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# 401k PORTFOLIO MAY 2018 UPDATE & NEWSLETTER





## May 2018 Newsletter



## 3% Yields Stuns Bulls

For the first three weeks in April, U.S. stocks rose as geopolitical tensions faded and investors turned to corporate earnings for guidance on future economic growth. Last week, however, the equity markets got spooked when we saw rising yields on the 10-year treasury reach 3.0% for the first time in four years. That and inflationary concerns accompanying higher commodity prices led to five days of stock declines in a row. After some late stabilization, the S&P 500 stands up for the month at + 1.1% MTD and slightly below flat at -0.138% YTD.

All of the EZTracker model portfolios were up on the month and they continue to outpace both the Morningstar Benchmarks and the S&P 500. As a result there are no changes to the EZTracker Aggressive, Moderate, or Conservative model portfolios for the coming month. For the Brokerage Portfolio, we are making one change found on page 3.



There is a lot going on in this turbulent market that will determine the direction of the EZTracker portfolios for the rest of the year. Below is a summary of the key issues that we are following:

## **Corporate Earnings**

In general, Q1 earnings for S&P 500 companies have been spectacular, with Q1 profit gains over 22%, "easily the best quarter in at least seven years" according to the Sevens Report. Moreover, over 79% of reporting companies have beaten Wall Street estimates. But the markets have not been impressed. Market pros worry that most of the earnings power already has been priced into the market and are focused on growth, looking ahead and wondering how corporate earnings can top themselves next year. Simply put, although strong earnings are important, future growth ultimately is what will drive stocks and multiples higher.



**Financials:** Bank earnings so far have been decent, with earnings beats by Citi, JPM, BofA, Goldman Sachs, American Express, and many others. Markets have not rewarded these positive reports however, possibly due to the perceived quality of the outperformance (ie tax benefits). With the recent rise in yields, however, the financial sector (XLF) has outperformed other sectors, gaining over 2.0% in April. Financials benefit from higher yields from the spread between what they pay savers and what they earn on loans and investments.

**Industrials:** Despite decent Q1 earnings performance, Industrials lagged toward the end of the month after Caterpillar's (CAT) management announced that the construction equipment giant did not expect to see further profit growth for the rest of the year. This doused cold water not only on CAT but also on the entire industrials and materials sector.

**Technology:** Toward the end of April, Technology earnings results materially outperformed with sector EPS up 22%. This was led by Facebook (FB, 63% EPS increase) and Microsoft (MSFT, beat estimates by 12%). Ultimately such earnings strength didn't translate into share price growth as the sector is down 1.85% for the month. Technology, however, still remains the 2nd strongest YTD of the 11 sectors tracked by Morningstar.

**Consumer Discretionary**: The Consumer Discretionary sector (XLY) has been one of the strongest performers over the last month, posting 2.96% growth during April. Sources of its momentum include Amazon (AMZN, Q1 earnings that blew past expectations by over 150%) and Netflix (NFLX, posting a 60% increase in EPS). The sector benefits from improving employment and a healthy housing market (as well as lower perceived personal income taxes) which lead to higher consumer spending on purchases outside of core consumer staples.

EZTracker's Brokerage Portfolio has exposure to three of the above-mentioned sectors, Financials, Technology and Consumer Discretionary.

#### **Bottom Line:**

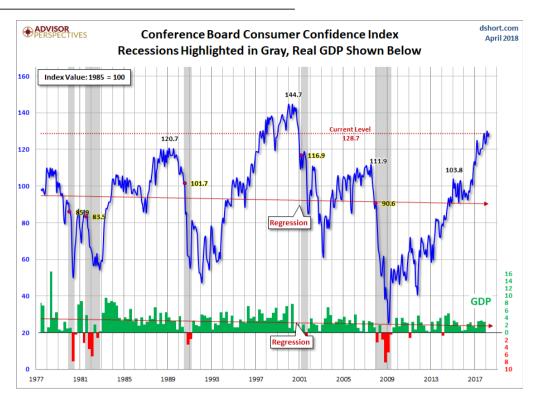
After the market fluctuations and fickleness of the past few months, and in the midst of an excellent earnings environment, U.S. stocks have ended up virtually flat, making runs at both highs and lows but failing to break out in either direction. Accompanying this market volatility, we've had more than a few calls and emails from you with the question: "What should I do?" Keep in mind that investing for your retirement is a long-term proposition. If increased volatility makes you nervous, take a look at how much risk you're taking with your 401k and other investments. Follow the model portfolio that best fits your comfort and ability to take risk. Only you can decide how much risk is right for you.

