



QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT

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Investments with you in mind

We make investments with long-term investment goals in mind. [Find out more](#) about where we invest.

The investment managers

USS Investment Management Limited (USSIM) oversee your money. Some of our investments are directly managed by a team of in-house investment managers but we also select and monitor a range of external investment managers to look after some of the money. Our investment managers can adapt to the ever-changing markets – and help towards a more secure financial future for you.

Making Responsible Investments

When we make investments, we think about the impact of financially material environmental, social and governance (ESG) issues. All our members with Defined Contributions (DC) savings have the choice to invest responsibly in both of our investment options:

Do It For Me Option

You can let our team manage your investments with the Do It For Me Option. Here, you also get to choose between the USS Default Lifestyle Option or the USS Ethical Lifestyle Option

Let Me Do It Option

You can make your own investment choices with the Let Me Do It Option. Here, you get to choose to invest in one or more of the 10 funds available, which include ethical options.

To find out more about where your Investment Builder saving are invested and your options, visit [Choosing your investments page](#).

Our investment glossary is designed to help you better understand the world of investing. Find out what different terms used throughout this report means: uss.co.uk/how-we-invest/investment-glossary



July 2024 - September 2024

Investment commentary

It was a positive quarter for the major asset classes, despite the rise in volatility experienced over the summer. Investor sentiment was helped by signs that the rate of inflation is slowing down as well as interest rate cuts across several major developed markets. Global equity markets (both developed and emerging) rose over the period as a result, with China posting the strongest returns on the back of the announcement of new stimulus measures. Bond markets also had a strong quarter, supported by the interest rate cuts over the period and the prospect of more to come.

Equity markets also rose in the UK, following the landslide Labour general election win at the start of the period and the first interest rate cut by the Bank of England in four years, a 0.25% cut to 5%. This positive investor sentiment was somewhat reversed towards the end of the period, as the new UK Prime Minister warned of a “painful” autumn budget.

Positive quarter for most assets, boosted by interest rate cuts from several central banks

- Over the third quarter, bond markets also experienced a strong quarter, supported by falling inflation and interest rate cuts. Global and US government bonds performed strongly, with the UK gilts lagging behind. Credit also posted strong returns.
- Most equity markets also delivered strong returns, although generally were behind credit markets. Investor sentiment was mostly helped by interest rate cuts by the US Federal Reserve (0.5%), European Central Bank (0.25%) and Bank of England (0.25%). In the US, economic data generally proved to be more resilient than feared, helping global stock markets rise for a fourth consecutive quarter.
- The performance of the scheme’s private market investments was mixed over the quarter. Inflation Linked Credit, Infrastructure assets, and co-investments were a drag, whereas Property assets contributed to returns. Over the longer term, the Trustee’s believes that private markets provide investment opportunities and structures not available in public markets and that they may provide opportunities for additional returns, diversification, protections, or other desired characteristics relative to public market assets.
- Strong bond market returns translated directly into the performance of the Do It For Me Default Options with the Cautious Growth outperforming the Moderate Growth, which in turn outperformed the Growth fund. In the Ethical Lifestyle Option, the Ethical Growth fund outperformed the Ethical Moderate Growth fund, which in turn outperformed the Ethical Cautious Growth fund.
- In the Let Me Do It investment options, all the funds delivered positive absolute returns over the quarter, with the exception of the Sharia fund. In terms of relative performance compared to the respective benchmarks, passively managed funds performed broadly in line with their benchmarks and most active funds delivered positive relative performance over the quarter (except for the Emerging Markets Equity Fund). The Bond Fund was the strongest performer in absolute terms.

£3,372m

in assets under management

We are always looking at ways in which we can improve the information we provide our members. Our online [Member Voice Panel](#) allows you to be part of a community and express your views and opinions of USS. Your feedback will influence the way we do things and impact future decision making.

Lifestyling explained

Do It For Me

If you select the Do It For Me Lifestyle option, we gradually move your investments over time through different blends of Growth, Moderate Growth, Cautious Growth and Liquidity, which are generally less susceptible to market volatility but still do carry risks. This is called lifestyling and it begins 10 years from your Target Retirement Age (TRA).

Here's how lifestyling works:



*At present you can keep your money in the Investment Builder after you retire - USS rules allow up to four withdrawals per year (current legislation permit withdrawals)- but there won't be any further automatic moving of the investments after you've reached your TRA.

The breakdown of the funds within the lifestyle options shown and how they move over time may be subject to change from time to time, so it is important for you to refer to the latest version of this guide regularly for the most up to date information.

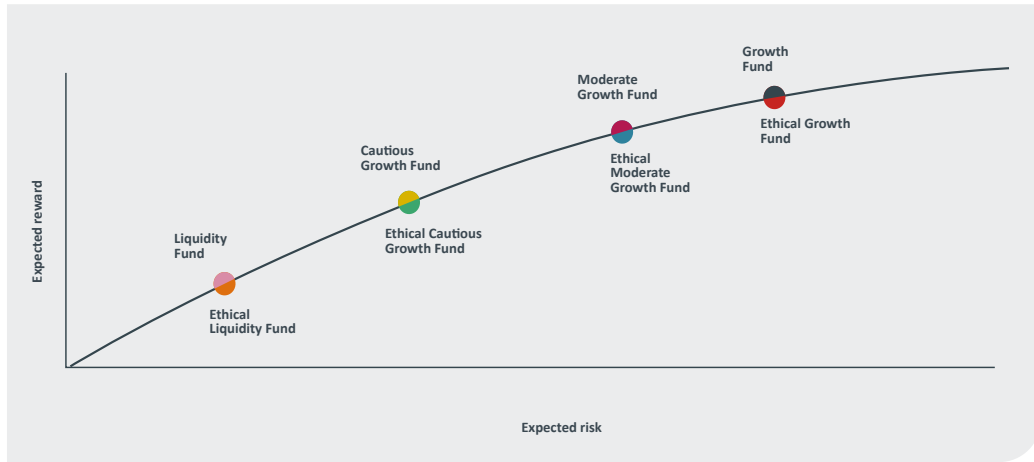
Performance and risk metrics:

Do It For Me

Comparative risk

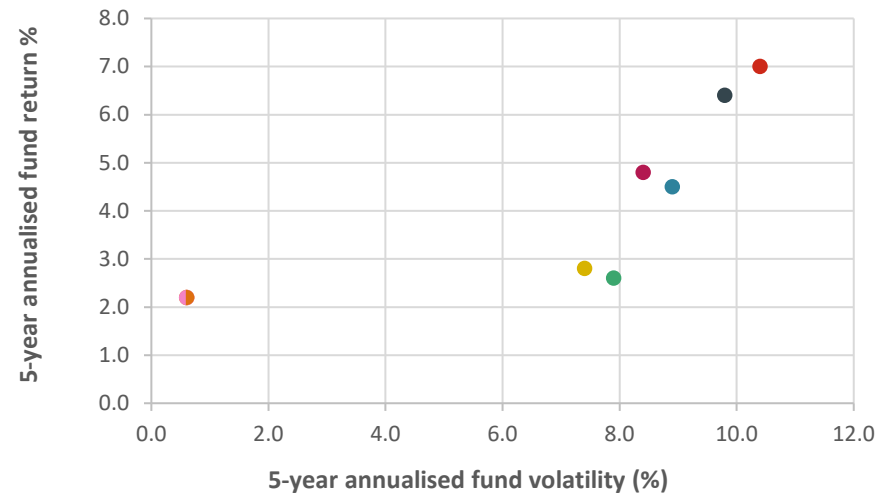
Risk Factor

This chart shows how we expect the risk of the Do It For Me funds to compare over the long term. The risk factors range from Low to High and are shown on a relative basis.



Realised risk and return

This chart shows a comparison of the realised risk and return of the Do It For Me funds (after subsidy) over a 5 year period.

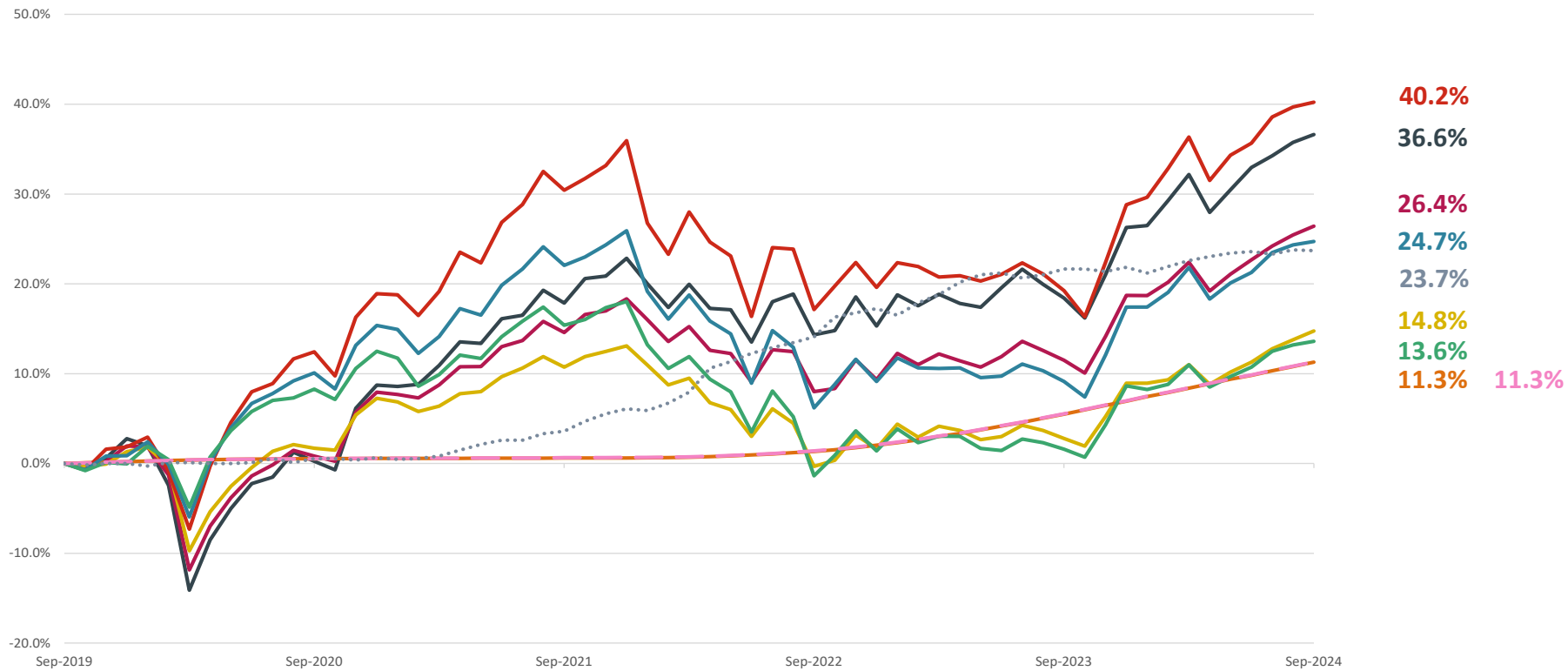


Performance and risk metrics:

Do It For Me

Cumulative performance

This chart shows the cumulative performance of USS funds against the Consumer Price Index (CPI) over a 5 year period. CPI is a good indicator of inflation as it measures the change in price of consumer goods and services. 5-year cumulative performance is the increase or decrease of returns as a percentage over the whole period. So, if a fund is performing above the CPI, it means that money saved in it is growing faster than the rise in the cost of living.



