

## **Absolute Income**

**Diversifying Asset Classes** to Generate Income

### **About Tradition Capital Management**

- Summit, NJ based boutique asset manager founded in 2000
- 21 employees; 7 investment committee professionals averaging 31 years of experience
- Rich history of traditional research-driven investing
- A proven track record of success (GIPS verification)
- Personal assets invested alongside clients
- Firm-wide client-centric culture
- \$655 million in Assets Under Management (AUM)

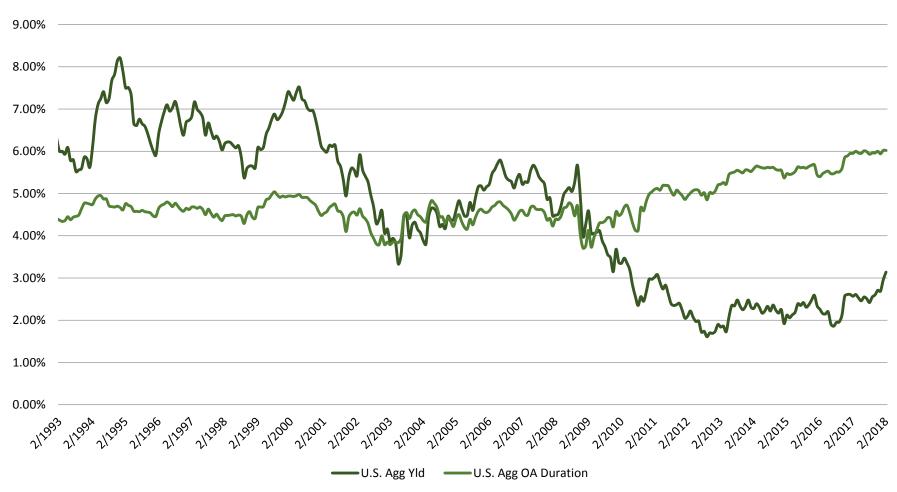
## Tradition Investment Strategies

- Diversified Global Strategies
- Absolute Income
- U.S. Equity Strategies
  - Dividend Value
  - All-Cap Advantage
- □ Tax-Efficient Portfolios
- Customized Portfolios
- Balanced Portfolios
- □ Fixed Income Portfolios



### Interest Rate Risk Higher & Bond Yields Lower

U.S. Barclays Aggregate Index Yield and Duration (Interest Rate Risk)





### Typical Assets for Investors In Search of Yield

High Dividend Paying Stock (Utility Stocks)

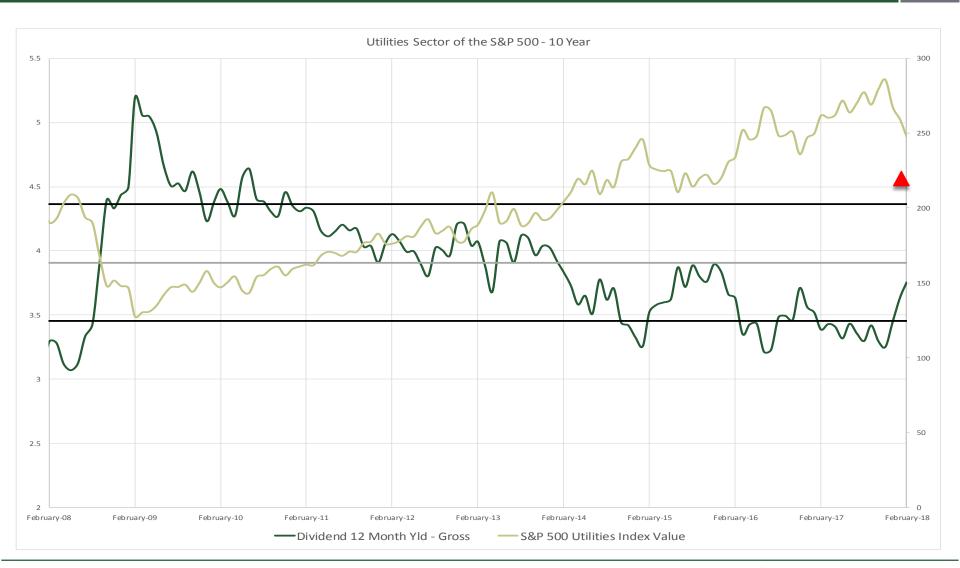
Master Limited Partnerships (MLPs)

