



“Return generation is the responsibility of the market, which sets prices to compensate investors for the risks they bear.”

— Marlena I. Lee , Author of  
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## Free Markets are Doing Their Job. Uncertainty is Higher. Prices are Lower. Expected Returns are About the Same.

October was a spooky month for investors. Certainly, many investors will breathe a welcome sigh of relief to close the books on the month that has handed out more tricks than treats to their portfolios.

October 2008 ends a period that will enter the record books as the largest 12-month monthly rolling loss in the last 50 years. To quantify, let's look at the IFA Index Portfolio 90, which is the equity portion of most of the IFA Index Portfolios.

- Prior to Oct. 2008, the worst 12-month performance over the last 50 years, was from Oct. 1973 to Sept. 1974, where it lost 35.3%.
- For the most recent 12 months from Nov. 2007 to Oct. 2008, it lost 43.1%.
- However, the worst 2-year annualized loss was 22% back in Jan. 1973 to Dec. 1974, while the current 2-year annualized loss ending Oct. 2008 is 18.64%.
- The current 10-year annualized return is +5.67%, while the worst 10-year annualized return was +4.27%, which occurred from Oct. 1964 to Sept. 1974.

- If you had invested in a simulated Index Portfolio 90 back in Nov. 1988 (20 years ago), you would have earned an annualized return of 8.95%, growing \$100,000 to \$555,322, despite the unusual decline of 43% in the last 12 months.
- Finally, based on the last 50 years ended Oct. 2008, the expected return of Index Portfolio 90 going forward is about 11.7%. This could also be considered the average cost of capital for the 17,000 companies in that portfolio. Remember that the cost of capital is paid to the investors. Please see [www.ifabt.com](http://www.ifabt.com) for sources, updates and disclosures.

Many IFA clients established their risk capacity considering the worst 12-month loss in the last 50 years for their risk level. You may want to take the Risk Capacity Survey again to determine if your risk exposure should be changed based on this updated information, or other factors.

The job of the free market is to set prices so that investors will be compensated for the risk they bear. Thus, the prices of a globally diversified portfolio of stocks have come down 43%, which should be in proportion to the bad news about our global economy. To simplify, the 43% decrease in Index Portfolio 90's value reflects a 43% increase in the perceived uncertainty of achieving the expected returns associated with that portfolio. The price changed, but the expected return remains about the same. The good news is that investors owning equities at these lower prices should be compensated for the risks they bear. It's important to note that this will occur over an appropriate period of time. The more risk exposure, the longer investors should be prepared to wait to earn their compensation (expected annualized return).



To better understand this concept, imagine an approximately constant Expected Return set at the fulcrum of this teeter-totter. The Uncertainty of the Expected Return would be on the left side and Price on the right. The current price is moving in an equal and opposite direction to the perceived Uncertainty of the Expected Return of the investment.

If market forces between willing buyers and willing sellers caused price to go down 5%, then it could be assumed that uncertainty of expected returns went up 5% based on negative unpredictable news

about capitalism. In this case, the global sellers of about 10 Billion shares/day “pushed” prices down about 5% more than the global buyers of those same 10 Billion shares/day are “pushed” prices up. When uncertainty goes down 5% because of good news, prices go up 5%, allowing the expected return of the investment to remain essentially constant (it changes with the annualized return over some long specified period, like 50 years). If you do not know how to estimate the expected return of your equity and fixed income investments, the Fama-French Five Factor Model is considered the state-of-the-art by most academics. If you need help understanding it, an advisor at IFA can explain it to you.

If you think that prices are not set correctly to reflect news and expected returns, consider that researchers<sup>1</sup> have determined that only about 0.6% professional investors have been able to exploit mispriced stocks and actually obtain returns in excess of risk adjusted market returns. Therefore, prices must be assumed to be set correctly, even if they were not in hind sight.

In the near term, nobody knows whether the news stories will be good and cause prices to go up, or bad and cause prices to go down. IFA acknowledges a lack of fortune-telling prowess to accurately forecast the near term perceptions of capitalism and the prices that follow. What we do know is that high levels of uncertainty create stomach-churning price changes, such as the S&P 500 Index suffering its worst month decline since 1987, then last week delivering the index's best one-week increase in the last 34 years, according to CNBC. We're fairly certain that only the very lucky predicted that outcome.