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# What We're Watching

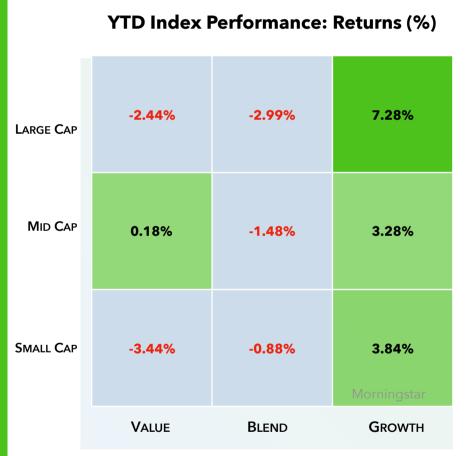
#### **Economic Data**

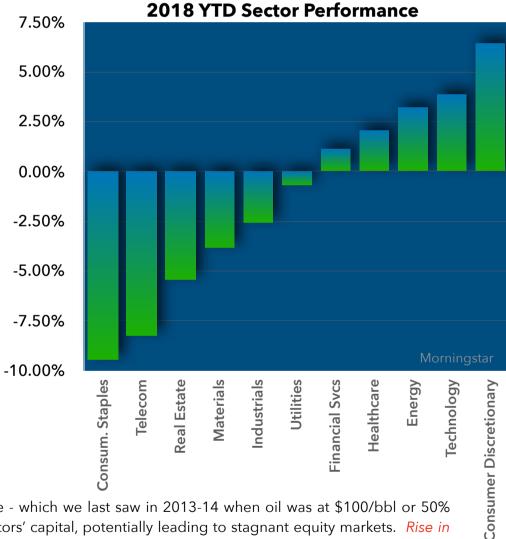
The latest batch of U.S. economic data points to a rosy picture. March new home sales rebounded to 694,000, a 4% increase over February. U.S. Consumer Confidence index continued to climb – to 128.7 in April from 127.0 in March – reaching near an 18-year high. Americans were more optimistic about their own finances and they think jobs are easy to find. "Overall, confidence levels remain strong and suggest that the economy will continue expanding at a solid pace in the months ahead," said Lynn Franco, Director of Economic Indicators at Conference Board. Friday's GDP Report had Q1 GDP up 2.3% vs a consensus estimate of 2.0% - the first time that a first quarter GDP beat economist expectations since 2008.



## **Sector Analysis**

Year-to-date, US equity sector performance continues to be mixed with material weakness continuing across all value and core sectors (small-cap, mid-cap, and large-cap), while all growth sectors (small-, mid-, and large-cap) continue to be in the black. *In many EZTracker model portfolios, we are weighted toward growth sectors to take advantage of this trend*.





#### **Fixed Income and Other Markets**

**Yield Curve and Rates:** 10-year yields have risen to the 3.00% range - which we last saw in 2013-14 when oil was at \$100/bbl or 50% more than today. At this yield, bonds compete with stocks for investors' capital, potentially leading to stagnant equity markets. *Rise in yields and the fall in prices is why EZTracker portfolios use Stable Value, Money Market, Floating Rate Notes and International Bonds rather than other bond options in the 401k.* Although the spread between 2-yr Treasuries and 10-yr Treasuries dipped earlier this month to 0.43% (a bearish indicator), it has recovered and is now back over 0.50%. A flatter yield curve signals expectations of slower long-term growth. An inversion (shorter term bonds' yield > longer term bonds) is considered to be a predictor of recession.

**Currencies:** The US Dollar is trading at its highest level since January. The main catalyst for US Dollar strength continues to be the rise in US Treasury yields. Put simply, higher yields on U.S. bonds, mutual funds and CD's make them more attractive for foreign investors. These investors need dollars to buy U.S. investments and must trade their currencies to get ahold of them.

