

## Hartford Growth Allocation Fund

**Tickers** A: HRAAX C: HRACX F: HRAFX I: HRAIX R3: HRARX R4: HRASX R5: HRATX

**Morningstar® Category** Moderately Aggressive Allocation **Inception Date** 05/28/2004

### Market Overview

While US equity markets posted modest gains in the fourth quarter, international equities retreated as developed markets and emerging markets lost ground to roughly the same extent. The developed-market MSCI EAFE index returned -7.43% and the MSCI Emerging Markets Index returned -8.01% during the quarter, while the Russell 3000 Index returned 2.63%. Rising interest rates resulted in negative returns across most fixed-income sectors and tempered the return in investment-grade fixed income for the quarter as the Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index returned -3.06% for the period.

Though economic data was stable in major markets, politics dominated the news cycle as numerous governments across the globe came under pressure during the quarter, with France, Germany, Japan, Canada, and Korea some of the most notable nations to call for leadership changes. However, it was the outcome of the US election that may have been the most impactful political event for the quarter with President Donald Trump's campaign promises of aggressive tariffs on importers along with tax and regulatory breaks for domestic producers delivering headwinds to foreign shares. Compounding that sentiment was continued and intensifying strengthening of the US dollar, gaining nearly 8.00% in Q4 alone and driving the vast majority of underperformance for non-US equities for the period.

### Performance Summary

- Hartford Growth Allocation Fund (I Share) outperformed its benchmark during the period.
- The main driver of the Fund's outperformance vs. the benchmark was performance of the underlying positions relative to their individual benchmarks. In particular, Hartford Large Cap Growth ETF, Hartford International Growth Fund and Hartford International Opportunities Fund outperformed their respective benchmarks.
- Exposure to US small-cap equity detracted from outperformance, partially offsetting these effects.

### Positioning & Outlook

- Over the period, we initiated positions in Hartford US Quality Growth ETF, Hartford US Value ETF, and Hartford Schroders International Contrarian Value Fund while removing our positions in Hartford Multifactor US Equity ETF, Hartford Growth Opportunities Fund, and Hartford Schroders International Multi-Cap Value Fund.
- We remain overweight to equities and favor domestic over international stocks. In the US, strong earnings, economic growth, AI advancements, a loosening Federal Reserve policy, and potential tax cuts and deregulation by the Trump administration should sustain the rally in domestic equities. Internationally, despite a less favorable economic backdrop, central-bank easing in developed markets may boost growth later in the year.
- Domestically, we favor small-cap equities, which should benefit from tax cuts, deregulation, and potential deglobalization measures.
- We are underweight fixed income due to tight spreads in US investment-grade and high-yield credit. We prefer the risk/return tradeoff in equities over high yield, as tight spreads in US investment grade are supported by solid fundamentals but offer little incentive for risk-taking in US credit.

### Portfolio managers from Hartford Funds and years of experience

Vernon J. Meyer, CFA, 38 years  
Allison Mortensen, CFA, 31 years  
Jim Glendon, CFA, 16 years

### Top Holdings (%)

Hartford Core Equity Fund	20.83
Hartford Large Cap Growth ETF	10.07
Hartford Equity Income Fund	9.46
Hartford International Opportunities Fund	7.77
Hartford Multifactor Developed Markets (ex-US) ETF	6.27
Hartford World Bond Fund	6.06
Hartford Core Bond ETF	5.51
Hartford Schroders International Contrarian Value Fund	4.95
Hartford US Value ETF	4.86
Hartford US Quality Growth ETF	4.85
Hartford International Growth Fund	4.35
Hartford Small Cap Value Fund	4.30
Hartford Small Company Fund	4.24
Hartford Schroders Emerging Markets Equity Fund	2.75
Hartford Schroders Core Fixed Income Fund	2.52
Hartford Strategic Income Fund	1.00
<b>Percentage Of Portfolio</b>	<b>99.79</b>

Holdings and characteristics are subject to change. Percentages may be rounded.

## Average Annual Total Returns (%)

Class	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	SI	Expenses <sup>1</sup>	
								Gross	Net
A	-0.46	15.34	15.34	3.56	7.36	6.83	6.59	1.05%	1.05%
A with 5.5% Max Sales Charge	—	—	9.00	1.63	6.15	6.22	6.30	—	—
F	-0.43	15.82	15.82	3.93	7.76	7.22	6.94	0.67%	0.67%
I	-0.46	15.63	15.63	3.83	7.64	7.14	6.90	0.77%	0.77%
R3	-0.60	14.95	14.95	3.18	6.99	6.48	6.29	1.38%	1.38%
R4	-0.56	15.23	15.23	3.49	7.31	6.79	6.58	1.09%	1.09%
R5	-0.46	15.56	15.56	3.82	7.63	7.12	6.87	0.77%	0.77%
Benchmark	-1.09	14.43	14.43	4.23	8.70	8.50	—	—	—
Morningstar Category	-0.86	12.97	12.97	3.34	7.50	7.24	—	—	—

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Share Class Inception: A - 5/28/04; F - 2/28/17; I - 8/31/06; R3, R4, R5 - 12/22/06. Performance shown prior to the inception of a class reflects performance and operating expenses of another class(es) (excluding sales charges, if applicable). Had fees and expenses of a class been reflected for the periods prior to the inception of that class, performance would be different. Since inception (SI) performance is from 5/28/04. Performance and expenses for other share classes will vary. Additional information is in the prospectus. Only Class A assesses a sales charge. Performance for periods of less than one year is not annualized.

Benchmark: The Blended Index consists of 20% Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index, 55% Russell 3000 Index and 25% MSCI ACWI ex USA Index (net of dividend withholding tax). Indices are unmanaged and not available for direct investment.

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<sup>1</sup>Expenses as shown in the Fund's most recent prospectus.

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