In the wake of all of this volatility, what should investors do now? The first action to take is to assess your risk capacity. Many investors have learned the hard way that their appetite for juicy returns comes with a sour after-taste from large losses in bad economic times. Your risk capacity is the measure of how much stock market risk you can manage in consideration of your time horizon, your investing knowledge, your attitude toward risk, as well as your savings and income.

If you are invested in a low-cost and globally diversified portfolio of indexes that matches your risk capacity, take a deep breath, accept that the combined knowledge of millions of traders in free markets around the world will do a better job at setting prices than any one individual, and put your investments out of your mind. Invest and Relax.

At IFA, the effort to calm investors goes far beyond lip service. It is supported by reams of stock market data that is readily available at ifa.com. This IFA exclusive data set shows the benefit of remaining calm in the face of high uncertainty, and the importance of relying on long-term data for proper decision

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1. The New York Times Article, *The Prescient Are Few*. [http://www.nytimes.com/2008/07/13/business/13stra.html?\\_r=4&sq=the%20prescient%20are%20few&st=cse&oref=slogin&scp=1&pagewanted=print](http://www.nytimes.com/2008/07/13/business/13stra.html?_r=4&sq=the%20prescient%20are%20few&st=cse&oref=slogin&scp=1&pagewanted=print)

making. Investors who may worry that their portfolios have entered an uncharted and apocalyptic era, will be empowered to know that prices have done the same, so that their expected returns remain relatively constant. For this reason, those investors whose time horizons are appropriate for their asset allocations have little to be concerned about. You should only be worried when markets are no longer free to trade, because then the prices are sure to be wrong. ■

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# SOURCES AND DESCRIPTION OF DATA

The following descriptions of IFA Indexes indicate how indexes are strung together to simulate similar risk and return characteristics back to 1928. This reduces the standard error of the mean which is unacceptably high for periods less than 20 or 30 years. When IFA Indexes are shown in Index Portfolios, all returns data reflects a deduction of 0.9% annual investment advisory fee, which is the maximum Index Funds Advisors (IFA) fee. Fees are based on assets under management at IFA. Unless indicated otherwise, data shown for each individual IFA Index is shown without a deduction of the IFA advisory fee. This method is used because the creation, choice, monitoring and rebalancing of diversified index portfolios are the services of the independent investment advisor. Therefore, fees are deducted from the whole portfolio data.

Live Dimensional Fund Advisors' (DFA) fund data reflects the deduction of mutual fund advisory fees, mutual fund company brokerage fees, other expenses incurred by the mutual funds and incorporates actual trading results. Simulated index data also reflects DFA's current mutual fund expense ratios for the entire period. Both simulated and live data reflect total returns, including dividends, except for IFA/NSDQ.

## IFA Indexes Legend

<b>LC</b> - IFA U.S. Large Company Index	<b>RE</b> - IFA Real Estate Securities Index	<b>EM</b> - IFA Emerging Markets Index	<b>2F</b> - IFA 2 Year Global Fixed Income Index
<b>LV</b> - IFA U.S. Large Value Index	<b>IV</b> - IFA International Value Index	<b>EV</b> - IFA Emerging Value Index	<b>5G</b> - IFA 5 Year Government Index
<b>SC</b> - IFA U.S. Small Cap Index	<b>IS</b> - IFA International Small Company Index	<b>ES</b> - IFA Emerging Small Cap Index	<b>5F</b> - IFA 5 Year Global Fixed Income Index
<b>SV</b> - IFA U.S. Small Cap Value Index	<b>ISV</b> - IFA International Small Cap Value Index	<b>1F</b> - IFA 1 Year Fixed Income Index	

### LC IFA U.S. Large Company Index (LC)

January 1928 – Dec 1990: S&P 500 minus 1.25 bp/month

Jan 1991 – Present : DFA US Large Company Symbol: DFLCX

**Investment Objective of DFA US Large Company Symbol: DFLCX :** The US Large Company Portfolio is a no-load mutual fund designed to approximate the investment performance of the S&P 500 Index, both in terms of the price of the Portfolio's shares and its total investment return. The Portfolio intends to invest in all of the stocks that comprise the S&P 500 Index in approximately the same proportions as they are represented in the Index. The S&P 500 Index is comprised of a broad and diverse group of stocks, most of which are traded on the NYSE. Generally, these are the US stocks with the largest market capitalizations and, as a group, they represent approximately 70% of the total market capitalization of all publicly traded US stocks.

