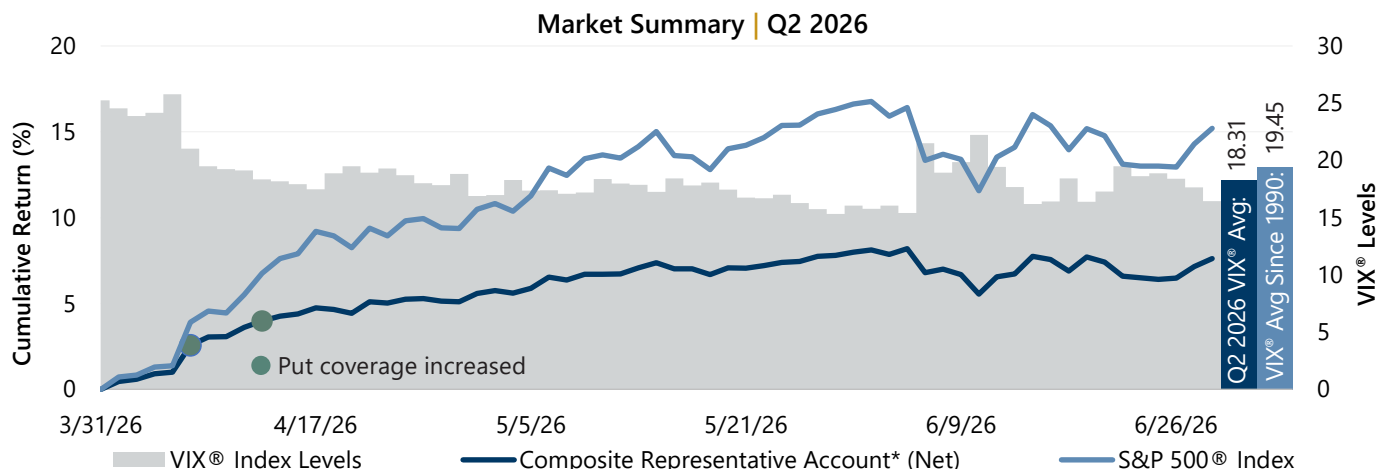


### In Brief

- Gateway Index/RA Composite (the Composite) returned 7.70%, net of fees, in the second quarter, relative to the S&P 500® Index return of 15.20%. The Bloomberg® U.S. Aggregate Bond Index (the Agg) returned 0.67% for the quarter. Year-to-date, the Composite returned 4.48%, net of fees, relative to the S&P 500® Index return of 10.21% and the Agg return of 0.62%. A GIPS® Composite Report and disclosure is included with this Commentary.
- The S&P 500® Index advanced sharply through the first two months of the quarter, climbing 16.62% from the close of the first quarter to June 1. The advance reversed in early June, with the S&P 500® Index declining 4.34% from June 1 to June 10. From June 10 through quarter-end, the S&P 500® Index recovered 3.26%.
- The Composite\* returned 7.99% during the market's advance from the close of the first quarter to June 1 and returned -2.25% during the market's decline from June 1 to June 10, offering 209 basis points (bps) of downside protection. The Composite\* returned 1.95% during the recovery from June 10 to quarter-end.
- The S&P 500® Index and the Composite\* had an annualized standard deviation of daily returns of 13.66% and 7.00% for the quarter, respectively.
- Implied volatility, as measured by the Cboe® Volatility Index (the VIX®), averaged 18.31 during the quarter. The VIX® ended the first quarter at 25.25 before reaching an intra-quarter high of 25.78 on April 7. As the market navigated the quarter, the VIX® retreated to an intra-quarter low of 15.32 on May 29 before ending the quarter at 16.45.
- During the quarter, the investment team focused on taking advantage of the equity market's rapid advance and elevated implied volatility levels by rolling the written index call option portfolio's strike prices higher to enhance cash flow and maintain typical market exposure.
- Adjustments were made to the index put option portfolio to monetize higher volatility and preserve index put option gains in the event of a sudden and sharp market recovery while maintaining the Composite's typical risk profile. In early April, adjustments were made to fully restore index put option coverage – from a range of 65% to 80% on March 31. As the equity market advanced, strike prices were adjusted higher in order to maintain the typical risk profile.
- Kevin Warsh succeeded Jerome Powell as Chair of the Fed. Transitions of Fed Chair have historically contributed to S&P 500® Index drawdowns and spikes in implied volatility, as measured by the VIX®. The severity of such drawdowns have often been tied to inflation, policy-credibility concerns, and communication clarity — and the Warsh transition has the potential to combine several of these risk factors, at once.

