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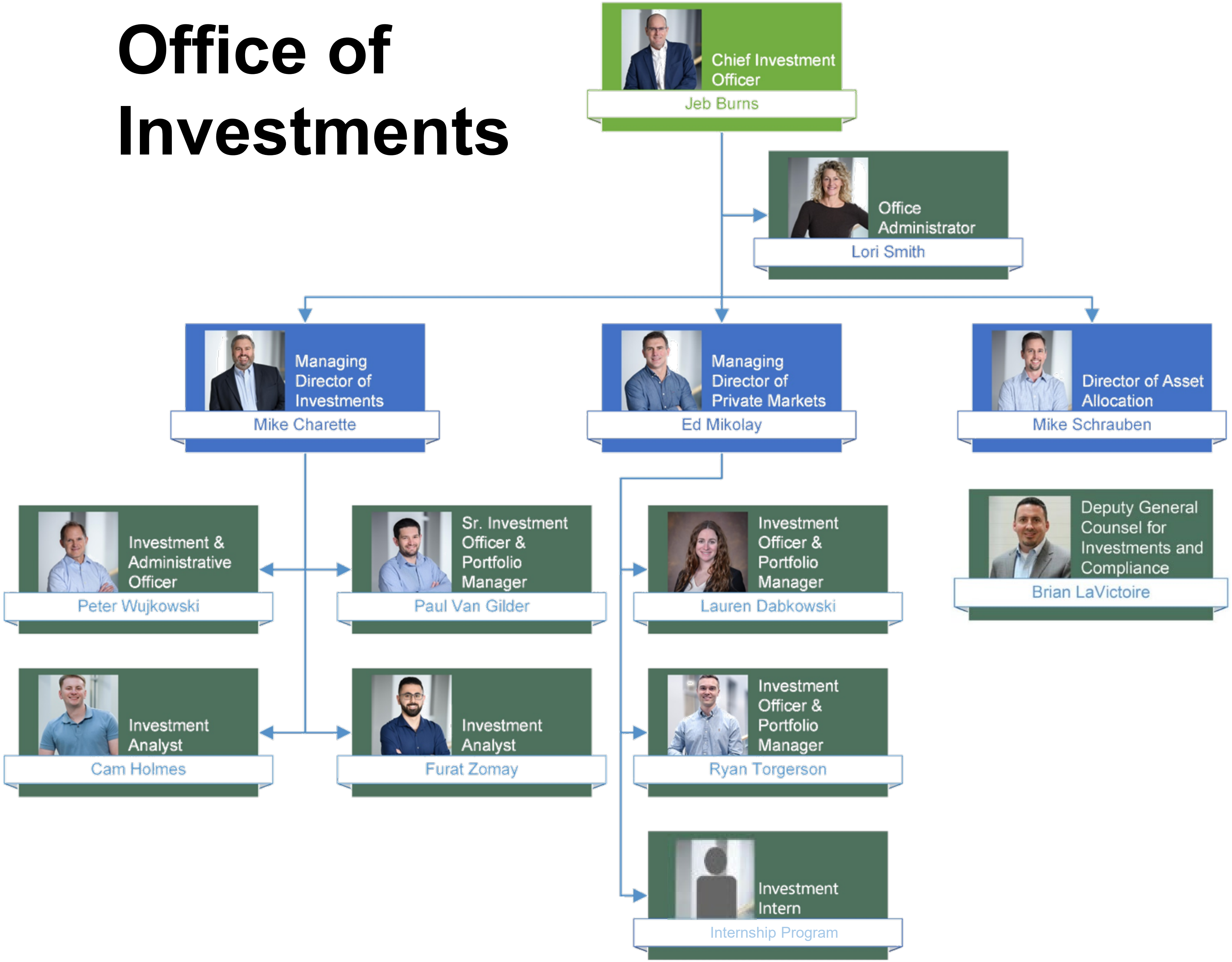
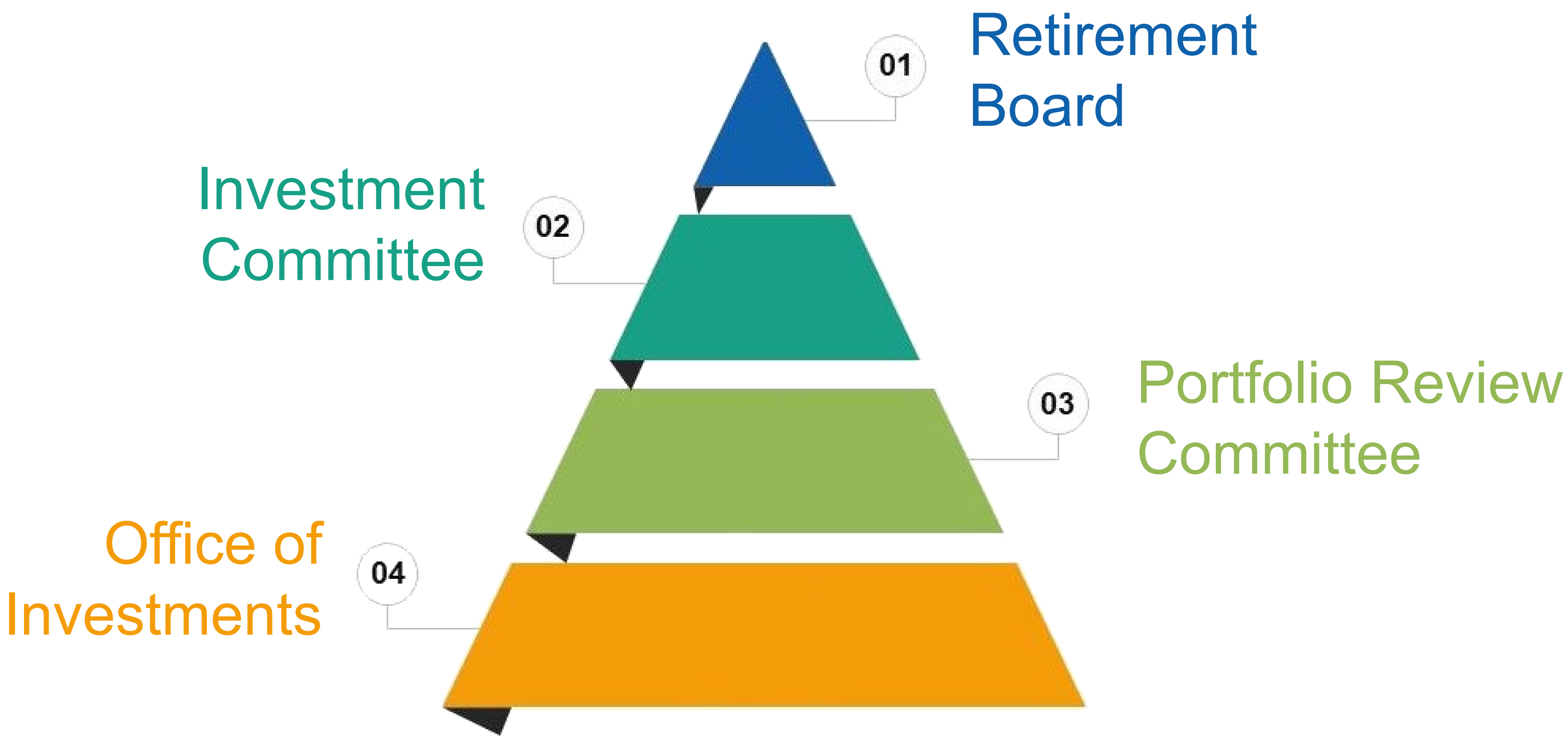


