

# WISCONSIN DEFERRED COMPENSATION PROGRAM - STABLE VALUE FUND

FOURTH QUARTER 2019 PORTFOLIO REVIEW

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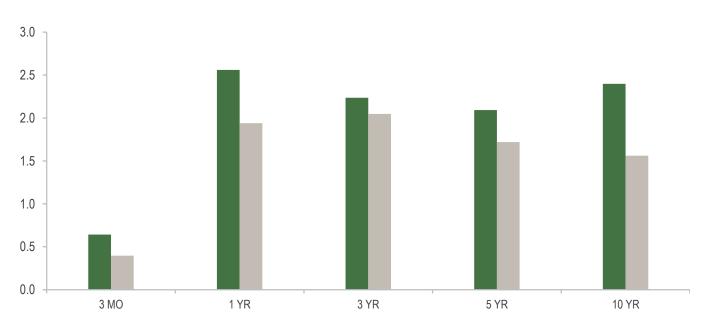
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### **ANNUALIZED INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE** AS OF 12/31/19<sup>1</sup>



	3 Mo.	1 Yr.	3 Yr.	5 Yr.	10 Yr.
Portfolio (net of all fees - NAV level) <sup>2</sup>	0.64	2.56	2.24	2.09	2.40
Linked Benchmark <sup>3</sup>	0.40	1.94	2.05	1.72	1.56
Value Added (net of all fees - NAV level) <sup>4</sup>	0.25	0.62	0.19	0.37	0.84

<sup>1:</sup> Returns for periods of less than one year are not annualized.

<sup>2:</sup> Returns are net of all fees, including book value contract fees, Galliard investment management fees, and, if applicable, external manager fees, Wells Fargo collective fund administrative fees, and plan administrative reimbursement.

<sup>3:</sup> Linked benchmark: 3 Year Constant Maturity Treasury; Prior to 11/1/15 was the 5 Year Constant Maturity Treasury.

<sup>4:</sup> May not add due to rounding.

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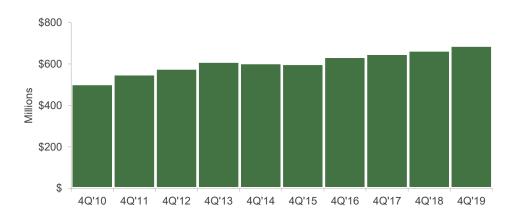
#### ACCOUNT SUMMARY

Benchmark 3 Year Constant Maturity Treasury	
Galliard Inception Date	July 1, 1998
Net Asset Value	\$689,154,208

#### PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

	<b>Portfolio</b> 9/30/19	<b>Portfolio</b> 12/31/19
Average Quality - Book Value <sup>1</sup>	A+	A+
Average Quality - Market Value <sup>2</sup>	AA	AA
Number of Contract Issuers	5	5
Blended Yield (after all fees) <sup>3</sup>	2.56%	2.54%
Yield to Maturity	2.10%	2.13%
Effective Duration	2.95 years	2.88 years
Market/Book Value Ratio	101.94%	101.75%

#### HISTORICAL FUND ASSETS



#### PORTFOLIO DISTRIBUTION

<b>% Portfolio</b> 9/30/19	<b>% Portfolio</b> 12/31/19
2.1	2.3
39.6	39.6
58.3	58.1
100.0%5	100.0%5
	9/30/19 2.1 39.6 58.3

<sup>1:</sup> Average holdings quality of the contracts and other book value assets in the portfolio. The Weighted Average Quality of the portfolio has NOT been assessed by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization. The Weighted Average Quality shown represents an average quality of the individual holdings' Composite Ratings, as rated by S&P, Moody's and Fitch.

<sup>2:</sup> Average holdings quality of the underlying assets of the portfolio. The Weighted Average Quality shown represents an average quality of the individual holdings' Composite Ratings, as rated by S&P, Moody's and Fitch.

