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Addressing the Asset Allocators' Dilemma

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Most asset classes have delivered strong returns post-crisis Falling interest rates and rising valuations drove asset prices

Asset class returns (Annualized) - March 31 2009 to September 2016



As of 30 September 2016

SOURCE: Bloomberg, PIMCO.

Past performance is not at guarantee or reliable indicator or future results.

* Global developed bonds, ex-U.S. hedged.

U.S. equities: S&P 500 Index; Developed int'l equities: MSCI EAFE Net Dividend Index (USD Unhedged); EM Equities: MSCI Emerging Markets Index; U.S. core fixed income: Barclays U.S. Aggregate Index; Global bonds (H): JPMorgan GBI Global ex-US USD Hedged; Global IG: Barclays Global Agg Credit (USD Hedged); Global HY: MLX DevelMarkHighYieldConstr(USD Hedged); EM local bonds: JPMorgan Government Bond Index- Emerging Markets Global Diversified Index (Unhedged); REITS: Dow Jones U.S. Select REIT Total Return Index; Diversified commodities: Bloomberg Commodity Index Total Return

Refer to Appendix for additional investment strategy and risk information.

Now the initial conditions are very different

Heightened political risks

Fuller valuations

Lower yields

Higher systemic leverage and lower market liquidity

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- ¹ As of 30 November 2016. Date range: Jan 1881 to Nov 2016. SOURCE: <u>http://www.econ.yale.edu/~shiller/data.htm</u>
- ² As of 28 November 2016. SOURCE: Fitch.
- ³ As of 30 December 2016 and 28 September 2007. SOURCE: Barclays.
- ⁴ As of H1, 2015. SOURCE: Bain & Company Global Private Equity Report 2016 citing S&P Capital IQ LCD
- ⁵ The Economist, published 22 October 2016
- ⁶ As of December 2015 and June 2007. SOURCE: PIMCO, Haver. 10 advanced economies in sample are U.S., Japan, Germany, France, UK, Italy, Spain, Canada, Sweden, Korea Refer to Appendix for additional outlook and risk information.

Trump presidency Tax reform? Fiscal stimulus? Trade barriers? Fed changes?

94th Percentile Equity valuations (S&P Shiller P/E)¹

5.3% vs. 2.6% Barclays US Agg yield Sep. 2007 vs. Dec 2016³

387% Total debt/GDP exceeds pre-crisis levels for our sample of 10 advanced economies⁶ **European uncertainty**

Hard or soft Brexit? Populist outcome in French elections?

10.1X EBITDA multiple paid for LBO transactions in early 2015, exceeding levels in 2007⁴

\$9.3 TRN Outstanding Sovereign Debt with negative-yields²

-90% Decline in US primary dealers' corporate bond holdings since '08 as a % of outstanding⁵

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Currency volatility is likely to continue to be a significant factor



How the world prices certainty vs. uncertainty: a fresh outlook



As of 10 November 2016 SOURCE: Bloomberg, PIMCO

Hypothetical example for illustrative purposes only.

* U.S. 10 year government bond and U.S. Investment Grade Price/Earnings ratios are the inverse of yield to maturity. U.S. Investment Grade represented by Barclays U.S. Credit Index Refer to Appendix for additional hypothetical example, outlook and risk information

Historical correlations may not hold



In addition, with rates near historic lows, bonds have less room to rally in a growth shock

SOURCES: Ibbotson, PIMCO, Bloomberg.

Stocks are represented by the S&P 500 (S&P 90 for periods prior to the release of the S&P 500). Correlations are estimated on a non-overlapping basis using monthly returns (12 data points). Correlation data as of June 1927-June 2014. Bonds are represented by long Treasuries (Ibbotson) which should not be interpreted as a full sample representation of the bond market. Different asset class proxies will have different results.

Refer to Appendix for additional correlation, investment strategy, outlook, and risk information.

PIMCO believes most asset classes are priced to deliver lower returns 10 year capital market assumptions



PIMCO's 10-year capital market assumptions¹

SOURCE: Bloomberg, PIMCO. As of 1 July 2016. Hypothetical example for illustrative purposes only.

For indices, return estimates are based on the product of risk factor exposures and projected risk factor premia. The projections of risk factor premia rely on historical data, valuation metrics and qualitative inputs from senior PIMCO investment professionals.

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For PIMCO Private Equity and Infrastructure Models, risk factor exposures are based on analysis of historical index data, third party academic research and/or gualitative inputs from senior PIMCO investment professionals.

Refer to Appendix for additional investment strategy, return assumption and risk information.