Committed to:

- Fostering a collaborative team environment
- Maximizing efficiency with available resources
- Pursuing fiduciary excellence
- Promoting a best-idea culture

Multi-layered Oversight



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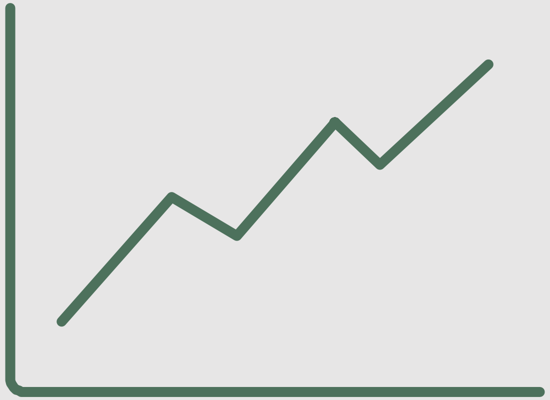
Fiduciary Responsibility

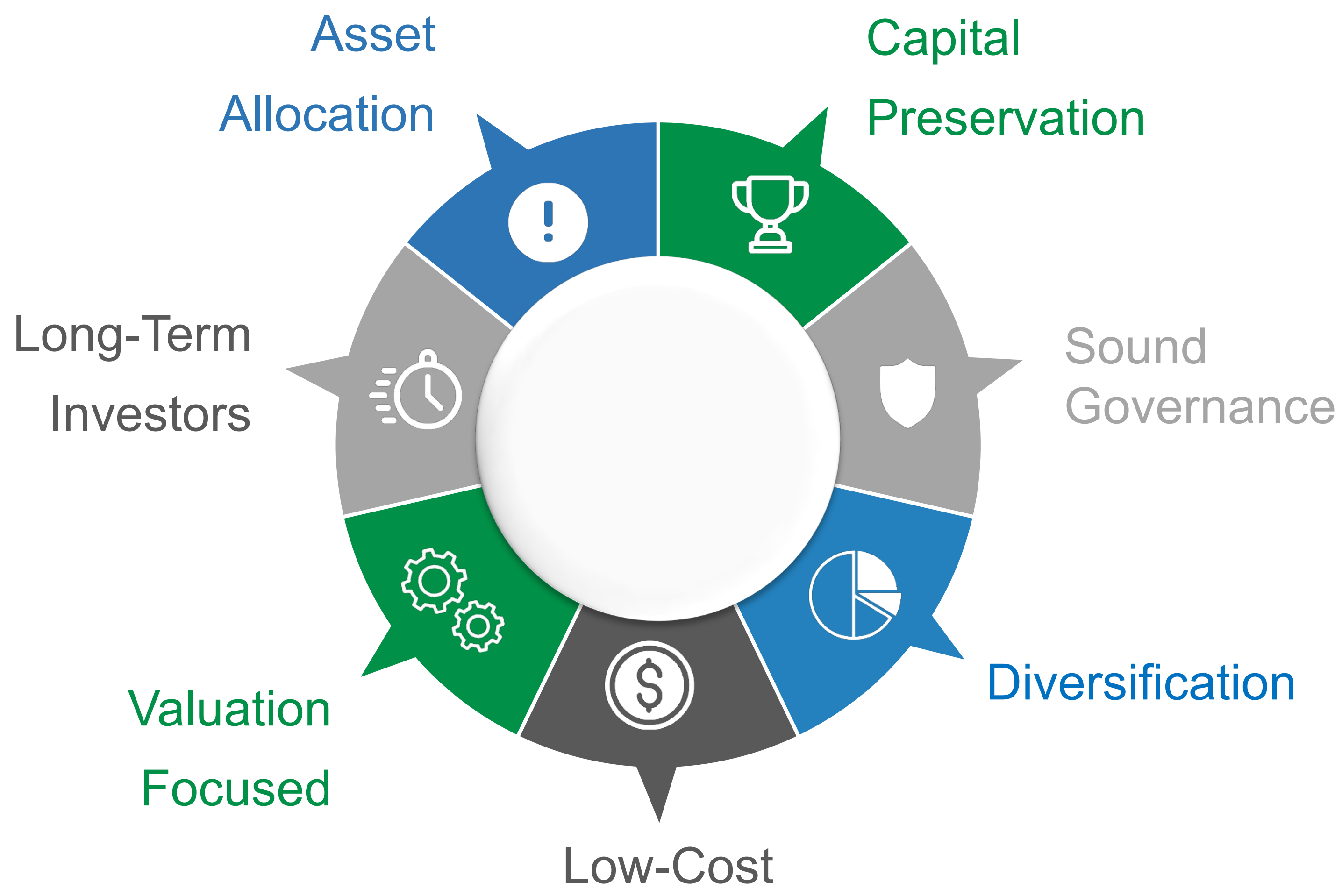
Legal Compliance

Investment Oversight



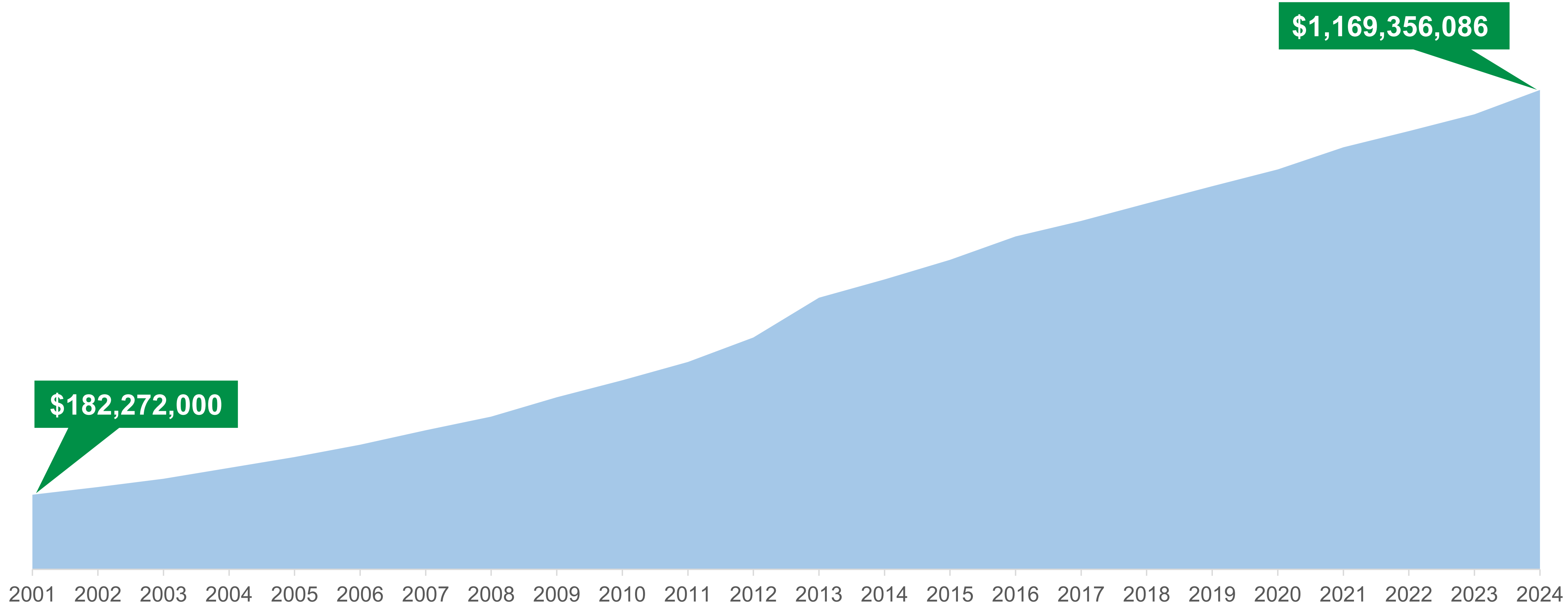
Reasonable Expenses

Investment Philosophy and Beliefs



Balancing Liquidity and Risk

Pension Payment History



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Asset Allocation Strategy

Valuation-Based Process
Focuses on buying undervalued assets and selling overvalued assets to maximize long-term returns

Strategic Use of Volatility
Volatility is viewed as an opportunity to buy assets at discounts, benefiting long-term investors

