

SL abrdn Global Absolute Return Strategies Pension Fund

Pooled Pension Investment Fund, Absolute Return Fund

Q4 2022, 31 December 2022

Objective

The fund is invested in the Standard Life Investments Global Absolute Return Strategies Fund which aims to provide positive investment returns in all market conditions over the medium to long term. The fund is actively managed, with a wide investment remit to target a level of return over rolling three-year periods equivalent to cash plus five per cent per year, gross of fees. It exploits market inefficiencies through active allocation to a diverse range of market positions. The fund uses a combination of traditional assets (such as equities and bonds) and investment strategies based on advanced derivative techniques, resulting in a highly diversified portfolio. The fund can take long and short positions in markets, securities and groups of securities through derivative contracts.

The value of investments within the fund can fall as well as rise and is not guaranteed - you may get back less than you pay in. The fund may use derivatives for the purpose of efficient portfolio management and to meet its investment objective. The sterling value of overseas assets held in the fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

Fund Information *

Portfolio Risk and Return Analysis

	Strategy	Stand-alone Risk Exposure %	Weighting (risk based %)	Contribution to Returns % Q4	1 Yr
Equity	Short European Equity	1.3	10.0	-0.6	-0.2
	Short US Equity	0.9	6.7	-0.2	0.1
Credit	Long US IG Credit vs Short Equity	1.2	9.3	-0.3	-0.9
	Short High Yield	0.8	6.3	-0.4	-0.2
	Contingent Capital Bonds	0.4	3.1	0.1	-0.3
	Asia High Yield	Closed		-0.5	-1.6
Interest Rates	US vs Italian Interest Rates	0.5	4.2	0.5	0.6
	US Interest Rates	0.4	3.5	-0.1	-2.3
	European Real Yields	Closed		0.0	-1.6
	US Steepener	Closed		0.0	-0.9
Currencies	Long Favoured Defensive Currencies	1.9	14.7	-0.4	0.6
	Short GBP FX	1.2	9.3	-0.6	0.1
	ASEAN v North Asia FX	0.6	4.8	0.8	1.0
	Long US Dollar vs Chinese Yuan	Closed		0.0	1.4
Other	Security Selection	0.1	0.9	-0.1	-0.1
	FX hedging	0.1	0.7	0.2	-0.3
	Cash			0.0	0.3
	Residual	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.8
Total		12.8		-0.1	
(Diversification)		6.1			
Expected Volatility		6.8			

Individual strategy contributions are based on gross returns. These are calculated on a best endeavours basis using close-of-business market prices. As the fund's unit price is determined intraday there can be minor differences between unit price performance and the attribution to individual strategies presented above. Such differences do not accumulate so cancel out over time. In addition, table totals are calculated using actual (unrounded) returns which are then rounded for presentation purposes.



Key Facts

Fund Manager	Multi-Strategy Portfolios Team
Fund Manager Start	12 Jun 2006
Launch Date	12 Jun 2006
Current Fund Size	£506.9m

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Fund Performance *

Year on Year Performance

	Year to 31/12/22 (%)	Year to 31/12/21 (%)	Year to 31/12/20 (%)	Year to 31/12/19 (%)	Year to 31/12/18 (%)
Global Absolute Returns	-8.4	-1.4	8.6	7.8	-5.5
From 1/1/22 SONIA, prior 6 Month LIBOR	2.5	0.2	0.4	0.9	0.8
6 Month GBP LIBOR +4.3% (5% performance target less 0.70% management fees)	5.7	4.5	4.7	5.2	5.1

Source: abrdrn (Fund) and Thomson Reuters DataStream (Index and Comparator).

Cumulative Performance

	Q4 (%)	1 Year (%)	3 Years (% p.a.)	5 Years (% p.a.)
Global Absolute Returns	-0.3	-8.4	-0.7	0.0
From 1/1/22 SONIA, prior 6 Month LIBOR	0.7	1.4	0.6	0.7
Fund 21 - from 1/1/22 SONIA +4.3%, prior 6 Month LIBOR + 4.3%	1.7	5.7	4.9	5.0

Source: abrdrn (Fund) and Thomson Reuters DataStream (Index and Comparator).

Note: Performance figures are quoted Net of Management Charges.

Please note that the comparator of SONIA from 1/1/22, prior 6 Month LIBOR and performance target of SONIA +5% p.a. from 1/1/22, prior 6 Month LIBOR per annum over rolling 3 year periods are both gross of fees whereas the fund performance is shown net of fees.

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