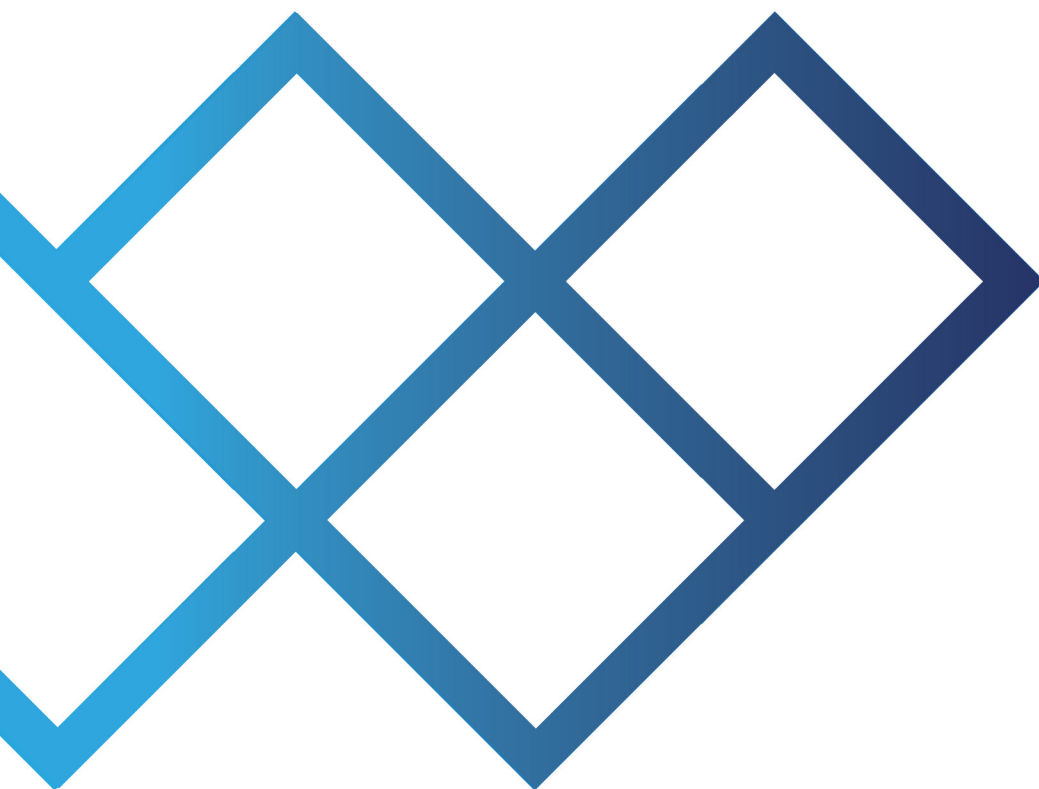




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# Global Balanced

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# Firm and Strategy Overview

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# A Boutique Firm Providing Core Solutions

## FIRM HIGHLIGHTS

- Experienced portfolio management team
- Macroeconomic, sector-focused approach since 1996, managing ETF-only strategies since 2005
- Suite of core active SMA portfolios that fit a range of client objectives
- Strategies designed to provide the diversification clients need and the potential outperformance expected from a differentiated, active solution



# Global Balanced Strategy

## STRATEGY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Inception Date:** January 2005
- **Focus:** Global multi-asset – Long-only, equity and fixed-income ETFs from leading U.S. providers, no leverage or derivatives
- **Risk Mitigation:** Manage downside capture through U.S. sector avoidance, regional equity allocations, and fixed-income allocation
- **Tax Efficiency:** Low average annual turnover/typically long-term holding periods

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A core, multi-asset solution for investors needing long-term growth with risk mitigation.

## OBJECTIVE

The Global Balanced Strategy primarily seeks capital appreciation over time, but also maintains an objective of capital preservation through asset class diversification. The multi-asset class strategy combines high-conviction active management with the diversification of low-cost, passive ETFs.

# Investment Team

## PORTFOLIO MANAGERS



**Fritz Porter, CFA**  
Chief Investment Officer  
Portfolio Manager

- 16 years with WestEnd
- 25 years industry experience



**Ty Peebles, CFA**  
Portfolio Manager

- 11 years with WestEnd
- 14 years industry experience



**Ned Durden**  
Chief Investment Strategist  
Portfolio Manager

- 18 years with WestEnd
- 27 years industry experience



**Jacob Buchanan, CFA**  
Portfolio Manager

- 7 years with WestEnd
- 8 years industry experience

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## ANALYSTS

**Roger Regelbrugge, CFA**  
Senior Investment Analyst

**Zach Hollister, CFA**  
Investment Analyst

**Matthew Franken, CFA**  
Investment Analyst

WestEnd's investment professionals are generalists, work collaboratively, and are all engaged in the macroeconomic and security analysis that impacts the portfolios.

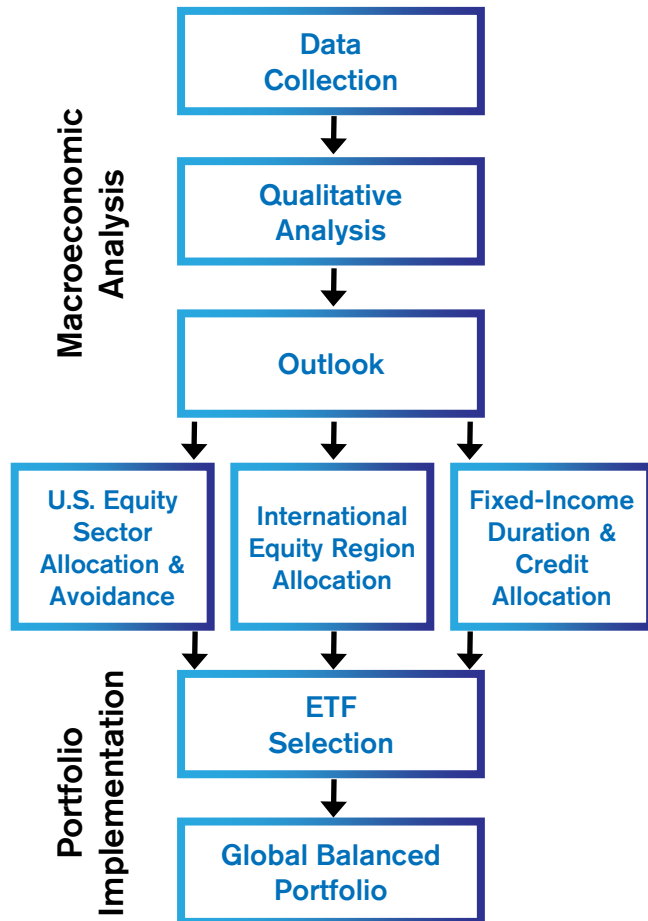
*Firm and industry experience as of 12/31/2024, rounded to nearest year.*

# Investment Process

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The cornerstone of our investment process is that the macroeconomic environment is a key driver of financial market returns.

# Macroeconomic Investment Process

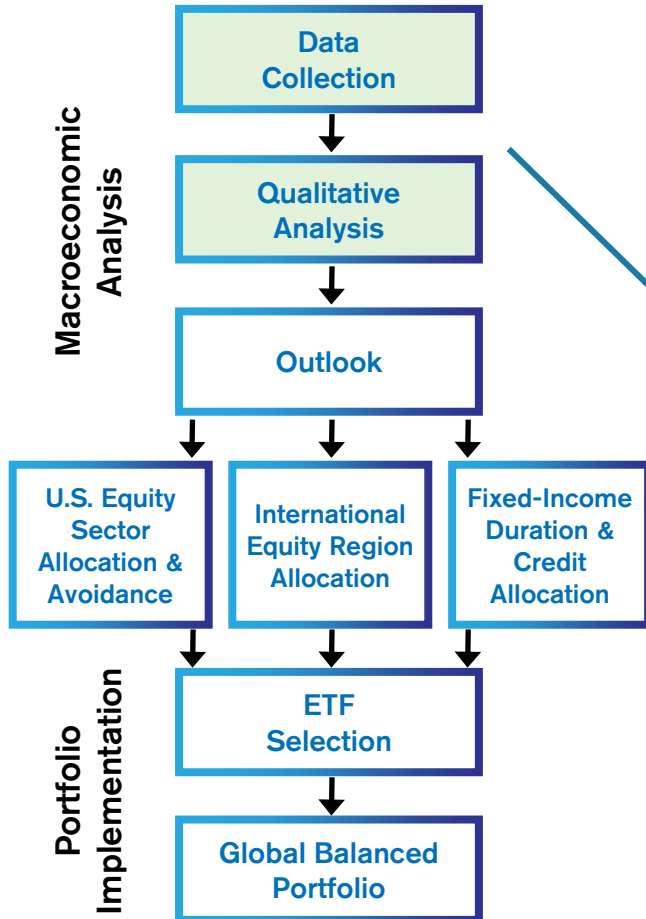


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- Conduct macroeconomic analysis to formulate outlook
- Allocate to areas of the global markets expected to benefit from economic tailwinds, underweight or avoid areas facing headwinds
- Select ETFs from leading U.S. providers to invest in favored segments of fixed-income and equity markets

# Forward-Looking Macro Analysis

- WestEnd tracks and analyzes over 200 macroeconomic data series



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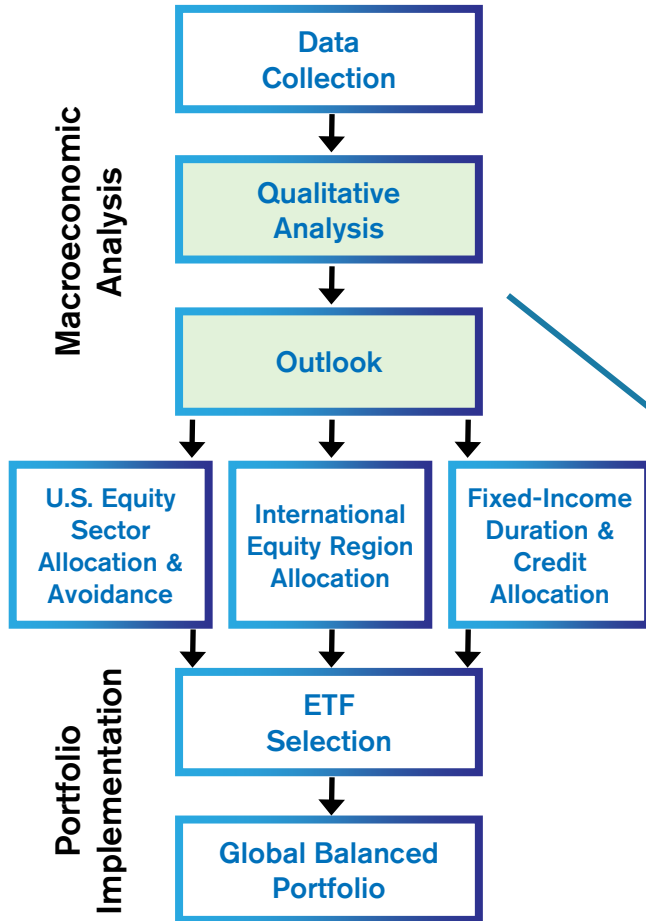
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Fed-Funds Target Rate	1	Green	M	5
Long-Term Rates	1	Green	M	6
Treasury Yield Curve	2	Green	M	7
Treasury Yield Spread	2	Green	M	8
<b>Inflation</b>	3	Yellow		
Consumer Price Index (CPI)	3	Yellow	M	9
PCE Price Index	3	Yellow	M	10
Productivity	3	Yellow	Q	11
Unit Labor Costs	4	Red	Q	12
Oil Price	2	Green	M	13
<b>Sales</b>	3	Yellow		
Retail Sales	1	Green	M	14
Personal Consumption Expenditures	4	Red	M	15
Personal Consumption - Durables	1	Green	M	16
Light Vehicle Sales	3	Yellow	M	17
<b>Investment</b>	4	Red		
Business Capital Expenditures	4	Red	Q	18
Nonresidential Construction	4	Red	M	19
Residential Construction	2	Green	M	20
Recent Upgrade				
Recent Downgrade				
<b>Employment</b>	4	Red		
Unemployment Claims	4	Red	W	21-22
Unemployment Rate	4	Red	M	23
Payrolls	4	Red	M	24
<b>Income</b>	3	Yellow		
Corp After-Tax Profits	4	Red	Q	25
S&P 500 Earnings	5	Red	Q	26
Production Workers Hourly Earnings	2	Green	M	27
Wages and Salaries	4	Red	M	28
Disposable Personal Income	2	Green	M	29
<b>Production</b>	3	Yellow		
Industrial Production & Capacity Util.	5	Red	M	30
Production Workers Weekly Hours	3	Yellow	M	31
ISM Manufacturing Index	2	Green	M	32
ISM Non-Manufacturing Index	2	Green	M	33
Exports	5	Red	M	34
Factory Orders - Durable Goods	2	Green	M	35
<b>Other</b>				
GDP - Real	5	Red	Q	36
Final Sales	5	Red	Q	37
Leading Economic Indicators Composite	3	Yellow	M	38
Consumer Sentiment	4	Red	M	39
New Home Sales	1	Green	M	40
Housing Starts	2	Green	M	41
Home Prices	3	Yellow	M	42

