

# Funds with a Mission

Fourth Quarter 2019 Investment Review



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# SEI Point of View

## Economic and Market Review

# Market performance overview

- Markets adhered to finance theory 101 in 2019, as full-year asset class returns were fairly commensurate with expected volatility.
- Equities were strong globally, as investors took comfort in a reported trade truce between the U.S. and China as well as some additional clarity on Brexit. A weaker U.S. dollar was a tailwind, especially for emerging markets, as were hopes that China's numerous stimulus measures would help global growth begin to reaccelerate.
- Interest rates were a big story in 2019, as investor pessimism pulled bond yields substantially lower in the second and third quarters and even caused certain points of the yield curve to invert. High-quality bond returns levelled off in the fourth quarter, as yields rebounded some on improving economic and market sentiment. Riskier areas like emerging markets and high yield continued to do well, as receding pessimism supported further narrowing of credit spreads.
- There were finally signs of life in commodities and inflation-linked Treasurys in 2019. In December, oil and certain agricultural commodities were quite strong, while headline inflation surprised to the upside.

## Financial Markets Review



Commodities = Bloomberg Commodity Total Return Index (USD), Inflation-Linked = Bloomberg Barclays 1-5 Year US TIPS Index (USD), Emerging Markets Debt = 50/50 JPM EMBI Global Div & JPM GBI EM Global Div, High Yield Bonds = ICE BofAML US High Yield Constrained Index (USD), Long Duration = Bloomberg Barclays Long US Government/Credit Index (USD), U.S. Investment-Grade Bonds = Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index (USD), Emerging Markets Equity = MSCI EFM (Emerging+Frontier Markets) Index (Net) (USD), Developed Int'l Equity x US = MSCI World ex-USA Index (Net) (USD), U.S. Small Cap = Russell 2000 Index (USD), U.S. Large Cap = Russell 1000 Index (USD). Sources: SEI, index providers. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. All returns denominated in USD. As of 12/31/2019.

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# Fund performance

## As of December 31, 2019

	Fund Inception	Performance Cumulative Total Return as of 12/31/2019			Performance Annualized Total Return as of 12/31/2019						Performance Calendar Year Return as of 12/31				
		1 Mo	3 Mo	Ytd	Qtr	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Incept	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
New Covenant Growth*	7/1/1999	3.05	9.30	30.18	9.30	30.18	14.14	9.52	11.13	5.15	30.18	-6.07	21.60	8.12	-1.98
<i>Russell 3000 Index (USD)</i>		2.84	8.98	31.36	8.98	31.36	15.03	11.46	13.49	6.26	31.36	-4.78	21.69	12.05	0.92
<i>Expenses before waivers (%) = 0.97</i>															
<i>Expenses after waivers (%) = 0.72</i>															
New Covenant Income	7/1/1999	0.15	0.46	6.95	0.46	6.95	3.14	2.52	3.01	3.53	6.95	0.07	2.51	2.36	0.84
<i>Bloomberg Barclays Intermediate US Aggregate Bond Index (USD)</i>		0.17	0.47	6.67	0.47	6.67	3.26	2.59	3.15	4.55	6.67	0.92	2.27	1.97	1.21
<i>Expenses before waivers (%) = 0.95</i>															
<i>Expenses after waivers (%) = 0.80</i>															

New Covenant Growth: Benchmark performance between Nov 1, 2012 and December 17, 2019 is that of the prior benchmark, Russell 1000 Index; prior to Nov 1, 2012 is that of the former benchmark, the S&P 500 Index.

Performance for periods of less than one year is cumulative. **Performance data quoted is past performance. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. The principal value and investment return of an investment will fluctuate so that shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original value. Current performance may be higher or lower. For performance data current to the most recent month end, please call 1-877-835-4531.** Fee waivers are voluntary and may be discontinued at any time. Source: SEI Data Portal

\*From July 1999 to March 2014, the New Covenant Growth Fund had international equity exposure ranging from 10% to 20% of the portfolio's assets.

# New Covenant Growth Fund As of December 31, 2019

## Performance Review

- The Growth Fund outperformed both the Russell 1000 Index and the Russell 3000 Index during the fourth quarter.
- A favorable underweight to industrials (aerospace and defense) was a major contributor.
- The Fund was hurt by lack of exposure to tobacco stocks, which performed well during the quarter.