- Growth Fund
- Moderate Growth Fund
- Cautious Growth Fund
- Liquidity Fund
- Inflation (UK CPI)
- Ethical Growth Fund
- Ethical Moderate Growth Fund
- Ethical Cautious Growth Fund
- Ethical Liquidity Fund

USS Growth Fund

Aim of fund: To produce a CPI+ 3.0% per year return over the long term by primarily investing in a mix of equities, bonds and private markets. The fund is more likely to move up and down in the short term than the USS Moderate Growth Fund, but aims to produce a higher long term return. The fund uses a mix of active and passive management. The fund is predominantly exposed to a diversified range of currencies designed to balance the risks of the fund, with some Sterling exposure.

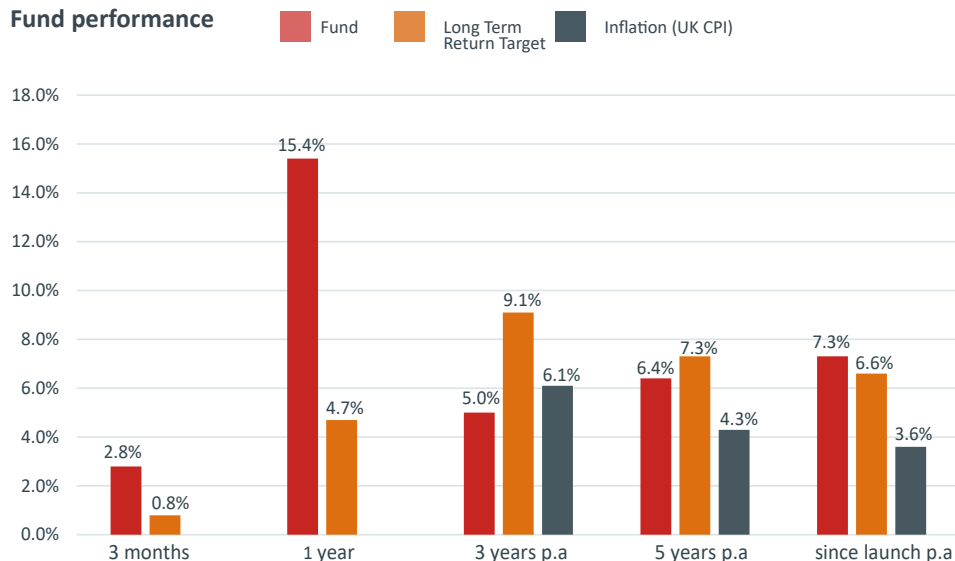
Performance summary

- The Fund delivered positive returns over the quarter, driven mostly by its allocation to global developed markets equity, global government bonds and emerging markets debt, which delivered strong returns over the period. The allocations to private markets had a flat contribution to returns, with strong performance from Property assets being offset by negative performance from Infrastructure assets.
- The Fund is ahead of its Long-Term Return Target over most periods, with the underperformance over the last 3 and last 5 years resulting from the high inflationary environment experienced in recent years.

Risk Measures:

Five-year annualised fund volatility: **9.8%**

Fund performance

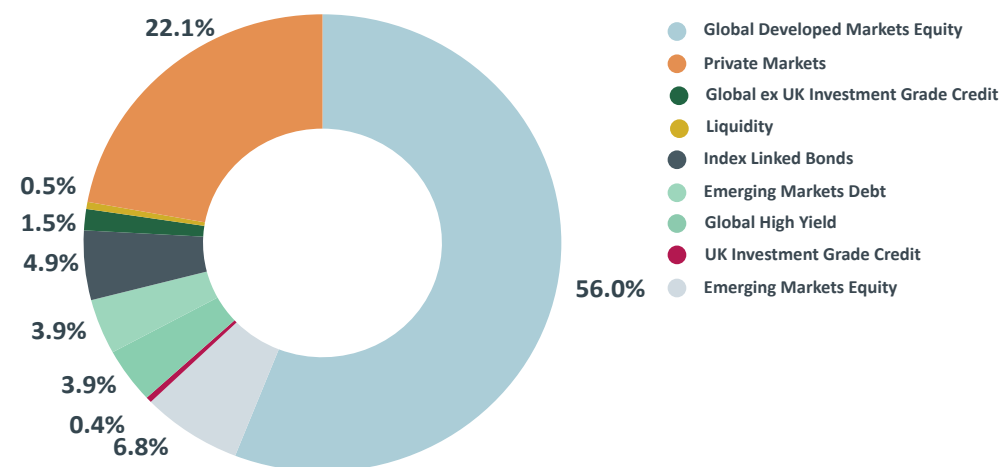


Fund Facts

Long Term Return Target	CPI+ 3.0% p.a.*
Launch date	3 October 2016
Fees (before subsidy)	0.30%#
Fees (after subsidy)	0.00%#
Fund Size	£2,012m
Management style	Mix

*The USS Growth funds, which make up part of the Default Lifestyle Option, the Do It For Me Option, and which members can choose in the Let Me Do It Option, have a long-term return target above the Consumer Price Index (CPI) measure of inflation, instead of an objective and benchmark based on a market comparator. Find out more [here](#).

Asset allocation (%)



To see the underlying funds that make up the Growth Fund, go to [underlying fund information](#).

USS Moderate Growth Fund

Aim of fund: To produce a CPI+ 2.0% per year return over the long term by primarily investing in a mix of equities, bonds and private markets. The fund is more likely to move up and down in the short term than the USS Cautious Growth Fund, but aims to produce a higher long term return. The fund uses a mix of passive and active management. The fund is exposed to a diversified range of currencies, including Sterling, designed to balance the risks of the fund.

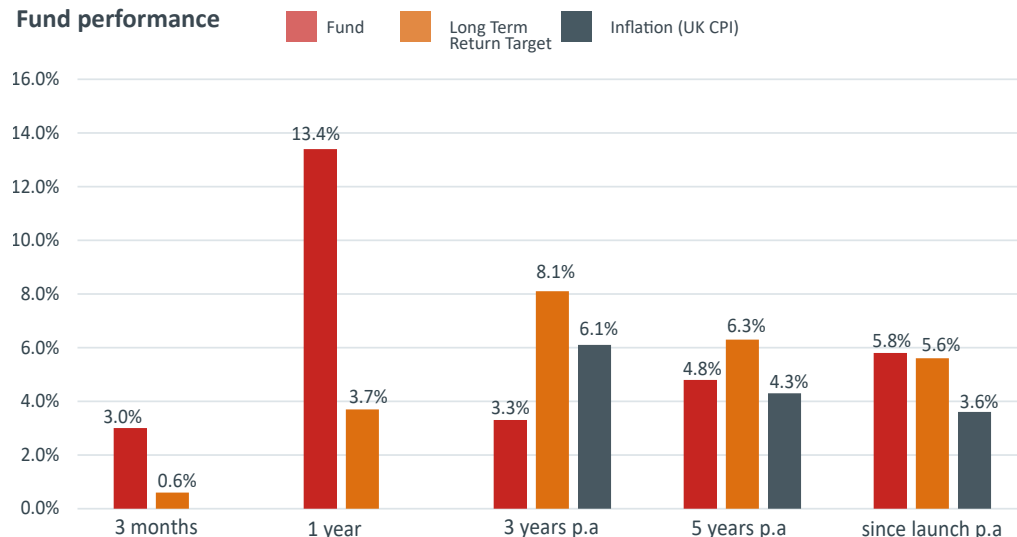
Performance summary

- The Fund delivered positive returns over the quarter, driven mostly by its allocation to global government bonds, emerging markets debt and global developed markets equity, which delivered strong returns over the period. The allocations to private markets had a flat contribution to performance, with strong performance from Property assets being offset by negative performance from Infrastructure assets.
- The Fund is ahead of its Long-Term Return Target over most periods, with the underperformance over the last 3 and last 5 years resulting from the high inflationary environment experienced in recent years.

Risk Measures:

Five-year annualised fund volatility: **8.4%**

Fund performance

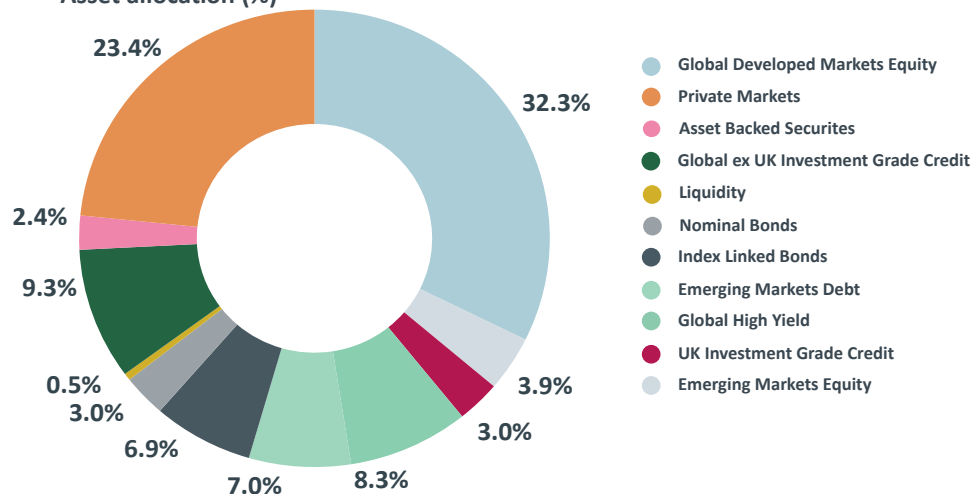


Fund Facts

Long Term Return Target	CPI+ 2.0% p.a.*
Launch date	3 October 2016
Fees (before subsidy)	0.30%#
Fees (after subsidy)	0.00%#
Fund Size	£418m
Management style	Mix

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Asset allocation (%)



To see the underlying funds that make up the Moderate Growth Fund, go to [underlying fund information](#).

USS Cautious Growth Fund

Aim of fund: To produce a CPI+ 1.5% per year return over the long term by primarily investing in a mix of equities, bonds and private markets. The fund aims to move up and down in the short term less than the USS Moderate Growth Fund, but also aims to produce a lower long term return. The fund uses a mix of passive and active management. The fund is predominantly exposed to Sterling, with some currency diversification designed to support the balance of risks of the fund.