Average Annual Total Returns	One Year	Three Years	Five Years	Ten Years	Number of Holdings	Price/Earnings (excludes negatives)
US Large Company Portfolio	-36.78%	-8.29%	-2.19%	-1.47%	499	10.20
S&P 500 Index	-37.00%	-8.36%	-2.19%	-1.38%	Weighted Average Market Cap \$78,440M	Dividend Yield 2.99%
					Weighted Average Book-to-Market 0.65	Expense Ratio (as of 11/30/07) 0.15%

\*All Data as of Dec 31, 2008, unless otherwise indicated.

### LV IFA U.S. Large Cap Value Index (LV)

January 1928 – February 1993: Dimensional Large Value Index minus 2.25 bp/month

March 1993 – Present: DFA US Large Cap Value Symbol: DFLVX

**Investment Objective of DFA US Large Cap Value Symbol: DFLVX :** The US Large Cap Value Portfolio is a no-load mutual fund designed to capture the returns and diversification benefits of a broad cross-section of US value companies, on a market-cap weighted basis. The Portfolio invests in securities of US companies with market capitalizations within the largest 90% of the market universe or larger than the 1,000th largest US company, whichever results in a higher market capitalization break. The market universe is comprised of companies listed on the New York Stock Exchange, American Stock Exchange, and NASDAQ National Market System. After identifying the aggregate market capitalization break, a value screen is applied to the universe. Securities are considered value stocks primarily because a company's shares have a high book value in relation to their market value (BtM). This BtM sort excludes firms with negative or zero book values. In assessing value, additional factors such as price to cash flow or price to earnings ratios may be considered, as well as economic conditions and developments in the issuer's industry. The criteria for assessing value are subject to change from time to time.

Average Annual Total Returns	One Year	Three Years	Five Years	Ten Years	Number of Holdings	Price/Earnings (excludes negatives)
US Large Cap Value Index Portfolio (I)	-40.80%	-11.56%	-2.05%	2.15%	208	8.36
Russell 1000 Value Index	-36.85%	-8.32%	-0.80%	1.36%	Weighted Average Market Cap \$34,809M	Dividend Yield 3.09%
					Weighted Average Book-to-Market 1.27	Expense Ratio (as of 11/30/07) 0.38%

\*All Data as of Dec 31, 2008, unless otherwise indicated.

### SC IFA U.S. Small Cap Index (SC)

January 1928 – March 1992: Dimensional Small Cap Index minus 3.17 bp/month

April 1992 – Present : DFA US Small Cap Symbol: DFSTX

**Investment Objective of DFA US Small Cap Symbol: DFSTX :** The US Small Cap Portfolio is a no-load mutual fund designed to capture the returns and diversification benefits of a broad cross-section of US small companies, on a market-cap weighted basis. The Portfolio invests in securities of US companies with market capitalizations within the smallest 10% of the market universe or smaller than the 1,000th largest US company, whichever results in a higher market capitalization break. The market universe is comprised of companies listed on the New York Stock Exchange, American Stock Exchange, and NASDAQ National Market System.

Average Annual Total Returns	One Year	Three Years	Five Years	Ten Years	Number of Holdings	Price/Earnings (excludes negatives)
US Small Cap Index Portfolio (I)	-36.01%	-10.23%	-1.99%	4.84%	2,617	11.13
Russell 2000 Index	-33.79%	-8.23%	-0.93%	3.05%	Weighted Average Market Cap \$729M	Dividend Yield 1.40%
					Weighted Average Book-to-Market 1.09	Expense Ratio (as of 11/30/07) 0.38%

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## SV IFA U.S. Small Cap Value Index (SV)

January 1928 – February 2000: Dimensional Targeted Value Index minus 3.42 bp/month

March 2000 – Present: DFA US Targeted Value Symbol: DFFVX

**Investment Objective of DFA US Targeted Value Symbol: DFFVX** : The US Targeted Value Portfolio is a no-load mutual fund designed to capture the returns and diversification benefits of a broad cross-section of US small value companies, on a market cap-weighted basis. The Portfolio invests in securities of US companies whose size (market capitalization) falls in the smallest 18% of the market universe. The market universe is comprised of companies listed on the New York Stock Exchange, American Stock Exchange, and NASDAQ National Market System. After identifying the smallest 18% of aggregate market capitalization, a value screen is applied to the universe. Securities are considered value stocks primarily because a company's shares have a high book value in relation to their market value (BtM). This BtM sort excludes firms with negative or zero book values. In assessing value, additional factors such as price to cash flow or price to earning ratios may be considered, as well as economic conditions and developments in the issuer's industry. The criteria for assessing value are subject to change from time to time.