High Yield Bonds

Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs)

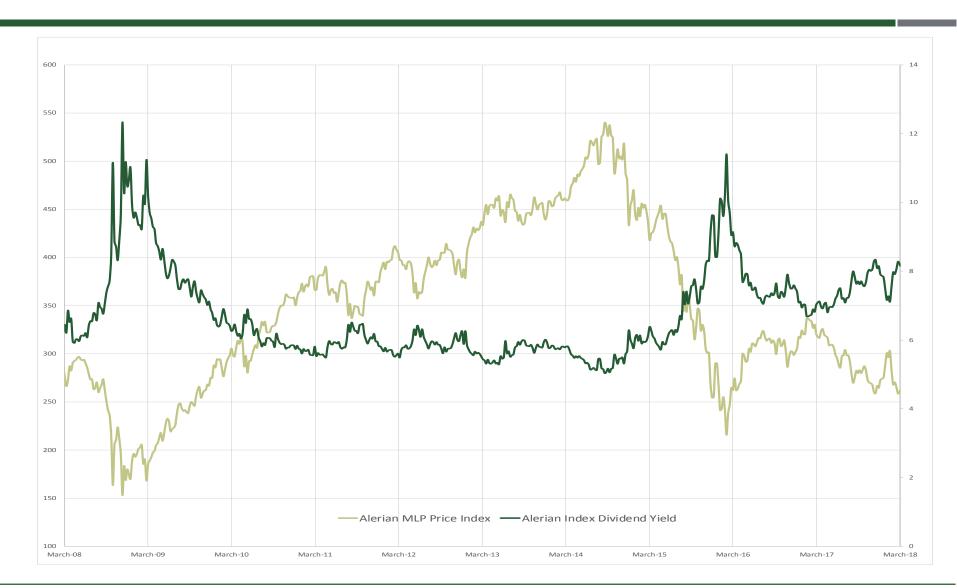


### Utility Stocks Yields are Down and Risks are Up



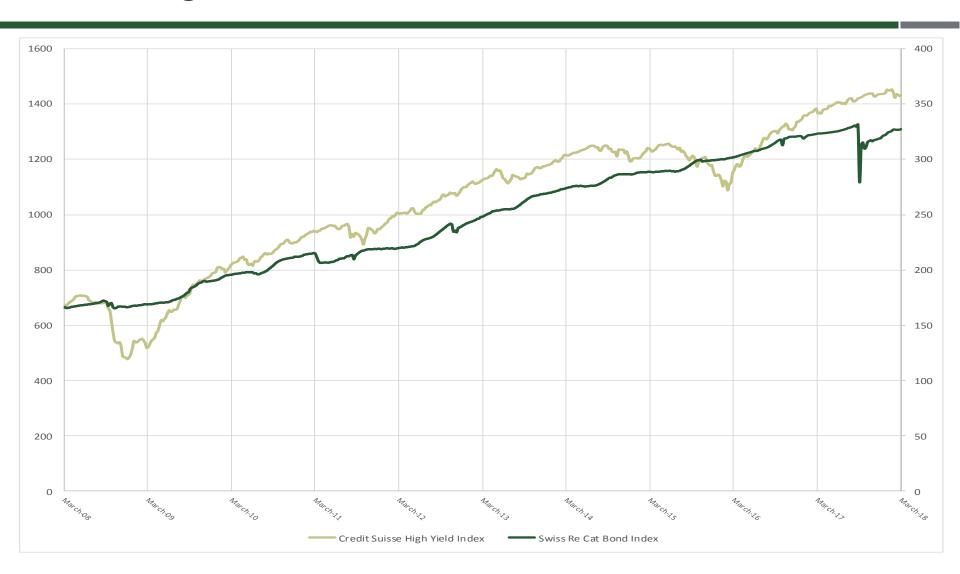


## MLPs Provide Income but High Volatility





## High Yield Bond Funds vs Reinsurance





### The History of Reinsurance

- 1370 First recorded reinsurance contract covering a ship sailing from Genoa to Bruges.
- c1688 Opening of Lloyd's Coffee House in London, which became a leading reinsurance market.
- c1820 First fire reinsurance treaty in Germany.
- 1852 Cologne Re the first independent reinsurance company began writing business following the Great Fire of Hamburg in 1842.
- 1863 The predecessors of UBS and Credit Suisse formed Swiss Re in Zurich following a large fire in Glarus, which destroyed two-thirds of the town.
- 1880 Munich Re was established in Germany.
- c1885 The first excess of loss reinsurance was sold by Cuthbert Heath at Lloyd's.
- 1906 The San Francisco earthquake demonstrated the ability of the reinsurance market to fund catastrophic losses.
- 1967 Berkshire Hathaway bought National Indemnity, its first reinsurance business.
- 1985/86ACE and XL were established in Bermuda.
- 1993 Bermuda's Class of '93 was capitalised with over \$3.5 billion following Hurricane Andrew in August 1992. New reinsurance companies included Renaissance, Partner, and Tempest (now part of Chubb).
- 2001 The Class of '01 (AWAC, Arch, Aspen, AXIS, Endurance, Montpelier and Platinum) raised more than \$8 billion following the 9/11 terrorist attacks.
- 2005 Following Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Wilma (and Charley, Francis Ivan, and Jeanne the year before) the reinsurance industry was recapitalised with the Class of '05. New companies including Ariel, Lancashire and Validus raised over \$5 billion. In addition to this, several London Market companies followed Catlin in capitalising Bermuda-based entities and investors used sidecars on a large scale to access the reinsurance market.
- 2015 A record 19% of property catastrophe limit was 'alternative' capital including catastrophe bonds and collateralised reinsurance.