### Market Recap



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With the elevated implied volatility of early April in the rearview mirror, the S&P 500® Index returned 15.20% during the quarter, advancing sharply through the first two months before a brief pullback in early June. Over the same period, expectations for the Fed policy reversed, moving from roughly 100 basis points (bps) of interest rate cuts priced-in at the end of February to approximately 25 bps of hikes priced-in by mid-June.

Data released in June reflected continued macroeconomic resilience alongside accelerating inflation and a steady labor market. The third estimate of Gross Domestic Product for the first quarter of 2026 was increased to 2.1% from the prior estimate and was better than consensus expectations. The year-over-year May Consumer Price Index, released June 10, was in line with the consensus estimate at 4.2% and higher than the prior period. The quarter-over-quarter Core Personal Consumption Expenditures (PCE) Price Index was in line with the consensus estimate and unchanged from the prior period at 4.4%. The unemployment rate held at 4.3% and the labor force participation rate was unchanged at 61.8%, while average hourly earnings growth eased to 3.4% year-over-year.

### U.S. Macroeconomic Data | June Releases

|                                    | Period  | Current | Estimate | Prior |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------|----------|-------|
| U.S. Gross Domestic Product Growth | Q1 2026 | 2.1%    | 1.6%     | 1.6%  |
| Unemployment Rate                  | May     | 4.3%    | 4.3%     | 4.3%  |
| Labor Participation Rate           | May     | 61.8%   | 61.8%    | 61.8% |
| Average Hourly Earnings (YoY)      | May     | 3.4%    | 3.4%     | 3.6%  |
| Consumer Price Index (YoY)         | May     | 4.2%    | 4.2%     | 3.8%  |
| Core PCE Price Index (QoQ)         | Q1 2026 | 4.4%    | 4.4%     | 4.4%  |

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The quarterly spread between S&P 500® Index implied and realized volatility, or the Volatility Risk Premium (VRP), was robust at 4.65% - well above the since 1990 average of 3.59%. Implied volatility, as measured by the VIX®, averaged 18.31 during the quarter. Consistent with its typical relationship, average implied volatility exceeded realized volatility, as measured by the standard deviation of daily returns for the S&P 500® Index, which was 13.66% for the quarter. The VIX® ended the first quarter at 25.25 before reaching an intra-quarter high of 25.78 on April 7. As the market navigated the quarter, the VIX® retreated to an intra-quarter low of 15.32 on May 29 before ending the quarter at 16.45.

The Agg returned 0.67% during the quarter, bringing its year-to-date return to 0.62%. The yield on the 10-year U.S. Treasury Note (the 10-year) ended March at 4.32% and hit an intra-quarter low of 4.25% in mid-April before climbing to an intra-quarter high of 4.67% on May 19. The 10-year ended the quarter at 4.47%.

### Gateway Index/RA Composite Performance

The Composite returned 7.70%, net of fees, in the second quarter relative to the S&P 500® Index return of 15.20%. Since the start of 2026, the Composite has returned 4.48%, net of fees, relative to the 10.21% return of the S&P 500® Index. Net of fees, the Composite returned 5.61%, 2.14%, and -0.16% while the S&P 500® Index returned 10.49%, 5.26%, and -0.95% in April, May, and June, respectively.

The S&P 500® Index advanced sharply through the first two months of the quarter, climbing 16.62% from the close of the first quarter to June 1. The advance reversed in early June, with the S&P 500® Index declining 4.34% from June 1 to June 10. From June 10 through quarter-end, the S&P 500® Index recovered 3.26%.

