

# **August 2020 update for Radius Capital Management**

# PERFORMANCE AT A GLANCE

	August	YTD Return
Portfolio/Index	Return	To 8/31/2020
Radius 100 (100% stock mutual funds)	5.5%	7.4%
Radius Index 100 (100% stock ETFs)	7.9%	4.7%
U.S. Stock Benchmark (Vanguard S&P 500 Index Fund)	7.2%	9.7%
Balanced Risk Max (target risk/volatility same as S&P 500)	2.6%	10.9%
Radius Bond (100% bond mutual funds)	-0.5%	2.1%
Radius Index Bond (100% bond ETFs)	-0.4%	4.7%
Bond Benchmark (Vanguard Total Bond Index Fund)	-1.0%	6.9%

What a summer it has been! Despite the US losing nearly 30 million jobs as a result of the coronavirus pandemic and second quarter GDP falling 9.5% (33% annualized) – the largest quarterly drop since the Great Depression – the S&P500 is up 57% since it's closing low on March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

US stock markets resumed their rally in August, with investors appearing to anticipate a full V-Shaped recovery as Covid-19 hospitalizations continued to fall. Positives from a better-than-expected second-quarter earnings season and the potential for a viable Covid-19 vaccine in the coming months helped the S&P 500 gain 7.2% for the month, topping its previous pre-pandemic all-time high. Growth stocks, led by Apple, again outperformed value stocks in August with Large Cap Growth up 10.1% for the month vs 4.2% for Large Cap Value. Bonds fell as the Federal Reserve Bank announced its program to keep rates lower for longer and tolerate higher inflation levels. The Vanguard Total Bond Index fell 1% for the month but is up 6.9% year to date.

Despite the recent stock market gains and some positive economic news, we are not confident that the period of stock market volatility is over. Given the high uncertainty around the outlook for the virus – and the timeline of any potential vaccine – we continue to recommend that investors remain prudent and expect further volatility in the near term. With this uncertain outlook we believe it makes sense to aim for balanced and well-diversified portfolios. The best way to protect from long-term investment declines is to diversify one's investments across multiple, uncorrelated asset classes and investment strategies. Attempting to "time the market" is seldom a successful strategy and we would not recommend you do so.

# **MARKET CHARACTARISTICS**

Stock market	volatility <sup>§</sup>	Above Average (monthly avg. = 23, month end = 26)
Business Cyc	ele Phase	Mid/Late recession
Dominant Inv	estment Style (active vs. passive)	Mixed

In general, the higher the market volatility (as measured by the CBOE Volatility Index or VIX), the more the market is driven by investor emotions (greed and fear). Lower market volatility indicates a market environment based on fundamentals (economic growth, corporate earnings, etc.). The long-term average for the VIX is 20, 30 is considered high, 40 very high, and 50+ extreme.

# **CURRENT RISK-ADJUSTED RETURN (RAR) RANKINGS OF MARKET SEGMENTS**

RAR Rank	Stock Market Segments	1-Mo. Return	August RAR	Bond Market Segments	1-Mo. Return	August RAR
1	Large Growth	10.1%	61%	Intermediate Government	-0.4%	7%
2	S&P 500	7.2%	<b>32%</b>	Total Bond Index	-1.0%	<b>5</b> %
3	Mid-Cap Growth	3.2%	30%	Short-Term Corp Bond	0.2%	4%
4	Foreign Large Growth	4.1%	26%	Intermediate Corporate	-0.4%	4%
5	Small Growth	3.5%	23%	Short Government	0.0%	3%
6	Large Value	4.2%	6%	Long Government Bond	-4.8%	3%
7	Mid-Cap Value	3.1%	3%	Long Corporate Bond	-4.1%	2%
8	Small Value	4.6%	0%	High Yield Bond	0.6%	1%
9	Foreign Large Value	4.5%	0%	Worldwide Bond	-0.7%	0%

# **LONG-TERM PERFORMANCE THROUGH 8/31/2020**

The longer-term performance of the Radius portfolios continues to be strong. Since inception (1/1/2001), the Radius 100 portfolio has generated a *net* cumulative return of +337% (7.8% annualized) vs. a cumulative return of +283% (7.1% annualized) for the benchmark S&P 500 – with a comparable level of risk (i.e., standard deviation of monthly returns, maximum drawdown, and beta). Over the same time period, the more conservative Radius 60 (60% stock mutual fund, 40% bond mutual fund) portfolio grew +262% (6.8% annualized) vs. a +240% return (6.4% annualized) for its benchmark (60% S&P 500 Stock Index and 40% Total Bond Index).

