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# Overview

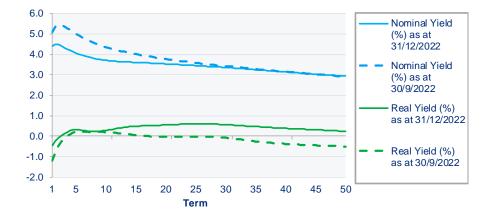
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# **Executive Dashboard**

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are all underweight (-4.9% within ranges as at quarter	ets equity, global equity and credit %, -4.3 and -1.9% respectively) but er end. Cash, CRMF are the most % and +3.9%, respectively), but er end.	Signal Previous Qtr Current Qtr	The Fund returned 0.0% benchmark of 1.3%. Over periods to 31 December 2 and 3.9% p.a. against a b p.a., respectively.	Signal Previous Qtr Current Qtr	
Asset Allocation vs Rar Property and infrastructur	nges re are marginally outside their respec	ctive ranges.		ear performance is behind the strat and future service liabilities targets	
Page 12	Manager Research		Additional Commen	its	
No significant news to report over the quarter.  Signal  Previous Qtr  Current Qtr			rategy is currently under review in a lation as at 31 March 2022.	conjunction with	

# **Market Conditions**

	Values	at (%)	Change (%)		
Yield / Spread	31/12/2022	30/09/2022	3M	12M	3Y
Over 5Y Index-Linked Gilts Yield	0.41	-0.16	0.57	2.84	2.30
Over 15Y Fixed Interest Gilts Yield	3.90	3.74	0.15	2.78	2.62
Over 10 Year Non-Gilts Yield	5.53	6.20	-0.63	3.21	3.02
Over 10 Year Non-Gilts Spread	1.56 2.07		-0.50	0.42	0.26
	£1 is	Appreciation (%)			
Exchange Rates	31/12/2022	30/09/2022	3M	1Y	3Y
US Dollar (\$)	1.203	1.116	7.76	-11.19	-3.16
Euro (€)	1.127	1.140	-1.09	-5.37	-1.52
100 Japanese Yen (¥)	1.587	1.616	-1.77	1.76	3.30



#### 3 months to 31/12/2022

3 mor	nths to 31/12/2022		12 months to 31/12/2022			
	8.9%		-	0.3%		
	2.1%	Global Equity	-7.3%			
	7.5%	Global Equity (LOC)	-15.3%			
	2.0%		-8.1%			
	7.0%	Emerging Market Equity (LOC)	-13.5%			
	5.0%		-11.8%			
	0.6%	Emerging Market Debt (Local Currency Debt)	-0.6%			
	0.3%		-7.4%			
-14.5%		UK Property	-10.1%			
-1.8%		Over 15 Year Gilts	-40.1%			
-7.5%		Over 5 Year Index-Linked Gilts	-38.0%			
	6.2%	All Stocks UK Corporate Bonds	-17.8%			
	0.7%	Cash		1.4%		
-4.0%		Commodities		41.9%		

Source: Refinitiv. All returns are shown in sterling unless otherwise stated. Local currency returns (LOC) are an approximation of a currency hedged return.

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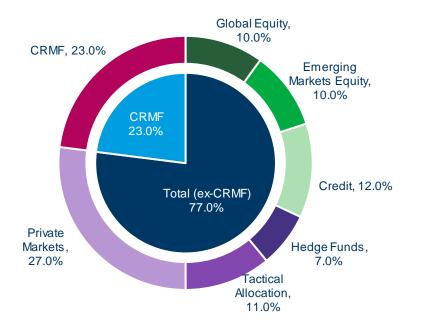
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## **Asset Allocation**

	30/09/2022 Market Value (£M)	Net Cash Flow (£M)	Investment Growth/ Decline (£M)	31/12/2022		31/12/2022 Allocation (%)		31/12/2022 B'mark Range (%)
Total	2,216.0	-4.4	1.9	2,213.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	
Total (ex-CRMF)	1,752.0	-232.4	-4.8	1,514.7	79.1	68.4	77.0	
Total CRMF	378.4	210.0	6.8	595.1	17.1	26.9	23.0	10.0 - 35.0
Cash	85.6	18.0	0.0	103.6	3.9	4.7	0.0	0.0 - 5.0

Source: Investment Managers and Mercer. Figures may not sum to total due to rounding.