Average Annual Total Returns	One Year	Three Years	Five Years	Inception	Number of Holdings	1,506	Price/Earnings (excludes negatives)	9.42
US Targeted Value Portfolio (I)	-33.78%	-10.05%	-0.18%	8.22%	Weighted Average Market Cap	\$1,152M	Dividend Yield	1.86%
Russell 2000 Value Index	-28.92%	-7.49%	0.27%	7.15%	Weighted Average Book-to-Market	1.37	Expense Ratio (as of 11/30/07)	0.41%

\*All Data as of Dec 31, 2008, unless otherwise indicated.

## RE IFA Real Estate Index (RE)

January 1928 – December 1974: 50% IFA US SC Index and 50% IFA SV Index  
January 1993 – June 2008: DFA Real Estate Securities Symbol: DFREX

Jan 1975 – Dec 1992: Don Keim Equity REIT Index minus 2.75 bp/month  
July 2008 – Present: DFA Global Real Estate Securities Symbol: DGREX

**Investment Objective of DFA Global Real Estate Securities Symbol: DGREX** : The Global Real Estate Securities Portfolio is a no-load mutual fund designed to achieve long-term capital appreciation. The Portfolio invests in a broad range of securities of US and non-US companies in the real estate industry, including companies in developed and emerging markets, with a focus on real estate investment trusts or companies that Dimensional considers to be REIT-like entities. The Portfolio primarily purchases shares of Dimensional's Real Estate Securities Portfolio and International Real Estate Securities Portfolio. In addition to investing in these underlying funds, the Portfolio also may invest directly in securities of companies in the real estate industry. The Portfolio is currently authorized to invest in companies in the following countries: Australia, Belgium, Canada, China, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Japan, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Singapore, South Africa, Taiwan, the United Kingdom, and the United States. Other countries may be authorized for investment in the future.

Average Annual Total Returns	Inception (6/4/2008)	Number of Holdings	285	Price/Earnings (excludes negatives)	13.61
Global Real Estate Sec. Portfolio	-43.68%	Weighted Average Market Cap	\$4,307M	Dividend Yield	7.95%
S&P Global REIT Index (gross div.)	-44.93%	Weighted Average Book-to-Market	1.15	Expense Ratio (as of 6/4/08)	0.58%

\*All Data as of Dec 31, 2008, unless otherwise indicated.

## IV IFA International Value Index (IV)

January 1928 – December 1969: IFA US Large Value Index  
January 1975 – June 1993: MSCI EAFE Value Gross minus 3.67 bp/month  
March 1994 – Present: DFA International Value Symbol: DFIVX

January 1970 – December 1974: MSCI EAFE Gross Dividends minus 3.67 bp/month  
July 1993 – February 1994: LWAS/DFA International High BtM Portfolio

**Investment Objective of DFA International Value Symbol: DFIVX** : The US Large Company Portfolio is a no-load mutual fund designed to approximate the investment performance of the S&P 500 Index, both in terms of the price of the Portfolio's shares and its total investment return. The Portfolio intends to invest in all of the stocks that comprise the S&P 500 Index in approximately the same proportions as they are represented in the Index. The S&P 500 Index is comprised of a broad and diverse group of stocks, most of which are traded on the NYSE. Generally, these are the US stocks with the largest market capitalizations and, as a group, they represent approximately 70% of the total market capitalization of all publicly traded US stocks.

Average Annual Total Returns	One Year	Three Years	Five Years	Ten Years	Number of Holdings	528	Price/Earnings (excludes negatives)	6.72
International Value Index Portfolio	-46.33%	-7.41%	3.34%	4.75%	Weighted Average Market Cap	\$30,044M	Dividend Yield	5.47%
MSCI EAFE Index (net dividends)	-43.38%	-7.35%	1.66%	0.80%	Weighted Average Book-to-Market	1.17	Expense Ratio (as of 11/30/07)	0.44%

\*All Data as of Dec 31, 2008, unless otherwise indicated.

## IS IFA International Small Company Index (IS)

January 1928 – December 1969: IFA US Small Cap Index  
October 1996 – Present: DFA International Small Company Symbol: DFISX

January 1970 – September 1996: Dimensional International Small Cap Index minus 4.58 bp/month

**Investment Objective of DFA International Small Company Symbol: DFISX** : The International Small Company Portfolio is a no-load mutual fund designed to achieve long-term capital appreciation. The Portfolio pursues its objective by investing in the small companies of Canada (0-15%), Europe (25-50%), Japan (15-40%), Pacific Rim (0-25%), and the United Kingdom (15-35%). The Portfolio currently invests in companies in Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom.