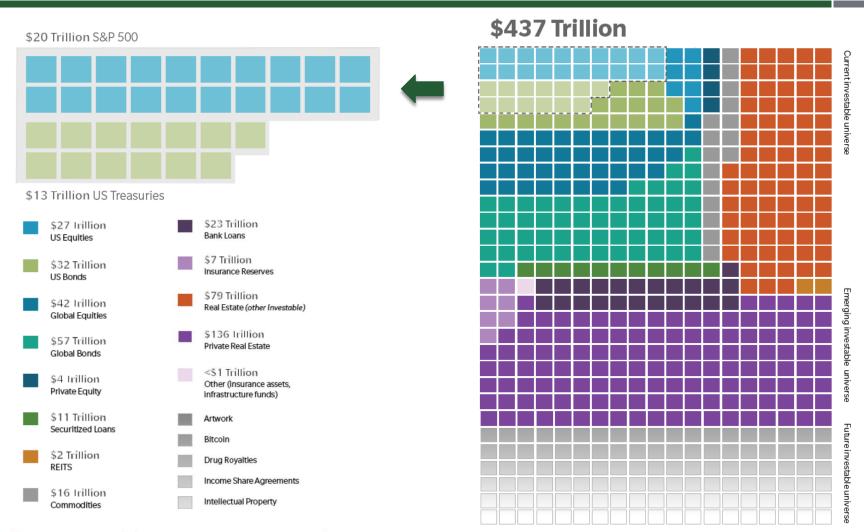


### **REITs vs Private Real Estate**





### U.S. Stocks and Bonds are a Fraction of the Investable Universe



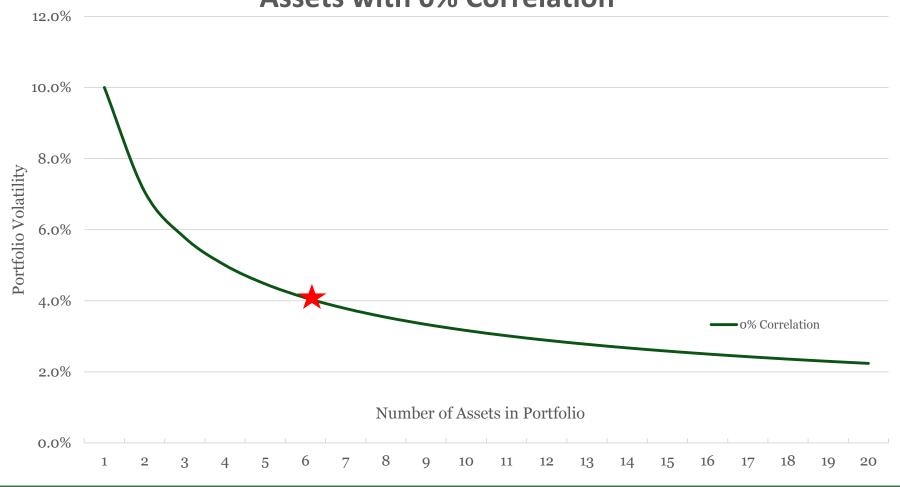
For a complete description of sources by asset class, see Appendix A.

Sources: ACLI, AON, BIS, Bloomberg, CoreLogic, Federal Reserve Board, Guy Carpenter, NAIC, OECD, Oliver Wyman estimates, Preqin, Savill's, SIFMA, SNL, TEFAF, Thomson Reuters, UN, University of St Gallens, World Federation of Exchanges.

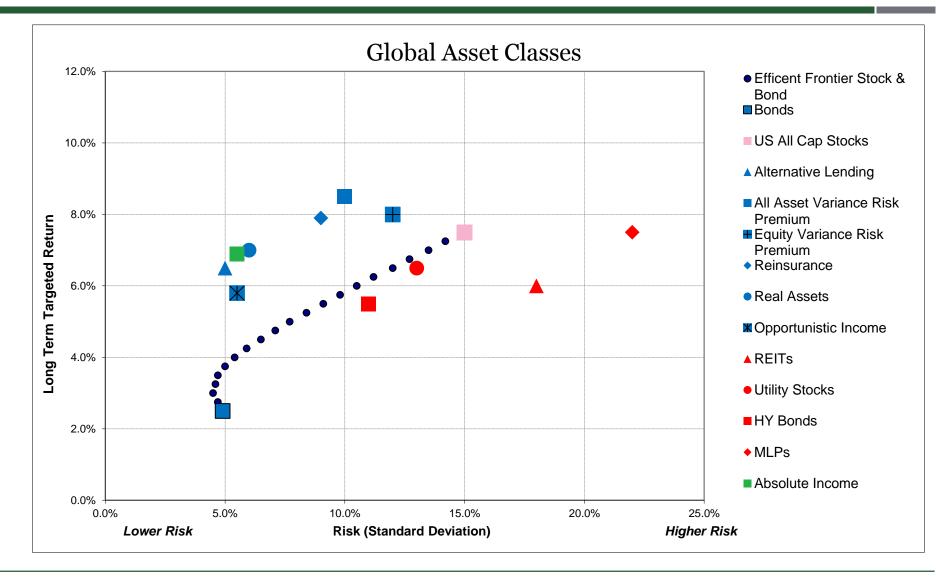


### **Understanding Correlation**

# Portfolio Risk Reduction from Adding Additional Assets with 0% Correlation



### How Much Risk am I Taking?





### Absolute Income Strategy – March 31, 2018

#### **Style Summary:**

Absolute Income is designed for investors who require higher yields with lower volatility. The portfolio uses assets that have little to no correlation to each other. The blended target for this strategy consists of fixed income, infrastructure, variance risk premium (VRP) harvesting, alternative lending, private real estate, Equity VRP harvesting, BDCs and reinsurance funds. All asset classes are in an ETF or mutual fund structure.

