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# New York State Secure Choice Board Meeting

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# New York State Secure Choice's BlackRock Client Team



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# LifePath® Target Date Funds

Q1 2025 - Index - Mutual Fund

# Dedicated to improving retirement outcomes

40+ professionals dedicated to building and evolving our proprietary lifecycle economic engine

#### **Leadership Team**



**CFA** 

Global Head of Retirement Solutions and Head of LifePath

Leads BlackRock's global lifecycle investing franchise



Stacey Tovrov

#### **Investment Strategy**

Deliver solutions that help meet clients' needs

Personnel
Americas: 14 EMEA: 2



### Multi-Asset Strategies & Solutions Portfolio Management

Portfolio rebalancing & daily cash flow management

BlackRock Ecosystem



#### **Global Tactical Asset Allocation**

Active manager selection & portfolio construction



#### Aladdin Portfolio Group

Systematic & fundamental alpha research solutions



#### Risk & Quantitative Analysis

Portfolio risk monitoring & evaluation



#### **BlackRock Investment Institute**

Macro research & long-term asset allocation



Partha Mamidipudi, PhD

#### **Human Capital Research**

Study investors' lifetime needs to build glidepath

<u>Personnel</u> Americas: **4** APAC: **9** 



**Andrew Spradling** 

#### **Investment Infrastructure**

Oversee global investment operating platform

Personnel Americas: **2** 



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#### Portfolio Mgmt. Research

Develop asset allocation for each life stage

Personnel
Americas: 7 EMEA: 2



Veda Kilaru

#### **Platform Development**

Developing and implementing strategic priorities

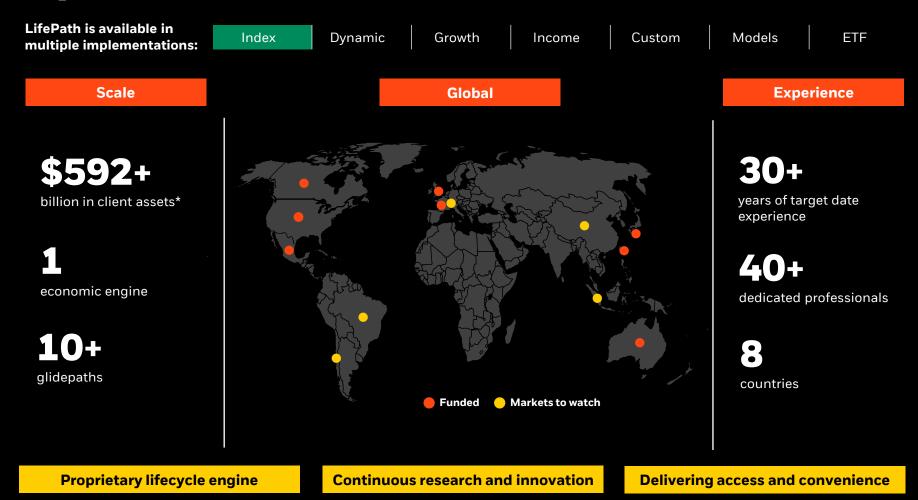


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The team's ability to retain a forward thinking, research-intensive approach over the years gives this series a clear-cut edge..."