Average Annual Total Returns	One Year	Three Years	Five Years	Ten Years	Number of Holdings	4,040	Price/Earnings (excludes negatives)	7.53
Int'l Small Company Index Portfolio	-43.87%	-9.52%	3.41%	6.96%	Weighted Average Market Cap	\$1830M	Dividend Yield	4.20%
MSCI EAFE Small Cap Index ^	-48.36%	-15.47%	-0.84%	2.27%	Weighted Average Book-to-Market	1.16	Expense Ratio (as of 11/30/07)	0.55%

^(price only) \*All Data as of Dec 31, 2008, unless otherwise indicated.

## ISV IFA International Small Cap Value Index (ISV)

January 1928 – December 1969: IFA Small Cap Value Index  
July 1981 – December 1994: Dimensional International Small Cap Value Index minus 5.75 bp/month

January 1970 – June 1981: IFA International Small Company Index  
January 1995 – Present: DFA International Small Cap Value Symbol: DISVX

**Investment Objective of DFA International Small Cap Value Symbol: DISVX** : The DFA International Small Cap Value Portfolio is a no-load mutual fund designed to achieve long-term capital appreciation. The Portfolio pursues its objective by investing in the stocks of small non-US companies which the Advisor believes to be value stocks at the time of purchase. Securities are considered value stocks primarily because a company's shares have a high book value in relation to their market value (BtM). This BtM sort excludes firms with negative or zero book values. In assessing value, additional factors such as price to cash flow or price to earning ratios may be considered, as well as economic conditions and developments in the issuer's industry. The criteria for assessing value are subject to change from time to time. The Portfolio currently invests in companies in Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and United Kingdom.

Average Annual Total Returns	One Year	Three Years	Five Years	Ten Years	Number of Holdings	2,266	Price/Earnings (excludes negatives)	6.40
Int'l Small Cap Index Portfolio	-41.68%	-8.31%	5.07%	9.44%	Weighted Average Market Cap	\$834M	Dividend Yield	4.61%
MSCI EAFE Small Cap Index ^	-48.36%	-15.47%	-0.84%	2.27%	Weighted Average Book-to-Market	1.71	Expense Ratio (as of 11/30/07)	0.69%

^(price only) \*All Data as of Dec 31, 2008, unless otherwise indicated.

## EM IFA Emerging Markets Index (EM)

January 1928 – December 1969: 50% IFA US Large Value Index and 50% IFA US Small Cap Index  
January 1988 – April 1994: Dimensional Equally Weighted Emerging Markets Index minus 5 bp/month

January 1970 – December 1987: 50% IFA IV Index and 50% IFA IS Index  
May 1994 – Present: DFA Emerging Markets Portfolio Symbol: DFEMX

**Investment Objective of DFA Emerging Markets Portfolio Symbol: DFEMX** : The Emerging Markets Portfolio is a no-load mutual fund designed to achieve long-term capital appreciation. The Portfolio pursues its objective by investing in emerging markets equity securities that Dimensional deems to be large company stocks at the time of purchase. Dimensional will consider, among other things, information disseminated by the International Finance Corporation in determining and approving countries that have emerging markets. The Portfolio currently invests in companies in Brazil, Chile, China, the Czech Republic, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Israel, Malaysia, Mexico, Philippines, Poland, South Africa, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, and Turkey. Due to repatriation restrictions, the Portfolio currently holds but does not purchase securities in Argentina.

Average Annual Total Returns	One Year	Three Years	Five Years	Ten Years	Number of Holdings	593	Price/Earnings (excludes negatives)	8.31
Emerging Markets Index Portfolio	-49.20%	-3.72%	8.53%	9.44%	Weighted Average Market Cap	\$22,123M	Dividend Yield	3.76%
MSCI Emerging Markets Index ^	-53.18%	-4.62%	8.02%	9.31%	Weighted Average Book-to-Market	0.66	Expense Ratio (as of 11/30/07)	0.60%

^(gross dividends) \*All Data as of Dec 31, 2008, unless otherwise indicated.

