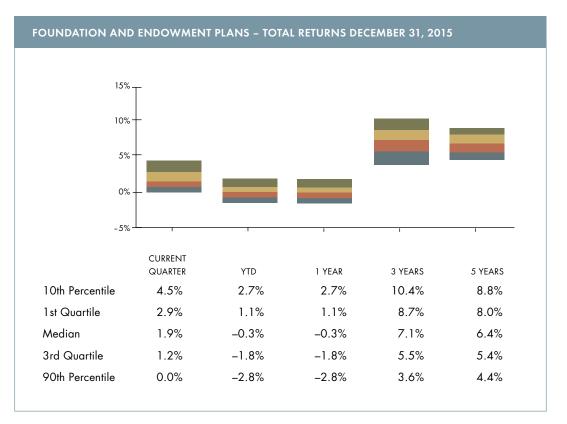
## INSTITUTIONAL ASSET OWNERS EXPERIENCE A NICE REBOUND IN THE FOURTH QUARTER



Amy Garrigues Senior Vice President Investment Risk & Analytical Services (312) 444-5755 AEC2@ntrs.com Overall, the Northern Trust Foundations and Endowments Universe gained traction during the fourth quarter of 2015, as the median fund returned 1.9%. This provided a bounceback quarter for the Universe, which produced negative results during the third quarter – the only quarter of 2015 to do so. As a result, the Universe posted a one-year median return of -0.3% as of December 31. The Universe has experienced positive results over longer periods, with three- and five-year returns of 7.1% and 6.4%, respectively.

The U.S. equity program also netted positive results during the fourth quarter, posting a median return of 5.6%. The median one-year return as of December 31 was –0.4%. In comparison, the Universe underperformed both the S&P 500 and Russell 3000 indices for the quarter and one-year periods. The S&P 500 posted a 7.0% return for the quarter and 1.4% for the one-year timeframe, whereas the Russell 3000 returned 6.3% and 0.5% for the same periods.

International equity markets posted positive results during the fourth quarter, reversing some of the third-quarter losses. The international equity program experienced gains of 3.3% for the quarter, bringing the one-year return to -3.4%, as of December 31. The MSCI EAFE, MSCI ACWI ex US and MSCI Emerging Market indices also all posted gains during the fourth quarter, with returns of 4.8%, 3.3% and 0.7%, respectively. Each index produced negative returns for the one-year period, with the MSCI EAFE return of -0.4% detracting the least of the three,





while the MSCI ACWI ex US and Emerging Markets indices posted returns of -5.3% and -14.6% for the period.

The domestic fixed income median program generated a slight loss of -0.3% for the fourth quarter, while the international fixed income median program experienced a sixth consecutive quarter of losses, posting a -0.5% return. The Barclays Capital US Aggregate Index generated a -0.6% return for the quarter, whereas the Citi-Group WGBI ex US index posted a -1.4% return. The U.S. fixed income median mandate generated a positive one-year return of 0.5% as of December 31, whereas the international fixed income programs generated losses of 3.7% over the same period.

The venture capital program median generated gains of 0.6% during the fourth quarter. For the one-year period ending December 31, the program produced a 14.2% return. The real estate program posted a modest gain of 0.3% for the quarter, dropping the program's one-year median return to -2.2%.

The Foundations and Endowments Universe continues to experience significant asset allocation changes compared to prior years. While domestic equity still remains one of the largest components at approximately 19% (compared to 42% in the fourth quarter of 2005), there has been a noticeable transition of assets from domestic equity into hedge funds and private equity. The Universe is now composed of 24% private equity and 22% hedge funds, combining for more than 45% of the total allocation. Domestic fixed income and international equity continue to make up a significant portion of the Universe, at roughly 12% each of the total allocation for the period ending December 31, 2015.

COMPOSITE ASSET ALLOCATION – FOUNDATIONS AND ENDOWMENTS				
	Current	1 Year Ago	3 Years Ago	5 Years Ago
U.S. Equity	19%	20%	22%	24%
Global/Non-U.S. Equity	12%	12%	11%	12%
U.S. Fixed Income	12%	12%	15%	16%
Global/Non-U.S. Bonds	2%	3%	3%	2%
Private Equity/Hedge Funds	46%	45%	40%	39%
Cash & Other	8%	9%	10%	8%

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