

## Fund Overview

A conservatively managed equity and fixed-income portfolio offering long-term investors disciplined asset allocation and ESG integration.

## Investment Process

Asset allocation, bottom-up security selection

## Investment Style

Balanced

## Benchmark

Blended Index<sup>1</sup>

## Asset Allocation (%)<sup>7</sup>

	Fund
<b>Equity</b>	<b>64.4</b>
Pax Large Cap Fund <sup>k</sup>	40.9
Pax ESG Beta <sup>®</sup> Dividend Fund <sup>k</sup>	7.3
Pax Mid Cap Fund	8.4
Pax MSCI International ESG Index Fund	7.8
<b>Fixed Income</b>	<b>34.4</b>
Pax Core Bond Fund <sup>k</sup>	34.4
<b>Cash &amp; Other</b>	<b>1.2</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>k</sup>Inception 12/16/16

## Portfolio Investment Team

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## Performance and Portfolio Update

- The Fund underperformed its benchmark (60% S&P 500 Index / 40% Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index)<sup>1</sup> during the first quarter, primarily due to performance weakness in the large-cap equity portion of the Fund.
- From an asset allocation perspective, the Fund's overweight to equities and underweight to bonds helped performance as equities outperformed bonds during the period. The allocation to non-U.S. Developed Market stocks contributed positively to performance as the MSCI EAFE Index<sup>2</sup> modestly outperformed the S&P 500 Index<sup>3</sup>. Conversely, the Fund's allocation to mid-cap stocks detracted from performance as larger-cap stocks were the dominant performers during the period.
- The Pax Large Cap Fund underperformed the S&P 500 Index largely due to stock selection in the Healthcare and Technology sectors, and the Pax ESG Beta Dividend Fund underperformed the Russell 1000 Index<sup>4</sup> in an environment where dividends and higher quality factors underperformed. The Pax Mid Cap Fund underperformed the Russell Midcap Index<sup>5</sup> primarily due to an underweight to the Healthcare sector and overweight to Energy. The Pax MSCI International ESG Index Fund modestly outperformed the MSCI EAFE Index during the period. The Pax Core Bond Fund slightly underperformed the Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index.<sup>6</sup>
- In our view, U.S. equities continue to look expensive from a valuation perspective. The forward price-to-earnings ratio on the S&P 500 Index remains at levels not seen since 2007. To date, we have not seen any new policy changes come out of Washington in terms of tax cuts, infrastructure spending or a new healthcare program. We continue to believe the market has discounted a lot of the potential positives of any new policy changes. Considering the valuation risks and policy uncertainty, we remain cautious on equities and have reduced equity exposure.
- Year-to-date, the weakening dollar has been a tailwind for international developed markets. If this trend continues, it could bode well for the Fund's underlying holding in the Pax MSCI International ESG Index Fund. The Fund outperformed the U.S. market (S&P 500 Index) during the quarter, unlike last year when the strong dollar negatively impacted the Fund's international developed markets exposure.

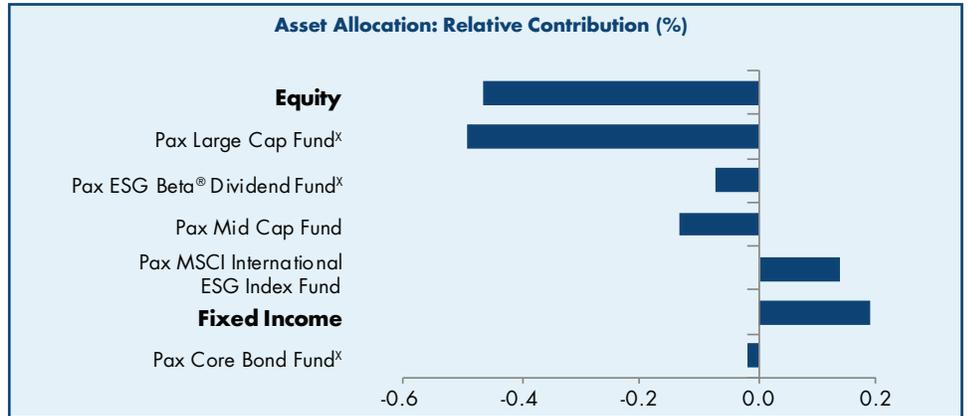
## Returns (%)<sup>8</sup>

As of March 31, 2017

	Average Annual Returns (%)						
	3-month	YTD	1-year	3-year	5-year	10-Year	Since Inception
Pax Balanced Fund							
Individual Investor Class (PAXWX) (Inception Date: 8/10/71)	3.54	3.54	8.71	5.18	6.90	4.27	8.29
Institutional Class (PAXIX) (Inception Date: 4/2/07) <sup>9</sup>	3.58	3.58	8.96	5.44	7.17	4.53	8.35
Blended Index	3.95	3.95	10.26	7.38	8.94	6.52	—
Lipper Mixed-Asset Target Allocation Growth Funds Index <sup>10</sup>	5.07	5.07	12.39	5.71	8.55	5.60	—