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## EV IFA Emerging Markets Value Index (EV)

January 1928 – December 1969: IFA US Small Cap Value Index  
January 1989 – March 1998: Fama/French Emerging Markets Value Index minus 5 bp/month

January 1970 – December 1988: IFA Emerging Markets Index  
April 1998 – Present: DFA Emerging Markets Value Portfolio Symbol DFEVX

**Investment Objective of DFA Emerging Markets Value Portfolio Symbol DFEVX :** The Emerging Markets Value Portfolio is a no-load mutual fund designed to achieve long-term capital appreciation. The Portfolio pursues its objective by investing in emerging markets equity securities that Dimensional deems to be value stocks at the time of purchase. Dimensional will consider, among other things, information disseminated by the International Finance Corporation in determining and approving countries that have emerging markets. Securities are considered value stocks primarily because a company's shares have a high book value in relation to their market value (B/M). This B/M sort excludes firms with negative or zero book values. In assessing value, additional factors such as price to cash flow or price to earning ratios may be considered, as well as economic conditions and developments in the issuer's industry. The criteria for assessing value are subject to change from time to time. The Portfolio currently invests in companies in Brazil, Chile, China, the Czech Republic, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Israel, Malaysia, Mexico, Philippines, Poland, South Africa, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, and Turkey. Due to repatriation restrictions, the Portfolio currently holds but does not purchase securities in Argentina.

Average Annual Total Returns	One Year	Three Years	Five Years	Inception**	Number of Holdings	2,051	Price/Earnings (excludes negatives)	6.57
Emerging Markets Value Portfolio (I)	-53.94%	-2.56%	11.05%	10.85%	Weighted Average Market Cap	\$7405M	Dividend Yield	3.76%
MSCI Emerging Markets Index ^	-53.18%	-4.62%	8.02%	5.28%	Weighted Average Book-to-Market	1.09	Expense Ratio (as of 11/30/07)	0.60%

^(gross div) \*All Data as of Dec 31, 2008, unless otherwise indicated. \*\*Since 4/1/98 Inception

## ES IFA Emerging Markets Small Cap Index (ES)

January 1928 – December 1969: IFA US Small Cap Index  
January 1989 – February 1998: Fama/French Emerging Markets Small minus 6.5 bp/month

January 1970 – December 1988: IFA Emerging Markets Index  
March 1998 – Present: DFA Emerging Markets Small Cap Symbol: DEMSX

**Investment Objective of DFA Emerging Markets Small Cap Symbol: DEMSX :** The Emerging Markets Small Cap Portfolio is a no-load mutual fund designed to achieve long-term capital appreciation. The Portfolio pursues its objective by investing in emerging markets equity securities that Dimensional deems to be small company stocks at the time of purchase. Dimensional will consider, among other things, information disseminated by the International Finance Corporation in determining and approving countries that have emerging markets. The Portfolio will invest in companies whose market capitalization is less than \$2.3 billion. The Portfolio currently invests in companies in Brazil, Chile, China, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Israel, Malaysia, Mexico, Philippines, Poland, South Africa, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, and Turkey. Due to repatriation restrictions, the Portfolio currently holds but does not purchase securities in Argentina.

Average Annual Total Returns	One Year	Three Years	Five Years	Inception**	Number of Holdings	1,882	Price/Earnings (excludes negatives)	6.35
Emerging Markets Small Cap Portfolio (I)	-54.53%	-4.84%	6.91%	11.37%	Weighted Average Market Cap	\$623M	Dividend Yield	4.41%
MSCI Emerging Markets Index ^	-53.18%	-4.62%	8.02%	9.31%	Weighted Average Book-to-Market	1.30	Expense Ratio (as of 11/30/07)	0.78%

^(gross dividends) \*All Data as of Dec 31, 2008, unless otherwise indicated. \*\*Since 3/5/98 Inception

## 1F IFA One-Year Fixed Income Index (1F)

January 1928 – June 1963: One-Month T-Bills minus 1.5 bp/month  
August 1983 – Present: DFA One-Year Fixed Income Symbol DFIHX

July 1963 – July 1983: One-Year T-Note Index minus 1.5 bp/month

**Investment Objective of DFA One-Year Fixed Income Symbol DFIHX :** The investment objective of the DFA One-Year Fixed Income Portfolio is to achieve stable real returns in excess of the rate of inflation with a minimum of risk. Generally, the Portfolio will acquire high quality obligations which mature within one year from the date of settlement. However, when greater returns are available, substantial investments may be made in securities maturing within two years from the date of settlement as well. In addition, the Portfolio intends to concentrate investments in the banking industry under certain circumstances. The Portfolio is diversified, and with respect to corporate debt obligations and commercial paper, the Portfolio generally invests in securities rated A1/P1 or better.