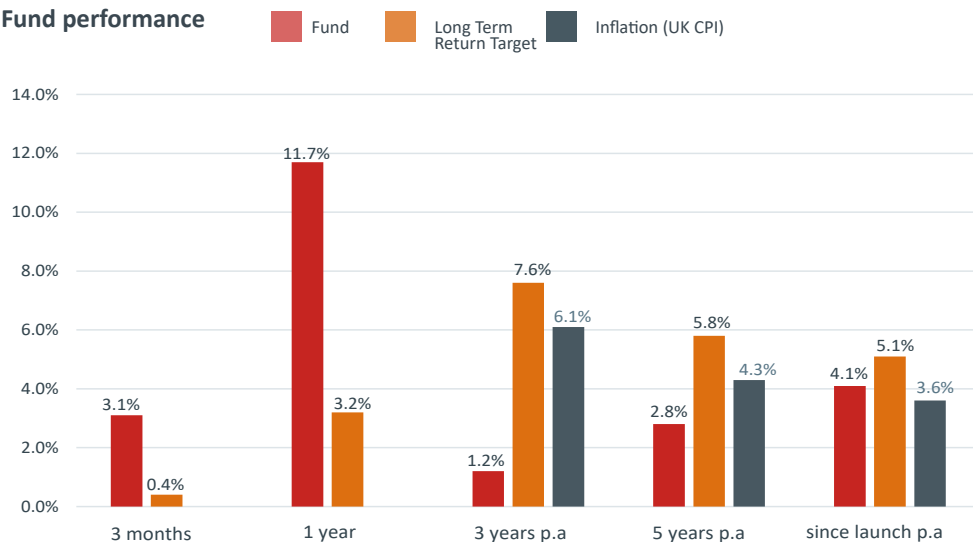
Performance summary

- The Fund delivered positive returns over the quarter, driven mostly by its allocation to global government bonds, investment grade credit and emerging markets debt, which delivered strong returns over the period. The allocations to private markets had a positive contribution to returns, led by strong performance from Property and credit assets.
- The Fund is ahead of its Long-Term Return Target over shorter time periods. Over longer time periods (3 years plus), the impact of high inflation and weaker bond market returns mean the Fund is behind its target.

Risk Measures:

Five-year annualised fund volatility: **7.4%**

Fund performance

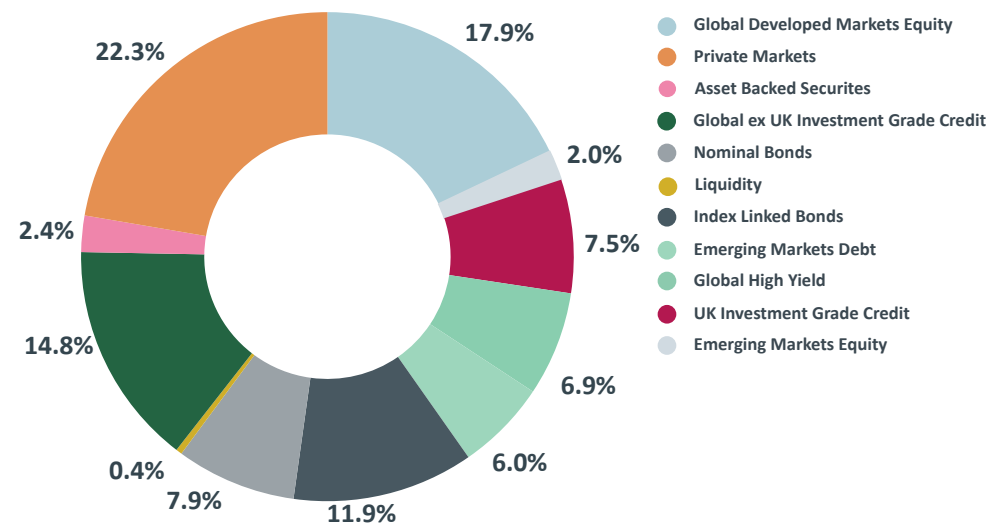


Fund Facts

Long Term Return Target	CPI+ 1.5% p.a.*
Launch date	3 October 2016
Fees (before subsidy)	0.30%#
Fees (after subsidy)	0.00%#
Fund Size	£220m
Management style	Mix

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Asset allocation (%)



To see the underlying funds that make up the Cautious Growth Fund, go to [underlying fund information](#).

USS Liquidity Fund

Aim of fund: To produce a return in line with the benchmark, which represents short-term Sterling interest rates. The fund will mainly invest in short-term Sterling money market instruments including deposits, commercial paper and short-term bonds. The money market securities are issued by a number of different entities including governments, banks and other companies.

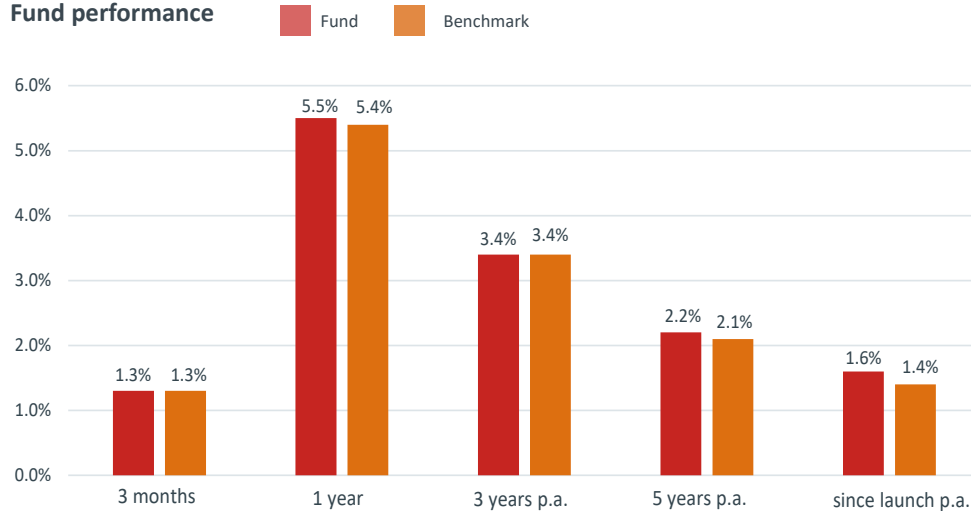
Performance summary

- The Fund produced a return in line with short term interest rates, as expected. Short term interest rates, which are set by Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee were reduced by 0.25% in August, to 5%.

Risk Measures:

Five-year annualised fund volatility: **0.6%**

Fund performance



Fund Facts

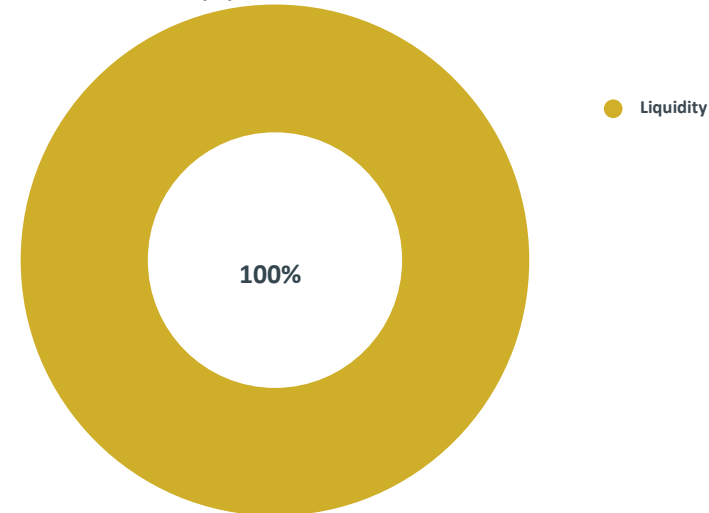
Benchmark	SONIA*
Launch date	3 October 2016
Fees (before subsidy)	0.10%#
Fees (after subsidy)	0.00%#
Fund Size	£149m
Management style	Active

*Benchmark

Since 1 October 2021: Bank of England's SONIA (Sterling Overnight Index Average) interest rate.

Up to 30 September 2021: 7-day GBP London Interbank Bid Rate.

Asset allocation (%)



USS Ethical Growth Fund

Aim of fund: To produce a CPI+ 3.0% per year return over the long term by primarily investing in a mix of equities and bonds with some private market investments. The fund is more likely to move up and down in the short-term than the USS Ethical Moderate Growth fund but aims to produce a higher long term return. It also aims, so far as is practicable, to invest in investments that meet the [USS Ethical Guidelines](#). The fund uses a mix of passive and active management. The fund is predominantly exposed to a diversified range of currencies designed to balance the risks of the fund, with some Sterling exposure.

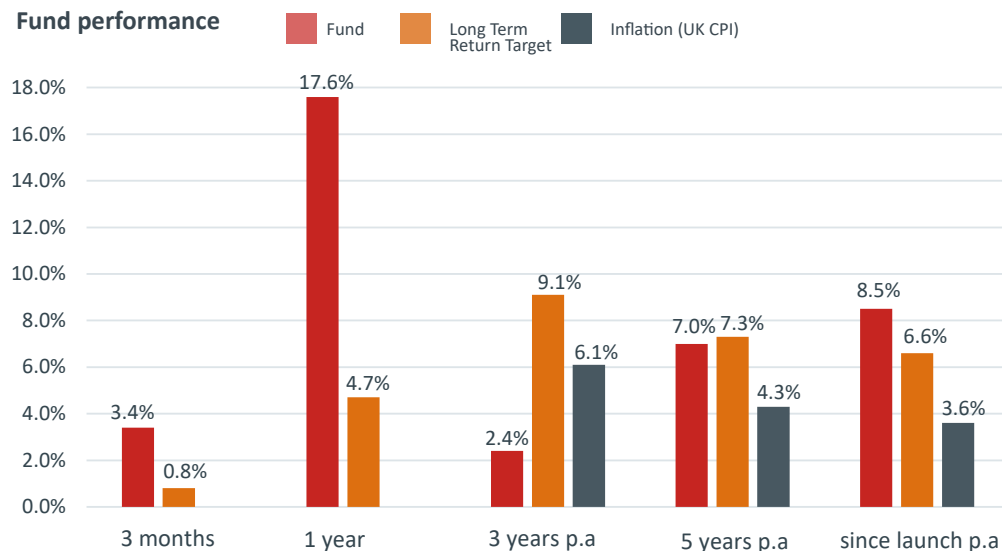
Performance summary

- The Fund delivered positive returns over the quarter, driven mostly by its allocation to global developed markets equity, which delivered strong returns over the period. The allocations to private markets had a positive contribution to returns, due to the strong performance from Property assets.
- The Fund is ahead of its Long-Term Return Target over most periods, with the underperformance over the last 3 and last 5 years resulting from the high inflationary environment experienced in recent years.

