

Portfolio Evaluation Ltd
Worcestershire County Council Pension Fund
Investment Overview 2017/18

Overview of Today

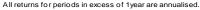


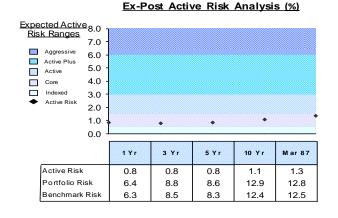
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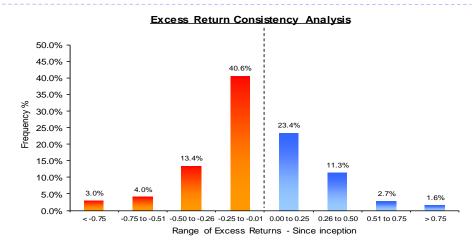


Total Fund Results – Ending March 2018





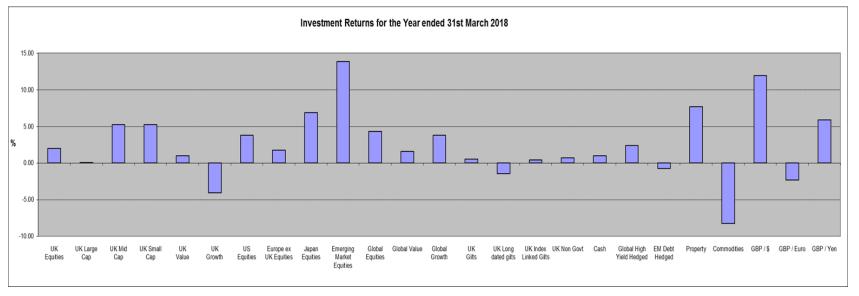




- Positive real returns generated by the Fund over all time periods.
- Positive excess over 1 year, 3 years and 5 years.
- Returns in excess of cash and inflation
- No change in risk and return profile when compared to last year
- The Fund has a higher return than our LAPF average.



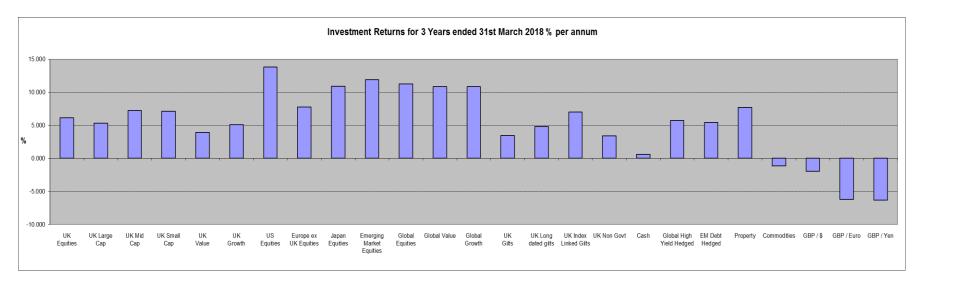
Market Results – Year Ended March 2018



- A variable year with equity markets doing well until Q1 2018.
- UK equity market not as buoyant as other markets partly due to lack of overseas investors (and domestic to some degree) over concerns about UK growth and Brexit.
- Bond yields rose globally in Q1 after being 'soft' all year.
- High returns due to global economic growth.
- Investors believe that the global economy is moving from a recovery phase to an expansion phase.
- Market risk increased in 2018

Market Results - Three Years Ended March 2018





- Global economic growth consistently positive
- Strong returns from markets
- Risk levels at historic lows on an ex-post basis
- Sterling depreciation a significant return generator
- Impact of QE beneficial from a returns perspective

