

### LOGAN HIGH QUALITY BALANCED PORTFOLIOS Q4 | 2022 REVIEW<sup>1</sup>

#### MARKET ENVIRONMENT

##### Equity

The stock market's performance for the year just ended was a play with several acts, many of them unpleasant for many investors. According to Ned Davis Research, 2022 witnessed eight S&P 500 pullbacks of at least 5% and three corrections of at least 10%, which are both about three times the yearly average going back almost one hundred years. The list of obstacles confronting equity investors during the year seemed endless. To name just a few, there was the war in Ukraine and the derivative consequences stemming from it including volatile oil prices, inflation pressures throughout the economy (with the CPI hitting a forty year high of 9.1%), the continued though lessening impact of Covid, surprising U.S. election results, the fastest Fed rate raising cycle since 1980, and increasing concerns that those rate hikes and higher interest rates generally (e.g., mortgage rates exceeded 7% for the first time in two decades, according to Bloomberg) will lead

to a recession.

Value stocks fared well in both the fourth quarter and full year, and the Portfolio's focus on companies with relatively high dividend yields, solid balance sheets, and large market capitalization served investors well. At some point inflationary pressures may subside enough to have the Fed reverse course on interest rates. At that point we would expect equity markets to respond favorably for more than just a fleeting few weeks. However, we do not know when that will be, nor do we know if the economy is destined for a soft landing or a significant recession. Thus, our fallback position is simply to continue investing in large, financially stable, quality companies that can survive well in rough waters, and provide our investors with a handsome dividend yield as we await calmer seas. We believe that quality matters when it matters most.

As for the growth component of the Logan High Quality Balanced portfolio, The end of "free" money has been more of a challenge

for businesses based solely on "ideas" than it has been for companies based on solid products, an innovative spirit, and the ability to understand their customer's needs. We believe that the end of "ideas" companies – which in some cases were creating pricing challenges for themselves – will help improve profitability for those companies that can execute in challenging times and have the resources to do so. While the markets have been challenging across many asset classes, our team sees significant opportunities for active investors as the economy and the business environment change. When we look at those companies that performed well during the quarter, they tend to be the ones that have been able to take advantage of technology, loyal customers who value what they do, strong balance sheets, and a solid long-term plan to gain market share and emerge from the current environment in a stronger position. One of the management teams put it best on their recent quarterly call when they said, "Our headwinds are transitory, and our tailwinds are structural."

<sup>1</sup>LOGAN HQB results discussed herein should be read in conjunction with the attached performance and disclosures

As we navigate an increasingly uncertain economic landscape, we believe the Logan High Quality Balanced portfolio's healthy balance of attractive value stocks and innovative growth companies is well positioned for a variety of market outcomes.

### Fixed Income

As of this writing, the bond market is still not reflective the Federal Reserve's commitment to lowering inflation back to their 2.0% target and the need for clear evidence of easing price pressures.

At the last Fed meeting on December 14, Chair Powell declined to repeat the statement that it is better to do too much than too little. Still, he was quite clear that the Fed's intention is to maintain restrictive policy for quite some time, and the discussion of core service inflation, labor force dynamics, and missing workers was arguably hawkish. One reason the FOMC wants to slow its tightening pace is to avoid cutting rates too soon, because cutting rates too early is a big mistake when fighting inflation, and raising rates too far is a primary cause of cutting rates too early.

When asked about the rate cuts being priced into the market, Chair Powell said in a response to a question that officials at the Fed were not even pondering yet the idea of easing ahead.

"Our focus right now is really on moving our

policy stance to one that is restrictive enough to ensure a return of inflation to our 2.0% goal over time," Powell said. "It's not on rate cuts. I wouldn't see us considering rate cuts until the committee is confident that inflation is moving down to 2.0%."

The biggest question is whether inflation will drop without further help from the Fed? Currently we are observing:

- Favorable seasonal adjustments
- Improved global supply chains
- Discounts at retailers to clear excess inventory
- A downturn in interest rate sensitive sectors (housing)
- Lower energy prices

### PORTFOLIO REVIEW

#### Treasuries

Treasury yields peaked in late October, fell through early December before rebounding to end the period. The biggest source of movement was the October CPI release in November which was less than expected. The bond market started to price a quicker conclusion to the Fed's tightening program and possibly a quicker pivot to easing. We expect the front end of the yield curve to rally in the intermediate term before the Fed officially changes direction.

#### Corporates

We expect wider spread levels in the New

Year, given weaker global growth expectations due to a reduction in corporate profits. After spreads widened significantly the first three quarters of 2022, we observed a reversal throughout the final period of the year which has led to the sector being additive to performance. The slowdown in Fed hiking and general decrease in uncertainty surrounding the economy helped reverse the direction of spreads. New issuance slowed to end the year due to market volatility, but we expect it to pick up considerably in January 2023.

#### Municipals

State and local government credit remains strong and is strengthened by high levels of reserves and strong tax collections. These strong fundamentals combine with the outflows we have seen in the mutual fund space to keep yields relatively high while the general credit of the sector remains strong. We expect the sector to perform well in the year ahead.

#### Oil

After been quite volatile in October and November, we have seen prices increase at the end of the period due to both a weaker dollar and declining stockpiles, while China is easing their Covid-19 restrictions. The weakening of the dollar makes most commodities more attractive for overseas buyers. Supply will continue to be constrained due to OPEC+ output cuts as

well as Western sanctions against Russia. Investors anticipate a continued increase in the price of oil as Chinese demand increases and less Russian crude makes it to global buyers.