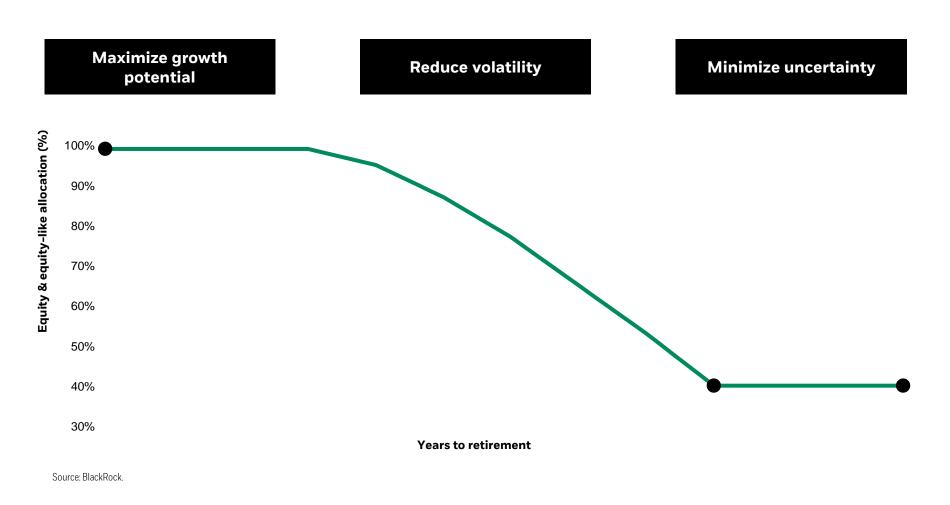


# Strategic platform powers various scalable implementations

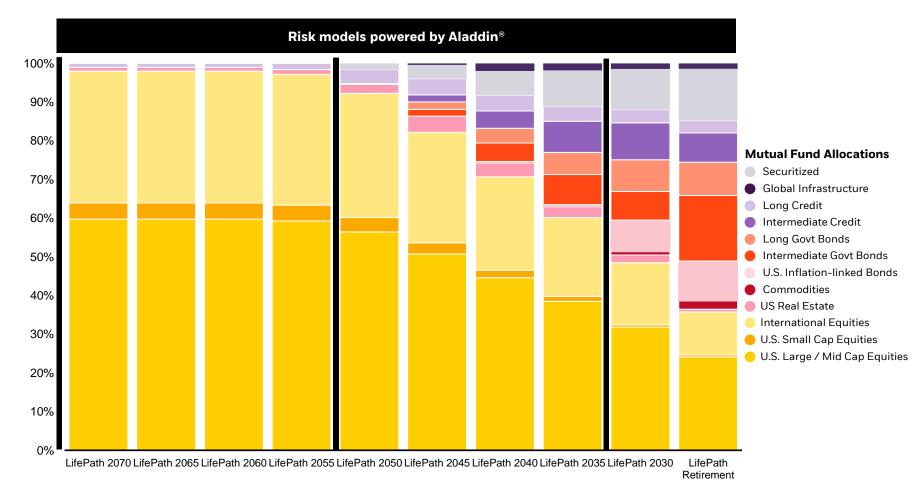


\*As of 31 March 2025. Includes the broad set of retirement strategies overseen by Retirement Solutions, including model portfolios and assets under advisement of co-manufactured target date fund products where BlackRock provides the glidepath, asset allocation, or underlying fund management.

# The landscape requires us to evaluate on objective and execution



# A participant's strategic asset allocation should evolve with them



Source: BlackRock. Effective target weights for Q2 2025. Asset allocation percentages are subject to change.

# Mutual fund underlying building blocks and holdings by vintage

Asset class	Fund name	Benchmark	2070	2065	2060	2055	2050	2045	2040	2035	2030	Retire
U.S. Large / Mid Cap Equities	BlackRock Russell 1000 Index Fund	Russell 1000° Index	59.79%	59.58%	59.52%	59.02%	56.10%	50.33%	44.21%	38.26%	31.57%	24.10%
U.S. Small Cap Equities	BlackRock Small Cap Index Fund	Russell 2000° Index	4.20%	4.15%	4.15%	4.10%	3.74%	2.96%	1.97%	1.36%	0.68%	0.48%
International Equities	iShares MSCI Total INTL Stock ETF	MSCI ACWI ex-US IMI Index <sup>SM</sup>	33.28%	33.94%	33.99%	33.85%	32.13%	28.44%	23.93%	20.01%	15.78%	10.90%
US Real Estate	iShares FTSE NAREIT All Equity REIT Index Fund	FTSE NAREIT All Equity REITS	0.97%	1.05%	1.07%	1.26%	2.36%	4.31%	3.60%	2.89%	2.08%	0.79%
<ul><li>US Short Curve TIPS</li></ul>	iShares 0-5 Year TIPS Bond ETF	ICE US Treasury 0-5 Year Inflation Linked Bond Index	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.02%	0.50%	0.63%	8.26%	10.28%
Intermediate Gov't Bonds	iShares U.S. Intermediate Government Bond Index Fund	Bloomberg U.S. Intermediate Government Bond Index	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	1.72%	4.82%	7.92%	7.25%	16.99%
Long Gov't Bonds	iShares U.S. Long Government Bond Index Fund	Bloomberg U.S. Long Government Bond Index	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.21%	1.91%	3.84%	5.59%	8.43%	8.69%
Securitized	iShares U.S. Securitized Bond Index Fund	Bloomberg U.S. Securitized Bond Index	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	1.46%	3.61%	6.43%	9.42%	10.65%	13.43%
Intermediate Credit	iShares U.S. Intermediate Credit Bond Index Fund	Bloomberg U.S. Intermediate Credit Index	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	1.80%	4.23%	7.94%	9.43%	7.64%
<ul><li>Long Credit</li></ul>	iShares U.S. Long Credit Bond Index Fund	Bloomberg U.S. Long Credit Index	1.01%	1.07%	1.06%	1.56%	3.79%	4.38%	4.21%	3.93%	3.58%	3.13%
Infrastructure	iShares Global Infrastructure ETF	S&P Global Infrastructure Index	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.32%	2.05%	1.83%	1.43%	1.29%
Commodities	iShares Enhanced Roll Yield Index Fund	Bloomberg Enhanced Roll Yield Index	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.01%	0.74%	2.17%
Money market	-	-	0.75%	0.22%	0.21%	0.21%	0.21%	0.21%	0.21%	0.21%	0.14%	0.13%
Total	-	-	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Source: BlackRock as of 31 March 2025. Allocations represent actual portfolio holdings.

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Peer Group (Morningstar US Fund Category)	1 YR	3 YR	5 YR	10 YR	Category)	1 YR	3 YR	5 YR	10 YR	
Target-Date Retirement	16/139	62 / 130	31 / 114	8/76	Target-Date 2050	14/191	33 / 181	6/157	11 / 105	
Target-Date 2030	26 / 198	117 / 188	118/162	53 / 105	Target-Date 2055	14/191	24/181	6/157	8/99	
Target-Date 2035	23 / 195	104 / 180	113/156	44 / 105	Target-Date 2060	14/190	27 / 180	6/151	-N/A / 49	
Target-Date 2040	16/193	101 / 183	75 / 157	32 / 105	Target-Date 2065+	13 / 185	26/147	8/62	-N/A / -	
Target-Date 2045 *Table as of 31 March 2025.	15/190	66 / 180	25 / 156	20 / 105	Target-Date 2070+	-N/A / 185	-N/A /	-N/A / 62	-N/A / -	

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