Effective May 13, 2019, Effective May 13, 2019, the New Covenant Growth Fund transitioned from an active to a passive implementation

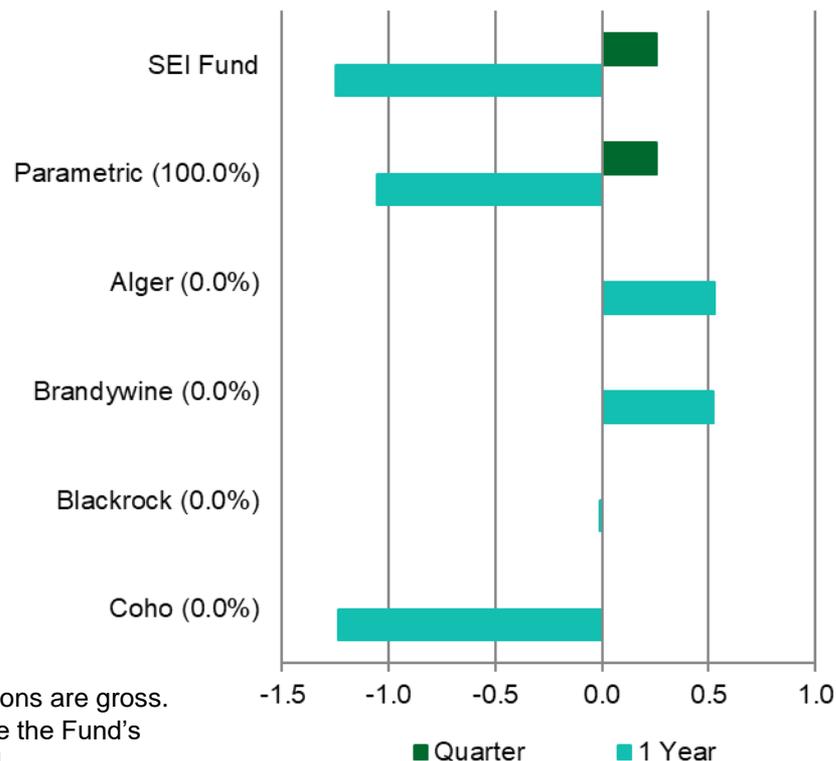
Benchmark: Russell 1000 Index (from October 1, 2019 through December 17, 2019), Russell 3000 Index

Source: SEI Data Portal. Fund return is net of fund fees; manager contributions are gross.

Manager performance reflects performance provided by the manager before the Fund's exclusion list (socially responsible screen) and overlay activities are applied.

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New Covenant Growth Fund  
Manager Contribution to Excess Return (%)



# New Covenant Growth Fund

## As of December 31, 2019

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### Strategy Update

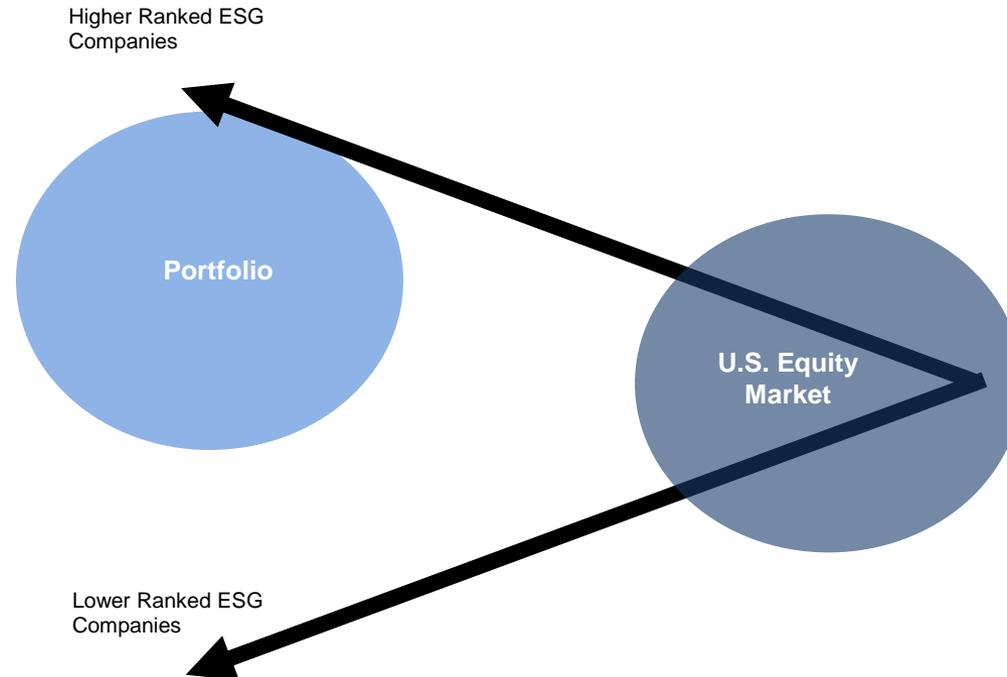
- During the quarter, the Growth Fund's benchmark was changed from the Russell 1000 Index to the Russell 3000 Index, which provides exposure to smaller-capitalization stocks.
- The Growth Fund's investment strategy also changed. The purpose of this change was to attempt to provide broader exposure to U.S. equity markets.
- It retained a social screen and an environmental, social and governance tilt.