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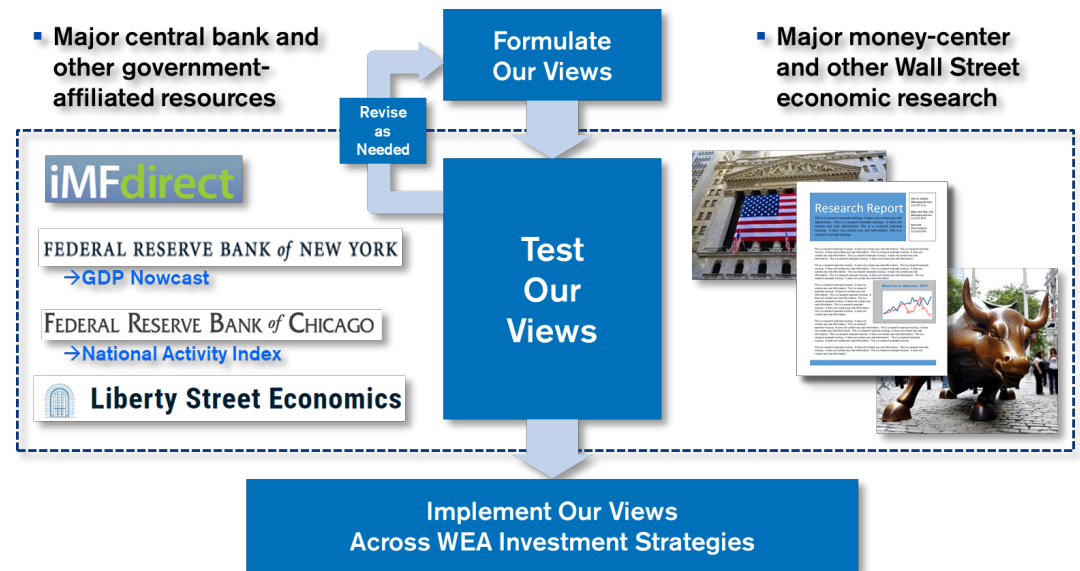


# Formulate and Test Outlook

- The Investment Team determines its outlook based on qualitative analysis of the macroeconomic and market environment



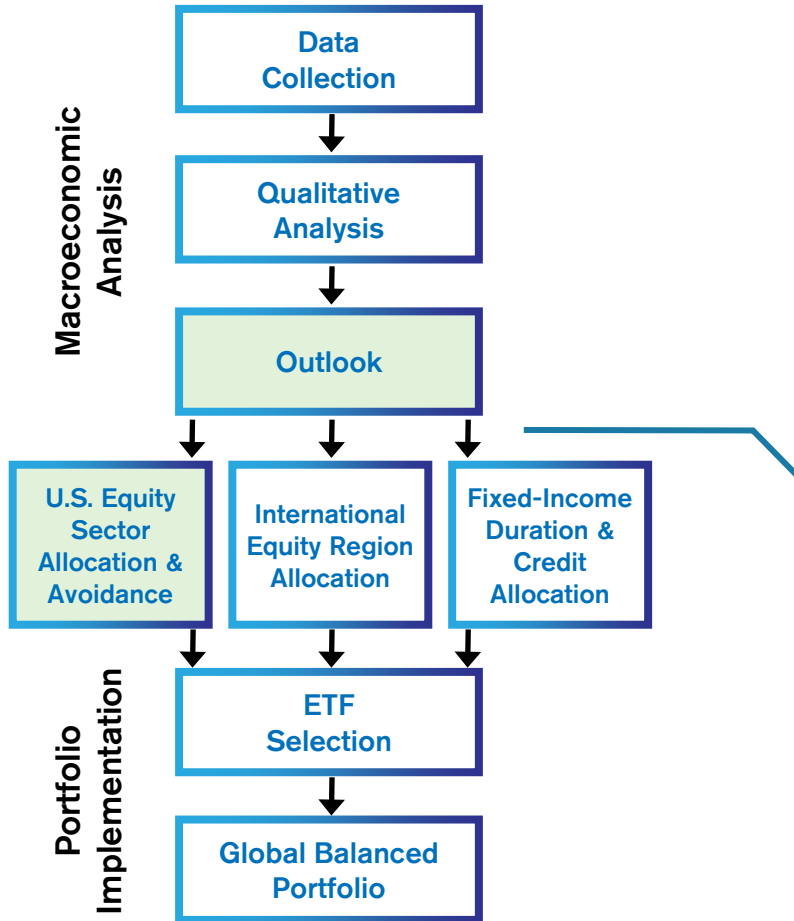
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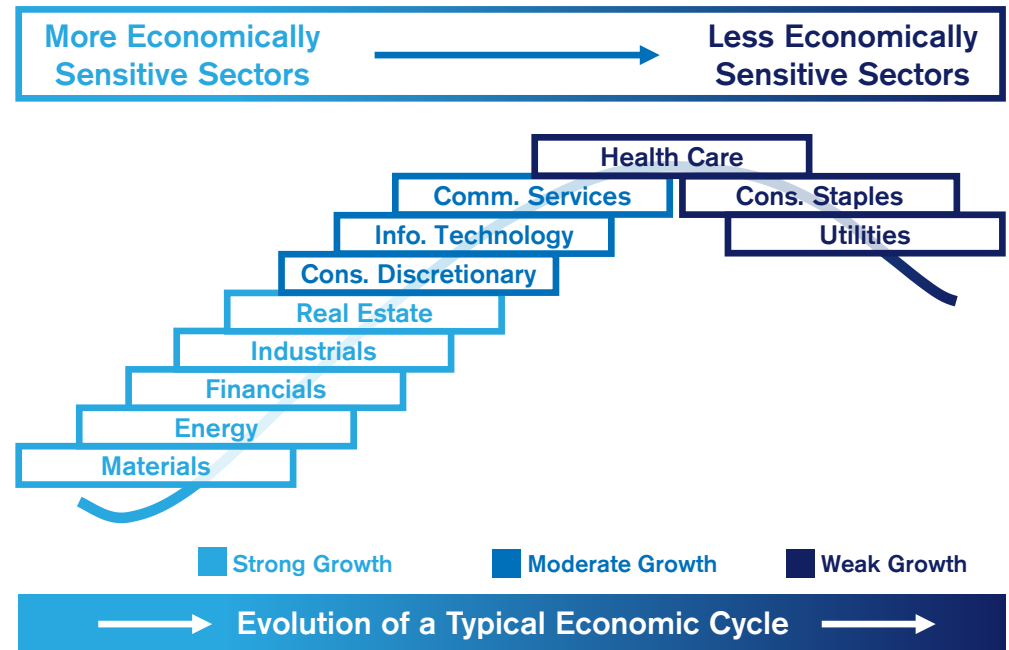
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# Translate Outlook To Allocation: U.S. Equity

- Active allocation and avoidance of U.S. large-cap equity sectors is based on outlook for the economic cycle












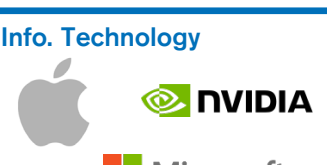

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# Sectors: Intuitive Categories

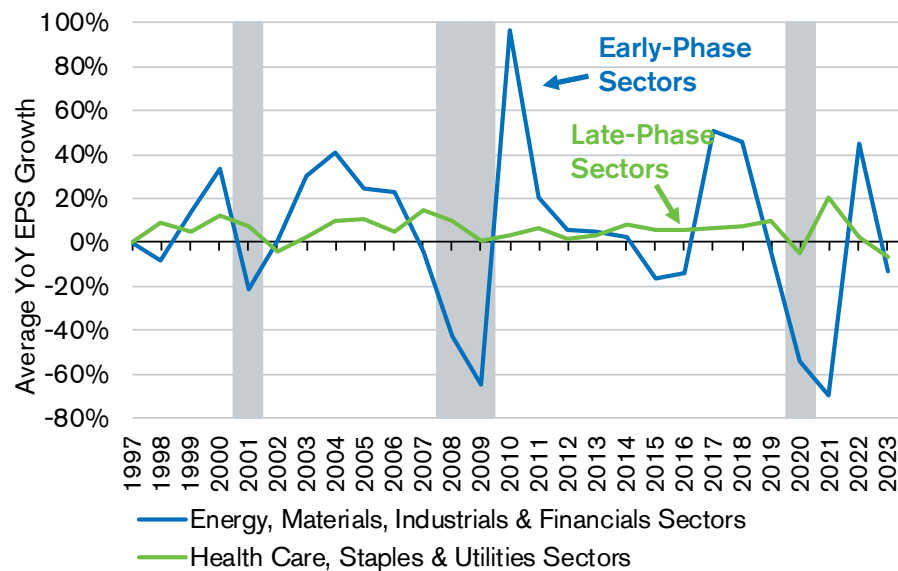
- Sectors are discrete economic categories that segregate companies based on their primary business activity
- WestEnd believes sectors are inherently linked to fundamental economic drivers

Early-Phase Sectors	<b>Materials</b> 	Mid-Phase Sectors	<b>Comm. Services</b> 	Late-Phase Sectors	<b>Cons. Staples</b> 	
	<b>Financials</b> 		<b>Industrials</b> 		<b>Cons. Discretionary</b> 	<b>Health Care</b> 
	<b>Energy</b> 		<b>Real Estate</b> 		<b>Info. Technology</b> 	<b>Utilities</b> 

*For illustrative purposes only. Example companies chosen solely for their recognizability as representative of their respective sector, not for their inclusion or exclusion in WestEnd portfolios. The listing of particular securities should not be considered a recommendation to purchase or sell these securities. Please see full Footnotes and Disclosures at the end of this presentation.*

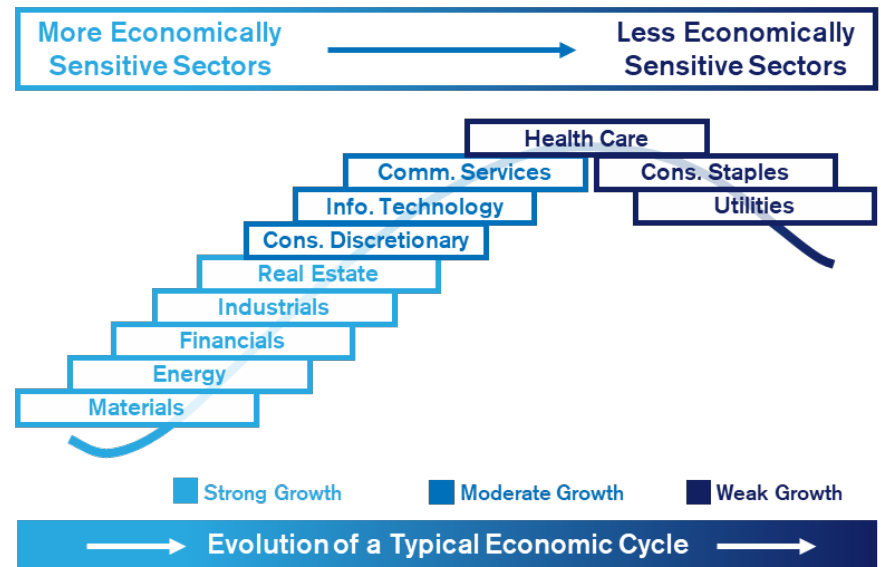
# Sectors: A Dynamic Approach to Asset Allocation

## SECTOR EARNINGS GROWTH BY ECONOMIC SENSITIVITY



Sources: Bloomberg, WestEnd Advisors.