Average Annual Total Returns	One Year	Three Years	Five Years	Ten Years	Duration	0.77 Years
One-Year Fixed Income Index Portfolio	4.02%	4.66%	3.42%	3.96%	Average Portfolio Maturity Range	0.77 Years
Merrill Lynch 6-Month US Treasury Bill Index	3.58%	4.66%	3.65%	3.80%	Expense Ratio (as of 11/30/07)	0.18%
Merrill Lynch 1-Year US Treasury Note Index	4.75%	5.00%	3.62%	4.15%		

\*All Data as of Dec 31, 2008, unless otherwise indicated.

## 2F IFA 2-Year Global Fixed Income Index (2F)

January 1928 – June 1977: Five-Year T-Notes minus 1.5 bp/month  
January 1990 – February 1996: Citi World Government Bond 1-3 Years Hedged minus 1.5 bp/month

July 1977 – December 1989: ML US Treasury Index 1-3 Years minus 1.5 bp/month  
March 1996 – December 2007: DFA Two-Year Global Fixed Income Symbol: DFGFX

**Investment Objective of DFA Two-Year Global Fixed Income Symbol: DFGFX :** The investment objective of the DFA Two-Year Global Fixed Income Portfolio is to maximize total returns consistent with preservation of capital. Generally, the Portfolio will acquire high quality obligations which mature within two years from the date of settlement. The Portfolio expects to invest in obligations issued or guaranteed by countries that are members of the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development, but may invest in other countries as well. Investments in corporate debt obligations, bank obligations, commercial paper, repurchase agreements, and obligations of other domestic and foreign issuers with high quality ratings may also be included. The Portfolio will also enter into forward foreign currency contracts solely for the purpose of hedging against fluctuations in currency exchange rates. The Portfolio is diversified; and with respect to corporate debt obligations and commercial paper, the Portfolio generally invests in US securities rated A1/P1 or better and non-US securities rated AA/Aa2 or better.

Average Annual Total Returns	One Year	Three Years	Five Years	Ten Years	Duration	0.82 Years
Two-Year Global Fixed Portfolio (I)	4.08%	4.60%	3.28%	4.06%	Average Portfolio Maturity Range	0.83 Years
Citigroup World Government Bond Index 1-3 Years	5.56%	5.31%	4.15%	4.48%	Expense Ratio (as of 11/30/07)	0.18%

\*All Data as of Dec 31, 2008, unless otherwise indicated.

## 5G IFA 5-Yr Government Fixed Income Index (5F)

January 1928 – December 1972: Five-Year T-Notes minus 1.92 bp/month  
June 1987 – Present: DFA Five-Year Gov't Income Symbol: DFFGX

January 1973 – May 1987: Barclays Intermediate Government Bond Index minus 1.92 bp/month

**Investment Objective of DFA Five-Year Gov't Income Symbol: DFFGX :** The investment objective of the DFA Five-Year Government Portfolio is to maximize total returns available from the universe of debt obligations of the US government and US government agencies. Ordinarily, the Portfolio will invest at least 80% of its assets in US government obligations and US government agency obligations that mature within five years from the date of settlement. The Portfolio may also acquire repurchase agreements.

Average Annual Total Returns	One Year	Three Years	Five Years	Ten Years	Duration	3.34 Years
Five-Year Gov't Portfolio	8.36%	5.93%	4.24%	5.29%	Average Portfolio Maturity Range	3.58 Years
Merrill Lynch US Treasury/Agency Index 1-5 Years	8.37%	6.75%	4.60%	5.21%	Expense Ratio (as of 11/30/07)	0.23%

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## 5F IFA 5-Yr Global Fixed Income Index (5F)

January 1928 – December 1984: IFA Five-Year Government Fixed Income Index  
December 1990 – Present: DFA Five-Year Global Fixed Income Symbol: DFGBX

January 1985 – November 1990: Citi Global Government Bond Hedged minus 2.33 bp/month

**Investment Objective of DFA Five-Year Global Fixed Income Symbol: DFGBX :** The investment objective of the DFA Five-Year Global Fixed Income Portfolio is to provide a market rate of return for a fixed income portfolio with low relative volatility of returns. Generally, the Portfolio will invest in high quality obligations which mature within five years from the date of settlement. The Portfolio expects to invest primarily in obligations issued or guaranteed by any of the following countries (but may invest in other countries as well): Australia, Canada, Denmark, EMU countries, Japan, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, and the United States. Investments in obligations of other foreign issuers rated AA or better, corporate debt obligations, bank obligations and commercial paper may also be included. The Portfolio will also enter into forward foreign currency contracts solely for the purpose of hedging against fluctuations in currency exchange rates.

