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# Investment Intelligence

*the Eder Way*

## Eder's funds are safe

In light of the recent bank failures, do you wonder if the funds under Eder's management are protected from a bank failure?

They are.

The bank that holds the assets we manage holds mostly company securities, like stocks and bonds, and mutual funds, with very little cash on hand. Our assets are held by the bank, but not mixed into the bank's deposits and loans business. Our assets are kept separate from the bank's assets and would not be subject to claims by the bank's creditors.

Even so, our bank has a strong balance sheet, diversification of its assets, and strong liquidity. It has received high rankings from four credit ratings firms, acknowledging that the bank is in a strong financial position.

Thought you would like to know.

*Nevin Dulabaum*  
President



## Personal service

When Pleasant Hill (Ohio) Church of the Brethren sold its parsonage at the beginning of 2023, the congregation needed a place to invest the money from the sale. One-third of the funds were invested in CDs. After making comparisons with large firms like Fidelity and Vanguard, and having a thorough discussion with Eder staff Dan Radcliff, they chose to put the other two-thirds into Eder's organizational investing program.



Joe Bledsoe, chair of the church board said, "Eder's returns were a little bit better. And I can pick up the phone and talk to Dan almost any day. You're not going to get that kind of personal service with a Vanguard or Fidelity."

The church placed the money in the Domestic Stock Large Cap Core Index Fund, planning to draw five percent of the principal in this first year. The money will be used for pastor's housing, and when they do not have a pastor, for capital improvements or outreach.

Joe shared another reason for choosing Eder, saying, "It has the Brethren values investing we were interested in."

## Proxy voting



Once each year, every company in which Eder Financial owns stock holds an annual meeting of shareholders.

Many voting items are routine, such as affirming the choice of independent external auditor, board members, and new initiatives. Other items, such as shareholder resolutions, are an important part of Eder Values

Investing. We have a history of initiating some shareholder resolutions to ask a specific company to take specific action. As a member of the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility, which regularly organizes resolutions among its constituency, we often sign off on the resolutions of other members as well as supporting those initiatives with our votes.

Given the large number of stock Eder holds from different companies (more than 500!) and the number of voting items at any meeting, Eder contracts with Institutional Shareholder Services (ISS) to cast many of our votes. We periodically complete a robust questionnaire that instructs ISS on how to vote on a broad range of proposals. Even that, however, doesn't cover all possibilities, so Eder manually votes on all other non-standard proxy items.

Investment advocacy is not the most visible of tasks, but it is one of many ways we are actively impacting the world with our shared values.