## SECTORS TIED TO THE ECONOMIC CYCLE

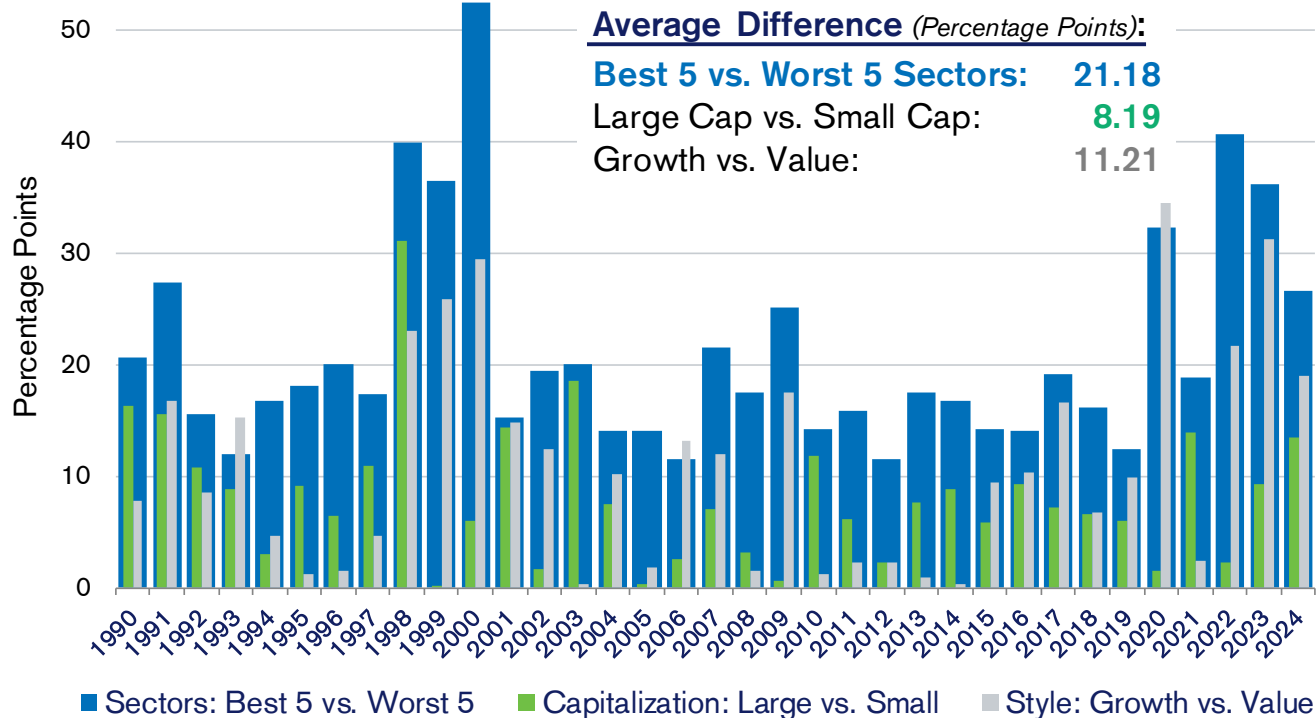


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Sources: WestEnd Advisors.

We believe patterns of relative sector performance that tend to play out over the economic cycle can be harnessed to *anticipate* likely sector outperformance.

# Sectors: The Importance of Sector Allocation

## RANGE OF RETURNS BY SECTOR, CAPITALIZATION, AND STYLE



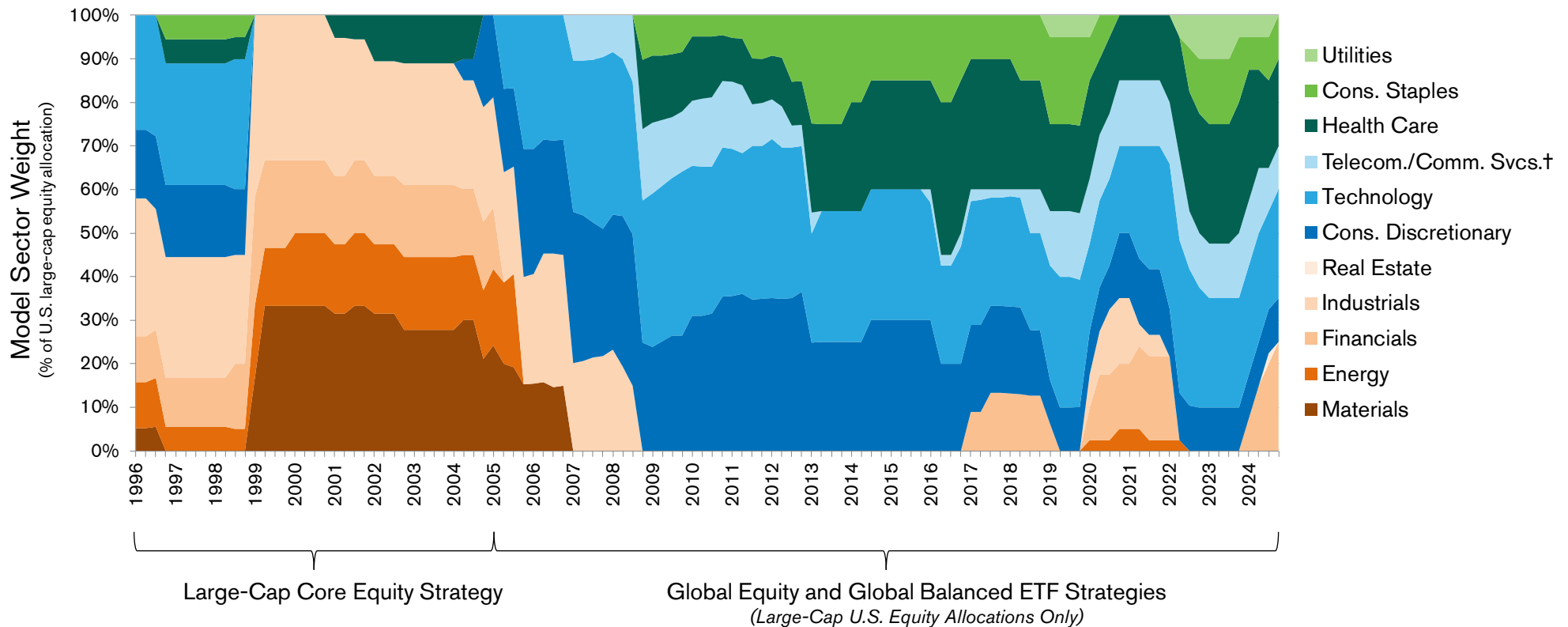
Varied sector performance can create opportunity.

Source: Thomson Reuters, Bloomberg, WestEnd Advisors

Sector performance is represented by sectors of the S&P 500® Index. "Large Cap" is represented by the S&P 500® Index. "Small Cap" is represented by the Russell 2000® Index. "Growth" is represented by the Russell 1000® Growth Index. "Value" is represented by the Russell 1000® Value Index. Data for 2016 excludes Real Estate as a stand-alone sector, which was included in Financials until September 16, 2016. Data for 2018 replaces the Telecommunication Services Sector with the new Communication Services Sector after September 21, 2018, using geometrically-linked total returns to produce a single full-year return, and treats the linked returns as a single sector, due to changes in GICS sector classifications and index rebalancing that occurred as of market close on September 21, 2018. An index is unmanaged and is not available for direct investment. For additional information, see Footnotes and Disclosures at the end of this presentation.

# Sectors: WestEnd Has Over Two Decades of U.S. Equity Sector Allocation Experience

## WESTEND MODEL TARGET SECTOR WEIGHTS FOR LARGE-CAP U.S. EQUITIES\*

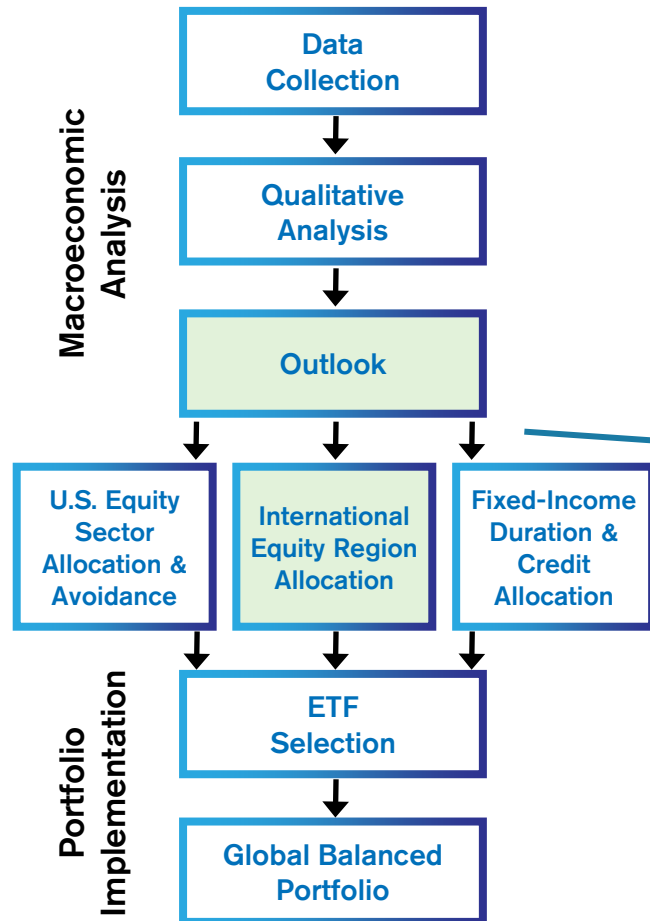


Source: WestEnd Advisors

\* Target weights as a percentage of large-cap U.S. equity-only allocation for the strategy indicated as of each date. Large-Cap Core Equity strategy weights exclude cash. Global Equity and Global Balanced strategy large-cap U.S. equity-only sector weights exclude international equities, small/mid-cap U.S. equities, cash and other assets. As a percentage of each strategy's equity allocation, Global Equity and Global Balanced strategy model U.S. large-cap sector weights have been identical since inception.

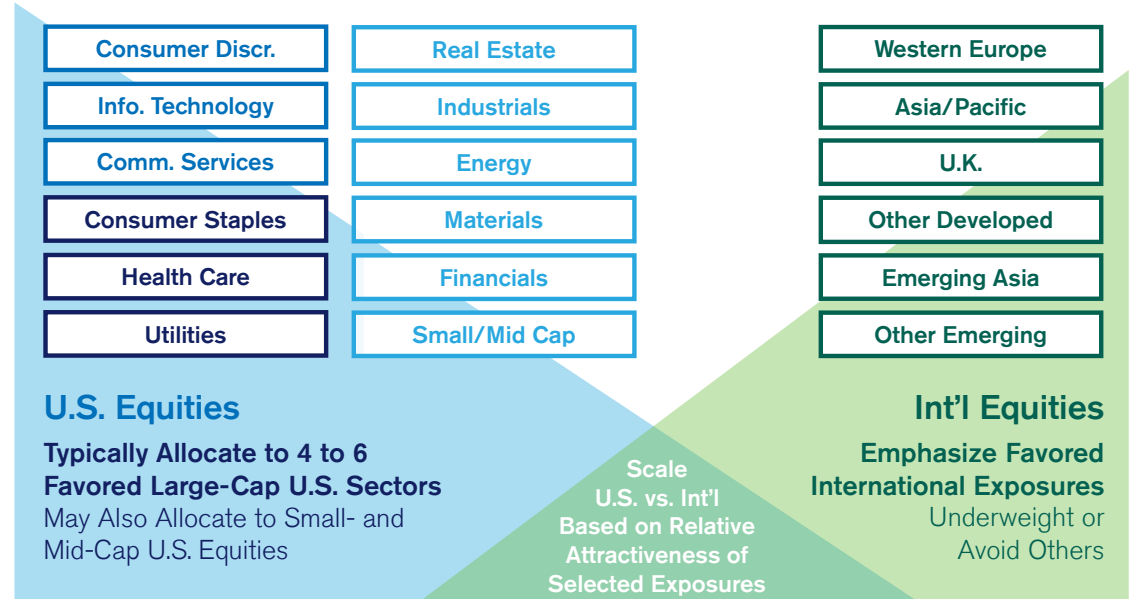
† Effective September 30, 2018, the Telecommunication Services sector was combined with portions of the Information Technology and Consumer Discretionary sectors to form the new Communication Services Sector. For additional details, see Footnotes and Disclosures at the end of this presentation.