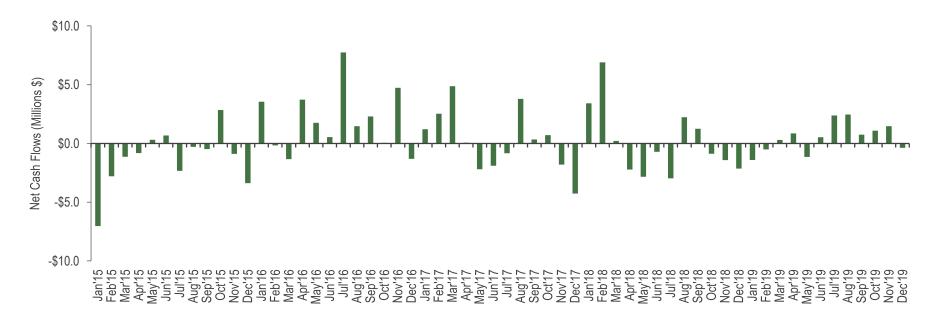
<sup>3:</sup> Blended Yield is net of all fees, including book value contract fees, Galliard investment management fees, and, if applicable, external manager fees, Wells Fargo collective fund administrative fees, and plan administrative reimbursement.

<sup>4:</sup> Includes Receivables and Payables.

<sup>5:</sup> Total % of portfolio may not add to 100% due to rounding.

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### HISTORICAL CASHFLOWS



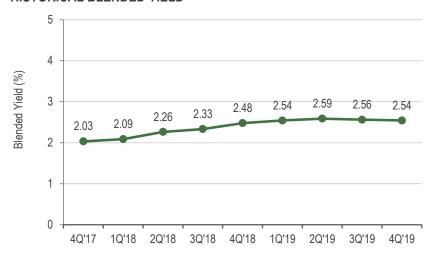
	2015	2016	2017	2018	1Q'19	2Q'19	3Q'19	4Q'19	2019 YTD
Beginning Assets	\$605.0	\$600.7	\$635.4	\$650.1	\$665.7	\$668.2	\$672.6	\$682.6	\$665.7
Net Cash Flow (\$)1	-\$15.3	\$23.1	\$2.5	\$0.9	-\$1.6	\$0.2	\$5.6	\$2.2	\$6.4
Net Cash Flow (%)	-2.53%	3.84%	0.40%	0.13%	-0.24%	0.03%	0.84%	0.33%	0.96%
Estimated Investment Earnings	\$11.0	\$11.6	\$12.2	\$14.8	\$4.1	\$4.3	\$4.4	\$4.4	\$17.1
Ending Assets <sup>2</sup>	\$600.7	\$635.4	\$650.1	\$665.7	\$668.2	\$672.6	\$682.6	\$689.2	\$689.2

<sup>1:</sup> Contributions, Withdrawals and Investment Transfers

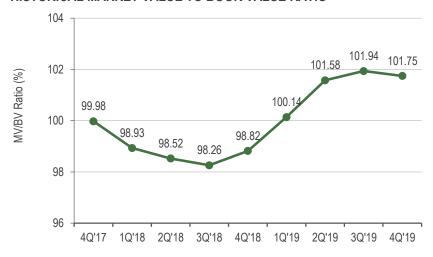
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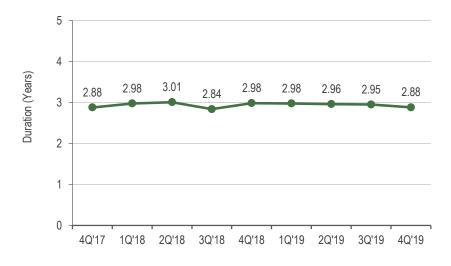
#### HISTORICAL BLENDED YIELD<sup>1</sup>



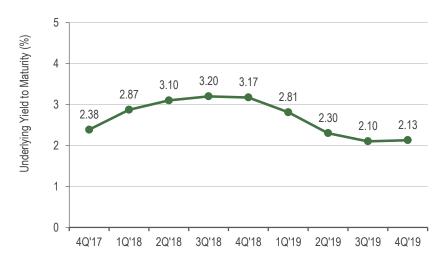
### HISTORICAL MARKET VALUE TO BOOK VALUE RATIO



#### HISTORICAL DURATION



#### HISTORICAL UNDERLYING YIELD TO MATURITY



1: Blended Yield is net of all fees, including book value contract fees, Galliard investment management fees, and, if applicable, external manager fees, Wells Fargo collective fund administrative fees, and plan administrative reimbursement.