Risk Measures:

Five-year annualised fund volatility: **10.4%**

Fund performance



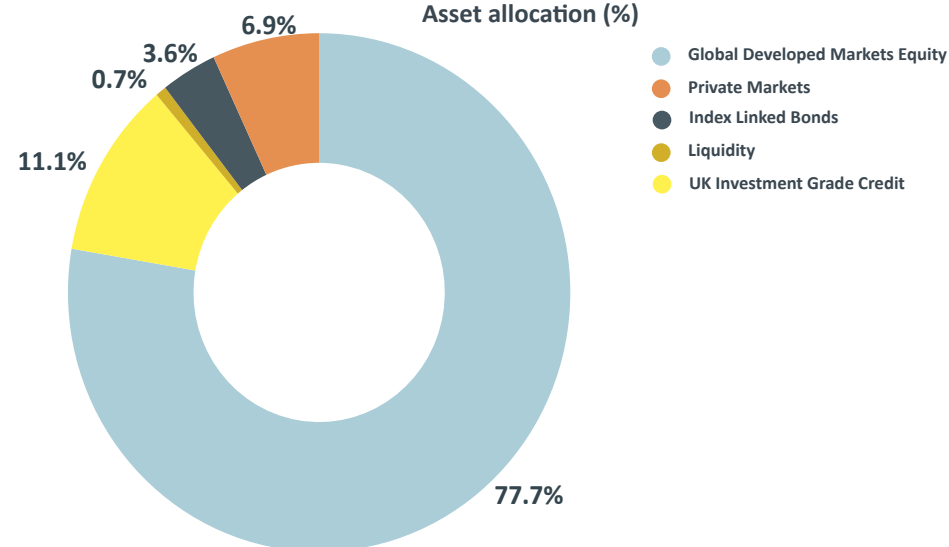
Fund Facts

Long Term Return Target	CPI+ 3.0% p.a.*
Launch date	3 October 2016
Fees (before subsidy)	0.30%#
Fees (after subsidy)	0.00%#
Fund Size	£131m
Management style	Mix

* The USS Growth funds, which make up part of the Ethical Lifestyle Option, the Do It For Me Option, have a long-term return target above the Consumer Price Index (CPI) measure of inflation, instead of an objective and benchmark based on a market comparator. Find out more [here](#).

The USS Ethical Growth Fund is only available within the Ethical Lifestyle Strategy and is not available as a self-select option.

Asset allocation (%)



USS Ethical Moderate Growth Fund

Aim of fund: To produce a CPI+ 2.0% per year return over the long term by primarily investing in a mix of equities and bonds with some private market investments. The fund is more likely to move up and down in the short-term than the USS Ethical Cautious Growth Fund, but aims to produce a higher long-term return. The fund will aim, so far as is practicable, to invest in investments that meet the [USS Ethical Guidelines](#). The fund uses a mix of passive and active management. The fund is exposed to a diversified range of currencies, including Sterling, designed to balance the risks of the fund.

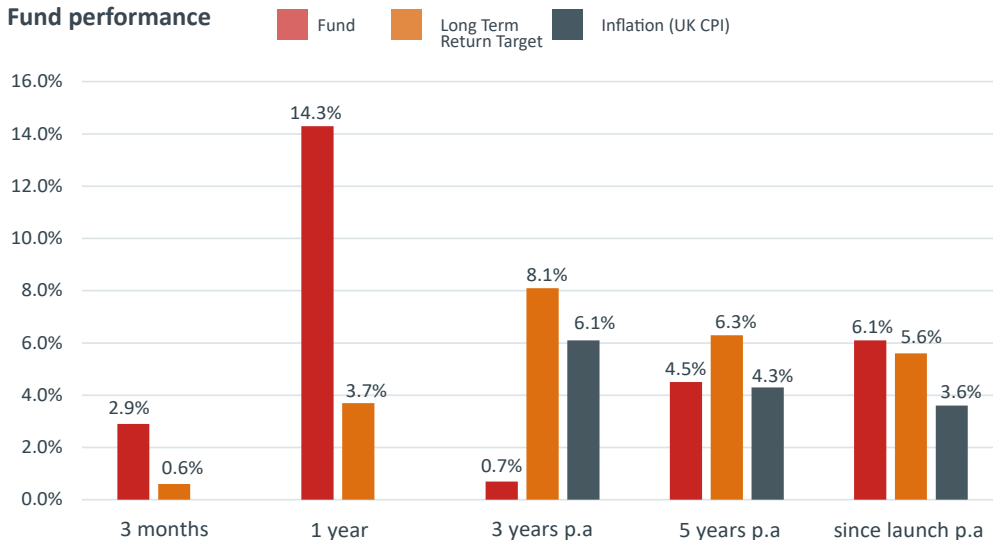
Performance summary

- The Fund delivered positive returns over the quarter, driven mostly by its allocation to global developed markets equity and investment grade credit, which delivered strong returns over the period. The allocations to private markets had a positive contribution to returns, due to the strong performance from Property assets.
- The Fund is ahead of its Long-Term Return Target over most periods, with the underperformance over the last 3 and last 5 years resulting from the high inflationary environment experienced in recent years.

Risk Measures:

Five-year annualised fund volatility: **8.9%**

Fund performance



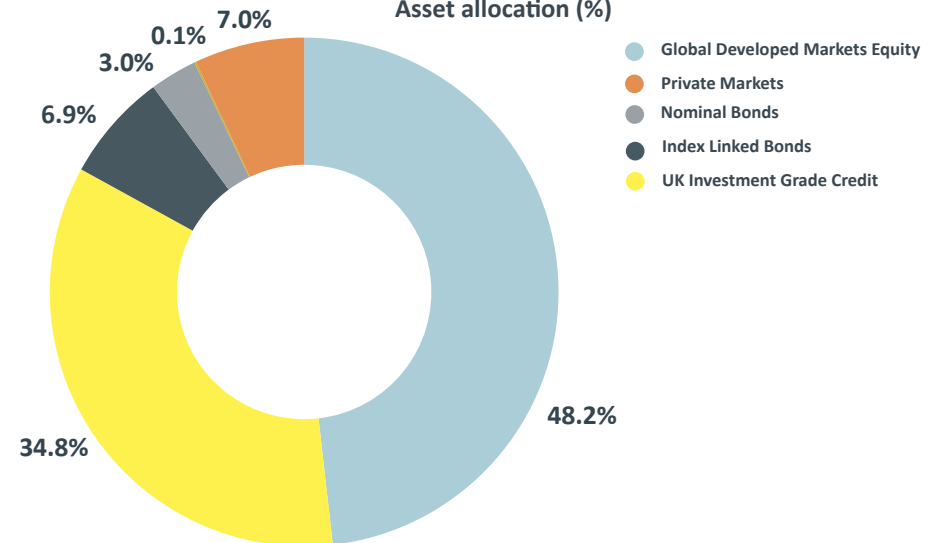
Fund Facts

Long Term Return Target	CPI+ 2.0% p.a.*
Launch date	3 October 2016
Fees (before subsidy)	0.30%#
Fees (after subsidy)	0.00%#
Fund Size	£27m
Management style	Mix

* The USS Growth funds, which make up part of the Ethical Lifestyle Option, the Do It For Me Option, have a long-term return target above the Consumer Price Index (CPI) measure of inflation, instead of an objective and benchmark based on a market comparator. Find out more [here](#).

The USS Ethical Moderate Growth Fund is only available within the Ethical Lifestyle Strategy and is not available as a self-select option.

Asset allocation (%)



USS Ethical Cautious Growth Fund

Aim of fund: To produce a CPI+ 1.5% per year return over the long term by primarily investing in a mix of equities and bonds with some private market investments. The fund aims to move up and down in the short-term less than the USS Ethical Moderate Growth Fund. The Fund will aim, so far as is practicable, to invest in investments that meet the [USS Ethical Guidelines](#). The fund uses a mix of passive and active management. The fund is predominantly exposed to Sterling, with some currency diversification designed to support the balance of risks of the fund.

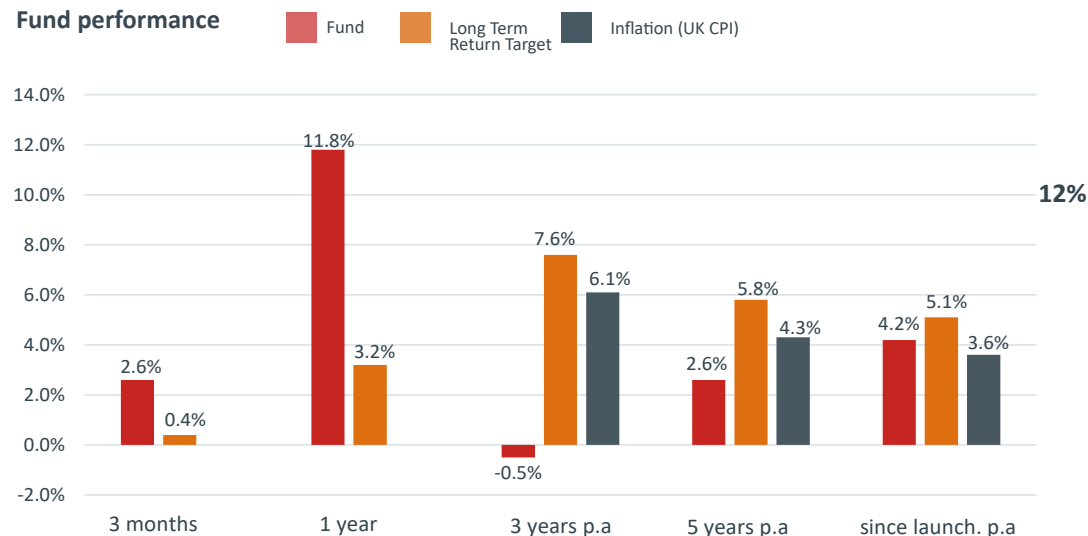
Performance summary

- The Fund delivered positive returns over the quarter, driven mostly by its allocation to investment grade credit and government bonds, which delivered strong returns over the period. The allocations to private markets had a positive contribution to returns, due to the strong performance from Property assets.
- The Fund is ahead of its Long-Term Return Target over shorter time periods. Over longer time periods (3 years plus), the impact of high inflation and weaker bond market returns mean the Fund is behind its target.