# Translate Outlook To Allocation: International Equities



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- WestEnd overweights or underweights developed and emerging market regions based on our assessment of the macroeconomic backdrop
- Domestic versus international allocation derives primarily from the relative attractiveness of underlying allocations



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# International: A Data-Driven, Regional Approach

## WHY REGIONS

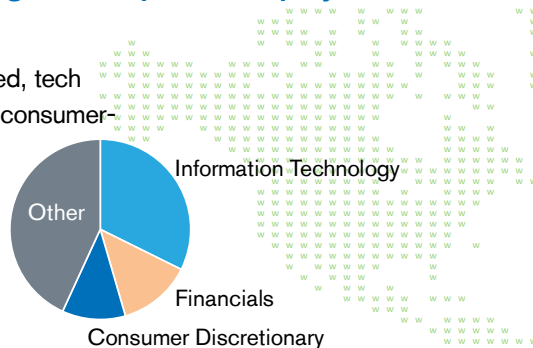
- Interconnected economies and markets
- Differing sector and industry concentrations influence economic sensitivity
- Macroeconomic trends more reliable than individual country data
- Diversification of political, regulatory, and currency risk
- Scale of opportunity set similar to U.S. sectors
- Favorable ETF cost, availability, and liquidity versus individual countries

## DIFFERING REGIONAL SECTOR CONCENTRATIONS

### Market weights of top-three equity sectors in select regions\*

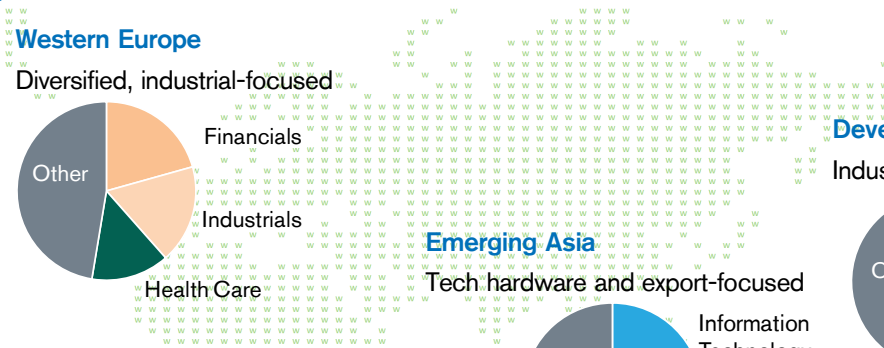
#### U.S.

Well-diversified, tech software and consumer focused



#### Western Europe

Diversified, industrial-focused



#### Developed Asia

Industrial and export-focused



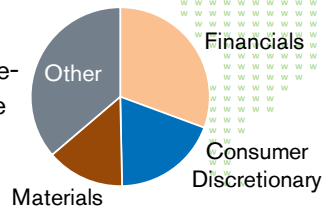
#### Emerging Asia

Tech hardware and export-focused



#### South & Central America

Economically-sensitive, resource-driven (Materials and Energy are approx. 27% of market cap)



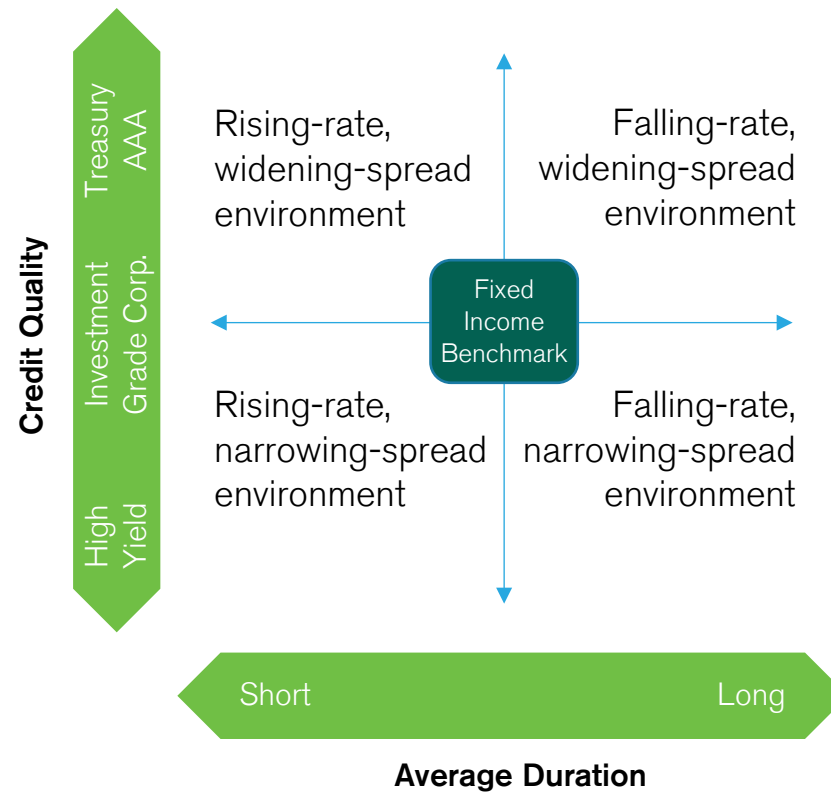
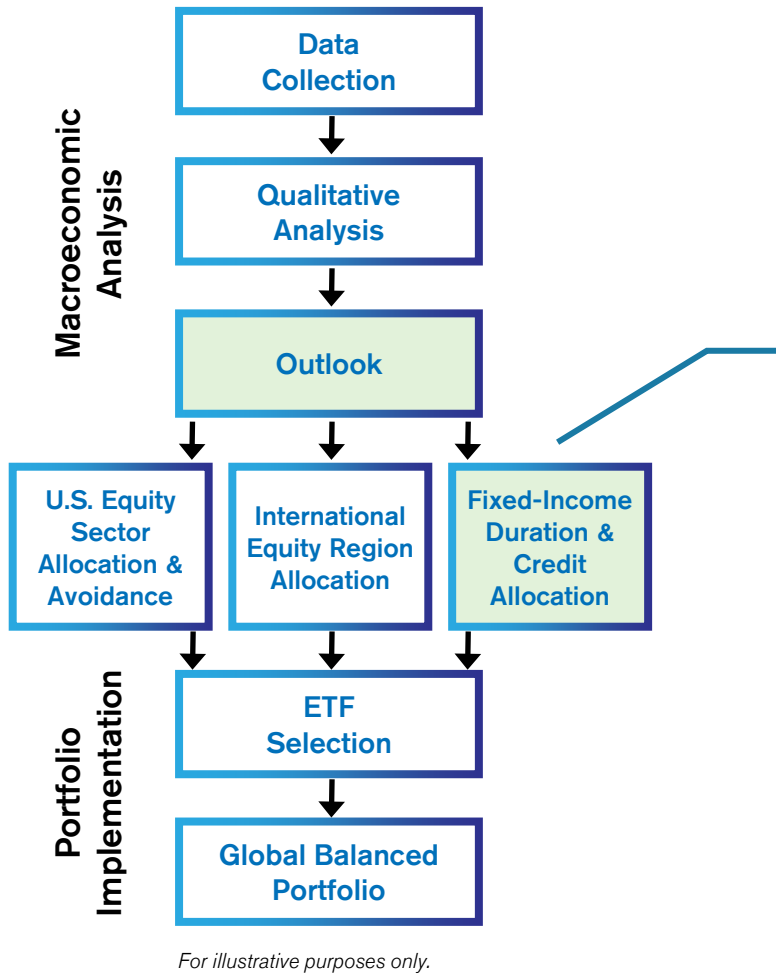
Source: Bloomberg, WestEnd Advisors.

\* Data as of December 31, 2024

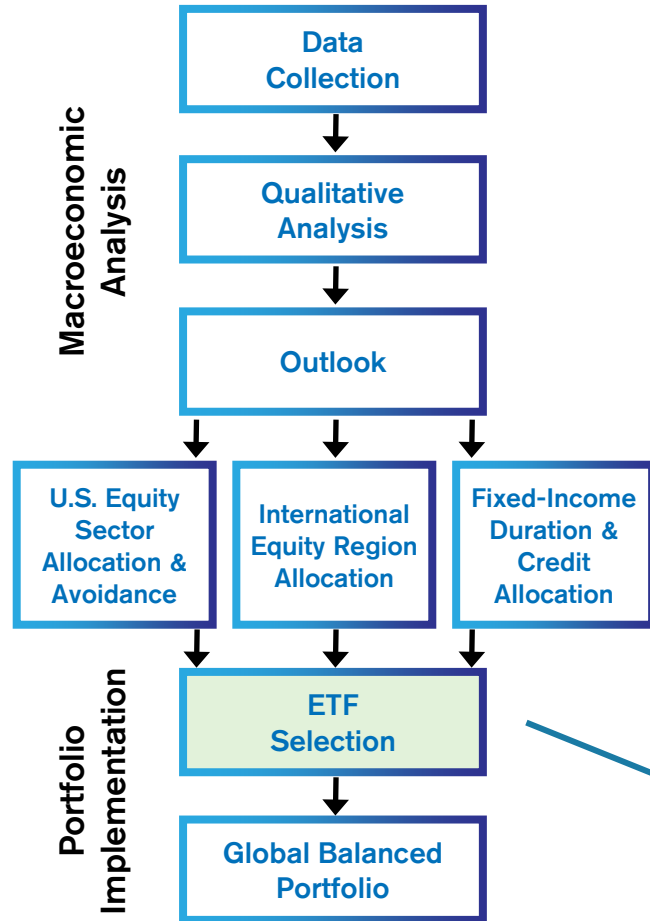


# Translate Outlook To Allocation: Fixed Income

- WestEnd's economic and interest rate outlooks drive duration and credit quality allocations

