

# Clwyd Pension Fund Monitoring Report Quarter to 30 September 2022

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# Overview

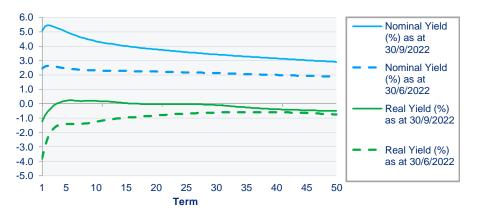


# **Executive Dashboard**

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Asset Allocation vs Ranges  Total Credit is marginally outside the range.  Property (within Private Markets) is marginally outside the range.				performance are behind of the strate and future service liabilities targets.	gic target and	
No significant news to report over the quarter.  Signal Previous Qtr  Current Qtr		The Fund's investment st	trategy is currently under review in co uation as at 31 March 2022.	njunction with		

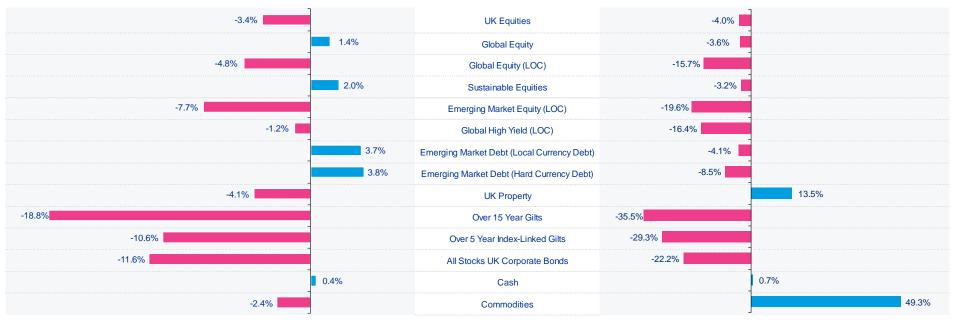
## **Market Conditions**

	Values	Values at (%)			%)
Yield / Spread	30/09/2022	30/06/2022	3M	12M	3Y
Over 5Y Index-Linked Gilts Yield	-0.16	-0.81	0.66	2.10	2.10
Over 15Y Fixed Interest Gilts Yield	3.74	2.56	1.15	2.38	2.80
Over 10 Year Non-Gilts Yield	6.20	4.29	1.83	3.77	3.87
Over 10 Year Non-Gilts Spread	2.07	1.75	0.31	0.97	0.59
	£1 is	Appreciation (%)			
Exchange Rates	30/09/2022	30/06/2022	3M	1Y	3Y
US Dollar (\$)	1.116	1.214	-8.08	-17.21	-3.24
Euro (€)	1.140	1.162	-1.91	-2.06	0.27
100 Japanese Yen (¥)	1.616	1.650	-2.07	7.40	6.65



#### 3 months to 30/09/2022

#### 12 months to 30/09/2022



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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# **Strategy Monitoring**



