



# Information for Participants



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## Missouri Baptist Foundation | Information for Participants

In 1946 a group of devout and caring men and women created the Missouri Baptist Foundation with a singular purpose: to strengthen the mission and ministry efforts of Baptist churches and organizations based in Missouri and to support their work.

The Foundation is incorporated as a Missouri nonprofit corporation, and it is governed by a board of 12 trustees. These trustees are selected from the Missouri Baptist community and include prominent business leaders, government officials, ministers, and educators. The Foundation staff is responsible for the administration and execution of the Foundation's mission. These operations include:

- Investment management
- Stewardship development
- Promotion and education
- Planned giving services
- Trust administration
- Gift annuity administration
- Endowment and scholarship management

As of December 31, 2017, the Foundation managed over \$137 million in endowment and long-term funds for ministries of Missouri Baptists and other qualified charitable trusts or entities.

### What is the purpose of the Missouri Baptist Foundation?

The purpose of the Missouri Baptist Foundation is to develop, manage, and distribute financial resources for the benefit of Missouri Baptists' mission and ministry efforts within Missouri, other states, and around the world.

The priorities of the Missouri Baptist Foundation are to promote Christian stewardship, assist with the planning and implementation of charitable gift arrangements and manage assets entrusted to the Foundation to provide perpetual support for the mission and ministry efforts of Missouri Baptists.





The Foundation encourages faithful stewardship by:

- Managing funds entrusted to it in an effective and principle-based manner,
- Educating people in appropriate Christian estate stewardship and financial management techniques,
- Providing trustee services to facilitate good financial management,
- Encouraging individuals to be good Christian stewards,
- Educating individuals about tax effective means of contributing to Christian causes while maintaining an income stream for themselves or their family or friends,
- Striving for excellence and continuous improvement in its operation,
- Operating with the highest Christian moral and ethical standards, as exemplified by its membership in the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability.

In the fulfillment of this mission the Foundation seeks to offer investment opportunities that are socially screened and diversified in ways that a participant may not otherwise be able to achieve. The Foundation also seeks to build endowments for current and future ministries at state, national and worldwide levels through development and planned giving services.

## Eligible Participants

### Who can invest with the Missouri Baptist Foundation?

The Foundation may manage funds for any organization or entity exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and for any qualified trust with either its total remainder or its income for a predetermined period designated for qualified charitable organizations exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, in accordance with IRS guidelines.

The funds which the Board of Trustees will consider to receive and administer will be from the following categories of Eligible Participants:

- Baptist institutions, agencies, commissions, foundations, associations and churches;
- Other qualified charitable trusts or entities that support, advance or further religious and/or charitable purposes compatible with that of the Missouri Baptist Foundation.

None of the funds invested with the Foundation may be held for retirement plans.





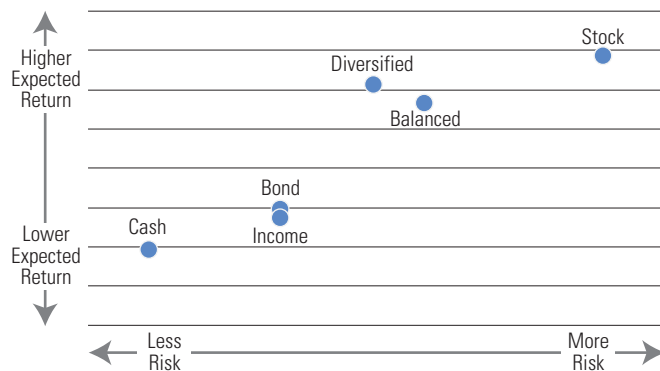


## MBF Investment Programs

Missouri Baptist Foundation offers a variety of investment programs to meet the differing needs of its investors. These programs range from long-term diversified endowment portfolios to short-term cash investments.