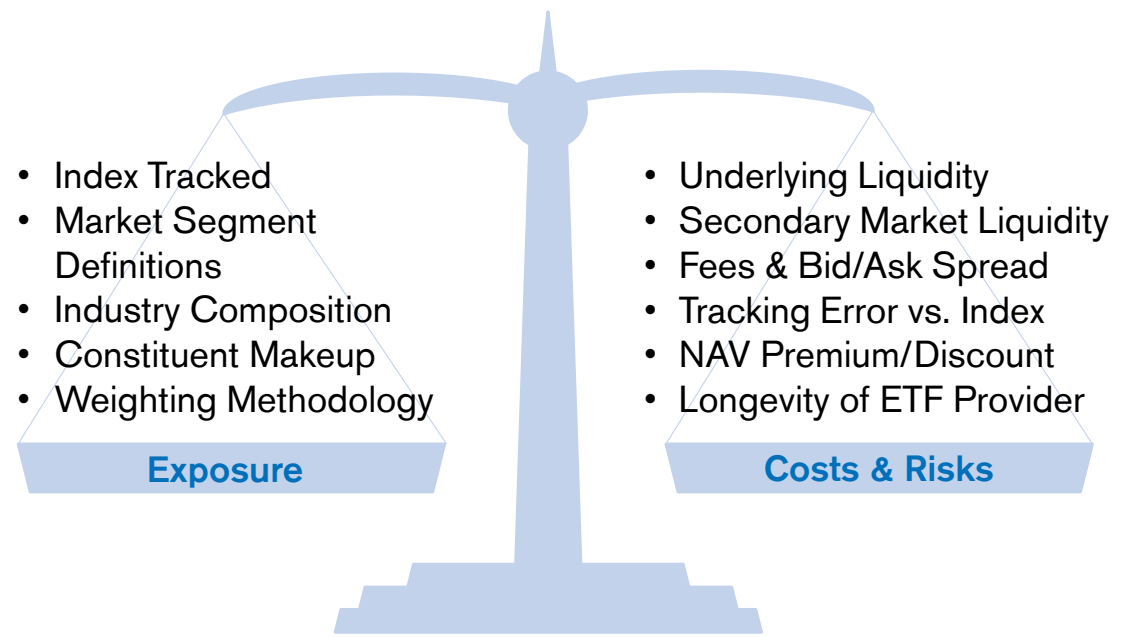


# ETF Selection to Build Out Allocations



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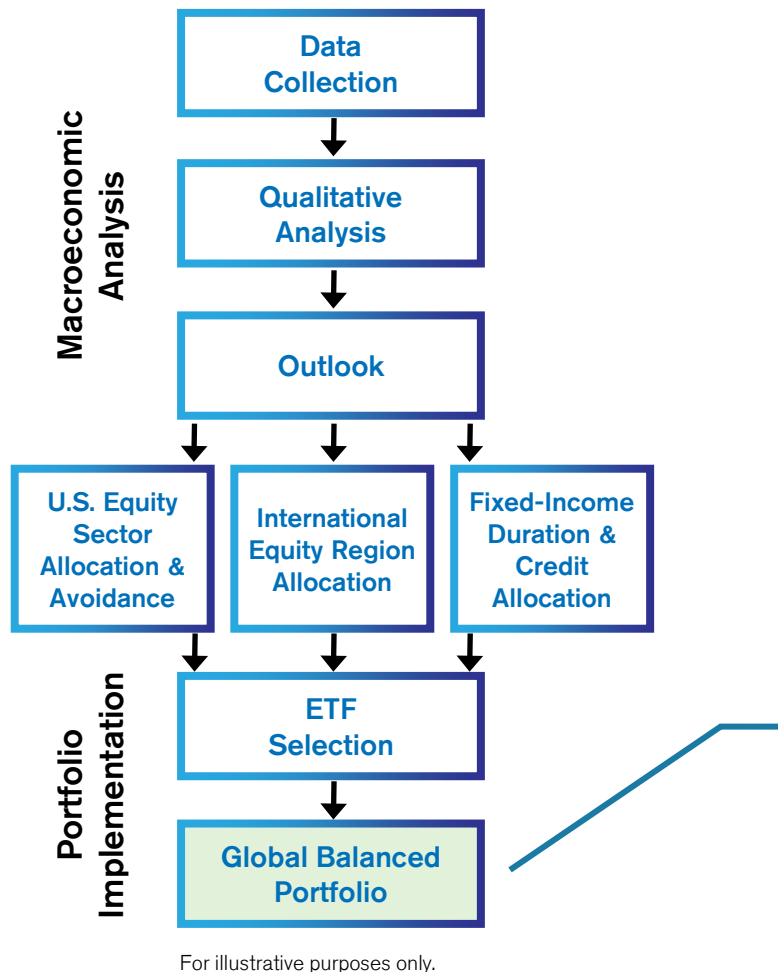
- WestEnd builds desired allocations with index-based sector, regional, and fixed-income ETFs
- ETF selection is designed to balance the intended exposures with costs and risks of each security



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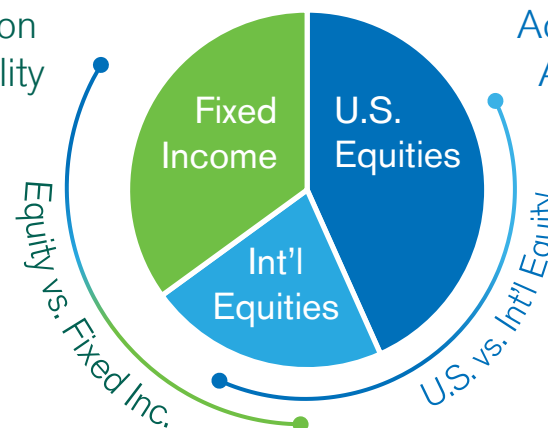


# Goal: A Dynamic Portfolio Aligned With Economic Backdrop



## BENCHMARK ALLOCATION AND ACTIVE LEVERS\*

Active Duration & Credit Quality Allocation



Active Sector Allocation & Avoidance

Active International Regional Allocation

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## PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION

### Number of Holdings

Typically 8 to 15

### Target Cash Position

1% to 5%

### Annual Turnover Range

17% to 62%\*\*

### Equity Exposure

50% to 80%

- U.S. Large-Cap: 20% to 55%
- U.S. Small/Mid-Cap: 0% to 12%
- International: 10% to 50%

### Fixed-Income Exposure

20% to 50%

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\*\* Based on 5 years ended 12/31/24.

# Portfolio Results

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## Performance and Characteristics

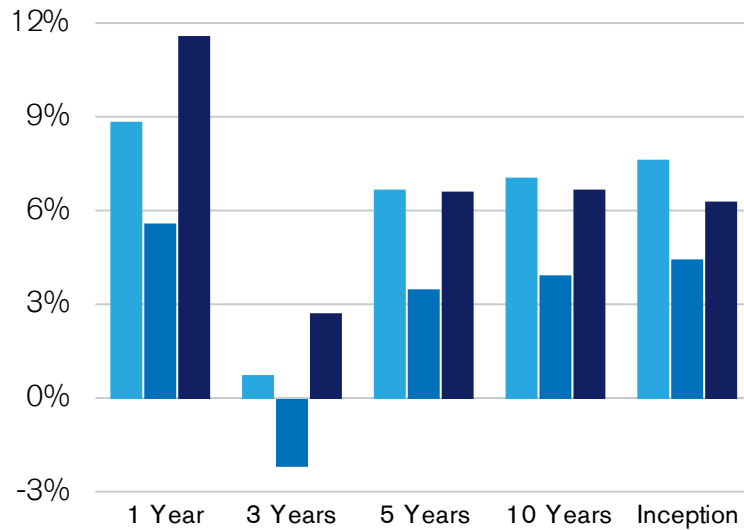
# Historical Performance\*

Inception 1/2005

## ANNUALIZED PERFORMANCE\*

### Global Balanced

Returns as of December 31, 2024



	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Inception
Global Bal., Gross	8.82%	0.77%	6.66%	7.08%	7.61%
Global Bal., Net	5.62%	-2.21%	3.52%	3.93%	4.45%
Benchmark	11.57%	2.71%	6.61%	6.69%	6.32%

Source: Archer IMS, IDC, WestEnd Advisors

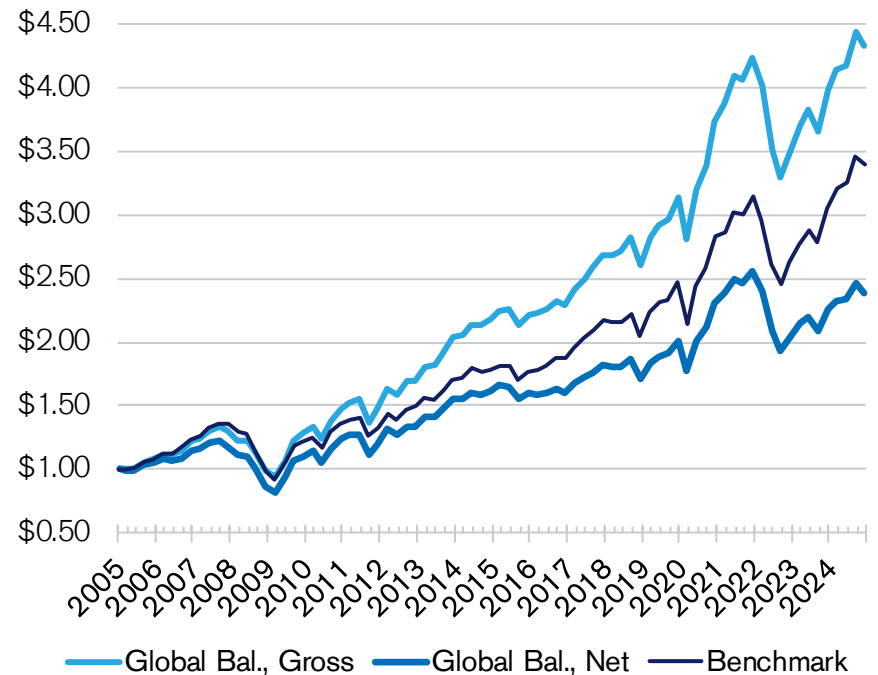
\* Based on Global Balanced composite. Returns for periods greater than one year are annualized. Composite performance inception date is December 31, 2004. Net performance reflects the deduction of an assumed 3.00% annual fee rate. The Global Balanced blended benchmark is 65% MSCI ACWI (net) and 35% Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Government/Credit Bond Index. See Performance Notes and Footnotes and Disclosures at the end of this presentation.

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## LONG-TERM PERFORMANCE\*\*

### Growth of a Dollar Since Inception

Global Balanced Composite vs. Global Balanced Benchmark



Source: Archer IMS, IDC, WestEnd Advisors

# Short-Term Variability, Long-Term Consistency

## SHORT-TERM VARIABILITY, LONG-TERM CONSISTENCY\*

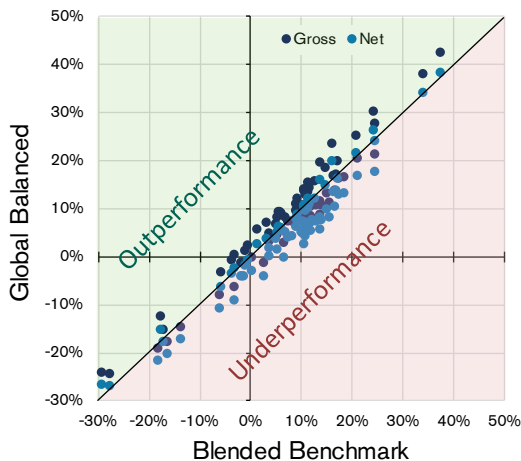
Global Balanced vs. Blended Benchmark	1-Year Rolling	3-year Rolling	5-year Rolling	
Number of rolling periods	77	69	61	
Periods of outperformance	<i>Gross</i>	48	58	61
	<i>Net</i>	28	15	13
Percent of periods outperformed	<i>Gross</i>	62%	84%	100%
	<i>Net</i>	36%	22%	21%
Avg. period relative performance (annualized)	<i>Gross</i>	1.36 ppts	1.77 ppts	2.03 ppts
	<i>Net</i>	-1.82 ppts	-1.39 ppts	-1.16 ppts

Source: Archer IMS, IDC, WestEnd Advisors

The Global Balanced strategy seeks to provide consistent outperformance versus its benchmark over intermediate and longer-term periods.