PIMCO's expects significant variation <u>within</u> asset classes and sectors to continue

| There has been a 45% average annual spread between the best and worst performing asset class | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 |
| $ \rightarrow $ | 62.3% | 35.2% | 61.1% | 53.7% | 31.9% | 39.0% | 35.6% | 56.7% | 58.0% | 77.6% | 30.3% | 31.5% | 26.5% | 68.4% | 49.0% | 35.6% | 17.1% |
| | 31.8% Commodities | 12.3% REITs | 25.9% Commodities | 54.8% EM Equities | 33.2% REITs | 41.4% Japanese Equities | 36.0% REITs | 39.1% EM Equities | 5.6% Global Bonds | 77.7% EM Equities | 28.1% REITs | | 25.4% Japanese Equities | 58.9% Japanese Equities | 32.0% REITs | 10.9% Japanese Equities | 17.1% US HY |
| | 31.0% REITs | 8.4% US Bonds | 16.6% TIPs | 36.2% REITs | 25.4% EM Equities | 33.6% EM Equities | 32.0% EM Equities | 16.2% Commodities | 5.2% US Bonds | 58.2% US HY | 18.7% EM Equities | 9.4% REITs | 18.5% EM Bonds | 32.0% U.S. Equities | 13.5% U.S. Equities | 7.4% European Equities | 11.8% U.S. Equities |
| | 14.4% EM Bonds | | 13.1% EM Bonds | 29.0% US HY | 11.7% EM Bonds | 24.7% European Equities | 18.7% European Equities | | 1.8% Cash | 28.5% REITs | 16.8% Commodities | 8.5% EM Bonds | 18.5% European Equities | 21.9% European Equities | 8.7% Japanese Equities | 4.5% REITs | 11.4% Commodities |
| | | 7.2% Global Bonds | 10.3% US Bonds | 28.3% U.S. Equities | 11.4% Global 60/40 | 21.4% Commodities | 15.6% U.S. Equities | 10.3% European Equities | -2.4% TIPs | 28.2% EM Bonds | 15.1% US HY | 7.8% US Bonds | 18.2% EM Equities | 13.8% Global 60/40 | 7.6% Global Bonds | 1.4% U.S. Equities | 11.1% EM Equities |
| | 11.6% US Bonds | 5.3% US HY | 8.5% Global Bonds | 25.7% EM Bonds | 11.1% US HY | 13.8% REITs | 14.2% Global 60/40 | 9.4% Global 60/40 | -10.9% EM Bonds | 25.9% U.S. Equities | 14.8% U.S. Equities | 5.4% Global Bonds | 17.1% REITs | 7.4% US HY | 6.0% US Bonds | 1.2% EM Bonds | 10.2% EM Bonds |
| | 10.3% Global Bonds | 4.1% Cash | 3.6% REITs | 25.5% Japanese Equities | 10.7% U.S. Equities | 10.7% EM Bonds | 11.8% US HY | 7.0% US Bonds | -22.4% Global 60/40 | 25.8% European Equities | 12.0% EM Bonds | 5.0% US HY | 15.9% U.S. Equities | 1.2% REITs | 5.8% Global 60/40 | 1.0% Global Bonds | 6.7% REITs |
| | 6.0% Cash | 1.4% EM Bonds | 1.7% Cash | 23.9% Commodities | 10.0% European Equities | 8.4% Global 60/40 | 9.9% EM Bonds | 6.3% EM Bonds | -26.2% US HY | 22.8% Global 60/40 | 9.6% Global 60/40 | 2.1% U.S. Equities | 15.8% US HY | 0.1% Cash | 5.5% EM Bonds | 0.5% US Bonds | 6.5% Global 60/40 |
| | -1.2% European Equities | -2.5% EM Equities | -1.4% US HY | 21.7% Global 60/40 | 9.1% Commodities | 4.8% U.S. Equities | 8.0% Japanese Equities | 5.6% U.S. Equities | -35.6% Commodities | 20.9% Japanese Equities | 6.5% US Bonds | 0.1% Cash | 12.2% Global 60/40 | -0.1% Global Bonds | 4.7% European Equities | 0.0% Cash | 4.7% TIPs |
| | -4.1% Global 60/40 | -6.5% Global 60/40 | -5.8% EM Equities | 18.7% European Equities | 8.6% Japanese Equities | 4.3% Global Bonds | 4.8% Cash | 5.3% Global Bonds | -36.6% U.S. Equities | 18.9% Commodities | 6.3% TIPs | -1.9% Global 60/40 | 7.0% TIPs | -2.0% US Bonds | 3.6% TIPs | -0.7% Global 60/40 | 4.3% European Equities |
| | -5.9% US HY | -11.9% U.S. Equities | -7.9% Global 60/40 | 8.4% TIPs | | 3.0% Cash | 4.3% US Bonds | 4.7% Cash | -39.2% REITs | | 4.6% Global Bonds | -12.7% European Equities | 5.7% Global Bonds | -2.4% EM Equities | 2.5% US HY | -1.4% TIPs | 3.9% Global Bonds |
| | -9.0% U.S. Equities | -18.6% European Equities | -17.8% Japanese Equities | 4.1% US Bonds | 4.9% Global Bonds | | 3.6% Global Bonds | 1.9% US HY | -40.7% Japanese Equities | 5.9% US Bonds | 0.1% Cash | -13.3% Commodities | 4.2% US Bonds | -6.6% EM Bonds | 0.0% Cash | -4.5% US HY | 2.6% US Bonds |
| \downarrow | -26.6% Japanese Equities | -19.5% Commodities | -22.0% U.S. Equities | 3.1% Global Bonds | 4.3% US Bonds | 2.7% US HY | 2.1% Commodities | -9.9% Japanese Equities | -40.9% European Equities | 5.1% Global Bonds | -1.3% Japanese Equities | -15.5% Japanese Equities | 0.1% Cash | | -1.9% EM Equities | -14.6% EM Equities | 2.1% Japanese Equities |
| | -30.4% EM Equities | -22.9% Japanese Equities | -35.2% European Equities | 1.1% Cash | 1.2% Cash | 2.4% US Bonds | 0.4% TIPs | -17.6% REITs | -52.4% EM Equities | 0.2% Cash | -2.2% European Equities | -17.9% EM Equities | -1.1% Commodities | -9.5% Commodities | -17.0% Commodities | -24.7% Commodities | 0.3% Cash |

