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## For Immediate Release to Tartan Student Fund

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### Summer Portfolio Updates

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**Carnegie Mellon University, – October 17, 2016** – A review including outlooks for each Group.

**1. Consumer Discretionary**

As per our End of Semester (EOS) trades, we have pared down our position in \$NKE. We are good at buying stocks at their 52 week highs, so we are still struggling with this position. We are looking to see the results of **Nike's** previous quarter, particularly anticipated revenue growth. Otherwise \$VDC has performed to expectations.

**2. Consumer Defensive**

This is the new group this semester and only has the (**Vanguard Consumer Staples ETF**, \$VDC). Our outlook is encouraging strong revenue with strong cash flow businesses. We want to be careful of the Consumer Defensive sector's valuations, as markets have bought into this sector in the past 6 months. We have participated in most of the gains in this sector.

**3. Healthcare**

Sticking with the theme of "investors have preferred value over growth," our value healthcare plays have *shown double digit positive returns* vs the S&P while our *growth segment has shown double digit losses*. We will be rolling back our growth positions at attractive prices and further allocating towards more attractive valuations. As our previous update included, "We will closely monitor our \$TEVA position as it is involved with the souring Allergan-Pfizer deal." As many of you know this deal has "soured" and we saw a pretty substantial loss in the **TEVA** position. Our 23% loss in this position is attributable to both the failed merger (a major catalyst) and a loss of appetite for risk in this sector.

**4. Power & Utilities**

The PU group has rebounded strongly through the summer, primarily due to a slight rebound and stabilization of oil and gas prices. EOS transition into \$RYE was a strong move, up 15% in a little over 5 months. We have seen \$PSX recover to a stable level, making back a large loss. With respect to utilities, we find the "Thirst for Yield" outweighs the risk in a probable Fed Rate Hike this December. We will be encouraging cash producing, strong dividend businesses from this group moving forward.

**5. Industrials & Materials**

Our "accidentally passive" strategy has proved fairly strong in this group. Our ETF (\$XLB, \$VIS) positions have been resilient, with a slight retracement this September. We are looking for businesses that can capture some rebound in commodities prices, but considering currency fluctuations in their thesis.

## 6. Tech, Media & Telecom Group

With the EOS purchase of AT&T, we are beginning to scale back on the ETF's. We missed a 20% exit opportunities in our **Telecom ETF** (\$VOX) 10% gain, but we are still confident in the strength in this industry. We have maintained exposure to the **PowerShares Dynamic Media ETF**, which may be cut as it has proven to lack catalysts to move upwards with the broader tech group. After our purchase of AT&T, the TMT group pitched a riskier play in cloud computing with Oracle. ORCL seems to be our loser in this group partly due to disappointing earnings (revenue down 20%, but only a linear decrease in EPS) but markets may react positively to the \$9 billion deal to buy NetSuite, announced in mid-2016.

### Summary

We will be anticipating another quarter of "Fat and Flat," implying higher volatility and smaller upside potential. With a strong earnings season, we might see some undervalued stocks realize gains, but most equities have a smaller range to advance given high valuations. I attached a chart to this memo that uses one of my favorite fundamental indicators, the The Advance-Dcline Line (AD Line). It calculates "Net Advances", which is the number of advancing stocks less the number of declining stocks. Net Advances is positive when advances exceed declines and negative when declines exceed advances. As we can see, the amount of stocks advancing in the past month has declined 10%, so we expect the S&P index to slow it's advance from the *Post Brexit All-Time Highs*



Please reach out if you have any questions or comments regarding the portfolio.

Thank you,

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