**Oil:** Earlier in April, oil prices had been bolstered by the sense in the market that Trump will pull the U.S. out of a 2015 international accord to curb Iran's nuclear program, which would likely lead to sanctions and frustrate the region's oil output, reducing global supply. Oil prices then fell recently after Trump reversed course and signaled an interest in a new deal on Iran. West Texas Intermediate futures trading over \$68.

# Alaska Model Portfolios | May 2018 Newsletter

EZTracker provides four model portfolios for Alaska Airlines pilots; Aggressive, Moderate, Conservative & Brokerage. Each is designed for different investment needs and styles, as well as level of risk.

## **STEP 1:** Update Current Investments

Login to Fidelity NetBenefits by clicking here.

## **Current Subscribers:**



**Aggressive, Moderate & Conservative Portfolios:** 

There are no changes for this month

## **Brokerage Portfolio:**

Sell 100% KraneShares CSI China Internet (KWEB) to buy MSCI Information Technology Index (FTEC)

## **New Subscribers:**

Rebalance your 401k using the chart below for the portfolio you want to follow. If you need assistance, call our free help hotline at 201.503.6445.

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| EZTracker Model Portfolios               | Symbol | Aggressive | Moderate | Conservative | Brokerage | Buy Date        |
|--|--------|------------|----------|--------------|-----------|-----------------|
| MIP II CL 1 (Managed Income Portfolio II |        | 5%         | 30%      | 55%          |           | 1/2/18          |
| Fidelity 500 Index Inst                  | FXSIX  | 26%        | 23%      | 14%          |           | 1/2/18, 3/26/18 |
| JPMorgan Mid Cap Value-L                 | FLMVX  | 14%        | 10%      | 6%           |           | 1/2/18          |
| Baron Growth Fund-Inst                   | BGRIX  | 5%         |          |              |           | 1/2/18          |
| DFA US Small Cap Portfolio               | DFSTX  | 5%         | 4%       | 3%           |           | 1/2/18          |
| FIDELITY INTL INDEX-PREMIUM              | FSIVX  | 25%        | 18%      | 9%           |           | 3/26/18         |
| Blackrock Inflation Protected            | BPRIX  |            |          | 4%           |           | 1/2/18          |
| Fidelity Growth Co Pool                  |        | 20%        | 15%      | 9%           |           | 1/2/18          |
| iShares S&P 500 Index                    | IVV    |            |          |              | 28.4%     | 2/26/18         |
| iShares S&P MidCap 400 Index             | IJH    |            |          |              | 12.0%     | 2/26/18         |
| iShares Core MSCI International Stock    | IXUS   |            |          |              | 20.0%     | 2/26/18         |
| iShares Core MSCI Emerging Markets       | IEMG   |            |          |              | 7.6%      | 2/26/18         |
| MSCI Information Technology Index        | FTEC   |            |          |              | 8.5%      | 4/30/18         |
| MSCI Financial Index                     | FNCL   |            |          |              | 5.5%      | 2/26/18         |
| iShares S&P 500 Growth Index             | IVW    |            |          |              | 6.3%      | 2/26/18         |
| MSCI Consumer Discretionary Index        | FDIS   |            |          |              | 11.7%     | 3/26/18         |

\*These ETFs are not on the commission-free list at Fidelity. Commission charge is \$4.95

The EZTracker Brokerage Portfolio is a very aggressive approach for investors who want to invest in a wider range of market sectors and choices. Managing this portfolio will require more time and greater comfort with risk than the other **EZTracker** portfolios. We suggest this portfolio for more experienced, knowledgeable investors. See the Brokerage Portfolio ETF Data in the appendix section for a list of ETFs in this portfolio.

## **STEP 2:** Update Future Investment Elections

If you are adding cash to your 401k through payroll deductions, set your Future Contributions identical to your Current Investment in the above EZTracker Model Portfolio chart.

## Model Portfolios | May 2018 Newsletter

All the model portfolios consist of core holdings representing major market segments, plus top performers based on current market conditions. Some market conditions may cause us to deviate from the following indicative percentages.



## **Aggressive Portfolio:**

95-100% invested in equities. This is a high risk/high reward portfolio.

#### **Moderate Portfolio:**

70% invested in equities and 30% invested in bonds or Fidelity Managed Income Portfolio II Class I.