The portfolio of written index call options detracted from performance in April and May as the equity market advanced sharply but contributed positively to performance in June as the market's advance moderated. The purchased index put option portfolio detracted from performance throughout the quarter, as is typical during a period of sustained market advance.

The portfolio performance contributions, annualized standard deviation, and portfolio statistics quoted for the Composite in the following paragraphs are those measured by the net-of-fee returns of a representative account.<sup>1</sup>

Supported by positive interest rates, elevated volatility, and active management, the Composite participated in nearly half of the equity market's advance during its sharp rally, while offering loss mitigation during the early-June pullback. From the beginning of the quarter through June 1, the Composite advanced 7.99% as the S&P 500® Index climbed

16.62%. The Composite provided 209 bps of loss mitigation from June 1 to June 10, declining 2.25% relative to the S&P 500® Index decline of 4.34%. The Composite advanced 1.95% as the market advanced 3.26% from June 10 through quarter-end.

In achieving its low-volatility objective, the Composite's annualized standard deviation of daily returns for the quarter was 7.00% compared to 13.66% for the S&P 500® Index. The Composite exhibited a beta to the S&P 500® Index of 0.49 for the quarter.

Gateway's investment team was active in their management of the index option portfolios. During the quarter, the investment team focused on taking advantage of the equity market's rapid advance and elevated implied volatility levels by rolling the written index call option portfolio's strike prices higher to enhance cash flow and maintain typical market exposure.

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At the end of the quarter, index call options were sold against over 95% of the equity portfolio's value and had a weighted-average strike price between 1.5% and 2.5% out-of-the-money, 36 days to expiration, and an annualized premium to earn between 5.0% and 7.5%. The index put option portfolio had a weighted-average strike price between 10.0% and 12.5% out-of-the-money, 64 days to expiration, and an annualized cost less than 2.5%. Relative to the beginning of the quarter, this positioning represented higher net cash flow potential with lower market exposure.

| Performance & Risk (%) | Q2<br>2026 | 1<br>Year | 3<br>Year | 5<br>Year | 10<br>Year | Inception<br>Return <sup>1</sup> | Inception<br>Risk <sup>1,2</sup> |
|------------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| The Composite (Net)    | 7.70       | 12.35     | 11.37     | 7.13      | 7.13       | 7.18                             | 6.72                             |
| S&P 500® Index         | 15.20      | 22.32     | 20.61     | 13.41     | 15.51      | 11.58                            | 14.62                            |
| Agg Index              | 0.67       | 3.79      | 4.16      | 0.08      | 1.54       | 5.32                             | 4.18                             |

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## Market Perspective – A New Hand at the Helm

### Key Takeaways

- Kevin Warsh succeeded Jerome Powell as Chair of the Fed. Transitions of Fed Chair have historically contributed to S&P 500® Index drawdowns and spikes in implied volatility, as measured by the VIX®. The severity of such drawdowns has often been tied to inflation, policy-credibility concerns, and communication clarity — and the Warsh transition has the potential to combine several of these risk factors, at once.
- Since Chair Warsh was announced to take the helm, market rate expectations have swung from pricing-in multiple interest rate cuts by year-end 2026 to pricing-in a hike.
- The same higher-inflation, higher-rate, higher-volatility regime that has unsettled past transitions has historically been a tailwind for options-based strategies, such as those offered by Gateway. During these periods, cash flow from options can benefit from both elevated volatility and higher short-term yields.