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### **CONTRACT ISSUER DISTRIBUTION & RATING SUMMARY<sup>1</sup>**

	<b>% Portfolio</b> 9/30/19	<b>% Portfolio</b> 12/31/19	<b>Rating</b> 9/30/19	<b>Rating</b> 12/31/19	<b>Wrap fees (bps)</b> 12/31/19
American General Life Ins. Co.	20.1	20.0	A+	A+	17
Nationwide Life Ins. Co.	14.9	14.9	A+	A+	17
Prudential Ins. Co. of America	20.4	20.4	AA-	AA-	18
Transamerica Premier Life Ins. Co.	23.7	23.7	A+	A+	16
Voya Ret. Ins. and Annuity Co.	18.8	18.7	А	А	16

<sup>1:</sup> The quality rating shown represents the individual holdings' Composite Ratings, as rated by S&P, Moody's and Fitch. Ratings shown as NR/NA are not rated or not available security ratings.

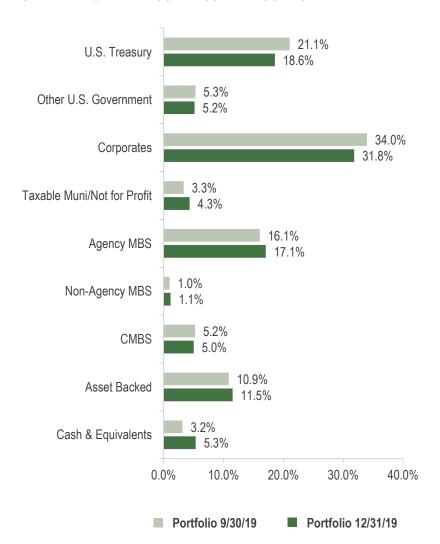
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MANAGER DISTRIBUTION				
	Strategy	Benchmark	% of Portfolio 9/30/19	% of Portfolio 12/31/19
Liquidity Buffer: Cash & Equivalents	STIF/Money Market		2.1	2.3
Galliard	Short	Bloomberg Barclays U.S. 1-3 Year Government/Credit Bond Index	39.6	39.6
Galliard	Intermediate	Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Intermediate Government/Credit Bond Index	27.7	27.6
Dodge & Cox	Intermediate	Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Intermediate Aggregate Bond Index	10.2	10.2
Jennison Assoc.	Intermediate	Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Intermediate Government/Credit Bond Index	10.2	10.2
TCW	Intermediate	Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Intermediate Government/Credit Bond Index	10.2	10.1
Total			100%1	100%1

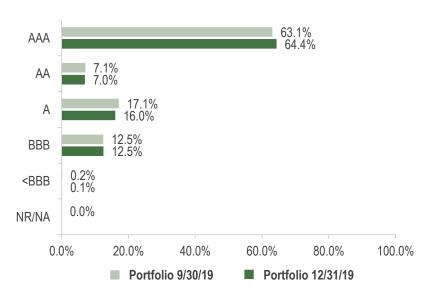
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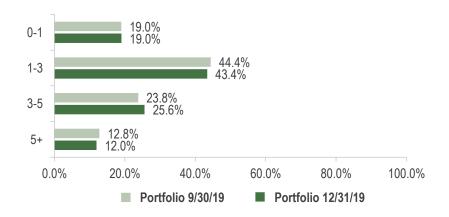
#### UNDERLYING FIXED INCOME ASSET ALLOCATION<sup>1</sup>



#### UNDERLYING QUALITY DISTRIBUTION<sup>1</sup>



### **UNDERLYING DURATION DISTRIBUTION**



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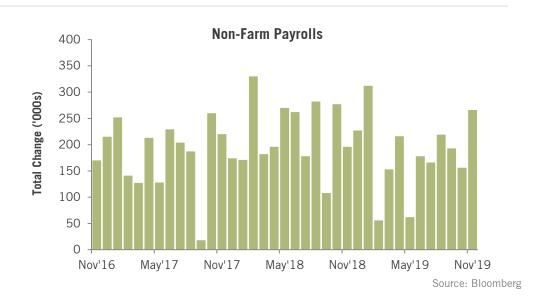
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#### **GROWTH HELD STEADY IN 3Q WITH A HEALTHY CONSUMER...**