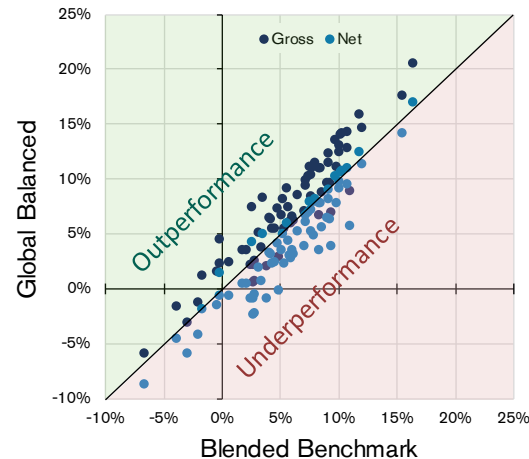
## ROLLING RETURNS VS. BENCHMARK SINCE INCEPTION\*

### 1-Year Returns

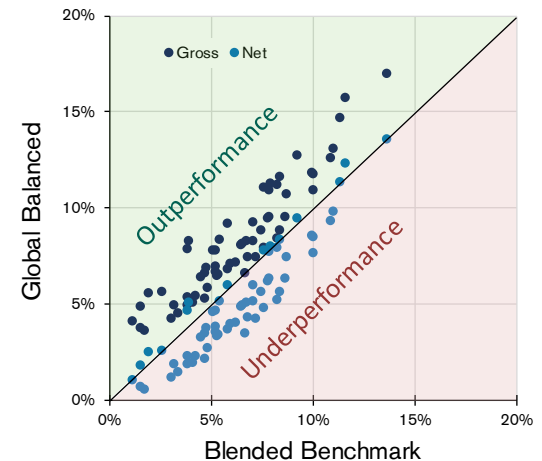


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### 3-Year Compound Annual Returns



### 5-Year Compound Annual Returns



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# Seeking Attractive Risk and Return Characteristics

## RISK AND RETURN SUMMARY\*

	Trailing 5 Years			Trailing 10 Years		
	Global Balanced		Blended	Global Balanced		Blended
	Gross	Net	Benchmark	Gross	Net	Benchmark
Return	6.66%	3.52%	6.61%	7.08%	3.93%	6.69%
Standard Deviation	13.49%	13.42%	13.78%	10.79%	10.74%	11.05%
Alpha	0.18%	-2.94%	n/a	0.57%	-2.56%	n/a
Beta	0.97	0.96	1.00	0.96	0.96	1.00
Sharpe Ratio	0.31	0.08	0.30	0.49	0.20	0.44
R-Squared	97.8%	97.8%	n/a	97.4%	97.4%	n/a
Tracking Error	2.06%	2.06%	n/a	1.78%	1.78%	n/a
Upside Capture	99.6%	85.8%	100.0%	101.4%	83.6%	100.0%
Downside Capture	99.0%	109.5%	100.0%	96.9%	110.4%	100.0%

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# Implementation

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From Product to Solution

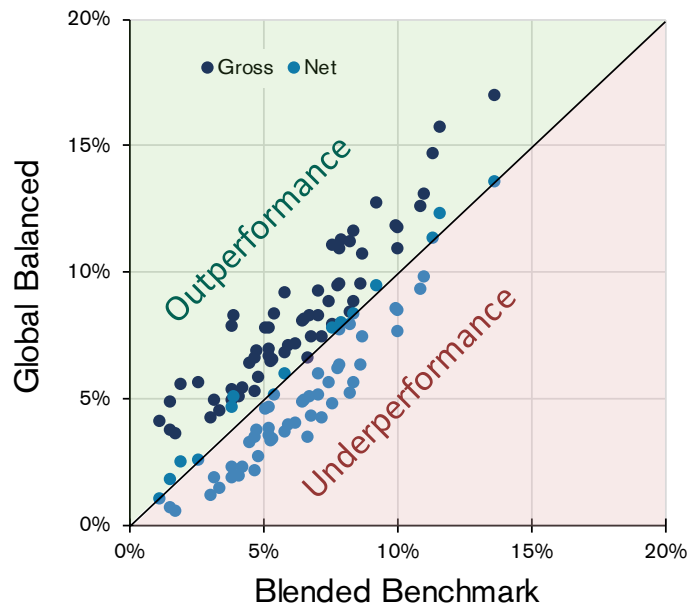


# High Conviction Active Management, Diversified Exposure

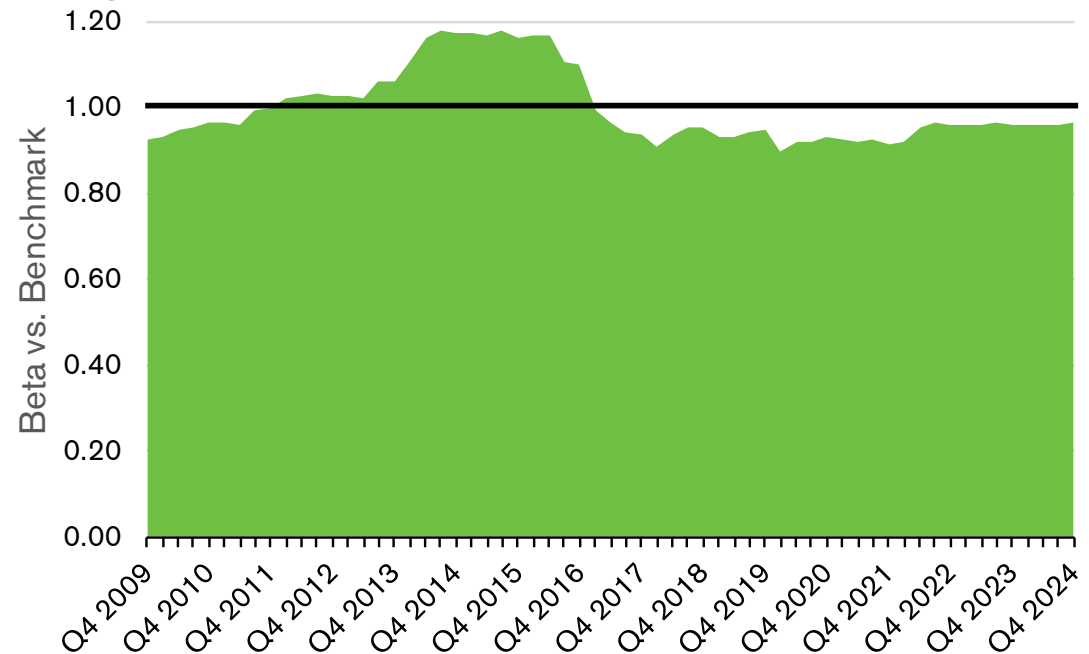
The Global Balanced strategy offers the opportunity for excess returns you expect from active management with diversified, broad market exposure to meet the needs of a strategic allocation.

## GLOBAL BALANCED VS. BENCHMARK – ROLLING 5-YEAR PERIODS SINCE INCEPTION\*

Rolling 5-Year Compound Annual Returns\*\*



Rolling 5-Year Net Beta



Source: Archer IMS, IDC, WestEnd Advisors

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\*\* Please see slide 21 for additional comparison of rolling 1-year and rolling 3-year periods.

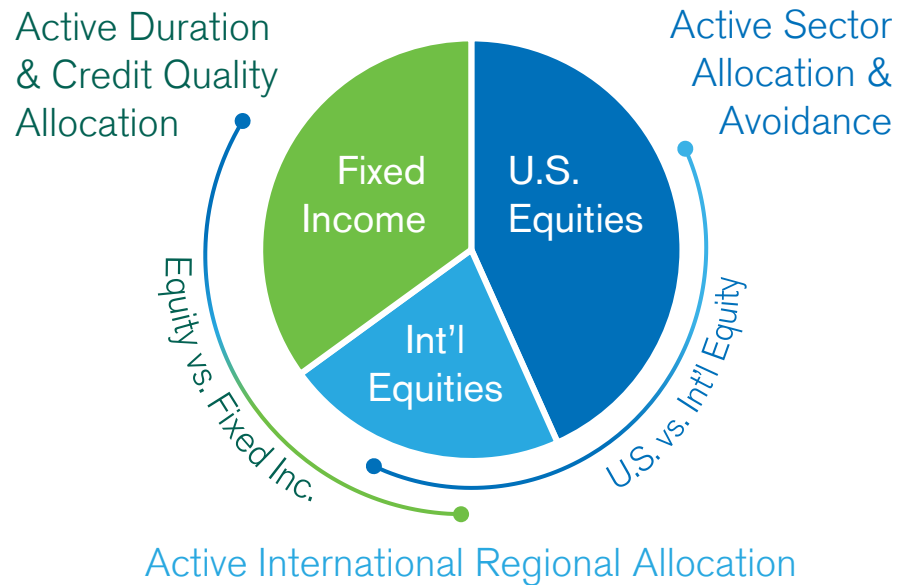
# Implementation Example: Full Account

## Global Balanced can:

- Offer a unified and well-diversified portfolio
- Keep an account positioned to take advantage of the current economic and market environment
- Provide alpha generation potential across the entire portfolio

## GLOBAL BALANCED AS FULL ACCOUNT SOLUTION

### Benchmark Allocations and Active Levers\*



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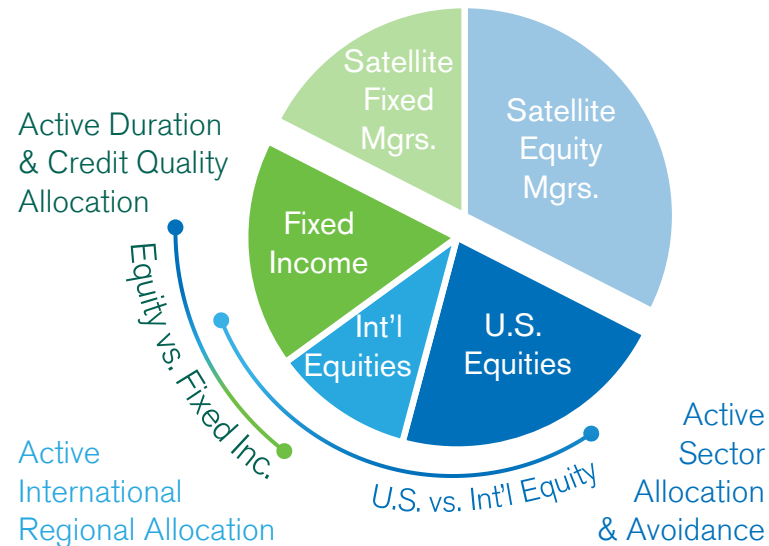
# Implementation Example: Core Allocation

## Global Balanced can:

- Provide process diversification paired with bottom-up managers
- Help align a portfolio with the macroeconomic backdrop
- Offer significant alpha generation potential
- Reduce the need to monitor separate managers across multiple sub-asset classes and styles like growth and value

## GLOBAL BALANCED AS CORE ALLOCATION

Benchmark Allocations and Active Levers\*



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\* Pie chart represents a sample 50% allocation to WestEnd's Global Balanced strategy within a larger 65% equity/35% fixed income strategic allocation portfolio. Benchmark allocation for illustrative purposes only. The Global Balanced blended benchmark is 65% MSCI ACWI (net) and 35% Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Government/Credit Bond Index. U.S. vs. International allocation based on data as of December 31, 2024.

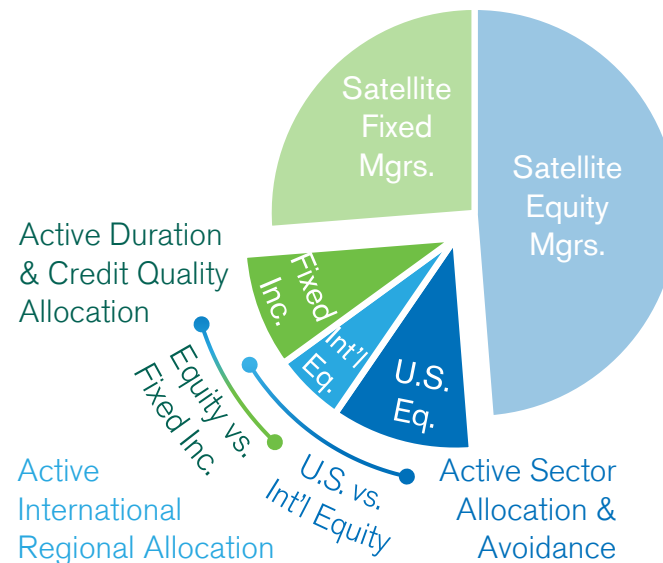
# Implementation Example: Tactical Sleeve

## Global Balanced can:

- Sit at the intersection of a portfolio's equity and fixed-income allocations
- Help keep a portfolio's overall asset allocation timely
- Enhance a portfolio's alpha generation potential

## GLOBAL BALANCED AS TACTICAL SLEEVE

Benchmark Allocations and Active Levers\*



*For illustrative purposes only.*

\* Pie chart represents a sample 25% allocation to WestEnd's Global Balanced strategy within a larger 65% equity/35% fixed income strategic allocation portfolio. Benchmark allocation for illustrative purposes only. The Global Balanced blended benchmark is 65% MSCI ACWI (net) and 35% Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Government/Credit Bond Index. U.S. vs. International allocation based on data as of December 31, 2024.

