# CONQUEST

ACTIVELY MANAGED MULTI-ASSET PORTFOLIOS



WASHINGTON CROSSING ADVISORS

### The CONQUEST Difference

**SEEK TO BUILD WEALTH OVER** TIMF BY:

**EVALUATING** 

**OPPORTUNITIES AND** 

**EMPLOYING RISK** 

**MANAGEMENT** 

STRATEGIES WHILE

AIMING TO OUTPACE

INFLATION.

**ALL IN ONE ACCOUNT** 

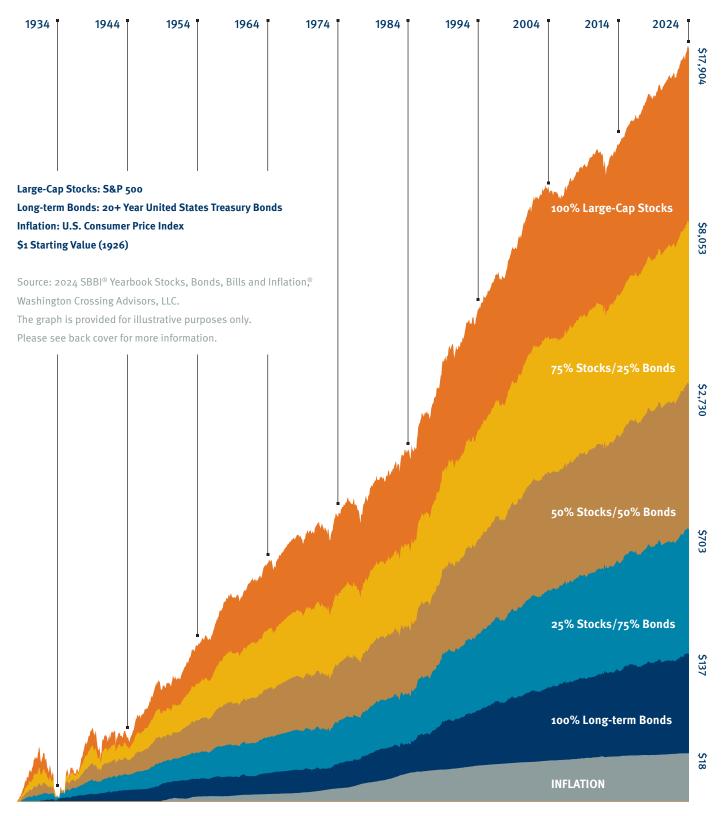
actively managed multi-asset portfolios that seek solid returns above the rate of inflation. Continuously managed by **Washington Crossing Advisors for over** 15 years, the CONQUEST Portfolios offer

a seasoned alternative to passive or

high-turnover strategies.

The CONQUEST Portfolios are a suite of

# Why Invest?



Building and preserving wealth over time means beating inflation.

Time in the market and compound-

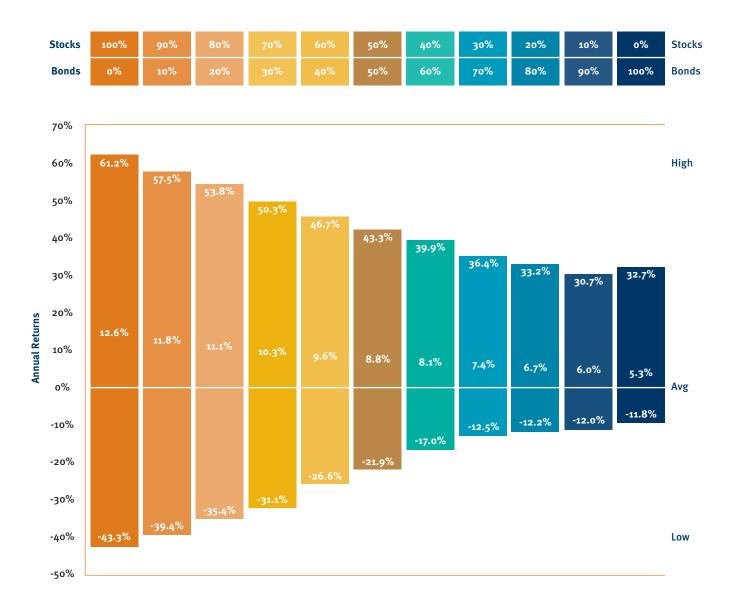
ing is a powerful combination.

