

Pension Discussion Guide

Town of Wilton November 9, 2022



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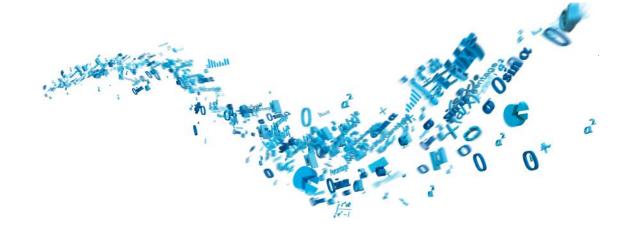
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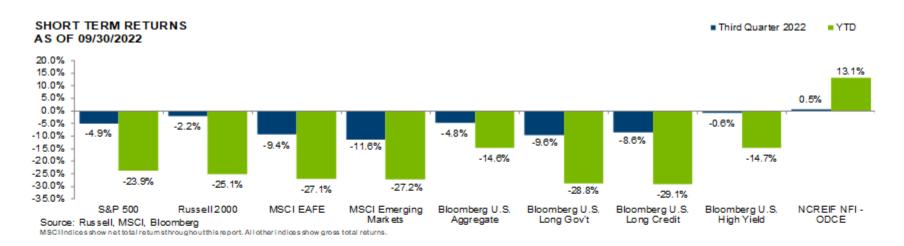


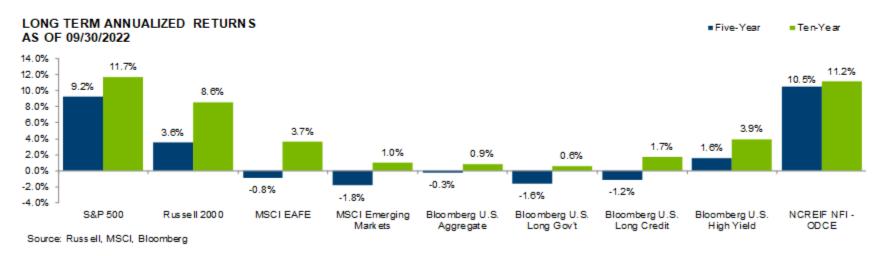


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	Returns	of the Majo	r Capita i Marke	ts		
					Period E	nding 09/30/202
	Third Quarter	YTD	1-Year	3-Year ¹	5-Year ¹	10-Year ¹
Equity	Tima danto		1-10ui	0-1001	O- FOUR	10-1001
MSCI All Country World IMI	-6.64%	-25.72%	-21.18%	3.64%	4.16%	7.25%
MSCI All Country World	-6.82%	-25.63%	-20.66%	3.75%	4.44%	7.28%
Dow Jones U.S. Total Stock Market	4.56%	-24.92%	-18.05%	7.51%	8.48%	11.28%
Russell 3000	-4.46%	-24.62%	-17.63%	7.70%	8.62%	11.39%
S&P 500	4.88%	-23.87%	-15.47%	8.16%	9.24%	11.70%
Russell 2000	-2.19%	-25.10%	-23.50%	4.29%	3.55%	8.55%
MSCI All Country World ex-U.S. IMI	-9.69%	-26.92%	-25.72%	-1.27%	-0.78%	3.19%
MSCI All Country World ex-U.S.	-9.91%	-26.50%	-25.17%	-1.52%	-0.81%	3.01%
MSCIEAFE	-9.36%	-27.09%	-25.13%	-1.83%	-0.84%	3.67%
MSCIEAFE (Local Currency)	-3.59%	-14.46%	-11.11%	2.51%	2.83%	7.44%
MSCI Emerging Markets	-11.57%	-27.16%	-28.11%	-2.07%	-1.81%	1.05%
Equity Factors						
MSCI World Minimum Volatility (USD)	-6.28%	-11.83%	17.60%	0.26%	4.54%	7.83%
MSCI World High Dividend Yield	-8.82%	-16.17%	-10.16%	1.98%	3.52%	6.67%
MSCI World Quality	-7.06%	-29.17%	-21.86%	6.92%	8.81%	10.45%
MSCI World Momentum	-5.60%	-26.94%	-22.67%	4.82%	7.67%	10.46%
MSCI World Enhanced Value	-10.39%	-21.97%	-18.70%	-0.11%	0.25%	6.19%
MSCI World Equal Weighted	-7.55%	-25.97%	-23.68%	0.61%	1.77%	6.64%
MSCI World Index Growth	-5.01%	-32.28%	-26.74%	6.60%	8.08%	10.10%
MSCI USA Minimum Volatility (USD)	-5.41%	-17.29%	-8.68%	2.94%	7.70%	10.66%
MSCI USA High Dividend Yield	-7.54%	-15.71%	-7.28%	3.23%	5.89%	9.80%
MSCI USA Quality	-7.38%	-29.23%	-21.40%	7.36%	10.36%	12.34%
MSCI USA Momentum	-3.03%	-26.34%	-23.57%	4.50%	7.97%	12.58%
MSCI USA Enhanced Value	-8.77%	-23.48%	-16.17%	2.82%	4.01%	10.01%
MSCI USA Equal Weighted	-4.74%	-24.34%	-18.75%	5.71%	6.84%	10.70%
MSCI USA Growth	-3.55%	-32.37%	-25.59%	10.62%	12.10%	13.50%
Fixed in come						
Bloomberg Global Aggregate	-6.94%	-19.89%	-20.43%	-5.74%	-2.32%	-0.93%
Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate	-4.75%	-14.61%	-14.60%	-3.26%	-0.27%	0.89%
Bloomberg U.S. Long Gov't	-9.60%	-28.77%	-26.60%	-8.48%	-1.62%	0.60%
Bloomberg U.S. Long Credit	-8.57%	-29.05%	-27.98%	-7.02%	-1.17%	1.73%
Bloomberg U.S. Long Gov't/Credit	-9.03%	-28.94%	-27.41%	-7.35%	-1.17%	1.35%
Bloomberg U.S. TIPS	-5.14%	-13.61%	-11.57%	0.79%	1.95%	0.98%
Bloomberg U.S. High Yield	-0.65%	-14.74%	-14.14%	-0.45%	1.57%	3.94%
Bloomberg Global Treasury ex U.S.	-9.08%	-24.71%	-25.80%	-8.85%	-4.36%	-2.78%
IP Morgan EMBI Global (Emerging Markets) Commodities	-4.20%	-22.24%	-22.23%	-6.10%	-2.31%	0.95%
Bloomberg Commodity Index	-4.11%	13.57%	11.80%	13.45%	6.96%	-2.14%
Goldman Sachs Commodity Index	-10.31%	21.80%	23.64%	12.19%	7.75%	-3.95%
HFRI Fund-Weighted Composite ²	-0.57%	-6.18%	-5.77%	6.18%	4.52%	4.61%
HFRI Fund of Funds ²		-5.92%	-5.51%	4.52%	3.30%	
Real Estate	0.72%	-0.05276	-0.01%	4.52%	3.30%	3.57%
NAREIT U.S. Equity REITS	-9.94%	-28.13%	-16.41%	-2.05%	2.93%	6.26%
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TSE Global Core Infrastructure Index	-8.37%	-13.29%	-4.60%	1.74%	5.30%	7.86%
Private Equity	-0.3770	-10.2076	4.00%	1.7470	0.30%	7.00%
Burgiss Private IQ Global Private Equity ³			22.21%	23.77%	20.18%	16.03%

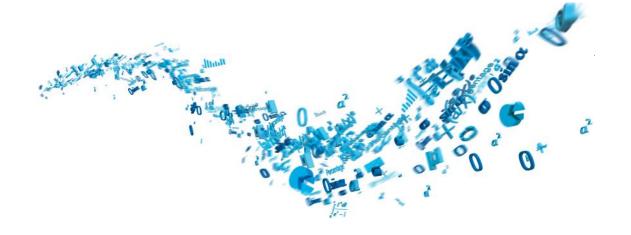
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Periods are annualized.

² Latest 5 months of HFR data are estimated by HFR and may change in the future.

³ Burgiss Private iQ Global Private Equity data is as at March 31, 2022.



Pension Performance Summary



Total Plan Asset Summary

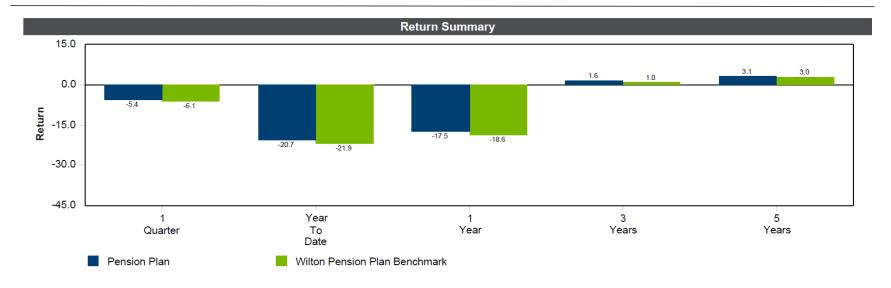


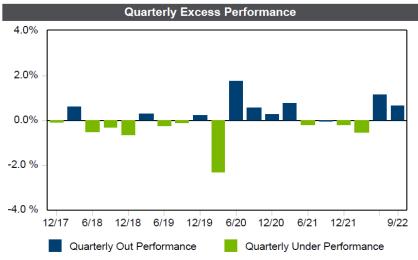
Summary of Cash Flow 1 1 Since Inception Quarter Year Inception Date Beginning Market Value 127,861,283 151,167,191 73,939,906 + Additions / Withdrawals -168,080 -4,495,224 -10,438,326 + Investment Earnings -6,971,900 -25,950,663 57,219,724 = Ending Market Value 120,721,303 120,721,303 120,721,303

