HOUSTON JEWISH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

MARCH 2025

Investment Pool	MTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception*
HJCF Index Growth Composite*	***-2.30%***	***0.12%***	***5.86%***	***3.94%***	***9.30%***	***7.19%***
Index Growth Benchmark	*-2.53%*	*-0.30%*	*5.44%*	*4.47%*	*9.29%*	*7.29%*
HJCF Growth Composite*	***-1.85%***	***0.65%***	***5.59%***	***4.46%***	***10.56%***	***6.84%***
Growth Benchmark	*-1.77%*	*0.88%*	*6.43%*	*3.67%*	*9.44%*	*6.38%*
HJCF Aggressive Growth Composite*	***-2.56%***	***0.46%***	***6.29%***	***5.25%***	***13.29%***	***8.07%***
Aggressive Growth Benchmark	*-2.49%*	*0.01%*	*6.55%*	*4.45%*	*12.32%*	*7.74%*
HJCF Conservative Balanced Composite*	***-0.54%***	***0.98%***	***4.81%***	***3.51%***	***4.59%***	***3.27%***
Conservative Balanced Benchmark	*-0.43%*	*1.16%*	*5.41%*	*3.64%*	*4.48%*	*3.24%*
HJCF Cash Management Composite*	***0.30%***	***0.99%***	***4.80%***	***4.11%***	***2.44%***	***2.30%***
Cash Management Benchmark	*0.37%*	*1.10%*	*5.17%*	*4.42%*	*2.69%*	*2.55%*

KEY OBSERVATIONS (UPDATED QUARTERLY)

Overview

- Markets shifted tone and investors grew more anxious of the current economic environment as foreign trade policy took hold with the Trump administration's announcement of a 10% universal tariff and additional tariffs on various countries. Consumer confidence fell, touching levels last seen in 2021, as the risk of recession grew and inflation remains elevated. Recent economic projections suggest the Fed may be comfortable maintaining their current restrictive policy stance.
- International equities outpaced domestic by a substantial margin during the first quarter as fragile markets began to crack. MSCI EAFE beat the S&P 500 by the widest margin since Q2 2002. Non-U.S. benefited from easing policy in Europe, increased defense spending and renewed economic policy efforts in China.

Fixed Income

- Fixed income markets were positive as interest rates declined during the quarter. Growing concerns regarding the U.S. economy pushed investors to seek "safe haven" assets, fueling the move lower in rates. The Bloomberg U.S. Agg Bond Index returned 2.8% during the quarter. The Federal Reserve held rates steady at both the January and March meetings.
- Market volatility trickled into the corporate credit market during the period with widening spreads as investors digested the potential impact of policy announcements on corporate fundamentals. Valuations still appear elevated.

Equities & Real Assets

- U.S. equity markets came under pressure in the quarter. The S&P 500 fell 4.3% while the Russell 2000 declined 9.5%. Evolving trade policy (i.e., tariffs) and other government actions drove uncertainty and reduced optimism.
- It was a strong quarter for non-U.S. markets with both MSCI EAFE and MSCI EM producing positive returns. Europe was particularly strong, posting a double-digit return, benefiting from comparatively stable economic policies to the U.S.
- Commodities were among the strongest asset classes during the period benefiting from robust precious metal performance and strong energy returns.
- REITs generated a positive return, benefitting from the declining interest rate environment. More defensive areas, such as health care and infrastructure, outperformed.

KEY OVER/UNDER WEIGHTS

- Within the equity segment of the portfolio there is a slight underweight to U.S. Equities compared to the MSCI All-Cap World Index.

PORTFOLIO CHANGES (1Q REVIEW)

- Natural cash flows have kept the portfolios on target. 2025 Capital Market Assumptions were implemented in Q1 2025.

**07/01/19 Inception for Conservative Balanced, 09/01/18 Inception for Cash Management, 07/01/16 Inception for Indexed Growth & 11/01/16 Inception for all other pools.*
***All returns and performance metrics are net of investment consultant fees & investment manager fees and do not include HJCF administrative fees or expenses*