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# New Covenant Quarterly Investment Review

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# SEI overview

## 25+ YEAR TRACK RECORD



Top OCIO  
provider for two  
consecutive years

## \$33.2 BILLION

in nonprofit assets  
under management

## 180 NONPROFIT CLIENTS

with 52% of clients partnering  
with us for more than 10 years

## GLOBAL FIRM

with U.S. headquarters  
NASDAQ: SEIC

## ANNUAL INVESTMENTS

in research tools and  
technology for investment  
and risk management

## SIGNIFICANT INFRASTRUCTURE



and team of 300+  
marketing and investment  
professionals focused on  
understanding client needs

Our employees are active in community causes



SEI Cares



SEI Green Team



SEI Women's Network  
Educate. Inspire. Connect.



SEI Wellness Team



SEI Diversity  
Tomorrow's Workforce Today



SEI Salutes

All data as of September 30, 2021. Top OCIO Provider at the Fund Map 2017 and 2018 Institutional Asset Management Awards as of November 2018. Pensions & Investments, July, 2021. SEI ranked as a leading outsourcer based on worldwide institutional outsourced assets under management.

# Quarterly Research and Perspectives

## Active Research

### 3 Things to Consider Before Launching a Sustainable Investing Strategy



It's critical to know the benefits and trade-offs of sustainable investing strategies.

#### › Interest Rates and Inflation: What Long-Term Investors Can Expect

Nonprofits should keep a close eye on interest rates, inflation and asset values over the next few years. Recent trends may be temporary, but how could they impact your portfolio?

#### › SEI Survey Finds Nearly Two-Thirds of New Provider Searches by Institutional Investors For Discretionary Services

Survey Finds Search Consultants See Slight Increase in Number of Searches Conducted.

#### › Investor Appetites Fuel Broad Advance in Risk Assets

Investor risk appetite increased in most corners of the world during August as equities delivered strong performance in developed and emerging markets.



Q3 2021. Above listed firms are not affiliated with SEI or its subsidiaries.

## Webinars

- › **AGB Webinar – DEI Investing**  
MJ Bobyock and Stephen Beinhacker to present
- › **Q3 Economic Review and Outlook**  
Jim Solloway discusses the third quarter of 2021 and what to expect in Q4

## SEI in the News

- › **More Foundations Turn to OCIOs while Demanding Collaboration**  
MJ Bobyock comments on why foundations have been turning to OCIOs
- › **SEI Recognized as a 2021 Diversity Champion by InvestmentNews**  
SEI was named a 2021 Diversity Champion in InvestmentNews' Annual Excellence in Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Awards,
- › **SEI Adds Nearly \$3.8 Billion in Institutional Assets Globally in First Half of 2021**  
Addition of 11 New OCIO and Fiduciary Management Clients in 2021 Supports Global Market Momentum

# Fund Updates and Investment Outlook Summary

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## Fund Updates & Actions

- Application of ESG within the New Covenant Income Fund was approved by the Board and fully implemented from June 30, 2021.
- Marketing video produced for the New Covenant funds to highlight their investment outlook, positioning, and Socially Responsible and ESG components
  - The video will be updated every six months, in January and July, and posted on the NC Funds web site

## Investment Outlook

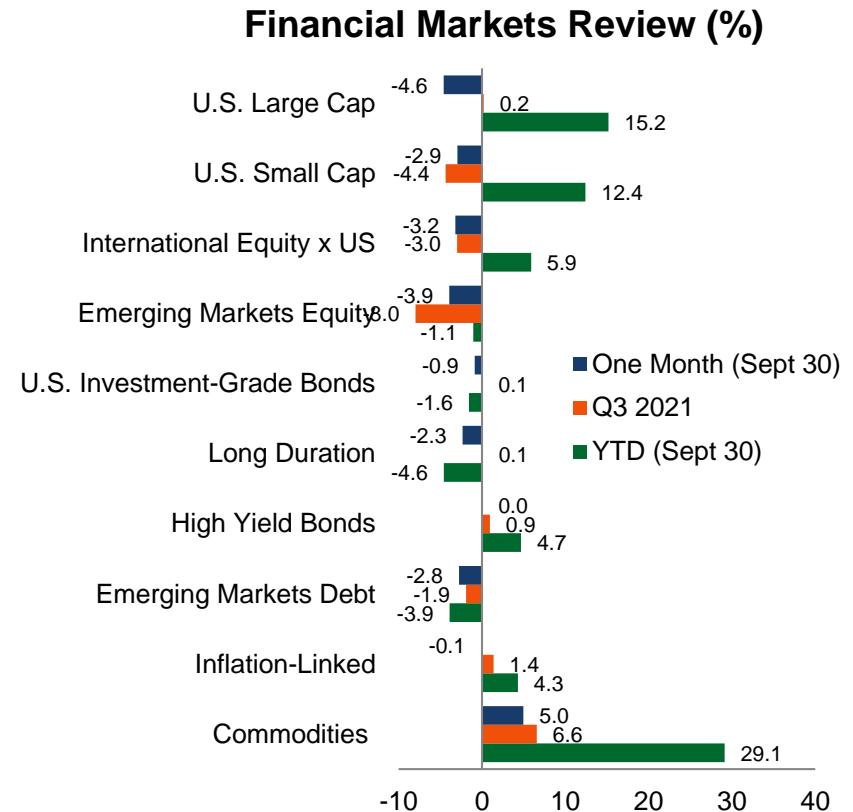
- Waves of new infections, persistent shortages of goods and labor, surging inflation rates, and the prospect of fading government relief in the months ahead have not derailed the stock-market rally.
- Outside of the U.S., the challenges posed by COVID-19 and the disruptions to production have pushed inflation to levels not seen in many years in various countries.
- We suspect that the gloom related to weakening economic growth may be overdone.
- Although a rise in stock-market volatility is likely, we do not anticipate a return to the extraordinary levels of volatility reached at the March 2020 peak.
- While supply chain disruption, lingering inflation and political dysfunction all present potential short-term headwinds, global economic growth should continue at a rate that significantly exceeds the sluggish pace that prevailed following the 2007-2009 global financial crisis over the next year or two.