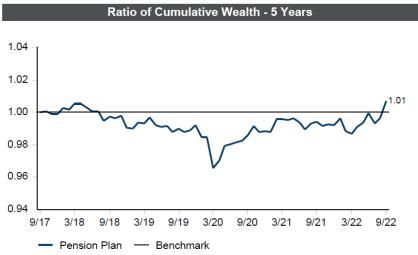


Total Plan Performance Summary

As of September 30, 2022





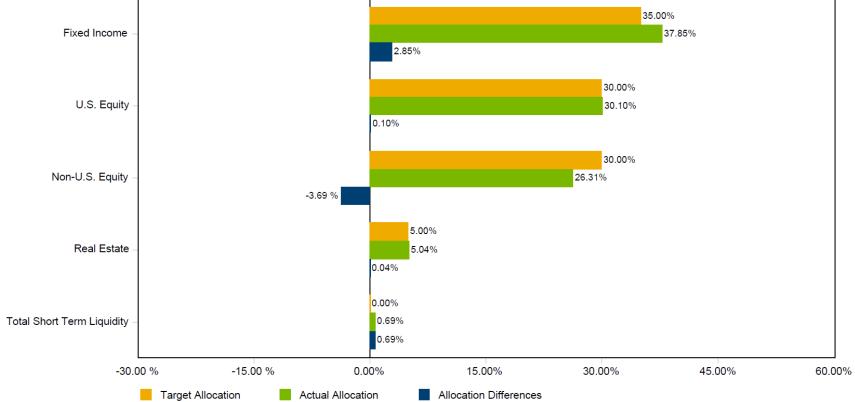




Asset Allocation

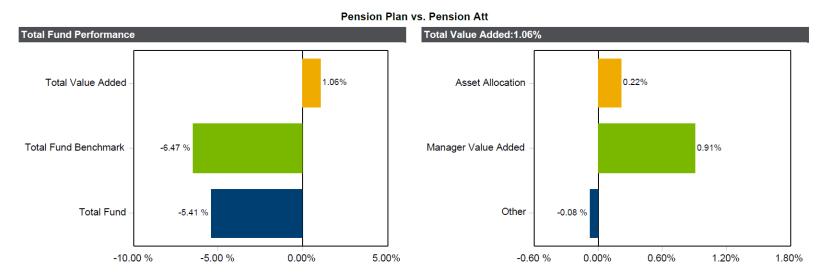
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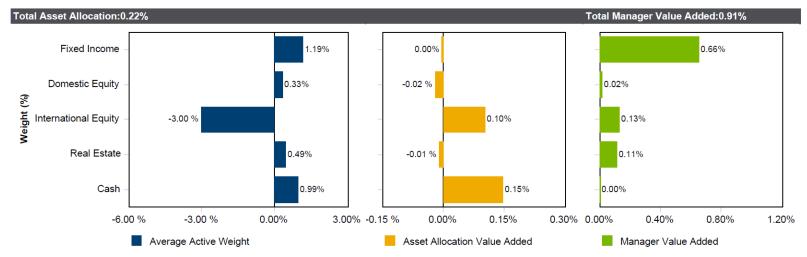
	Market Value (\$)	Current Allocation (%)	Target Allocation (%)	Differences (%)
Pension Plan	120,721,303.16	100.00	100.00	0.00
Fixed Income	45,695,775.41	37.85	35.00	2.85
U.S. Equity	36,336,906.43	30.10	30.00	0.10
Non-U.S. Equity	31,764,474.67	26.31	30.00	-3.69
Real Estate	6,088,753.95	5.04	5.00	0.04



Pension Total Fund Attribution:

1 Quarter as of September 30, 2022

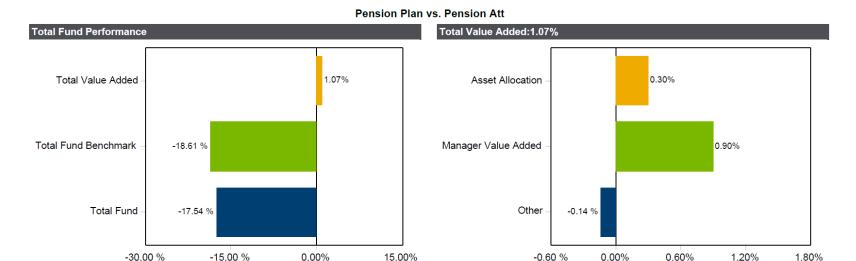


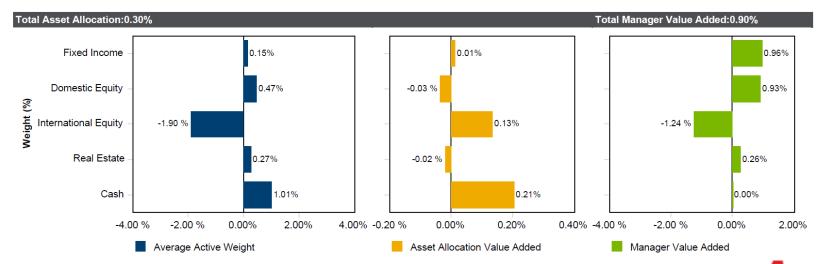




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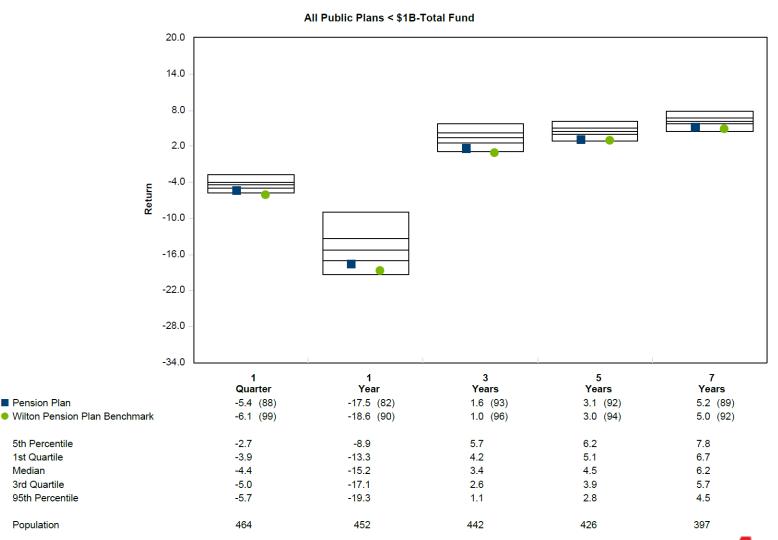






Plan Sponsor Peer Group Analysis

As of September 30, 2022





■ Pension Plan

5th Percentile

1st Quartile

3rd Quartile

Population

95th Percentile

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Performance as of September 30, 2022

	A	llocation					Perform	ance(%)			
	Market Value (\$)	%	Policy(%)	1 Quarter	Year To Date	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	7 Years	Since Inception	Inception Date
Pension Plan	120,721,303	100.0	100.0	-5.4	-20.7	-17.5	1.6	3.1	5.2	5.4	05/01/2012
Wilton Pension Plan Benchmark				-6.1	-21.9	-18.6	1.0	3.0	5.0	5.3	
Fixed Income	45,695,775	37.9	35.0	-2.9	-12.0	-11.7	-1.6	0.5	1.5	3.4	05/01/2008
Wilton Pension FI Hybrid BB				-3.6	-14.6	-14.4	-3.2	-0.3	0.6	2.7	
Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Instl	6,147,270	5.1		-4.6 (52)	-14.6 (34)	-14.6 (38)	-3.3 (64)	-0.2 (55)	0.6 (71)	0.6 (67)	12/01/2014
Blmbg. U.S. Aggregate				-4.8 (69)	-14.6 (37)	-14.6 (32)	-3.3 (64)	-0.3 (59)	0.5 (72)	0.6 (66)	
IM U.S. Broad Market Core Fixed Income (MF) Median				-4.6	-14.9	-15.0	-3.1	-0.2	8.0	0.8	
Metropolitan West Total Return Bond PI	12,692,215	10.5		-5.2 (95)	-16.2 (78)	-16.3 (77)	-3.2 (78)	-0.1 (65)	0.7 (85)	1.8 (41)	05/01/2012
Blmbg. U.S. Aggregate				-4.8 (79)	-14.6 (36)	-14.6 (35)	-3.3 (79)	-0.3 (78)	0.5 (95)	1.1 (94)	
IM U.S. Broad Market Core+ Fixed Income (MF) Median				-4.3	-15.0	-15.0	-2.6	0.1	1.1	1.6	
PGIM Total Return Bond R6	6,559,496	5.4		-4.6 (64)	-16.8 (88)	-16.5 (81)	-3.7 (95)	-0.1 (73)	1.2 (36)	1.2 (36)	01/01/2015
Blmbg. U.S. Aggregate				-4.8 (79)	-14.6 (36)	-14.6 (35)	-3.3 (79)	-0.3 (78)	0.5 (95)	0.6 (83)	
IM U.S. Broad Market Core+ Fixed Income (MF) Median				-4.3	-15.0	-15.0	-2.6	0.1	1.1	1.1	
PIMCO Income Fund	8,863,338	7.3		-1.9 (24)	-10.8 (30)	-10.7 (31)	-	-	-	-4.0 (31)	12/01/2020
Blmbg. U.S. Aggregate				-4.8 (86)	-14.6 (64)	-14.6 (65)	-	-	-	-9.0 (81)	
IM Multi-Sector General Bond (MF) Median				-2.9	-13.4	-13.5	-	-	-	-6.0	
Apollo Total Return Fund	5,535,601	4.6		2.4 (1)	-3.4 (6)	-2.7 (4)	-	-	-	0.7 (2)	01/01/2021
50/50 ML Master II & Credit Suisse LLI				3.9 (1)	-5.7 (11)	-5.1 (8)	-	-	-	-0.4 (4)	
IM Multi-Sector General Bond (MF) Median				-2.9	-13.4	-13.5	-	-	-	-7.0	
Aon Opportunistic Credit Fund	3,298,105	2.7		0.0	-4.7	-3.6	-	-	-	4.2	02/01/2021
Opportunistic Credit Custom Index*				0.0	-5.4	-5.1	-	-	-	-0.3	
Barings North American Private Debt Fund	2,599,750	2.2		0.0	8.4	-	-	-	-	16.2	11/01/2021
Cash Equivalents	835,393	0.7	0.0	1.3	1.4	1.4	0.7	1.1	0.9	0.6	05/01/2008
90 Day U.S. Treasury Bill				0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	1.1	0.9	0.6	
Wells Fargo Government MM Fund	835,393	0.7		0.6	0.7	0.7	0.5	1.0	8.0	0.5	05/01/2012
90 Day U.S. Treasury Bill				0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	1.1	0.9	0.6	



^{*}As of January 2011, The Opportunistic Credit Custom Index consists of 12.5% Bloomberg U.S. Corporate High Yield Index, 12.5% S&P/LSTA Leveraged Loan Index, 25% HFRI RV: Fixed Income-Asset Backed Index, 25% HFRI ED: Distressed/Restructing Index and 25% Barclays U.S. CMBS 2.0 Index **Aon Opportunities Credit Fund, Westbrook Real Estate Fund and Barings North American Private Debt Fund MVs as of prior quater. Apollo Total Return MV as of prior month.