### Benchmark Asset Allocation as at 31 December 2022



#### Global Equity -4.3% **Emerging Markets Equity** -4.9% Credit -1.9% Hedge Funds 0.2% Tactical Allocation 0.8% 1.5% Private Markets CRMF 3.9% Cash 4.7% -8.0% -6.0% -4.0% -2.0% 0.0% 2.0% 4.0% 6.0% 8.0%

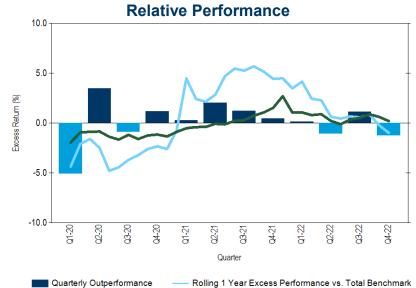
**Deviation from Benchmark Asset Allocation** 

### **Investment Performance**

	2022 Q4 (%)	1 Yr (%)	3 Yrs (%)
Total	0.0	-10.6	3.9
Total Benchmark	1.3	-9.6	3.7
Strategic Target (CPI +3.4% p.a.)	3.6	14.3	9.0
Actuarial Target - Past Service Liabilities (CPI +1.75% p.a.)	3.2	12.4	7.3
Actuarial Target - Future Service Liabilities (CPI + 2.25% p.a.)	3.3	13.0	7.8

Figures shown are net of fees and based on performance provided by the Investment Managers, Mercer estimates and Refinitiv.

Strategic and Actuarial targets are derived from realised CPI over the corresponding periods. Prior to Q2 2022, CPI was based on Mercer's Market Forecasting Group assumptions. For periods over one year the figures in the table above have been annualised.



Quarterly Underperformance — Rolling 3 Year Excess Performance vs. Total Benchmark

# **Investment Manager Summary**

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## **Manager Allocation**

	Investment Manager	30/09/2022 Market Value (£M)	Net Cash Flow (£M)	Investment Growth/ Decline (£M)	31/12/2022 Market Value (£M)	30/09/2022 Allocation (%)		31/12/2022 B'mark (%)	31/12/2022 B'mark Range (%)
Total		2,216.0	-4.4	1.9	2,213.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	
Total (ex-CRMF)		1,752.0	-232.4	-4.8	1,514.7	79.1	68.4	77.0	
Total Equity		449.2	-215.5	5.2	238.8	20.3	10.8	20.0	10.0 - 30.0
Global Equity		247.2	-125.5	4.3	125.9	11.2	5.7	10.0	5.0 - 15.0
WPP Global Opportunities	Russell	123.3	0.0	2.6	125.9	5.6	5.7	10.0	5.0 - 15.0
World ESG Equity	BlackRock	123.9	-125.5	1.7		5.6			
Emerging Markets Equity		202.1	-90.0	0.9	113.0	9.1	5.1	10.0	5.0 - 15.0
WPP Emerging Markets Equity	Russell	202.1	-90.0	0.9	113.0	9.1	5.1	10.0	5.0 - 15.0
Total Credit		214.6	0.0	8.9	223.5	9.7	10.1	12.0	10.0 - 14.0
WPP Multi-Asset Credit	Russell	214.6	0.0	8.9	223.5	9.7	10.1	12.0	10.0 - 14.0
Total Hedge Funds		161.2	0.0	-1.0	160.3	7.3	7.2	7.0	5.0 - 9.0
Hedge Funds	Man	161.2	0.0	-1.0	160.3	7.3	7.2	7.0	5.0 - 9.0
Total Tactical Allocation		257.3	0.0	4.2	261.5	11.6	11.8	11.0	9.0 - 13.0
Best Ideas	Various	257.3	0.0	4.2	261.5	11.6	11.8	11.0	9.0 - 13.0
Total Private Markets		669.6	-16.9	-22.1	630.7	30.2	28.5	27.0	15.0 - 37.0
Property	Various	149.5	-0.9	-11.3	137.3	6.7	6.2	4.0	2.0 - 6.0
Private Equity	Various	213.6	-11.7	1.5	203.4	9.6	9.2	8.0	6.0 - 10.0
Local / Impact	Various	85.1	4.8	-4.4	85.5	3.8	3.9	4.0	0.0 - 6.0
Infrastructure	Various	139.6	-3.5	-5.2	130.9	6.3	5.9	8.0	6.0 - 10.0
Private Credit	Various	68.0	-3.4	-2.4	62.2	3.1	2.8	3.0	1.0 - 5.0
Timber/ Agriculture	Various	13.9	-2.2	-0.3	11.4	0.6	0.5		
Total CRMF		378.4	210.0	6.8	595.1	17.1	26.9	23.0	10.0 - 35.0
Cash and Risk Management Framework (CRMF)	Insight	378.4	210.0	6.8	595.1	17.1	26.9	23.0	10.0 - 35.0
Cash		85.6	18.0	0.0	103.6	3.9	4.7	0.0	0.0 - 5.0
Cash		85.6	18.0	0.0	103.6	3.9	4.7	0.0	0.0 - 5.0

Source: Investment Managers and Mercer. Figures may not sum to total due to rounding.

Net cashflows exclude the reinvestment of income.

Hedged Funds (Legacy) valuation includes the Liongate portfolios.