# SEI Point of View

## Economic and Market Review

# Market performance overview

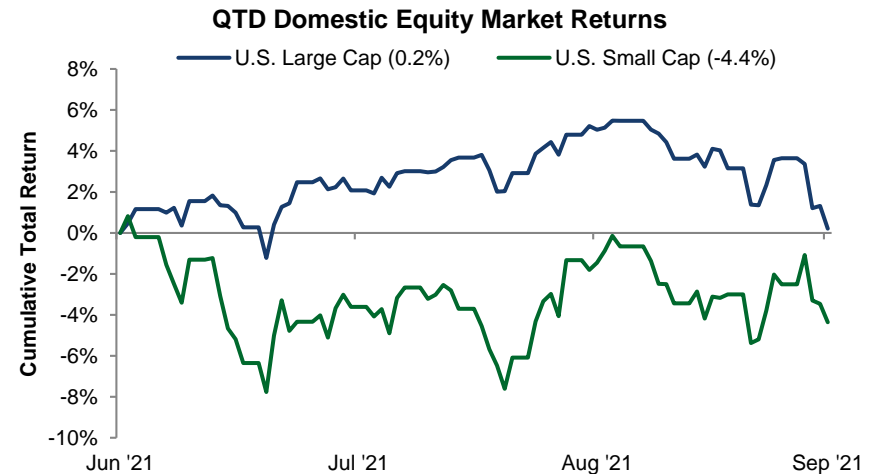
- The reflation theme sputtered for much of the third quarter due to further spread of the COVID-19 Delta variant, concerns about a crackdown on the private sector in China as well as the country's real estate sector, and severe global shortages of materials, transportation services and labor.
- Large-cap equity returns were flat. Small-cap and emerging market stocks declined as a result of growing economic anxiety, although small caps' year-over-year returns remained high.
- Bond returns were quite muted as a result of low yields, low yield volatility and a slight flattening of the curve. Credit struggled as spreads widened modestly from their mid-year lows. Emerging market debt was the worst performer on global economic concerns, while high-yield bond returns were slightly positive. Inflation-linked bonds outperformed as intensifying supply shortages put further upward pressure on many prices.
- Commodities were one of the best-performing asset classes in the third quarter, driven by mounting supply shortages. Price pressures were most intense in energy goods, led by natural gas.



U.S. Large Cap = Russell 1000, U.S. Small Cap = Russell 2000, International Equity x U.S. = MSCI ACWI ex-US (net), Emerging Markets Equity = MSCI EFM (Emerging+Frontier Markets) (net), U.S. Investment Grade Bonds = Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate, High Yield = ICE BofA US HY Constrained, Emerging Markets Debt = 50% JPM EMBI GD / 50% GBI-EM GD Index, Long Duration = Bloomberg Barclays Long US Govt/Credit, Inflation Linked = Bloomberg Barclays 1-5 Year TIPS, Commodities = Bloomberg Commodity. Source: SEI, index providers. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. As of 9/30/2021