### A History of Turbulent Handoffs

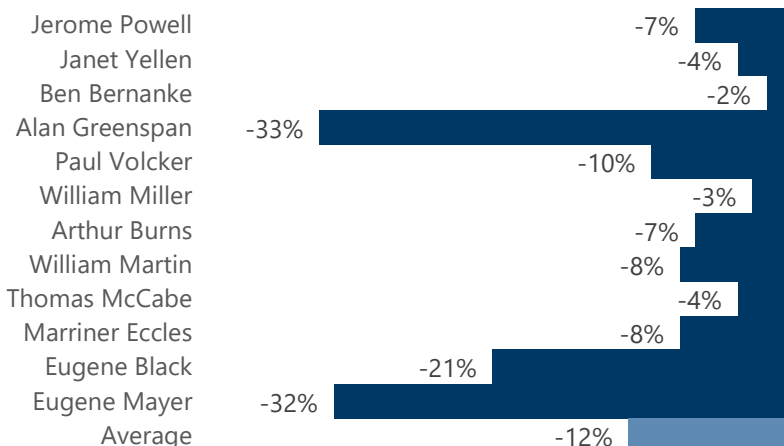
Markets rarely accept a new Fed chair calmly. Since 1930, the S&P 500® Index has logged three-month drawdowns ranging from just -2% under Ben Bernanke to -33% under Alan Greenspan.

The pattern that emerges may be less about the individual at the podium than the conditions surrounding the handoff: transitions that occur during periods of elevated inflation, fragile policy credibility, or ambiguous communication have tended to produce the sharpest drawdowns and the most persistent volatility, while calmer macro backdrops have allowed even consequential leadership changes to pass with comparatively little market disruption.

### 3-Month Drawdown Following Fed Transition

S&P 500® Index Return | Since January 1930

Source: Bloomberg®, L.P.



### Why This Transition May Be Different

The transition to Chair Warsh, announced at the end of January 2026 and sworn in on May 22, 2026, potentially carries several risk factors historically associated with larger drawdowns and increased volatility:

- Policy Uncertainty Amidst Changing Communication Style**  
Warsh has signaled a shakeup at the Fed, including skepticism toward forward guidance tools such as the infamous dot plot — a metric investors have referenced to estimate the direction of Fed policy.
- Economic Backdrop Driving Persistent Inflation**  
The change in communication comes against an unfriendly macroeconomic backdrop, which has led to rates being held steady so far during 2026. The Fed recently signaled the possibility of rate hikes as it monitors the inflationary impact of the middle east conflict.

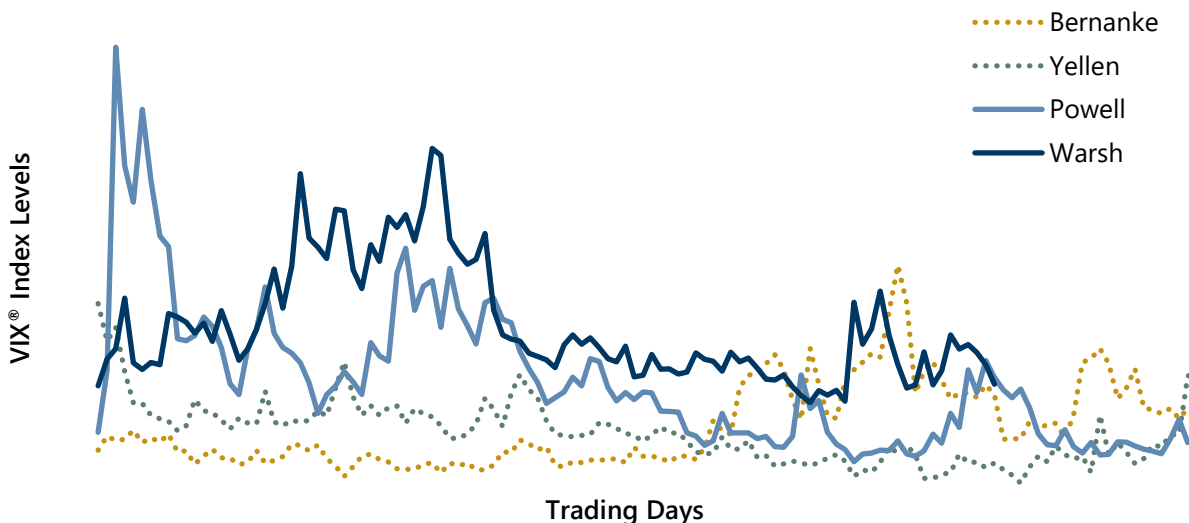
Taken together, the historical record suggests this transition combines structural communication uncertainty with genuine macro stress, resulting in a dramatic repricing of rate expectations - from roughly 100 bps of cuts priced-in by the end of February to about 25 bps of hikes priced-in by mid-June - alongside a VIX® that has popped to a high of 31.05 since Warsh's appointment.