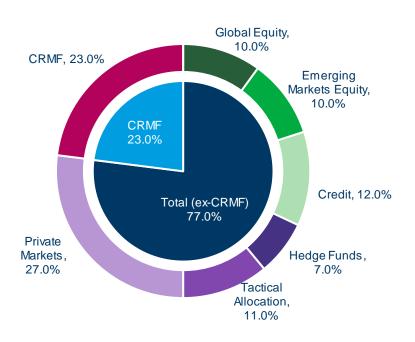
## **Asset Allocation**

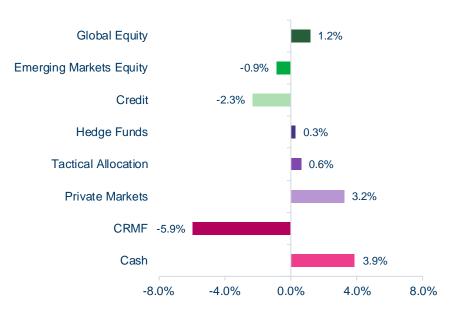
	30/06/2022 Market Value (£M)	Net Cash Flow (£M)	Investment Growth/ Decline (£M)	30/09/2022 Market Value (£M)	30/06/2022 Allocation (%)	30/09/2022 Allocation (%)	30/09/2022 B'mark (%)	30/09/2022 B'mark Range (%)
Total	2,280.2	-6.2	-58.0	2,216.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	
Total (ex-CRMF)	1,726.5	-3.5	29.0	1,752.0	75.7	79.1	77.0	
Total CRMF	465.4		-87.0	378.4	20.4	17.1	23.0	10.0 - 35.0
Cash	88.3	-2.7	0.0	85.6	3.9	3.9	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 30 September 2022

# **Deviation from Benchmark Asset Allocation**



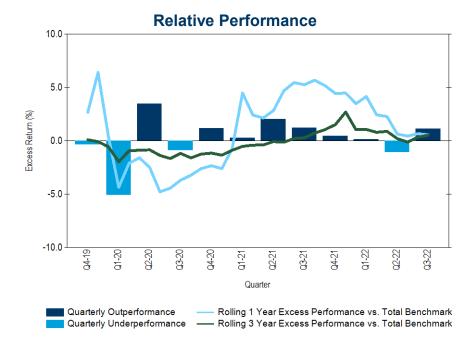


## **Investment Performance**

	2022 Q3 (%)	1 Yr (%)	3 Yrs (% p.a.)
Total	-2.5	-6.5	4.1
Total Benchmark	-3.6	-7.0	3.6
Strategic Target (CPI +3.4% p.a.)	2.5	13.5	8.0
Actuarial Target - Past Service Liabilities (CPI +1.75% p.a.)	2.1	12.0	6.3
Actuarial Target - Future Service Liabilities (CPI + 2.25% p.a.)	2.2	12.6	6.8

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.