# New Covenant Growth

## Incorporating Environmental, Social, Governance (ESG) preferences

### Strategy

- Parametric, the investment manager, begins with replication of the broad U.S. equity market, minus the prohibited names from the negative SRI screens. They then use their limited ability to deviate from the underlying market exposures to select stocks based upon their ESG ratings.

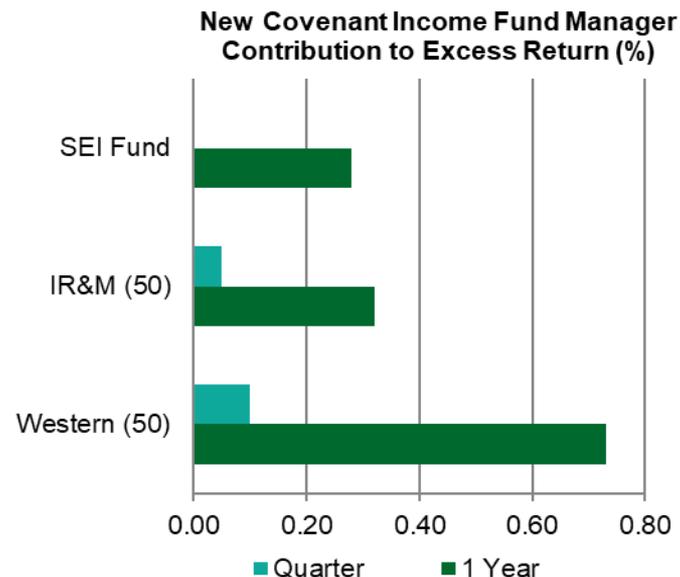


# New Covenant Income Fund

## As of December 31, 2019

### Performance Review

- The Income Fund performed in line with its benchmark during the quarter.
- Overweights to corporate credit (mainly financials and industrials) and agency mortgage-backed securities (MBS) contributed, as did an allocation to non-agency MBS. Overweights to asset-backed securities (ABS) and commercial MBS were beneficial as the high-quality risk/return profile of both sectors attracted demand.
- The Fund's overweight to the long end of the U.S. Treasury yield curve detracted as 30-year yields rose.
- Western Asset Management's overweight to corporate bonds contributed. The manager's longer-duration positioning also helped due to declining yields, as did its allocation to high-yield bonds.
- Income Research & Management gained on an overweight to investment-grade bonds. An overweight to ABS helped as U.S. consumers remained resilient. Selection within industrials contributed as recession concerns abated. An unfavorable underweight to agency MBS (as spreads widened) was offset by solid security selection within the sector.



(#) indicates the percent target allocation in the Fund, excluding cash.

Benchmark: Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Intermediate Aggregate Bond Index

Source: SEI Data Portal with data from Fund sub-advisors. Class F. Fund return is net of fund fees; manager contributions are gross.

