



At a glance...

Market background

Geopolitical risk took centre stage over Q1, as Vladimir Putin sent Russian troops into eastern Ukraine on February 24th and has maintained a military presence since then. The G7 enacted a slew of financial sanctions to deter Russia from continuing its operations. Globally, major central banks continued to move forward with normalising monetary policy.

Global equity markets fell in response to these heightened geopolitical tensions and continued inflationary pressure. Government and corporate bonds also fell in value as bond yields rose.

Performance: Retirement Pathway Funds

Over the quarter, the Aon Managed Retirement Pathway Funds generated negative returns and underperformed their market based benchmarks. Longer term performance remains strong, with all funds comfortably outperforming their long-term inflation linked return objectives.

Fund changes

We introduced a 20% allocation to the new UBS Global Equity Climate Transition Fund within the growth phase of the Aon Managed Retirement Pathway Funds, increasing the allocation to funds with a strong climate focus to 81%. This also impacted the Aon Managed Global Equity Fund.

Within the Aon Managed Diversified (Multi) Asset Fund, we increased exposure to growth assets following the market falls seen over the quarter.





Aon Managed Retirement Pathway 2052-54 Fund Member 30 years from retirement

Scheme performance & benchmark





+8.3% ↑

Outperformed long-term return objective of CPI +4% p.a. by 1.6% p.a.

3 year (annualised)

+9.8%

Outperformed long-term return objective of CPI +4% p.a. by 2.7% p.a.

Comments

Following the addition of the UBS Global Equity Climate Transition Fund, 80% of the Fund is invested in funds with a specific ESG focus.



Aon Managed Retirement Pathway 2052-54 Fund Member 30 years from retirement (continued)

Performance comments

The Aon Managed Global Equity Fund returned -3.6%, as equity markets fell. The allocation to factor-based equities detracted, due to the ESG screen / low carbon approach and the impact of soaring energy prices. Emerging Market equities also fell; Russian equities collapsed in price and the MSCI removed 'un-investable' Russian equities from its indices.

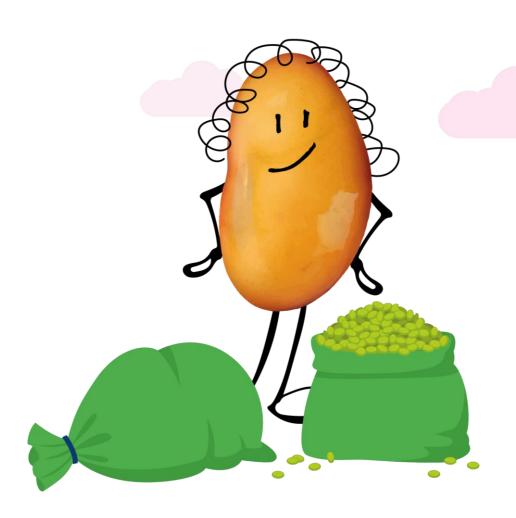
The allocation to property and infrastructure provided a positive return, with the listed infrastructure fund benefiting from rising energy prices.

The Aon Managed Global Impact Fund returned -8.6%. The bias to growthorientated companies detracted, as performance was impacted by a shift towards more value orientated areas of the market, as well as rising energy prices.

New and notable

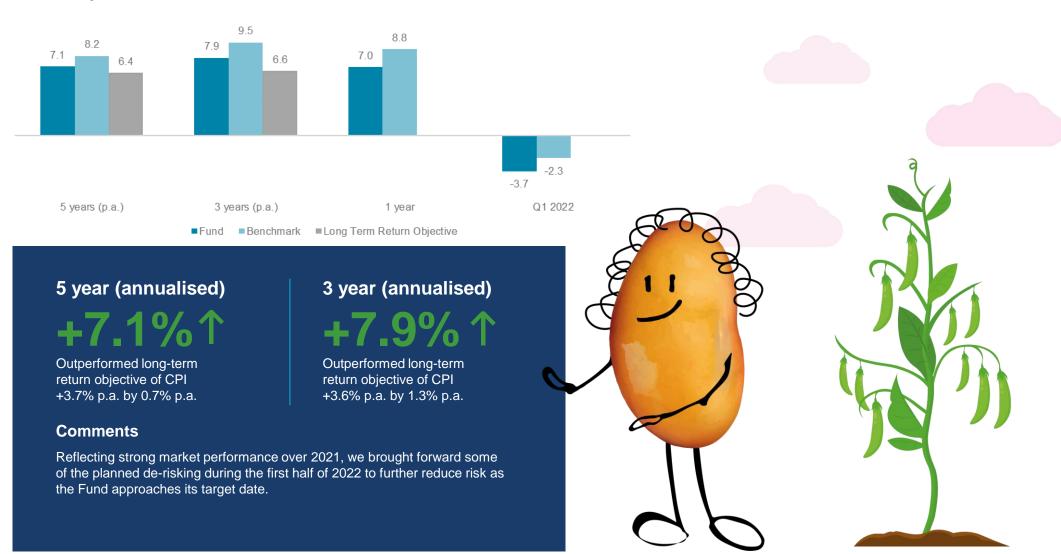
The Fund invests mainly in diversified global equities with a smaller allocation to property and infrastructure. This includes a 10% allocation to the Aon Managed Global Impact Fund.

