## TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY SYSTEM ENDOWMENT FUND



4th Quarter — August 31, 2020

Fiscal Year 2020

## **Market Overview**

Equities continued their winning streak in August—marking the fifth straight month of gains—amid improving investor sentiment bolstered by ongoing stimulus, better than expected quarterly earnings, and optimism around a vaccine. In the US, the S&P 500 Index returned 7.13%, gaining in all but five trading days, ending the month at 3,500. Non-US equities benefited from ongoing weakness in the dollar with the MSCI EAFE and MSCI Emerging Markets indexes up 5.1% and 2.2%, respectively.

In fixed income, Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell, in a widely-expected move, said the central bank would seek to achieve average inflation of 2%; following periods of inflation be-

low 2%. In response, inflation expectations rose, leading to an uptick in global yields; US and German 10-year yields increased 17 and 13 basis points, respectively. The US yield curve steepened with the 30-year yield increasing 27 basis points, ending the month at 1.46%. **Major Index Returns for August**:



MSCI EAFE Index: 5.1%

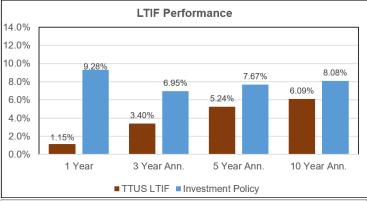
• MSCI EM (Emerging Markets): 2.2%

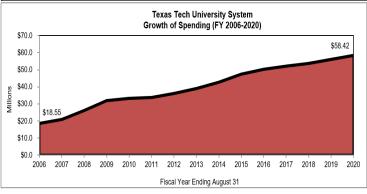
• Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index: -0.81%

JP Morgan EM Bond Index: 0.30%









## **Actual Asset Class Allocation** Liquidating Portfolio Hedge 0.37% 0.47% Private Equity Investments 31.77% 32.37% Cash & Alpha Pool Debt 8.54% 15.10% Assets 11.38%

## Commentary:

Since inception, the LTIF has met the annual 4.5% spending requirement.

- Each year, there has been a real increase in dollars spent due to growth of the LTIF through investment earnings and donor contributions.
- \$600.23 million distributed over last 15 years
- \$58.4 million was distributed in Fiscal Year 2020