An actively managed approach can

be an effective strategy for staying

invested during rough markets.

## The Right Mix



Example Returns by Asset Mix (1946-2024). Source: Bloomberg, Washington Crossing Advisors, LLC. For illustrative purposes only. Actual results may vary. Indices are unmanaged, do not reflect fees and expenses, and are not available for direct investment. Assumes reinvestment of gains and dividends. Past performance is not a guarantee of future returns.

Inflation: Consumer Price Index (CPI) 3.5%. Bonds: Bloomberg U.S. Intermediate Treasury Total Return Index. Stocks: S&P 500.

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PICKING THE RIGHT MIX

OF ASSETS CAN GO A

LONG WAY TOWARD THE

GOAL OF MAXIMIZING

LONG-RUN RETURN

WITHOUT TAKING ON

EXCESSIVE SHORT-TERM

RISK.

There is a trade-off between year-toyear swings in portfolios and longrun return. The Right Mix chart shows how stock-heavy portfolios tend to have higher returns over time, but with greater swings from year-toyear, than bond-heavy portfolios. Bond-heavy portfolios tend to have lower but more consistent returns than stock-heavy returns.

## Why Asset Allocation?

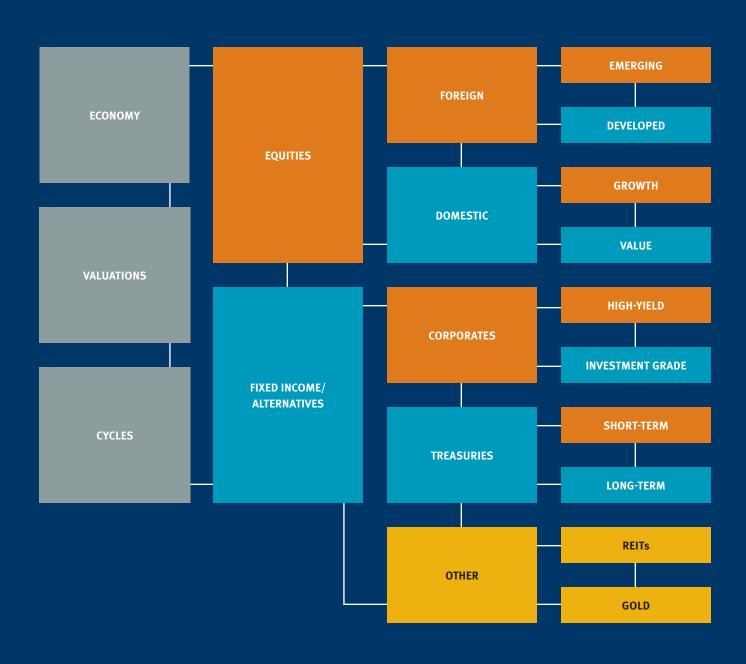
2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
DM Equity	High Yield	EM Equity	Cash	U.S. Equity	Gold	REITs	Gold	U.S. Equity	Gold
7.1%	14.2%	30.4%	1.4%	31.5%	24.8%	38.9%	-o.3%	26.3%	27.2%
U.S. Equity	U.S. Equity	U.S. Equity	Fixed Inc	REITs	EM Equity	U.S. Equity	Cash	DM Equity	U.S. Equity
2.1%	11.8%	21.8%	-0.2%	28.2%	19.6%	28.7%	-3.8%	16.3%	25.0%
REITs	EM Equity	DM Equity	Gold	DM Equity	U.S. Equity	DM Equity	DM Equity	REITs	EM Equity
1.1%	9.1%	16.9%	-2.1%	22.7%	18.4%	19.0%	-7.6%	13.9%	13.4%
Fixed Inc	Gold	Gold	High Yield	Gold	Asset Alloc	Asset Alloc	High Yield	Gold	DM Equity
1.0%	7.6%	12.7%	-2.1%	17.9%	10.3%	8.3%	-10.7%	13.1%	11.6%
Cash	REITs	Asset Alloc	Asset Alloc	EM Equity	Fixed Inc	High Yield	Fixed Inc	High Yield	Asset Alloc
o.6%	7.1%	12.7%	-4.4%	17.8%	7.5%	4.5%	-13.0%	12.9%	9.4%
Asset Alloc	DM Equity	REITs	REITs	Asset Alloc	High Yield	EM Equity	Asset Alloc	Asset Alloc	High Yield
-0.3%	5.9%	10.8%	-4.6%	16.7%	4.7%	2.7%	-14.4%	12.7%	8.0%
High Yield	Asset Alloc	High Yield	U.S. Equity	High Yield	Cash	Cash	EM Equity	EM Equity	REITs
-4.2%	5.1%	6.3%	-5.4%	14.1%	3.2%	-o.6%	-14.7%	12.2%	8.0%
EM Equity	Fixed Inc	Fixed Inc	EM Equity	Fixed Inc	DM Equity	Fixed Inc	U.S. Equity	Fixed Inc	Cash
-4.5%	2.0%	3.8%	-10.2%	8.5%	1.9%	-1.5%	-18.1%	5.5%	4.1%
Gold	Cash	Cash	DM Equity	Cash	REITs	Gold	REITs	Cash	Fixed Inc
-10.8%	o.7%	o.5%	-11.2%	3.4%	-5.3%	-3.5%	-25.9%	4.2%	1.3%