Volatility, as measured by the VIX®, has tended to spike in the first one to three months after the announcement of a new Fed chair, though the magnitude is also influenced by the prevailing macro backdrop at the time of transition. For example, the spike in implied volatility after Warsh was announced was heavily influenced by the impact from turmoil in Iran.

## Implied Volatility During Fed Transition

VIX® Levels | First 6-Months Following Recent Fed Chair Announcements

Source: Bloomberg®, L.P.



## Volatility, Inflation, and the Case for Income

With interest rates and inflation potentially remaining elevated relative to the post-Global Financial Crisis environment, positive correlation between stocks and bonds — measured on a rolling 36-month basis — may also persist. From January 1988 to June 2026, periods of positive stock-bond correlation have coincided with average inflation of 3.19% and 90-day Treasury bill (T-bill) yields of 4.00%. This compares to average inflation of 2.26% and 90-day T-bill yields of 1.54% when the correlation has been negative. Implied volatility has told a similar story: the VIX® averaged 20.35 during positive stock-bond correlation regimes, above the 18.25 average during negative correlation regimes.

### Stock-Bond Correlation Regimes (From January 1, 1988 to June 30, 2026)

| Regimes Averages     | Inflation Rate | Yield 90-Day T-Bill | VIX®   |
|----------------------|----------------|---------------------|--------|
| Positive Correlation | 3.2%           | 4.00%               | 20.35% |
| Negative Correlation | 2.3%           | 1.54%               | 18.25% |

Past performance does not guarantee future results. Source: Bloomberg, L.P.

Although the past does not predict the future, the combination of higher inflation, higher rates, and higher volatility has historically been favorable for Gateway's option-based strategies, which offer the potential to draw enhanced levels of cash flow from both option premium and short-term yield. Option strategy performance, relative to stocks and bonds, has improved alongside higher inflation and short-term rates, with return-capture ratios increasing across these higher-rate, higher-inflation regimes.

## Index/RA Has Benefitted from Positive Stock-Bond Correlation

On a rolling 12-month basis, the Gateway Index/Risk-Adjusted (RA) Composite (The Composite) has returned an average of 8.25%, net of fees, when stocks and bonds were positively correlated, versus 4.81%, net of fees, when they were negatively correlated. The pattern holds when isolating rates and inflation individually: average rolling 12-month net-of-fee returns have been 10.50% when 90-day T-bill yields were above 3%, versus 3.98% when yields were below 3%. The strategy averaged an 8.62% net-of-fee return when inflation ran between 2% and 4%, and 8.94% when inflation exceeded 4%, versus just 3.49% when inflation was under 2%.

The Composite's performance relative to stocks and bonds has improved alongside higher inflation and short-term rates, with its return-capture ratio increasing in both absolute and relative terms across these higher-rate, higher-inflation regimes.

### Relative Performance by Inflation/Interest Rate Regime

January 1, 1988 to June 30, 2026

| Regime                                  | Average Rolling 12-Month Return |                |                                                | Capture Ratio  |           |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------|
|                                         | Index/RA (net)                  | S&P 500® Index | Bloomberg® U.S. Aggregate Bond Index (the Agg) | S&P 500® Index | Agg Index |
| <b>Stock-Bond Correlation: Positive</b> | 8.25%                           | 15.43%         | 5.47%                                          | 54%            | 151%      |
| <b>Stock-Bond Correlation Negative</b>  | 4.81%                           | 8.64%          | 4.86%                                          | 56%            | 99%       |
| <b>90-Day T-Bill Yield &gt; 3%</b>      | 10.50%                          | 16.17%         | 5.70%                                          | 65%            | 184%      |
| <b>90-Day T-Bill Yield &lt; 3%</b>      | 3.98%                           | 9.22%          | 4.57%                                          | 43%            | 87%       |
| <b>Inflation &lt; 2%</b>                | 3.49%                           | 9.03%          | 5.65%                                          | 39%            | 62%       |
| <b>Inflation 2%-4%</b>                  | 8.62%                           | 15.06%         | 5.90%                                          | 57%            | 146%      |
| <b>Inflation &gt; 4%</b>                | 8.94%                           | 10.71%         | 3.41%                                          | 83%            | 262%      |

