	3.75%	-0.75%
Hedge Funds – Credit	5.50%	5.00%	+0.50%

# 2019 5-7 YEAR RETURN FORECASTS

Geometric Expected Return			
Asset Class	2019	2018	2019-2018
Long Treasuries	1.75%	2.00%	-0.25%
Long Credit	3.50%	4.00%	-0.50%
IG CLO	4.00%	N/A	N/A
HY CLO	6.00%	N/A	N/A
Commodities	4.25%	4.75%	-0.50%
Midstream Energy	8.25%	7.25%	+1.00%
REITs	6.75%	6.50%	+0.25%
Core Real Estate	6.00%	5.75%	+0.25%
Non-Core Real Estate	7.00%	7.00%	-
Private RE Debt	5.75%	N/A	N/A
Private Real Assets - Energy/Metals	9.50%	8.00%	+1.50%
Private Real Assets - Infra/Land	6.25%	6.00%	+0.25%
Hedge Funds - Macro	6.00%	6.25%	-0.25%
<i>Global Equity*</i>	<i>6.99%</i>	<i>6.88%</i>	<i>+0.11%</i>
<i>Private Equity*</i>	<i>10.01%</i>	<i>8.00%</i>	<i>+2.01%</i>
<i>Core Bonds*</i>	<i>3.04%</i>	<i>2.75%</i>	<i>+0.29%</i>
<i>Private Debt*</i>	<i>7.60%</i>	<i>6.50%</i>	<i>+1.10%</i>
<i>Long Govt/Credit*</i>	<i>2.84%</i>	<i>3.26%</i>	<i>-0.42%</i>
<i>Hedge Funds*</i>	<i>5.74%</i>	<i>5.83%</i>	<i>-0.09%</i>

\*Multi-asset assumptions derived from the sum of underlying equity, credit, and real asset building blocks

# 2019 VOLATILITY FORECASTS

Volatility			
Asset Class	2019	2018	2019-2018
Cash	1.00%	1.00%	-
Large Cap Equities	16.50%	17.50%	-1.00%
Small/Mid Cap Equities	20.00%	21.00%	-1.00%
Int'l Equities (Unhedged)	20.50%	21.00%	-0.50%
Int'l Sm Cap Equities (Unhedged)	22.00%	22.00%	-
Emerging Int'l Equities	28.00%	28.00%	-
Emerging Int'l Sm Cap Equities	31.00%	31.00%	-
Hedge Funds - Long/Short	11.00%	11.00%	-
TIPS	6.50%	6.50%	-
Treasuries	5.50%	5.50%	-
IG Corp Credit	7.50%	7.50%	-
MBS	7.00%	7.00%	-
High-Yield Bonds	12.50%	13.00%	-0.50%
Bank Loans	9.00%	9.00%	-
EMD (External)	13.00%	13.00%	-
EMD (Local Currency)	13.00%	13.00%	-
Municipal Bonds	7.00%	7.00%	-
High-Yield Municipal Bonds	12.00%	12.00%	-
Hedge Funds - Credit	9.50%	9.50%	-

# 2019 VOLATILITY FORECASTS

Volatility			
Asset Class	2019	2018	2019-2018
Long Treasuries	12.00%	12.00%	-
Long Credit	12.00%	12.00%	-
IG CLO	7.50%	N/A	N/A
HY CLO	11.00%	N/A	N/A
Commodities	19.00%	19.00%	-
Midstream Energy	18.50%	19.00%	-0.50%
REITs	20.00%	21.00%	-1.00%
Core Real Estate	13.00%	13.00%	-
Non-Core Real Estate	17.00%	17.00%	-
Private RE Debt	11.00%	N/A	N/A
Private Real Assets - Energy/Metals	21.00%	21.00%	-
Private Real Assets - Infra/Land	12.00%	12.00%	-
Hedge Funds - Macro	9.50%	9.50%	-
<i>Global Equity*</i>	<i>17.57%</i>	<i>18.22%</i>	<i>-0.65%</i>
<i>Private Equity*</i>	<i>24.16%</i>	<i>23.00%</i>	<i>+1.16%</i>
<i>Core Bonds*</i>	<i>6.10%</i>	<i>5.99%</i>	<i>+0.11%</i>
<i>Private Debt*</i>	<i>11.97%</i>	<i>13.00%</i>	<i>-1.03%</i>
<i>Long Gov/Credit*</i>	<i>11.26%</i>	<i>11.25%</i>	<i>+0.01%</i>
<i>Hedge Funds*</i>	<i>8.15%</i>	<i>9.07%</i>	<i>-0.92%</i>

\*Multi-asset assumptions derived from the sum of underlying equity, credit, and real asset building blocks

# 2019 30 YEAR RETURN FORECASTS

Geometric Expected Return			
Asset Class	2019	2018	2019-2018
Cash	3.00%	2.75%	+0.25%
Large Cap Equities	7.50%	7.50%	-
Small/Mid Cap Equities	7.75%	7.75%	-
Int'l Equities (Unhedged)	7.75%	7.75%	-
Int'l Sm Cap Equities (Unhedged)	8.00%	8.00%	-
Emerging Int'l Equities	9.25%	9.25%	-
Emerging Int'l Sm Cap Equities	9.50%	9.50%	-
Hedge Funds - Long/Short	6.50%	7.25%	-0.75%
TIPS	4.00%	3.75%	+0.25%
Treasuries	3.75%	3.25%	+0.50%
IG Corp Credit	5.75%	4.75%	+1.00%
MBS	3.75%	3.25%	+0.50%
High-Yield Bonds	6.50%	5.50%	+1.00%
Bank Loans	5.50%	5.50%	-
EMD (External)	6.25%	5.00%	+1.25%
EMD (Local Currency)	6.75%	6.50%	+0.25%
Municipal Bonds	3.75%	3.50%	+0.25%
High-Yield Municipal Bonds	5.25%	5.50%	-0.25%
Hedge Funds - Credit	6.75%	5.25%	+1.50%

# 2019 30 YEAR RETURN FORECASTS

Geometric Expected Return			
Asset Class	2019	2018	2019-2018
Long Treasuries	3.75%	3.50%	+0.25%
Long Credit	6.00%	5.25%	+0.75%
IG CLO	4.50%	N/A	N/A
HY CLO	6.25%	N/A	N/A
Commodities	5.50%	5.50%	-
Midstream Energy	7.50%	7.50%	-
REITs	7.00%	6.75%	+0.25%
Core Real Estate	6.25%	6.50%	-0.25%
Non-Core Real Estate	7.25%	7.50%	-0.25%
Private RE Debt	6.25%	N/A	N/A
Private Real Assets - Energy/Metals	9.50%	7.75%	+1.75%
Private Real Assets - Infra/Land	7.00%	6.25%	+0.75%
Hedge Funds - Macro	6.50%	6.25%	+0.25%
<i>Global Equity*</i>	<i>8.18%</i>	<i>8.24%</i>	<i>-0.06%</i>
<i>Private Equity*</i>	<i>11.15%</i>	<i>9.50%</i>	<i>+1.65%</i>
<i>Core Bonds*</i>	<i>4.37%</i>	<i>3.75%</i>	<i>+0.62%</i>
<i>Private Debt*</i>	<i>8.11%</i>	<i>7.50%</i>	<i>+0.61%</i>
<i>Long Gov/Credit*</i>	<i>5.14%</i>	<i>4.62%</i>	<i>+0.52%</i>
<i>Hedge Funds*</i>	<i>6.76%</i>	<i>6.34%</i>	<i>+0.42%</i>

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