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### Quarterly Update- for the Period ended March 31, 2015

Stock and bond markets were up for the quarter, with the Standard & Poors 500 (S & P 500) and Barclays Aggregate Bond Index up 9/10ths of 1% and about 1.6%, respectively. This makes the ninth consecutive positive quarter for the S & P 500.

QSI portfolios generally outperformed their benchmarks for the quarter. Equity portions benefited from allocations to international and small cap stocks, both which outperformed the large cap index with returns from about 3.5% to 5.5%. Technology was one area that underperformed, up about 6/10ths of 1% for the quarter.

Fixed income sectors generally benefitted from lower long-term interest rates and decreasing inflationary worries, resulting in positive performance across most sectors. The best performing areas were the most aggressive, high yield and REITs, up 2.4% to 4.7% for the quarter. International bonds was the only negatively performing fixed income sector owned, down about 1.2% for the quarter, due in part to a stronger U.S. dollar.

In general, economic data is reflecting slower (though still positive) growth. The economic environment remains positive with strong corporate balance sheets and low interest rates, though we will likely see higher short-term interest rates within the next 12 months and this may fuel volatility in stock and bond markets.

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