Performance as of September 30, 2022

	Allocation						Perforn	nance(%)			
	Market Value (\$)	%	Policy(%)	1 Quarter	Year To Date	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	7 Years	Since Inception	Inception Date
U.S. Equity	36,336,906	30.1	30.0	-4.4	-22.6	-14.5	7.5	8.7	10.8	9.0	05/01/2008
Russell 3000 Index				-4.5	-24.6	-17.6	7.7	8.6	10.9	8.9	
Vanguard Institutional Index Fund Instl	26,354,089	21.8		-4.9 (38)	-23.9 (28)	-15.5 (29	9) 8.1 (22)	9.2 (20)	11.4 (10)	11.6 (7)	05/01/2012
S&P 500 Index				-4.9 (12)	-23.9 (3)	-15.5 (3)	8.2 (5)	9.2 (4)	11.4 (3)	11.6 (1)	
IM S&P 500 Index (MF) Median				-4.9	-23.9	-15.6	8.0	9.1	11.2	11.4	
Diamond Hill Small-Mid Cap Y	4,899,455	4.1		-3.4 (9)	-19.6 (85)	-13.8 (8	7) 4.8 (67)	4.2 (69)	6.6 (79)	9.3 (36)	05/01/2012
Russell 2500 Value Index				-4.5 (34)	-20.4 (90)	-15.4 (9	4) 4.5 (71)	3.8 (74)	7.3 (68)	8.4 (68)	
IM U.S. Mid Cap Value Equity (MF) Median				-5.0	-17.8	-10.7	5.4	4.9	7.9	9.1	
Eaton Vance Atlanta Capital SMID Instl	5,083,362	4.2		-2.8 (67)	-18.3 (2)	-10.4 (2)	4.8 (56)	9.0 (9)	11.2 (8)	11.7 (4)	05/01/2012
Russell 2500 Growth Index				-0.1 (22)	-29.5 (51)	-29.4 (6.	2) 4.8 (56)	6.3 (41)	8.8 (37)	9.9 (33)	
IM U.S. SMID Cap Growth Equity (MF) Median				-2.4	-29.5	-26.7	4.9	5.6	8.4	9.3	
Non-U.S. Equity	31,764,475	26.3	30.0	-9.4	-29.2	-29.0	-2.2	-1.4	2.9	0.7	05/01/2008
MSCI AC World ex USA Index (Net)				-9.9	-26.5	-25.2	-1.5	-0.8	3.3	0.9	
American Funds EuroPacific Growth R6	8,141,397	6.7		-9.3 (34)	-32.1 (91)	-32.9 (9	9) -1.2 (47)	-0.2 (17)	3.8 (14)	2.0 (1)	07/01/2014
MSCI AC World ex USA Index (Net)				-9.9 (52)	-26.5 (34)	-25.2 (5	0) -1.5 (49)	-0.8 (39)	3.3 (35)	0.5 (43)	
IM International Large Cap Core Equity (MF) Median				-9.8	-27.4	-25.2	-1.7	-1.0	2.7	0.4	
T. Rowe Price Overseas Stock Instl	9,025,701	7.5		-10.2 (57)	-27.5 (55)	-25.0 (49	9) -0.7 (38)	-0.7 (36)	3.2 (37)	-	07/01/2014
MSCI EAFE Index (Net)				-9.4 (34)	-27.1 (38)	-25.1 (4	9) -1.8 (55)	-0.8 (40)	2.8 (46)	0.5 (42)	
IM International Large Cap Core Equity (MF) Median				-9.8	-27.4	-25.2	-1.7	-1.0	2.7	0.4	
Templeton Instl Foreign Smaller Companies Fund Adv	3,906,703	3.2		-12.3 (100)	-33.4 (93)	-33.1 (9	5) -4.2 (69)	-3.2 (64)	1.5 (55)	3.0 (-)	05/01/2012
MSCI AC World ex USA Small Cap (Net)				-8.4 (19)	-29.4 (54)	-28.9 (5	4) 0.4 (12)	-0.6 (5)	4.0 (3)	4.2 (-)	
IM International SMID Cap Core Equity (MF) Median				-10.5	-29.1	-28.7	-1.9	-2.5	1.8	=	
GQG Partners Emerging Markets Equity	5,702,447	4.7		-6.8 (17)	-23.3 (20)	-23.4 (23	2) -	-	-	-15.2 (40)	01/01/2021
MSCI Emerging Markets Index				-11.4 (62)	-26.9 (45)		7) -	-	-	-17.5 (51)	
IM Emerging Markets Equity (MF) Median				-10.9	-27.7	-28.4	-	-	-	-17.3	
William Blair Emerging Markets Leaders Fund; R6	4,988,227	4.1		-8.7 (27)	-29.9 (69)	•		-	-	-21.9 (80)	01/01/2021
MSCI Emerging Markets Index				-11.4 (62)	-26.9 (45)	-27.8 (4	7) -	-	-	-17.5 (51)	
IM Emerging Markets Equity (MF) Median				-10.9	-27.7	-28.4	-	-	-	-17.3	



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Performance as of September 30, 2022

	Al	location			Performance(%)						
	Market Value (\$)	%	Policy(%)	1 Quarter	Year To Date	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	7 Years	Since Inception	Inception Date
Real Estate	6,088,754	5.0	5.0	-8.5	-21.6	-10.8	1.3	6.4	7.0	7.9	07/01/2012
Wilton Pension Real Estate				-10.8	-27.9	-16.3	-0.8	3.6	5.3	6.4	
Cohen & Steers Institutional Realty Shares	4,746,512	3.9		-10.9 (65)	-27.4 (26)	-15.7 (17)	-	-	-	2.0 (12)	01/01/2021
FTSE NAREIT All Equity REITs				-10.8 (61)	-27.9 (36)	-16.3 (30)	-	-	-	1.0 (45)	
IM Real Estate Sector (MF) Median				-10.6	-28.6	-17.3	-	-	-	0.6	
Westbrook Real Estate Fund XI	1,342,242	1.1		0.0	20.1	20.6	-	-	-	17.6	02/01/2021



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Pension Plan	127,861,283	100.0	100.0	-10.9	-16.2	-13.6	3.8	5.0	5.3	6.1	05/01/2012
Wilton Pension Plan Benchmark				-12.1	-16.8	-14.1	3.5	4.9	5.2	6.1	
Fixed Income	47,183,251	36.9	35.0	-5.1	-9.4	-8.6	-0.2	1.3	1.8	3.7	05/01/2008
Wilton Pension FI Hybrid BB				-6.2	-11.4	-11.2	-1.3	0.7	1.3	3.0	
Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Instl	6,446,872	5.0		-4.7 (26)	-10.4 (36)	-10.4 (34)	-0.9 (58)	0.9 (57)	1.4 (64)	1.3 (63)	12/01/2014
Blmbg. U.S. Aggregate				-4.7 (24)	-10.3 (32)	-10.3 (25)	-0.9 (59)	0.9 (55)	1.4 (64)	1.3 (62)	
IM U.S. Broad Market Core Fixed Income (MF) Median				-5.2	-10.8	-10.9	-0.8	0.9	1.6	1.4	
Metropolitan West Total Return Bond PI	13,391,181	10.5		-5.7 (48)	-11.6 (64)	-11.6 (67)	-0.7 (67)	1.1 (56)	1.5 (69)	2.4 (30)	05/01/2012
Blmbg. U.S. Aggregate				-4.7 (15)	-10.3 (24)	-10.3 (28)	-0.9 (74)	0.9 (74)	1.4 (79)	1.6 (91)	
IM U.S. Broad Market Core+ Fixed Income (MF) Median				-5.7	-11.3	-11.1	-0.5	1.2	1.8	2.1	
PGIM Total Return Bond R6	6,874,866	5.4		-6.7 (80)	-12.8 (88)	-12.5 (84)	-1.3 (93)	1.1 (63)	2.0 (22)	1.9 (24)	01/01/2015
Blmbg. U.S. Aggregate				-4.7 (15)	-10.3 (24)	-10.3 (28)	-0.9 (74)	0.9 (74)	1.4 (79)	1.3 (80)	
IM U.S. Broad Market Core+ Fixed Income (MF) Median				-5.7	-11.3	-11.1	-0.5	1.2	1.8	1.7	
PIMCO Income Fund	9,031,000	7.1		-5.2 (38)	-9.2 (30)	-8.5 (33)	-	-	-	-3.4 (33)	12/01/2020
Blmbg. U.S. Aggregate				-4.7 (29)	-10.3 (50)	-10.3 (51)	-	-	-	-7.5 (77)	
IM Multi-Sector General Bond (MF) Median				-5.8	-10.4	-10.2	-	-	-	-5.3	
Apollo Total Return Fund	5,469,739	4.3		-4.2 (24)	-5.7 (16)	-3.9 (9)	-	-	-	-0.7 (8)	01/01/2021
50/50 ML Master II & Credit Suisse LLI				-7.2 (73)	-9.3 (31)	-7.7 (27)	-	-	-	-3.0 (20)	
IM Multi-Sector General Bond (MF) Median				-5.8	-10.4	-10.2	-	-	-	-6.2	
Aon Opportunistic Credit Fund	3,619,843	2.8		-4.7	-4.7	-2.1	-	-	-	5.0	02/01/2021
Opportunistic Credit Custom Index*				-4.0	-5.4	-4.5	-	-	-	-0.3	
Barings North American Private Debt Fund	2,349,750	1.8		2.3	8.4	-	-	-	-	16.2	11/01/2021
Cash Equivalents	419,951	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.9	0.7	0.5	05/01/2008
90 Day U.S. Treasury Bill				0.1	0.1	0.2	0.6	1.1	0.9	0.5	
Wells Fargo Government MM Fund	419,951	0.3		0.1	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.9	0.7	0.5	05/01/2012
90 Day U.S. Treasury Bill				0.1	0.1	0.2	0.6	1.1	0.9	0.6	