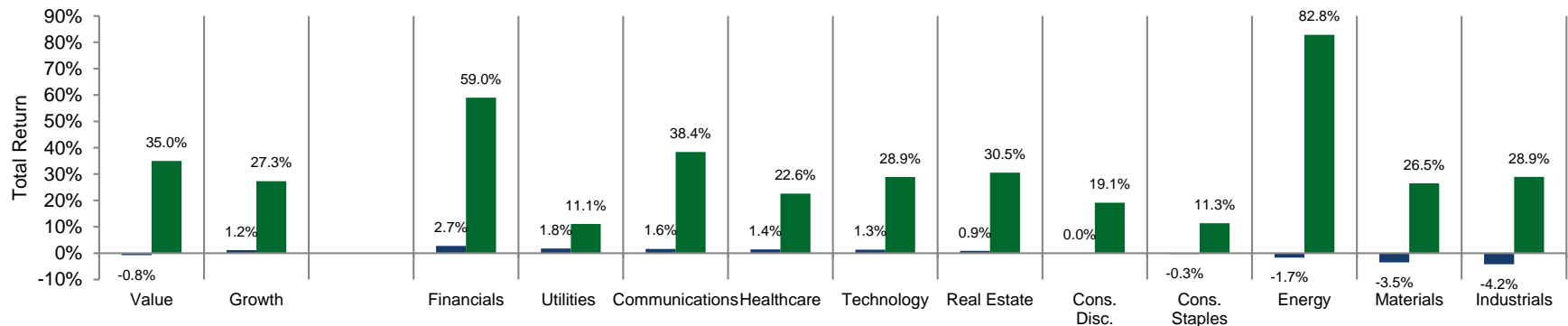
# U.S. equity market review

- U.S. equities struggled over the full quarter, as a new COVID wave unfolded and supply shortages undermined economic activity and fostered higher prices. While small-cap stocks underperformed large, their year-over-year returns remained high.
- In large caps, growth stocks outperformed slightly thanks to a decline in interest rates and worries about the economic outlook and its implication for more cyclically oriented stocks. Value stocks maintained their year-over-year advantage.
- Sector leadership for the quarter was somewhat eclectic, led by financials, utilities and communications. Despite the sharp rise in energy prices, energy stocks underperformed along with other cyclical areas like materials and industrials.



## U.S. Large Cap Sectors

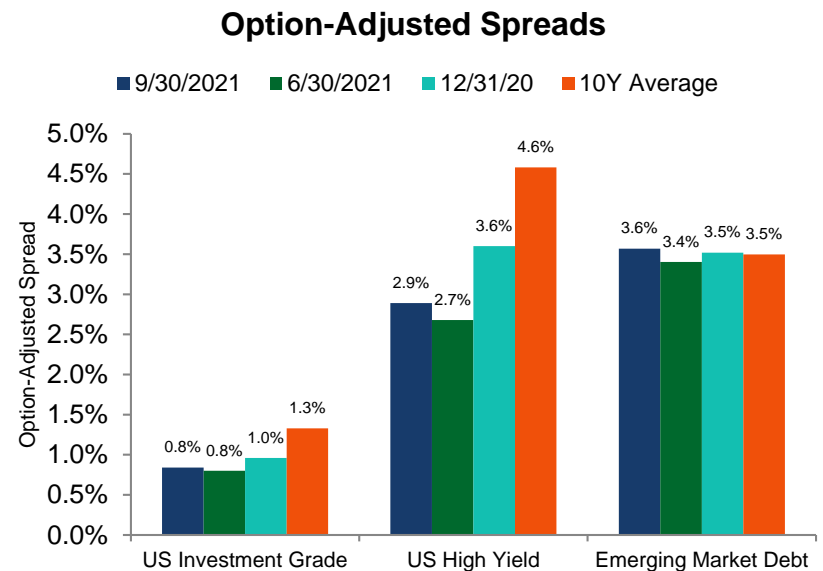
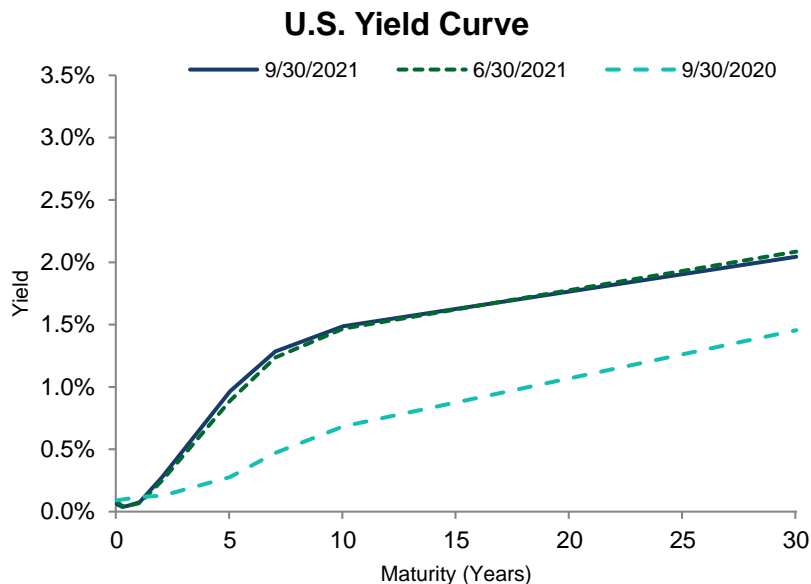
■ Third Quarter ■ One Year



Sources: Bloomberg, Russell, Standard & Poor's. US Large Cap = Russell 1000 Index, US Small Cap = Russell 2000 Index. Value and Growth represented by Russell 1000 Value Index and Russell 1000 Growth Index, respectively. Sectors represented by respective S&P 500 sector indexes. As of 9/30/2021. Past performance is not a guarantee of future results.

