Portfolio: **Qraft Al-Powered Global 60/40 Tilt** Benchmark: **iShares Core Growth Allocation ETF** 

As of 6/30/2024

4/1/2024 to 6/30/2024

## **Quarterly Model Portfolio Commentary**

Global equity markets experienced more turbulence in Q2 of 2024. Equity indexes faced increased volatility amidst conflicting economic signals and heightened geopolitical tensions. However, there were still areas of notable growth and resilience. Q1 2024 GDP increased to 1.4%<sup>1</sup>, revised from 1.3%, driven by lower imports and increased nonresidential fixed investment and government spending, albeit a decline in consumer spending. Nonfarm payrolls increased by 272,000<sup>2</sup>, yet unemployment rates rose to 4%<sup>3</sup>. The core PCE index increased 2.6% year-on-year<sup>4</sup>, indicating inflationary pressures remain elevated.

The US Market Index gained 3.48%<sup>5</sup>, recovering from a sharp pullback in April. The Dow was the only major index to post a loss in Q2 (-1.73%), while the Nasdaq 100 (+8.26%<sup>7</sup>) and S&P 500 (+3.92%<sup>8</sup>) rose. S&P's Al-related companies drove returns as the rest declined; this divergence was reflected in sector performance, led by Technology, Communications, and Utilities benefiting from Al demand, while six others lost value. This was highlighted when Nvidia (+36.74%) was briefly the world's most valuable company, contributing 1.6 percentage points to Q2 market returns – Apple, Microsoft, and Alphabet followed. Value stocks lagged growth stocks, with the US Value Index down -1.47%<sup>10</sup> and the US Growth Index up 2.42%<sup>11</sup>, whereas dividend stocks lagged the broader market.

Global equity markets saw modest returns compared to the S&P's tech-driven rally, with the Stoxx Europe 600 and Japan's Topix rising by 1.27%<sup>12</sup> and 1.48%<sup>13</sup>, respectively, over diversifications into pharma, finance, tech, luxury goods, and others. Bonds recovered in Ω2, supported by improving inflation data and confidence in rate cuts (US Core Bond Index: +0.17%<sup>14</sup>). Bond yields fell from April's peak, with the 10-year Treasury note ending at 4.37%<sup>15</sup>. The treasury yield curve remained inverted. Commodity markets saw mixed results: WTI crude oil prices fell -2.59%<sup>16</sup>, pushing prices for gasoline and other consumer goods lower; gold gained 4.08%<sup>17</sup>; and copper prices soared 8.51%<sup>18</sup>. Overall, tech and Al sectors drove growth, while mixed signals from inflation and interest rates led to varied performances across other sectors and markets.

For the quarter, Qraft Al-Powered Global 60/40 Tilt model portfolio had a return of 1.77%, which was higher than the benchmark return of 1.57%. The portfolio's return can be broken down into two asset classes: equity and fixed income. The portfolio maintained an overweight position on equities and an underweight on fixed income relative to the benchmark. The equity component had a return of +2.77% while the fixed income component had a return of -0.51% resulting in an active return of 0.23% and -0.11% respectively. May was the highest performing month with a 3.76% return owing much to the strong performance of the equity market, while April saw lagging returns at -3.51%.

Qraft Al-Powered Global 60/40 Tilt model portfolio seeks to exceed the return of a static 60% equities and 40% fixed income portfolio over time. The strategy aims to achieve this objective using Qraft's Al-driven model to overweight or underweight equities and fixed income by as much as  $\pm 10\%$ . Qraft's proprietary Al engine utilizes a deep neural network to actively generate signals by analyzing macro variables such as interest rates and economic growth, among others, and their impact on each asset class. Qraft's Al engine is constantly evolving based on new market trends and optimization of risk-adjusted returns, which may result in monthly rebalancing for the Qraft Al-Powered Global 60/40 Tilt model portfolio.

¹ Gross Domestic Product, Bureau of Economic Analysis, June 27 2024 ² Employment Situation News Release - 2024 M05 Results, Bureau of Labor Statistics, June 7 2024 ³ State Employment and Unemployment Summary, Bureau of Labor Statistics, June 25 2024 ⁴ Personal Income and Outlays, May 2024, Bureau of Economic Analysis, June 28 2024 ⁵ Morningstar US Market, Morningstar, June 30 2024 ⁶ Dow Jones Industrial Average, Morningstar, June 30 2024 ⁿ Norningstar, June 30 2024 ℩ United States Rates & Bonds, Bloomberg, June 30 2024 ℩ WisdomTree WTI Crude Oil ETC, Morningstar, June 30 2024 ℩ Morningstar, June 30 2024 ℩ Norningstar, June 30 2024 ℩ Norni

Source: Morningstar Direct

## **Trailing Returns**

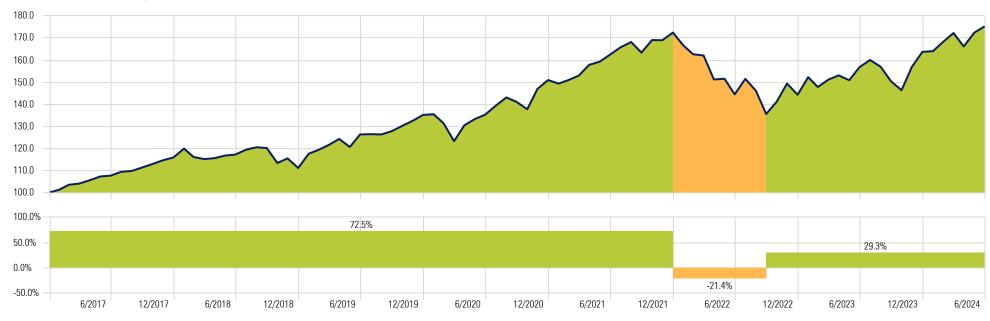
Data Point: Cumulative Return Calculation Benchmark: iShares Core Growth Allocation ETF