# Working with WestEnd

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# WestEnd - A Core Solution

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Intuitive macroeconomic investment process is easy to understand and explain across all strategies
- Active allocation with passive vehicles blends potential excess returns with cost-efficient, diversified market exposure
- Pairs well with bottom-up, income-focused, and core strategic allocation strategies
- Model/SMA delivery maintains scalability

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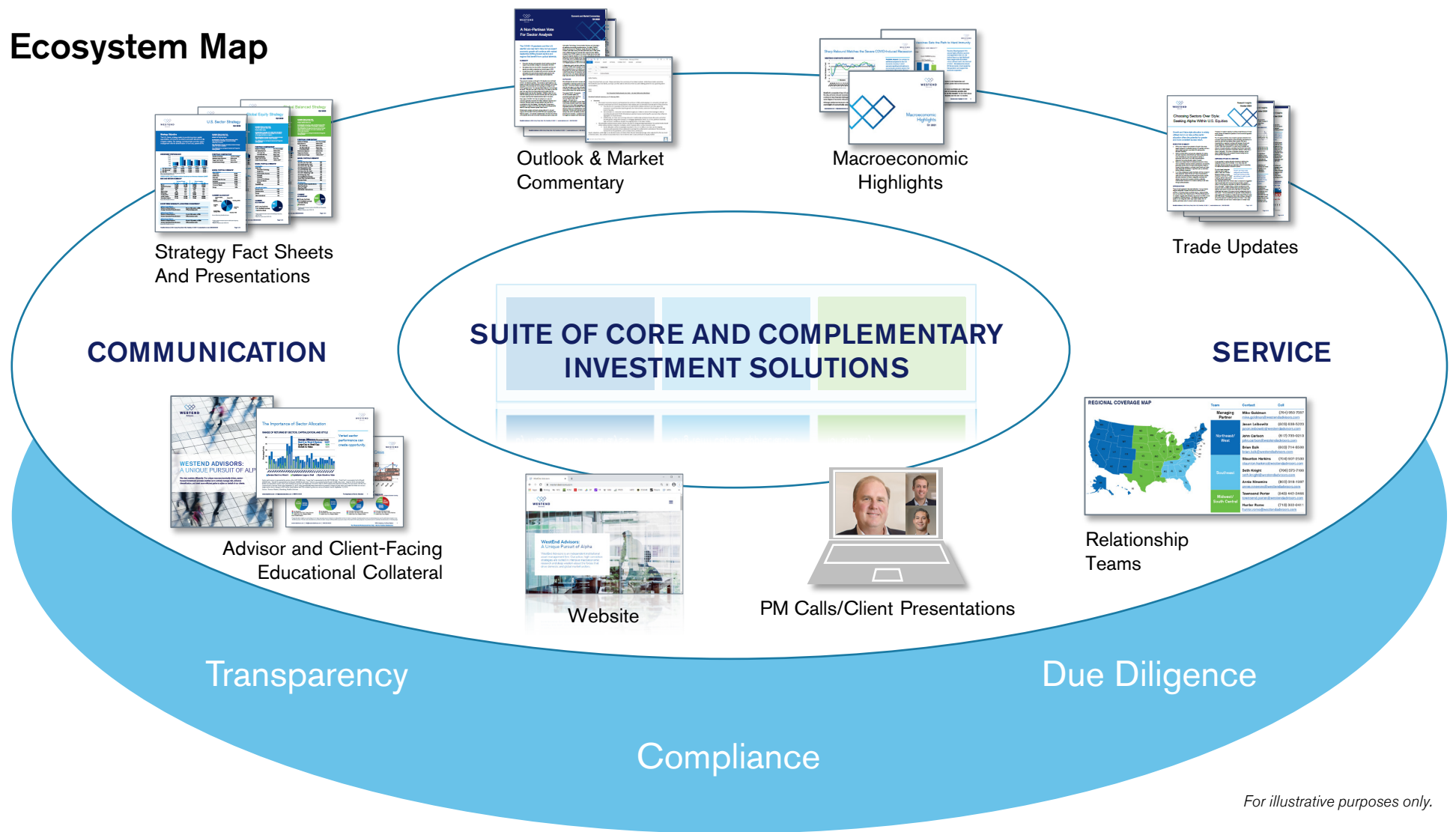


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# The WestEnd Experience

## Ecosystem Map



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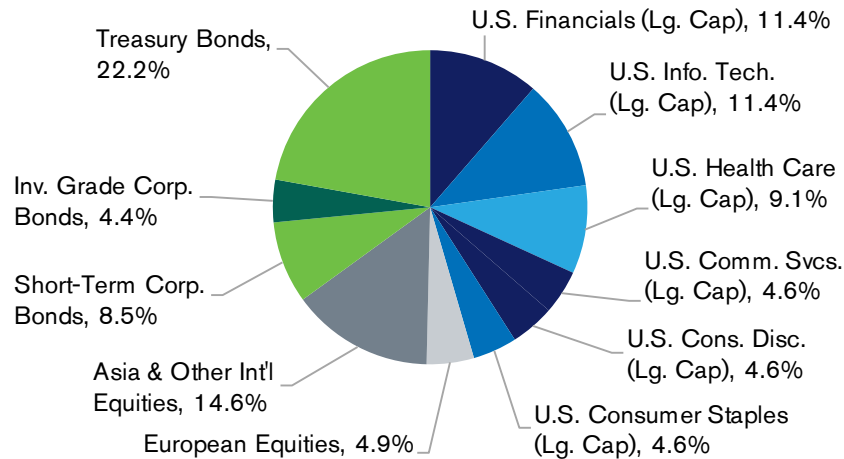
# Appendix

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# Portfolio Snapshot\* (as of December 31, 2024)

## MODEL PORTFOLIO WEIGHTS



Source: Bloomberg, WestEnd Advisors

## PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

Equity Allocation	Global Balanced	Benchmark
Price/Earnings (trailing)	21.2x	22.0x
Price/Book	2.7x	3.3x
Dividend Yield	2.1%	1.8%
Weighted Average Market Cap.	\$492.2B	\$751.1B
Fixed-Income Allocation	Global Balanced	Benchmark
Duration	6.2	6.0
Weighted Avg Maturity	8.5	8.6
Yield to Maturity	4.49%	4.77%

Source: Bloomberg, iShares, State Street, Vanguard, WestEnd Advisors

\* Supplemental information is based on the Global Balanced model. The Global Balanced blended benchmark is 65% MSCI ACWI (net) and 35% Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Government/Credit Bond Index. See Performance Notes and Footnotes and Disclosures at the end of this presentation.

## CURRENT HOLDINGS

### U.S. Equity Holdings

Communication Services Select Sector SPDR Fund (XLC)  
 Consumer Discretionary Select Sector SPDR Fund (XLY)  
 Consumer Staples Select Sector SPDR Fund (XLP)  
 Financials Select Sector SPDR Fund (XLF)  
 Health Care Select Sector SPDR Fund (XLV)  
 iShares Expanded Tech-Software Sector ETF (IGV)  
 iShares U.S. Broker-Dealers & Securities Exchanges ETF (IAI)  
 Technology Select Sector SPDR Fund (XLK)

### International Equity Holdings

iShares Core MSCI Europe ETF (IEUR)  
 Vanguard FTSE All-World Ex-US ETF (VEU)  
 Vanguard FTSE Pacific ETF (VPL)

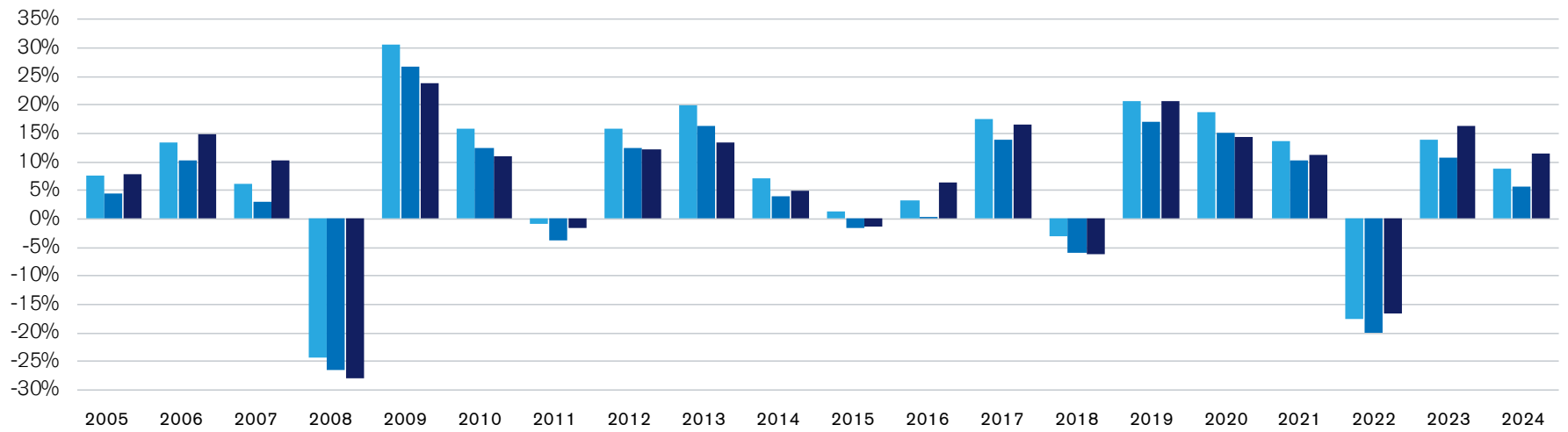
### Fixed-Income Holdings

iShares 3-7 Year Treasury Bond ETF (IEI)  
 iShares 7-10 Year Treasury Bond ETF (IEF)  
 iShares 20+ Year Treasury Bond ETF (TLT)  
 Vanguard Short-Term Corporate Bond Index Fund ETF (VCSH)  
 Vanguard Intermediate-Term Corporate Bond ETF (VCIT)

# Annual Performance\*

## GLOBAL BALANCED\*

Annual Returns as of December 31, 2024



	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
<b>Global Bal., Gross</b>	7.60%	13.53%	6.07%	-24.25%	30.49%	15.79%	-0.91%	15.85%	19.89%	7.17%	1.37%	3.17%	17.44%	-3.03%	20.59%	18.67%	13.69%	-17.52%	14.00%	8.82%
<b>Global Bal., Net</b>	4.44%	10.21%	2.95%	-26.54%	26.71%	12.40%	-3.85%	12.46%	16.39%	4.01%	-1.63%	0.12%	14.01%	-5.91%	17.08%	15.21%	10.36%	-20.00%	10.66%	5.62%
<b>Benchmark</b>	7.92%	14.75%	10.24%	-27.88%	23.88%	11.08%	-1.60%	12.31%	13.46%	4.88%	-1.26%	6.31%	16.63%	-6.14%	20.70%	14.39%	11.15%	-16.49%	16.29%	11.57%

Source: Archer IMS, IDC, WestEnd Advisors

\* Based on Global Balanced Composite. Net performance reflects the deduction of an assumed 3.00% annual fee rate. The Global Balanced blended benchmark is 65% MSCI ACWI (net) and 35% Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Government/Credit Bond Index. See Performance Notes and Footnotes and Disclosures at the end of this presentation.

# Investment Team Biographies

**FRITZ PORTER, CFA**  
Chief Investment Officer  
Portfolio Manager

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Fritz Porter is Chief Investment Officer and a Portfolio Manager for the investment strategies at WestEnd Advisors, a Victory Capital Investment Franchise. In addition to his portfolio management responsibilities, Fritz leads the firm's research meetings and conducts macroeconomic, sector and security analysis. Fritz entered the financial services industry in 1999 and joined WestEnd Advisors in 2008. Prior to joining WestEnd, he held asset management and investment banking positions at Wachovia Securities, U.S. Trust, and State Street Global Advisors. Fritz holds the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA®) designation. He is a graduate of Davidson College, where he received his B.A. degree, and he earned his MBA from Duke University's Fuqua School of Business.