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Performance as of June 30, 2022

Lagged Fund Update

	А	llocation					Perform	ance(%)			
	Market Value (\$)	%	Policy(%)	1 Quarter	Year To Date	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	7 Years	Since Inception	Inception Date
U.S. Equity	38,009,762	29.7	30.0	-15.3	-19.0	-10.3	9.8	10.5	10.5	9.5	05/01/2008
Russell 3000 Index				-16.7	-21.1	-13.9	9.8	10.6	10.4	9.4	
Vanguard Institutional Index Fund Instl	27,709,200	21.7		-16.1 (28)	-20.0 (30)	-10.6 (26)	10.6 (19)	11.3 (16)	11.1 (7)	12.5 (7)	05/01/2012
S&P 500 Index				-16.1 (13)	-20.0 (12)	-10.6 (4)	10.6 (6)	11.3 (3)	11.1 (1)	12.5 (1)	
IM S&P 500 Index (MF) Median				-16.1	-20.0	-10.7	10.5	11.2	11.0	12.3	
Diamond Hill Small-Mid Cap Y	5,070,840	4.0		-14.2 (73)	-16.8 (90)	-9.8 (85)	6.3 (76)	5.4 (76)	6.3 (74)	9.9 (43)	05/01/2012
Russell 2500 Value Index				-15.4 (99)	-16.7 (90)	-13.2 (96)	6.2 (77)	5.5 (75)	6.5 (73)	9.1 (78)	
IM U.S. Mid Cap Value Equity (MF) Median				-13.1	-13.3	-7.0	7.9	6.8	7.5	9.9	
Eaton Vance Atlanta Capital SMID Instl	5,229,722	4.1		-11.8 (3)	-16.0 (2)	-10.0 (1)	6.7 (20)	10.4 (9)	10.6 (6)	12.3 (4)	05/01/2012
Russell 2500 Growth Index				-19.6 (56)	-29.4 (61)	-31.8 (72)	3.7 (60)	7.5 (45)	7.1 (62)	10.2 (41)	
IM U.S. SMID Cap Growth Equity (MF) Median				-18.5	-28.1	-26.4	4.7	7.3	7.2	9.7	
Non-U.S. Equity	35,068,336	27.4	30.0	-13.7	-21.8	-24.6	0.5	1.8	2.8	1.5	05/01/2008
MSCI AC World ex USA Index (Net)				-13.7	-18.4	-19.4	1.4	2.5	2.9	1.7	
American Funds EuroPacific Growth R6	8,979,372	7.0		-14.7 (71)	-25.1 (94)	-27.7 (100)	1.5 (61)	3.1 (16)	3.7 (11)	3.3 (1)	07/01/2014
MSCI AC World ex USA Index (Net)				-13.7 (52)	-18.4 (34)	-19.4 (71)	1.4 (65)	2.5 (32)	2.9 (28)	1.9 (50)	
IM International Large Cap Core Equity (MF) Median				-13.7	-19.2	-17.5	1.7	2.4	2.7	1.9	
T. Rowe Price Overseas Stock Instl	10,048,364	7.9		-13.8 (55)	-19.3 (53)	-17.6 (55)	2.9 (29)	2.7 (27)	-	-	07/01/2014
MSCI EAFE Index (Net)				-14.5 (68)	-19.6 (57)	-17.8 (60)	1.1 (76)	2.2 (54)	2.7 (54)	1.8 (54)	
IM International Large Cap Core Equity (MF) Median				-13.7	-19.2	-17.5	1.7	2.4	2.7	1.9	
Templeton Instl Foreign Smaller Companies Fund Adv	4,452,888	3.5		-13.0 (15)	-24.1 (75)	-25.5 (94)	-0.6 (59)	0.5 (51)	2.0 (52)	4.4 (-)	05/01/2012
MSCI AC World ex USA Small Cap (Net)				-17.5 (91)	-22.9 (73)	-22.4 (71)	2.9 (18)	2.6 (4)	3.7 (10)	5.2 (-)	
IM International SMID Cap Core Equity (MF) Median				-15.1	-20.3	-20.9	1.3	0.5	2.3	-	
GQG Partners Emerging Markets Equity	6,121,421	4.8		-10.6 (28)	-17.7 (43)	-22.7 (34)	-	-	-	-13.6 (52)	01/01/2021
MSCI Emerging Markets Index				-11.3 (44)	-17.5 (40)	-25.0 (46)	-	-	-	-13.3 (50)	
IM Emerging Markets Equity (MF) Median				-11.6	-18.8	-25.4	-	-	-	-13.5	
William Blair Emerging Markets Leaders Fund; R6	5,466,291	4.3		-15.5 (88)	-23.2 (78)	-31.6 (80)	-	-	-	-20.3 (87)	01/01/2021
MSCI Emerging Markets Index				-11.3 (44)	-17.5 (40)	-25.0 (46)	-	-	-	-13.3 (50)	
IM Emerging Markets Equity (MF) Median				-11.6	-18.8	-25.4	-	-	-	-13.5	



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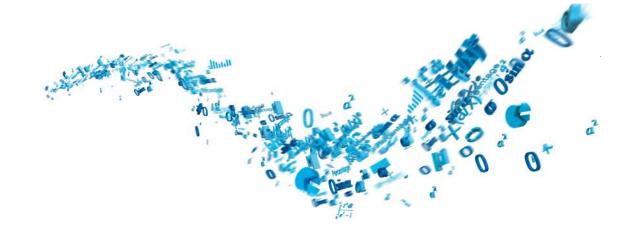
Performance as of June 30, 2022

Lagged Fund Update

	AI	location			Performance(%)						
	Market Value (\$)	%	Policy(%)	1 Quarter	Year To Date	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	7 Years	Since Inception	Inception Date
Real Estate	7,179,984	5.6	5.0	-9.5	-14.3	-1.4	6.8	8.8	8.9	9.1	07/01/2012
Wilton Pension Real Estate				-14.7	-19.2	-5.9	5.5	6.2	7.4	7.8	
Cohen & Steers Institutional Realty Shares	5,326,697	4.2		-13.4 (13)	-18.6 (18)	-4.4 (10)	-	-	-	10.6 (11)	01/01/2021
FTSE NAREIT All Equity REITs				-14.7 (27)	-19.2 (26)	-5.9 (35)	-	-	-	9.3 (33)	
IM Real Estate Sector (MF) Median				-15.8	-20.2	-6.8	-	-	-	8.6	
Westbrook Real Estate Fund XI	1,853,287	1.4		6.4	20.1	20.6	-	-	-	21.0	02/01/2021



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Aon Capital Markets Assumptions and Horizon Survey



Town of Wilton Current Target Portfolio Expected Return

Asset Class	Current Policy (80% R-S)
Equity	
- Public Equity	60%
- Private Equity	0%
- Subtotal	60%
Liquid Alternatives	
- Subtotal	0%
Return-Seeking Fixed Income	
- Liquid R-S Fixed Income	10%
- Illiquid R-S Fixed Income	5%
- Subtotal	15%
Real Assets	
- Open-End Real Assets	0%
- Closed-End Real Assets	5%
- Subtotal	5%
Risk-Reducing	
- Core / Core Plus Fixed Income	20%
- Subtotal	20%
Expected Return ¹	7.44%
Expected Risk ¹	12.99%
Sharpe Ratio	0.319



Aon Investments' Capital Market Assumptions Explanation of Capital Market Assumptions—9/30/2022

The following capital market assumptions were developed by Aon's Global Asset Allocation Team and represent the longterm capital market outlook (i.e., 30 years) based on data at the end of the third quarter of 2022. The assumptions were developed using a building block approach, reflecting observable inflation and interest rate information available in the fixed income markets as well as Consensus Economics forecasts. Our long-term assumptions for other asset classes are based on historical results, current market characteristics, and our professional judgment. Expected returns are using Aon 30 Year Capital Market Assumptions as of 9/30/2022. CMAs contain projections about future returns on asset classes. Our CMA projections are designed to reflect the typical cost of implementing an investment program. Expected returns are calculated using weighted allocations of the underlying CMAs. Expected Returns are geometric (long-term compounded; rounded to the nearest decimal) assuming portfolio weights are rebalanced annually. Expected returns presented are models and do not represent the returns of an actual client account. Your actual returns will be reduced by your advisory fees and other expenses you may incur as a client. Aon's advisory fees are described in Part 2A of Aon's Form ADV. Not a guarantee of future results.

Inflation – Expected Level (2.4%)

Based on Consensus Economics long-term estimates and our near-term economic outlook, we expect U.S. consumer price inflation to be approximately 2.4% during the next 30 years.

Real Returns for Asset Classes Fixed Income

- Cash (0.9%) Over the long run, we expect the real yield on cash and money market instruments to produce a real return of 0.9% in a moderate to low-inflationary environment.
- TIPS (1.7%) We expect intermediate duration Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities to produce a real return of about 1.7%.
- Core Fixed Income (i.e., Market Duration) (1.7%) We expect intermediate duration Treasuries to produce a real return of about 1.0%. We estimate the fair value credit spread (credit risk premium - expected losses from defaults and downgrades) to be 0.7%, resulting in a long-term real return of 1.7%.
- Core Plus Bonds (2.1%) Modeled as 20% 5 duration gov't with real return of 1.0% and 80% 5 duration corporate bonds with real return of 2.4%.

