# **InvestmentView**

OVER THE LAST WEEK AS OF OCTOBER 18, 2024

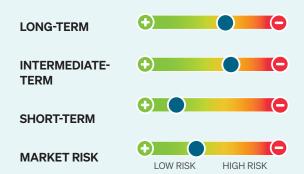
## **QUICK TAKE**

Several U.S. equity indexes continue to push to new all-time highs as the S&P 500 total return index is now up 24.92% year-to-date. This longer-term positive momentum in combination with improvements in market breadth have helped to improve the long-term model.

The intermediate-term model has also improved as the ratio of put options to call options traded has increased as of late indicating some investor bearishness. This has historically been a positive sign for the equity markets from a contrarian perspective.

Market RISK is in balance right now as expected equity market volatility, as measured by the VIX, is below average. However, expected bond market volatility, as measured by the MOVE index, is above average.

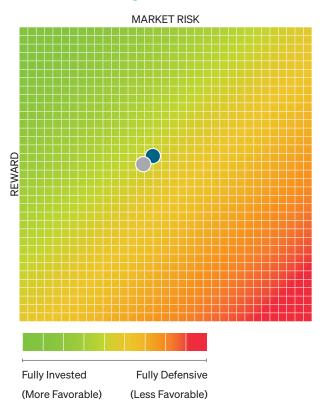
#### **OVERALL MODEL OUTPUT**



# A Closer Look at Our Tactical Positioning Targets

Each day, Meeder analyzes and ranks over 70 different factors from our short, intermediate, and long-term models. The dynamic statistical model incorporates factors covering macroeconomic, fundamental, trends and technical analysis to estimate the potential reward and marketplace risk of the equity markets. The Meeder Spectrum, Muirfield, Balanced, Moderate Allocation, and Conservative Allocation funds utilize this strategy for the Defensive Equity portion of their portfolios. The Defensive Equity Strategy guides the allocation of each fund's equity sleeve and the actual proportion of equity investments in any fund will vary depending on the investment objectives of the fund.

## **DEFENSIVE EQUITY SNAPSHOT**



Previous Week

Current

### **DEFENSIVE EQUITY ALLOCATION**

Net Equity Exposure 100%

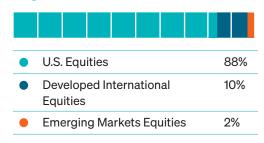
## UNDERSTANDING THE DEFENSIVE EQUITY SNAPSHOT

The vertical axis of the grid combines the scores of our long-, intermediate-, and short-term models to arrive at the reward value for the stock market. The horizontal axis represents the model's internal measure of stock market risk. The reward value is divided by marketplace risk to arrive at our recommended percentage of Net Equity Exposure.

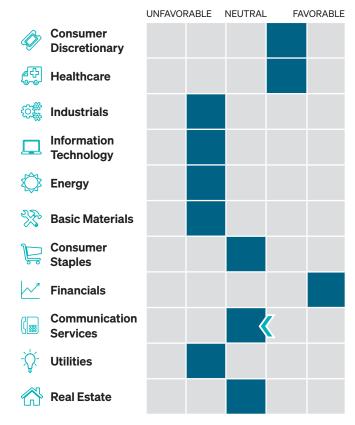


# Meeder Equity Strategy

### **EQUITY ALLOCATION**



## SECTOR PREFERENCES



#### **STYLE EXPOSURE**



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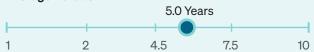
#### **Quick Take**

- » We remain overweight high yield relative to investment grade as the Fed's easing cycle has begun.
- » We are underweight emerging market debt as the dollar has continued to strengthen.
- » As the curve continues to steepen and long-term rates continue to rise, we've shortened our duration to 5.0 years.

#### **Fixed Income Preferences**



#### **Average Duration**



The Meeder Fixed Income strategy allocates the fixed income component of our Meeder Dynamic Allocation, Global Allocation, Balanced, Moderate Allocation, and Conservative Allocation Fund between investment-grade bonds, high-yield corporate bonds and international debt. Employing a multifactor model, the strategy covers both asset class and duration of fixed income securities held by the funds.

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