	MBF Diversified Fund	MBF Balanced Fund	MBF Stock Fund	MBF Bond Fund	MBF Income Fund	MBF Cash Fund
Investment Horizon	Long-Term 10+ Years	Long-Term 10+ Years	Long-Term 10+ Years	Medium-Term 3-7 Years	Medium-Term 2-5 Years	Short-Term 0-2 Years
Primary Objective	Risk-adjusted growth of capital	Risk-adjusted growth of capital	Equity-like growth of capital	Income	Income	Liquidity, preservation of capital
Examples of Some Appropriate Uses	-Endowment -Perpetual scholarship fund	-Endowment -Perpetual scholarship fund	-Equity portion of a long-term pool	-Bond portion of long-term pool -Medium-term building project	-Bond portion of long-term pool -Medium-term building project	-Operating needs -Short-term projects
Alternative Investments	Yes	No	No	No	No	No

## Expected Risks and Returns



For illustration purposes only.

There is a trade off in terms of expected returns and risks among the various investment options. Typically, the higher the expected return, the more risk an investor must accept. Conversely, lower risks are often associated with lower returns.





### How are the Funds governed and managed?

The Missouri Baptist Foundation has several layers of governance in its structure to provide strong policy making, oversight, and execution.

#### *Board of Trustees*

The Missouri Baptist Foundation is governed by a twelve member Board of Trustees. Each Trustee is required to be a member of a Missouri Baptist church and a resident of Missouri. The Trustees meet three times each year and also act through a three-member Executive Committee when necessary. The Board of Trustees addresses issues of policy, organizational mission and focus, and the pursuit of best practices across governance and investment management generally.

#### *Endowment Management Committee*

The Endowment Management Committee (“EMC”) is composed of Trustees and advisors chosen for expertise, professional experience and a commitment to ministry and the mission of the Foundation. EMC members are appointed annually. The EMC works closely with Foundation Trustees to communicate, oversee and refine policy decisions, monitor investment implementation and performance, and conduct regular organizational reviews.

#### *Investment Review Committee*

The Foundation’s Investment Review Committee (“IRC”) comprises three senior Foundation staff members nominated by the Foundation President. The Committee executes Trustee and Endowment Management Committee policy directives including regular

interface with the Foundation’s Investment Advisor (Commonfund), portfolio reporting, reconciliation, trust administration, accounting and constituent communication.

#### *Investment Advisor*

The Missouri Baptist Foundation partners with Commonfund and its Strategic Solutions Group (“SSG”) in the management and fiduciary stewardship of Foundation financial assets. SSG is a comprehensive, fully tailored investment and advisory solution addressing all aspects of portfolio policy, design, implementation, rebalancing, monitoring and reporting. This highly collaborative partnership leverages the full resources of a 180-person external firm while ensuring that Trustees and other Foundation fiduciaries are able to maintain a focus on strategic and policy issues critical to ministry and mission fulfillment.

Founded in 1971 as an institutional not-for-profit investment firm, Commonfund is devoted to enhancing the financial resources of nonprofit institutions through superior investment management, highly focused client service and industry leading research and education. Directly or through subsidiaries—Commonfund Capital and Commonfund Asset Management Company—Commonfund manages \$25 billion for approximately 1,400 clients across a full array of alternative and traditional investment strategies. For additional information about Commonfund, please visit [www.commonfund.org](http://www.commonfund.org).



Commonfund is responsible for manager selection, ongoing monitoring, and termination. Commonfund or the Foundation may change any or all investment managers at any time without notice to participants.

Custodial services for the Funds invested through the Foundation are provided by Morgan Stanley. Administration and reporting to investors is provided by the Missouri Baptist Foundation. If you have any questions, more information can be obtained through the Foundation office or their website at [www.mbfm.org](http://www.mbfm.org).

#### What is the investment philosophy?

The MBF investment programs will seek to achieve attractive long-term returns by investing with quality, independent investment managers. The multi-strategy programs – the MBF Diversified Fund and the MBF Balanced Fund – will include investments in multiple asset classes and managers. This diversification is designed to help the programs access high quality managers as well as benefit from the different return and risk characteristics provided by various asset classes and investment strategies.