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Aon Investments' Capital Market Assumptions

Explanation of Capital Market Assumptions—9/30/2022

- Long Duration Bonds Government and Credit (2.4%) We expect Treasuries with a duration comparable to the Long Government Credit Index to produce a real return of 1.8%. We estimate the fair value credit spread (credit risk premium expected losses from defaults and downgrades) to be 0.6%, resulting in an expected real return of 2.4%.
- Long Duration Bonds Credit (2.9%) We expect Treasuries with a duration comparable to the Long Credit Index to produce a real return of 1.8%. We estimate the fair value credit spread (credit risk premium expected losses from defaults and downgrades) to be 1.1%, resulting in an expected real return of 2.9%.
- Long Duration Bonds Government (1.8%) We expect Treasuries with a duration of ~12 years to produce a real return of 1.8% during the next 30 years.
- **High Yield Bonds (3.6%)** We expect intermediate duration Treasuries to produce a real return of about 1.0%. We estimate the fair value credit spread (credit risk premium expected losses from defaults and downgrades) to be 2.6%, resulting in an expected real return of 3.6%.
- Bank Loans (3.4%) We expect LIBOR to produce a real return of about 1.5%. We estimate the fair value credit spread (credit risk premium expected losses from defaults) to be 1.9%, resulting in an expected real return of 3.4%.
- Non-US Developed Bonds: 50% Hedged (1.2%) We forecast real returns for non-US developed market bonds to be 1.2% over a 30-year period after adjusting for a 50% currency hedge. We assume a blend of one-third investment grade corporate bonds and two-thirds government bonds. We also produce assumptions for 0% hedged and 100% hedged non-US developed bonds.
- Emerging Market Bonds (Sovereign; USD) (3.8%) We forecast real returns for emerging market sovereign bonds denominated in US dollars to be 3.8% over a 30-year period.
- Emerging Market Bonds (Corporate; USD) (3.2%) We forecast real returns for emerging market corporate bonds denominated in US dollars to be 3.2% over a 30-year period.
- Emerging Market Bonds (Sovereign; Local) (4.2%) We forecast real returns for emerging market sovereign bonds denominated in local currency to be 4.2% over a 30-year period.
- Multi Asset Credit (MAC) (4.5%) We assume real returns from beta exposure to high yield, bank loans and emerging market debt to add 3.7% plus 0.8% from alpha (net of fees) over a 30-year period.

Aon Investments' Capital Market Assumptions

Explanation of Capital Market Assumptions—9/30/2022

■ Private Debt-Direct Lending (5.0%) – The base building block is bank loans 3.4% + spread 1.6% (net of management fees and performance incentives). There is 100% leverage included in the assumption with the nominal cost of financing at LIBOR + 2.5%.

Equities

- Large Cap U.S. Equity (4.8%) This assumption is based on our 30-year outlook for large cap U.S. company dividends and real earnings growth. Adjustments are made for valuations as needed.
- Small Cap U.S. Equity (5.3%) Adding a 0.5% return premium for small cap U.S. equity over large cap U.S. equity results in an expected real return of 5.3%. This return premium is theoretically justified by the higher risk inherent in small cap U.S. equity versus large cap U.S. equity, and is also justified by historical data. In recent years, higher small cap valuations relative large cap equity has reduced the small cap premium.
- Global Equity (Developed & Emerging Markets) (5.4%) We employ a building block process similar to the U.S. equity model using the developed and emerging markets that comprise the MSCI All-Country World Index. Our roll-up model produces an expected real return of 5.4% for global equity.
- International (Non-U.S.) Equity, Developed Markets (5.2%) We employ a building block process similar to the U.S. equity model using the non-U.S. developed equity markets that comprise the MSCI EAFE Index.
- Emerging Market Stocks (5.7%) We employ a building block process similar to the U.S. equity model using the non-U.S. emerging equity markets that comprise the MSCI Emerging Markets Index.
- Equity Risk Insurance Premium Strategies-High Beta (3.8%) We expect real returns from 50% equity + 50% cash beta of 3.0% plus 0.8% insurance risk premium over the next 30 years.

Alternative Asset Classes

■ Hedge Fund-of-Funds Universe (2.3%) – The generic category "hedge funds" encompasses a wide range of strategies accessed through "fund-of-funds" vehicles. We also assume the *median* manager is selected and also allow for the additional costs associated with Fund-of-Funds management. A top-tier portfolio of funds (hedge fund-of-funds buy-list) could add an additional 1.1% in return at similar volatility based on alpha, lower fees and better risk management.

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Aon Investments' Capital Market Assumptions Explanation of Capital Market Assumptions—9/30/2022

- Hedge Fund-of-Funds Buy List (3.4%) The generic category of top-tier "hedge funds" encompasses a wide range of strategies accessed through "fund-of-funds" vehicles. We assume additional costs associated with Funds-of-Funds management. To use this category the funds must be buy rated or we advise on manager selection.
- Broad Hedge Funds Universe (3.7%) Represents a diversified portfolio of direct hedge fund investments. This investment will tend to be less diversified than a typical "fund-of-funds" strategy as there will be fewer underlying managers and will not include the extra layer of fees found in a Fund-of-Funds structure.
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- Core Real Estate (2.3%) -- Our real return assumption for core real estate is based a gross income of about 3.2%, management fees of roughly 1%, 25% leverage and future capital appreciation near the rate of inflation during the next 30 years. We assume a portfolio of equity real estate holdings that is diversified by property and by geographic region.
- Non-Core Real Estate (4.0%) -- Core real estate is levered approximately 100% as the base building block for this assumption. We subtract financing costs for the leverage and 2% management costs. We also assume nominal alpha of 3% over core real estate. We assume a 50/50 mix of value-add and opportunistic investments.
- U.S. REITs (4.5%) Our real return assumption for U.S. REITs is based on income of about 4.5% and future capital appreciation near the rate of inflation during the next 30 years. REITs are a sub-set of U.S. small/mid cap equity universe.
- Commodities (3.8%) Our commodity assumption is for a diversified portfolio of commodity futures contracts. Commodity futures returns are composed of three parts: spot price appreciation, collateral return, and roll return (positive or negative change implied by the shape of the future curve). We believe that spot prices will converge with CPI over the long run (i.e., 2.4%). Collateral is assumed to be LIBOR cash (1.5%). Also, we believe the roll effect will be near zero, resulting in a real return of about 3.8% for commodities.

Aon Investments' Capital Market Assumptions

Explanation of Capital Market Assumptions—9/30/2022

- **Private Equity (7.8%)** Our private equity assumption reflects a diversified fund of funds with exposure to buyouts, venture capital, distressed debt, and mezzanine debt.
- Infrastructure (4.7%) Our infrastructure assumption is formulated using a cash flow based approach that projects cash flows (on a diversified portfolio of assets) over a 30-year period. Income and capital growth as well as gearing levels, debt costs and terms, relevant tax and management expenses are all taken into consideration. Our approach produces an expected real return of 4.7% for infrastructure.
- Equity Risk Insurance Premium Strategies-Low Beta (3.3%) We assume real returns from cash of 0.9% + 2.4% from alpha.
- Alternative Risk Premia (ARP) (5.4%) Real return target LIBOR 1.5% plus 3.9% alpha (net of fees)
- eLDI (3.2%) Combination of various long credit strategies (1/6 real estate debt, 1/3 securitized debt, 1/6 CMOs, 1/3 private placements)
- Closed-End Real Assets (5.2%) Modeled as 50% Non-Core Real Estate and 50% Infrastructure

Volatility / Correlation Assumptions

Assumed volatilities are formulated with reference to implied volatilities priced into option contracts of various terms, as well as with regard to historical volatility levels. For asset classes which are not marked to market (for example real estate), we "de-smooth" historical returns before calculating volatilities. Importantly, we consider expected volatility trends in the future – in recent years we assumed the re-emergence of an economic cycle and a loss of confidence in central bankers would lead to an increase in volatility. Correlation assumptions are generally similar to actual historical results; however, we do make adjustments to reflect our forward-looking views as well as current market fundamentals.



9/30/2022 Assumptions (30-Year): Expected Returns and Risks

		30-yr	30-yr	30-yr	
	Equity	Expected Real Return ¹	Expected Nominal Return ¹	Expected Volatility	Sharpe Ratio
1	Large Cap U.S. Equity	4.8%	7.3%	17.5%	0.229
2	Small Cap U.S. Equity	5.3%	7.8%	23.5%	0.191
3	Global Equity	5.4%	7.9%	18.5%	0.249
4	International Developed Equity	5.2%	7.7%	20.5%	0.215
5	Emerging Markets Equity	5.7%	8.2%	24.5%	0.200
Ū	Fixed Income	G 75	0.270	2 1.0 /0	0.200
6	Cash (Gov't)	0.9%	3.3%	2.0%	0.000
7	Cash (LIBOR)	1.5%	3.9%	2.0%	0.300
8	TIPS	1.7%	4.1%	4.5%	0.178
9	Core Fixed Income (Market Duration)	1.7%	4.1%	5.0%	0.160
10	Core Plus Bonds	/5	,	0.070	0.100
11	Long Duration Bonds – Gov't / Credit	2.4%	4.9%	10.5%	0.152
12	_	2.9%	5.4%	11.0%	0.191
13	9	1.8%	4.2%	11.0%	0.082
14	5	3.6%	6.1%	10.5%	0.267
15	5	3.4%	5.9%	7.5%	0.347
16	Non-US Developed Bonds (0% Hedged)	1.1%	3.5%	11.0%	0.018
17	Non-US Developed Bonds (50% Hedged)	1.2%	3.6%	6.5%	0.046
18	Non-US Developed Bonds (100% Hedged)	1.3%	3.7%	4.0%	0.100
19	Short Govt Bonds	1.0%	3.4%	2.5%	0.040
20		1.6%	4.0%	3.0%	0.233
21	Short Corporate Bonds Intermediate Govt Bonds	1.0%	3.4%	4.0%	0.233
22		2.0%	4.4%	4.5%	0.023
23	25-year Government Bond	1.5%	3.9%	14.5%	0.244
23	-	3.8%	6.3%	11.0%	0.273
	3 3 ,	3.2%	5.7%	11.0%	0.218
25	Emerging Market Bonds (Corporate USD) Emerging Market Bonds (Sovereign Local)	4.2%	6.7%	13.5%	0.218
26	,	4.2%	6.7%	13.5%	0.252
27	Alternative Investments	3.7%	6.2%	9.0%	0.322
			7.5%	9.0%	0.322
28	Broad Hedge Funds3 (Buy List)	5.0%			
29	9	2.2%	4.7%	9.0%	0.156
30	Hedge Fund-of-Funds2 (Buy List)	3.4%	5.9%	9.0%	0.289
31		3.2% 2.3%	5.7% 4.8%	5.5% 15.5%	0.436 0.097
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33		4.5%	7.0%	19.0%	0.195
34	Commodities	3.8%	6.3%	17.0%	0.176
35	Private Equity	7.8%	10.4%	25.5%	0.278
36	Infrastructure	4.7%	7.2%	15.0%	0.260
37		4.5%	7.0%	9.0%	0.411
38	ILS	3.4%	5.9%	7.5%	0.347
39	Equity Insurance Risk Premium - High Beta	3.8%	6.3%	11.0%	0.273
40	Equity Insurance Risk Premium - Low Beta	3.3%	5.8%	5.5%	0.455
41	Private Debt (Direct Lending)	5.0%	7.5%	17.5%	0.240
42	Alternative Risk Premia (ARP)	5.4%	7.9%	9.5%	0.484
43		5.2%	7.7%	16.0%	0.275
44	U.S. Inflation	0.0%	2.4%	2.0%	-0.450

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- 2) Fund of hedge funds
- 3) Diversified portfolio of Direct hedge fund investments portfolio of Direct hedge fund investments.

