

Quarterly Update- for the Period ended March 31, 2016

Stock markets were mixed for the quarter with Standard & Poors 500 (S&P 500) up about 1.35%, and the Nasdaq Composite (heavier in technology) down 2.75%. Fixed income assets, as measured by the Barclay's Aggregate Bond Index, were up about 3%.

Markets were volatile for the quarter generally moving down through February, and then rebounding through the end of March. Portfolios were shifted during the quarter to overweight large growth stocks and add a small amount to small cap stocks. Healthcare allocations hurt performance for the quarter, though these positions have had exceptional returns over the long-term.

Fixed income sectors were mostly all positive with the strongest performance from REIT and international bonds. As inflationary concerns are reduced we may slowly shift into long-term, higher credit holdings. This would generally reduce credit risk but would increase interest rate sensitivity.

Earnings reports will begin and while the energy sector is suffering, other areas should exhibit growth. I expect economic growth to continue as inflationary fears subside and remain cognizant of slowing global growth.