### Absolute Income Model Portfolio Statistics:

- Non-correlated asset classes.
- Modest expected standard deviation of 5.5%

Asset Class	Percentage	Expected Yield	Expected Return
Fixed Income	22.5%	4.78%	5.76%
Reinsurance	17.0%	8.70%	8.70%
Alternative Lending	10.0%	6.50%	6.50%
All Asset VRP Harvesting	8.5%	8.50%	8.50%
Private Real Estate	20.0%	5.00%	7.00%
BDCs	5.0%	8.50%	8.50%
Infrastructure	10.0%	4.00%	8.50%
Equity VRP Harvesting	7.0%	6.00%	6.00%

Portfolio Weighted Average	6.17%	7.24%
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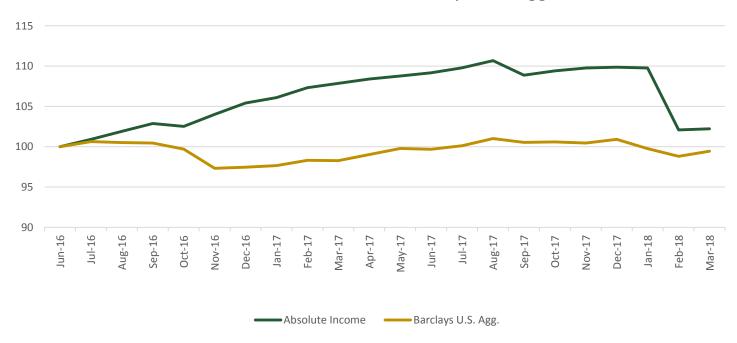


### Performance as of March 31, 2018

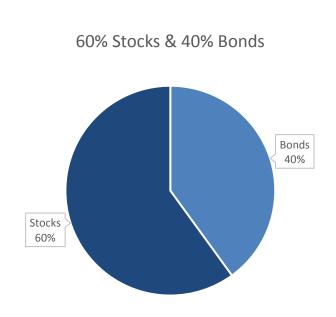
Trailing Returns: Absolute Income vs. U.S. Bonds						
Month End 3/31/2018	Since Inception June 2016 Annualized	Since Inception June 2016 Cumulative	YTD 2018	2017	2016	12 Months
Absolute Income	1.36%	2.25%	-6.95%	4.20%	5.62%	-5.25%
Absolute Income Net of Fees	0.95%	1.49%	-7.07%	3.83%	5.37%	-5.65%
Barclays U.S. Agg Bond Index	-0.32%	-0.54%	-1.46%	3.54%	-2.53%	1.20%

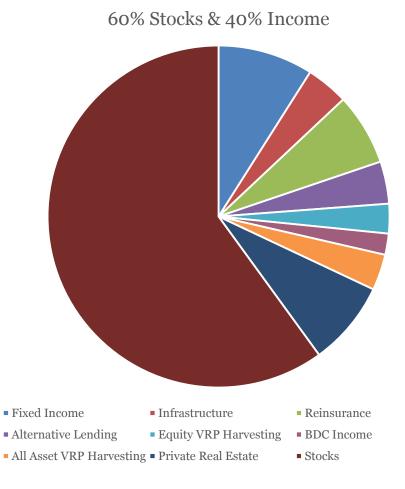
# Absolute Income vs. Barclays U.S. Aggregate June 30, 2016 – March 31, 2018

#### Absolute Income vs. Barclays U.S. Agg.



# Let Us Help You Make the Move From Stocks and Bonds to Stocks and Income







### **Investment Committee**

Name	Role	Education	Experience	Tenure
Benjamin C. Halliburton, CFA Managing Director	Chief Investment Officer	Vanderbilt University, BS Duke University (Fuqua), MBA	31 years	2000
Alan J. Reef Managing Director	Portfolio Manager	U. of Pennsylvania (Wharton), BS New York University (Stern), MBA	37 years	2012
Denis M. Turko Managing Director	Portfolio Manager	Yale University, BS Columbia University, MBA	52 years	2009
Christopher J. Trompeter, CFA Managing Director	Portfolio Manager	St. Lawrence University, BA	38 years	2000
Stephen Ely Managing Director	Portfolio Manager	Princeton University, BA New York University (Stern)	53 years	2009
Marc L. Davis, CFA Senior Vice President	Senior Analyst	Columbia College, BA New York University (Law School), JD	20 years	2002
Adam Levy Managing Director	Portfolio Manager	U. of Pennsylvania (Wharton), BS MIT (Sloan), MBA	20 years	2015



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