## S&P Dow Jones Indices

# S&P STRIDE: Cost of Retirement Income

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### Overview

S&P STRIDE Indices measure the performance of a liability driven investment (LDI) strategy that incorporates a traditional glidepath approach within a multi-asset framework with a focus on theoretical inflation-adjusted ("real") retirement income. Each vintage reflects a target year for retirement.

The "Cost of Retirement Income" reflects the cost of an inflation-adjusted stream of cash flows equal to USD 1 per year, starting at the assumed retirement date and ending 25 years later. The interest rates used to discount the hypothetical future cash flows to the present are derived from the current U.S. TIPS curve.

Decumulation Rates represent theoretical distributions from net decumulation rate ("NDR") indices. They are computed by dividing an index's decumulation points (hypothetical distributions from NDR indices) by the index levels prior to the distribution. The ratios are annualized to calculate the decumulation rate.

Monthly decumulation points are calculated by: 1) multiplying the index level by the corresponding TIPS-LDI weight, and then 2) dividing by 12 times the Cost of Retirement Income. For each calendar year after the target date maturity, decumulation points are determined based on the index levels as of the end of January. The same number of decumulation points will then be distributed on a monthly basis for the rest of the calendar year.

For more information, please see the <u>S&P STRIDE Index Series Methodology</u> and the <u>S&P STRIDE Supplemental Data Guide</u>.

#### Commentary

The cost of retirement income rose for nearly all vintages in the third quarter, and measures for 10 of the 13 vintages (2020-2065) posted their highest ever quarter-end readings, as real interest rates fell further into negative territory. The U.S. Federal Reserve's new approach towards inflation, announced in August, lifted inflation expectations, while nominal interest rates were low and stable.

Unsurprisingly, longer-dated vintages were particularly sensitive to real interest rate changes: the cost of retirement income rose by more than 9% for the 2055, 2060 and 2065 vintages this quarter, higher than the S&P Composite 1500's 8.6% total return since June. Overall, the cost of retirement income for most vintages has risen by at least 10% since the end of 2019.

Focusing on income volatility instead of returns volatility continued to impact asset allocations within a traditional glidep ath approach. Nearer-dated S&P STRIDE indices had significantly higher allocations to Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities (TIPS) than their S&P Target Date counterparts.

#### S&P STRIDE Cost of Retirement Income



Change in Cost of Retirement Income													
S&P STRIDE Vintage	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045	2050	2055	2060	2065
3 Months	-1.21%	0.30%	1.28%	2.02%	3.90%	4.70%	5.49%	6.29%	7.11%	8.02%	9.02%	10.04%	11.06%
6 Months	0.76%	3.83%	5.95%	7.42%	11.57%	13.35%	15.38%	17.50%	20.00%	22.87%	25.91%	29.04%	32.24%
YTD	-1.82%	3.53%	7.38%	10.44%	18.79%	24.01%	29.41%	35.15%	41.47%	48.24%	55.32%	62.74%	70.50%
1-Year	-3.54%	2.29%	6.34%	10.59%	18.52%	23.27%	28.29%	33.63%	39.55%	45.95%	52.61%	59.58%	N/A
3-Year	-18.56%	-7.30%	0.45%	17.11%	28.92%	37.22%	45.67%	54.75%	64.70%	75.62%	87.27%	99.69%	N/A

December 2019 June 2020 September 2020



Decumulation Rate (%)

Source: S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC. Data as of September 30, 2020. \*2005 and 2065 vintages do not exist for the S&P Target Date Indices. Charts are provided for illustrative purposes. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. For more information, please visit our website at <a href="http://www.spglobal.com/spgli/">www.spglobal.com/spgli/</a>

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