Risk Measures:

Five-year annualised fund volatility: **7.9%**

Fund performance

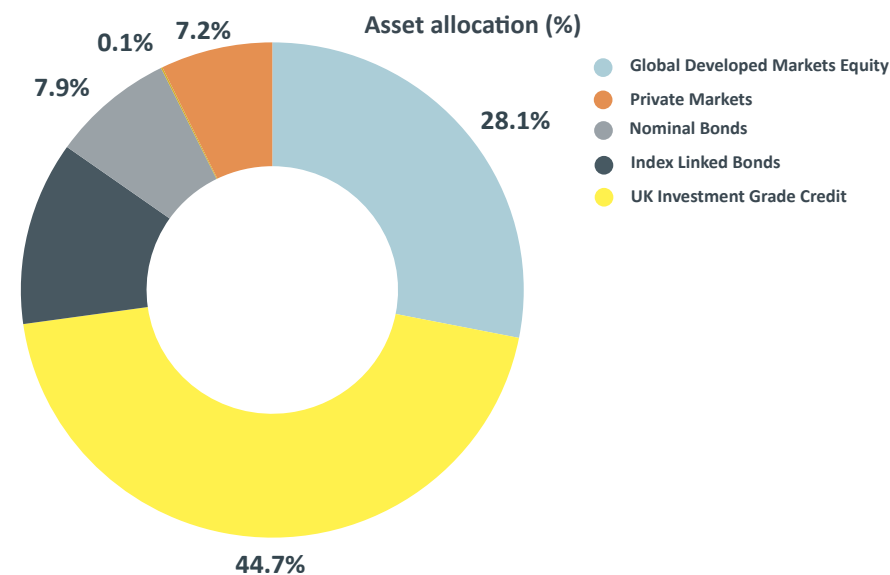


Fund Facts

Long Term Return Target	CPI+ 1.5% p.a.*
Launch date	3 October 2016
Fees (before subsidy)	0.30%#
Fees (after subsidy)	0.00%#
Fund Size	£14m
Management style	Mix

* The USS Growth funds, which make up part of the Ethical Lifestyle Option, the Do It For Me Option, have a long-term return target above the Consumer Price Index (CPI) measure of inflation, instead of an objective and benchmark based on a market comparator. Find out more [here](#).

The USS Ethical Cautious Growth Fund is only available within the Ethical Lifestyle Strategy and is not available as a self-select option.



To see the underlying funds that make up the Cautious Ethical Growth Fund, go to [underlying fund information](#).

USS Ethical Liquidity Fund

Aim of fund: To produce a return in line with its benchmark, which represents short-term Sterling interest rates. The fund will mainly invest in short-term Sterling money market instruments including deposits, commercial paper and short-term bonds. The money market securities are issued by a number of different entities including governments, banks and other companies. The fund will aim, so far as is practicable, to invest in investments that meet the [USS Ethical Guidelines](#).

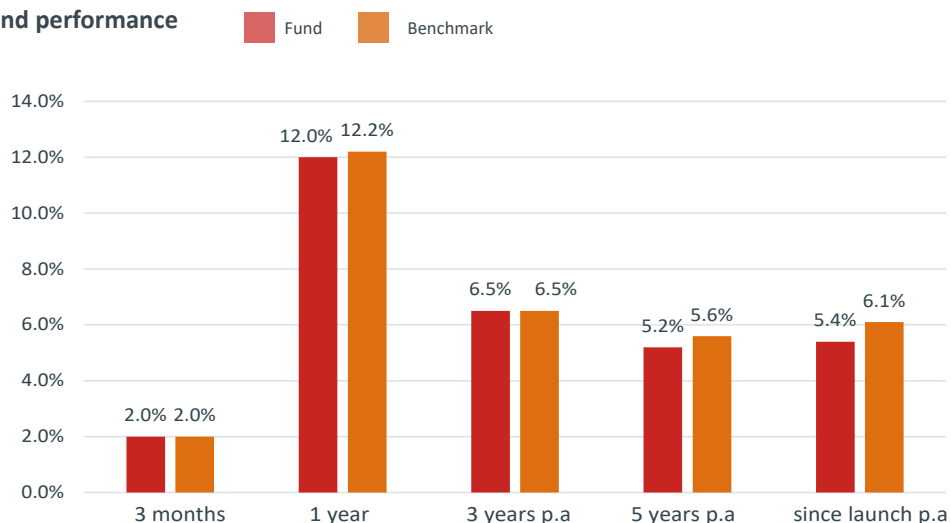
Performance summary

- The Fund produced a return in line with short term interest rates, as expected. Short term interest rates, which are set by Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee were reduced by 0.25% in August, to 5%.

Risk Measures:

Five-year annualised fund volatility: **0.6%**

Fund performance



Fund Facts

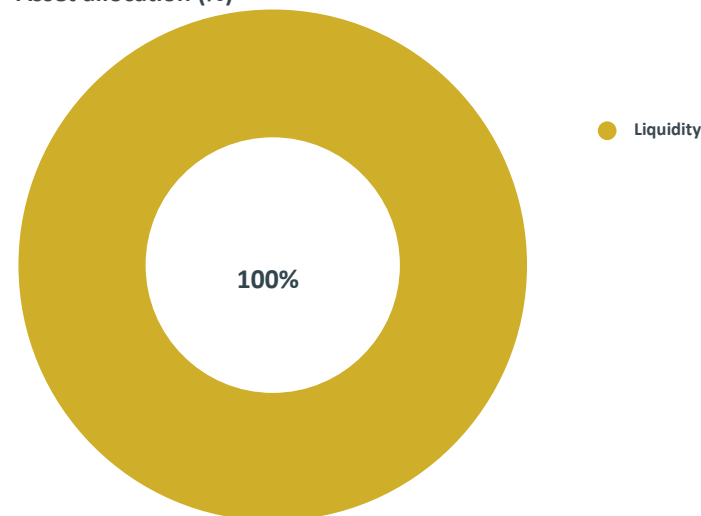
Benchmark	SONIA*
Launch date	3 October 2016
Fees (before subsidy)	0.10%#
Fees (after subsidy)	0.00%#
Fund Size	£8m
Management style	Active

*Benchmark
Since 1 October 2021: Bank of England's SONIA (Sterling Overnight Index Average) interest rate.

Up to 30 September 2021: 7-day GBP London Interbank Bid Rate.

The USS Ethical Liquidity Fund is only available within the Ethical Lifestyle Option and is not available as a self-select option.

Asset allocation (%)



To see the underlying funds that make up the Ethical Liquidity Fund, go to [underlying fund information](#).

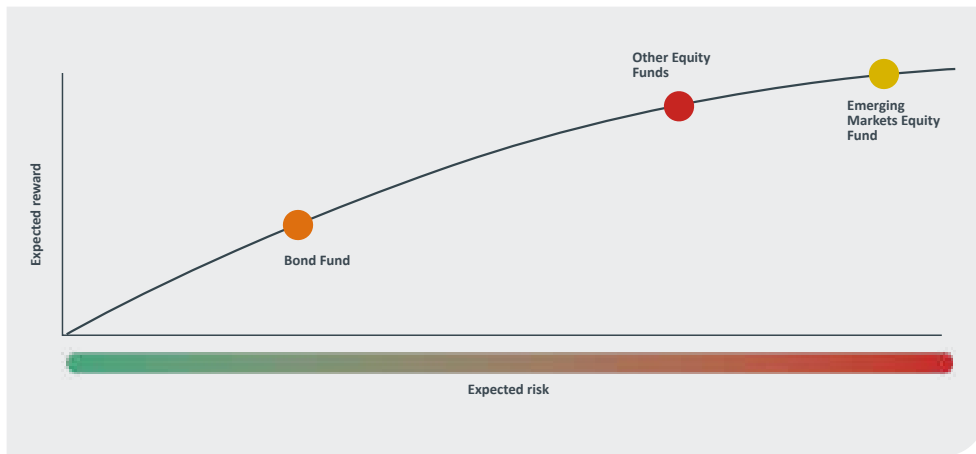
Performance and risk metrics:

Let Me Do It

Comparative risk

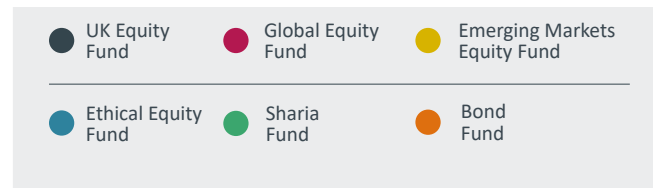
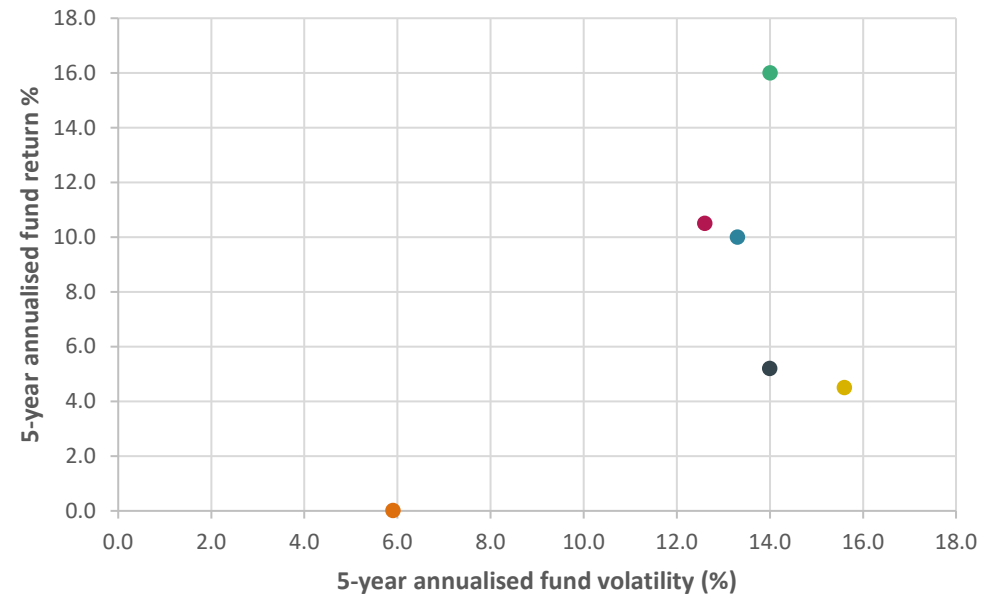
Risk Factor

This chart shows how we expect the risk of the Let Me Do It funds to compare over the long term. The risk factors range from Low to High and are shown on a relative basis.



Realised risk and return

This chart shows a comparison of the realised risk and return of the Let Me Do It funds (after subsidy) over a 5 year period.

