



# TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY SYSTEM ENDOWMENT FUND

2nd Quarter—February 28, 2018

Fiscal Year 2018

## Market Overview

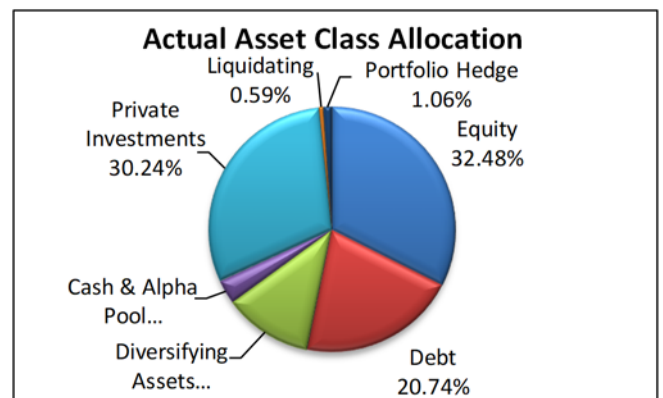
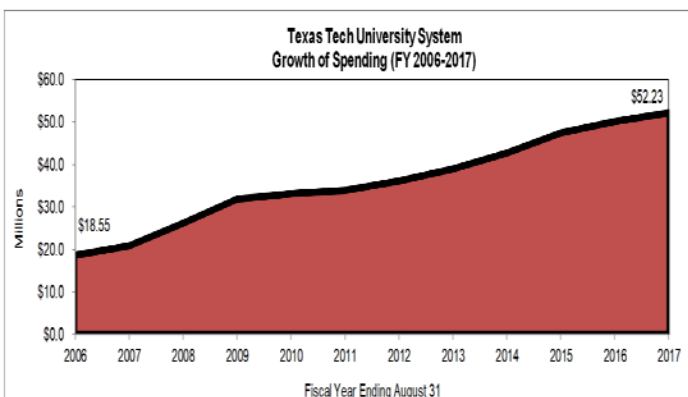
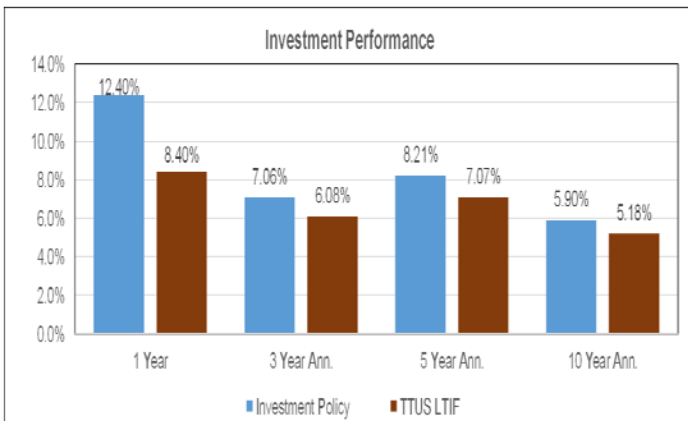
Global equities snapped their winning streak amid a spike in volatility, resulting in a moderate correction early February. Investors' concerns around rising wage inflation potentially leading to more aggressive rate hikes by the Fed and a larger projected government deficit interrupted the S&P 500's golden run of 15 straight months of gains as the index tumbled. International equities were in the red as well with the MSCI EAFE and MSCI EM indexes declining 4.5% and 4.6%, respectively.

The specter of higher inflation also weakened government bond prices with the 10-year Treasury up 16 basis points at 2.86% and the 30-year Treasury increasing 19 basis points to 3.12%. Liquid real assets declined sharply with the Alerian MLP Index falling 9.7%, as higher Treasury yields took some of the shine off risky investments. Treasury-based indexes continued their decline.

For the Month of February:

- S&P 500 returned (3.64)%
- MSCI EAFE Index returned (4.56)%
- MSCI EM (Emerging Markets) returned (4.18)%
- Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index returned (0.95)%
- Barclays High Yield Index returned (0.85)%
- JP Morgan GBI-EM index returned (1.89)%

**Endowment Valuation:** \$1.190 billion



## Commentary:

- Each year, since inception, the LTIF has met the 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.
- \$476 million distributed over last 15 years.
- \$50.2 million was distributed in Fiscal Year 2016
- \$52.2 million was distributed in Fiscal Year 2017