

Austin Community Foundation Mid-Year 2025 Update

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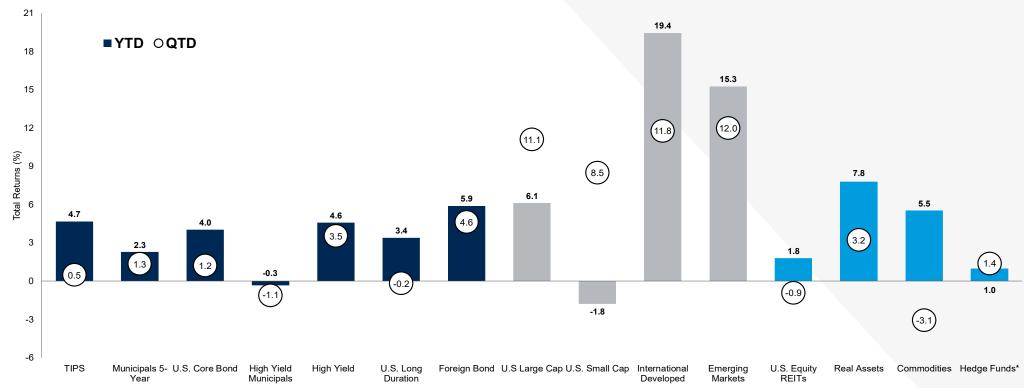


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### 2025 Market Recap – June



Source: Morningstar Direct. As of June 30, 2025. \*Hedge fund returns as of May 31, 2025.

#### Fixed Income (2Q 2025)

- + The Federal Reserve left rates unchanged at 4.25%—4.50% for a fourth consecutive meeting, in line with expectations, as policymakers take a cautious stance to fully evaluate the economic impact of President Trump's policies. Core bonds subsequently gained on falling rates.
- + Credit markets produced a positive return on persistently tight credit spreads. Resilient labor data and positive risk sentiment supported prices despite slowing growth. The U.S. dollar depreciated which benefitted non-USD bonds.

#### **Equity (2Q 2025)**

- + Equities gained on improved clarity around trade, and investor optimism about future policy support. Small caps lagged large, as investors favored large Al-related names.
- + Central bank activity in Europe also provided a boost to international developed markets.
- + Emerging markets outperformed developed markets during the period. A falling U.S. dollar and improved sentiment on a trade deal between the U.S. and China boosted returns.

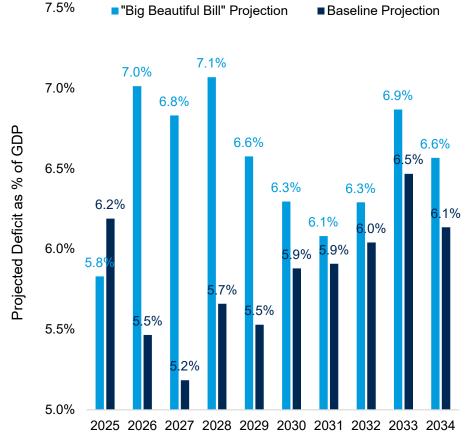
#### Real Asset / Alternatives (2Q 2025)

- Equity REITs had a negative quarter, as investors rotated away from high valuation sectors such as residential.
- Commodities were negative for the quarter on falling energy, agriculture, and industrial metals.
- + Hedge Funds posted gains with equity hedge strategies outperforming.

#### **Market Themes**

#### Deficit Expected to Grow with "Big Beautiful Bill"

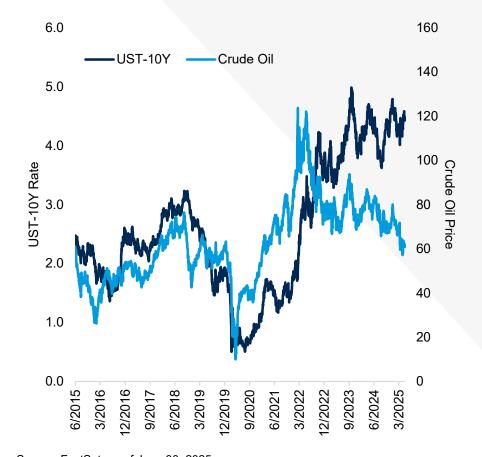
Tariffs and trade policy jump started the quarter, but fiscal policy came to the forefront as the Trump administration announced the "Big Beautiful Bill." Concerns of a growing budget deficit contributed to higher yields on the long-end of the curve and added to overall volatility within the fixed income market. Lack of fiscal discipline contributed to Moody's downgrade of the U.S., the last of the big three rating agencies to do so.



Source: CBO. As of June 2025.

#### Inflation Watch

Over the past decade, oil and the 10-year Treasury yield have been positively correlated. When crude rallies, yields tend to follow as higher oil prices are expected to bleed into headline inflation. The recent divergence has been driven by a slump in demand and increased supply by OPEC+ countries and may serve as an indicator to the potential future path of interest rates.