# Fixed income review

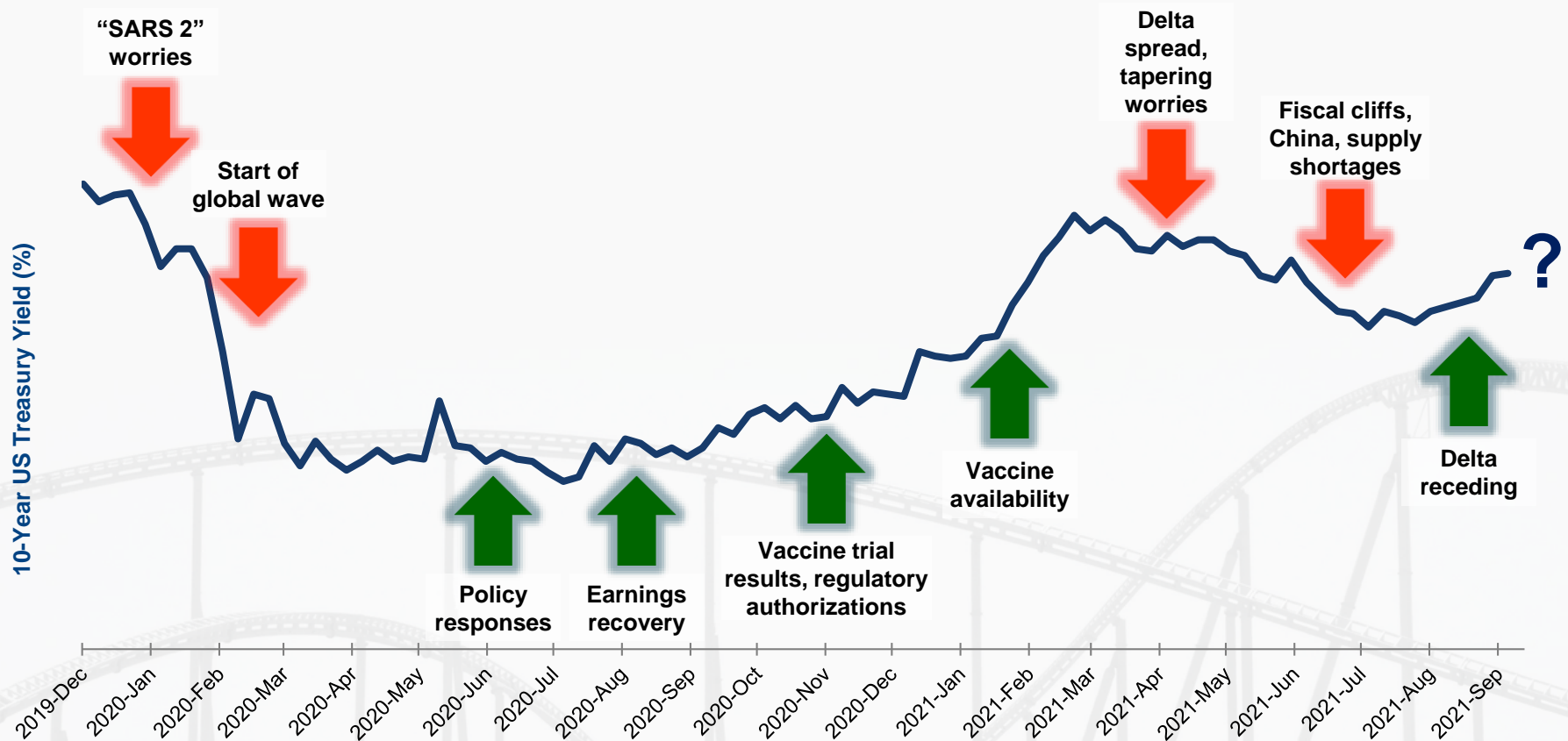
- After a volatile second quarter, things were relatively calm in fixed-income markets although returns were mostly disappointing.
- The U.S. yield curve flattened slightly as investors grappled with the implications of another COVID wave, stalling vaccination rates, material and labor shortages, various bottlenecks, China worries and intensifying inflation pressures.
- Given the growing uncertainty fostered by these developments credit spreads widened some from their midyear lows.
- Investment-grade returns were flat. High-yield managed to provide low-but-positive returns, while emerging-market debt continued to struggle.



Sources: Bloomberg, JP Morgan, SEI. Option-adjusted spreads over US Treasuries US Investment Grade = Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Corporate Index, US High Yield = Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Corporate High Yield Index, and Emerging Market Debt = JP Morgan EMBI Diversified Sovereign Index. As of 9/30/2021. Past performance is not a guarantee of future results.



