

Market Update and Model Portfolio Reviews 6/30/2018

For the month of June, investment grade domestic bonds* were down -0.12% and down -1.62% for the year. Month over month, large cap domestic equities** finished up [0.62%](#) and, year to date, up [2.65%](#). Domestic large cap equities continue to try to return to their January 26 record highs, although geopolitical uncertainty continued to put a drag on investor confidence. Domestic large cap equities remain off their highs of January 26 by approximately -4.55% on a total return basis, as of month end. Against a modest to flat move higher on the Treasury Yield Curve (with the exception of 30 year Treasury constant maturity rates falling slightly), Real Estate and Utilities sectors fared well up [4.44%](#) and [2.77%](#) on the month and back to slight positive territory on the year. Real Estate and Utilities sectors are sensitive to interest rates, like fixed income, given the customary leverage within the sectors. Consumer Staples finally received a lift over the month as the strongest large cap sector performer up [4.50%](#), yet still off by [-8.55%](#) on the year. Consumer Discretionary was also up [3.61%](#) as the Amazon effect continued to gain market share and market capitalization.

YTD 6/30/18 Net of Fees	% Return Strategy	% Return Benchmark	Relative Over (Under) Performance
Ultra Conservative	-1.16%	-1.43%	0.27%
Conservative	-1.12%	-1.01%	-0.11%
Moderate	-0.94%	-0.60%	-0.34%
Balanced	-0.94%	-0.18%	-0.76%
Growth and Income	-1.09%	0.23%	-1.32%
Growth	-0.96%	0.65%	-1.61%
Aggressive	-0.95%	1.06%	-2.01%
Ultra Aggressive	-1.31%	1.48%	-2.79%

MTD 6/30/18 Net of Fees	% Return Strategy	% Return Benchmark	Relative Over (Under) Performance
Ultra Conservative	-0.37%	0.10%	-0.47%
Conservative	-0.32%	0.14%	-0.46%
Moderate	-0.14%	0.19%	-0.33%
Balanced	-0.10%	0.24%	-0.34%
Growth and Income	0.00%	0.29%	-0.29%
Growth	0.08%	0.33%	-0.25%
Aggressive	0.12%	0.38%	-0.26%
Ultra Aggressive	0.29%	0.43%	-0.14%

Month to date, the models all trailed their respective benchmarks and were primarily effected by upping our allocations to Gold, Long Yen to Dollar, and Domestic Investment Grade (“IG”) Corporates last month. As we were a bit early to the Staples sector the month before, albeit a positive attribution since the reweighting after this months performance, we believe we are also found to be early on moving up our allocations to Gold, Yen and IG Corporates. Our move away from bank loans to short term treasuries has provided positive attribution, all else equal, as bank loans have given back some of their gains while we saw total positive return over the same period for the allocations to Treasuries. We cut out most of our EM Sovereign Debt to start the month and maintained cash in place of these holdings. On the year, this same allocation has been the primary drag on relative performance, especially as we move upwards in the risk/reward profiles of the model portfolios. It’s never easy to accept a loss, but hindsight will confirm if we were appropriate in reevaluating our view and exiting these positions at a loss that could have turned out far greater. Over the past month, this move was beneficial to the models as EM Sovereign debt continued to come under pressure against the strengthening dollar. Bank stocks were also a drag on the month with the Treasury Yield Term Premium narrowing and compressing net interest margins (borrowing in the short and lending out longer). We have maintained this allocation primarily to reduce the effects a steepening yield curve would have on the model portfolios positioning towards a narrowing yield spread. This was very beneficial at the start of the year when the curve was steepening, especially in the lower/risk reward portfolios. On average across the models, we have over 7.5% allocated to cash, which goes against our philosophy of trying to stay fully invested, regardless of our belief of where we are in the economic cycle. Yet, we do not want to force cash to work where we lack conviction. Thematically, we may tilt ever more closely to value stocks if the continued underperformance persists vs growth stocks. Alternatively, IG Corporates have plenty of shelf space in the models if needed. Last, the selloff in gold, in our view, is not due to qualitative factors, namely supply and demand of the precious metal. If Gold continues what appears to be a technically driven selloff, then we see ourselves adding more to this allocation at or near where we would expect technical resistance (in other words, where we believe the price floor for spot gold bottoms out and potentially reverses trend).

