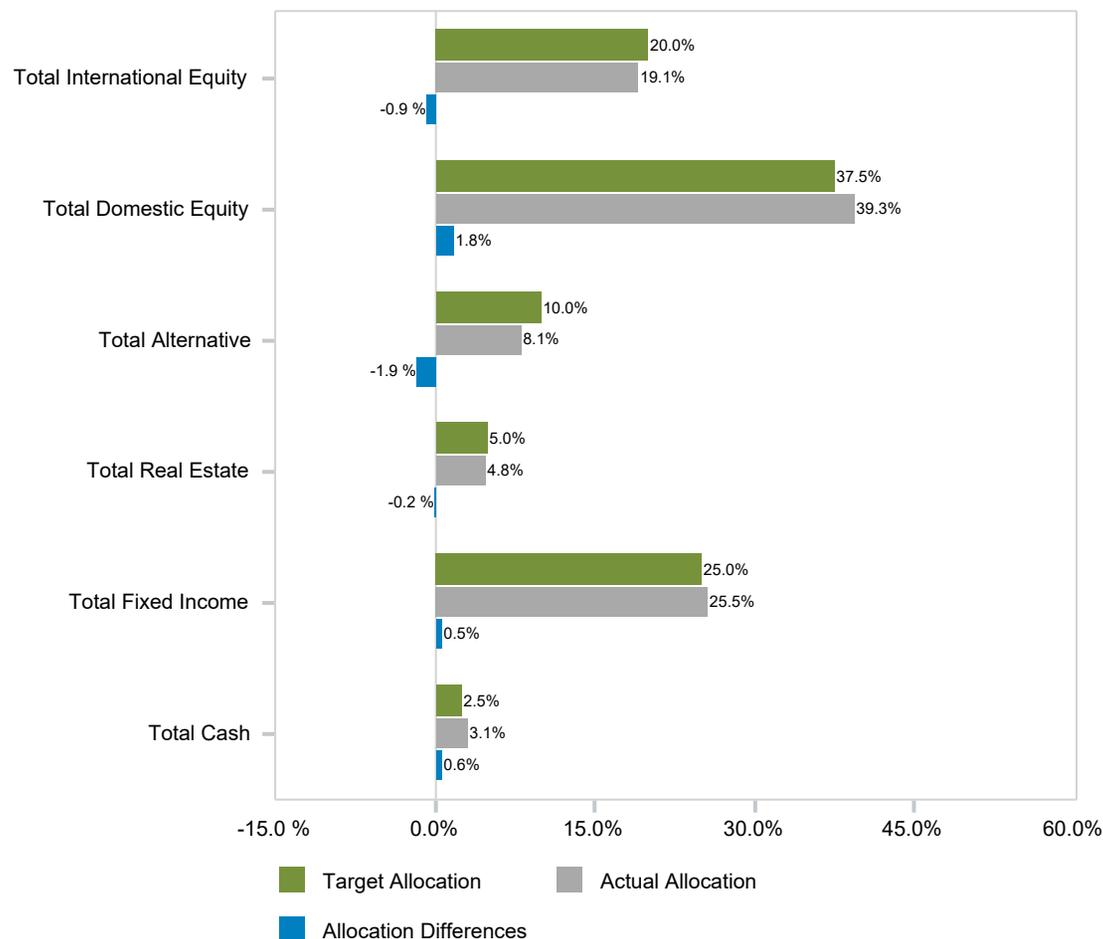


Target Vs. Actual Asset Allocation



Commentary

Broad asset class returns were positive during the 4th quarter of 2019 with the exception of the US Gov't bond index. Both US and international equity markets benefited from positive developments concerning trade disruptions. Generally, the dispersion between US and international developed equities was muted during the quarter. Emerging markets significantly outperformed as previously noted trade tensions between the US and China eased. Monetary policy remained supportive with the Federal Reserve (Fed) cutting rates once during the period in addition to providing liquidity to the market through security purchases which acted as a catalyst to risk assets. Within domestic equity markets, the performance dispersion between large cap and small cap stocks reversed during the quarter with the S&P 500 Index returning 9.1% versus a return of 9.9% for the small cap Russell 2000 Index. 2019 performance of US equity markets was the highest since 2013 with large and mid-cap stocks returning 31.5% and 30.5%, respectively, while small cap stocks posted a return of 25.5%.

International equity market returns were strong during the 4th quarter. Similar to US markets, international performance was impacted by continued monetary policy relief from the Bank of Japan and the European Central Bank, positive developments around global trade, and likely resolution on Brexit. International returns were also buoyed by a weakening US dollar (USD) which declined against most major currencies during the period. Emerging markets outperformed relative to developed markets during the period with the MSCI Emerging Markets Index posting a gain of 11.8% compared to a return of 8.2% for the MSCI EAFE Index. Both developed and emerging markets posted strong returns over the 1-year period, returning 22.0% and 18.4% respectively.

Fixed income index performance was muted during the 4th quarter. The broad market Bloomberg Barclays Aggregate Index managed to gain 0.2% as investors favored equities and interest rates were generally flat during the quarter as concerns over an imminent US recession eased. Investment grade corporate bonds delivered solid performance for the 4th quarter returning 1.2%, which outperformed Treasury and securitized issues. Corporate bonds benefitted from the same increased investor risk appetite that fueled equity returns during the quarter. Overall, the bond market delivered strong trailing 1-year returns with the Bloomberg Barclays Aggregate posting a return of 8.7%.

Comparative Performance

	QTR	YTD	FYTD	1 YR	3 YR	5 YR
Total Fund	5.87	19.86	6.17	19.86	9.55	6.35

Fiscal YTD is June 30.

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