# The 'reopening' roller coaster



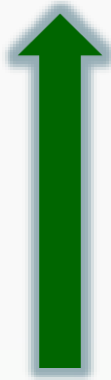
Ten-year constant-maturity U.S. Treasury yield, weekly. Source: Federal Reserve. Background image Augustine Wong, accessed 10/5/2021 at <https://unsplash.com/photos/bpqWRCAd6m8>.

# Strong fundamental outlook, though the ride could be bumpy



## POTENTIAL RISKS

- New variants, waning immunity
- Persistent supply shortages
- Not-so-transitory inflation
- US debt ceiling
- Unexpected policy tightening
- Longer-term slowdown in China



## REASONS for OPTIMISM

- Last big COVID wave?
- Mobility improving, borders re-opening
- Corporate and household finances
- Global trade recovery
- Infrastructure, capital expenditure plans
- Inventory rebuilding
- Housing demand
- Services sector upside
- Labor market upside

- The smooth, nearly straight-line recovery of late 2020–early 2021 is over, unfortunately. The volatility we've seen in recent months could remain with us for some time, given some of the risks facing the global economy.
- However, the fundamental picture remains quite solid. We believe the global economy overall will continue to experience growth that exceeds the post-global financial crisis environment of 2010-2020.
- The resulting market environment should continue to favor alternative strategies, active equity management, diversified fixed income holdings and positive inflation exposures.

As of 10/8/2021.

# Performance

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# Fund performance

	Fund Inception	Performance Cumulative Total Return as of 09/30/2021			Performance Annualized Total Return as of 09/30/2021					Since Incept	Performance Calendar Year Return as of 12/31				
		1 Mo	3 Mo	Ytd	Qtr	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr		2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
New Covenant Growth*	7/1/1999	-4.59	-0.22	14.65	-0.22	30.63	15.42	15.96	14.70	6.25	20.21	30.18	-6.07	21.60	8.12
Russell 3000 Index (USD)		-4.49	-0.10	14.99	-0.10	31.88	16.30	17.04	16.71	7.33	20.89	31.36	-4.78	21.69	12.05
Expenses before waivers (%) = 0.99															
Expenses after waivers (%) = 0.72															
New Covenant Income	7/1/1999	-0.50	-0.07	-0.79	-0.07	0.10	4.41	2.48	2.46	3.47	5.92	6.95	0.07	2.51	2.36
Bloomberg Intermediate US Aggregate Bond Index (USD)		-0.51	0.05	-0.79	0.05	-0.38	4.39	2.47	2.51	4.40	5.60	6.67	0.92	2.27	1.97
Expenses before waivers (%) = 0.96															
Expenses after waivers (%) = 0.80															

New Covenant Growth: Benchmark performance between Nov 1, 2012 and December 17, 2019 is that of the prior benchmark, Russell 1000 Index; prior to Nov 1, 2012 is that of the former benchmark, the S&P 500 Index.

Performance for periods of less than one year is cumulative. **Performance data quoted is past performance. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. The principal value and investment return of an investment will fluctuate so that shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original value. Current performance may be higher or lower. For performance data current to the most recent month end, please call 1-877-835-4531.** Fee waivers are voluntary and may be discontinued at any time. Source: SEI Data Portal

\*From July 1999 to March 2014, the New Covenant Growth Fund had international equity exposure ranging from 10% to 20% of the portfolio's assets.

# Fund performance

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		1 Mo	3 Mo	Ytd	Qtr	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Incept	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
New Covenant Balanced Growth	7/1/1999	-2.97	-0.18	8.19	-0.18	17.56	11.34	10.64	9.85	5.38	15.42	20.38	-3.37	13.47	5.87
<i>New Covenant Balanced Growth Benchmark</i>		-2.89	-0.01	8.51	-0.01	18.21	11.90	11.33	11.08	6.46	15.49	21.18	-2.24	13.57	8.08
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New Covenant Balanced Income	7/1/1999	-1.98	-0.19	4.32	-0.19	9.95	8.46	7.18	6.73	4.58	11.65	14.60	-1.99	8.69	4.32
<i>New Covenant Balanced Income Benchmark</i>		-1.90	0.03	4.57	0.03	10.19	8.89	7.68	7.52	5.71	11.61	15.02	-0.83	8.74	5.56
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# New Covenant Funds Positioning