**Performance data quoted represents past performance, which does not guarantee future results. Investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. To obtain performance for the most recent month-end call 800.767.1729 or visit [www.paxworld.com](http://www.paxworld.com).**

Effective 12/16/2016, the Pax Balanced Fund Net Annual Fund Operating Expense ratio including acquired Fund Fees and net fee waivers or reimbursements for the Institutional Share Class is **0.66%**, the Total Annual Fund Operating Expense ratio including acquired Fund Fees and gross fee waivers or reimbursements is **0.67%**. The Pax Balanced Fund Net Annual Fund Operating Expense ratio including acquired Fund Fees and net fee waivers or reimbursements for the Individual Investor Share Class is **0.91%**, the Total Annual Fund Operating Expense ratio including acquired Fund Fees and gross fee waivers or reimbursements is **0.92%**.



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<sup>x</sup> The Inception date of the Pax Large Cap Fund, Pax ESG Beta Dividend Fund and Pax Core Bond Fund is December 16, 2016.

**RISKS:** The Pax Balanced Fund is a fund-of-funds. The funds' allocations may change due to market fluctuations and other factors. Equity investments are subject to market fluctuations, the fund's share price can fall because of weakness in the broad market, a particular industry, or specific holdings. Yield and share price will vary with changes in interest rates and market conditions. Investors should note that if interest rates rise significantly from current levels, bond fund total returns will decline and may even turn negative in the short term. Mortgage related securities tend to become more sensitive to interest rate changes as interest rates rise, increasing their volatility. There is also a chance that some of the fund's holdings may have their credit rating downgraded or may default. Investments in smaller companies generally will experience greater price volatility. Emerging market and international investments involve risk of capital loss from unfavorable fluctuations in currency values, differences in generally accepted accounting principles, economic or political instability in other nations or increased volatility and lower trading volume.

- <sup>1</sup> The Blended Index is comprised of 60% S&P 500 Index and 40% Bloomberg Barclays Capital U.S. Aggregate Bond Index. One cannot invest directly in an index.
- <sup>2</sup> The MSCI EAFE (Europe, Australasia, Far East) (Net) Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed markets, excluding the U.S. and Canada. The MSCI EAFE Index consists of the following 21 developed market country indices: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom. Performance for the MSCI EAFE Index is shown "net," which includes dividend reinvestments after deduction of foreign withholding tax. One cannot invest directly in an index.
- <sup>3</sup> Standard & Poor's 500 Stock Index is an unmanaged index of large capitalization common stocks.
- <sup>4</sup> The Russell 1000 Index measures the performance of the 1,000 largest U.S. companies, as measured by market capitalization. It is a subset of the Russell 3000 Index, which measures the largest 3,000 companies. The Russell 1000 Index is comprised of over 90% of the total market capitalization of all listed U.S. stocks. One cannot invest directly in an index.
- <sup>5</sup> The Russell Midcap Index measures performance of the mid-capitalization sector of the US equity market. The index is a float-adjusted, capitalization-weighted index of the 800 smallest issuers in the Russell 1000 Index. The index is a subset of the Russell 1000 Index and serves as the underlying index for the Russell Midcap Growth and Value Index series. The Index is reconstituted annually. One cannot invest directly in any index.
- <sup>6</sup> Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index represents securities that are U.S. domestic, taxable and dollar denominated. The index covers the U.S. investment grade fixed rate bond market, with index components for government and corporate securities and asset-backed securities. One cannot invest directly in an index.
- <sup>7</sup> Average from 12/31/16 to 3/31/17.
- <sup>8</sup> Figures include reinvested dividends, capital gains distributions, and changes in principal value.
- <sup>9</sup> The performance information shown for Institutional Class shares represents the performance of the Individual Investor Class shares for the period prior to Institutional Class inception (April 2, 2007). Expenses have not been adjusted to reflect the expenses allocable to Institutional Class shares. If such expenses were reflected, the returns would be higher than those shown. Institutional Class shares average annual return since April 2, 2007 is 4.50% (annualized).
- <sup>10</sup> The Lipper Mixed-Asset Target Allocation Growth Funds Index tracks the results of the 30 largest mutual funds in the Lipper Mixed-Asset Target Allocation Growth Funds Average. The Lipper Mixed-Asset Target Allocation Growth Funds Average is a total return performance average of mutual funds tracked by Lipper, Inc. whose primary objective is to conserve principal by maintaining, at all times a mix of between 60%-80% equity securities, with the remainder invested in bonds, cash, and cash equivalents. The Lipper Mixed-Asset Target Allocation Growth Funds Index is not what is typically considered to be an "index" because it tracks the performance of other mutual funds rather than changes in the value of a group of securities, a securities index or some other traditional economic indicator. One cannot invest directly in an index.

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