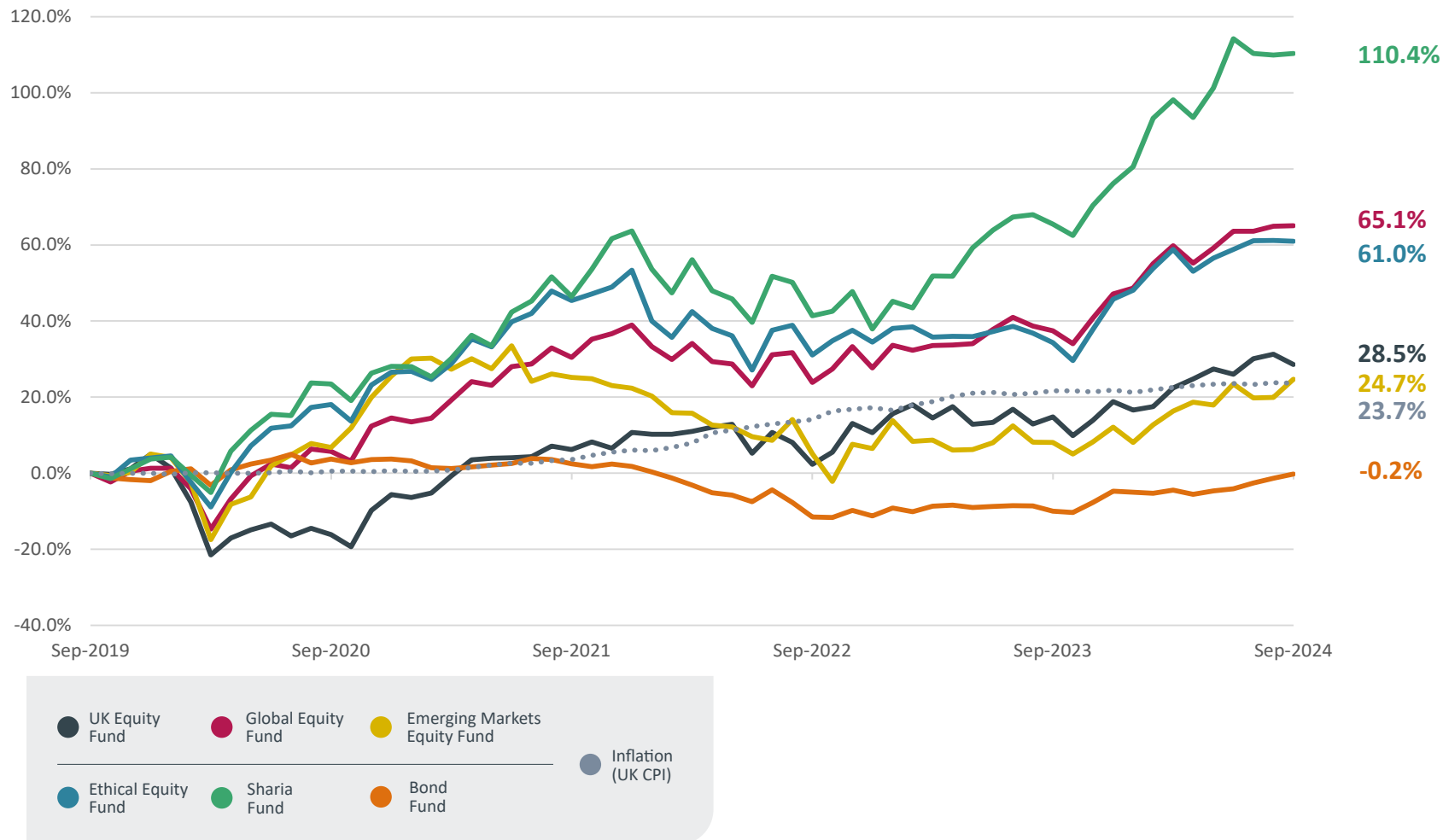


Performance and risk metrics:

Let Me Do It

Cumulative performance

This chart shows the cumulative performance of USS funds against the Consumer Price Index (CPI) over a 5 year period. CPI is a good indicator of inflation as it measures the change in price of consumer goods and services. 5-year cumulative performance is the increase or decrease of returns as a percentage over the whole period. So, if a fund is performing above the CPI, it means that money saved in it is growing faster than the rise in the cost of living.



USS UK Equity Fund

Aim of fund: To rise or fall in line with the benchmark, which represents equities in UK companies. The fund will mainly invest in equities in UK companies. The fund is passively managed.

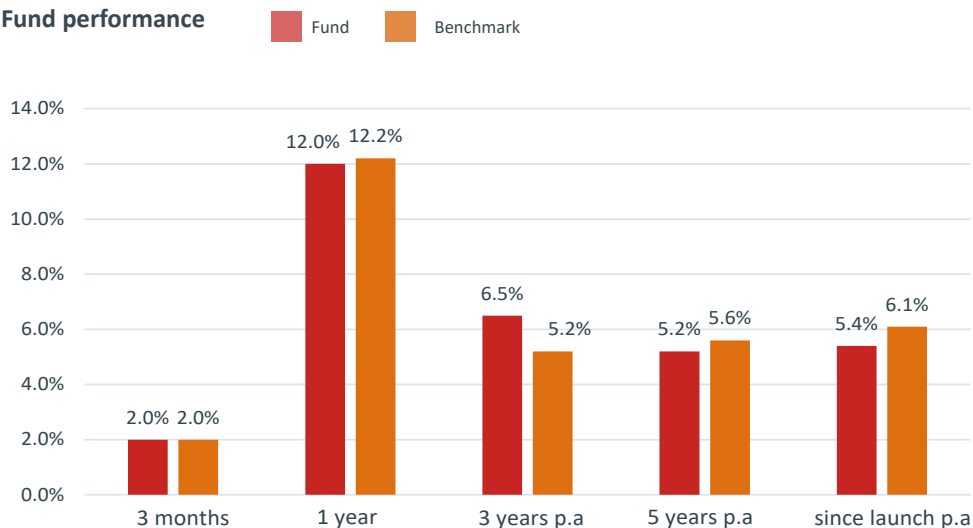
Performance summary

- The Fund delivered positive returns over the quarter.
- UK equity markets delivered strong returns over the quarter, as the landslide Labour general election win at the start of the period boosted investor confidence. This positive sentiment was later reversed by concerns around the autumn budget and anticipated tax increases and spending cuts.

Risk Measures:

Five-year annualised fund volatility: **14.0%**

Fund performance



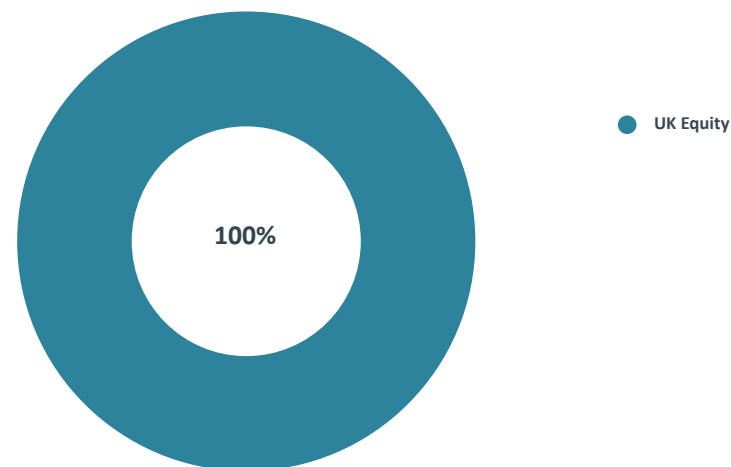
Fund Facts

Benchmark	FTSE Custom All-Share ESG Screened Index*
Launch date	3 October 2016
Fees (before subsidy)	0.10%#
Fees (after subsidy)	0.00%#
Fund Size	£35m
Management style	Passive

*Before 1 July 2021: FTSE All Share Index.

The benchmark for the UK Equity Fund has been changed from 1 July 2021. Find out more information [here](#).

Asset allocation (%)



To see the underlying funds that make up the UK Equity Fund, go to [underlying fund information](#).

USS Global Equity Fund

Aim of fund: To rise or fall in line with the benchmark, which represents equities in companies across the world. The fund will mainly invest in shares in companies across the world, including emerging markets. The returns generated by overseas equities are not currency hedged, so may be impacted by currency movements. The fund is passively managed.

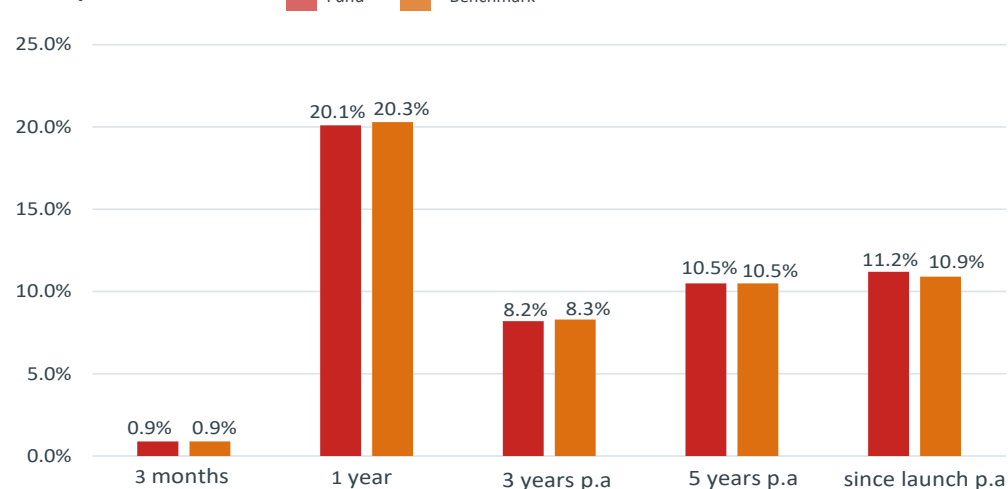
Performance summary

- The Fund delivered positive returns over the quarter.
- Developed market equities, making up 92% of the Fund, delivered modest returns following signs from a slowing US labour market and concerns that AI stocks may be overvalued. Emerging market equities, 8% of the Fund, outperformed developed markets boosted by favourable US and Chinese monetary policy measures. We note there are some changes being made to this fund, which are explained in the "Fund Facts" box.

Risk Measures:

Five-year annualised fund volatility: **12.6%**

Fund performance



Fund Facts

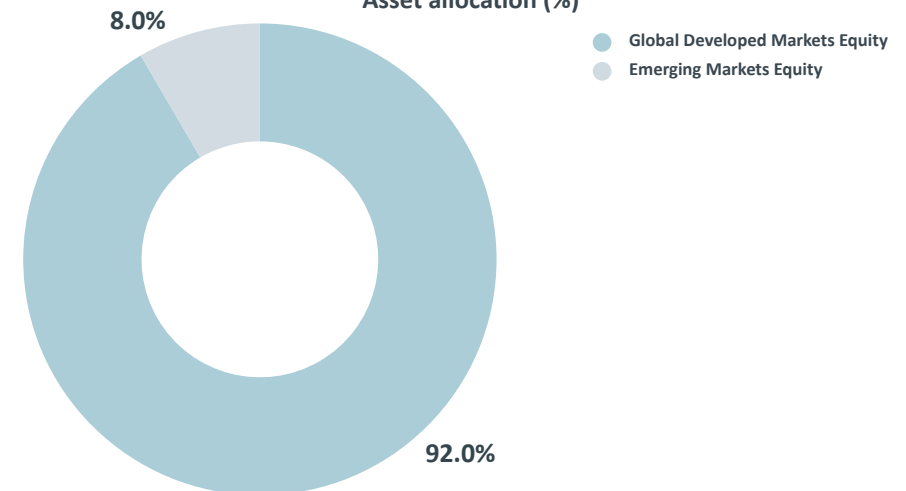
Benchmark	Composite*
Launch date	3 October 2016
Fees (before subsidy)	0.10%#
Fees (after subsidy)	0.00%#
Fund Size	£154m
Management style	Passive

*Composite Benchmark
Since 1 April 2022: Solactive USS Developed Markets Climate Transition Benchmark (92.0%), MSCI Emerging Markets Index (8.0%).