# New Covenant Growth Fund

## Performance Review

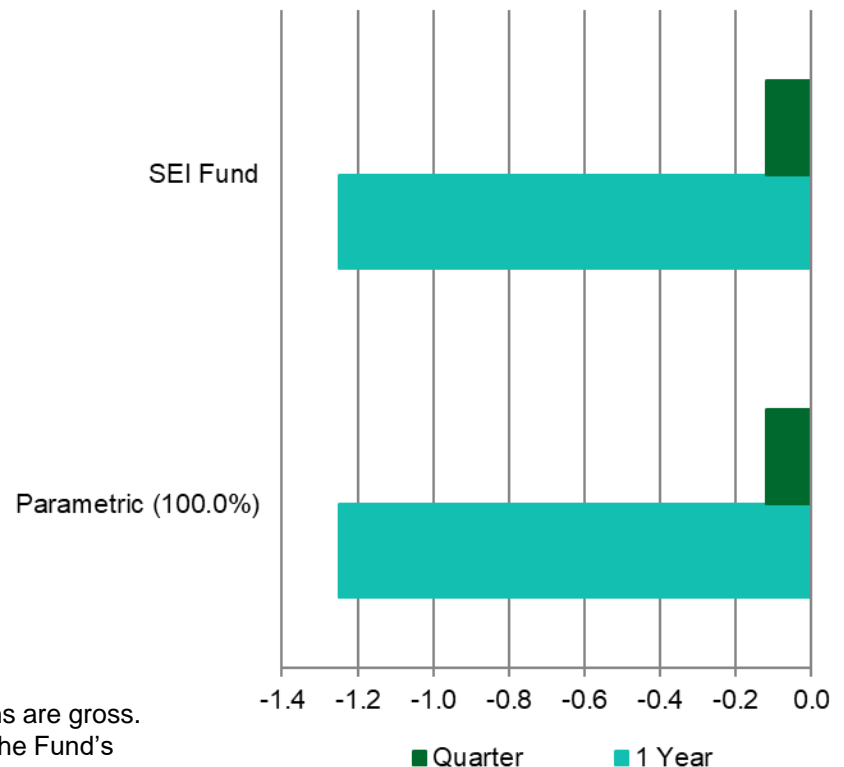
- Results in the Growth Fund were modestly negative during the quarter. The environmental, social and governance screen (ESG) led to an unfavorable overweight to information technology stocks and poor selection within industrials.
- Negative selection and an underweight within consumer discretionary also hampered returns.
- The Growth Fund's underweight to communication services and consumer staples contributed.
- An overweight to real estate enhanced returns.

Benchmark: Russell 1000 Index (from October 1, 2019 through December 17, 2019), Russell 3000 Index

Source: SEI Data Portal. Fund return is net of fund fees; manager contributions are gross. Manager performance reflects performance provided by the manager before the Fund's exclusion list (socially responsible screen) and overlay activities are applied.

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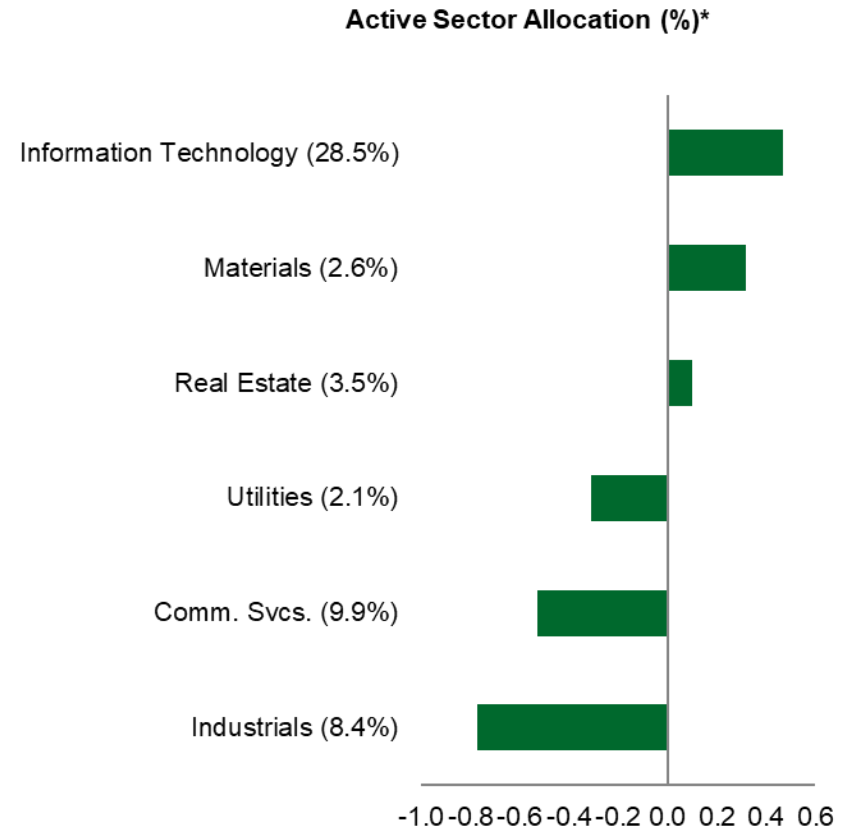
New Covenant Growth Fund  
Manager Contribution to Excess Return (%)



# New Covenant Growth Fund

## Positioning Review

- The Growth Fund employs a passive strategy designed to track the performance of the Russell 3000 Index, which represents the largest 3,000 U.S. companies and approximately 98% of the investable U.S. equity market, subject to such variation as may arise as a result of implementation of the social witness principles of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).



