

## ASSET OWNERS FINISH 2014 ON A POSITIVE NOTE



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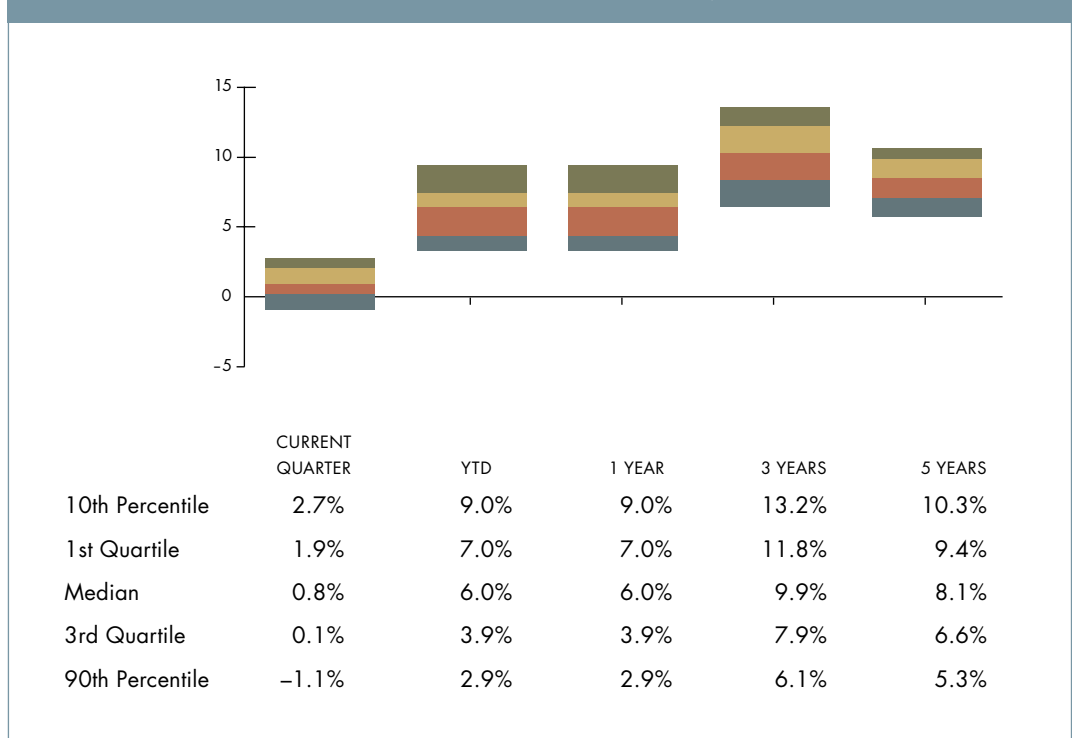
The median Global Family Office (GFO) plan was up 0.81% for the fourth quarter of 2014, an increase from the -0.50% posted in the third quarter. The 60% equity (S&P 500) and 40% bond (B.C. U.S. Agg.) benchmark returned 3.67% during the fourth quarter, outperforming the GFO plan median by almost 300 basis points. This represents the third consecutive quarter the GFO median return has lagged the 60/40 benchmark; the GFO median ended 2014 lagging the 60/40 benchmark by 4.61% for the year (6.01% vs. 10.62%). The GFO benchmark has historically lagged the 60/40 benchmark – underperforming during the two-, three- and five-year periods.

During the fourth quarter, a 1.89% return represented the barrier needed to break into the top quartile of GFO portfolios, lagging the benchmark return of 3.67%. To break

into the top decile of the GFO plan required a return of 2.66%, which still lagged the benchmark. In the bottom half of GFO plans, returns under 0.08% represented the bottom third quartile, and returns below -1.05% fell into the bottom decile. Comparing the one-year standard deviation of the GFO median plan (5.01) to the 60/40 benchmark (5.03) reveals an almost identical amount of risk between the two, which translates into higher risk-adjusted returns for the benchmark, with a one-year Sharpe ratio of 2.10% vs. the GFO median of 1.27%.

Domestic equity comprised 26.4% of the GFO composite in the fourth quarter, and proved to be one of the largest positive contributors to returns with the S&P 500 and Russell 3000 posting 4.93% and 5.24% returns, respectively. Within domestic equity,

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small-caps posted a 9.73% return and outperformed both the mid-cap (5.94%) and large-cap (4.88%) segments. The difference between value and growth was almost negligible this quarter, with large-cap value (4.98%) slightly outperforming large-cap growth (4.78%), but small-cap value (9.40%) underperforming small-cap growth (10.06%).

International equity accounted for 14.65% of the GFO composite this quarter and struggled heavily among growth concerns in Europe, Japan slipping into a recession after two consecutive quarters of economic contraction, and plunging oil prices and a currency crisis in Russia caused a flight to quality among investors in emerging markets. The MSCI ACWI ex USA GD index posted its second consecutive quarterly decline with a return of -3.81%.

Domestic fixed income comprised 15.17% of the GFO composite in the fourth quarter and rebounded a bit from last quarter's almost flat performance with a return of 1.79%. The yield curve continued to flatten during the quarter as we move closer to the Fed's expected rate hike in 2015, and the difference between the 10-year and two-year spread contracted to 1.5%, from 1.94% at the end of the third quarter.

International fixed income made up 3.32% of the GFO composite this quarter. The BC Global Aggregate ex US declined for its second consecutive quarter with a return of -2.99%, and the NT Intl Fixed Income Universe posted a median return of -1.96%. The strong performance of the U.S. dollar along with investors' uncertainty about the strength of economies overseas continued to weigh against returns in this segment.

COMPOSITE ASSET ALLOCATION – GLOBAL FAMILY OFFICE				
	Current	1 Year Ago	3 Years Ago	5 Years Ago
<b>U.S. Equity</b>	26%	24%	–	–
<b>Global/Non-U.S. Equity</b>	15%	15%	–	–
<b>U.S. Fixed Income</b>	15%	19%	–	–
<b>Global/Non-U.S. Bonds</b>	3%	3%	–	–
<b>Private Equity/Hedge Funds</b>	31%	28%	–	–
<b>Cash &amp; Other</b>	9%	11%	–	–

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