Prudent Risk Management
Risk is carefully monitored and aligned with portfolio goals

Robust Diversification
Diversifying across asset classes reduces risk and stabilizes portfolio performance in various markets

The Callan Periodic Table of Investment Returns

2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Emerging Market Equity 34.00%	Real Estate 42.12%	Emerging Market Equity 39.38%	U.S. Fixed Income 5.24%	Emerging Market Equity 78.51%	Small Cap Equity 26.85%	U.S. Fixed Income 7.84%	Real Estate 27.73%	Small Cap Equity 38.82%	Real Estate 15.02%
Real Estate 15.35%	Emerging Market Equity 32.17%	Developed ex-U.S. Equity 12.44%	Global ex-U.S. Fixed 4.39%	High Yield 58.21%	Real Estate 19.63%	High Yield 4.98%	Emerging Market Equity 18.23%	Large Cap Equity 32.39%	Large Cap Equity 13.69%
Developed ex-U.S. Equity 14.47%	Developed ex-U.S. Equity 25.71%	Global ex-U.S. Fixed 11.03%	Cash Equivalent 2.06%	Real Estate 37.13%	Emerging Market Equity 18.88%	Global ex-U.S. Fixed 4.36%	Developed ex-U.S. Equity 16.41%	Developed ex-U.S. Equity 21.02%	U.S. Fixed Income 5.97%
Large Cap Equity 4.91%	Small Cap Equity 18.37%	U.S. Fixed Income 6.97%	High Yield -26.16%	Developed ex-U.S. Equity 33.67%	High Yield 15.12%	Large Cap Equity 2.11%	Small Cap Equity 16.35%	High Yield 7.44%	Small Cap Equity 4.89%
Small Cap Equity 4.55%	Large Cap Equity 15.79%	Large Cap Equity 5.49%	Small Cap Equity -33.79%	Small Cap Equity 27.17%	Large Cap Equity 15.06%	Cash Equivalent 0.10%	Large Cap Equity 16.00%	Real Estate 3.67%	High Yield 2.45%
Cash Equivalent 3.07%	High Yield 11.85%	Cash Equivalent 5.00%	Large Cap Equity -37.00%	Large Cap Equity 26.47%	Developed ex-U.S. Equity 8.95%	Small Cap Equity -4.18%	High Yield 15.81%	Cash Equivalent 0.07%	Cash Equivalent 0.03%
High Yield 2.74%	Global ex-U.S. Fixed 8.16%	High Yield 1.87%	Developed ex-U.S. Equity -43.56%	Global ex-U.S. Fixed 7.53%	U.S. Fixed Income 6.54%	Real Estate -6.46%	U.S. Fixed Income 4.21%	U.S. Fixed Income -2.02%	Emerging Market Equity -2.19%
U.S. Fixed Income 2.43%	Cash Equivalent 4.85%	Small Cap Equity -1.57%	Real Estate -48.21%	U.S. Fixed Income 5.93%	Global ex-U.S. Fixed 4.95%	Developed ex-U.S. Equity -12.21%	Global ex-U.S. Fixed 4.09%	Emerging Market Equity -2.60%	Global ex-U.S. Fixed -3.09%
Global ex-U.S. Fixed -8.65%	U.S. Fixed Income 4.33%	Real Estate -7.39%	Emerging Market Equity -53.33%	Cash Equivalent 0.21%	Cash Equivalent 0.13%	Emerging Market Equity -18.42%	Cash Equivalent 0.11%	Global ex-U.S. Fixed -3.08%	Developed ex-U.S. Equity -4.32%

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Large Cap Equity 1.38%	Small Cap Equity 21.31%	Emerging Market Equity 37.28%	Cash Equivalent 1.87%	Large Cap Equity 31.49%	Small Cap Equity 19.96%	Large Cap Equity 28.71%	Cash Equivalent 1.46%	Large Cap Equity 26.29%	Large Cap Equity 25.02%
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Small Cap Equity -4.41%	Developed ex-U.S. Equity 2.75%	Real Estate 10.36%	Real Estate -5.63%	High Yield 14.32%	U.S. Fixed Income 7.51%	Cash Equivalent 0.05%	Global ex-U.S. Fixed -18.70%	Real Estate 9.67%	Developed ex-U.S. Equity 4.70%
High Yield -4.47%	U.S. Fixed Income 2.65%	High Yield 7.50%	Small Cap Equity -11.01%	U.S. Fixed Income 8.72%	High Yield 7.11%	U.S. Fixed Income -1.54%	Emerging Market Equity -20.09%	Global ex-U.S. Fixed 5.72%	U.S. Fixed Income 1.25%
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Investment Manager Due Diligence & Selection

A disciplined process is necessary to conduct proper due diligence and objectively evaluate managers.

The goal is to provide a consistent, systematic framework for investment manager due diligence and selection.