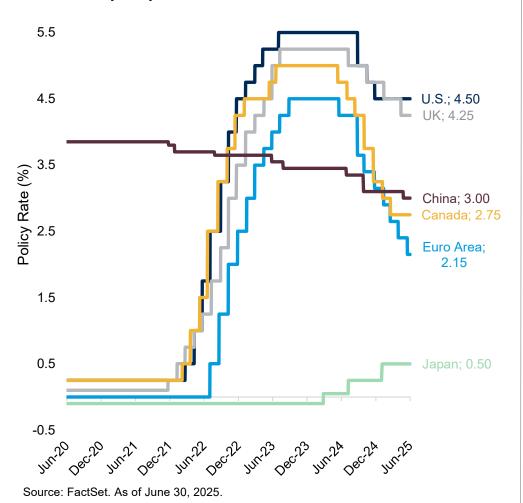


Source: FactSet, as of June 30, 2025.

### **Market Themes**

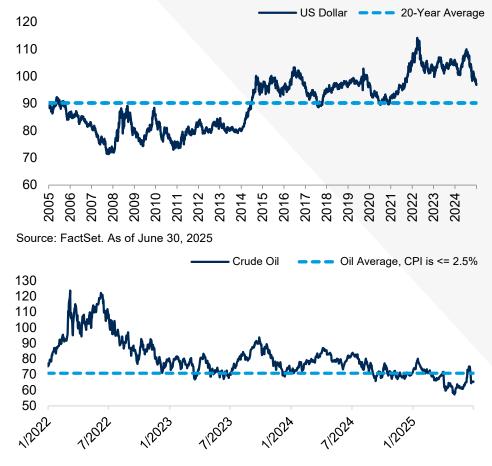
#### **Diverging Central Bank Policy**

The Federal Reserve held its policy rate steady during the quarter as it balances inflation and labor market data signals. However, while the U.S. has maintained rates, select regions around the globe have continued to ease rates, notably in the UK and Euro Area. This diverging policy has been one of the many factors contributing to U.S. dollar volatility this year and a tailwind for non-U.S. markets.



#### When Uncertainty is High, Context is Grounding

Much has been made of recent U.S. dollar weakness and grumblings of the potential for the U.S. losing its reserve currency status. Similarly, with rising tensions in the Middle East, oil has been volatile adding to inflation concerns. At first glance investors may have concern, but with a bit of context that concern may abate. The U.S. dollar is still relatively strong, and oil is priced similarly to times when inflation is near 2.5 percent.



Source: FactSet. As of June 30, 2025



# Austin Community Foundation: Performance Review – Long-Term Active

Performance Ending 6/30/25 (Net of Fees)	YTD 2025	Last 1 Year	Last 3 Years	Last 5 Years	Last 7 Years
Long-Term Active Investment Pool	7.0%	11.8%	10.8%	10.4%	8.1%
Long-Term Active Investment Pool Custom Benchmark	6.7%	11.6%	10.5%	9.3%	7.3%

## Austin Community Foundation: Portfolio Snapshot Long-Term Active

Asset Classes	Total Current Allocation	Strategic Target Allocation	Over/ <mark>Under</mark> Weight Strategic Target
Cash	1.1%	1.0%	0.1%
TIPS	1.0%	1.0%	0.0%
<b>Broad Domestic Bonds</b>	14.9%	15.0%	-0.1%
<b>Dynamic Bonds</b>	5.8%	6.0%	-0.2%
High Yield Bonds	2.0%	2.0%	0.0%
Global Fixed Income & Cash Total	24.7%	25.0%	-0.3%
Large-Cap U.S. Equity	22.5%	22.0%	0.5%
Mid-Cap U.S. Equity	6.8%	6.5%	0.3%
Small-Cap U.S. Equity	4.3%	4.5%	-0.2%
International Equity	14.4%	14.0%	0.4%
<b>Emerging Markets Equity</b>	6.2%	6.0%	0.2%
US REITs	1.9%	2.0%	-0.1%
Global Equities (Public) Total	56.1%	55.0%	1.1%
<b>Broad Real Assets</b>	5.0%	5.0%	0.0%
Real Assets Total	5.0%	5.0%	0.0%
Direct Hedge Funds	10.3%	10.0%	0.3%
Private Debt*	0.2%	1.0%	-0.8%
Private Equity**	3.6%	4.0%	-0.4%
Alternatives Total	14.1%	15.0%	-0.9%
Total Assets	100.0%	100.0%	0.0%

<sup>\*</sup>Commitment Amount to LBC Partners V is \$1,250,000

<sup>\*\*</sup>Commitment Amount to PE is \$24,000,000



# Austin Community Foundation: Performance Review – Long-Term Passive

Performance Ending 6/30/25 (Net of Fees)	YTD 2025	Last 1 Year	Last 3 Years	Last 5 Years	Since Inception (2/1/17)
Long-Term Passive Investment Pool	7.6%	12.9%	12.0%	10.0%	8.4%
Long-Term Passive Investment Pool Custom Benchmark	7.6%	13.0%	12.3%	9.9%	8.6%