	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years
Oraft Al-Powered Global 60/40 Tilt	1.64	1.77	7.06	7.06	11.79	7.90	38.80
iShares Core Growth Allocation ETF	1.25	1.57	6.34	6.34	12.30	7.33	36.87

#### **Investment Growth**

Time Period: 1/4/2017 to 6/30/2024

Define drawdown as decline by 10% or more



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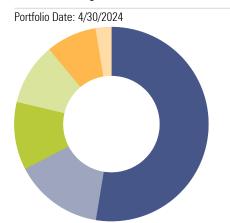
Contraction

Expansion

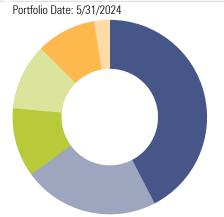
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	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	0ct	Nov	Dec	Year		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	0ct	Nov	Dec	Year
2024	0.19	2.51	2.42	-3.51	3.76	1.64							7.06	2024	0.18	2.02	2.43	-3.02	3.44	1.25							6.34
2023	5.53	-2.94	2.28	1.27	-1.44	3.93	2.06	-1.92	-4.17	-2.72	7.18	4.39	13.47	2023	5.81	-2.93	2.74	1.17	-1.22	3.47	2.13	-1.93	-3.49	-2.25	6.97	4.49	15.24
2022	-3.39	-2.36	-0.36	-6.70	0.22	-4.68	4.87	-3.56	-7.21	4.15	5.80	-3.41	-16.33	2022	-3.45	-2.22	0.16	-6.17	0.64	-5.67	5.23	-3.71	-7.18	3.41	6.75	-3.12	-15.30
2021	-1.06	1.06	1.37	3.17	0.92	1.99	2.06	1.44	-2.85	3.48	-0.04	2.04	14.26	2021	-0.44	1.17	1.77	2.79	1.13	0.86	0.90	1.33	-2.86	3.06	-1.35	2.40	11.14
2020	0.24	-2.99	-6.22	5.83	2.21	1.46	3.03	2.66	-1.41	-2.37	6.73	2.70	11.69	2020	-0.33	-4.24	-9.16	6.37	3.53	2.05	3.59	3.35	-1.87	-1.47	7.39	3.03	11.60
2019	5.86	1.41	1.95	2.20	-2.95	4.72	0.10	-0.09	1.13	1.89	1.74	2.06	21.65	2019	5.12	1.61	1.52	2.11	-3.06	4.24	0.09	-0.18	1.14	1.79	1.22	2.11	18.96
2018	3.49	-3.20	-0.80	0.35	1.03	0.38	1.88	0.93	-0.28	-5.63	1.82	-3.76	-4.11	2018	2.99	-3.16	-0.40	-0.11	0.41	-0.38	1.94	0.62	0.02	-4.95	1.12	-3.79	-5.84
2017	_	2.19	0.55	1.43	1.63	0.33	1.64	0.34	1.40	1.47	1.48	1.12	_	2017	1.60	1.99	0.93	1.33	1.59	0.39	1.81	0.48	1.15	1.41	1.15	1.01	15.88

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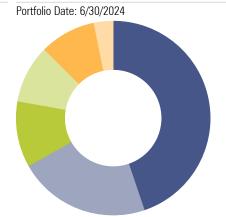
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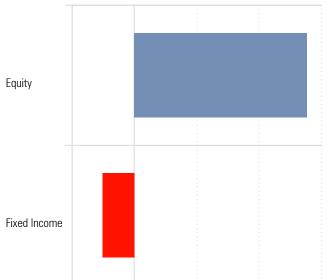
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Vanguard S&P 500 ETF	52.6
<ul> <li>Vanguard FTSE Developed Markets ETF</li> </ul>	14.8
• iShares 20+ Year Treasury Bond ETF	11.3
iShares 7-10 Year Treasury Bond ETF	10.3
• iShares Short Treasury Bond ETF	8.4
<ul> <li>Vanguard FTSE Emerging Markets ETF</li> </ul>	2.6
Total	100.0

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3	<ul> <li>iShares Short Treasury Bond ETF</li> </ul>	11.
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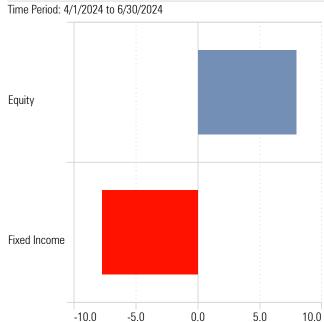
	%
Vanguard S&P 500 ETF	44.8
<ul> <li>Vanguard FTSE Developed Markets ETF</li> </ul>	22.0
• iShares Short Treasury Bond ETF	11.0
■ iShares 20 + Year Treasury Bond ETF	9.7
• iShares 7-10 Year Treasury Bond ETF	9.3
<ul> <li>Vanguard FTSE Emerging Markets ETF</li> </ul>	3.2
Total	100.0

#### Return

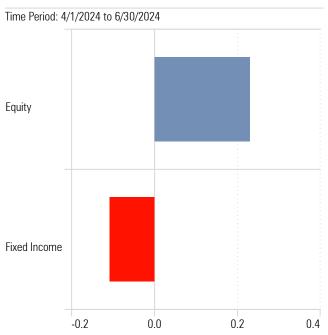
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# **Relative Weights**



### **Active Return**



Source: Morningstar Direct

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