The MERS Office of Investments considers:

- Organization
- People
- Investment Process
- Procedures
- Performance
- Price
- Portfolio Impact

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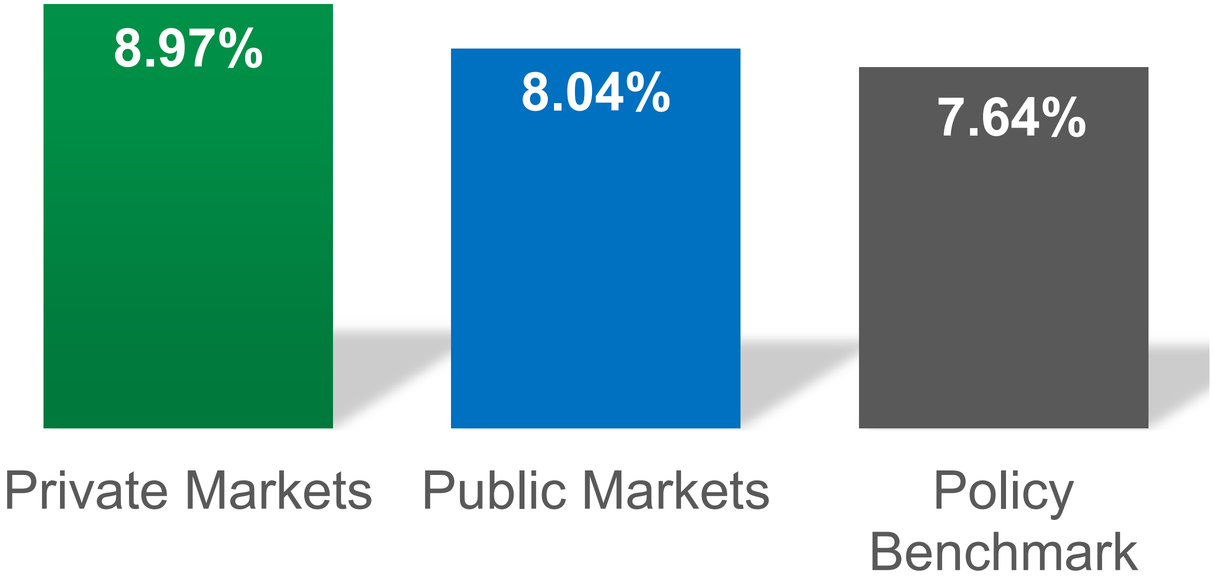
Private Markets Performance

5-Year Performance (net) vs. Public Markets & Policy Benchmark



5-Year Performance (net)
8.97%
vs.
Public Markets
8.04%

As of August 31, 2025

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Achieving Objectives

- ✓ Maintain adequate liquidity to pay promised benefits
- ✓ Exceed Actuarial Rate at the 1, 3, 5, and 10-year periods

MERS DB Portfolio Returns (net of fees)*

Actuarial Rate	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 year
6.93%	12.66%	10.04%	13.11%	8.91%	8.22%

As of September 30, 2025

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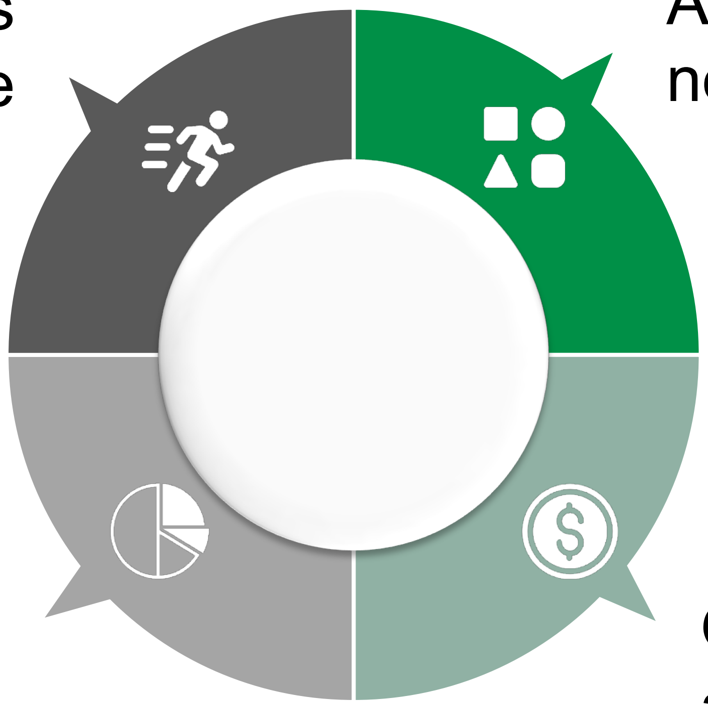
Investment Menu Objectives