## **Manager Performance**

	Investment Manager	2022 Q4 (%)	B'mark (%)	1 Yr (%)	B'mark (%)	3 Yrs (%)	B'mark (%)
Total		0.0	1.3	-10.6	-9.6	3.9	3.7
Total Equity		0.8	2.0	-9.4	-7.8	3.6	5.8
WPP Global Opportunities	Russell	2.1	2.4	-4.4	-6.2	8.7	9.5
WPP Emerging Markets Equity	Russell	1.5	2.2	-11.5	-8.7		
Total Credit		4.0	1.7	-12.4	5.4	-2.2	3.8
WPP Multi-Asset Credit	Russell	4.0	1.7	-12.4	5.4		
Total Hedge Funds		-0.6	1.6	1.9	4.9	3.5	4.2
Hedge Funds	Man	-0.6	1.6	1.9	4.9	3.5	4.2
Total Tactical Allocation		1.6	3.5	3.5	13.8	7.3	8.3
Best Ideas	Various	1.6	3.5	3.5	13.8	6.9	7.8
Total Private Markets		-3.3	-0.6	15.2	4.0	13.2	5.1
Property	Various	-7.6	-14.5	-0.1	-10.1	4.1	2.2
Private Equity	Various	0.8	1.9	19.8	6.5	19.0	5.7
Local / Impact	Various	-5.0	1.9	21.8	6.5		
Infrastructure	Various	-3.7	1.9	23.0	6.5	11.1	5.7
Private Credit	Various	-3.6	1.8	13.2	7.5	7.1	7.5
Timber/ Agriculture	Various	-2.3	1.9	25.0	6.5	8.2	5.7
Total CRMF		-3.3	-3.3	-45.3	-45.3	-6.1	-6.1
Cash and Risk Management Framework (CRMF)	Insight	-3.3	-3.3	-45.3	-45.3	-6.1	-6.1

Figures shown are net of fees and based on performance provided by the Investment Managers, Mercer estimates and Refinitiv.

For periods over one year the figures in the table above have been annualised.

Prior to 30 November 2020, performance for all portfolios and sub-totals/total was estimated based on MWRR approach.

Russell WPP Global Opportunities and Russell Emerging Markets portfolios benchmark performance includes the outperformance target.

Total hedge funds performance includes performance of the legacy Liongate portfolio.

Hedge funds, best ideas and private markets portfolios performance has been estimated by Mercer.

Private Credit benchmark was revised to Absolute Return 7.5% p.a. in Q4 2020 and for all preceding periods.

# **Manager Ratings**

	Investment Manager	12m Perf	3yr Perf
WPP Global Opportunities	Russell	•	•
WPP Emerging Markets Equity	Russell	•	
WPP Multi-Asset Credit	Russell	•	
Hedge Funds	Man	•	•
Best Idea	Various	•	•
Property	Various	•	•
Private Equity	Various	•	•
Local / Impact	Various	•	
Infrastructure	Various	•	•
Private Credit	Various	•	•
Timber/ Agriculture	Various	•	•
Cash and Risk Management Framework (CRMF)	Insight	•	•

	Active Funds , Target Specified	Active Funds , Target Not Specified	Passive Funds
Meets criteria	Target or above performance	Benchmark or above performance	Within tolerance range
Partially meets criteria	Benchmark or above performance, but below target		
Does not meet criteria	Below benchmark performance	Below benchmark performance	Outside tolerance range
Not applicable			

# Appendix

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# **Appendix A**

#### **Benchmarks**

Name	Investment Manager	B'mark (%)	Performance Benchmark
Total		100.0	•
Total (ex-CRMF)		77.0	•
Total Equity		20.0	Composite Weighted Index
WPP Global Opportunities	Russell	10.0	MSCI AC World (NDR) Index +2.0% p.a.
WPP Emerging Markets Equity	Russell	10.0	MSCI Emerging Markets Index +1.5% p.a.
Total Credit		12.0	SONIA +4.0% p.a.
WPP Multi-Asset Credit	Russell	12.0	SONIA +4.0% p.a.
Total Hedge Funds		7.0	SONIA +3.5% p.a.
Hedge Funds	Man	7.0	SONIA +3.5% p.a.
<b>Total Tactical Allocation</b>		11.0	UK Consumer Price Index +3.0% p.a.
Best Ideas	Various	11.0	UK Consumer Price Index +3.0% p.a.
<b>Total Private Markets</b>		27.0	Composite Weighted Index
Property	Various	4.0	MSCI UK Monthly Property Index
Private Equity	Various	8.0	SONIA +5.0% p.a.
Local / Impact	Various	4.0	SONIA +5.0% p.a.
Infrastructure	Various	8.0	SONIA +5.0% p.a.
Private Credit	Various	3.0	Absolute Return +7.5% p.a.
Timber/ Agriculture	Various		SONIA +5.0% p.a.
Total CRMF		23.0	Composite Liabilities & Synthetic Equity
Cash and Risk Management Framework (CRMF)	Insight	23.0	Composite Liabilities & Synthetic Equity

Figures may not sum to total due to rounding.

Performance benchmark for WPP Global Opportunities and Russell Emerging Markets portfolios include the outperformance target. Private Credit benchmark was revised to Absolute Return 7.5% p.a. in Q4 2020 and for all preceding periods. Cash & Risk Management Framework benchmark is assumed equal to fund performance for calculation purposes.



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