#### **Conservative Portfolio:**

40% invested in equities and 60% invested in bonds or Fidelity Managed Income Portfolio II Class I. This is our lowest risk portfolio.

## **Brokerage Portfolio:**

**Aggressive**: 95-100% invested in equities through the Brokerage Link and an expanded list of Fidelity ETF's. This is a high risk/high reward portfolio.

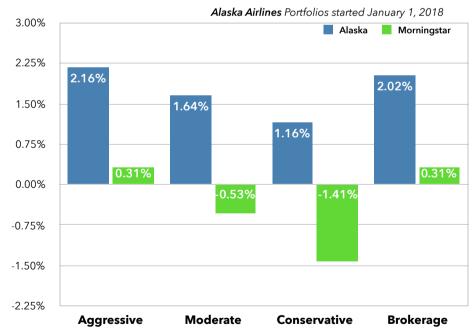
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## **Performance**

The **EZTracker** methodology used for **Alaska Airlines** is the same methodology (investing in the best performing funds) we've used since we began publishing in 2002. It has consistently delivered superior long-term results. While past performance is no guarantee of future results, our past performance validates this long-term investing philosophy.

| Current Performance Through<br>April 29, 2018 | MTD April * | YTD 2018  |  |
|---|-------------|-----------|--|
| EZTracker Aggressive                          | 2.16%       | 0.34%     |  |
| EZTracker Moderate                            | 1.64%       | 0.20%     |  |
| EZTracker Conservative                        | 1.16%       | 0.40%     |  |
| EZTracker Brokerage                           | 2.02%       | -3.21% ** |  |
| Morningstar Benchmarks                        |             |           |  |
| Aggressive Target Risk Index                  |             | 0.31%     |  |
| Moderate Target Risk Index                    |             | -0.53%    |  |
| Conservative Target Risk Index                |             | -1.20%    |  |
| S&P 500                                       |             | -0.14%    |  |

## **April 2018\* Total Return vs Morningstar Benchmarks**



## **Morningstar Target Risk Index**

The Morningstar Target Risk Index series serve as benchmarks to help with investment selections. They cover a global set of stocks, bonds and commodities. While not investable indices, they represent challenging benchmarks for long-term investing plans such as the **EZTracker** model portfolios.

#### **Historical Performance**

Any investment strategy should be measured one way: Results over time. Not one-week, one-month, not even one-year. While past performance is not a guarantee of future performance, our record has been excellent in delivering long-term returns. As with any long-term investing strategy, you should not expect dramatic short-term results to offset past losses.

# **Monthly Fund Data**

Below is the current fund performance for the alternatives in the **Alaska Airlines** 401k plan. The "Tracker Average" is a weighted average of performance over the past year and is a key factor in selecting funds for inclusion in the model portfolios.