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Aon Managed Retirement Pathway 2031-33 Fund Member 10 years from retirement

Scheme performance & benchmark



Aon Managed Retirement Pathway 2031-33 Fund - Member 10 years from retirement (continued)

Performance comments

During the quarter, the Aon Managed Initial Growth Phase Fund returned -3.1%. The equity holdings generated negative returns, reflecting broad equity market falls, partly offset by positive returns from property and infrastructure.

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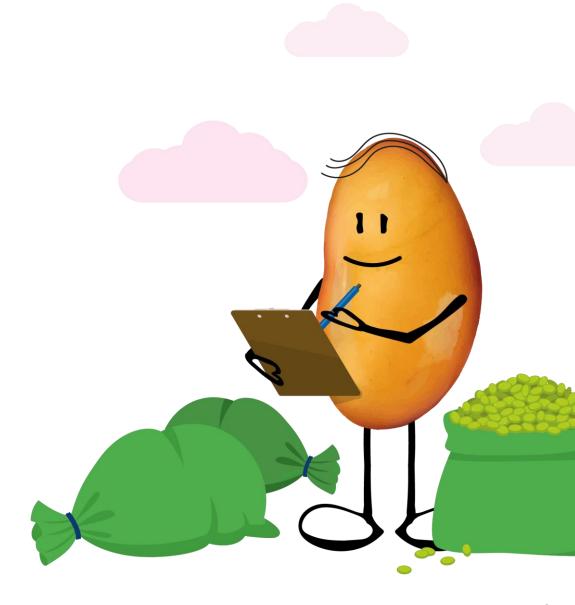
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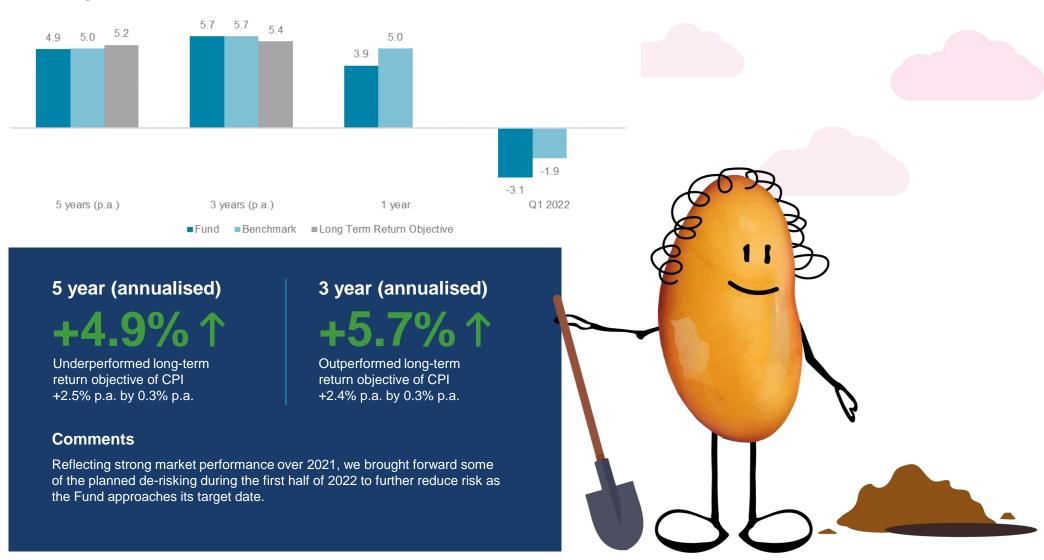
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Aon Managed Retirement Pathway 2022-24 Fund Member at retirement

Scheme performance & benchmark



Aon Managed Retirement Pathway 2022-24 Fund Member at retirement (continued)

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Market – Snapshot Q1 2022

Global Equities

**-2.5% **

Global equity markets fell in response to heightened geopolitical tensions and continued inflationary pressure.

US Equities

-2.5%

US equities performed the second-best amongst major equity regions. Inflation concerns weighed on performance of IT and Consumer Discretionary sectors.

UK Corporate Bonds

-6.2%

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UK investment grade credit spreads rose by 22bps to 130bps, based on iBoxx Sterling Non-Gilts data.

Fixed Interest Gilts

-7.2%



The FTSE All Stocks Gilts Index fell as gilt yields rose sharply.

UK Equities

+4.8% 1

UK equities were the best performing equity market region. UK equities were bolstered by rising crude oil and raw material prices.

Index-Linked Gilts

-5.5%



The FTSE All Stocks Index-Linked Gilts Index produced negative returns as increasing inflation expectations caused breakevens to rise.

Property

+5.6% 1

MSCI UK Monthly Property Index reached an all-time high index level.

Pound Sterling

-2.8%



Sterling weakened against the US dollar over the quarter (-2.8% move to \$1.32/£).