Investments within asset classes will also be diversified across many securities, so it is unlikely that any single issue would cause undue risk to the portfolio. Asset allocation is the most important source of return, and the portfolios are meant to provide broad exposure to the various asset classes so as to behave similarly to the markets in general. Security selection by managers is intended to add incremental benefits over time, but it will also cause some variation around benchmark returns. Asset class performance is benchmarked to widely-used and accepted indices.

The portfolios will also generally be invested in accord with Christian moral and ethical principles. This screening will cause additional differences between the portfolios and the broad market benchmarks.

#### How does the Foundation select investments based on Christian moral and ethical principles?

The Missouri Baptist Foundation, responding to the biblical challenge of responsible stewardship, calls for conscious investment decisions consistent with Christian moral and ethical principles. To do this, the Foundation has instructed its investment managers to avoid investments in companies whose business activities are significantly derived from tobacco, alcohol, gaming, pornography, abortion, or fetal tissue research.

The majority of the Foundation's investments are managed as separate accounts and are subject to these screens, but there are some exceptions to this standard. Investments in commingled funds, like hedge funds, are not screened for companies that violate these principles. However, any exceptions to the guidelines must be evaluated and approved by the Endowment Management Committee.

#### What are the risks?

Investing in the securities markets, whether domestic or international, involves risk of possible loss of principal and/or income. Even though the Foundation believes long-term investment of these Funds will result in positive rates of return, there is no guarantee of such written or implied. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

The value of portfolios and Funds will fluctuate. An investing organization should consult its own advisors regarding risks, rewards and other aspects of investing in any Fund made available through the Foundation.





# Investment Program Descriptions





# MBF Diversified Fund

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The MBF Diversified Fund's investment objective is to generate long-term growth of capital in a way that also supports more consistent current spending needs.

Policy Benchmark	55% MSCI AC World Index Net / 20% HFRI Fund of Funds Composite / 17% Barclays Capital US Aggregate Bond / 3% Dow Jones UBS Commodity / 3% NCREIF ODCE (lagged) / 2% MSCI World Natural Resources Index
Traditional Benchmark	70% MSCI AC World Index Net / 30% Barclays Capital US Aggregate Bond
Total Assets	\$87.9 million
Minimum Initial Investment	\$10,000
Purchases	First business day of month
Redemption	First business day of month
Distribution Policy	4.3% of net asset value

## Investment Strategy:

The MBF Diversified Fund will invest in a diversified portfolio of asset classes, strategies, and independent managers. In addition to traditional equity and fixed income asset classes, the MBF Diversified Fund will also allocate to alternative investment strategies like hedge funds and private investments in an effort to achieve excess returns and favorable risk characteristics often associated with different types of alternative investments.

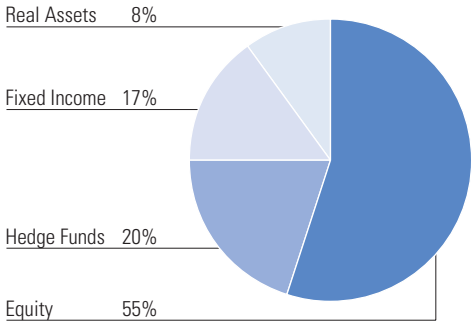
The MBF Diversified Fund allocates to four different investment categories to bring different return and risk characteristics into the portfolio. 1) The Equity asset class is where the MBF Diversified Fund expects to generate long-term growth. Equities will be global in nature and include stocks from U.S., developed international markets, and emerging markets. A portion of the equity allocation may be committed to long-term, illiquid investments like private equity or venture capital. No more than 15% of the MBF Diversified Fund may be held in illiquid investments. 2) Fixed Income has historically protected against deflation and provided downside protection and some liquidity in market declines. Fixed income investments in the MBF Diversified Fund will primarily consist of investment grade U.S. securities, but may also be in the form of cash, high yield, or global bonds. 3) Hedge funds are not technically an asset class since they invest mostly in stocks and bonds, but their ability to be both long and short different securities has helped this investment category generate attractive risk-adjusted returns over time. The hedge fund strategies in this portfolio will consist primarily of long/short equity, long/short credit, event driven, relative value, managed futures, and macro strategies. 4) Real assets are primarily intended to provide protection against inflation, but they may also provide other positive diversification characteristics like lower correlations to some of the other asset classes in the MBF Diversified Fund. Real assets may include commodities (e.g. oil, natural gas, gold, copper, wheat, or livestock), public equities of natural resource companies, private natural resource partnerships, or real estate.

