## TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY SYSTEM ENDOWMENT FUND

## 3nd Quarter—May 31, 2018

## Market Overview

Volatility remained a mainstay in May amid festering trade tensions between the US and China and Italy's struggle to form a new government. The US dollar strengthened 2% relative to a basket of major currencies, fueling declines of 2.2% and 3.5% in the MSCI EAFE and MSCI Emerging Markets indexes, respectively.

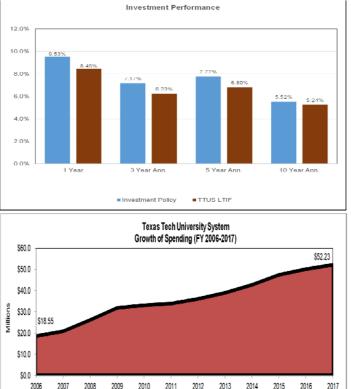
Within fixed income, safe-haven asset classes edged up modestly. The yield curve shifted downward slightly with the 10-year declining nine basis points to 2.86%, despite hitting 3.1% during the month, and the 30-year falling 10 basis points to 3.03%. Outside the US, European government bond yields broadly declined amid political turmoil in Italy In emerging markets, weakening local currencies fueled declines of 5% in the JPM GBI-EM Index.

Liquid real assets maintained their winning streak as oil prices, bolstered by OPEC production cuts, geopolitical instability and strong global demand, touched \$80 per barrel.

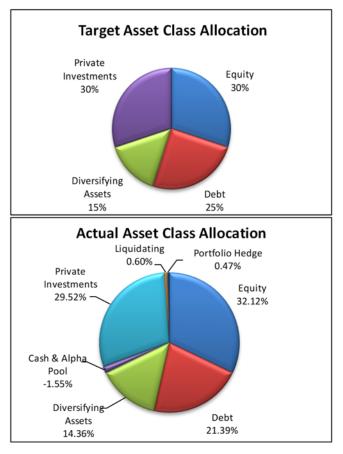
For the Month of May:

- S&P 500 returned 2.41%
- MSCI EAFE Index returned (2.25)%
- MSCI EM (Emerging Markets) returned (3.54)%
- Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index returned (0.76)%
- Barclays High Yield Index returned (1.51)%
- JP Morgan GBI-EM index returned (5.00)%





Fiscal Year Ending August 31



## **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