Encourage participants to take an active role

Accommodate varying needs of participants



Support a diversified portfolio

Offer investment choices at a reasonable cost

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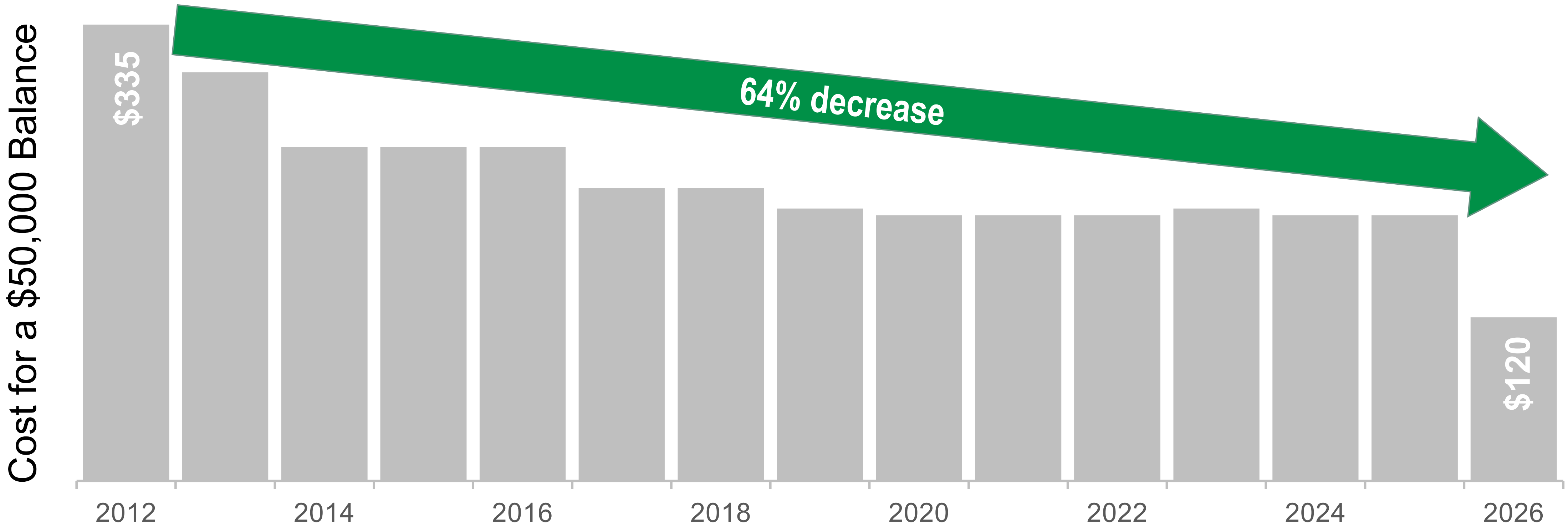
A History of Cost Reduction



Prior to March 2026, MERS assessed fess in bps that were included in the fund returns. The above represents the conversion of the bps fee to a flat fee based on an account balance of $50,000. The actual reduction may vary based on account balance.

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Investment Categories

1

Help me do it

with
Target Date Funds

2

I'll do it myself

with
Additional Fund Options

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DC & 457 participants also have access to the Self-Directed Brokerage Account (SDBA)

Target-Date Funds

Glide Path

Early Career

The fund starts out in mostly stocks where higher gains are expected and the risk of losses can be absorbed over time.

Nearing Retirement Age

The fund automatically shifts to more bonds. They earn less, but the risk of sudden losses is reduced.

During Retirement

Your money stays invested where stable earnings can help offset your withdrawals over time.

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MERS Investment Menu Resources

Investment Policy Statement
Outlines principles and guidelines for managing investments

Investment Menu Guide
Provides a detailed walkthrough of available investment options

Investment Menu Summary
Offers a concise overview of investment choices

Consolidated Quarterly Statements
Delivers account activity summaries for tracking progress

Fund Fact Sheets
Presents fund data including performance, fees, and risk profiles

Morningstar Fund Fact Sheets

Release Date: 06-30-2025

BlackRock

BlackRock LifePath® Index 2050 Fund N

Primary Benchmark	Custom Benchmark	Morningstar Category	Overall Morningstar Rating™	Morningstar Return	Morningstar Risk
Russell 1000® Index	BlackRock LifePath® Index 2050 Custom Benchmark	Target-Date 2050	★★★★ See disclosure for details.	High	High

Allocation of Stocks and Bonds

Investment Objective and Strategy

The Fund is a collective investment trust maintained and managed by BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, N.A. ("BTC").

The Fund will be broadly diversified across global asset classes. BTC employs a multidimensional approach to assess risk for the Fund and to determine the Fund's allocation across asset classes.

The Fund's investments may include, but are not limited to: equity securities of any capitalization (including those issued by real estate companies) and equity-related securities; depositary receipts; fixed income and fixed income-like securities and other fixed income obligations (including those issued or guaranteed by the U.S. government, its agencies or instrumentalities, and those issued by corporations or other entities); mortgage-backed securities; other asset-backed securities; commodities; and/or cash equivalents.

The Fund may invest in securities and other obligations of U.S. issuers or non-U.S. issuers (in both developed and emerging market countries) of any market capitalization. The Fund's fixed-income investments may include investment-grade and non-investment grade securities and other obligations, and may include securities and other obligations with any maturity. The Fund may invest in securities and other assets that are non-U.S. dollar-denominated on a hedged or unhedged basis, and may enter into currency transactions on a hedged or unhedged basis.

The Fund's asset allocation will change over time according to a predetermined "glidepath" as the Fund approaches its target date. The glidepath represents the shifting of asset classes over time and illustrates the target allocation among asset classes as a Fund with a target date. The asset allocation of the Fund will gradually change to become more conservative over the investment horizon of each Fund by decreasing the proportion of the portfolio that is invested in equity and equity-like securities and increasing the proportion of the portfolio that is invested in fixed income and fixed income-like securities, which typically reduce investment risk but forego potential returns.

BTC employs a proprietary investment model that analyzes securities market data, including risk, correlation and expected return statistics, to recommend the portfolio allocation among the asset classes.

Rather than choosing specific securities within each asset class, BTC selects among indices representing segments of the global equity and debt markets and invests in underlying funds that hold securities that comprise the chosen index. The Fund generally invests in a chosen index through a series of collective investment trusts maintained and managed by BTC, each such fund representing one of the indices (each, an "Underlying Fund").