## Management

The MBF Diversified Fund is managed by Commonfund within the investment policy restrictions and guidelines established by the MBF Board of Trustees.

# MBF Diversified Fund

## Asset Allocation Policy Targets



Strategy Ranges	
Equity	40-70%
Public Equity	40-70%
Private Capital	0-15%
Fixed Income	5-25%
Hedge Funds	10-30%
Real Assets	0-20%
Commodities	0-5%
Natural Resources	0-8%
Real Estate	0-16%

The Diversified Fund may allocate up to 15 percent of the portfolio in illiquid investments.

# MBF Balanced Fund

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The MBF Balanced Fund's investment objective is to generate long-term growth of capital.

Policy Benchmark	65% MSCI AC World Index Net / 35% Barclays Capital US Aggregate Bond
Traditional Benchmark	65% MSCI AC World Index Net / 35% Barclays Capital US Aggregate Bond
Total Assets	\$25.1 million
Minimum Initial Investment	\$10,000
Purchases	First business day of month
Redemption	First business day of month
Distribution Policy	4.0% of net asset value

## Investment Strategy

To try to achieve this goal, the MBF Balanced Fund will invest in a traditional blend of equity and fixed income investments. The MBF Balanced Fund will not allocate to alternative investment strategies like hedge funds or illiquid investments.

The MBF Balanced Fund allocates to various investment categories in order to bring different risk characteristics into the portfolio. The Equity asset class is where the MBF Balanced Fund expects to generate long-term growth. Equity investments will have a global orientation and include stocks in companies based in the U.S., developed international, and emerging markets. Equity investments will be made in stocks traded on public exchanges; therefore, the MBF Balanced Fund will not invest in illiquid partnerships. Fixed Income has historically protected against deflation and provided downside protection and some liquidity in market declines. Fixed income investments in the MBF Balanced Fund will primarily consist of investment grade U.S. securities, but may also be in the form of cash, high yield, or global bonds.

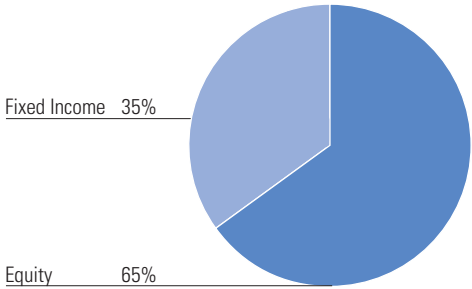
The MBF Balanced Fund will invest in traditional assets and will not include illiquid or alternative investments like private equity or hedge funds.

## Management

The MBF Balanced Fund is managed by Commonfund within the investment policy restrictions and guidelines established by the MBF Board of Trustees.

# MBF Balanced Fund

## Asset Allocation Policy Targets



Strategy Ranges	
Equity	55-75%
Public Equity	55-75%
Private Capital	0%
Fixed Income	25-45%
Real Assets	0-10%



# MBF Stock Fund

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The MBF Stock Fund's investment objective is to generate long-term equity returns.

Policy Benchmark	MSCI AC World Index Net
Traditional Benchmark	MSCI AC World Index Net
Total Assets*	\$65.6 million
Minimum Initial Investment	\$10,000
Purchases	First business day of month
Redemption	First business day of month
Distribution Policy	Participant directed

\*Includes investments by the MBF Diversified and Balanced Funds.

## Investment Strategy

To try to achieve this goal, the MBF Stock Fund will invest in multiple equity managers in an attempt to outperform the MSCI World Index.

