

# JEWISH COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND

for the quarter ending September 30, 2019



**Ira Malis**  
*Chair, IMC*

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The JCIF was down 0.8% for the quarter but up 11.1% since January 1. While this quarter's performance was disappointing, it demonstrated the rationale for increasing the JCIF's diversifying strategies portfolio. This group of managers, which does not correlate to the S&P 500, was up 2.4% and helped to moderate the losses in the global equities and real assets sectors of the portfolio. While negative performance for the quarter is not ideal, it is not cause for concern to the Investment Management Committee (IMC). We continue our close monitoring of the underlying managers in the portfolio. While there are a couple who are on our watchlist; most continue to perform as expected.

As I have reported previously, the IMC has been in a year-long process of on-boarding its new investment advisor, FEG. This review has included an in-depth look at the whole process, not just managers and asset allocation but also risk tolerances and liquidity needs. From this process we have gained a new confidence in the cadre of managers employed by the JCIF. From the longest serving manager, Adage, to newest, Echo Street, the JCIF employs dozens of high-quality managers in a fund that is impossible for another organization to recreate, as nearly 40% of our assets are with managers that, because of their success, are no longer accepting new customers. While there is always something to do, we are fortunate that we can act strategically and take our time. We do not react to short-term negative returns. The JCIF is for investors with a long-time horizon and sudden and rapid changes can be detrimental for a portfolio.

The slow and methodical rebalancing of the portfolio away from equities helped to mitigate the loss to the JCIF this quarter and we believe will protect us when this bull market finally ends. We have been adding to our diversifying strategies, managers who are investing outside of the equities and fixed income markets. This is part of our effort to find both return and also protect against the market correction that we are all expecting. This quarter we looked at the fixed income portfolio to review possible changes that would help increase the return of this sector. We have built what can be truly described as a "SWAN" (Sleep Well at Night) portfolio.

Overseeing the JCIF is a tremendous responsibility and a great honor. We do not take our duties lightly. We will continue to use every resource at our disposal to add value to the JCIF. Thank you for your support.

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## WHAT IS THE JCIF?

The Jewish Community Investment Fund (JCIF) is a Maryland business trust. The Associated Jewish Charities of Baltimore (AJC) serves as the sole trustee. Prior to 2013, the program was part of the AJC and called the CIF. When the board of the AJC voted to create the JCIF, it was done to separate the endowment assets from other assets (e.g., real estate) of the AJC. For more information, contact Michael Dye at [mdye@associated.org](mailto:mdye@associated.org).

## INVESTMENT TEAM

The JCIF is managed by the Investment Management Committee consisting of 25 volunteer leaders with extensive investment experience. Led by Ira Malis and aided by an executive committee and four sub-committees, the Committee is responsible for manager review and oversight. Day-to-day operations are handled by the professional staff of The Associated and aided by investment advisor, Fund Evaluation Group, and custodian, Wilmington Trust. The JCIF is audited annually by RSM US LLC.

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FUND VALUE \$593,618,984

AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2019

## PERFORMANCE

	QTR	1-year	3-year	5-year	10-year
JCIF	-0.8%	0.1%	6.6%	4.2%	7.2%
Benchmark	0.0%	2.1%	6.9%	4.2%	5.9%
75/25*	0.6%	3.8%	8.1%	6.0%	7.4%

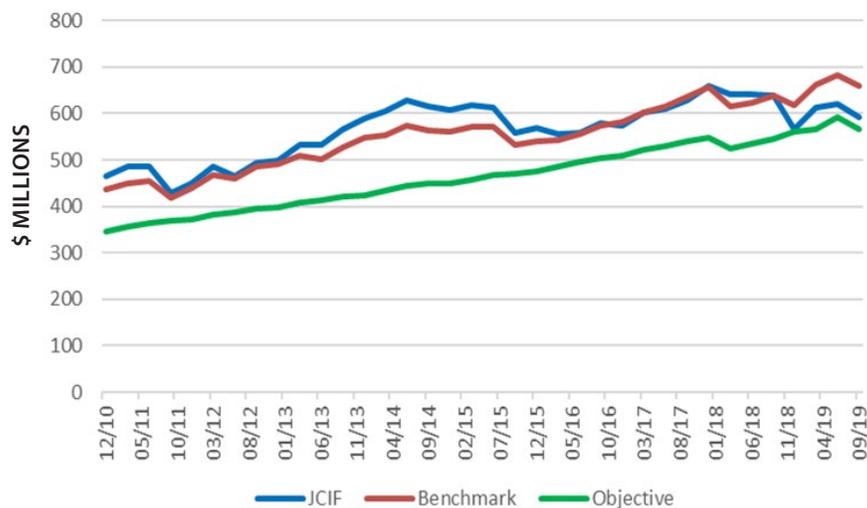
\* 75% MSCI ACWI and 25% Barclays Aggregate Bond Index

## PERFORMANCE BY SECTOR

	Asset Value #	% of JCIF	QTR	1-year	3-year	5-year	10-year
Domestic	154.9	26.1%	-0.2%	2.8%	13.6%	10.8%	14.2%
Global	61.2	10.3%	-4.5%	-3.6%	9.9%	6.2%	12.1%
International	74.7	12.6%	-2.2%	-3.3%	6.3%	4.7%	6.4%
Emerging Markets	40.8	6.9%	-1.7%	-4.2%	4.0%	1.1%	4.1%
Lower Volatility	18.4	3.1%	-5.9%	1.5%	1.8%	0.2%	4.9%
Fixed Income & Cash	65.7	11.1%	1.4%	6.1%	2.6%	2.5%	2.7%
Marketable Alternatives	118.5	20.0%	2.4%	4.0%	5.8%	2.9%	6.1%
Private Capital	47.2	8.0%		3.1%	8.4%	8.3%	9.3%
Real Assets	12.1	2.0%	-5.2%	-17.8%	-5.6%	-9.2%	-3.4%

# in \$ Millions

## PERFORMANCE OVER TIME



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