The Underlying Funds may purchase or sell options or futures, and may enter into swaps, forward contracts, and other types of foreign currency transactions, and/or other structured investments (collectively, "derivatives"), some of which may give rise to a form of leverage. The Underlying Funds typically use derivatives as a substitute for taking a position in the underlying asset and/or as part of a strategy designed to reduce exposure to risk.

In the event of a conflict between this summary description of the Fund's investment objective and principal investment strategies and the Trust Document under which the Fund was established, the Trust Document will govern. For more information related to the Fund, please see the Fund's Trust Document, Profile and most recent audited financial statements.

The Fund may engage in securities lending.

Portfolio Analysis

Top 10 Holdings as of 06-30-25	% Assets
Russell 1000 Index Fund	52.69
BlackRock MSCI ACWI ex-US IMI Index Fd E	36.07
Russell 2000 Index Fund	3.58
Long Term Credit Bond Index Fund	3.27
FTSE NAREIT All Equity REITs Index Fd F	2.33
US Securitized Index Fund E	1.41
Long Term Gov Bd Index Fd	0.27
Intermediate Government Bond Index Fund	0.24
Intermediate Term Credit Bond Index NL Fd	0.14
BlackRock MSCI ACWI ex-U.S. IMI Idx T	0.00

Morningstar Super Sectors as of 06-30-25	% Fund
Cyclical	36.49
Sensitive	46.21
Defensive	17.30

Morningstar F-I Sectors as of 06-30-25	% Fund	% Category
Government	8.95	32.25
Corporate	51.31	18.69
Securitized	23.07	15.84
Municipal	2.33	0.18
Cash/Cash Equivalents	14.34	24.06
Derivative	0.00	8.98

Investment Information

Operations and Management

Product Inception Date	08-15-17
Strategy Inception Date	09-30-07
Total Fund Assets ($mil)	3,018.97
Investment Manager	BlackRock Institutional Trust Co NA
Annual Turnover Ratio %	24.51

Fees and Expenses as of 12-31-24	
Total Annual Operating Expense %	0.058%
Total Annual Operating Expense per $1000	$0.58

Additional Information for Total Annual Operating Expense

The Total Annual Operating Expense ("TAOE") ratio noted above reflects a management fee and administrative costs. The administrative costs are capped at one (1) basis point (0.01%) per year. The TAOE may also, if applicable, reflect certain third party acquired fund fees and expenses. There may be other fees and expenses not reflected in the TAOE that bear on the value of the investment. The Portfolio Turnover Rate is that of the collective investment fund in which the Fund invests exclusively, either directly or indirectly.

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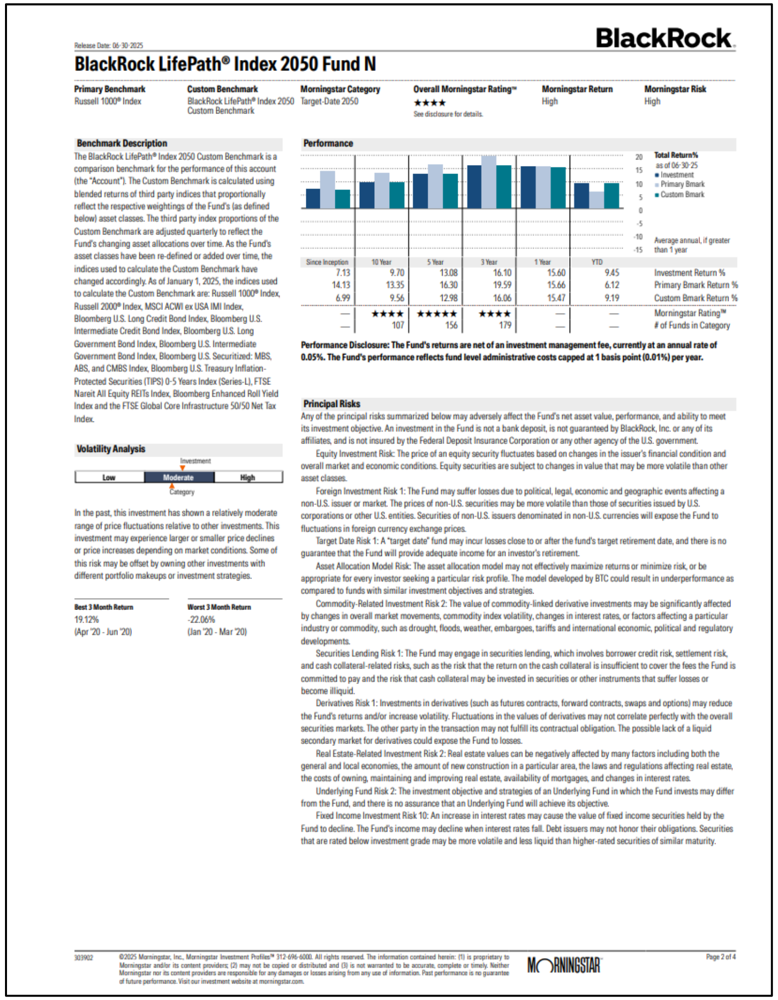

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BlackRock

BlackRock LifePath® Index 2050 Fund N

Primary Benchmark	Custom Benchmark	Morningstar Category	Overall Morningstar Rating™	Morningstar Return	Morningstar Risk
Russell 1000® Index	BlackRock LifePath® Index 2050 Custom Benchmark	Target-Date 2050	★★★★ See disclosure for details.	High	High