| Fund  | Fund Symbol Total Returns |        |        |        |        | Tracker<br>Average |
|---|---------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------------------|
|   |                           | 1 MO   | 3 MO   | 6 MO   | 12 MO  |                    |
| FIDELITY GROWTH CO POOL                           |                           | 1.37%  | -4.55% | 9.23%  | 28.58% | 18.89%             |
| TRP New Horizons                                  | PRNHX                     | 0.94%  | -1.88% | 8.80%  | 21.87% | 16.22%             |
| FIDELITY CONTRAFUND K6                            | FLCNX                     | 2.76%  | -5.02% | 7.36%  | 22.84% | 15.24%             |
| BARON GROWTH FUND-INST                            | BGRIX                     | 1.44%  | -3.11% | 5.69%  | 14.27% | 9.98%              |
| American Funds EuroPacific Growth R6              | RERGX                     | 1.44%  | -5.82% | 3.57%  | 17.86% | 9.30%              |
| Fidelity International Index                      | FSIVX                     | 3.33%  | -5.54% | 3.93%  | 14.38% | 8.78%              |
| VANGUARD DIVIDEND GROWTH-INV                      | VDIGX                     | 3.33%  | -5.11% | 5.75%  | 12.03% | 8.73%              |
| Fidelity Extended Market Index                    | FSEVX                     | 2.13%  | -3.95% | 4.50%  | 12.05% | 8.03%              |
| FIDELITY LOW-PR STCK K6                           | FLKSX                     | 4.09%  | -4.50% | 7.30%  | 7.30%  | 7.74%              |
| FIDELITY 500 INDEX FD-IS                          | FXSIX                     | 2.32%  | -6.62% | 4.42%  | 13.94% | 7.67%              |
| FIDELITY FR INDX 2055-INV                         | FDEWX                     | 2.02%  | -5.72% | 3.68%  | 12.56% | 6.84%              |
| FIDELITY FR INDX 2060-INV                         | FDKLX                     | 1.98%  | -5.65% | 3.65%  | 12.55% | 6.83%              |
| FIDELITY FR INDX 2040-INV                         | FBIFX                     | 1.99%  | -5.72% | 3.65%  | 12.50% | 6.78%              |
| FIDELITY FR INDX 2050-INV                         | FIPFX                     | 1.97%  | -5.70% | 3.61%  | 12.52% | 6.76%              |
| FIDELITY FR INDX 2045-INV                         | FIOFX                     | 1.98%  | -5.73% | 3.63%  | 12.51% | 6.75%              |
| FIDELITY FR INDX 2035-INV                         | FIHFX                     | 1.90%  | -5.62% | 3.54%  | 12.32% | 6.62%              |
| Dodge & Cox Stock                                 | DODGX                     | 2.72%  | -7.89% | 4.60%  | 11.63% | 6.03%              |
| FIDELITY FR INDX 2030-INV                         | FXIFX                     | 1.55%  | -5.05% | 2.84%  | 10.53% | 5.39%              |
| DFA US SMALL CAP PORTFOLIO                        | DFSTX                     | 3.01%  | -4.11% | 2.51%  | 8.47%  | 5.39%              |
| JPMORGAN MID CAP VALUE-L                          | FLMVX                     | 2.77%  | -4.83% | 3.06%  | 7.25%  | 4.51%              |
| FIDELITY FR INDX 2025-INV                         | FQIFX                     | 1.27%  | -4.34% | 2.23%  | 8.79%  | 4.34%              |
| FIDELITY FR INDX 2020-INV                         | FPIFX                     | 1.16%  | -3.96% | 2.05%  | 7.96%  | 3.93%              |
| THIRD AVE REAL EST VAL-INST                       | TAREX                     | 0.81%  | -5.39% | 3.30%  | 7.97%  | 3.65%              |
| FIDELITY FR INDX 2015-INV                         | FLIFX                     | 0.94%  | -3.61% | 1.70%  | 7.04%  | 3.32%              |
| DODGE & COX INTL STCK                             | DODFX                     | 2.71%  | -9.00% | 1.51%  | 10.36% | 3.04%              |
| FIDELITY FR INDX 2010-INV                         | FKIFX                     | 0.71%  | -3.05% | 1.30%  | 5.84%  | 2.61%              |
| TEMPLETON GLOBAL BOND-R6                          | FBNRX                     | 1.82%  | 1.00%  | 0.63%  | 1.27%  | 2.58%              |
| FIDELITY FR INDX 2005-INV                         | FJIFX                     | 0.53%  | -2.55% | 0.88%  | 4.68%  | 1.93%              |
| FIDELITY CAPITAL & INCOME                         | FAGIX                     | 0.51%  | -2.74% | 0.22%  | 5.26%  | 1.78%              |
| MIP II CL I (Managed Income Portfolio II Class I) |                           | 0.14%  | 0.41%  | 0.78%  | 1.56%  | 1.58%              |
| Fidelity FDM IDX INC INV                          | FIKFX                     | 0.39%  | -1.92% | 0.51%  | 3.34%  | 1.27%              |
| FEDERATED US TREA CSH RSV-IS                      | UTIXX                     | 0.12%  | 0.31%  | 0.56%  | 1.04%  | 1.11%              |
| Blackrock Inflation Protected                     | BPRIX                     | -0.06% | -0.39% | 0.64%  | 0.47%  | 0.36%              |
| PIMCO Funds Total Return Institutional            | PTTRX                     | -0.86% | -1.36% | -1.66% | 0.50%  | -1.85%             |
| FIDELITY US BOND INDEX-INS                        | FXSTX                     | -0.66% | -1.47% | -1.86% | -0.49% | -2.45%             |