Source: Bloomberg, Washington Crossing Advisors, LLC. Past performance is not a guarantee of future returns. Cash: ICE U.S. Treasury 1-3 Year Bond Index; Fixed Income: Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index; High Yield: Markit iBoxx USD Liquid High Yield Index; U.S. Equity: S&P 500; DM Equity: MSCI Developed Markets Index; EM Equity: MSCI Emerging Markets Index; REITs: Dow Jones Select U.S. Real Estate Index; Gold: Gold Spot Price; Asset Alloc: Assumed Asset Allocation Weights: 1% Cash, 20% U.S. Stocks, 17% Foreign Developed Stocks, 3% Emerging Stocks, 50% Diversified Fixed Income, 3% REITs, 3% Gold, 3% High Yield. Assumes annual rebalancing, which may have tax consequences. You cannot invest directly in an index. Assumes reinvestment of gains and dividends. For illustrative purposes only. The above chart is not reflective of a Washington Crossing Advisors asset allocation portfolio. Actual results may vary.

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Chasing the latest fad can be costly. One year's "hot performer" can easily become next year's laggard. Asset allocation across multiple asset classes has tended to deliver a more consistent result over time, which can help you stay the course. Diversification can play a key role in establishing a sound investment strategy and reducing risk.

# How Does It Work?



#### **Experienced Professional Management**

A changing world compels many choices. These choices can be overwhelming and complex.

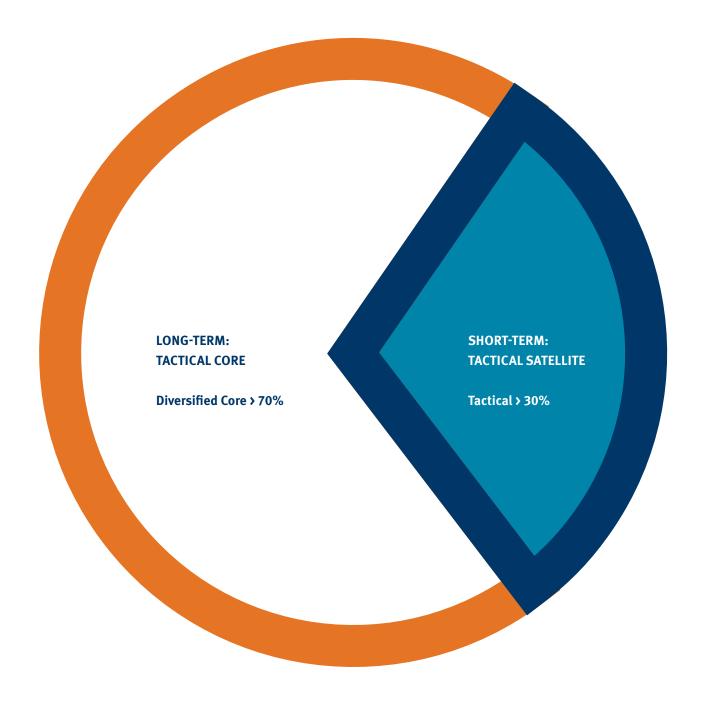
Washington Crossing Advisors' experienced professional management can help make sense of chaos and provide clarity.