Source: FactSet based on data from SEI.

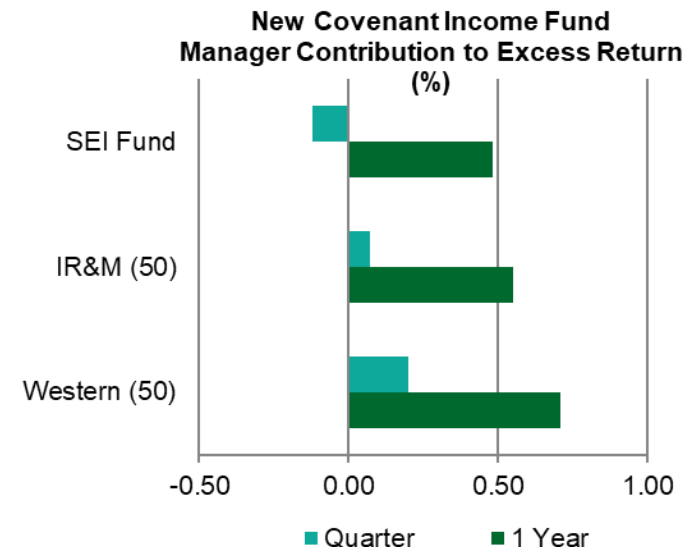
\*Versus Russell 3000 Index. Figures in parentheses are ending fund weights, excluding cash. Only the three largest active sector over- and underweights are shown.



# New Covenant Income Fund

## Performance Review

- The Income Fund benefited from an overweight to corporates and solid security selection.
- Other contributors included an underweight to agency mortgage-backed securities (MBS); an overweight to asset-backed securities (ABS); and an underweight to U.S. Treasurys.
- Income Research & Management suffered from an overweight to corporates but gained from selection within industrials and energy. An overweight to and strong selection in ABS and commercial MBS contributed as markets continued to gradually recover from last March's forced selling. IRM's underweight to agency MBS detracted.
- Western Asset Management benefited from overweights to ABS and commercial MBS. The allocation to non-agency MBS also boosted returns. Western was hurt by an overweight to credit sectors and duration positioning. An underweight to agency MBS and non-corporates hindered returns.



(#) indicates the percent target allocation in the Fund, excluding cash.

Benchmark: Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Intermediate Aggregate Bond Index

Source: SEI Data Portal with data from Fund sub-advisors. Class F. Fund return is net of fund fees; manager contributions are gross.

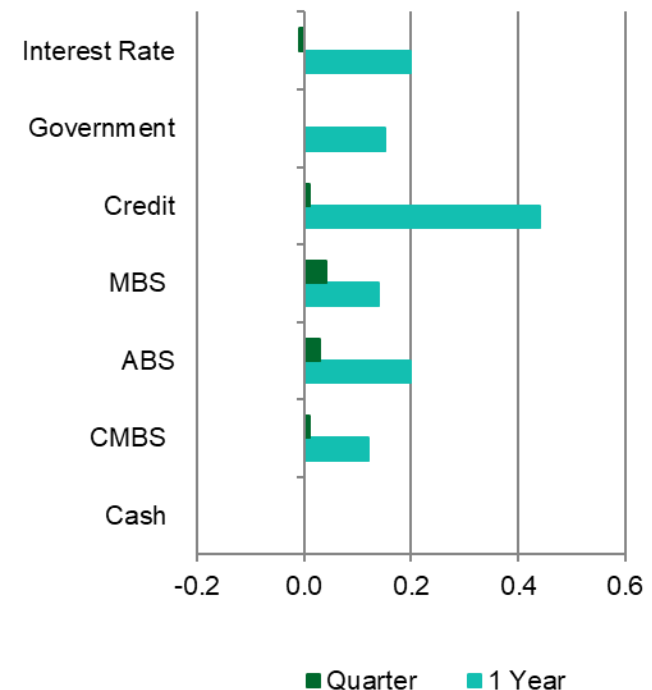
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# New Covenant Income Fund