| Performance (%)     | 1 Year | 3 Year | 5 Year | 10 Year | Inception Return* |
|---------------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|-------------------|
| The Composite (Net) | 12.35  | 11.37  | 7.13   | 7.13    | 7.18              |
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### The Bottom Line

The Warsh transition arrives with a potential combination of risk factors that were absent for many prior Fed handoffs — a structural shift away from forward guidance, an FOMC still wary of cutting into elevated inflation, and a geopolitical shock complicating the policy outlook.

History suggests this mix has the potential to keep volatility elevated in the months ahead. Rather than waiting out the uncertainty of a new Fed chair, investors may be better served by strategies built to benefit regardless of it. For risk-conscious investors looking to stay invested, options-based strategies - such as those offered by Gateway – may be ideally positioned to capture cash flow from both elevated implied volatility and higher short-term yields.

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|----------|----------------------------|--------|----------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
|          | Composite                  |        | S&P 500® Index | Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index | Composite                 | S&P 500® Index | Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index |                              |                      |                             |                        |
|          | Gross                      | Net    |                |                                     |                           |                |                                     |                              |                      |                             |                        |
| 1993     | 8.44%                      | 7.75%  | 10.08%         | 9.75%                               | N/A                       | N/A            | N/A                                 | 15                           | 0.7                  | \$348                       | \$408                  |
| 1994     | 6.27                       | 5.62   | 1.32           | -2.92                               | N/A                       | N/A            | N/A                                 | 14                           | 0.5                  | 303                         | 660                    |
| 1995     | 12.52                      | 11.75  | 37.58          | 18.47                               | 4.07%                     | 8.34%          | 4.30%                               | 12                           | 1.6                  | 283                         | 473                    |
| 1996     | 11.83                      | 11.11  | 22.96          | 3.63                                | 4.44                      | 9.72           | 4.65                                | 27                           | 0.9                  | 329                         | 360                    |
| 1997     | 13.34                      | 12.58  | 33.36          | 9.65                                | 3.83                      | 11.30          | 4.06                                | 27                           | 1.1                  | 399                         | 476                    |
| 1998     | 13.21                      | 12.49  | 28.58          | 8.69                                | 5.53                      | 16.24          | 3.58                                | 44                           | 1.2                  | 686                         | 805                    |
| 1999     | 12.94                      | 12.27  | 21.04          | -0.82                               | 5.39                      | 16.76          | 3.25                                | 76                           | 1.4                  | 1,348                       | 1,470                  |
| 2000     | 6.55                       | 6.08   | -9.10          | 11.63                               | 5.30                      | 17.67          | 3.06                                | 107                          | 1.2                  | 2,052                       | 2,206                  |
| 2001     | -2.69                      | -3.28  | -11.89         | 8.44                                | 6.29                      | 16.94          | 3.40                                | 85                           | 0.5                  | 1,853                       | 1,944                  |
| 2002     | -3.87                      | -4.45  | -22.10         | 10.25                               | 9.41                      | 18.81          | 3.40                                | 67                           | 0.4                  | 1,651                       | 1,744                  |
| 2003     | 12.53                      | 11.84  | 28.68          | 4.10                                | 9.70                      | 18.32          | 4.26                                | 59                           | 0.4                  | 2,029                       | 2,160                  |
| 2004     | 7.84                       | 7.22   | 10.88          | 4.34                                | 8.35                      | 15.07          | 4.34                                | 53                           | 0.5                  | 3,350                       | 3,636                  |
| 2005     | 5.86                       | 5.17   | 4.91           | 2.43                                | 4.09                      | 9.17           | 4.12                                | 35                           | 0.5                  | 3,879                       | 6,134                  |