WHICH PORTFOLIO IS
RIGHT FOR YOU? SEE
PAGE 12 TO FIND OUT.

Since 2005, Washington Crossing Advisors has developed an ongoing and systematic approach to navigating changing markets. By entrusting our management team to help manage the ups and downs, you can gain important advantages.

We will provide structure for short- and long-run decisions to take advantage of opportunities others may ignore as they arise, and seek to guard against risks. Let Washington Crossing Advisors help you and your financial advisor seek these opportunities as we chart your financial future together.

## The CONQUEST Solution



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### Portfolio Construction

**70**%

### **Long-term Tactical Core**

- Exposure to equities, fixed income and alternatives
- > Quarterly adjustments

30%

#### **Short-term Tactical Satellite**

- Adjusts portfolio risk in an ever-changing environment
- Monthly adjustments

100%

### **CONQUEST Solution**

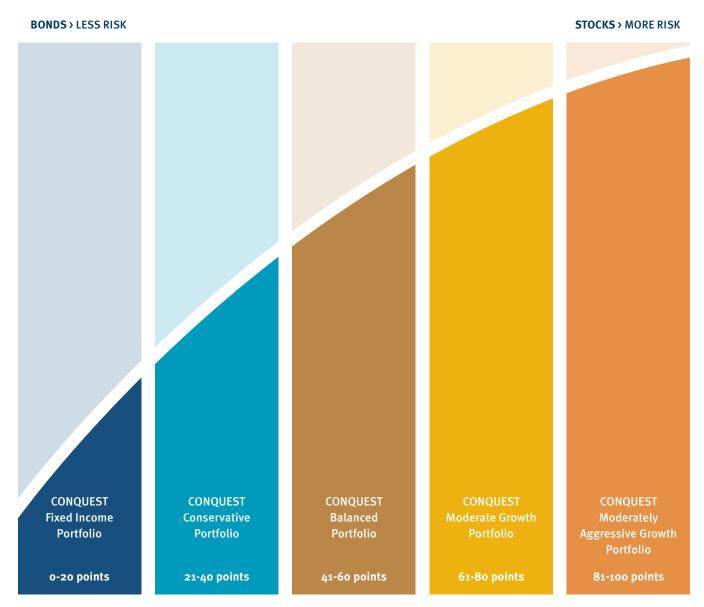
- Seasoned oversight
- > Dynamic process
- Holistic risk management strategies
- Timely communications

### Which Portfolio is Right for Me?

Review each question and check the square next to the answer that is most applicable to you. After you complete the form, add up the numbers next to each answer for your risk assessment score. This score will determine which investment portfolio is right for you. Match your score with the corresponding column in the graph on page 13.

1.	To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following?  Maximizing returns is more important than protecting my investment.	6. What approximate loss in any one-year period would you be willing to accept before deciding to liquidate your investment?
	Strongly Agree (10) Agree (7.5) Neutral (5) Disagree (2.5) Strongly Disagree (0)	(25%) or greater loss (10) (15%) to (25%) loss (7.5) (10%) to (15%) loss (5) (5%) to (10%) loss (2.5) Minimal loss (0)
2.	To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following? I do not foresee any major expenses that would require significant principal withdrawals from this investment account in the next 5 years.	7. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following: I have had prior experience with and understand the investment risk related to stocks, bonds, mutual funds, and other investments.
	Strongly Agree (10) Agree (7.5) Neutral (5) Disagree (2.5) Strongly Disagree (0)	Strongly Agree (10) Agree (7.5) Neutral (5) Disagree (2.5) Strongly Disagree (0)
3.	What percentage of your total investable net worth (excluding primary residence) does this portfolio represent?	8. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following:  My income is adequate and stable and my debt level is low.
	Less than 20% (10)  20% to 40% (7.5)  40% to 60% (5)  60% to 80% (2.5)  80% to 100% (0)	☐ Strongly Agree (10) ☐ Agree (7.5) ☐ Neutral (5) ☐ Disagree (2.5) ☐ Strongly Disagree (0)
4.	On a long-term basis, what average annual rate of return best reflects your objective for "total return" on your portfolio?	9. What do you believe is an adequate time frame for evaluating portfolio returns?
	More than 10% per year (10)  8% to 10% per year (7.5)  6% to 8% per year (5)  4% to 6% per year (2.5)  Less than 4% per year (0)	<ul> <li>More than 10 years (10)</li> <li>5 to 10 years (7.5)</li> <li>3 to 5 years (5)</li> <li>1 to 3 years (2.5)</li> <li>Less than 1 year (0)</li> </ul>
5.	When do you expect this investment account to provide a regular source of income?	10. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following: I am willing to wait several years to recover from losses I incur in an extended down market.
	☐ Greater than 20 years (10) ☐ 10 to 20 years (7.5) ☐ 5 to 10 years (5) ☐ 3 to 5 years (2.5) ☐ 3 years or less (0)	Strongly Agree (10) Agree (7.5) Neutral (5) Disagree (2.5) Strongly Disagree (0)

