

# BALANCED

Fourth Quarter 2017

## OBJECTIVE

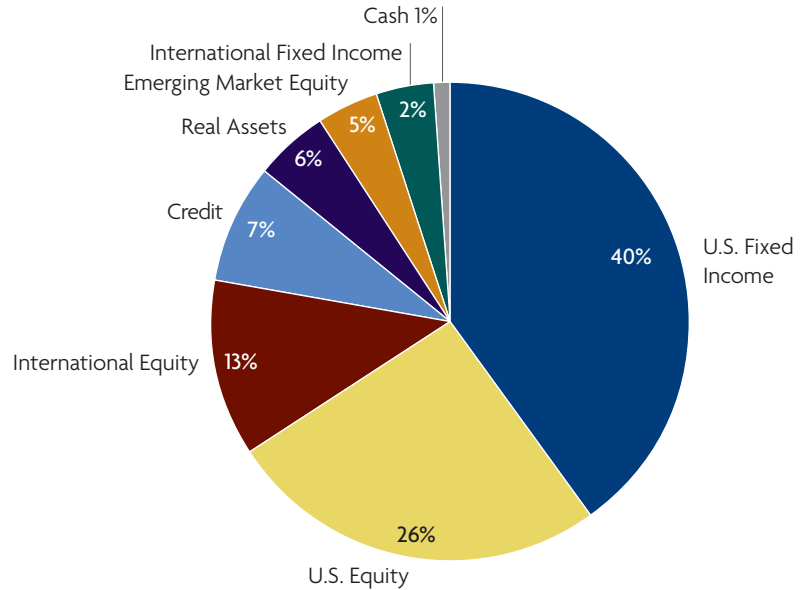
The Balanced objective seeks to provide investors with both price appreciation and current income by investing in a diversified portfolio consisting of cash, fixed income, and equity securities. This objective seeks a balance between an investor's expected return and risk. Portfolios managed in this style use a diverse set of investment strategies within both fixed income and equity securities. Investors in this objective should expect that by diversifying these asset classes, they may achieve a higher rate of return over time while reducing overall volatility (risk). This objective is expected to have a moderate level of volatility.

## PORTFOLIO STATISTICS

Measure	Portfolio	Benchmark <sup>5</sup>
Yield (1 Yr) <sup>6</sup>	1.99%	
Sharpe Ratio (1 Yr) <sup>6</sup>	8.06	7.03
Risk (1 Yr Standard Deviation) <sup>6</sup>	1.29	1.59

Inception Date: March 31, 2012

## Asset Allocation<sup>2</sup>



## Investment Selection<sup>2,4</sup>

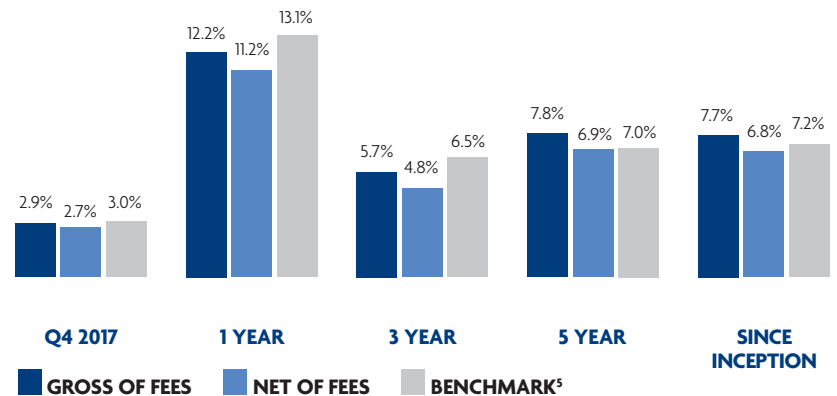
### Equities

U.S. Equity	Great Lakes Large Cap Value Instl
U.S. Equity	Great Lakes Disciplined Equity Instl
U.S. Equity	Great Lakes Small Cap Opportunity Instl
U.S. Equity	AMG Managers Fairpointe Mid Cap I
International Equity	Great Lakes Disciplined Intl Small Cap Instl
International Equity	Causeway International Value Instl
International Equity	Artisan International Advisor
Real Assets	Cohen & Steers Realty Shares
Real Assets	Lazard Gbl Listed Infrastructure Inst Shares
Emerging Market Equity	Causeway Emerging Markets Instl

### Fixed Income

U.S. Fixed Income	Great Lakes Bond Institutional
U.S. Fixed Income	iShares Floating Rate Bond
Credit	Artisan High Income Advisor
Credit	TCW Emerging Markets Income I
International Fixed Income	Templeton Global Bond Adv

## Model Performance as of December 31, 2017 (Supplemental Information)<sup>1, 2, 3</sup>



1. Please see notes to performance and disclosures statements. Annualized since inception. Returns greater than 1 year are annualized. Information complements the GIPS compliant presentation, located on page 2. Past performance is not indicative of future results. Inception for the MAS Balanced Composite is August 1, 2013.

2. Asset Allocation, Investment Selection, and Model Performance are shown as supplemental information to the GIPS presentation on page 2.

3. Model returns do not represent actual trading and may not reflect the impact that material economic and market factors might have had on our decision-making if we were actually managing clients' money.