# Brokerage Portfolio ETF Data | Part I

The following Fidelity funds are used in the Brokerage Portfolio. These make use of the Fidelity Brokerage Link. This portfolio started February 25, 2018.

| Fidelity ETF Portfolio   | Symbol | 1 Mo            | 3 Мо             | 6 Mo   | 12 Mo  | Avg            |
|--|--------|-----------------|------------------|--------|--------|----------------|
| MSCI Energy Index  | FENY   | 10.03%          | -3.75%           | 11.88% | 11.80% | 16.34%         |
| MSCI Information Technology Index  | FTEC   | 1.54%           | -4.02%           | 6.40%  | 25.10% | 15.83%         |
| iShares S&P Latin America 40 Index   | ILF    | 1.75%           | -5.87%           | 8.10%  | 21.80% | 14.06%         |
| MSCI Consumer Discretionary Index  | FDIS   | 2.57%           | -4.89%           | 11.76% | 15.20% | 13.44%         |
| iShares MSCI EAFE Small Cap Index  | SCZ    | 2.19%           | -4.71%           | 6.93%  | 19.96% | 13.29%         |
| iShares MSCI China Index   | MCHI   | -1.99%          | -12.72%          | 4.08%  | 33.13% | 12.27%         |
| iShares S&P 500 Growth Index   | IVW    | 1.95%           | -5.44%           | 6.22%  | 18.29% | 11.47%         |
| iShares Core Russell US Growth   | IUSG   | 1.96%           | -5.35%           | 6.22%  | 18.03% | 11.38%         |
| iShares Small Cap 600 Growth   | IJT    | 2.33%           | -3.33%           | 6.05%  | 13.28% | 10.86%         |
| ·  |        |                 |                  |        |        |                |
| iShares MSCI Japan Index<br>iShares DJ EPAC Select Dividend Index            | EWJ    | 2.58%           | -6.02%           | 4.74%  | 18.18% | 10.63%         |
|  | IDV    | 4.87%           | -3.72%           | 5.07%  | 12.40% | 10.16%         |
| iShares S&P SmallCap 600 Index Fund  | IJR    | 3.06%           | -1.99%           | 5.13%  | 12.42% | 10.16%         |
| iShares Russell Microcap Index   | IWC    | 2.49%           | -1.57%           | 4.29%  | 13.22% | 10.05%         |
| iShares FTSE Global Real Estate ex-US  | IFGL   | 3.08%           | -4.23%           | 7.17%  | 12.15% | 9.91%          |
| iShares Core MSCI EAFE   | IEFA   | 3.21%           | -5.52%           | 4.42%  | 15.32% | 9.51%          |
| iShares Core MSCI Pacific  | IPAC   | 2.07%           | -5.92%           | 4.52%  | 16.69% | 9.48%          |
| iShares MSCI EAFE Minimum Volatility   | EFAV   | 2.17%           | -2.79%           | 4.46%  | 13.19% | 9.29%          |
| MSCI Financial Index   | FNCL   | 2.11%           | -6.69%           | 4.26%  | 17.13% | 9.17%          |
| iShares MSCI All Country Asia ex Jpn Idx                                     | AAXJ   | -0.07%          | -8.37%           | 3.63%  | 21.59% | 9.16%          |
| iShares Core MSCI International Stock  | IXUS   | 2.35%           | -6.33%           | 4.20%  | 16.32% | 9.02%          |
| iShares Small Cap 600 Value  | IJS    | 3.90%           | -2.39%           | 3.92%  | 11.10% | 9.01%          |
| iShares Core MSCI Europe   | IEUR   | 3.73%           | -5.60%           | 3.97%  | 14.33% | 8.96%          |
| iShares Emerging Mkts. Minimum Volatility                                    | EEMV   | 0.23%           | -6.08%           | 5.86%  | 16.29% | 8.89%          |