### **CONQUEST Portfolios**



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### Portfolio Description

The **CONQUEST Moderately Aggressive Growth Portfolio**\* primarily 75% invests in equity funds. Capital appreciation is the dominant driver of 15% return, with income as a secondary consideration. This portfolio may 10% be appropriate for investors with a very long investment time horizon (15+ years) and higher tolerance for risk. The **CONQUEST Moderate Growth Portfolio**\* primarily invests in 63% equity funds with a smaller allocation to fixed. Capital appreciation is **27**% emphasized over current income. This portfolio may be appropriate 10% for investors with a long investment time horizon (10+ years) and higher tolerance for risk. The **CONQUEST Balanced Portfolio**\* provides a mix of equity and fixed 45% income investments. This portfolio may be appropriate for investors 45% with a medium investment time horizon (7+ years) and a moderate 10% tolerance for risk. 27% The **CONQUEST Conservative Portfolio**\* is mainly focused on fixed income investments, but also includes some exposure to equities. 63% This portfolio may be appropriate for investors with a shorter 10% investment time horizon (5+ years) and a lower tolerance for risk. The **CONQUEST Fixed Income Portfolio** invests entirely in fixed 100% income investments. The portfolio may be appropriate for investors with a short investment time horizon (3+ years) and lower tolerance for risk. This portfolio might also be considered as an active fixed income sleeve alongside a stand-alone equity strategy. ■ Common Stocks \* Deviations from the target asset allocation may range from 0-15%.

Portfolios are allocated across a range of equity and bond exchange traded funds, or ETFs. Each portfolio has a defined target mix of stocks and bonds, as shown on page 14, designed to track a predefined benchmark.

The CONQUEST strategy will actively tilt exposures based upon changing fundamental conditions and expected risk-adjusted returns. Deviations from the target asset allocation may range from 0-15%.

### Index Definitions

**Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index:** Benchmark index that tracks the performance of U.S. investment-grade bonds, including government securities, corporate bonds, mortgage-backed securities, and asset-backed securities.

**Bloomberg U.S. Intermediate Treasury Total Return Index:** Intermediate Index measures the performance of U.S. Treasury securities that have a maturity of 1–9.9999 years. The index includes U.S. dollar-denominated, fixed-rate debt.

**Consumer Price Index (CPI):** The CPI is a measure of the average change over time in the prices paid by urban consumers for a market basket of consumer goods and services.

**Dow Jones Select U.S. Real Estate Index:** Index designed to track the performance of real estate investment trusts (REIT) and other companies that invest directly or indirectly in real estate through development, management, or ownership, including property agencies.

**ICE U.S. Treasury 1-3 Year Bond Index:** Market-value weighted index designed to measure the performance of U.S. dollar denominated, fixed rate U.S. Treasury securities with minimum term to maturity greater than one year and less than or equal to three years.

Markit iBoxx USD Liquid High Yield Index: Market-value weighted index of liquid, U.S. dollar-denominated, high yield corporate bonds designed to represent the U.S. high yield corporate bond market.

**MSCI Developed Markets Index:** Equity index which captures large, mid and small cap representation across Developed Markets countries around the world, excluding the U.S. and Canada. With 2,773 constituents, the index is comprehensive, covering approximately 99% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each country.

MSCI Emerging Markets Index: Index capturing large and mid cap representation across 24 Emerging Markets (EM) countries. With 1,250 constituents, the index covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each country.

**S&P 500:** The S&P 500<sup>®</sup> is widely regarded as the best single gauge of large-cap U.S. equities. The index includes 500 leading companies and covers approximately 80% of available market capitalization.

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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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\* As of December 31, 2024. Total assets include assets under management and assets under advisement.

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