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Time Period	Composite Pure Return <sup>7</sup>	Composite Net Return <sup>8</sup>	Blended Benchmark Return	Internal Dispersion (%) <sup>9</sup>	Number of Composite Portfolios	Composite Assets (\$ millions)	% of Composite Assets that is bundled fee portfolios	Total Firm Assets (\$ millions)	% of Firm Assets
2017	11.97	11.45	13.06	0.67%	233	29.78	100%	9,179	0.32%
2016	6.99	6.00	7.26	0.37%	219	24.04	100%	7,644	0.31%
2015	-2.60	-3.46	-0.52	0.07%	81	7.58	100%	6,886	0.11%
2014	6.34	5.32	6.51	0.14%	43	5.73	100%	6,771	0.08%
Aug 1-Dec 31, 2013	9.53	9.14	6.92	0.83%	14	0.38	100%	5,400	0.01%

4. For more information on the proposed Mutual Fund investments, please contact us for a prospectus which contains more complete information, including fees and expenses. Please read carefully before investing.

5. The performance benchmark for the MAS Balanced objective is a monthly blend among the S&P 500 Index (23%), Russell Mid Cap Index (3%), Russell 2000 Index (5%), MSCI EAFE Index (11%), MSCI Emerging Market Index (5%), Wilshire US REIT Index (3%), Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index (37%), Bloomberg Barclays US Corporate High Yield Index (3%), JPM GBI Global Ex US Index (4%), JPM EMBI Global Diversified Index (4%), Bloomberg Barclays US Treasury Bill 1-3 Mth Index (2%) and is presented for discussion purposes only. The composition of the index may change from time to time based on the strategic asset allocation of the objective. Therefore, the current composition of the index may not reflect its historical composition and the benchmark may not reflect holdings in all sectors targeted within the strategy. The benchmark may be altered in the future to better reflect the asset allocation of the objective. The Russell 2000 Index is a trademark/service mark of the Frank Russell Co. Russell is a trademark of the Frank Russell Co. All indices are unmanaged and performance of the indices includes reinvestment of dividends and interest income unless otherwise noted, and foreign indices are net of withholding taxes. The indices are not illustrative of any particular investment and it is not possible to invest directly in an index. The volatility of the index is materially different from that of the model. The S&P 500 Index is composed of five hundred selected stocks, all of which are listed on national stock exchanges and spans over 25 separate industry groups. The Russell Midcap Index measures the performance of the mid-cap segment of the U.S. equity universe. The Russell Midcap is a subset of the Russell 1000<sup>®</sup> Index. It includes approximately 800 of the smallest securities based on a combination of their market cap and current index membership. The Russell Midcap represents approximately 31% of the total market capitalization of the Russell 1000 companies. The Russell 2000 Index measures the performance of the small-cap segment of the U.S. equity universe. The Russell 2000 is a subset of the Russell 3000 Index representing approximately 10% of the total market capitalization of that index. It includes approximately 2000 of the smallest securities based on a combination of their market cap and current index membership. The MSCI EAFE Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure equity market performance of developed markets, excluding the US & Canada. The MSCI Emerging Markets Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure equity market performance of emerging markets. The Wilshire US REIT Index measures the performance of U.S. publicly traded Real Estate Investment Trusts. The Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index is a broad-based benchmark that measures the investment grade, U.S. dollar-denominated, fixed-rate taxable bond market, including Treasuries, government-related and corporate securities, MBS, ABS, and CMBS. The Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Corporate High-Yield Index measures the market of USD-denominated, non-investment grade, fixed-rate, taxable corporate bonds. The J.P. Morgan GBI Global Ex US Index generally tracks fixed rate issuances from high-income countries spanning North America, Europe, and Asia. The J.P. Morgan Emerging Bond Index (EMBI) measures the total return performance of international government bonds issued by emerging market countries and that meet specific liquidity and structural requirements. The Bloomberg Barclays 1-3 Month U.S. Treasury Bill Index includes publicly issued U.S. Treasury Bills that have a remaining maturity of 1 to 3 months and have at least \$250 million of outstanding face value.

6. One-year statistics measure net-of-fees model performance.

7. Pure gross-of-fees returns do not reflect the deduction of any expenses, including trading costs and are supplemental to net returns. All cash reserves and equivalents are included in returns. Returns are time weighted and include the reinvestment of dividends, income and gains.

8. All performance figures net of fees have been reduced by the actual fee charged to each account. Actual fees may vary depending on certain factors, including the relevant fee schedule and portfolio size.

9. The internal dispersion of the composite returns is calculated using the asset-weighted one-year standard deviation of annual gross-of-fees returns of those portfolios that were included in the composite for the entire year.

Fee Schedule: The fee schedule for the MAS Balanced composite is as follows: maximum allowable fee is 2.00% on the first \$5 million; Negotiable over \$5 million. The additional fees included in the bundled fee are trading or transaction costs only.

Ex-Post Standard Deviation: The three-year annualized ex-post standard deviation of the composite and benchmark as of December 31, 2017 are as follows: MAS Balanced Composite: 5.95%; MAS blended benchmark: 5.42%; December 31, 2016 are as follows: MAS Balanced Composite: 6.63%; MAS blended benchmark: 5.97%.

Gross returns are shown as supplemental information and are stated gross of all fees, except trading; net returns are reduced by all fees and transaction costs incurred. Wrap fee accounts pay a fee based on a percentage of assets under management. Wrap fee accounts make up 100% of the composite for all periods shown.

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The MAS Balanced composite includes all balanced, discretionary, fee paying portfolios managed to the firm's balanced strategy. Portfolios subject to substantial client imposed restrictions are excluded from this composite. Accounts within this composite do not employ leverage. All cash reserves and equivalents are included in returns. Returns are time weighted and include reinvestment of dividends, income and gains. The MAS Balanced composite was created on June 30, 2014.

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