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9/30/2022 Assumptions (30-Year): Expected Nominal Correlations

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2022 Horizon Survey Results

What is the Horizon Survey?

Since 2010, Horizon Actuarial Services, LLC has conducted a capital market assumption survey of investment firms to aid in determining reasonable assumptions for a pension plan's expected return on assets

 While Aon does not seek to change our approach based on how we stack up to peers, it is a helpful double-check to make sure we are not too far off from others in the industry

For the 2022 survey, 40 investment advisors participated.

How does Aon compare to the 2022 survey results?

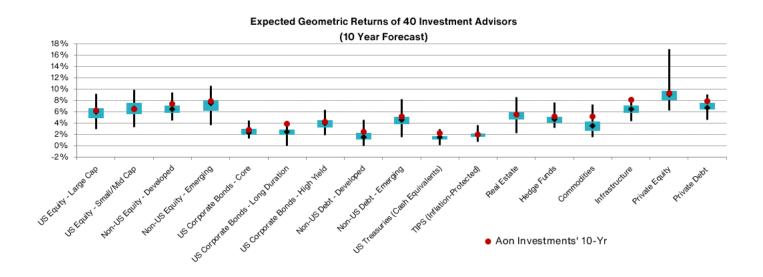
Aon Investments' 2022 10-year forecast assumptions (as of March 31, 2022)

- *Equities:* approximately middle of the pack for U.S. and Non-U.S. equities; higher for Non-US Developed
- Fixed Income: approximately middle of the pack relative to the survey's median level; higher for Long Duration Credit, U.S. Treasuries, and Non-US Debt
- Alternatives: approximately middle of the pack relative to the survey's median level; higher for Commodities, Infrastructure, and Private Debt



Aon Investments' Capital Market Assumptions vs. Horizon Survey

10-Year Forecast



Source: Horizon Actuarial Solutions, LLC survey of 2022 capital market assumptions from 40 independent investment advisors
Aon Investments' expected returns are annualized over 10-years as of 2Q 2022 (3/31/2022). CMAs contain projections about future returns on asset classes. Our CMA projections are designed to reflect the typical cost of implementing an investment program. Not a guarantee of future results. Additional information regarding our capital market assumptions can be made available upon request.



Aon Investments vs. Peers (2022 Horizon Survey)

10-Year Forecast

	Horizon Survey		Aon Inves	tments	Difference			
	10 Year H	orizon	10 Year Fo	recasts	Aon Investments – Horizon Survey			
Asset Class	Expected Return	Expected Risk	Expected Return	Expected Risk	Expected Return	Expected Risk		
US Equity - Large Cap	6.0%	16.4%	6.3%	17.0%	0.3%	0.6%		
US Equity - Small/Mid Cap	6.6%	20.2%	6.5%	23.0%	-0.1%	2.8%		
Non-US Equity - Developed	6.5%	18.3%	7.4%	20.5%	0.9%	2.2%		
Non-US Equity - Emerging	7.5%	24.3%	7.9%	24.0%	0.4%	-0.3%		
US Fixed Income - Core	2.4%	5.5%	2.9%	4.0%	0.5%	-1.5%		
US Fixed Income - Long Duration Corp	2.5%	10.4%	3.9%	9.5%	1.4%	-0.9%		
US Fixed Income - High Yield	4.0%	9.9%	4.3%	10.5%	0.3%	0.6%		
Non-US Fixed Income - Developed	1.5%	7.2%	2.5%	5.5%	1.0%	-1.7%		
Non-US Fixed Income - Emerging	4.6%	11.3%	5.2%	11.0%	0.6%	-0.3%		
Treasuries (Cash Equivalents)	1.5%	1.3%	2.3%	1.0%	0.8%	-0.3%		
TIPS (Inflation-Protected)	1.9%	5.6%	2.0%	3.5%	0.1%	-2.1%		
Real Estate	5.5%	17.6%	5.6%	15.0%	0.1%	-2.6%		
Hedge Funds	4.7%	8.1%	5.2%	9.0%	0.5%	0.9%		
Commodities	3.6%	17.3%	5.2%	17.0%	1.6%	-0.3%		
Infrastructure	6.5%	17.0%	8.1%	14.5%	1.6%	-2.5%		
Private Equity	9.1%	22.3%	9.3%	25.0%	0.2%	2.8%		
Private Debt	6.7%	11.4%	7.9%	16.5%	1.2%	5.1%		
Inflation	2.5%	2.1%	2.7%	1.5%	0.2%	-0.6%		

Notes (Horizon Survey):

Source: Horizon Actuarial survey of 2022 capital market assumptions from 40 independent investment advisors

Expected returns are median annualized (geometric).

Notes (Aon Investments' Forecasts):

Aon Investments' Forecasts are for Q2 2022

- US Equity Small/Mid Capforecasts represents Aon Investments' forecasts for US Small Cap
- US Fixed Income Long Duration forecasts represents Aon Investments' forecasts for Long Duration Credit
- Non-US Fixed Income Developed forecasts represents Aon Investments' forecasts for Non-US Fixed Income - Developed (50% Hedged)
- Non-US Fixed Income Emerging forecasts represents Aon Investments' forecasts for Emerging Market Bonds - Sovereign USD
- Real Estate forecasts represents Aon Investments' forecasts for Core Real Estate
- Hedge Fund forecasts represents Aon Investments' forecasts for Direct Hedge Funds (Universe)

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Leading Methodologies & Reasons for Differences

Leading Methodologies

- Building block
- Global capital asset pricing model (Global CAPM)
- Surveys
- · Historical data (as a guide to future)
- Black-Litterman (combination of building block and CAPM)

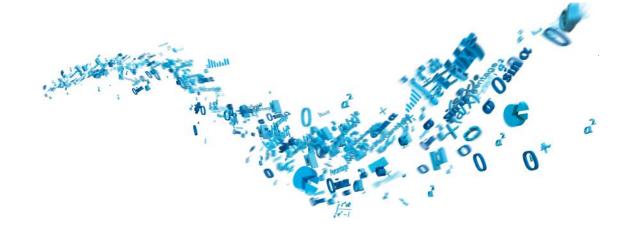
Reasons for differences

- Methodology
- · Time horizon
- · Timing of assumptions
- · Arithmetic vs. geometric forecasts*
- Alpha (active management)*
- Inflation
- Investment Fees*
- · Asset class definition



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^{*} While some firms in the Horizon survey responded with arithmetic forecasts, the results have been converted to geometric forecasts for comparison purposes. Additionally, the return expectations included in the Horizon survey are generally market returns that do not reflect active management. Returns for asset classes where passive investments are not available (e.g., hedge funds and private equity) are net of fees.



Aon Medium Term Views



Core Views

Central banks look intent to lean into policy tightening as slowdown intensifies

Even though there are signs that inflation is starting to peak and economic growth is slowing, the major central banks remain keenly focused on tightening monetary policy until inflation comes down closer to targets. This combination of drivers will keep headwinds to risky assets high. A change in the U.S. Federal Reserve's stance in particular would change conditions but this does not seem to be imminent.

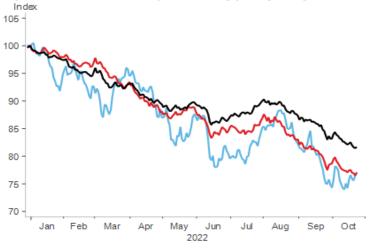
Equities and credit still challenged despite less expensive valuations

The rise in economic, geopolitical and liquidity risk in the last quarter has created significant market volatility, even in government bonds which normally play a more stable role in portfolios. We expect volatility to remain and return headwinds to continue despite more attractive valuations.

Focus on diversification* and defensive measures

As global financial conditions deteriorate, diversification away from traditional asset classes and towards defensive holdings within remaining traditional asset classes is still recommended.

Equities and Bonds both perform very poorly this year



- ICE BofAML Global Large Cap Corporate Index
- ICE BofAML Global Government Index MSCI AC World

Source: Macrobond

Note: Total return indices in USD terms, re-indexed to January 2022

*Diversification does not ensure a profit, nor does it protect against loss of principal. Diversification among investment options and asset classes may help to reduce overall volatility. The data and opinions referenced are as of 30/09/2022, and are subject to change due to client needs, suitability requirements and changes in the market or economic conditions that may not necessarily come to pass. Information contained herein is for informational purposes only and should not be considered investment advice.



Actions

Some value in credit but position-building should be gradual

 Higher total yields have brought back value in some areas of credit, especially in higher quality investment grade bonds. However, economic conditions will remain difficult and we recommend gradual positionbuilding only.

Not yet time to raise equity allocations

 Significant falls in equities have improved valuations but further downside risks remain and we remain cautious.
 We do not yet recommend increasing allocations above targets.