| iShares Core MSCI Emerging Markets   | IEMG   | -0.40%          | -8.73%           | 4.64%  | 20.69% | 8.84%          |
| KraneShares CSI China Internet   | KWEB   | -4.66%          | -14.65%          | 5.38%  | 30.00% | 8.77%          |
| iShares MSCI EAFE Growth Index   | EFG    | 2.41%           | -5.44%           | 3.45%  | 14.96% | 8.40%          |
| iShares MSCI EAFE Value Index Fund   | EFV    | 4.30%           | -6.01%           | 3.86%  | 12.86% | 8.19%          |
| iShares MSCI ACWI Index  | ACWI   | 2.42%           | -6.62%           | 4.13%  | 14.94% | 8.11%          |
| iShares Emerging Mkts Small Cap  | EEMS   | 0.63%           | -7.79%           | 5.45%  | 16.57% | 8.10%          |
| iShares S&P Europe 350   | IEV    | 4.09%           | -5.70%           | 3.29%  | 12.98% | 7.99%          |
| iShares Core S&P Total US Stock Market                                       | ITOT   | 2.31%           | -6.11%           | 4.53%  | 13.64% | 7.83%          |
| iShares MSCU Frontier 100 Index  | FM     | -3.36%          | -7.38%           | 5.61%  | 19.30% | 7.73%          |
| iShares S&P 500 Index  | IVV    | 2.31%           | -6.59%           | 4.43%  | 13.93% | 7.68%          |
| iShares Russell 3000 Index Fund  | IWV    | 2.26%           | -6.15%           | 4.32%  | 13.41% | 7.55%          |
| MSCI Health Care Index   | FHLC   | 3.64%           | -7.66%           | 3.72%  | 13.85% | 7.39%          |
| iShares S&P MidCap 400 Growth Index  | IJK    | 1.08%           | -5.00%           | 4.59%  | 12.57% | 7.22%          |
| iShares S&P MidCap 400 Index   | IJH    | 2.33%           | -4.79%           | 3.72%  | 9.86%  | 6.07%          |
| iShares Core Dividend Growth   | DGRO   | 1.94%           | -7.70%           | 3.46%  | 13.08% | 5.88%          |
| iShares MSCI US Minimum Volatility   | USMV   | 2.11%           | -4.90%           | 2.49%  | 10.01% | 5.29%          |
| •  | IGOV   | -2.90%          | -4.90%           | 4.34%  | 8.97%  |                |
| S&P/Citigroup International Treasury Bond  iShares Minimum Volatility Global | ACWV   | -2.90%<br>1.30% | -1.85%<br>-4.91% | 2.40%  | 9.71%  | 4.67%<br>4.64% |
| iShares Minimum Volatility Global  |        |                 |                  |        |        |                |
| iShares S&P MidCap 400 Value Index   | IJJ    | 3.65%           | -4.59%           | 2.59%  | 6.57%  | 4.48%          |
| iShares Core Russell US Value  | IUSV   | 2.86%           | -7.53%           | 2.47%  | 8.70%  | 3.55%          |
| iShares S&P 500 Value Index  | IVE    | 2.75%           | -7.84%           | 2.40%  | 8.78%  | 3.32%          |
| MSCI Utilities Index   | FUTY   | 3.47%           | 2.51%            | -3.89% | 3.90%  | 3.27%          |
| iShares Core Intl. Aggregate Bond  | IAGG   | 0.13%           | 1.15%            | 1.57%  | 2.58%  | 2.96%          |
| iShares S&P India Nifty 50   | INDY   | 3.41%           | -8.14%           | 0.19%  | 9.37%  | 2.63%          |
| iShares 0-5 HY Corporate Bond  | SHYG   | 0.89%           | -0.06%           | 0.69%  | 3.03%  | 2.48%          |
| iShares Floating Rate Note   | FLOT   | 0.31%           | 0.53%            | 0.98%  | 1.91%  | 2.03%          |
| MSCI Industrials Index   | FIDU   | -0.11%          | -8.92%           | 1.18%  | 10.33% | 1.36%          |