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# Long-Term Performance (net of fees) to 8/31/2020

For S&P 500\*, Bond Index\*, Radius<sup>1</sup> 100, 60, & 20 Portfolios Index<sup>2</sup> 100, Balanced Risk<sup>2,3</sup> Max, Plus, and Basic Portfolios<sup>2</sup>

	S&P 500	Bond Index	Radius 100 <sup>1</sup>	Index 100 <sup>2</sup>	Balanced Risk Max <sup>23</sup>	Balanced Risk Plus <sup>23</sup>	Radius 60 <sup>1</sup>	Balanced Risk Basic²	Radius 20 <sup>1</sup>
Inception Date			Jan. 2001	Aug. 2014	Oct. 2019	May 2015	Jan. 2001	May 2015	Nov. 2003
% in Stock Funds	100		100	100	24	20	60	19	20
% in Bond Funds		100	-	-	91	77	40	57	80
% in Real Estate					3	3		2	
% in Commodities					35	28		22	
Total			100	100	153	128	100	100	100
Net Cum	ulative R	eturns (n	et)						
2020 YTD	10%	7%	7%	5%	11%	11%	6%	11%	3%
1-Year	22%	6%	14%	16%	14%	12%	9%	12%	4%
3-Year	50%	16%	30%	31%	40%	26%	21%	24%	12%
5-Year	95%	23%	49%	61%	80%	47%	34%	40%	18%
10-Year	305%	41%	157%	212%	244%	141%	97%	102%	47%
Since 1/1/2001	283%	145%	337%	310%	1712%	671%	262%	392%	170%
1	ualized R	eturns							
3-Year	14%	5%	9%	9%	12%	8%	7%	7%	4%
5-Year	14%	4%	8%	10%	12%	8%	6%	7%	3%
10-Year	15%	3%	10%	12%	13%	9%	7%	7%	4%
Since 1/1/2001	7%	5%	8%	7%	16%	11%	7%	8%	5%
Risk Measures									
Beta	1.00	-0.01	0.99	1.05	0.58	0.44	0.61	0.31	0.22
Max Drawdown	-55%	-4%	-57%	-52%	-33%	-24%	-38%	-16%	-13%
Std. Deviation	15%	3%	17%	16%	16%	11%	11%	8%	5%
Correl. to S&P	1.00	-0.09	0.89	0.96	0.56	0.58	0.86	0.59	0.65

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\* Benchmarks: S&P 500 Stock Index = Vanguard S&P 500 Stock Fund (VFINX), Bond Index = Vanguard Total Bond Fund (VBMFX)

#### Footnotes:

- 1 Investment return numbers for the Radius 100 and Radius 60 reflect the (unaudited) performance of actual portfolios that have been invested since 1/2001. For the period prior to its inception date, the returns for the Radius 20 are calculated using the actual returns from the Radius 100 and 60.
- Returns for the Index portfolio prior to 8/2014, the Balanced Risk Basic and the Balanced Risk Plus prior to 4/2015, and the Balanced Risk Max portfolio prior to 11/2019 are **back-tested** and not actual returns of accounts managed by Radius. Back-tested (simulated) performance results have certain inherent limitations. Unlike an actual performance record, simulated results do not represent actual trading. Also, since the trades have not actually been executed, the results may have under- or over-compensated for the impact, if any, of certain market factors, such as lack of liquidity. Simulated investment strategies in general are also subject to the fact that they are designed with the benefit of hindsight. No representation is being made that any account will or is likely to achieve profits or losses similar to those shown.
- The Balanced Risk Plus and Max portfolios invest part of their assets in leveraged ETFs. These funds seek daily investment results before fees and expenses that are triple the return of stock (S&P 500, NASDAQ, Russell 2000), bond (20+ Year Treasury Bond), commodity (gold, oil), and real estate market indices. Using these leveraged ETFs results in greater volatility and a greater risk of loss.

#### Other Notes:

- All performance numbers include dividends and capital gains and are net of all transaction costs and management fees, but do not
  reflect the impact of taxes.
- Data Sources: Account statements, Vanguard.com

#### **COMPANY OVERVIEW**

Radius Capital Management is a registered investment advisory company specializing in diversified mutual fund and ETF portfolios. Radius currently manages assets for individuals, retirement and profit-sharing plans, and trusts.

# **Investment Strategies**

- **Radius Strategy** (Active Market-Correlated Momentum): Seeks to invest in the mutual funds that have the best risk-adjusted returns over the past 1-year.
- *Index Strategy* (Passive Market-Correlated Momentum): Invests in broad-based passive market indices and holds them for at least one year to avoid short-term capital gains.
- **Balanced Risk** (Multi-Asset Risk Parity): Seeks to balance the portfolio risk exposure to generate more stable portfolio returns in all market/economic environments.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

If you have any questions about the investment approach or would like to learn more about Radius Capital Management, please visit www.radius-capital.com or send an e-mail to info@radius-capital.com.

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