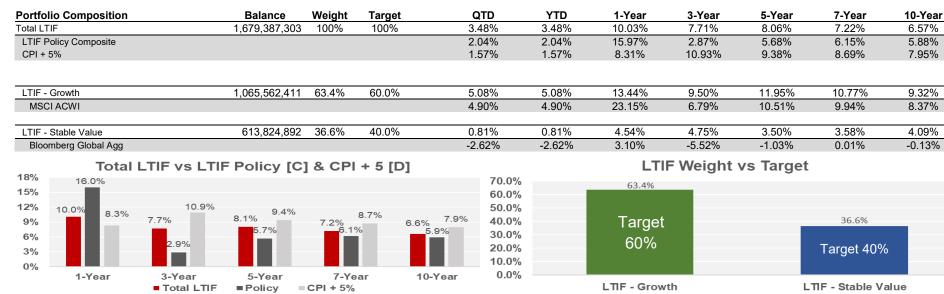
## Texas Tech University System

Long Term Investment Fund (LTIF)

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LTIF Valuation: \$1.7 Billion

## Performance Overview:



## Market Overview:

A slew of stronger-than-expected economic and corporate earnings data bolstered global stocks in February. The S&P 500 Index hit multiple milestones during the month: it surpassed 5000 and Nvidia set a record for the largest single-day market capitalization gain of \$277 billion; the S&P 500 gained 5.3% last month, pushing year-to-date returns to 7.1%.

Outside the U.S., the MSCI Emerging Markets Index added 4.8% in February. The rally was fueled by supportive policy announcements from China, including a surprise 25 basis points cut to its five-year loan prime rate. In response, the MSCI China Index added 8.4% in February, even as the index remains in the red year-to-date. Meanwhile, the MSCI EAFE Index lagged, adding 1.8% as economic weakness in Europe weighed on returns, while Japanese equities hit a 30-year high.

Economic resilience caused markets to reprice expectations for interest rate cuts by the Federal Reserve later this year. Fixed-income returns were pressured by rising yields: the

10- and 30-year Treasury yields added 29 and 17 basis points, respectively, resulting in a 1.3% monthly decline in the Bloomberg U.S. Treasury Index. Despite rising rates, lower-quality credit rallied, underscoring the robust economic backdrop. The option-adjusted spread on the Bloomberg U.S. High Yield Corporate Index tightened 32 basis points; the index eked out a 0.3% monthly gain. U.S. dollar-denominated emerging market debt also rallied 1% as the option-adjusted spread on the JPM EMBI Global Diversified Index declined 28 basis points in February.

Within real assets, the Bloomberg Commodity Index fell 1.5%. Despite spot WTI crude oil adding 2.6% for the month, other energy and agriculture commodities weighed on index returns. Notably, spot natural gas prices declined 14.9%, reflecting the oversupply along with a warmer-than-average winter weighing on demand.

Major Index Returns - Feb 2024	MTD	Trl 1-Year
S&P 500 Composite TR	5.34%	12.43%
MSCI ACWI TR Net USD	4.29%	10.32%
MSCI EM TR Net USD Bloomberg Global Aggregate	4.76%	4.23%
USD	-1.26%	0.99%
Global 60/40	2.07%	6.54%

