

## Hartford Growth Allocation Fund

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

**Morningstar® Category** Allocation--70% to 85% Equity

**Inception Date** 05/28/2004

**Lipper Peer Group** Mixed-Asset Target Allocation Growth

### Market Overview

Global equity markets had mixed results for the quarter, with US equity markets rising as non-US equity markets fell. The difference in results can be attributed in part to the various ways in which countries have been affected by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, which has worsened as the Delta variant of COVID-19 has spread rapidly across populations. Emerging-market equity had the biggest losses as China Evergrande Group, a Chinese property developer, faced the possibility of financial collapse. As of August 2021, the US unemployment rate fell to 5.2%, with companies and industries still grappling with labor shortages.

Global bond prices were mostly higher during the quarter, with the exception of emerging-market debt. At its September meeting, the US Federal Reserve (Fed) left interest rates unchanged and continued its current pace of bond-buying. However, the Fed stated that it may begin to reduce its bond purchases if economic data such as employment and inflation continue to normalize. Other global central banks are following suit, looking to delay monetary tightening as economies continue to deal with disruptions stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic.

### Performance Summary

- Hartford Growth Allocation Fund (I Share) underperformed its benchmark and the Lipper Mixed-Asset Target Growth Funds peer group average during the period.
- The main driver of the Fund's underperformance versus the benchmark was the exposure to small-cap US equities.
- The performance of the underlying positions relative to their individual benchmarks contributed to the underperformance. In particular, Hartford Growth Opportunities Fund underperformed its benchmark. However, Hartford International Opportunities Fund outperformed its benchmark, partially offsetting this effect.

### Positioning & Outlook

- We believe investors will be better-compensated for risk in equity markets than in fixed income and remain overweight to equity relative to fixed income.
- We remain positive on developed markets as the reopening story remains in play with vaccination rates increasing and the economic recovery continuing while central-bank support is still strong.

### Portfolio Managers from Hartford Funds Management Company

**Vernon J. Meyer, CFA**

Managing Director and  
Chief Investment Officer  
Professional Experience Since 1990

**Allison Mortensen, CFA**

Head of Multi-Asset Solutions and  
Managing Director  
Professional Experience Since 1994

Class	Performance (%)		Average Annual Total Returns				Expenses <sup>1</sup>		
	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	SI	Gross	Net
A	-1.50	8.37	22.61	9.87	10.56	9.73	6.94	1.11%	1.11%
A with 5.5% Max Sales Charge	—	—	15.87	7.82	9.32	9.11	6.59	—	—
F	-1.37	8.72	23.06	10.31	11.00	10.13	7.27	0.71%	0.71%
I	-1.44	8.50	22.82	10.17	10.88	10.07	7.24	0.80%	0.80%
R3	-1.60	8.05	22.17	9.51	10.22	9.39	6.65	1.42%	1.42%
R4	-1.50	8.33	22.52	9.81	10.52	9.72	6.94	1.11%	1.11%
R5	-1.43	8.58	22.87	10.15	10.86	10.05	7.21	0.82%	0.82%
Blended Index	-0.77	9.30	22.88	12.15	12.22	11.69	—	—	—
Morningstar Category	-1.01	10.19	24.23	10.17	10.45	10.53	—	—	—
Lipper Peer Group	-0.70	9.28	21.68	10.40	10.35	10.34	—	—	—

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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.

The Blended Index consists of 20% Bloomberg U.S. 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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