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For the period ending April 30, 2023	Current Month	3 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
<b>SHORT TERM</b>	%	%	%	%	%	%
Short-Term Fund	0.3	1.1	2.3	0.6	1.2	0.9
<i>ICE BofA 6-Month Treasury Bill Index</i>	0.3	1.2	2.9	1.0	1.6	1.1
<b>COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT</b>	%	%	%	%	%	%
Community Development Investment Fund <sup>1</sup>	0.3	0.5	0.0	-0.5	0.5	1.1
<i>No Benchmark</i>	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>FIXED INCOME</b>	%	%	%	%	%	%
Bond Fund	0.6	0.7	-0.5	-2.9	1.5	1.7
<i>Bloomberg U.S. Government/Credit Bond Index</i>	0.6	0.8	-0.3	-3.1	1.5	1.4
Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities Fund <sup>2</sup>	0.4	1.3	-4.9	0.6	2.9	1.3
<i>Bloomberg U.S. Treasury Inflation-Linked Bond Index</i>	0.1	1.6	-4.0	0.9	3.0	1.4
Bank Loans Fund <sup>3</sup>	1.1	1.3	2.1	6.1	2.9	—
<i>S&amp;P/LSTA U.S. Leveraged Loan 100 Index</i>	1.2	1.4	4.1	5.9	3.6	—
High Yield Bond Fund <sup>4</sup>	1.5	1.3	1.8	5.7	3.7	4.3
<i>Bloomberg U.S. Corporate High Yield Bond Index</i>	1.0	0.8	1.2	4.7	3.3	4.0
Global Aggregate Fixed Income Fund <sup>5,6</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index</i>	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>DOMESTIC EQUITY</b>	%	%	%	%	%	%
Domestic Stock Large Cap Value Fund	1.4	4.1	—	—	—	—
<i>Russell 1000 Value Fund</i>	1.5	-2.5	—	—	—	—
Domestic Stock Large Cap Core Index Fund <sup>7</sup>	1.4	4.1	3.7	14.9	11.8	—
<i>S&amp;P 500 Index</i>	1.6	2.7	2.7	14.5	11.4	—
Domestic Stock Mid Cap Fund	0.0	-0.7	5.8	15.2	6.7	8.6
<i>Russell Midcap Index</i>	-0.5	-4.4	-1.7	13.8	8.0	9.9
Domestic Stock Growth Fund	1.8	5.8	1.3	13.1	11.1	11.5
<i>Russell 1000 Growth Fund</i>	1.0	6.6	2.3	13.6	13.8	14.5
Domestic Stock Fund	1.2	1.9	2.4	14.0	9.5	9.8
<i>S&amp;P 500 Index</i>	1.6	2.7	2.7	14.5	11.4	12.2
Small Cap Fund	0.7	2.8	16.2	17.3	13.7	15.2
<i>Russell 2000 Index</i>	-1.8	-8.1	-3.6	11.9	4.1	7.9
<b>INTERNATIONAL EQUITY</b>	%	%	%	%	%	%
International Stock Core Fund	3.3	4.0	10.3	8.1	3.1	4.4
<i>MSCI EAFE Index</i>	2.8	3.2	8.4	11.7	3.6	4.8
Emerging Markets Stock Fund <sup>8</sup>	0.4	-1.7	0.4	5.9	-3.0	0.6
<i>MSCI Emerging Markets Index</i>	-1.1	-4.7	-6.5	4.3	-1.0	1.8
<b>ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENTS</b>	%	%	%	%	%	%
Commodities-Based Fund <sup>9</sup>	-0.5	-4.8	-20.6	24.8	6.4	-1.8
<i>Bloomberg Commodity Total Return Index</i>	-0.8	-5.6	-16.6	21.1	4.7	-1.5
Public Real Estate Fund <sup>10</sup>	2.4	-2.4	-17.3	3.8	1.2	1.5
<i>S&amp;P Developed Property Index</i>	1.9	-5.7	-14.7	5.7	1.8	3.1
Multi-Strategy Hedge Fund <sup>11</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>60% S&amp;P 500 Index/40% Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index</i>	—	—	—	—	—	—
Global Inflation Protection Fund <sup>12</sup>	1.0	-1.5	-4.2	8.7	4.0	—
<i>Bloomberg U.S. TIPS 1-10 Year Index + 2%</i>	0.4	2.3	0.1	4.3	5.3	—
<b>EQUITY AND FIXED INCOME</b>	%	%	%	%	%	%
Balanced Fund	1.0	1.4	1.4	7.3	6.8	6.8
<i>Blended Balanced Index <sup>13</sup></i>	1.2	1.9	1.8	7.4	7.7	8.0
<b>TACTICAL FUNDS (ADDITIONAL FEES APPLY)</b>	%	%	%	%	%	%
Conservative Fund <sup>14</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Blended Conservative Index <sup>15</sup></i>	—	—	—	—	—	—
Income Fund <sup>16</sup>	1.1	1.6	1.7	2.7	3.6	—
<i>Blended Income Index <sup>17</sup></i>	0.9	0.9	0.9	2.6	4.0	—
EVI Income Fund	1.1	1.7	2.1	3.2	—	—
<i>Blended EVI Income Index <sup>18</sup></i>	0.9	0.9	0.9	3.1	—	—
Income & Growth Fund <sup>19</sup>	1.1	1.8	2.8	6.3	4.6	—
<i>Blended Income &amp; Growth Index <sup>20</sup></i>	1.0	1.0	1.3	5.5	5.0	—
EVI Income & Growth Fund	1.2	2.1	3.6	5.7	5.2	—
<i>Blended SRI Income &amp; Growth Index <sup>21</sup></i>	1.0	1.0	1.3	5.5	5.0	—
Growth Fund <sup>22</sup>	1.3	2.2	3.8	8.3	5.2	—
<i>Blended Growth Index <sup>23</sup></i>	1.1	1.0	1.6	7.4	5.7	—
EVI Growth Fund	1.4	2.6	4.8	8.4	6.4	—
<i>Blended SRI Growth Index <sup>24</sup></i>	1.1	1.0	1.6	7.8	5.8	—
Aggressive Growth Fund <sup>25</sup>	1.4	2.6	4.7	10.2	5.9	—
<i>Blended Aggressive Growth Index <sup>26</sup></i>	1.2	1.1	1.9	9.0	6.4	—
EVI Aggressive Growth Fund	1.6	3.0	5.9	10.8	—	—
<i>Blended SRI Aggressive Growth Index <sup>27</sup></i>	1.2	1.1	1.9	10.2	—	—
<b>U.S INFLATION</b>	%	%	%	%	%	%
<i>Consumer Price Index (March 2023) <sup>28</sup></i>	0.3	1.7	5.0	5.4	3.9	2.6

<sup>1</sup>CDIF interest accrues on a daily basis. <sup>2</sup>These investment funds may not meet Eder Values Investing guidelines because they are invested in mutual funds. All other investment funds must meet Eder Values Investing guidelines. <sup>3</sup>No assets invested in this fund. <sup>4</sup>Expected to match benchmark gross of fees. Typically, will not match benchmark net of fees and due to required cash position. <sup>5</sup>Weighted average of the S&P 500 Index (60 percent) and the Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Capital Government/Credit Bond Index (40 percent). <sup>6</sup>Changed January 1, 2021. 3-year, 5-year, and 10-year blended new with old benchmarks. <sup>7</sup>Most recent data available. CPI data are from the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers. All items are not seasonally weighted.