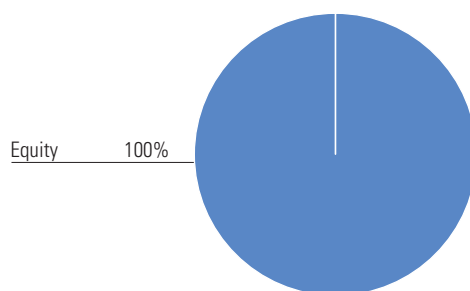
Equity investments will have a global orientation and include stocks in companies based in the U.S., developed international, and emerging markets. Equity investments will be made in stocks traded on public exchanges. The portfolio will be managed by multiple investment managers in an attempt to access quality managers with different geographic exposures and investment styles.

The MBF Stock Fund will be the core equity holding of the MBF Diversified and Balanced Funds, so investors in the MBF Stock Fund will have the same traditional equity investments as the two multi-strategy portfolios. The MBF Stock Fund will not invest in illiquid or alternative investments like private equity or hedge funds.

## Management

The MBF Stock Fund is managed by Commonfund within the investment policy restrictions and guidelines established by the MBF Board of Trustees.

## Asset Allocation Policy Targets



### Strategy Ranges

Equity	100%
Public Equity	100%

\*There may be marginal amounts of cash in the MBF Stock Fund to facilitate redemptions or rebalancing.

# MBF Bond Fund

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The MBF Bond Fund's investment objective is to generate some income and preserve capital.

Policy Benchmark	Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index
Total Assets*	\$24.1 million
Minimum Initial Investment	\$10,000
Purchases	First business day of month
Redemption	First business day of month
Distribution Policy	Participant directed

\*Includes investments by the MBF Diversified and Balanced Funds.

## Investment Strategy

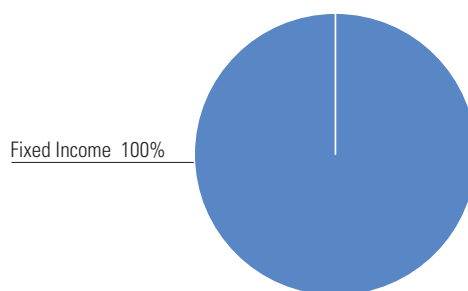
To try to achieve this goal, the MBF Bond Fund will invest in a predominantly investment grade fixed income portfolio. Securities that may be included in the portfolio are U.S. Treasury, corporate, asset-backed, non-U.S., and other fixed income securities. High yield securities may be included in the portfolio, but the portfolio is intended to be a high quality portfolio, so non-investment grade securities are likely to be a small allocation if and when they are included.

Because of the limited risk and high quality nature of the fixed income allocation, the MBF Bond Fund may be managed by one or more fixed income managers. In all cases, the portfolio will be prudently diversified.

## Management

The MBF Bond Fund is managed by Commonfund within the investment policy restrictions and guidelines established by the MBF Board of Trustees.

## Asset Allocation Policy Targets



### Strategy Ranges

Fixed Income	100%
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# MBF Income Fund

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The MBF Income Fund's investment objective is to generate current income and preserve capital. The Fund is designed for investors whose main objective is current income that is paid out on a regular basis.

Policy Benchmark	Barclays Intermediate Government/ Credit Bond Index
Total Assets	\$1.3 million
Minimum Initial Investment	\$10,000
Purchases	Last business day of month
Redemption	Last business day of month
Distribution Policy	Monthly interest

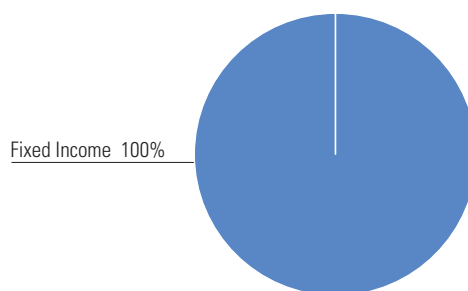
## Investment Strategy

To try to achieve this goal, the MBF Income Fund employs a buy-and-hold strategy and invests primarily in government and corporate bonds, commercial paper, preferred equity, mortgage-backed securities, and collateralized mortgage securities.

## Management

The MBF Income Fund is managed internally by the MBF staff within the investment policy restrictions and guidelines established by the MBF Board of Trustees.

## Asset Allocation Policy Targets



### Strategy Ranges

Fixed Income	100%
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There may be up to 15 percent of the Income Fund invested in preferred equities.

