

## DFA Update Global Allocation 60/40 Portfolio Update (DGSIX) By Brandon Mendez April 2016

Q1 of 2016 was a volatile quarter for the Global Allocation 60/40 Portfolio (DGSIX) and for the markets as a whole. DGSIX's global equity positions lead the fund into negative return territory in mid-January ultimately hitting the quarter low at -5.66% in mid-February. It then rallied along with global markets to end the quarter positive at 2.14%. Analytic agencies have calculated the fund's standard deviation for the past year at 9.47. This is 23.5% higher than the average standard deviation of the previous three years. Standard deviation is used to analyze the volatility of a fund over a period of time. The higher the standard deviation value, the greater the swings in any direction, positive or negative. This increase is still lower than the 11.39 average standard deviation of the last 10 years, which featured the great recession.



In Q1, DGSIX decreased its Financial sector allocation. At the end of 2015, DGSIX held a 17.9% position in the Financial sector. As of the end of the first quarter of 2016, that allocation was 16.7%, and more weight was added to the Telecommunications, Utilities, and REIT sectors.

Fund information was gathered directly from Dimensional Fund Advisors. For more information on the DFA Global Allocation 60/40 Portfolio or other DFA funds available please visit <u>www.Dimensional.com</u> for more details.

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