**NED DURDEN**  
Chief Investment Strategist  
Portfolio Manager

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Ned Durden is Chief Investment Strategist (CIS) and a Portfolio Manager for the investment strategies at WestEnd Advisors, a Victory Capital Investment Franchise. In addition to his portfolio management responsibilities, as CIS, Ned is responsible for distilling the Investment Team's outlook and research to ensure clear, accurate, and effective communication of the firm's investment views and portfolio positioning. He also conducts sector and security analysis along with macroeconomic research used to guide decisions across the firm's investment strategies. Ned entered the financial services industry in 1997 and joined WestEnd Advisors in 2006. Before joining WestEnd, he was a founding member and Senior Analyst at Cambium Capital, a long/short equity hedge fund. Prior to that, Ned was a Director at the MONY Group, a diversified financial services firm. Ned is a graduate of the University of Virginia, where he received his B.A. degree. He also received his MBA from the University of Virginia, Darden School of Business and his law degree from the University of Virginia School of Law (JD/MBA).

**TY PEEBLES, CFA**  
Portfolio Manager

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Ty Peebles is a Portfolio Manager for the investment strategies at WestEnd Advisors, a Victory Capital Investment Franchise. In addition to his portfolio management responsibilities, Ty conducts macro analysis on the U.S. and overseas economies as well as equity and fixed income markets, and security research to support the management of all the firm's investment strategies. Ty entered the financial services industry in 2010 and joined WestEnd Advisors in 2014. Prior to joining WestEnd, he worked at Global Endowment Management, an Outsourced Chief Investment Officer (OCIO) service to endowments and foundations. Before that, he worked as a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) with Ernst & Young LLP. Ty holds the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA®) designation. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he received his B.A. in Economics, and he earned his Master of Accounting degree from UNC's Kenan-Flagler Business School.

**JACOB BUCHANAN, CFA**  
Portfolio Manager

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Jacob Buchanan is a Portfolio Manager for the investment strategies at WestEnd Advisors, a Victory Capital Investment Franchise. In addition to his portfolio management responsibilities, Jacob conducts macroeconomic and security research and analysis to support the management of all the firm's investment strategies. Jacob entered the financial services industry in 2016 and joined WestEnd Advisors in 2018. Prior to joining WestEnd, he worked at Credit Suisse supporting the CFO of the firm's securitized products division where he was responsible for internal financial analysis and forecasting. Prior to that role, he served as an analyst supporting Credit Suisse's Global Markets trading division, conducting expense and cost savings analysis. Jacob holds the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA®) designation. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he received his B.A. in Economics and studied Statistics and Operations Research.

# Investment Team Biographies (cont.)

## **ROGER REGELBRUGGE, CFA** Senior Investment Analyst

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Roger Regelbrugge is a Senior Investment Analyst and conducts research and analysis to support the management of the investment strategies at WestEnd Advisors, a Victory Capital Investment Franchise. Roger entered the financial services industry in 2014 and joined WestEnd Advisors in 2019. Prior to joining WestEnd, he worked as a credit risk analyst with UBS AG, where he was responsible for assessing hedge fund counterparty risk across a range of trading strategies and products. Prior to that role, he served as an equity research analyst for Avondale Partners, a boutique investment bank headquartered in Nashville, TN. Roger holds the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA®), Financial Risk Manager (FRM), and Chartered Market Technician (CMT) designations, and is a graduate of Belmont University in Nashville, TN, where he received his B.B.A. in Economics.

## **ZACH HOLLISTER, CFA** Investment Analyst

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Zach Hollister is an Investment Analyst and conducts research and analysis to support the management of the investment strategies at WestEnd Advisors, a Victory Capital Investment Franchise. Zach entered the financial services industry in 2018 and joined WestEnd Advisors in 2021. Before joining WestEnd, he worked at Wells Fargo Asset Management supporting institutional portfolio management teams through quantitative analysis of market and economic factors, detailed analysis of asset allocation and asset managers, and by assisting in the development of an SMA portfolio transition platform. Prior to that role, he held internships including with Wells Fargo Advisors, where he assisted in research on individual stocks and analysis of financial advisor practice management initiatives. Zach holds the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA®) designation. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he received his B.A. in Economics and Media & Journalism.

## **MATTHEW FRANKEN, CFA** Investment Analyst

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Matt Franken is an Investment Analyst and conducts research and analysis to support the management of the investment strategies at WestEnd Advisors, a Victory Capital Investment Franchise. Matt entered the financial services industry in 2017 and joined WestEnd Advisors in 2022. Before joining WestEnd, he served as an Investment Analyst in Truist Bank's Investment Group where he performed economic and market analysis, provided commentary, and developed portfolio models for institutional and high-net worth individuals. Before that, he held analyst and investment positions involved in portfolio construction and implementation with an OCIO firm and fund company. Matt holds the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA®) designation. He is a graduate of Messiah University in Mechanicsburg, PA, where he received his B.S. in Finance.

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Performance Notes, Footnotes, and Disclosures

# Performance Notes

## GLOBAL BALANCED COMPOSITE PERFORMANCE

December 31, 2004 Through December 31, 2024

Year	Composite Returns Gross-of-Fees	Composite Returns Net-of-Fees* (3%)	Global Balanced Custom Benchmark (Current)	Global Balanced Custom Benchmark (Former)	Composite 3-Yr. Std. Dev	Global Balanced Custom Benchmark (Current) 3-yr. Std. Dev.	Global Balanced Custom Benchmark (Former) 3-Yr. Std. Dev.	Number of Portfolios	Composite Dispersion (Std. Dev.)	Composite Assets (\$MM)	Strategy Advisory-Only Assets** (\$MM)	Total Strategy Assets** (\$MM)	Total Firm Assets (\$MM)	Firm Advisory-Only Assets** (\$MM)	Total Assets (Firm + Advisory-Only)** (\$MM)
2005	7.60%	4.44%	7.92%	7.39%	N/A	N/A	N/A	15	N/A	\$5.42	N/A	\$6.49	\$145.78	\$10.12	\$155.90
2006	13.53%	10.21%	14.75%	14.55%	N/A	N/A	N/A	19	0.33%	\$7.27	N/A	\$8.15	\$250.36	\$17.73	\$268.10
2007	6.07%	2.95%	10.24%	8.88%	6.35%	5.00%	5.13%	21	0.13%	\$8.01	N/A	\$8.01	\$464.36	\$36.41	\$500.77
2008	-24.25%	-26.54%	-27.88%	-26.45%	12.32%	12.16%	11.54%	22	0.18%	\$5.76	N/A	\$5.76	\$384.78	\$46.94	\$431.72
2009	30.49%	26.71%	23.88%	21.54%	15.39%	15.19%	14.61%	21	0.31%	\$7.09	N/A	\$9.03	\$620.00	\$119.89	\$739.89
2010	15.79%	12.40%	11.08%	10.87%	17.27%	16.44%	15.95%	22	0.24%	\$10.23	N/A	\$10.23	\$1,559.49	\$237.53	\$1,797.01
2011	-0.91%	-3.85%	-1.60%	-0.03%	14.70%	13.44%	13.16%	20	0.11%	\$9.11	N/A	\$9.61	\$2,058.05	\$481.33	\$2,539.38
2012	15.85%	12.46%	12.31%	12.55%	12.58%	10.75%	10.46%	16	0.18%	\$6.23	N/A	\$6.77	\$2,835.47	\$658.35	\$3,493.81
2013	19.89%	16.39%	13.46%	16.20%	10.12%	8.96%	8.66%	≤ 5	N/A	\$0.83	N/A	\$1.41	\$2,830.31	\$988.70	\$3,819.01
2014	7.17%	4.01%	4.88%	5.75%	7.67%	6.97%	6.76%	7	0.74%	\$1.66	\$14.97	\$16.74	\$2,121.79	\$801.58	\$2,923.37
2015	1.37%	-1.63%	-1.26%	0.08%	7.53%	7.20%	7.18%	6	0.10%	\$1.59	\$227.64	\$231.18	\$1,963.44	\$1,356.62	\$3,320.06
2016	3.17%	0.12%	6.31%	6.50%	7.45%	7.26%	7.14%	11	0.18%	\$1.61	\$593.20	\$605.39	\$978.44	\$1,854.39	\$2,832.83
2017	17.44%	14.01%	16.63%	16.07%	6.77%	6.76%	6.63%	9	0.13%	\$1.12	\$1,017.47	\$1,039.02	\$776.46	\$2,638.47	\$3,414.93
2018	-3.03%	-5.91%	-6.14%	-5.32%	6.99%	6.86%	6.75%	9	0.08%	\$1.16	\$1,456.98	\$1,499.77	\$587.04	\$3,340.47	\$3,927.51
2019	20.59%	17.08%	20.70%	21.81%	7.16%	7.23%	7.16%	10	0.14%	\$35.50	\$2,534.86	\$2,701.39	\$812.84	\$5,408.40	\$6,221.24
2020	18.67%	15.21%	14.39%	14.57%	11.33%	12.00%	12.09%	10	0.04%	\$42.64	\$4,981.17	\$5,236.62	\$992.87	\$10,449.81	\$11,442.69
2021	13.69%	10.36%	11.15%	13.48%	10.38%	11.19%	11.32%	11	0.02%	\$44.01	\$8,252.62	\$8,782.57	\$1,560.77	\$17,979.02	\$19,539.80
2022	-17.52%	-20.00%	-16.49%	-16.04%	14.06%	14.15%	14.49%	14	0.06%	\$33.74	\$6,900.26	\$7,326.59	\$1,202.39	\$15,823.29	\$17,025.68
2023	14.00%	10.66%	16.29%	17.66%	12.80%	12.53%	12.80%	14	0.03%	\$10.86	\$7,849.56	\$8,319.53	\$1,457.14	\$19,144.78	\$20,601.92
2024	8.82%	5.62%	11.57%	12.63%	13.04%	12.73%	12.98%	14	0.07%	\$12.42	\$7,466.74	\$7,938.94	\$1,699.96	\$20,966.80	\$22,666.76

\* Net performance reflects the deduction of an assumed 3.00% annual fee rate. See Footnotes and Disclosures for additional information.

\*\* Strategy Advisory-Only Assets, Total Strategy Assets, Firm Advisory-Only Assets, and Total Assets are supplemental information to the GIPS Report and include Advisory-Only assets.

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The performance shown is based on WestEnd Advisors’ Global Balanced Composite which includes all fully discretionary accounts invested in the Global Balanced model except for Wrap-Fee (Wrap) and Unified Managed Account (UMA) accounts. While the accounts in the Global Balanced Composite are invested according to the same model as Wrap and UMA accounts, performance may differ between the Global Balanced Composite and Wrap and UMA accounts due to a variety of factors, including but not limited to: fees assessed by Wrap and UMA sponsors (e.g. wrap fees), Wrap and UMA sponsor- and client-imposed investment restrictions, and WestEnd Advisors’ lack of trading discretion over UMA accounts.

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The MSCI ACWI (Net) Index, Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Government/Credit Bond Index, and Global Balanced benchmark are used for comparative purposes only. The MSCI ACWI (Net) Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization-weighted index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed and emerging markets. The MSCI ACWI consists of 47 country indexes comprising 23 developed and 24 emerging market country indexes. The total return of the MSCI ACWI (Net) Index is calculated using net dividends. Net total return reflects the reinvestment of dividends after the deduction of withholding taxes, using (for international indices) a tax rate applicable to non-resident institutional investors who do not benefit from double taxation treaties. The Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Government/Credit Bond Index measures performance of U.S. dollar-denominated U.S. Treasuries, government-related, and investment-grade U.S. corporate securities that have a remaining maturity of greater than or equal to 1 year. In addition, the securities have \$250 million or more of outstanding face value, must be fixed-rate, and non-convertible. The Global Balanced benchmark is composed of 65% of the MSCI ACWI (Net) Index and 35% of the Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Government/Credit Bond Index; is shown to reflect the investments in equity and fixed-income securities; and is rebalanced monthly. Benchmark returns are not covered by the report of independent verifiers.

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