

WASHINGTON CROSSING ADVISORS



# Building Income Over Time

- > Dividend Growth Investing
- > High-Quality Corporate Bond Ladder

## > ONE BALANCED ACCOUNT







Income growth is essential to

maintain and increase purchasing

power. Implementing a dividend

growth investing strategy can provide

increasing income and wealth for

the patient investor.





Aiming to preserve principal is at least as important a goal as growing your income. A laddered portfolio of well-chosen, high-quality bonds may help provide a sound foundation for your balanced portfolio.





# **Rising Dividends (60%)**

Compounding a rising dividend stream can lead to significant income and wealth over time.

## **Laddered Bonds (40%)**

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### **Diversification**

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### 1. RISING DIVIDEND INVESTING

Compounding a rising dividend stream can lead to significant income and wealth over time.

The equity portion of the portfolio looks to buy large-capitalization companies with at least five years of dividend increases. Companies should have low amounts of debt, consistent cash flow, and fair valuations. We believe these qualities can help companies weather periods of economic turmoil allowing for better long-run growth potential.

### 2. BOND LADDERING

A laddered approach to bonds can lower interest rate and reinvestment risk while providing a stable foundation for the portfolio.

Roughly equally sized investments in bonds are made with maturities occurring each year through maturity. Each year represents a "rung" in the ladder. Because bonds are maturing each year, an investor participates in a changing rate environment rather than "locking in" a fixed yield. Laddering, therefore, may help decrease both interest rate and reinvestment risk.

### 3. DIVERSIFICATION

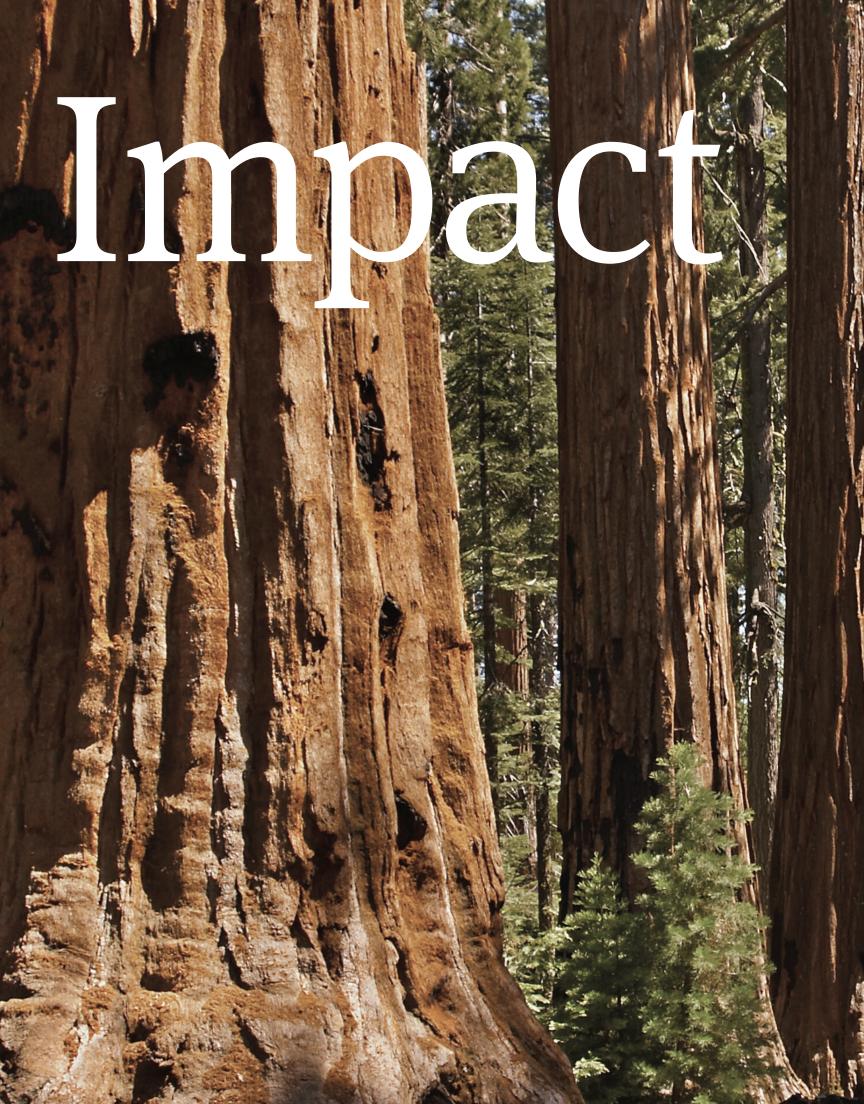
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The WCA Income Builder Portfolio is structured as a balanced mix of stocks and bonds. The target allocation to stocks is 60% and the targeted allocation to bonds is 40%. Diversification allows you to position yourself to take advantage of the returns that equities tend to deliver, balanced with the relative safety that high-quality bonds provide.

# DIVERSIFICATION **Objectives for Stocks** > Capital Appreciation > Growing Income Stream 60% **Objectives for Shorter Bonds Objectives for Longer Bonds STOCKS** > Stability of Principal > Current Income > Some Income Diversification **GOOD QUALITY STOCKS WITH** INCREASING DIVIDENDS. HIGHER EXPECTED RISK/RETURN.

# **40%**LADDERED CORPORATE BONDS

INVESTMENT GRADE/INTERMEDIATE DURATION.
GREATER STABILITY/LOWER RETURN.







History has shown that investors who are patient tend to be rewarded by compounding a growing income stream. A balanced approach can help you stay the course — especially when markets get rough. The WCA Income Builder portfolio seeks to nurture and grow your income/wealth over time.

### DIVIDEND GROWTH VS. SIMPLE INTEREST

### The Effect of Compounding Over Time

### INTEREST COMPOUNDING

### DIVIDEND GROWTH COMPOUNDING

Year	2.5% Interest Rate	Interest Earned Annually	Total Value	Dividends Per Share*	Share Price*	Dividend Reinvestment Shares	Total Shares	Total Value of Shares
0			100,000		100		1,000	\$100,000
1	2.50%	2,500	102,500	2.50	103	24	1,024	\$105,000
10	2.50%	3,122	128,008	3.12	128	30	1,272	\$162,889
20	2.50%	3,997	163,862	4.00	164	39	1,619	\$265,330
30	2.50%	5,116	209,757	5.12	210	49	2,060	\$432,194
40	2.50%	6,549	268,506	6.55	269	62	2,622	\$703,999
50	2.50%	8,383	343,711	8.38	344	79	3,336	\$1,146,740

### \* Dividend Assumptions:

Illustration assumes a 2.5% dividend yield and 2.5% growth in both the dividend and share price. All dividends are assumed to be reinvested.

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### **Portfolio Objective**

Seeks to provide a growing income stream, with capital appreciation, over time.

### **Building a Strong Foundation**

We view a well-constructed portfolio as a triangle. At the base of the triangle are high-quality bonds. Equity investments can then be layered on top to provide potential for higher long-run return.

### Why a Foundational Approach?

Finding confidence in investing is important. It starts by knowing a few things:

- How much money do I need readily available now?
- How much money will I need in the future?
- What level of risk am I comfortable with?

Your financial advisor can help you answer these questions, and put in place an appropriate plan for investing. Washington Crossing Advisors separately managed account programs are designed to help implement that plan.

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