

# CONSERVATIVE POOL SUMMARY

As of March 30, 2024

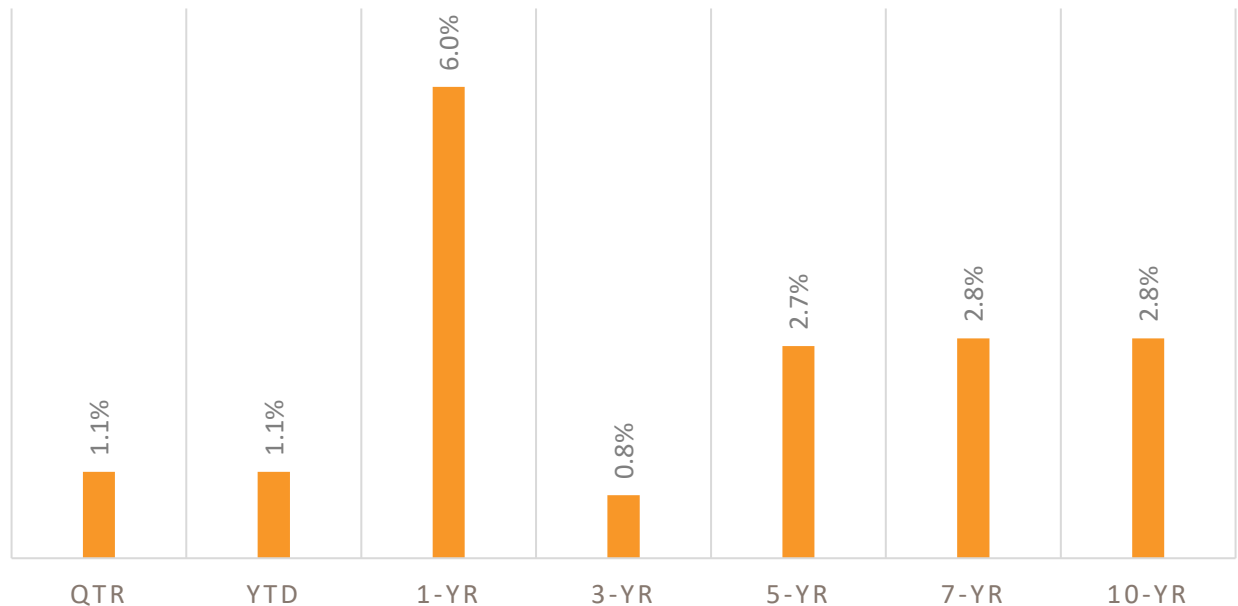
The Conservative Pool is designed to be short to intermediate-term in nature and capital preservation is the primary goal. The portfolio makes investments primarily in liquid, publicly traded fixed income securities and cash. The pool will invest a portion of the assets in US-based stocks. This Pool is for agencies and endowments, where the time horizon is in excess of one year and less than five years. The portfolio is allocated across:

- ❖ **Asset class** (stocks, bonds, cash)
- ❖ **Region** (U.S.)
- ❖ **Market Cap** (large mid size companies)
- ❖ **Style** (core, value and growth)
- ❖ **Liquidity** (daily liquid investments)

## ASSET ALLOCATION

❖ Domestic Stocks	13%
❖ Core Fixed Income	79%
❖ Money Market & Cash	9%

## PERFORMANCE

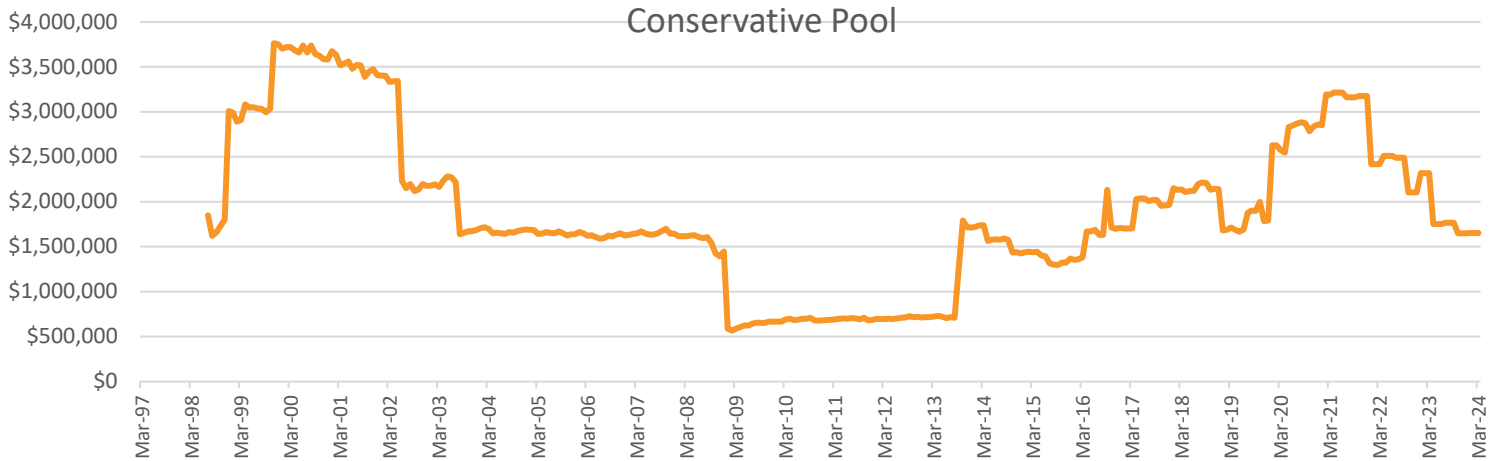


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## GROWTH OF ASSETS OVER TIME



## QUARTERLY COMMENTARY

Risk assets were rewarded in the first quarter of 2024 as the S&P 500 Index—advanced to a record high and credit risk premiums tightened to near record lows. These gains humbled stock market bears who raised alarm bells in recent months due to historically elevated valuations, stubbornly elevated inflation, an unsustainable U.S. fiscal trajectory, and an unsettling geopolitical stage. For the quarter, the majority of large cap's gains came from the growth stocks, while small and microcap companies continued to lag, albeit still posting solid returns. International equities lagged domestic, as regional conflicts in Eastern Europe and the Middle East, helped weigh on investor sentiment. Performance in the bond market was mixed, with rate-sensitive sectors like investment-grade credit and Treasuries witnessing declines.

## FROM OUR INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY

The conservative pool is designed to generate return in excess of money market with limited stock exposure. The pool is U.S. focused, providing exposure to stocks, cash, U.S. bonds, and money market instruments.

The pool will have approximately ten percent of its assets invested in public equity with the remainder in fixed income and money market. The goal of the pool is to generate returns in excess of cash over a one-year time horizon while maintaining 100% daily liquidity of the assets. Given the pool will invest in small amounts of the stock market it is subject to shorter-term fluctuations and, as such, is not designed as a cash replacement.

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

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