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Time Period Bias

Evaluating performance over different time periods illustrates a different story.

Relative Model Performance vs Benchmarks since most recent high on 1/26/2018 for the S&P 500 Index.

Periods of rising equity market volatility have generally coincided with relatively stronger performance vs benchmarks with the opposite respective effects consistent. Benchmarks and Models all had negative total returns over the period measured. All Models had positive relative performance against Benchmarks over period measured.

4/2/2018, 3.87%
Aggressive Model's strongest relative performance over period

6/12/2018, -0.84%
Ultra Aggressive Model's weakest relative performance over period

Positive % indicates relative outperformance vs Benchmarks; negative % indicates relative underperformance vs Benchmarks.



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On July 23, 2018, we corrected previously reported month end performance reports to account for transactions costs (trading fees) related to rebalancing model portfolios. The month end reports effected ranged from 2-28-2018 to 5-31-2018. Prior reports accounted for transaction costs related to trading fees. The four reports have been corrected and updated on Alternative Capitalis, LLC website (www.altcapitalis.com). 2-28-2018 had the largest variance in incorrect performance reported with an average of 9 BPs ("basis points") (0.09% or 9/100 of 1.00%) of overstated positive performance in the models and ranged as high as 15 BPs to as low as 2 BPs. A comparison chart of the variances in reported performance can be provided upon request. **Benchmarks:** The performance results shown are compared to the performance of the performance of a blended ETF (exchange-traded-fund) portfolio comprised of the following two ETF's symbols, SPY & AGG, are described below. The benchmarks used are investible ETFs and their performance calculation is inclusive of the highest fee charged to a client(s) account, 1.25% annually. This will reduce the total return of the investible benchmark by the annualized rate of 1.25%. The ETF symbol SPY (SPDR® S&P 500® ETF Trust) which seeks to provide investment results that, before expenses, correspond generally to the price and yield performance of the S&P 500® Index (the "Index"). Visit <https://us.spdrs.com/en/etf/spdr-sp-500-etf-SPY> for more information about the ETF. The S&P 500® Index results do not reflect fees and expenses and you typically cannot invest in an index. The ETF symbol AGG (iShares Core U.S. Aggregate Bond ETF). The iShares Core U.S. Aggregate Bond ETF seeks to track the investment results of an index composed of the total U.S. investment-grade bond market. (the "Index"). Visit <https://www.ishares.com/us/products/239458/ishares-core-total-us-bond-market-etf> for more information about the ETF. 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The S&P 500 was chosen as it is generally well recognized as an indicator or representation of the stock market in general and includes a cross section of equity holdings. In addition, the ETF symbol AGG was chosen as a benchmark. The iShares Core U.S. Aggregate Bond ETF seeks to track the investment results of an index composed of the total U.S. investment-grade bond market. The total U.S. investment-grade bond market was chosen as it is generally well recognized as an indicator or representation of the bond market in general and includes a cross section of debt holdings. For each respective model benchmark the performance measurement weightings are as follows to SPY / AGG %: 20/80, 30/70, 40/60, 50/50, 60/40, 70/30, 80/20, 90/10 % respectively for Ultra Conservative, Conservative, Moderate, Balanced, Growth & Income, Growth, Aggressive, Ultra Aggressive. **OPTIONS TRADING RISK DISCLOSURE:** Options Trading – Both the purchase and writing (selling) of options contracts – involves a significant degree of risk not suitable for all investors. Investors should carefully consider the inherent risks and financial obligations associated with options trading as further detailed in the Options Clearing Corporate booklet "[Characteristics and Risks of Standardized Options.](#)"

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