| 2006     | 11.06                      | 10.35  | 15.79          | 4.33                                | 2.64                      | 6.92           | 3.25                                | 29                           | 0.5                  | 4,569                       | 6,946                  |
| 2007     | 8.67                       | 7.99   | 5.49           | 6.97                                | 3.10                      | 7.79           | 2.80                                | 25                           | 0.5                  | 4,780                       | 7,892                  |
| 2008     | -13.39                     | -13.95 | -37.00         | 5.24                                | 8.41                      | 15.29          | 4.03                                | 22                           | 1.0                  | 5,073                       | 7,071                  |
| 2009     | 7.37                       | 6.70   | 26.46          | 5.93                                | 10.36                     | 19.91          | 4.17                                | 15                           | 0.4                  | 5,054                       | 7,188                  |
| 2010     | 5.76                       | 5.11   | 15.06          | 6.54                                | 11.01                     | 22.16          | 4.22                                | 12                           | 0.1                  | 5,552                       | 7,699                  |
| 2011     | 3.82                       | 3.16   | 2.11           | 7.84                                | 8.27                      | 18.97          | 2.82                                | 11                           | 0.3                  | 5,729                       | 8,081                  |
| 2012     | 5.41                       | 4.74   | 16.00          | 4.22                                | 5.84                      | 15.30          | 2.42                                | 10                           | 0.2                  | 7,424                       | 10,517                 |
| 2013     | 9.35                       | 8.64   | 32.39          | -2.02                               | 4.23                      | 12.11          | 2.75                                | 11                           | 0.2                  | 8,899                       | 12,475                 |
| 2014     | 4.23                       | 3.59   | 13.69          | 5.97                                | 3.45                      | 9.10           | 2.67                                | 10                           | 0.3                  | 8,997                       | 12,239                 |
| 2015     | 3.20                       | 2.54   | 1.38           | 0.55                                | 3.97                      | 10.62          | 2.92                                | 11                           | 0.2                  | 8,783                       | 12,210                 |
| 2016     | 6.23                       | 5.57   | 11.96          | 2.65                                | 4.30                      | 10.74          | 3.02                                | 10                           | 0.3                  | 8,159                       | 11,601                 |
| 2017     | 10.73                      | 10.07  | 21.83          | 3.54                                | 4.01                      | 10.07          | 2.81                                | 10                           | 0.2                  | 9,028                       | 12,559                 |
| 2018     | -3.43                      | -4.04  | -4.38          | 0.01                                | 5.11                      | 10.95          | 2.88                                | 10                           | 0.1                  | 8,534                       | 11,641                 |
| 2019     | 11.97                      | 11.29  | 31.49          | 8.72                                | 5.57                      | 12.10          | 2.91                                | 9                            | 0.2                  | 8,545                       | 10,950                 |
| 2020     | 8.03                       | 7.34   | 18.40          | 7.51                                | 8.62                      | 18.80          | 3.40                                | 9                            | 0.1                  | 7,486                       | 9,963                  |
| 2021     | 12.35                      | 11.71  | 28.71          | -1.54                               | 7.89                      | 17.41          | 3.40                                | 8                            | 0.1                  | 8,523                       | 11,556                 |
| 2022     | -11.19                     | -11.73 | -18.11         | -13.01                              | 10.37                     | 21.16          | 5.85                                | 6                            | 0.0                  | 6,586                       | 8,593                  |
| 2023     | 15.50                      | 14.85  | 26.29          | 5.53                                | 8.97                      | 17.54          | 7.24                                | 5                            | 0.2                  | 6,583                       | 8,828                  |
| 2024     | 16.16                      | 15.48  | 25.02          | 1.25                                | 9.31                      | 17.4           | 7.83                                | 5                            | 0.1                  | 6,935                       | 9,416                  |

N/A: The gross three-year annualized ex-post standard deviation of the Composite and benchmarks is not presented as 36-month returns are not available.

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