Average Annual Total Returns	One Year	Three Years	Five Years	Ten Years	Duration	2.34 Years
Five-Year Global Fixed Portfolio	4.02%	4.38%	3.54%	4.71%	Average Portfolio Maturity Range	2.51 Years
Citigroup World Government Bond Index 1-5 Years	6.60%	5.66%	4.53%	4.79%	Expense Ratio (as of 11/30/07)	0.28%

\*All Data as of Dec 31, 2008, unless otherwise indicated.

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## Disclosure for Backtested Performance Information on the Simulated Strategies of IFA Indexes and IFA Index Portfolios (Indexfolios):

1. Index Funds Advisors, Inc. (IFA) was incorporated in March 1999 and placed its first independent client investments in early 2000. The performance information presented in the chart or table represents backtested performance based on combined simulated index data and live (or actual) mutual fund results from Jan 1, 1928 to period ending date shown using the strategy of buying, holding and annually rebalancing globally diversified portfolios of index funds. **Backtested performance is hypothetical (it does not reflect trading in actual accounts) and is provided for informational purposes to indicate historical performance had the index portfolios been available over the relevant period. IFA did not offer the index portfolios until November 1999.** Prior to 1999, IFA did not manage client assets. The IFA indexing investment strategy is based on the principles of Modern Portfolio Theory and the Fama and French Three Factor Model for Equities and Two Factor Model for Fixed Income. Index portfolios are designed to provide substantial global diversification (approximately 15,000 companies in 40 countries) in order to reduce investment concentration and the resulting increased risk caused by the volatility of individual companies, indexes, or asset classes. Client portfolios are monitored and rebalanced, taking into consideration risk exposure consistency, transaction costs, and tax ramifications to maintain target asset allocations as shown in the twenty index portfolios.

2. A review of the IFA Index Data Sources and IFA Indexes Time Series Construction is an integral part of and should be read in conjunction with this explanation of backtested performance information. For detailed descriptions and definitions of the underlying criteria and data used to construct backtested performance, see these two links: Data Sources and IFA Indexes Time Series Construction. Simulated index data is based on the performance of indexes as described in the Data Sources page. The index mutual funds used in IFA's twenty index portfolios are IFA's best estimate of a mutual fund that will come closest to the index data provided in the simulated indexes. Simulated index data is used for the period prior to the inception of the relevant live mutual fund data an equivalent mutual fund expense ratio is deducted from both live and simulated data. Live (or actual) mutual fund performance is used after the inception of each mutual fund. The IFA Indexes Times Series Construction goes back to Jan. 1928 and consistently reflects a tilt towards small and value equities over time, with an increasing diversification to international markets and the real estate index as data became available. In Jan. 1928, there are 4 equities indexes and 2 bond indexes, in Jan. 1970 there are a total of 8 indexes, and there are 15 indexes in March 1998 to present. If the original 4 equity indexes from 1928 are held constant until Dec. 2007, the annualized rate of return is 10.88%, after the deduction of a 0.9% IFA advisor fee and a standard deviation of 22.61%. The evolving IFA Indexes over the same period have a 11.14% annualized return after the same IFA fees and a 21.75% standard deviation. It is IFA's advice that the value of having a longer time series exceeds the concerns of index substitutions over the 1928 to present period. Due to the very high standard deviations of returns (22%) a 60 year or more sample size of data is recommended to reduce the standard error of the mean. In other words, in IFA's opinion, smaller sample sizes introduce larger errors than the errors introduced by stitching together indexes over time. This is the advice IFA provides to its clients. Check website to see the analysis of the evolution of these portfolios. Backtested performance is calculated by using a computer program and monthly returns data set that starts with the first day of the given time period and evaluates the returns of simulated indexes and index mutual funds, see Data Sources. In 1999, tax-managed funds became available for many different index funds. IFA uses tax-managed funds in taxable accounts. The tax-managed funds are consistent with the indexing strategy, however, they should not be expected to track the performance of corresponding non-tax-managed funds in the same or similar indexes. As such, the performance of portfolios using tax-managed funds will vary from portfolios that do not utilize these funds.

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