Focus on resilience

 Equities and bonds have both performed very poorly this year, making traditional diversifying strategies ineffective – there is the potential that this occurs more frequently. We therefore recommend allocations to diversifying* hedge funds and cash. Manager selection is likely to be even more crucial in this environment, particularly in private assets where we think performance across managers will be highly dispersed.



Moved high yield view in line with loans and other credit

After the strong relative performance of loans and wider spreads in high yield, we have moved our credit views in line as global economic headwinds gather



Downgraded real estate view

Economic weakness and higher interest rates have prompted the downgrade

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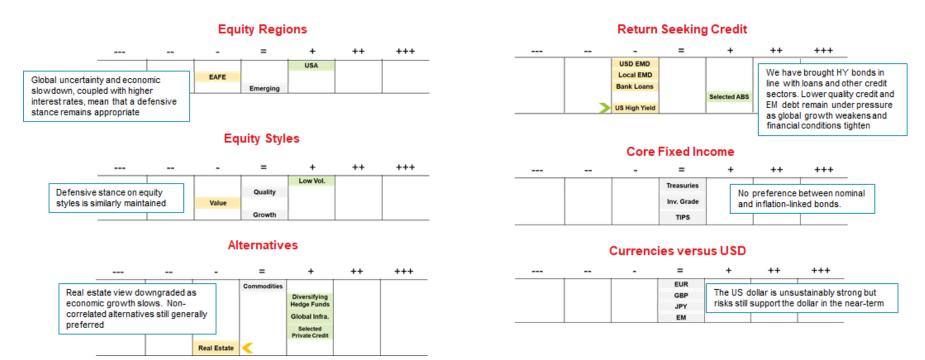


Recommended actions

Total Return Cross Asset Class Views --- - = + ++ +++ Equities are challenged by higher for longer policy rates as the global economy slows. We prefer gaining return-seeking exposure through alternative asset classes | Core fixed income | Maintaining a neutral duration view as the upside and downside risks to yields are more balanced now

Cash

Relative Asset Class Views



Please refer to the end of the document for interpretation guidelines.

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Equities

Renewed urgency to tighten policy is an important headwind to markets, despite better valuations

- In a continuation of the highly volatile and difficult market conditions this year, global equities initially rallied in the early part of the third quarter but fell precipitously from the middle of August onwards. The especially poor run in equities was triggered by a renewed determination by central banks to tighten monetary policy to lower inflation back towards their target. There are signs that inflation is peaking now. However, the slowdown in price increases will likely be frustratingly gradual.
- Market weakness has improved valuations markedly now, to the extent that no developed market is looking expensive relative to its history anymore. However, earnings growth forecasts are still relatively healthy over 6% growth in MSCI World earnings per share is expected for next year. These expectations are not consistent with the increasingly likely prospect of a recession and also make the earnings-based valuations look cheaper than they might otherwise be. Higher inflation and the prospect of higher wage growth also pose an important threat to company profit margins.
- Analysts have been revising down their earnings estimates but certainly not to the extent that reflects the difficult period we may be experiencing in the coming months.
- Uncertainty remains significant and the degree of economic slowdown will matter, as will the trajectory of inflation and its impact on monetary policy. Overall, we remain cautious on equities.

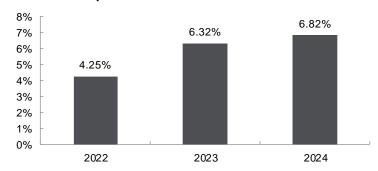
We expect rising wages will cause company margins to fall



Source: Factset, Aon

Still healthy earnings expectations will not hold up if a recession bites

Expected EPS Growth - MSCI World



Source: Factset, Aon



Equities

Our defensive stance on equity styles and regions remains in place amid extreme uncertainty

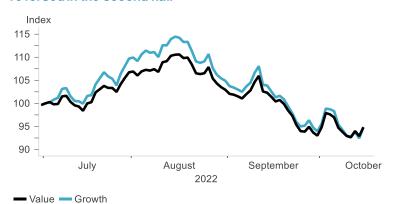
- We moved to preferring growth style equities relative to value last quarter in recognition of economic weakness and likely lower yields over the coming year. This call has been proven correct over the third quarter, but conditions changed once again as the quarter came to a close.
- In particular, a renewed focus on aggressive monetary policy tightening amid stubbornly high inflation has triggered another surge in bond yields and sharply lower equity markets. We have stated previously that rising yields tend to coincide with value stock outperformance as they tend to be more cyclical companies that benefit from improved economic growth (and hence higher yields). We have also said that growth stocks are especially challenged by higher yields as their earnings are expected further in the future and are discounted by a greater amount. With surging yields, does this indicate another period of consistent value outperformance? We doubt it.
- This is because rising yields are not a reflection of better economic performance, which is an important underlying driver of value stocks. Additionally, bond markets have been especially volatile, and we continue to think that yields will trend lower as growth weakens and inflation peaks. As we have stated previously, we must acknowledge the extreme uncertainty swirling around markets at the moment and conditions can change rapidly again.
- Meanwhile, we maintain our defensive overall stance on equity styles by preferring low volatility equities and on regions by preferring U.S. equities relative to Europe.

We believe that optimistic earnings forecasts make valuations appear falsely attractive (12m Forward PEs)



Source: Macrobond, MSCI indices

Growth outperformance in the first half of the quarter was reversed in the second half



Source: Macrobond, MSCI AC World performance as at October 7 2022, reindexed, July 2022 = 100



Return-seeking credit

Moving high yield in line with other credit sectors but we remain negative on credit spreads

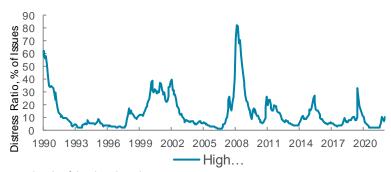
- Credit markets are starting to incorporate some form of slowdown in their valuations as spreads have widened substantially over the summer. However, we are still not at the point where those valuations look compelling enough to recommend any large allocations or moving back to target weights.
- We remain negative on high yield bonds. Credit spreads have widened above 500bps but this is a long way below the peaks reached in the previous three cycles 2011 (885bps), 2016 (888bps) and 2020 (1082bps). As we expect corporate pricing power and profits to erode on weakening economic growth and rising wages, combined with the negative effects on earnings of a strong dollar for the US HY market, we think that high yield bonds will become more stressed.
- Leveraged loans continued to outperform high yield bonds in Q3, benefiting from their floating rates as policy rates were hiked. The 3-year loan yield has reached 11% but credit quality has deteriorated over recent years and borrowers in cyclical industries face the headwinds of high debt refinancing costs and a slowing economy. We have moved our loans view to be neutral with HY bonds.
- EM debt is vulnerable to tightening global financial conditions, particularly in those economies with high debt levels and current account deficits. This is already reflected to an extent in EM yield levels and exchange rates but we remain cautious.

Bank loans have continued to outperform high yield but this may not last in a recession



Source: Bloomberg, ICE BofAML

Strong corporate profits have contained credit market distress and investor loss so far



G10 bonds of developed market issuers.

Source: BofA Global Research

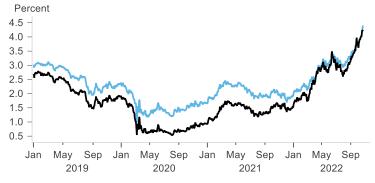


U.S. Treasury Bonds

Higher yields but volatility likely to persist

- The sell-off in Treasuries re-accelerated over the summer as inflation remained higher than expected and the Federal Reserve reiterated its intention to tighten monetary policy aggressively. As the economic backdrop has begun to deteriorate, the yield curve has moved into clear inversion territory.
- The ongoing volatility in yields was further exacerbated by developments in the UK, where the moves in UK gilts were the biggest experienced for over 30 years as an announcement of unfunded and untargeted tax cuts caused gilt yields to spike. Unusually, these tremors were felt in the U.S., which hints at growing investor concerns that higher interest rates may expose the vulnerabilities in other areas of the global markets too.
- Meanwhile, the Fed has indicated that it will need evidence that inflation is not only coming back to target but will stay at target before altering their monetary policy trajectory. Whilst economists expect base effects to mean that headline inflation will come down through 2023, core inflation could remain stubbornly high, which will require rates to remain elevated for longer in order to ensure inflationary pressures are removed from the system.
- Significantly higher yield levels and higher expected volatility suggest refreshing asset allocation strategy, but we are cautious about taking medium-term tilts away from strategic benchmarks given what we believe will remain a volatile environment for yields for the time being. We remain neutral on our duration view as well.

Yields have risen sharply since the start of August



— US 10 Year Treasury Yield — US 30 Year Treasury Yield

Source: Macrobond. Data as at 20 October 2022

Implied policy rates for the end of 2022 continue to rise in the U.S.



Source: Macrobond. Data as at October 2022



Alternatives

Private real estate looks vulnerable and our view has been downgraded

- Private Real Estate has recorded a strong first half of the year relative to other asset classes, continuing its bull run since mid-2020. The MSCI Global Property Fund index recorded a total return of 7.3% YTD to June, with US property (NCREIF) returning 8.7%.
- We think global private real estate valuations have yet to reflect the rising rates environment and the deteriorating macroeconomic outlook. Global financial conditions have tightened substantially since August, and we are now downgrading our global real estate outlook.
- IG borrowing costs have overtaken the income yields of property across major markets. Leverage within property funds will now be a net detractor to overall returns, a major headwind since many property acquisitions are financed by leverage. Credit will also be an attractive substitute for property among yield-seeking investors.
- Whilst we await Q3 property fund returns from other regions, listed REITs have corrected substantially across major markets. REITs are more volatile owing to their equity beta, higher leverage levels, and less favourable asset mix. However, REITs tend to lead the market during downturns as private property transactions tend to dry up, leading to stale property values.

US IG borrowing cost is now above property's income yield 10 9 8 7 6 95 4 3 2 1 0 92 94 96 98 00 02 04 06 08 10 12 14 16 18 20 22 —US Commercial Real Estate Cap Rate —US IG Corporate Yield

Substantial correction seen in listed REITs YTD, but private property valuations has remained steady so far

Source: FactSet, ICE, NCREIF. As at 30 September 2022, RE data as at 30 June 2022.