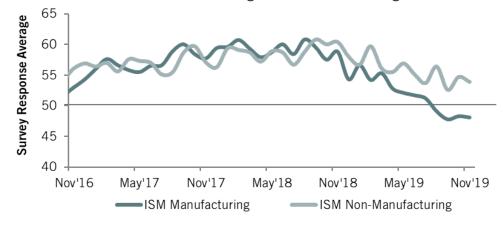
- U.S. GDP growth came in stronger than expected at 2.1% annualized in the third quarter. Buoyant consumer spending continued to offset flagging business activity; however, the margin of this offset was somewhat less than at mid-year.
- Personal consumption growth of 3.2% moderated slightly while retail sales have slowed considerably since peaking in mid-summer.
- The unemployment rate remained at a 50-year low of 3.5% in November, and job creation accelerated during the fourth quarter, easing concerns that slowness in business activity would eventually lead to weakness in the labor market.
- Lower mortgage rates have driven a flurry of robust housing activity since the middle of the third quarter. While some of this is base effect related, the economic impact of renewed housing activity is a positive.

#### ...WHILE BUSINESSES CONTINUED TO STRUGGLE

- On the business side, data releases continued to highlight a flagging sector, particularly in manufacturing.
- The December ISM Manufacturing Index reading slipped further into contractionary territory to 47.2, another post-financial crisis low point. The ISM Non-Manufacturing and Composite Indices have remained expansionary, further highlighting the weakness in manufacturing.
- Although growth is expected to slow further in 4Q forecasts are now calling for GDP in the 1.5% - 2.0% range – the lagged effects of supportive monetary policy and the potential for a trade war cease-fire have set the stage for increasing business output in the quarters ahead.



### ISM Manufacturing and Non-Manufacturing



Source: Bloomberg

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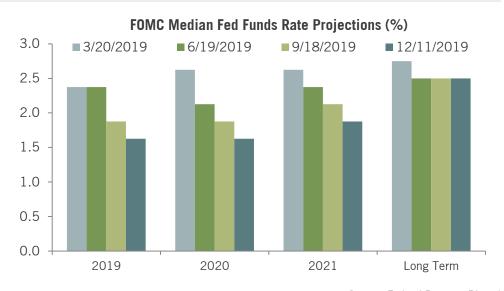
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#### SUPPORTIVE MONETARY POLICY AND TRADE WAR DEAL...

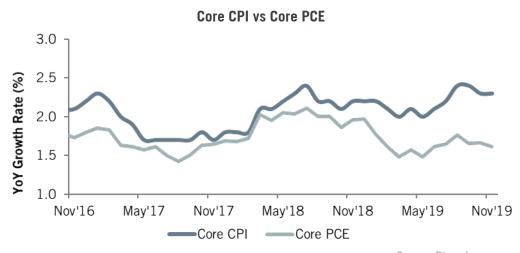
- As expected, the Fed delivered a third consecutive 25 bps interest rate cut in October. However, the post-meeting message strongly suggested that a pause in further policy accommodation was in order given resilience in broader economic data.
- At the December meeting, the Fed unanimously voted to keep policy rates unchanged, cementing the idea that the series of "mid-cycle adjustments" had come to an end.
- On the trade policy front, the U.S. and China have agreed to a Phase I trade deal, expected to be signed in mid-January. The deal reportedly includes a roll-back of some existing tariffs, a hold on new tariffs scheduled for December, and a promise of increased Chinese purchases of U.S. agricultural products.

#### ...REDUCED DOWNSIDE RISKS TO THE ECONOMY

- With the economy on firmer footing than in August and September, the Fed has some breathing room to be patient.
  Benign inflation measures and subdued inflation expectations also give the Fed room to keep rates low: core PCE, the Fed's preferred inflation measure, fell to 1.6% annualized in November from a high of 1.8% in August.
- The market perceives a very low probability of monetary policy action in the year ahead; however, an asymmetric easing bias exists with the hurdle for raising rates being considerably higher than for cutting rates.
- The economic significance of the recent trade deal is minimal; however, it signals a less volatile negotiation between the U.S. and China, at least for the time being, which could have a positive impact on business sentiment.



