

ESG POOL SUMMARY

As of September 30, 2021

The ESG (Environmental, Social, Governance) Pool is designed for investors that seek alignment of mission and values while seeking market rate returns commensurate with a globally diversified portfolio. The ESG pool is long-term in nature and capital appreciation is the primary goal. The ESG pool invests in daily liquid investments only. This Pool is for permanent endowments, where the time horizon is in perpetuity. The portfolio is allocated across:

- ❖ **Asset class** (stocks, bonds, diversified mutual funds)
- ❖ **Region** (U.S., developed international, emerging markets)
- ❖ **Market Cap** (large, mid, and small size companies)
- ❖ **Style** (value and growth)
- ❖ **Liquidity** (public investments)
- ❖ **Mission** (climate, labor concerns, gender and racial diversity, hunger, education, clean water, air and soil)

PERFORMANCE



ASSET ALLOCATION

❖ Domestic Stocks	30%
❖ International Stocks	25%
❖ Core Fixed Income	30%
❖ Infrastructure	5%
❖ Real Estate	5%
❖ Diversified Mutual Funds	5%



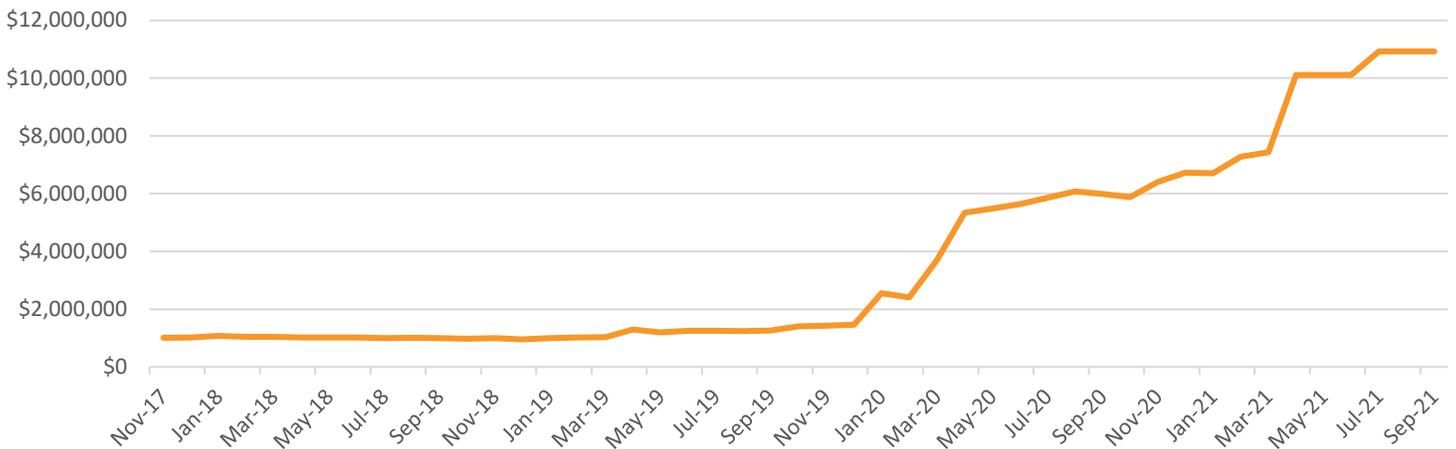
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GROWTH OF ASSETS OVER TIME

ESG Pool



QUARTERLY COMMENTARY

Global equity performance during the quarter was slightly negative, outside of a modest positive return in domestic large cap. Virtually all losses for the quarter were experienced in the month of September due to continued concerns surrounding inflation as well as stress in the Chinese real estate market. In fixed income, credit-sensitive assets continued to outperform interest rate-sensitive assets, and performance in real assets was also mixed, with positive themes generally favoring energy-related assets.

FROM OUR INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY

The Foundation recognizes that constituents of the Community have an interest in allocating charitable dollars in a fashion that is consistent with their ethics and values. Further, the Foundation and their consultant recognize the growing amount of research that suggests that incorporating ESG factors into the security selection process can help uncover unaccounted risk and return characteristics that can benefit the portfolio. For these reasons, the Foundation elected to provide an additional investment option for potential donors that desire ESG characteristics in their portfolio.

The pool will have the majority of its assets invested in public equity, with the remainder in fixed income and diversified mutual funds. The ESG pool seeks to hold little to no holdings principally involved in alcohol, tobacco, gambling, adult entertainment, civilian firearms, for-profit prisons, fossil fuel extraction, genetically modified foods, predatory lending, and non-gender diversified Boards while emphasizing investment in companies that hold positive ESG characteristics. The pool also focuses a portion of the assets to address concerns within the Greater Cedar Rapids community.

For further information regarding investment management please visit our website:

<https://www.gcrf.org/about/investment-management/>

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