Source: Bloomberg, as of December 2016

Indices: Citi 3m Tbill, Barclays Global Agg USD Hedged, Barclays Corporate High Yield, Bloomberg Commmodities Index, Barclays US Tips, JPMorgan Emerging Market Bond, MSCI Europe, S&P 500, DJ US Select REITs, Global 60/40 = 60% MSCI ACWI and 40% Barclays Global Agg USD Hedged Refer to Appendix for additional investment strategy and risk information.

Lower prospective returns are now a global consensus

Investors globally face a 70-150bps gap between target and achievable returns



Source: www.AI-CIO.com, retrieved Sept. 2, 2016

From May 26 through June 3, 2016, 162 global asset owners provided both their "long-term expected/assumed rate of return" and their "best guess at what [their] portfolio will actually return over that time frame." Median figures appear in the charts. The left hand side reflects figures by location. The right hand side reflects figures based on asset owner type. Not intended to reflect past or future performance of any PIMCO investment product or strategy.

Low-return environment poses unique challenges for public plans There are risks to overly optimistic or overly pessimistic return assumptions



Any asset allocation solution needs to walk a delicate balance between the two, seeking returns, while also guarding against permanent reduction in funded status

How are investors responding? Cut return targets or...

Add Risk

- Shifting to a more aggressive asset allocation
- Higher allocations to illiquid strategies
- Strategic use of leverage
- Rotating to higher yielding fixed income sectors

Reduce Costs

- Going passive or smart passive
- Replacing discretionary with systematic strategies
- Consolidating manager line-ups
- Reducing implementation costs

Higher *<u>net</u>* returns... but at what cost?

A holistic approach is needed

Changes to all portfolio components will be necessary

1. Get more out of equities

- Evaluate factor-based/systematic strategies; factor and manager selection are crucial
- Use "portable alpha" to enhance capital efficiency

2. Re-think fixed income

- Orient towards income
- Add flexibility

3. Embrace non-traditional diversifiers

- Complement duration with other diversifiers
- Incorporate managed futures and alternative risk
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4. Higher allocation to private markets

- Change the mix of illiquid strategies
- Avoid concentration in traditional PE

Appendix

Past performance is not a guarantee or a reliable indicator of future results.

CORRELATION

The correlation of various indexes or securities against one another or against inflation is based upon data over a certain time period. These correlations may vary substantially in the future or over different time periods that can result in greater volatility.

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Appendix

OUTLOOK

Statements concerning financial market trends or portfolio strategies are based on current market conditions, which will fluctuate. There is no guarantee that these investment strategies will work under all market conditions or are suitable for all investors and each investor should evaluate their ability to invest for the long term, especially during periods of downturn in the market. Outlook and strategies are subject to change without notice.

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Investing in the **bond market** is subject to risks, including market, interest rate, issuer, credit, inflation risk, and liquidity risk. The value of most bonds and bond strategies are impacted by changes in interest rates. Bonds and bond strategies with longer durations tend to be more sensitive and volatile than those with shorter durations; bond prices generally fall as interest rates rise, and the current low interest rate environment increases this risk. Current reductions in bond counterparty capacity may contribute to decreased market liquidity and increased price volatility. Bond investments may be worth more or less than the original cost when redeemed. **Equities** may decline in value due to both real and perceived general market, economic and industry conditions. **Mortgage- and asset-backed securities** may be sensitive to changes in interest rates, subject to early repayment risk, and while generally supported by a government, government-agency or private guarantor, there is no assurance that the guarantor will meet its obligations. Investing in **foreign-denominated and/or -domiciled securities** may involve heightened risk due to currency fluctuations, and economic and political risks, which may be enhanced in emerging markets. **Inflation-linked bonds (ILBs)** issued by the various governments around the world are fixed-income securities whose principal value is periodically adjusted according to the rate of inflation. Repayment upon maturity of the original principal as adjusted for inflation is guaranteed by the government that issues them. Neither the current market value of inflation-linked bonds or the value a portfolio that invests in ILBs is guaranteed, and either or both may fluctuate. ILBs decline in value when real interest rates rise. In certain interest rate environments, such as when real interest rates are rising faster than nominal interest rates, ILBs may experience greater losses than other fixed income securities with similar durations. **Commodities** contain heightened risk, including

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