Client Trends and Market Developments



- Fund activity;
 - Growth in investments within 'Alternative Asset Classes' including Infrastructure and Private Debt.
 - Uptake of equity protection strategies
 - More currency hedging typically versus additional sterling depreciation.
 - Increased exposure to alternative benchmark index strategies such as RAFI
 - Removal of underperforming managers increased partly because of limited time to make up differential because of pooling (these assets typically have been indexed)
 - Investment fees reducing.
- Local Government Pension Scheme Pooling
 - Currently in early stages of transition
 - Transition due in 2018 / 19
 - Wide range of solutions
 - Fee pressures
- Investment monitoring developments
 - Increased focus on net and gross of fees reporting
 - Equity style analysis
 - Restructuring of funds significant

Developments at the Fund



- Fund activity;
 - Increasing exposure to infrastructure managers (Stonepeak).
 - Increasing exposure to property (AEW).
 - New equity protection strategy (River & Mercantile).
 - New investment in EQT.
 - Reduced exposure to indexed UK equities.



Attribution to Total Fund Excess Return Analysis - Year Ending March 2018



Fund and Portfolio Summary Page- Year Ending March 2018



					QTR Year To		ear To Date		1 Year			3	3 Year		5 Year			10 Year		Sinc	ce Incep	otion		
	Benchmark	Incep Date	Market Value	Weight	PF	вм	ER	PF	вм	ER	PF	вм	ER	PF B	М	ER	PF	BM EI	R F	PF BN	/I ER	PF	вм	ER
			(£m)																_					
Total Equity Fund	Client Specific Weighted Index	Mar-16	2,314.0	86.5	-4.0	-5.0	0.9	5.3	3.3	1.9	5.3	3.3	1.9									17.2	15.6	1.6
Total Active Equity Fund	Client Specific Weighted Index	Mar-16	786.2	29.4	-2.8	-3.1	0.3	10.6	7.0	3.6	10.6	7.0	3.6									23.5	20.3	3.2
Far East Developed Fund - Nomura	FTSE Developed Asia Pacific Index	Feb-03	424.1	15.8	-4.3	-4.1	-0.2	7.7	5.2	2.5	7.7	5.2	2.5	12.8 10	0.7	2.0	10.4	9.0 1.	.4 9	0.0 8.	5 0.4	11.1	10.9	0.2
Emerging Markets Fund - JPM	FTSE All World Emerging Market Index	Dec-11	174.0	6.5	-0.5	-2.2	1.6	13.4	8.8	4.6	13.4	8.8	4.6	13.1 1	0.4	2.8	7.8	6.9 0.	.9			9.5	8.3	1.2
Emerging Markets Fund- Schroder	FTSE All World Emerging Market Index	Oct-11	188.1	7.0	-1.5	-2.2	0.7	15.1	8.8	6.4	15.1	8.8	6.4	12.4 10	0.4	2.0	8.9	6.9 2.	.0			9.9	7.5	2.4
Total Passive Equity Fund	Client Specific Weighted Index	Mar-16	883.9	33.0	-6.1	-5.9	-0.2	1.4	1.9	-0.4	1.4	1.9	-0.4									13.5	13.4	0.1
UK Equity Fund - L&G	FTSE All Share Index	Dec-15	398.4	14.9	-6.8	-6.9	0.0	1.4	1.2	0.2	1.4	1.2	0.2									11.4	11.1	0.3
North American Equity Fund- L&G	FTSE All World North American Index	Dec-15	293.2	11.0	-4.6	-4.5	0.0	1.3	1.3	0.0	1.3	1.3	0.0									17.8	17.8	0.0
Europe ex UK Equity Fund- L&G	FTSE Developed Europe Ex. UK Index	Dec-15	192.3	7.2	-4.4	-4.6	0.1	4.0	4.1	-0.1	4.0	4.1	-0.1									15.0	15.1	-0.2