Benchmark Description

The BlackRock LifePath® Index 2050 Custom Benchmark is a comparison benchmark for the performance of this account (the "Account"). The Custom Benchmark is calculated using blended returns of third party indices that proportionally reflect the respective weightings of the Fund's (as defined below) asset classes. The third party index proportions of the Custom Benchmark are adjusted quarterly to reflect the Fund's changing asset allocations over time. As the Fund's asset classes have been re-defined or added over time, the indices used to calculate the Custom Benchmark have changed accordingly. As of January 1, 2025, the indices used to calculate the Custom Benchmark are: Russell 1000® Index, Russell 2000® Index, MSCI ACWI ex USA IMI Index, Bloomberg U.S. Long Credit Bond Index, Bloomberg U.S. Intermediate Credit Bond Index, Bloomberg U.S. Long Government Bond Index, Bloomberg U.S. Intermediate Government Bond Index, Bloomberg U.S. Securitized: MBS, ABS, and CMBS Index, Bloomberg U.S. Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities (TIPS) 0-5 Years Index (Series-L), FTSE Nareit All Equity REITs Index, Bloomberg Enhanced Roll Yield Index and the FTSE Global Core Infrastructure 50/50 Net Tax Index.

Volatility Analysis

In the past, this investment has shown a relatively moderate range of price fluctuations relative to other investments. This investment may experience larger or smaller price declines or price increases depending on market conditions. Some of this risk may be offset by owning other investments with different portfolio makeups or investment strategies.

Best 3 Month Return	Worst 3 Month Return
19.12%	-22.06%
(Apr '20 - Jun '20)	(Jan '20 - Mar '20)

Performance

	Since Inception	10 Year	5 Year	3 Year	1 Year	YTD	
	7.13	9.70	13.08	16.10	15.60	9.45	Investment Return %
	14.13	13.35	16.30	19.59	15.66	6.12	Primary Bmark Return %
	6.99	9.56	12.98	16.06	15.47	9.19	Custom Bmark Return %
	—	★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★	—	—	Morningstar Rating™
	—	107	156	179	—	—	# of Funds in Category

Performance Disclosure: The Fund's returns are net of an investment management fee, currently at an annual rate of 0.05%. The Fund's performance reflects fund level administrative costs capped at 1 basis point (0.01%) per year.

Principal Risks

Any of the principal risks summarized below may adversely affect the Fund's net asset value, performance, and ability to meet its investment objective. An investment in the Fund is not a bank deposit, is not guaranteed by BlackRock, Inc. or any of its affiliates, and is not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other agency of the U.S. government.

Equity Investment Risk: The price of an equity security fluctuates based on changes in the issuer's financial condition and overall market and economic conditions. Equity securities are subject to changes in value that may be more volatile than other asset classes.

Foreign Investment Risk 1: The Fund may suffer losses due to political, legal, economic and geographic events affecting a non-U.S. issuer or market. The prices of non-U.S. securities may be more volatile than those of securities issued by U.S. corporations or other U.S. entities. Securities of non-U.S. issuers denominated in non-U.S. currencies will expose the Fund to fluctuations in foreign currency exchange prices.

Target Date Risk 1: A "target date" fund may incur losses close to or after the fund's target retirement date, and there is no guarantee that the Fund will provide adequate income for an investor's retirement.

Asset Allocation Model Risk: The asset allocation model may not effectively maximize returns or minimize risk, or be appropriate for every investor seeking a particular risk profile. The model developed by BTC could result in underperformance as compared to funds with similar investment objectives and strategies.

Commodity-Related Investment Risk 2: The value of commodity-linked derivative investments may be significantly affected by changes in overall market movements, commodity index volatility, changes in interest rates, or factors affecting a particular industry or commodity, such as drought, floods, weather, embargoes, tariffs and international economic, political and regulatory developments.

Securities Lending Risk 1: The Fund may engage in securities lending, which involves borrower credit risk, settlement risk, and cash collateral-related risks, such as the risk that the return on the cash collateral is insufficient to cover the fees the Fund is committed to pay and the risk that cash collateral may be invested in securities or other instruments that suffer losses or become illiquid.

Derivatives Risk 1: Investments in derivatives (such as futures contracts, forward contracts, swaps and options) may reduce the Fund's returns and/or increase volatility. Fluctuations in the values of derivatives may not correlate perfectly with the overall securities markets. The other party in the transaction may not fulfill its contractual obligation. The possible lack of a liquid secondary market for derivatives could expose the Fund to losses.

Real Estate-Related Investment Risk 2: Real estate values can be negatively affected by many factors including both the general and local economies, the amount of new construction in a particular area, the laws and regulations affecting real estate, the costs of owning, maintaining and improving real estate, availability of mortgages, and changes in interest rates.

Underlying Fund Risk 2: The investment objective and strategies of an Underlying Fund in which the Fund invests may differ from the Fund, and there is no assurance that an Underlying Fund will achieve its objective.

Fixed Income Investment Risk 10: An increase in interest rates may cause the value of fixed income securities held by the Fund to decline. The Fund's income may decline when interest rates fall. Debt issuers may not honor their obligations. Securities that are rated below investment grade may be more volatile and less liquid than higher-rated securities of similar maturity.

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