Up to 31 March 2022: MSCI World Index (92.0%), MSCI Emerging Markets Index (8.0%).

The fund benchmark will change to Solactive USS Developed Markets Climate Tilted Index (90.0%) and MSCI Emerging Markets Index (10.0%). This change took place on 11 November 2024.

Asset allocation (%)



USS Emerging Markets Equity Fund

Aim of fund: To produce a return better than the benchmark, which represents equities in companies in emerging markets. The fund will mainly invest in equities in companies in emerging markets, or that have exposure to emerging markets as a result of generating some of their revenue there. The returns generated by overseas equities are not currency hedged, so may be impacted by currency movements. The fund uses a mix of passive and active management.

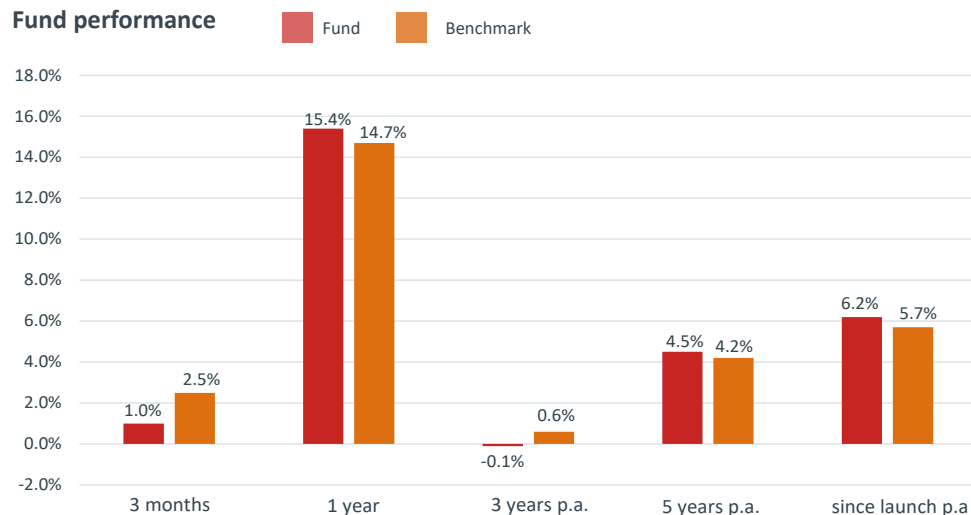
Performance summary

- The Fund delivered positive absolute returns over the quarter, however, it was behind its broad market benchmark.
- Emerging markets had a positive quarter outperforming developed markets more broadly due to by favourable US and Chinese monetary policy measures, which boosted returns in emerging markets countries in general but particularly in China.

Risk Measures:

Five-year annualised fund volatility: **15.6%**

Fund performance

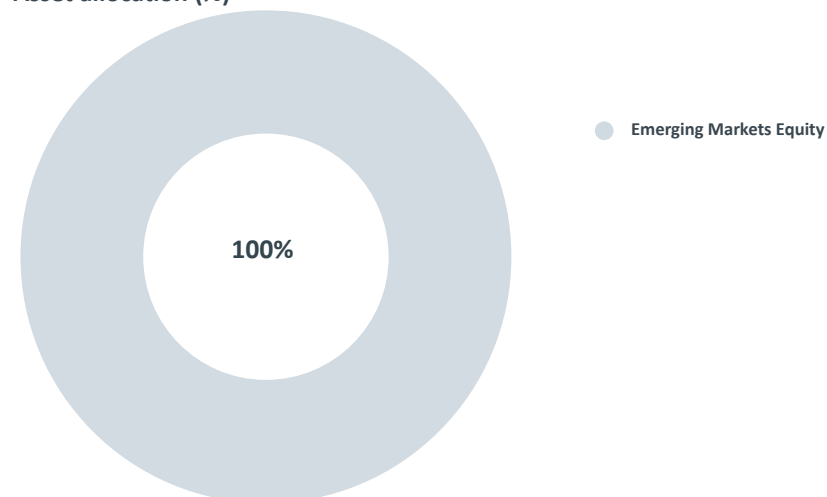


Fund Facts

Benchmark	MSCI Emerging Markets Index*
Launch date	3 October 2016
Fees (before subsidy)	0.30%#
Fees (after subsidy)	0.00%#
Fund Size	£24m
Management style	Mix

*Some of the component parts of the benchmark are lagged by one day, meaning they are measured from one day prior to the start and end dates of the period in question to match the dates at which the respective underlying funds are valued.

Asset allocation (%)



USS Bond Fund

Aim of fund: To produce a return better than the benchmark, which represents a mix of different kinds of bonds. The fund will mainly invest in bonds issued by governments and companies from across the world. The fund is currency hedged, which means its returns are not exposed to movements in the value of Sterling relative to other currencies. The fund is actively managed.

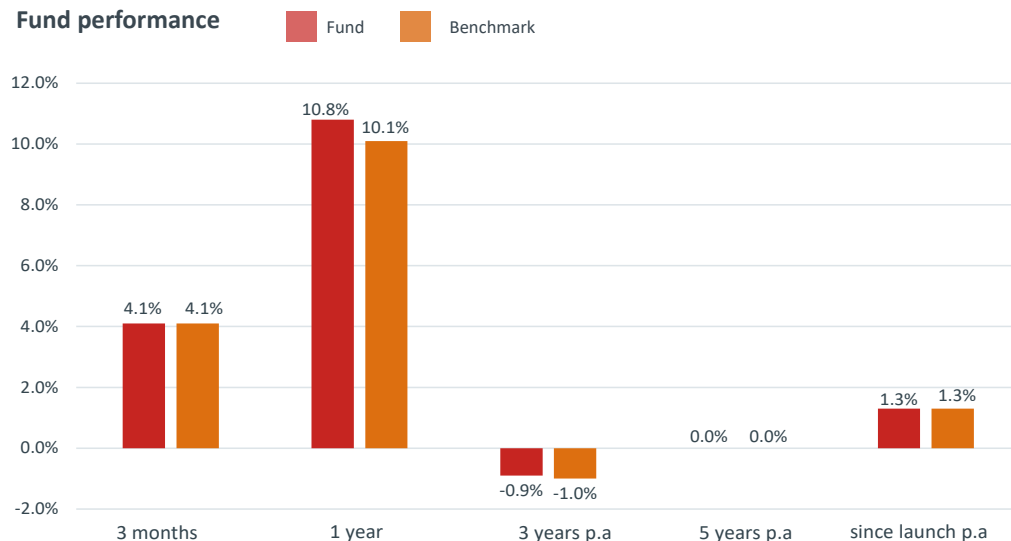
Performance summary

- The Fund delivered positive absolute returns over the quarter, matching the returns of the benchmark.
- The third quarter of 2024 was positive for global bond markets, on the back of falling inflation and interest rate cuts from the US Federal Reserve (0.5%), European Central Bank (0.25%) and Bank of England (0.25%).

Risk Measures:

Five-year annualised fund volatility: **5.9%**

Fund performance

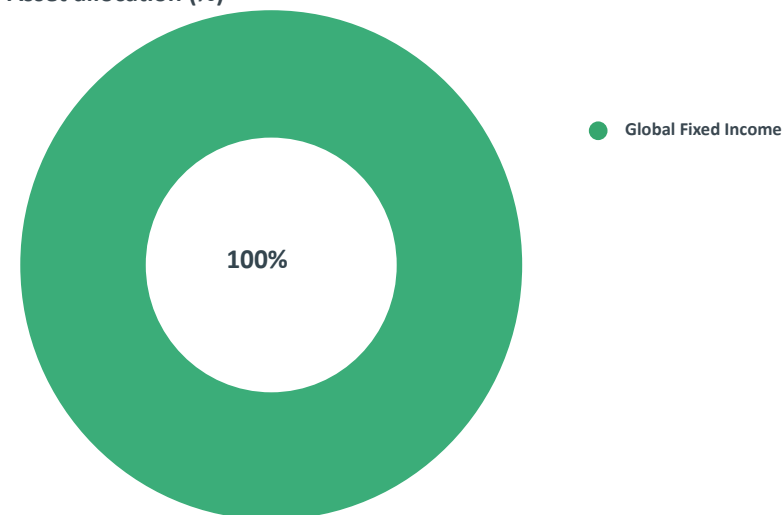


Fund Facts

Benchmark	Composite*
Launch date	3 October 2016
Fees (before subsidy)	0.20%#
Fees (after subsidy)	0.00%#
Fund Size	£22m
Management style	Active

*Composite Benchmark
 Since 1 October 2020: Barclays Global Aggregate Bond Index (fully currency hedged) (100.0%)
 Up to 30 September 2020: Markit iBoxx GBP Corps All Maturities (25.0%), Barclays Global Aggregate Corporate ex GBP Index (25.0%), FTA Government UK Index Linked Index (25.0%), FTSE Gilts All Stocks Index (25.0%)

Asset allocation (%)



To see the underlying funds that make up the Bond Fund, go to [underlying fund information](#).

USS Ethical Equity Fund

Aim of fund: To produce a better return than the benchmark over the long term, which represents equities in companies across the world. The fund will aim, so far as is practicable, to invest in shares in companies that meet the [USS Ethical Guidelines](#), which may result in return deviations when compared to the fund's broad market benchmark. The returns generated by overseas equities are not currency hedged, so may be impacted by currency movements. The fund uses a mix of passive and active management.

