

US Fundamental Balanced Index

GENERAL INFORMATION

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INDEX CHARACTERISTICS (as of 2/28/2023)*

Sector	Index Weight
Cash	27%
U.S. 10-year Treasury	50%
U.S. 5-year Treasury	17%
U.S. Low Volatility Equity	7%

*Index weights may not sum to 100% due to rounding, but the Index does not permit leverage

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Index Overview

The PIMCO US Fundamental Balanced Index (the "Index") is a quantitative, rules-based index that dynamically allocates across U.S. equities and bonds while seeking to stabilize risk.

The Index's equity component is the RAFI Low Volatility Factor U.S. Index, which is explicitly designed to be less volatile than the broader equity market. The conventional wisdom is that investors are compensated for taking on risk, in fact, the opposite is true: Low-volatility stocks have historically outperformed high-volatility stocks¹. By focusing on low volatility equities, the Index can allocate more to equities than other indices with a similar risk profile, with the goal of capturing higher upside returns.

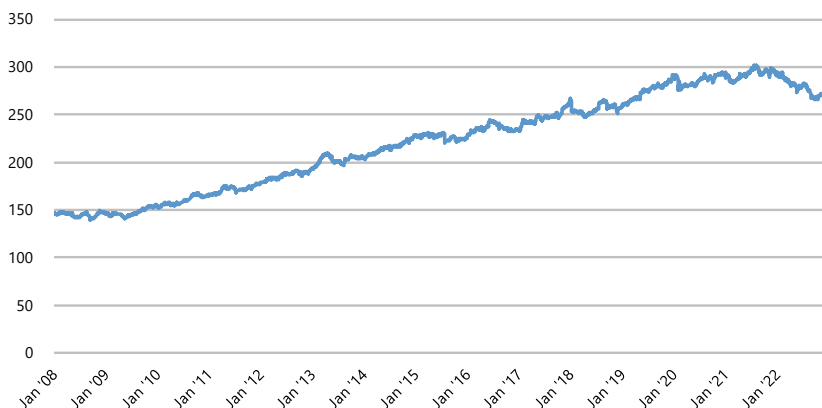
Additionally, the equity component of the Index seeks to benefit from Research Affiliates' time-tested fundamental weighting approach which results in a broadly diversified equity strategy built on the principles of contrarian investing and disciplined rebalancing.

The Index is designed to offer three powerful benefits:

- Research-driven approach powered by PIMCO and Research Affiliates
- Design that seeks to capture upside returns and manage downside risk
- Contrarian style that aims to enhance performance

The Index is an excess return index, which means that it captures the returns of the underlying constituents in excess of a short-term interest rate. The Index embeds a cost of 0.50% per year, which is deducted daily.

Index Performance – Trailing 15 Years



Hypothetical backtest for illustrative purposes only. The PIMCO US Fundamental Balanced Index performance and weights data are based on back-tested data prior to the actual launch of the index. The PIMCO US Fundamental Balanced Index back-test inception is 31 December 1999. Actual performance and weights data are shown beginning 30 April 2020.

¹SOURCE: Research Affiliates, CRSP, Datastream, as published in Chow, Tzee-man, et al. (2014). "A Study of Low-Volatility Portfolio Construction Methods." The Journal of Portfolio Management, 40(4), 89-105. In the analysis, portfolios of stocks weighted by the inverse of their volatilities or inverse of their betas outperformed a cap-weighted benchmark from 1967-2012. The stock universe consisted of U.S. companies in the CRSP database.

Hypothetical example for illustrative purposes only.

Historical Returns (as of 2/28/2023)

Period	Returns
YTD	-1.0%
1-Month	-2.1%
3-Month	-1.8%
12-Month	-9.1%
2-Year*	-6.9%
(12/31/1999 - 2/28/2023)**	4.3%

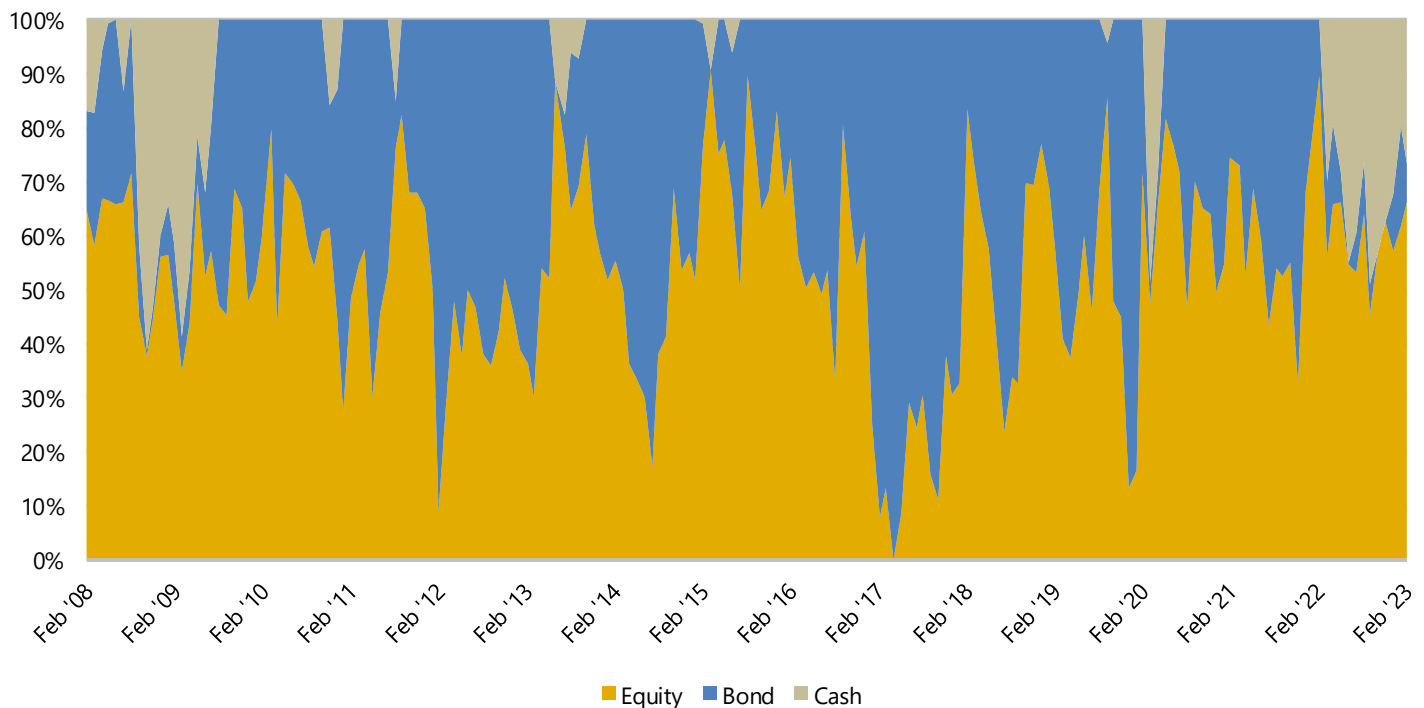
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*Cumulative Performance

**Annualized Performance

Calendar Year Performance	Returns
2022	-10.2%
2021	1.6%
2020	2.8%
2019	11.5%
2018	-0.8%
2017	10.8%
2016	4.1%
2015	0.1%
2014	9.2%
2013	8.7%
2012	6.6%
2011	8.1%
2010	7.7%
2009	3.0%
2008	1.8%

Historical Index Weights - Trailing 15 Years (Month-End Allocations)



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