Source: FTSE NAREIT/EPRA indices, NCREIF. As at 30 September 2022, US private RE data as at 30 June 2022.

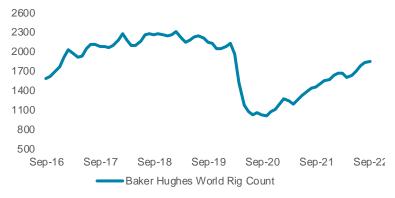


Alternatives

Commodities look set to remain volatile

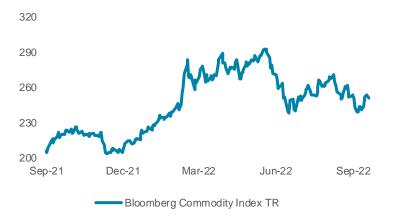
- Commodities prices have risen sharply over the last two years driven by surging demand after the relaxation of pandemic-related lockdowns, global inflation reaching multi-decade highs and raw material prices being pushed up by the ongoing conflict in Ukraine. However, prices of both metals and energy have fallen in recent months as recession fears have mounted.
- Oil prices (Brent) have fallen substantially from a high of \$139/bbl to \$85/bbl at the time of writing. However, OPEC+ recently agreed to cut 2m barrels a day in oil production in an attempt to keep oil prices from falling due to weaker global demand. This cut is equivalent to 2% of global supply and threatens to further increase inflationary pressures across the globe.
- We expect energy prices to slowly ease over the medium term but supply will remain tight, suggesting volatility will continue to remain elevated into the upcoming winter, owing to the conflict in Ukraine.
- Industrial metals have fared poorly in the short term, due to the fears over an economic slowdown. The sector could perform well over the medium term but remain very sensitive to short-term economic conditions and the success and speed of an energy transition.
- We continue to believe passive strategic commodity exposure does not offer clients much value given the sensitivity of energy and metals to economic conditions but investment through active vehicles may provide diversification and benefit from potential supply and demand shocks within commodity markets.

The supply-side picture for energy markets has improved



Source: Bloomberg. As at 30 September 2022

Commodity prices have dropped recently but have stabilised



Source: Bloomberg. As at 30 September 2022



Currencies

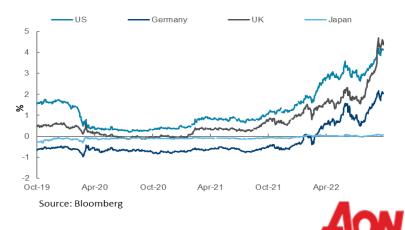
Risks support the US dollar in the short-term but it is now very overvalued

- The US dollar has surged further over the last quarter, back to levels from almost 20 years ago and breaching parity with the euro. The dollar has not been so overvalued in the last 30 years based on OECD purchasing power parity.
- However, its expensive valuation is continuing to be supported by the US Fed's tight monetary policy stance. The Fed funds futures market is expecting the fourth 75bps policy rate rise in November despite signs of peaking US inflation data as the Fed remains set on cooling the hot US labour market.
- The resulting dollar boost from higher US rates is creating increasing concern outside of the US. Japanese and Chinese authorities intervened in September in an attempt to put a floor under their currencies against the dollar. But more importantly, higher US real yields and the stronger dollar are tightening global financial conditions and exposing wilnerabilities in weaker economies, which could itself result in safe-haven demand for the dollar.
- Policy rate hike expectations are no lower in the Eurozone and are higher in the UK but rate hikes are proving impotent in the face of mounting concerns over the European energy crisis and the challenging policy backdrop in the UK. Sterling fell swiftly on the UK government's announcement of unfunded spending and tax cuts in September and remains vulnerable due to its policy contradictions and twin deficits.
- Short-term trends therefore remain supportive of the US dollar. Signs of a weaker labour market are required before the Fed will soften its monetary stance and the dollar starts to weaken over the medium-term as we expect.

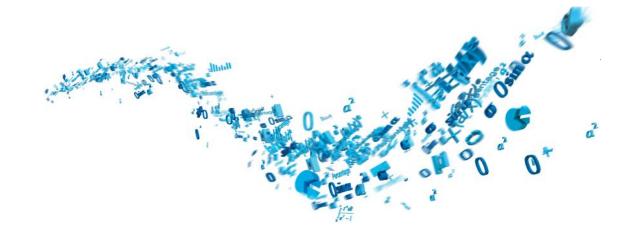
The US dollar convincingly broke parity with the euro in September



5-year UK government bond yields have risen most strongly this year but they have been unable to support the pound



Empower Results¹



Appendix

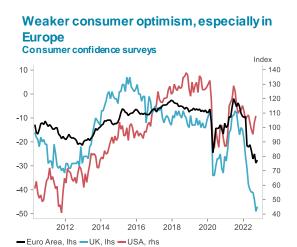


Economic highlights

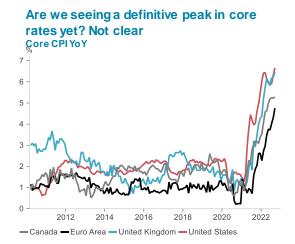
In Q3 2022 capital markets continued to be highly volatile, with the realisation that inflation would remain uncomfortably high forcing the major central banks to increase the pace of monetary policy tightening. Central bankers openly discussed the prospect of higher consumer prices and rate increases and triggering a recession, but remained steadfast in their efforts to bring inflation rates down towards targets.

By the end of the quarter, economic conditions seemed to have deteriorated the most in the Eurozone and the UK, whilst the U.S. economy has proven to be more resilient so far. Nonetheless, rapid interest rate increases are creating ever larger headwinds, not just domestically, but also globally. Some emerging market currencies are sitting near decade lows, whilst U.S. dollar strength is also increasing costs for energy importing countries.

We think that a global recession is probable at some point over the coming year. Meanwhile, we believe that inflation will peak this year in the developed world but will only gradually trend down towards 3% by the end of next year. Extreme uncertainty due to the war in Ukraine is making predictions especially difficult, however.







Source: Macrobond

Economic highlights

USA

- The U.S. economy entered a technical recession as economic growth contracted for a second consecutive quarter in Q2. Annualized GDP fell by 0.6% over Q2 2022, following the 1.6% contraction in the previous quarter. However, other indicators paint a picture of resilience in the U.S. economy so far. Retail sales growth and employment remained relatively healthy over the quarter, for example.
- The U.S. annual consumer price index (CPI) rose 8.2% year on year in September, only slightly down from the 8.3% recorded in the previous month. However, monthly core CPI, which strips out volatile food and energy costs, accelerated to 6.6% year on year, which is the fastest pace in 40 years.
- The U.S. Federal Reserve (Fed) increased its benchmark interest rate by 150bps to a range of 3-3.25% over the quarter. Fed chair Jerome Powell indicated that monetary policy needs to be "more restrictive or restrictive for longer" to contain soaring inflation and also refused to rule out a recession. According to the median estimate on the Fed dot plot, officials expect the interest rate to reach 4.4% by the end of the year, before peaking at 4.6% next year.

Non-US Developed

- Eurozone GDP grew by a better than expected 0.6% over the guarter in Q2, similar to the first quarter, but more recent economic indicators are pointing to a slowdown amid energy concerns as the war in Ukraine rumbles on. Meanwhile, high gas prices pushed euro area inflation to a new record high of 9.1% in August. For their part, the ECB fully abandoned its previous reticence to tighten policy and raised its benchmark interest rates by 125bps to 1.25% over the quarter, the highest level since 2011. Furthermore, ECB president, Christine Lagarde, signalled several interest rate increases in the coming months to bring inflation down to the bank's target of 2%.
- Japanese GDP grew by 0.9% in Q2, surprising markets by its strength. Meanwhile, the government intervened to prop up the Yen for the first time this century after the currency tumbled to a 24year low.
- UK GDP grew by 0.2% in Q2, but political and market developments dominated investor attention in Q3. In response to the new Prime Minister's package of tax cuts and energy cost support, sterling crashed to a record low and yields surged, prompting the Bank of England to intervene by buying Gilts to stabilize the market.

Emerging Markets

- Chinese GDP surprised the markets by contracting 2.6% in Q2 compared with the previous quarter. Much of this decline in activity was attributed to the lockdowns associated with China's ongoing zero-Covid policy, but housing market weakness and lower export demand have also been headwinds this year. Partly due to these factors but also due to the strength of the U.S. dollar, the renminbi has fallen sharply this year to levels not seen since the global financial crisis.
- Other countries have also been suffering economic slowdowns this year as well, including India and South Africa, with exporting economies facing lower demand for their commodities recently.
- Indeed, U.S. dollar strength and higher U.S. yields are combining to create a generalised risk-off environment and important headwinds for emerging markets.
- Furthermore, many emerging market currencies have been falling this year. This pressure will likely continue for as long as the Fed remains aggressive, and export demand weakens as the global economy moves towards recession.



View guidance

Large underperformance expected with highest conviction

- Target larger underweight
- Bring forward selling plans and defer SAA buying implementation
- Do not rebalance to target weight yet

More underperformance or stronger conviction

- Target underweight
- Bring forward selling plans and defer SAA buying implementation
- Do not rebalance up to target weight yet

More likely to underperform

- Target small underweight to strategic weight
- Prefer to avoid buying and selling on strength
- Buying for SAA reasons fine, but add slowly or into weakness.
- Consider partial rather than full rebalancing

Weak conviction or no view on relative performance

- Target benchmark or strategic weight
- Buying/
 Selling both
 look ok
 coming from
 SAA changes
 or rebalancing

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More likely to outperform

- Target small overweight to strategic weight
- Prefer to accumulate
- Selling for SAA reasons fine, but look to sell gradually
- Slow rebalancing moves back to benchmark weight

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More outperformance or stronger conviction

- Target overweight
- Bring forward buying plans and defer SAA selling implementation
- Do not rebalance down to target weight yet

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Large outperformance expected with highest conviction

- Target larger overweight
- Bring forward buying plans and defer SAA selling implementation
- Do not rebalance to target weight yet



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