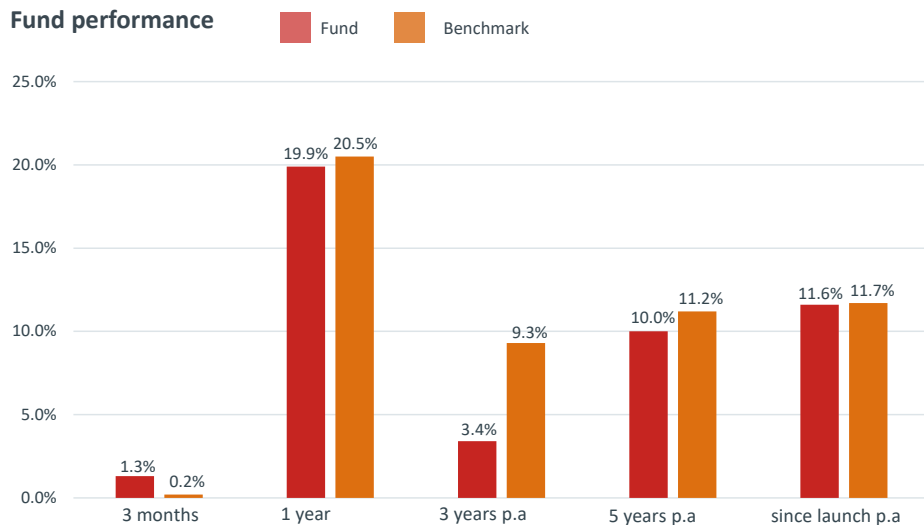
Performance summary

- The Fund delivered positive absolute and relative returns over the quarter.
- The Fund invests in accordance with the USS Ethical Guidelines and the passively and actively managed components of the Fund were underweight to some of the best performing stocks compared to the broad market benchmark (AI linked stocks in particular) over the start of 2024.

Risk Measures:

Five-year annualised fund volatility: **13.3%**

Fund performance

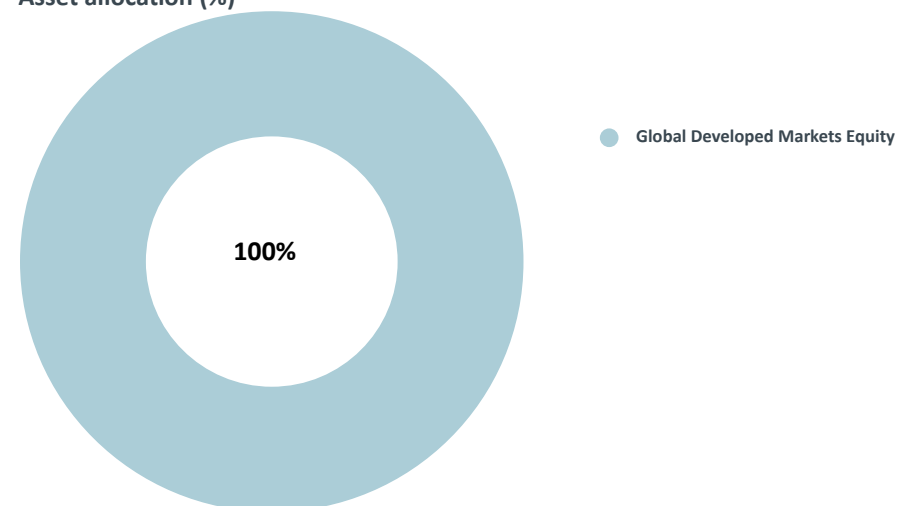


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Fund Facts

Benchmark	MSCI World Index
Launch date	3 October 2016
Fees (before subsidy)	0.30%#
Fees (after subsidy)	0.00%#
Fund Size	£94m
Management style	Mix

Asset allocation (%)



To see the underlying funds that make up the Ethical Equity Fund, go to [underlying fund information](#).

USS Sharia Fund

Aim of fund: To rise or fall in line with the benchmark, which represents shares which meet Islamic investment principles. The fund will invest in equities which meet Islamic investment principles. The returns generated by overseas equities are not currency hedged, so may be impacted by currency movements. The fund is passively managed.

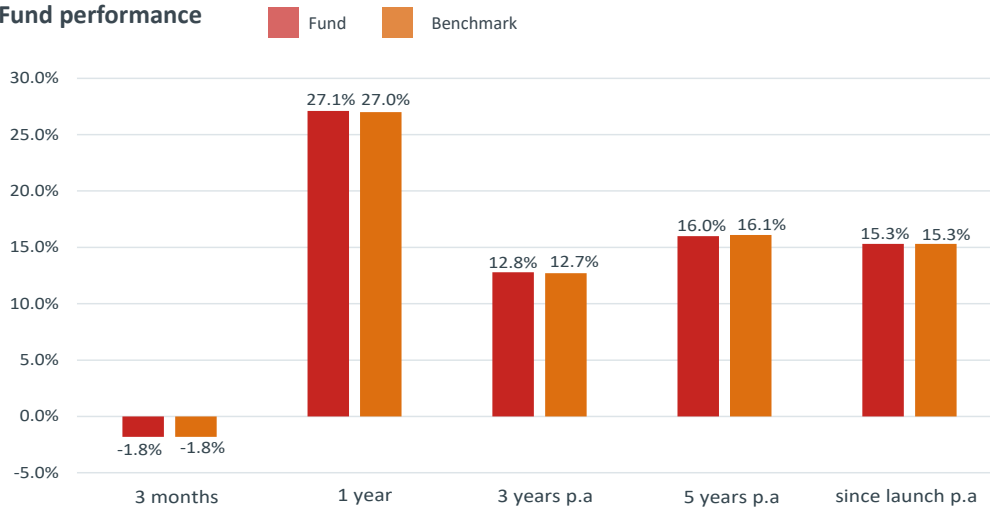
Performance summary

- The Fund delivered negative returns over the quarter.
- The fund is a global passive index fund investing in equities compliant with Islamic investment principles, so it will tend to hold fewer shares in financial companies (like banks) and more in other sectors, such as technology when compared to global weightings. Higher exposure to technology stocks disadvantaged the fund over the quarter, as these stocks sold off sharply during the quarter.

Risk Measures:

Five-year annualised fund volatility: **14.0%**

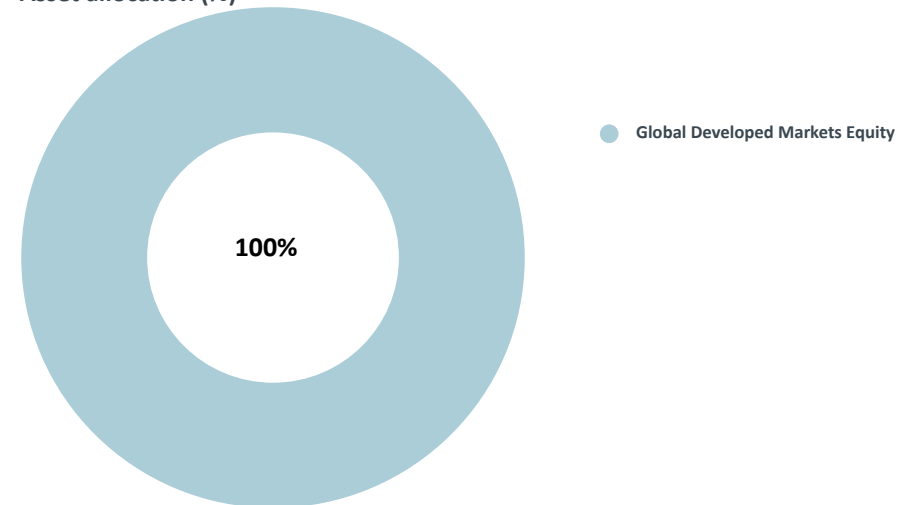
Fund performance



Fund Facts

Benchmark	DJ Islamic Market Titans 100 Index
Launch date	3 October 2016
Fees (before subsidy)	0.30%#
Fees (after subsidy)	0.00%#
Fund Size	£65m
Management style	Passive

Asset allocation (%)



Underlying fund information

The table below shows the underlying funds that make up the funds in the Investment Builder and the International Securities Identification Numbers (ISINs) of the underlying pooled funds.

Fund name	Asset class	Fund(s) used in*														ISIN/Link to fund information	
		USS Growth	USS Moderate Growth	USS Cautious Growth	USS Liquidity	USS Ethical Growth	USS Ethical Moderate Growth	USS Ethical Cautious Growth	USS Ethical Liquidity	USS Bond	USS Emerging Markets Equity	USS UK Equity	USS Global Equity	USS Ethical Equity	USS Sharia		
Blackrock Aquila Connect UK Equity	UK Equity												✓				GB00B00C3Z19
LGIM Climate Tilted Global Developed Markets Equity	Global Developed Markets Equity	✓	✓	✓										✓			n/a*
LGIM Ethical Climate Aware Equity	Global Developed Markets Equity					✓	✓	✓							✓		n/a*
Impax Sustainability Themed Equities	Global Developed Markets Equity					✓	✓	✓							✓		n/a*
HSBC Islamic Global Equity Index	Global Developed Markets Equity															✓	IE000FBTQ920
Blackrock Aquila Connect Emerging Markets	Emerging Markets Equity												✓		✓		GB00B658GJ14
Baillie Gifford Emerging Markets Growth	Emerging Markets Equity												✓				GB0006057060
USSIM Global Emerging Markets	Emerging Markets Equity	✓	✓	✓									✓				n/a*
HSBC UK Corporate Bond	UK Investment Grade Credit	✓	✓	✓													n/a*
HSBC Global Investment Grade Credit	Global Investment Grade Credit	✓	✓	✓													n/a*
Bluebay Global High Yield Bond	Global High Yield	✓	✓	✓													n/a*
Wellington Opportunistic Emerging Markets Debt Fund	Emerging Market Bonds	✓	✓	✓													IE00BMFZWD04
Wellington Emerging Local Debt Fund	Emerging Market Bonds	✓	✓	✓													IE00BMFZWF28
TwentyFour ABS Monument Bond Fund	Asset-backed Securities		✓	✓													GB00BDD9NJ41
LGIM UK Nominal	Nominal Bonds	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓									Fund information
LGIM Overseas Bond Index (hedged)	Nominal Bonds	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓									Fund information
LGIM Global Inflation Linked Bond (hedged)	Index Linked Bonds	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓									Fund information
LGIM UK Index Linked Short Term	Index Linked Bonds	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓									Fund information
LGIM UK Index Linked Long Term	Index Linked Bonds	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓									Fund information
Columbia Threadneedle Responsible Sterling Corporate Bond	UK Investment Grade Credit					✓	✓	✓									GB00BD3GLZ71
Robeco QI Global Multi-Factor Bonds	Global Bonds									✓							LU2207421996
PMG UK Property	Private Markets	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓									n/a*
PMG Core Infrastructure	Private Markets	✓	✓	✓													n/a*
PMG Secure Credit (Short Duration)	Private Markets		✓	✓													n/a*
PMG Opportunistic Infrastructure	Private Markets	✓	✓	✓													n/a*
PMG Inflation Linked Credit	Private Markets	✓	✓	✓													n/a*
PMG Secure Credit (Long Duration)	Private Markets	✓	✓	✓													n/a*
PMG Long Income Property	Private Markets	✓	✓	✓													n/a*
PMG Renewables and Natural Capital	Private Markets	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓									n/a*
PMG Co Investment Alternative Income	Private Markets	✓	✓	✓													n/a*
PMG Co Investment Private Equity	Private Markets	✓	✓														n/a*
LGIM Sterling Liquidity	Liquidity	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓								Fund information
BlackRock Government Sterling Liquidity	Liquidity					✓	✓	✓	✓								IE00B40L6351

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