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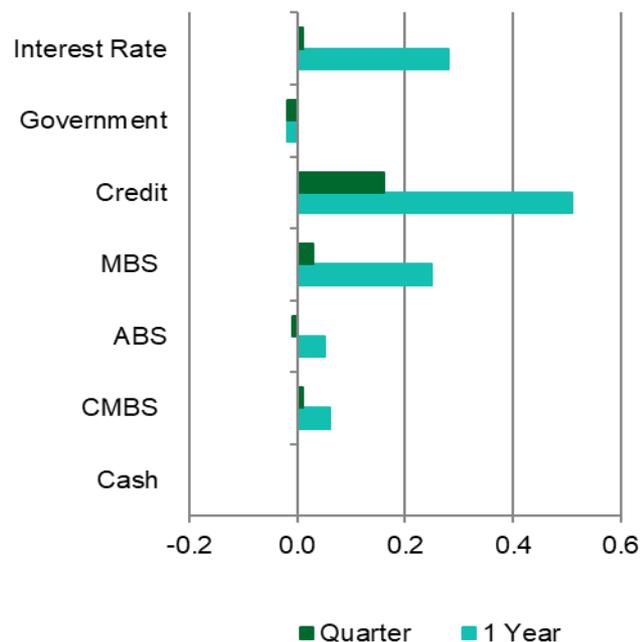
# New Covenant Income Fund

## As of December 31, 2019

### Positioning Review

- The Income Fund's duration positioning ended the quarter neutral to its benchmark but remained overweight the long end of the U.S. Treasury yield curve.
- In the current low-growth, low-inflation outlook, the Fund is likely to remain overweight corporate bonds, while adjusting duration and curve positioning to changes in the market.

New Covenant Income Fund  
Sector Contribution to Excess Return (%)



Source: SEI Data Portal with data from Fund sub-advisors. Fund return is net of fund fees; manager contributions are gross.

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<i>New Covenant Balanced Growth Benchmark</i>		1.77	5.52	21.18	5.52	21.18	10.39	8.04	9.47	5.86	21.18	-2.24	13.57	8.08	1.25
<i>Expenses before waivers (%) = 0.95</i>															
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New Covenant Balanced Income	7/1/1999	1.13	3.48	14.60	3.48	14.60	6.88	4.94	5.79	4.21	14.60	-1.99	8.69	4.32	-0.05
<i>New Covenant Balanced Income Benchmark</i>		1.10	3.40	15.02	3.40	15.02	7.44	5.81	6.87	5.42	15.02	-0.83	8.74	5.56	1.31
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# New Covenant Balanced Growth Fund

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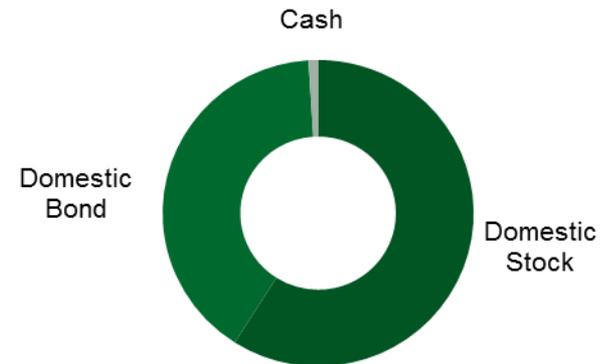
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### Bond Market

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### Sector Allocations (Target Weights)



Source: SEI

Benchmark: 60% Russell 1000 Index/40% Bloomberg Barclays Intermediate US Aggregate Bond Index

# New Covenant Balanced Income Fund

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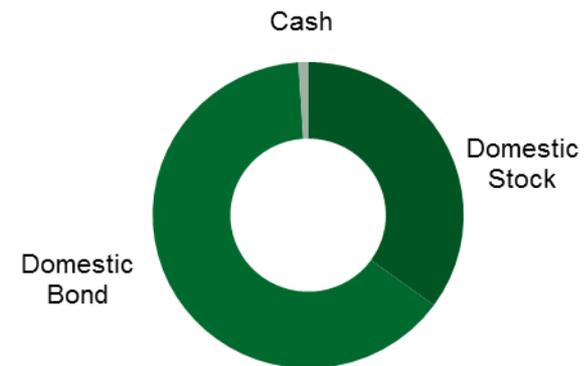
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### Sector Allocations (Target Weights)



Source: SEI

Benchmark: 65% Bloomberg Barclays Intermediate US Aggregate Bond Index/35% Russell 1000 Index

# Indexes

## Definitions

The Russell 3000 Index includes 3000 of the largest U.S. equity securities based on market cap and current index membership; it is used to measure the activity of the U.S. equity market.

Russell 1000 Index includes 1000 of the largest U.S. equity securities based on market cap and current index membership; it is used to measure the activity of the U.S. large-cap equity market.

The Bloomberg Barclays Intermediate U.S. Aggregate Bond Index is an unmanaged benchmark index composed of U.S. securities in Treasury, Government-Related, Corporate, and Securitized sectors with remaining maturities of less than 10 years.

