

# Texas Tech University System

## SHORT TERM INVESTMENT FUND

QUARTERLY REPORT - AUGUST 31, 2020

FUND PERFORMANCE		Quarter	1-year	3-year	5-year
Short Term Investment Fund Return	\$ 748,540,083	1.16 %	3.12 %	1.85 %	1.33 %
Index: STIF Allocation		0.86	3.17	2.43	1.70

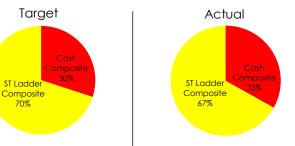
### MARKET OVERVIEW

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 7.2%, 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 below 2%, the Fed will allow inflation to run above 2% for some time to make up for persistently below-target inflation rates. 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%. The rise in yields, particularly at the long-end of the curve, eroded fixed-income returns with the Barclays US Long Treasury Index Iosing 4.3% last month.

In real assets, commodity prices continued to increase with the Bloomberg Commodity Index up 6.8% in August. The rally was driven by energy as spot WTI crude oil prices rose, reflecting improving global demand. Spot gold prices capped their rally, falling 0.4% last month after experiencing their largest one-day decline in over five years, highlighting that no asset class is immune to market volatility in the current environment.

### **ASSET ALLOCATION**



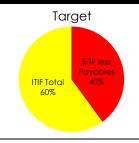
#### FUND ADMINISTRATION

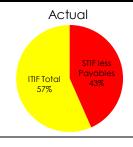
As of May 31, 2020, the balance of the STIF for the System was \$641 million. During the quarter, the fund had net inflows of \$107 million. STIF payout is distributed back to member institutions on a monthly basis. For the current quarter, those distributions totaled \$3.2 million.

Both STIF and ITIF is comprised of local operating (non-endowed) funds. STIF focuses on current operating need and liquidity where as ITIF is identified as reserves. The funds are invested according to the Board-approved Investment Policies, found at https://www.texastech.edu/board-of-regents/regents-rules.php.

DETAILED PERFORMANCE		Market Value		Quarter	1-year	3-year	5-year	
Cash Composite	:	\$	247,922,991	0.06 %	0.72 %	1.16 %	0.81 %	
Index: Barclays 1-3 Month T-Bill Depository Accounts Government Investment Pools	\$ 138,018,925 109,904,066			0.23	1.33	1.69	1.16	
Money Market Funds Short Term Ladder Composite	- :	\$	500,617,092	1.64 %	4.00 %	2.10 %	1.52 %	
Index: ICE BoAML 0-3 yr US Treasu Agencies Treasuries	380,027,633 \$ 380,027,633 71,429,958			1.13	3.97	2.74	1.93	
Municipals Money Market Funds	49,159,500 1							
STIF Total	:	\$	748,540,083					

## **OPERATING FUNDS ALLOCATION REVIEW**





	_	Market Value	Allocation	Allocated
STIF Total	\$	748,540,083		
Payables	\$	(119,599,000)		
STIF less Payables	\$	628,941,083	\$ 580,062,498	48,878,585
ITIF Total	\$	821,215,162	\$ 870,093,747	(48,878,585)
Operating Funds Total	\$	1,450,156,245	\$ 1,450,156,245	