# Brokerage Portfolio ETF Data | Part II

The following Fidelity funds are used in the Brokerage Portfolio. These make use of the Fidelity Brokerage Link. This portfolio started February 25, 2018.

| Fidelity ETF Portfolio                     | Symbol | 1 Mo   | 3 Мо    | 6 Mo   | 12 Mo  | Avg     |
|--|--------|--------|---------|--------|--------|---------|
| MSCI Materials Index                       | FMAT   | 2.69%  | -9.09%  | -1.36% | 9.81%  | 1.12%   |
| iShares Short Treasury Bond                | SHV    | 0.13%  | 0.32%   | 0.55%  | 0.95%  | 1.06%   |
| iShares iBoxx \$ High Yield Corporate Bond | HYG    | 0.85%  | -1.07%  | -0.62% | 2.29%  | 0.79%   |
| iShares Emerging Mkts. Dividend            | DVYE   | -1.90% | -8.91%  | 1.39%  | 10.29% | 0.48%   |
| iShares 0-5 Year TIPS Bond                 | STIP   | -0.06% | 0.19%   | 0.22%  | 0.31%  | 0.36%   |
| Cash/Money Market                          |        | 0.01%  | 0.00%   | 0.00%  | 0.00%  | 0.01%   |
| iShares Global Gold Miners                 | RING   | 2.81%  | -7.61%  | 2.16%  | 2.57%  | -0.04%  |
| iShares Barclays TIPS Bond                 | TIP    | 0.00%  | -0.47%  | 0.22%  | 0.18%  | -0.04%  |
| iShares High Dividend Equity               | HDV    | 2.09%  | -8.70%  | 0.75%  | 5.66%  | -0.11%  |
| iShares Global Silver Miners               | SLVP   | 4.11%  | -3.89%  | 1.62%  | -2.53% | -0.37%  |
| Ishares 0-5 year Investment Grade Corp.    | SLQD   | 0.05%  | -0.37%  | -0.77% | 0.37%  | -0.39%  |
| iShares Barclays 1-3 Year Treasury Bond    | SHY    | -0.15% | -0.08%  | -0.59% | -0.42% | -0.67%  |
| Shares S&P U.S. Preferred Stock Index      | PFF    | -0.36% | -0.72%  | -1.06% | 0.40%  | -0.94%  |
| Fidelity Limited Term Bond                 | FLTB   | -0.10% | -0.55%  | -1.14% | -0.26% | -1.12%  |
| iShares S&P National Municipal Bond        | MUB    | -0.58% | -1.11%  | -1.38% | 0.92%  | -1.17%  |
| iShares Core Short-Term US Bond            | ISTB   | -0.24% | -0.55%  | -1.14% | -0.30% | -1.22%  |
| iShares Barclays Agency Bond               | AGZ    | -0.68% | -0.69%  | -1.26% | -0.58% | -1.75%  |
| iShares MBS Bond                           | MBB    | -0.37% | -0.96%  | -1.58% | -0.52% | -1.87%  |
| Fidelity MSCI Real Estate                  | FREL   | 2.85%  | -2.74%  | -2.74% | -1.01% | -1.99%  |
| Fidelity Total Bond                        | FBND   | -0.42% | -1.65%  | -1.54% | -0.37% | -2.17%  |
| iShares Core Total USD Bond Market         | IUSB   | -0.56% | -1.53%  | -1.78% | -0.25% | -2.25%  |
| iShares Barclays Intermediate Govt/Credit  | GVI    | -0.40% | -0.91%  | -1.75% | -1.07% | -2.26%  |
| MSCI Telecommunication Services            | FCOM   | 4.94%  | -4.99%  | -1.03% | -3.33% | -2.40%  |
| iShares Barclays Agg Bond                  | AGG    | -0.62% | -1.55%  | -1.89% | -0.48% | -2.47%  |
| iShares US Treasury Bond                   | GOVT   | -0.80% | -1.09%  | -1.77% | -1.37% | -2.75%  |
| iShares Barclays 3-7 Year Treasury Bond    | IEI    | -0.75% | -0.84%  | -2.09% | -1.88% | -3.03%  |
| iShares JPMorgan USD Emerging Mkts Bond    | EMB    | -0.96% | -3.90%  | -2.66% | 0.47%  | -3.85%  |
| iShares Barclays 20 Year Treasury Bond     | TLT    | -1.53% | -3.20%  | -2.32% | -0.15% | -3.92%  |
| iShares iBoxx\$ Invst Grd Cp Bd            | LQD    | -0.77% | -3.53%  | -3.10% | 0.16%  | -3.95%  |
| iShares Barclays 7-10 Year Treasury Bond   | IEF    | -1.20% | -1.62%  | -3.11% | -2.81% | -4.77%  |
| MSCI Consumer Staples Index                | FSTA   | -1.35% | -12.87% | -2.89% | -5.30% | -12.23% |



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