## Benchmarks

### New Covenant Growth

benchmark: 100% Russell 3000

### New Covenant Income

benchmark: 100% Bloomberg Barclays  
US Intermediate Aggregate

### New Covenant Balanced Growth

benchmark: 60% Russell 3000  
40% Bloomberg Barclays  
US Intermediate Aggregate

### New Covenant Balanced Income

benchmark: 35% Russell 3000  
65% Bloomberg Barclays  
US Intermediate Aggregate

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For those New Covenant Funds which employ the ‘manager of managers’ structure, SEI Investments Management Corporation (SIMC) has ultimate responsibility for the investment performance of the Funds due to its responsibility to oversee the sub-advisers and recommend their hiring, termination and replacement. SIMC is the adviser to the New Covenant Funds, which are distributed by SEI Investments Distribution Co. (SIDCO). SIMC and SIDCO are wholly owned subsidiaries of SEI Investments Company.

**To determine if the Funds are an appropriate investment for you, carefully consider the investment objectives, risk factors and charges and expenses before investing. This and other information can be found in the Funds’ full and summary prospectuses, which can be obtained by calling 1.877.835.4531. Read them carefully before investing.**

There are risks involved with investing, including loss of principal. Current and future portfolio holdings are subject to risks as well. International investments may involve risk of capital loss from unfavorable fluctuation in currency values, from differences in generally accepted accounting principles or from economic or political instability in other nations. Emerging markets involve heightened risks related to the same factors as well as increased volatility and lower trading volume. Narrowly focused investments and smaller companies typically exhibit higher volatility. Bonds and bond funds will decrease in value as interest rates rise. High-yield bonds involve greater risks of default or downgrade and are more volatile than investment-grade securities, due to the speculative nature of their investments. The Funds’ social policy may cause it to make or avoid investments for social reasons when it may be disadvantageous to do so. The Growth Fund is subject to tracking error risk or the risk that the Fund's performance may vary substantially from the performance of the Index it tracks.

Diversification may not protect against market risk. There is no assurance the objectives discussed will be met. Past performance does not guarantee future results.

Index returns do not reflect any management fees, transaction costs or expenses. Indexes are unmanaged and one cannot invest directly in an index. Past performance does not guarantee future results.

Not FDIC Insured      No Bank Guarantee      May Lose Value

Prior to 5/13/2019, the New Covenant Growth Fund’s investment approach was an “active” investment strategy where an Investment manager would buy and sell securities based on its own economic, financial and market analysis. On May 13, 2019, the Fund implemented a more “passive” investment strategy which seeks to track an index return along with a social screen and ESG tilt.

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The Standard & Poor's 500 Index (S&P 500) is an unmanaged, capitalization weighted index that measures the performance of 500 large-capitalization stocks representing all major industries.

The Russell 1000 Index includes 1000 of the largest U.S. equity securities based on market cap and current index membership; it is used to measure the activity of the U.S. large-cap equity market.

The Russell 1000 Growth Index measures the performance of those Russell 1000 companies with higher price/book ratios and higher forecasted growth values.

The Russell 1000 Value Index measures the performance of those Russell 1000 companies with lower price/book ratios and lower forecasted growth values.

The Russell 2000 Index includes 2,000 small-cap U.S. equity names and is used to measure the activity of the U.S. small-cap equity market.

The Russell 3000 Index measures the performance of the largest 3000 U.S. companies representing approximately 98% of the investable U.S. equity market.

The MSCI All Country World Index is a market-capitalization-weighted index composed of over 2,000 companies, and is representative of the market structure of 48 developed and emerging-market countries in North and South America, Europe, Africa, and the Pacific Rim. The index is calculated with net dividends reinvested in U.S. dollars.

The MSCI All Country World Index ex-US is an equity index that includes both emerging and developed world markets and is designed to provide a broad measure of stock performance throughout the world, with the exception of U.S.-based companies.

The MSCI Emerging + Frontier Markets (EFM) Index is a free float-adjusted market-capitalization weighted index that captures large- and mid-cap representation across 23 Emerging Markets (EM) countries and 24 Frontier Markets (FM) countries.

The Bloomberg Barclays Capital U.S. Intermediate Aggregate Bond Index is an unmanaged index of U.S. Bonds which include reinvestment of any earnings. It is widely used to measure the overall performance of the U.S. bond market. It is not possible to invest directly in an index.

The Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index (formerly Lehman Brothers U.S. Aggregate Bond Index) is a benchmark index composed of U.S. securities in Treasury, government-related, corporate, and securitized sectors. It includes securities that are of investment-grade quality or better, have at least 1 year to maturity, and have an outstanding par value of at least \$250 million.

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The Bloomberg Barclays Long Government/Credit Index measures the investment return of all medium and larger public issues of U.S. Treasury, agency, investment-grade corporate, and investment-grade international dollar-denominated bonds with maturities longer than 10 years. The average maturity is approximately 20 years.

The Bloomberg Barclays 1-5 Year US TIPS Index measures the performance of inflation-protected public obligations of the U.S. Treasury that have a remaining maturity of one to five years.

The ICE BofA ML High Yield Master II Constrained Index is a market-value-weighted index of all domestic and Yankee high-yield bonds, including deferred interest bonds and payment-in-kind securities. Its securities have maturities of one year or more and a credit rating lower than BBB-/Baa3 but are not in default.

JPMorgan EMBI Global Diversified Index tracks the performance of external debt instruments (including U.S.-dollar-denominated and other external-currency-denominated Brady bonds, loans, Eurobonds and local market instruments) in the emerging markets.

JPMorgan GBI-EM Global Diversified Index tracks the performance of debt instruments issued in domestic currencies by emerging market governments.

The Bloomberg Commodity Total Return Index is composed of futures contracts and reflects the returns on a fully collateralized investment in the Index. This combines the returns of the Index with the returns on cash collateral invested in 13-week (3-month) U.S. Treasury bills.

Duration is a measure of risk in bond investing and indicates how price sensitive a bond is to changes in interest rates. A higher duration value means that a bond's price is more sensitive to a change in the relevant interest rate.

Option-Adjusted Spreads estimate the difference in yield between a security or collection of securities and comparable Treasuries after removing the effects of any special features, such as provisions that allow an issuer to call a security before maturity.

Safety Assets are so called because they are generally of higher investment quality and often exhibit lower historic price and return volatility.

# Appendix:

## Socially Responsible Investing

# Socially Responsible Investing

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- Socially responsible investing is a way that investors can feel comfortable knowing that their financial decisions reflect their values and principles. New Covenant Funds were created by Presbyterians and incorporate Christian values.
- As a shareholder advocate our goal is to affect positive change in certain companies in which New Covenant Funds invests.
  - Proxy voting
  - Shareholder resolutions
  - Engaging in dialogue with management regarding issues and changes
- New Covenant Funds works with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Mission Responsibility Through Investing (MRTI) committee ([www.pcusa.org/mrti](http://www.pcusa.org/mrti)), ecumenical groups, Interfaith Center for Corporate Responsibility, and environmental groups like CERES (Coalition on Environmentally Responsible Economies). The strength of voices pooled with those of other churches and advocacy groups is more likely to get management's attention.
- New Covenant Funds prohibits investments that are included on the MRTI list. Prohibiting investment as a means of “social witness” demonstrates a position by consciously choosing not to allocate capital to corporations dependent on sales volume of products mentioned.

# New Covenant Funds

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As investors in socially responsible mutual fund families, our clients have an opportunity to help bring about positive change in the companies in which we invest – reflecting the basic principles of our Presbyterian faith. Our goal is not only to invest in the companies that are within our target allocations, but to engage in dialogue with companies whose business practices may be in conflict with our faith-based guidelines to affect positive change.

New Covenant Funds' goal is to enable investors to address their long-term financial needs and goals in a manner consistent with their values and principles.



