## The 60/40 Portfolio:

## Exploring the Past, Present, and Future



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## Agenda

$\square$ History of the "60/40" portfolio
Why a commonly used target?

- Performance history \& analysis

Is the 60/40 broken?
Examining impact on real portfolios
$\square$ Rebalancing strategies
. Periods of market stress

## Ask The Trustees: Your Portfolio

$\square$ Does your plan look like model A? Model B?
$\square$ Factors (asset size, fees, restrictions, liquidity)
$\square$ Diversification (drivers, benefits, risks)


## The 60/40 Allocation: History

$\square$ Driven by Nobel Prize winning work on Modern Portfolio Theory
How to create the optimal portfolio for investors
$\square$ A standard for investors with moderate risk tolerance

- Stocks serve as the growth engine and bonds as a ballast Historically, have not moved in tandem the majority of time
$\square$ Mix of 60\% of value invested in equities and $40 \%$ in fixed income securities


## The 60/40: Long-Term Returns

## $\square$ Long-term rolling periods offer positive returns



## The 60/40: Long-Term Returns

## Blend offers lower volatility than the stock market



## The 60/40: Returns By Decade

Another way to bucket returns, with similar outcome over the long-term

| Decade | S\&P <br> 500 | 10-Year <br> Treasury | 60/40 <br> Blend |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1960 s | $4.4 \%$ | $2.3 \%$ | $3.7 \%$ |
| 1970 s | $5.8 \%$ | $5.9 \%$ | $6.1 \%$ |
| 1980 s | $17.6 \%$ | $12.4 \%$ | $15.9 \%$ |
| 1990 s | $18.2 \%$ | $7.8 \%$ | $14.2 \%$ |
| 2000 s | $-0.9 \%$ | $6.5 \%$ | $2.4 \%$ |
| 2010 s | $13.6 \%$ | $4.0 \%$ | $10.0 \%$ |
| Average | $\mathbf{9 . 8 \%}$ | $\mathbf{6 . 5 \%}$ | $\mathbf{8 . 7 \%}$ |

## The 60/40: Annual Returns

Calendar year total returns range $+32 \%$ to (20)\%


## The 60/40: Return Distribution

Returns have been positive $>90 \%$ of the time over any given 5-year period

| Historical 5-Year Returns |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| Annual Returns | Periods |
| Greater than $15 \%$ | $12 \%$ |
| $10 \%$ to $15 \%$ | $29 \%$ |
| $5 \%$ to $10 \%$ | $32 \%$ |
| $0 \%$ to $5 \%$ | $23 \%$ |
| $-5 \%$ to $0 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| Less than -5\% | $2 \%$ |

## Challenges to the 60/40:

$\square$ Historical relationship of stocks and bonds
$\square$ Have seen five periods of negative returns for both


|  | Return In Following Year |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Negative |  |  |
| Years | S\&P 500 | 10-Yr. Bond |
| 1907 | 44.5 | 5.5 |
| 1917 | 25.6 | 4.6 |
| 1931 | -8.9 | 8.9 |
| 1969 | 4.0 | 8.9 |
| 2022 | 26.3 | 0.9 |
| Average | $\mathbf{1 8 . 3}$ | $\mathbf{5 . 8}$ |

## Challenges to the 60/40:

$\square$ Stocks and bonds have been moving in tandem


For the past few years stocks and bonds have been positively correlated instead of negatively correlated

## Challenges to the 60/40:

Rising concentration in mega-cap companies
$\square$ Risk of a flight to quality


## Does the 60 / 40 Still Work?

$\square$ Historically has offered an attractive risk and return profile

Low rates and high inflation present challenges
$\square$ "TINA" - There Is No Alternative?

## Composition of the Blend

Diversification of stock portfolio

- Style (growth, value)

Size (small / mid cap)
Geography (global, regional)
$\square$ Diversification on fixed income portfolio
Credit quality

- Geography


## (Re)balancing Act

$\square$ Frequency
$\square$ Methodology comparison:
A. Calculate at market value
$\square$ Shift into safety in up years \& equity in down years
B. Calculate at cost
$\square$ Limited flexibility in down years a drawback

## Cost Basis vs. Market Value

10 of the last 14 years showed superior returns for three-year performance using cost basis


## Cost Basis vs. Market Value

9 of the last 14 years showed superior returns for five-year performance using cost basis


## Cost Basis vs. Market Value

$\square$ Over a 20-year period, methods closer to even


## 60/40 In Action: 2001

The Dotcom Crash saw equity markets plunge by double-digits and bonds outperform
Subsequent long-term returns in mid-single digits


## 60/40 In Action: 2008-09

$\square$ Great Recession: worst economy since 1930s
$\square$ Again, stocks plunged and bonds outperformed
Subsequent long-term returns in mid-single digits


## 60/40 In Action: 2020

The Great Lockdown: a global economic recession
$\square$ Stocks and bonds both declined
Subsequent long-term returns in mid-single digits...


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