# **Investment Manager Summary**



# **Manager Allocation**

	Investment Manager	30/06/2022 Market Value (£M)	Net Cash Flow (£M)	Investment Growth/ Decline (£M)	30/09/2022 Market Value (£M)	30/06/2022 Allocation (%)	30/09/2022 Allocation (%)	30/09/2022 B'mark (%)	30/09/2022 B'mark Range (%)
Total		2,280.2	-6.2	-58.0	2,216.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	
Total (ex-CRMF)		1,726.5	-3.5	29.0	1,752.0	75.7	79.1	77.0	
Total Equity		449.4		-0.2	449.2	19.7	20.3	20.0	10.0 - 30.0
Global Equity		239.7		7.4	247.2	10.5	11.2	10.0	5.0 - 15.0
WPP Global Opportunities	Russell	120.0		3.2	123.3	5.3	5.6	5.0	5.0 - 15.0
World ESG Equity	BlackRock	119.7		4.2	123.9	5.2	5.6	5.0	5.0 - 15.0
<b>Emerging Markets Equity</b>		209.7		-7.6	202.1	9.2	9.1	10.0	5.0 - 15.0
WPP Emerging Markets Equity	Russell	209.7		-7.6	202.1	9.2	9.1	10.0	5.0 - 15.0
Total Credit		223.4		-8.8	214.6	9.8	9.7	12.0	10.0 - 14.0
WPP Multi-Asset Credit	Russell	223.4		-8.8	214.6	9.8	9.7	12.0	10.0 - 14.0
Total Hedge Funds		158.5		2.8	161.2	6.9	7.3	7.0	5.0 - 9.0
Hedge Funds	Man	158.5		2.8	161.2	6.9	7.3	7.0	5.0 - 9.0
Total Tactical Allocation		260.7		-3.4	257.3	11.4	11.6	11.0	9.0 - 13.0
Best Ideas	Various	260.7		-3.4	257.3	11.4	11.6	11.0	9.0 - 13.0
Total Private Markets		634.5	-3.5	38.6	669.6	27.8	30.2	27.0	15.0 - 37.0
Property	Various	149.0	-1.0	1.6	149.5	6.5	6.7	4.0	2.0 - 6.0
Private Equity	Various	202.1	1.3	10.2	213.6	8.9	9.6	8.0	6.0 - 10.0
Local / Impact	Various	78.4	-2.5	9.1	85.1	3.4	3.8	4.0	0.0 - 6.0
Infrastructure	Various	127.0	-1.5	14.1	139.6	5.6	6.3	8.0	6.0 - 10.0
Private Credit	Various	64.4	1.0	2.5	68.0	2.8	3.1	3.0	1.0 - 5.0
Timber/ Agriculture	Various	13.6	-0.7	1.0	13.9	0.6	0.6		
Total CRMF		465.4		-87.0	378.4	20.4	17.1	23.0	10.0 - 35.0
Cash and Risk Management Framework (CRMF)	Insight	465.4		-87.0	378.4	20.4	17.1	23.0	10.0 - 35.0
Cash		88.3	-2.7	0.0	85.6	3.9	3.9	0.0	0.0 - 5.0
Cash		88.3	-2.7	0.0	85.6	3.9	3.9	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 Q3 (%)	B'mark (%)	1 Yr (%)	B'mark (%)	3 Yrs (% p.a.)	B'mark (%p.a.)
Total		-2.5	-3.6	-6.5	-7.0	4.1	3.6
Total Equity		0.0	-0.6	-8.6	-6.9	4.2	6.0
WPP Global Opportunities	Russell	2.7	1.9	-1.5	-2.2	8.7	9.4
World ESG Equity	BlackRock	3.5	2.5	-2.8	-3.3		
WPP Emerging Markets Equity	Russell	-3.5	-3.4				
Total Credit		-3.5	1.4	-15.8	4.7	-2.9	3.4
WPP Multi-Asset Credit	Russell	-3.5	1.4	-15.8	4.7		
Total Hedge Funds		1.7	1.3	5.0	4.2	4.1	4.0
Hedge Funds	Man	1.7	1.3	5.0	4.2	4.1	4.0
Total Tactical Allocation		-1.3	2.4	5.8	13.3	7.2	7.3
Best Ideas	Various	-1.3	2.4	5.8	13.4	6.7	6.8
Total Private Markets		6.1	0.8	24.6	7.1	14.2	5.8
Property	Various	1.1	-4.1	13.2	13.5	7.2	7.8
Private Equity	Various	5.1	1.6	23.9	5.7	18.7	5.5
Local / Impact	Various	11.6	1.6	38.0	5.7		
Infrastructure	Various	11.2	1.6	32.2	5.7	12.1	5.5
Private Credit	Various	3.7	1.8	24.4	7.5	8.1	7.5
Timber/ Agriculture	Various	7.8	1.6	25.5	5.7	7.3	5.5
Total CRMF		-18.7	-18.7	-37.4	-37.4	-5.5	-5.5
Cash and Risk Management Framework (CRMF)	Insight	-18.7	-18.7	-37.4	-37.4	-5.5	-5.5

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 WPP 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.

# **Manager Ratings**

	Investment Manager	12m Perf	3yr Perf
WPP Global Opportunities	Russell		
World ESG Equity	BlackRock		
WPP Emerging Markets Equity	Russell		
WPP Multi-Asset Credit	Russell		
Hedge Funds	Man		
Best Ideas	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**



# **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	5.0	MSCI AC World (NDR) Index +2.0% p.a.
World ESG Equity	BlackRock	5.0	MSCI World ESG Focus Low Carbon Screened Midday Index
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.
Total Tactical Allocation		11.0	UK Consumer Price Index +3.0% p.a.
Best Ideas	Various	11.0	UK Consumer Price Index +3.0% p.a.
Total Private Markets		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 WPP 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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