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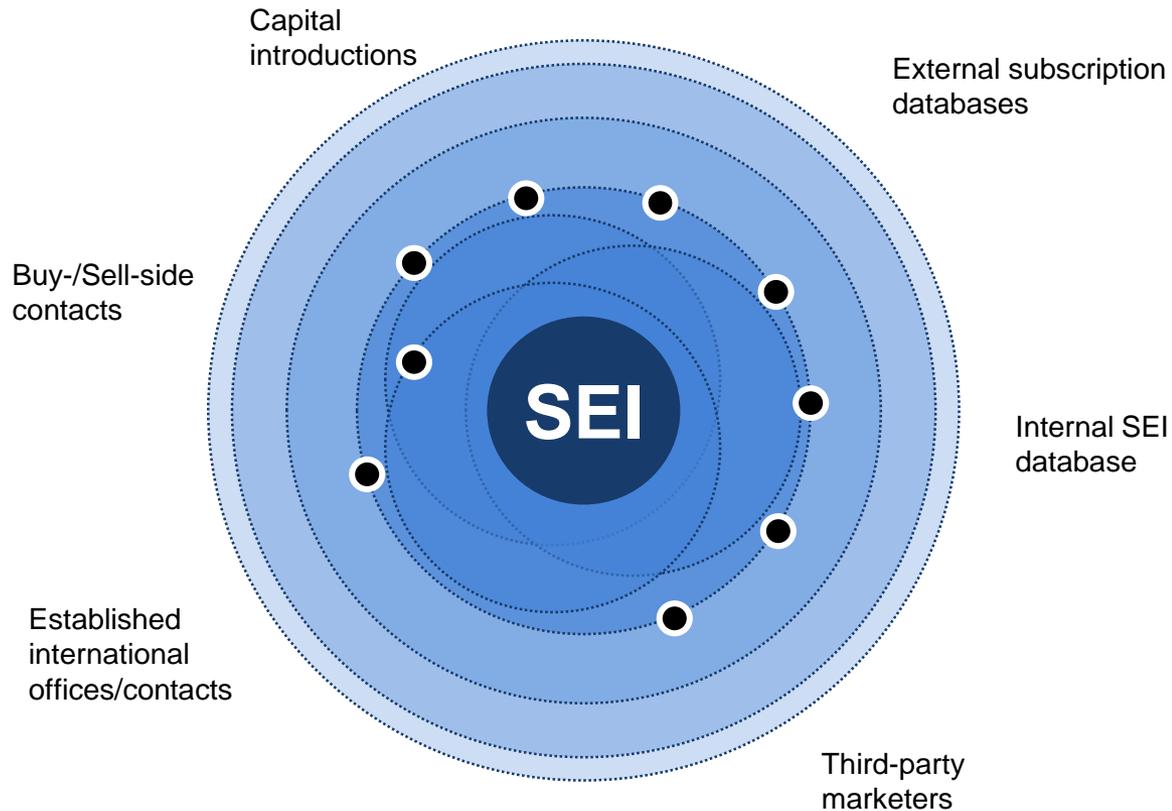
# SEI overview

- Founded in 1968
- Publicly held firm (NASDAQ: SEIC)
- U.S. headquarters in Oaks, Pennsylvania
- Offices in eight countries with more than 3,500 employees worldwide
- Over \$334 billion\* in assets under management, including \$89 billion\* in institutional assets
- Provides asset management and investment operations solutions for institutional and personal wealth management
- Team of 300 advice and investment professionals
- Nearly 500 institutional clients\*, including more than 100 endowments and foundations.



\*As of September 30, 2019. Source: SEI third quarter earnings release October 2019.

# Manager Sourcing: Leveraging an experienced investment team



Qualitative & Quantitative Research

Selectively Identify Managers with Competitive Advantage

Source: SEI.

# Website Enhancements: New Covenant Funds allow investors to align investment decisions with core values and mission

## New Covenant Funds website provides access to:

- Fund pricing and performance updates
- Current perspectives
  - Financial markets
  - Economy
- Latest knowledge and resources including:
  - Weekly and quarterly market updates
  - Prospectus
  - Fact sheets
  - Portfolio updates
  - Reports

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Whether your mission is to find a particular investment style, strive to meet personal or organizational goals, adopt socially responsible investing principles, or support the mission of the Presbyterian Church - New Covenant Funds offer a diversity of investment approaches and charitable giving options.

Whatever your mission, New Covenant Funds may be right for you.

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**Fund Tracker**

Fund Name	Price
Balanced Growth Fund (NCBGX)	\$103.28
Balanced Income Fund (NCBIX)	\$21.52
Growth Fund (NCGFX)	\$38.9
Income Fund (NCICX)	\$23.42

*\* Price as of April 17, 2015*

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**Weekly Market Update**

03/27/2015 - The U.S. economy expanded in the fourth quarter, alongside more recent gains in employment and consumer prices. In the U.K., consumer prices remained flat and year-over-year inflation reached a historical low, while eurozone consumer confidence reflects sustained growth. SEI anticipates the North American and U.K. economies to maintain steady growth, while the eurozone is expected to make slow economic improvement.

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