# MBF Cash Fund

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The MBF Cash Fund's investment objective is to provide liquidity and preservation of capital.

Policy Benchmark	ML 3 Month TBill Index
Total Assets	\$4.0 million
Minimum Initial Investment	\$10,000
Purchases	Last business day of month
Redemption	Last business day of month

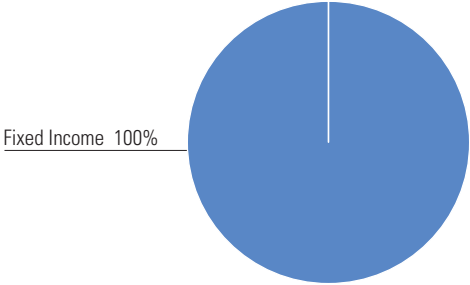
## Investment Strategy

The MBF Cash Fund invests in overnight repurchase agreements, institutional money market funds, and certificates of deposit (CDs). Since the Cash Fund typically maintains a minimum balance of at least \$3 million, part of the Cash Fund (typically \$1 million) is invested in one-year CDs in an attempt to achieve a higher yield than shorter-term cash investments. These CDs have laddered maturities, so a portion of the CD allocation matures each quarter. CDs offer the benefit of FDIC insurance up to a certain amount. Repurchase agreements are made through Hawthorn Bank of Jefferson City, Missouri.

## Management

The MBF Cash Fund is managed internally by the MBF staff within the investment policy restrictions and guidelines established by the MBF Board of Trustees.

## Asset Allocation Policy Targets



Strategy Ranges	
Fixed Income	100%
Cash and Equivalents	100%



### What does it cost to invest with the Foundation?

Missouri Baptist Foundation seeks to keep the costs to its Participants as low as possible. The administrative overhead costs are shared proportionately among each of the accounts under management. Those costs are charged directly to and paid out of the assets of each respective Fund. The total current costs are explained in the MBF's Cost Recovery Schedule in greater detail.

### How does an organization invest with the Foundation?

Each organization wishing to invest in one or more of the Foundation Funds or portfolios described above must sign an Investment Custodial Agreement. Once the signed Agreement and assets are received in the Foundation office, investments are made in the desired Fund(s) or portfolio(s). All investments made pursuant to the Agreement will be held in the name of the Foundation (or such other entity selected by the Foundation) as nominee for the Participant, with actual ownership of the investments remaining with the Participant. Each Participant is responsible for choosing one or more of the Funds and/or portfolios into which it wishes to direct its investment. Further, each investment manager utilized by the Foundation with respect to Participant assets is to be considered as acting for each Participant for whose benefit the investment manager has invested assets.

Each Participant will be assigned an interest (an "Ownership Interest") in the assets of each chosen Fund or portfolio reflecting the pro rata interest of the Participant in the assets of the particular Fund or portfolio. The value of a Participant's Ownership Interest may fluctuate as the value of the particular Fund or portfolio fluctuates. Purchases and withdrawals may be made in the form of check or wire transfer. There are no fees associated with purchases and redemptions.

### When may purchases or redemption occur?

The assets of the MBF Bond Fund, MBF Income Fund, MBF Stock Fund, MBF Balanced Fund, and MBF Diversified Fund are valued on the last business day of each month and a net asset value of the Ownership Interests in the assets of each of the Funds is calculated.

**Purchase or redemption of Ownership Interests in the assets of the MBF Cash Fund may be processed at any time upon written notice.**

**Ownership Interests in the assets of other Funds may be purchased or redeemed at net asset value on the first business day of the month, provided that written notice has been received at the Foundation office within thirty (30) calendar days before such month end. Redemption checks for all Funds except the MBF Cash Fund are disbursed by the 15th business day following each month end evaluation date when requests are made subject to the policy above.**

In order to protect the assets of the Fund, timing of redemptions of \$1,000,000 or more within a calendar month shall be negotiated with the Foundation as large redemptions may impact the Fund. Further information including current portfolio size, performance, fees, and updates of this information for participants, can be obtained from the Foundation office.

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