## Positioning Review

- Fixed-income markets have signaled improved growth prospects on the tail of higher interest rates in addition to increased stimulus and infrastructure spending that should result in higher deficits and more U.S. Treasury issuance.
- Inflation expectations are higher in the short term than in the long term. Inflation expectations have risen above the Fed's target and rest at their highest levels in over a decade. We share the Federal Reserve's sentiment that higher short-term inflation will likely be transitory. Securitized sectors remain attractive in our view, especially agency mortgage-backed securities.
- The Income Fund's duration positioning began the quarter slightly neutral the benchmark, but ended the period slightly underweight. Duration is a measure of risk in bond investing and indicates how price-sensitive a bond is to changes in interest rates. A long (overweight) duration stance indicates the portfolio duration is higher than that of the benchmark whereas a short (underweight) duration stance indicates a lower duration. Duration is measured in years and securities with longer durations are more sensitive to interest-rate changes. With yields near historic lows, the Fund's managers are likely to stay close to neutral until volatility subsides.
- It was overweight corporate bonds as managers viewed them as a better relative value despite higher prices than last year.
- Within the long-term overweight to securitized sectors, commercial MBS and ABS were the largest allocations while the agency MBS allocation was close to that of the benchmark.
- An overweight to off-benchmark non-agency MBS remained as the sector continued to trade at attractive spreads.

**New Covenant Income Fund  
Sector Contribution to Excess Return (%)**



Source: BlackRock Solutions based on data from SEI. Gross of fees.

Benchmark: Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Intermediate Aggregate Bond Index

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# New Covenant Balanced Growth Fund

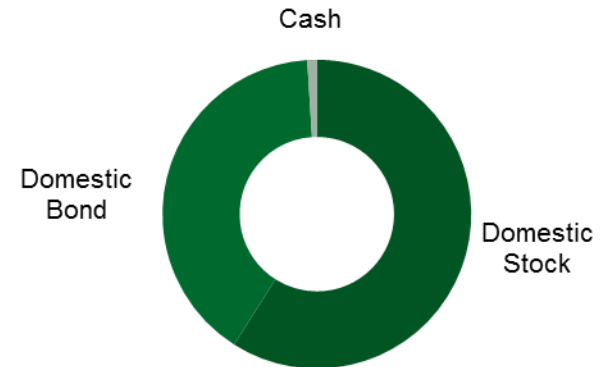
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## Sector Allocations (Target Weights)



Source: SEI.

# New Covenant Balanced Income Fund

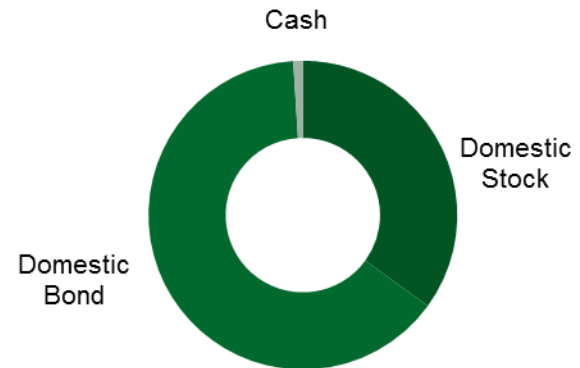
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# Summary of ESG Implementation – Income Fund

# New Covenant Income Fund – ESG implementation recap

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Over the past few months we have implemented an ESG enhancement in addition to the Social Restrictions already in place for the NC Income Fund, and are now transitioning the portfolio.

The following items were completed during the second quarter:

- Modified prospectus and SAI investment policy language to include ESG
- Obtained SEI Mutual Fund Board approval for the updated changes to prospectus and SAI
- Modified investment guidelines with the sub-advisors (Income Research & Western) to add ESG criteria
- Initiated the process to transition portfolios
  - Since NC Income Fund already applied Social Screening, the modifications from adding ESG will not be material. 1-2% of the portfolio will need to be transitioned, mainly within Energy credits.
- Summary of the additional ESG implementation for each manager:
  - Income Research – IRM utilizes a proprietary ESG ranking methodology that classifies companies as Leaders, Neutral, or Laggards. Laggards will be limited to 12% of the portfolio.
  - Western utilizes MSCI ESG ranking/rating classifications. Their portfolio will be limited 12% in companies whose MSCI ESG rating is below BBB.

# Appendix

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# New Covenant Manager Changes

Fund(s) Impacted	Additions	Rationale
There were no additions		

Fund(s) Impacted	Terminations	Rationale
There were no terminations		



# Indexes

## Definitions

The Russell 3000 Index includes 3000 of the largest U.S. equity securities based on market cap and current index membership; it is used to measure the activity of the U.S. equity market.

The Bloomberg Barclays Intermediate U.S. Aggregate Bond Index is an unmanaged benchmark index composed of U.S. securities in Treasury, Government-Related, Corporate, and Securitized sectors with remaining maturities of less than 10 years.

### Benchmarks

#### New Covenant Growth\*

benchmark: 100% Russell 3000

#### New Covenant Income

benchmark: 100% Bloomberg Barclays  
US Intermediate Aggregate

#### New Covenant Balanced Growth

benchmark: 60% Russell 3000  
40% Bloomberg Barclays  
US Intermediate Aggregate

#### New Covenant Balanced Income

benchmark: 35% Russell 3000  
65% Bloomberg Barclays  
US Intermediate Aggregate

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