Source: Federal Reserve, Bloomberg

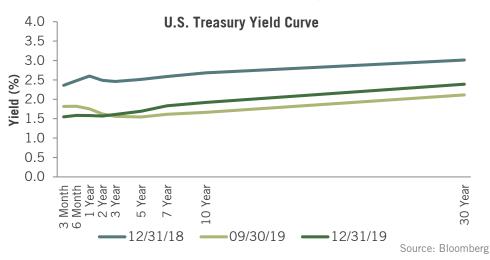


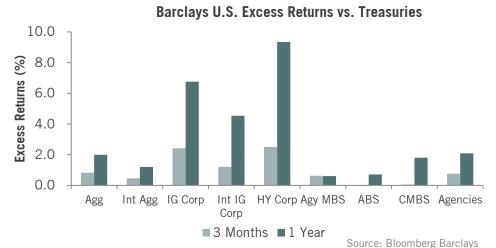
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### YIELD CURVE STEEPENS DURING THE QUARTER, MOST NON-TREASURY SECTORS OUTPERFORM





- Supportive monetary policy since last summer and recent progress on the trade war with China have reduced downside risks to the broader economy. As a result, interest rates have come off their lows and both the 2s-10s and 3mo-10yr inversions reversed early in the quarter.
- Overall, interest rates increased across intermediate and longer maturities during the quarter, with 10-year rates ending at roughly 1.90% and 30year rates finishing close to 2.40%. Shorter rates moved lower with the Fed's October rate cut.
- Most spread sectors outperformed like-duration Treasuries during the fourth quarter, led by Corporate bonds. Long Corporates meaningfully outperformed intermediate and shorter maturities, while BBB and crossover/high yield names continued to outperform higher quality bonds.
- Corporate valuations reached 2019 tights in December as new issue supply underwhelmed expectations for the month (\$18.9 billion vs. \$25 billion). For the year, IG issuance was down modestly versus 2018.

- Agency MBS had a nice turnaround from an excess return standpoint, outperforming like-duration Treasuries every month since August. Accommodative monetary policy and the Phase I trade deal with China have lowered interest rate volatility expectations – as a result, Agency MBS valuations looked relatively attractive by the end of November.
- ABS generated slightly negative excess returns for the quarter as the rally in swap spreads witnessed since summer 2018 reversed. Notably, 2-3 year swap spreads are 10 bps wider since the end of the third quarter. ABS new issue supply was \$237 billion in 2019, basically flat versus 2018.
- Swap spread widening also impacted CMBS, but the sector modestly outperformed like-duration Treasuries for the quarter; CMBS was the best performing securitized sector for the year. Total private label CMBS supply hit \$97 billion in 2019, a 23% increase from the prior year; more than half came in the single-asset/single-borrower space (SASB).

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# **APPENDIX**

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### CALENDAR YEAR INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Portfolio (net of all fees - NAV level) <sup>1</sup>	1.85	1.90	1.90	2.26	2.56
Linked Benchmark <sup>2</sup>	1.45	1.01	1.58	2.63	1.94
Value Added (net of all fees – NAV level) <sup>3</sup>	0.40	0.90	0.32	(0.37)	0.62
MARKET INDICES					
ICE BofAML U.S. 3 Month Treasury Bill	0.05	0.33	0.86	1.87	2.28
Consumer Price Index	0.73	2.07	2.11	1.67	2.41

### **GUIDELINE COMPLIANCE**

We have not become aware of any investment guideline compliance issues occurring in the portfolio during the quarter.

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### TOTAL ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES

Total Annual Operating Expenses are deducted directly from the Fund's net asset value and reduce the investment option's rate of return.

Expense	Expense Ratio 12/31/19	Per \$1000
Investment Management Fees paid to Galliard*	0.075%	\$0.75
Investment Management fees paid to Non-Affiliated Investment Advisors	None	None
Investment Contract Fees*1	0.164%	\$1.64
Acquired Fund Fees <sup>2</sup>	0.059%	\$0.59
-Investment Contract Fees	None	None
-Other Acquired Fund Fees and Non-Affiliated Investment Management Fees paid to Non-Affiliated Investment Advisors <sup>3</sup>	0.059%	\$0.59
12b-1 Distribution Fee	None	None
Other Expenses	None	None
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses <sup>4</sup>	0.297%	\$2.97

<sup>\*</sup>Changes have occurred to the fee schedule structure since the prior period. Please contact your Galliard representative if you have additional questions.

- 1: These are fees paid to create and maintain the investments used by a stable value fund.
- 2: These are fees borne indirectly by the Fund when it acquires an interest in another fund which pays its own separate fees.
- 3: Includes audit fees for the cost of producing a report by a qualified auditor.
- 4: Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses are reflected daily in the Fund's net asset value (NAV).

Excluding STIF or money market allocations, non-affiliated investment advisors include Dodge & Cox , Jennison Assoc., TCW.