# Austin Community Foundation: Portfolio Snapshot Long-Term Passive

Asset Classes	Total Current Allocation	Strategic Target Allocation	Over/ Under Weight Strategic Target
Cash	1.1%	1.0%	0.1%
TIPS	2.0%	2.0%	0.0%
<b>Broad Domestic Bonds</b>	19.7%	20.0%	-0.3%
High Yield Bonds	2.0%	2.0%	0.0%
Global Fixed Income & Cash Total	24.7%	25.0%	-0.3%
Large-Cap U.S. Equity	30.2%	29.5%	0.7%
Mid-Cap U.S. Equity	9.0%	9.0%	0.0%
Small-Cap U.S. Equity	6.0%	6.0%	0.0%
Developed International Equity	18.0%	18.0%	0.0%
<b>Emerging Market Equity</b>	7.7%	8.0%	-0.3%
US REITs	4.4%	4.5%	-0.1%
Global Equities Total	75.3%	75.0%	0.3%
<b>Total Assets</b>	100.0%	100.0%	0.0%



### Austin Community Foundation: Performance Review – Mid-Term Active

Performance Ending 6/30/25 (Net of Fees)	YTD 2025	Last 1 Year	Last 3 Years	Last 5 Years	Since Inception (9/1/18)
Mid-Term Active Investment Pool	7.1%	11.1%	10.8%	8.6%	7.2%
Mid-Term Active Investment Pool Custom Benchmark	7.0%	11.6%	10.0%	7.5%	6.5%

# Austin Community Foundation: Portfolio Snapshot Mid-Term Active

Asset Classes	Total Current Allocation	Strategic Target Allocation	Over/ <mark>Under</mark> Weight Strategic Target
Cash	1.1%	1.0%	0.1%
TIPS	1.8%	2.0%	-0.2%
<b>Broad Domestic Bonds</b>	22.9%	24.5%	-1.6%
Dynamic Bonds	9.4%	10.0%	-0.6%
High Yield Bonds	2.5%	2.5%	0.0%
Global Fixed Income & Cash Total	37.8%	40.0%	-2.2%
Large-Cap U.S. Equity	23.6%	22.0%	1.6%
Mid-Cap U.S. Equity	6.6%	6.5%	0.1%
Small-Cap U.S. Equity	4.2%	4.0%	0.2%
Developed International Equity	14.1%	13.5%	0.6%
<b>Emerging Market Equity</b>	6.1%	6.0%	0.1%
<b>Broad Real Assets</b>	5.2%	5.5%	-0.3%
US REITs	2.4%	2.5%	-0.1%
Global Equities Total	62.2%	60.0%	2.2%
<b>Total Assets</b>	100.0%	100.0%	0.0%

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### Austin Community Foundation: Performance Review – Mid-Term Passive

Performance Ending 6/30/25 (Net of Fees)	YTD 2025	Last 1 Year	Last 3 Years	Last 5 Years	Since Inception (1/1/17)
Mid-Term Passive Investment Pool	7.0%	11.6%	11.2%	8.4%	7.4%
Mid-Term Passive Investment Pool Custom Benchmark	6.9%	11.5%	10.4%	7.6%	7.2%

# Austin Community Foundation: Portfolio Snapshot Mid-Term Passive

Asset Classes	Total Current Allocation	Strategic Target Allocation	Over/ <mark>Under</mark> Weight Strategic Target
Cash	1.0%	1.0%	0.0%
TIPS	2.8%	3.0%	-0.2%
<b>Broad Domestic Bonds</b>	32.2%	33.0%	-0.8%
High Yield Bonds	2.9%	3.0%	-0.1%
Global Fixed Income & Cash Total	39.0%	40.0%	-1.0%
Large-Cap U.S. Equity	24.0%	23.5%	0.5%
Mid-Cap U.S. Equity	7.2%	7.0%	0.2%
Small-Cap U.S. Equity	5.1%	5.0%	0.1%
Developed International Equity	14.9%	14.5%	0.4%
<b>Emerging Market Equity</b>	6.0%	6.0%	0.0%
US REITs	3.8%	4.0%	-0.2%
Global Equities Total	61.0%	60.0%	1.0%
<b>Total Assets</b>	100.0%	100.0%	0.0%

#### Overall Posture

### Not Time to Reach

- Few fat pitches
- Relative risk influenced by exogenous factors
- Absolute risk less attractive on full valuations

# Inflation Repeat

- Fundamental factors pushing risk of inflation acceleration up
- Geopolitical and political factor uncertainty

### Allocation Balance

• Confirm risk aligned with ability

# **Portfolios**

- Prioritize durable return
- Be mindful of inflation upside in allocations
- Lean on Alpha

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