## PORTFOLIO OUTLOOK

How sensitive is our economy to the Fed's increases in rates? A higher level of household debt, higher servicing costs, as well as a larger proportion of variable rate mortgages to fixed rate mortgages tends to indicate an economy more sensitive to interest rate hikes. Borrowing costs are expected to remain elevated for an extended period until policymakers are more confident that price pressures are on a sustained downward trend.

Treasuries are expected to rebound in 2023 following the dismal performance in 2022. If a bull steepening occurs (a rally in the front end due to anticipated rate cuts), the curve will move towards an "uninverted" shape, something we have not seen since early July 2022. If the Fed recalibrates its terminal policy rate above 5.0%, the front end will remain at an elevated rate following the Fed's "higher for longer" theme. The Fed has repeated its determination to do what it takes to bring inflation down. Investors are watching to see if the Fed has the resolve to maintain its goal in the face of rising unemployment this coming year.

We expect to learn a lot in the first half of 2023.

Thank you for your continued confidence and investment in the Logan High Quality Balanced portfolio. As always, please call or email if you have any questions.

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U.S. TREASURY YIELDS	12/31/2021	3/31/2022	6/30/2022	9/30/2022	12/31/2022	YTD Change
2 YR	0.726%	2.286%	2.931%	4.200%	4.420%	-3.693%
3 YR	0.955%	2.464%	2.978%	4.210%	4.236%	-3.281%
5 YR	1.265%	2.422%	3.001%	4.040%	4.004%	-2.739%
7 YR	1.436%	2.404%	3.035%	3.940%	3.968%	-2.532%
10 YR	1.512%	2.324%	2.975%	3.800%	3.878%	-2.366%
20 YR	1.935%	2.598%	3.382%	4.070%	4.142%	-2.206%
30 YR	1.905%	2.453%	3.121%	3.770%	3.970%	-2.065%
10S MINUS 2S	78.6bps	3.7bps	4.4bps	-40bps	-54.2bps	

Source: FactSet

**Logan Capital Management, Inc.**  
**Performance Disclosure Results**  
**High Quality Balanced Non-Taxable Composite**  
**September 30, 2005 through December 31, 2022**

Year	Total Return		50% S&P 50%	Number of Accounts	Composite Dispersion Gross of Fees	Composite 3- Yr Gross Std Dev	50% S&P 50%		Composite 3- Yr Gross Sharpe Ratio	Assets in Composite (\$millions)	% of Firm Assets	Firm Assets (\$millions)
	Total Return Net of Fees	Pure Gross of Fees	BC Int Govt Credit				BC Int Govt Credit 3-Yr Gross Std Dev					
2022	-14.8%	-12.2%	-12.7%	5	N.M.	12.1%	13.2%	0.3	\$7	0.3%	\$2,261	
2021	11.2%	14.6%	12.9%	5	1.6%	9.3%	10.0%	1.5	\$9	0.3%	\$2,635	
2020	8.9%	12.1%	13.1%	8	2.2%	9.6%	9.4%	0.9	\$24	1.1%	\$2,240	
2019	14.0%	17.4%	18.8%	9	3.7%	6.1%	5.9%	1.5	\$28	1.3%	\$2,050	
2018	-2.8%	0.1%	-1.5%	8	0.7%	6.5%	5.2%	0.9	\$22	1.5%	\$1,431	
2017	11.6%	14.9%	11.6%	7	1.2%	6.9%	4.8%	1.1	\$12	0.8%	\$1,590	
2016	3.9%	7.0%	7.1%	11	0.6%	7.5%	5.2%	0.8	\$18	1.3%	\$1,401	
2015	0.3%	3.3%	1.5%	10	0.2%	7.1%	5.3%	1.4	\$15	1.1%	\$1,398	
2014	4.3%	7.4%	8.4%	6	0.3%	6.6%	4.7%	1.8	\$10	0.6%	\$1,816	
2013	16.1%	19.5%	14.7%	7	2.0%	7.7%	6.0%	1.5	\$11	0.5%	\$2,061	
2012	5.3%	8.4%	9.9%	6	0.5%	9.6%	7.3%	1.1	\$9	0.5%	\$1,932	

**Annualized Returns (December 31, 2022)**

YTD is not annualized

Year	Total Return Net of Fees	Total Return PureGross of Fees	50% S&P 50% BC Int Govt Credit
YTD	-14.8%	-12.2%	-12.7%
3 Year	1.1%	4.1%	3.7%
5 Year	2.7%	5.8%	5.5%
10 Year	4.9%	8.0%	7.0%
Since Inception <sup>†</sup>	4.2%	7.3%	6.2%

<sup>†</sup>Inception 09/30/2005

N.M. - Information is not statistically meaningful due to an insufficient number of portfolios.



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The composite contains accounts within +/- 20% of a 50% equity and 50% fixed income allocation. In addition, the equity portion contains accounts that are +/-20% of a 50% growth and 50% value allocation and the fixed portion contains taxable positions (ie. corp and gov't bonds). The blended benchmark is calculated daily. Accounts must have \$300,000 at inclusion. For exclusion, the account has to drop below the 25% threshold of \$225,000. In addition, accounts must have \$100,000 of fixed income assets at inclusion. For exclusion, the fixed income assets have to drop below the 25% threshold of \$75,000. Includes accounts paying both wrap and commission fees.

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