Total Alternatives Fund	Client Specific Weighted Index	Mar-16	387.3	14.5	-4.9	-5.0	0.1	1.3	1.3	-0.1	1.3	1.3	-0.1									14.2	14.4	-0.2
FTSE RAFI DEV Fund - L&G	FTSE RAFI Developed 1000 QSR Net Index	Dec-15	155.5	5.8	-5.8	-5.8	0.0	0.6	0.8	-0.3	0.6	0.8	-0.3									17.1	17.3	-0.2
MSCI World Min Vol TR Fund - L&G	MSCI World Minimum Volatility Net Index	Dec-15	113.0	4.2	-5.1	-5.1	0.0	-0.8	-0.8	0.0	-0.8	-0.8	0.0									15.0	14.9	0.0
MSCI World Quality TR Fund - L&G	MSCI World Quality Total Return Net Index	Dec-15	118.8	4.4	-3.4	-3.4	0.0	4.4	4.7	-0.3	4.4	4.7	-0.3									16.9	17.1	-0.1
Equity Protection - River & Mercantile		Jan-18	256.5	9.6	11.2	0.0	11.2															11.2	0.0	11.2
Corporate Bond Fund- JPM	Barclays Capital Global Aggregate - Ex Treasury, Ex Government Related 100% Hedged to GBP	Mar-03	141.1	5.3	-1.9	-1.8	-0.1	2.4	1.7	0.7	2.4	1.7	0.7	2.4 2	.1 (0.3	3.7	3.2 0.	.5 5	5.8 5.	7 0.1	5.2	5.3	-0.2
Total Property Fund	Client Specific Weighted Index	Mar-16	124.5	4.7	-0.5	1.7	-2.2	6.2	7.0	-0.8	6.2	7.0	-0.8									9.1	7.1	2.0
UK Property Fund - VENN	Absolute Return +9%	Jul-15	21.0	0.8	0.0	2.2	-2.2	6.7	9.0	-2.3	6.7	9.0	-2.3									11.3	9.3	2.0
US Property Fund- Walton Street	Absolute Return + 6.5%	Jan-16	14.6	0.5	-3.6	1.6	-5.2	-6.4	6.5	-12.9	-6.4	6.5	-12.9									11.0	6.0	5.0
Euro Property Fund- Invesco	Absolute Return + 6.5%	Feb-16	70.2	2.6	0.0	1.6	-1.6	8.7	6.5	2.2	8.7	6.5	2.2									10.3	6.2	4.2
Property Fund- AEW	Absolute Return + 6.5%	Oct-17	18.8	0.7	1.4	1.6	-0.2															1.1	3.2	-2.1
Total Infrastructure Fund	Client Specific Weighted Index	Mar-16	96.2	3.6	5.0	1.9	3.1	10.7	8.0	2.7	10.7	8.0	2.7									10.3	8.0	2.3
UK Infrastructure Fund - Green	Absolute Return +7.6%	Apr-15	49.6	1.9	4.2	1.8	2.4	10.7	7.6	3.1	10.7	7.6	3.1									6.6	7.6	-0.9
UK Infrastructure Core Fund - Hermes	Absolute Return +8.4%	May-15	44.6	1.7	5.7	2.0	3.7	11.5	8.4	3.1	11.5	8.4	3.1									9.7	8.4	1.3
Infrastructure Core Fund - Stonepeak	Absolute Return +12%	Jan-18	2.0	0.1	-13.5	2.9	-16.4															-13.5	2.9	-16.4
Worcestershire CC Total Fund		Mar-87	2,675.9	100.0	-3.5	-4.1	0.7	5.4	3.5	1.9	5.4	3.5	1.9	9.4 8	.1	1.3	9.2	8.5 0.	.7 7	.9 7.º	9 0.0	8.1	8.6	-0.4

Summary



- The Fund has outperformed its benchmark over the one, three and five year periods.
- The Fund has outperformed the LGPS universe (Portfolio Evaluation Ltd) over 1 and 3 years.
- Over the one year the Fund has outperformed due to;
 - Stock selection was the dominant contributor and primarily due to the successful outperforming active equity managers.
 - Asset allocation over the year was marginally positive due to being underweight the low returning bond asset class and overweight the new equity protection strategy.
- The Total Risk of the Fund is consistent with that of a typical multi asset class Fund. Active risk is also consistent with a typical multi asset class Fund that uses both passive and active strategies.