

Funds Performance

Monthly flash performance as at 31 December 2023

This factsheet gives an overview of the DC investment funds' performance against their benchmarks over three months, one and three years.

These figures have been calculated using actual returns since the introduction of the current DC fund range. Fund performance figures are based on a single period (i.e. no bid/offer spread), gross income reinvested and gross fees. The figures are only approximate.

Fund	3 months		1 year		3 year p.a.	
	Performance	Benchmark	Performance	Benchmark	Performance	Benchmark
Cash						
Cash - active	1.29%	1.25%	4.67%	4.58%	2.01%	1.99%
Global Equities						
Global Equities - active	5.83%	6.10%	8.46%	14.70%	5.90%	7.84%
Global Equities - passive	7.22%	7.38%	16.70%	16.86%	8.61%	8.80%
UK Equities						
UK Equities - active	5.73%	6.31%	11.97%	12.83%	6.10%	10.88%
UK Equities - passive	2.67%	2.62%	7.78%	7.69%	8.67%	8.51%
Regional Equities						
North American Equities - passive	7.73%	7.66%	19.59%	19.55%	12.02%	12.00%
European (ex UK) Equities - passive	8.12%	7.96%	14.99%	15.28%	7.54%	7.66%
Japanese Equities - passive	3.38%	3.32%	12.69%	12.74%	3.09%	3.12%
Asia Pacific (ex Japan) Equities - passive	7.36%	7.29%	4.07%	4.07%	1.59%	1.63%
Emerging Markets Equities						
Emerging Markets Equities - active	3.39%	3.29%	2.73%	3.99%	-1.50%	-2.48%
Bonds						
Inflation-Linked Annuity Tracker - passive*	10.15%	N/A*	4.97%	N/A*	-11.74%	N/A*
Fixed Annuity Tracker - passive**	11.02%	10.97%	7.53%	3.84%	-10.16%	-9.95%

Fund	3 months		1 year		3 year p.a.	
	Performance	Benchmark	Performance	Benchmark	Performance	Benchmark
Global Bonds - active	3.01%	1.76%	7.10%	6.61%	1.74%	4.00%
Sterling Corporate Bonds - active	8.87%	7.35%	9.58%	8.60%	-3.90%	-4.69%
Diversified Assets						
Diversified Assets - active	5.78%	2.00%	6.15%	7.61%	0.98%	5.00%
Property						
Property - active***	1.90%	N/A***	-1.29%	N/A***	3.87%	N/A***
Other Funds						
Sustainable and Responsible Equities- active	6.81%	6.89%	5.04%	17.18%	0.79%	9.92%
Shariah Law Equities - passive	6.47%	6.49%	27.78%	27.94%	11.28%	11.67%

Notes:

*The Inflation Linked Annuity Tracker Fund aims to mitigate pension conversion risk for indexed annuities. The fund does this by investing in government and corporate bonds, as these are the assets generally held by annuity providers. The fund now invests in government and corporate bonds directly (rather than investing in underlying passive funds) with the aim of the fund manager having more control over which bonds to hold. However, it means the previous benchmark is no longer suitable. There is currently no suitable performance comparator available for the fund. The Trustees are reviewing the options available in order to provide a suitable performance comparator in factsheets.

** The Fixed Annuity Tracker Fund aims to mitigate pension conversion risk for fixed annuities. The fund does this by investing in government and corporate bonds, as these are the assets generally held by annuity providers. The fund now invests in government and corporate bonds directly (rather than investing in underlying passive funds) with the aim of the fund manager having more control over which bonds to hold. However, it means the previous benchmark is no longer appropriate. The Fixed Annuity Tracker Fund has instead adopted an annuity index as a performance comparator, which aims to show whether or not the fund met its objective of mitigating pension conversion risk for fixed annuities. Given the performance comparator is no longer the weighted average of the underlying passive benchmarks, we expect some short-term deviations from the new, annuity performance comparator.

*** The benchmark return for the Property Fund is not yet available - as we rely on this data being provided to us by an external vendor, we may not expect to receive it until up to Business Day 30 after the Quarter end.

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