Sagicor International Balanced Fund



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ASSET MANAGEMENT

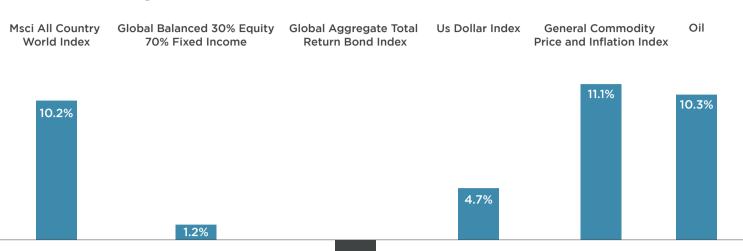
Investment Objective

The primary objective of the Scheme is to balance risk and return with the aim of achieving long-term growth to facilitate the payment of the pensions by occupational pension plans invested in the Scheme and the return of contributions to members of such plans where employment terminates before retirement age.

VERAGE RISK BELOW **ABOVE** VERAGE RISK AVERAGE **RISK**

Investor Risk Tolerance Level

Asset Classes By Year-to-Date Total Return



-3.2%

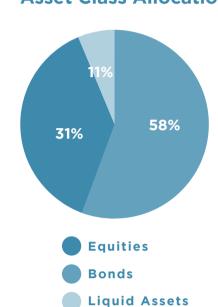
Annual Management Fee

0.75% p.a.

Performance History (%)



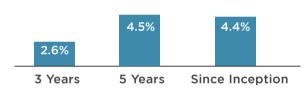
Asset Class Allocation (%)



Fund Statistics

Total net assets (in millions) \$251.8 NAV/Unit \$2.67 Percentage of top ten (5) holdings 34.0% **Yield to Maturity 5.7% Duration in Years** 5.4

Fund Performance (%)

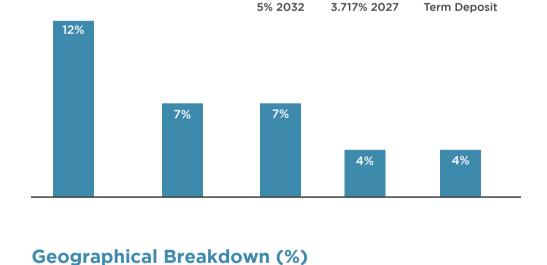


Commentary

year-to-date, backed by an artificial intelligence-drive boost to corporate profit expectations. The gains have come despite US inflation proving more persistent than expected, delays to interest rate cuts, and the US 10-year Treasury yield rising 34 basis points. Given the rise in bond yields the global aggregate bond index has declined -3.2% (YTD). The dollar index has rallied by nearly 4%. While the geopolitical situation remains uncertain, volatility has stayed relatively low across asset classes, although gold prices have rallied 12%. Regionally over the same period, the Barbados stock market advanced by 8.8% while the Jamaica and Trinidad & Tobago markets retreated by -2.1% and -7.1% respectively. Against this backdrop, the Sagicor International Balanced Fund advanced 1.9% (QTD) and 3.9% (YTD) driven by its exposures to international and regional equities. In the second half of the year, the US will decide its next president, artificial intelligence should continue to advance rapidly, and US interest rates will likely be cut a positive backdrop for global equities and bonds. Adding high quality fixed income securities to the portfolio could offer ample buffer against ongoing volatility and attractive portfolio returns as yields fall.

Equity markets have rallied in the first half of 2024, with the MSCI All Country World equity index gaining 10%

Top 5 Holdings (%) Government of St Lucia Electricity Barbados Series D Services Limited



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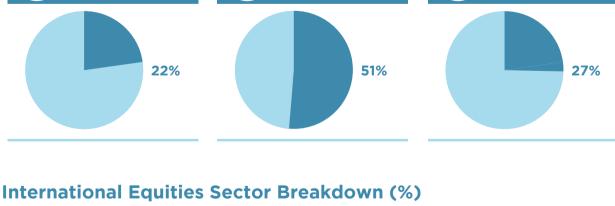
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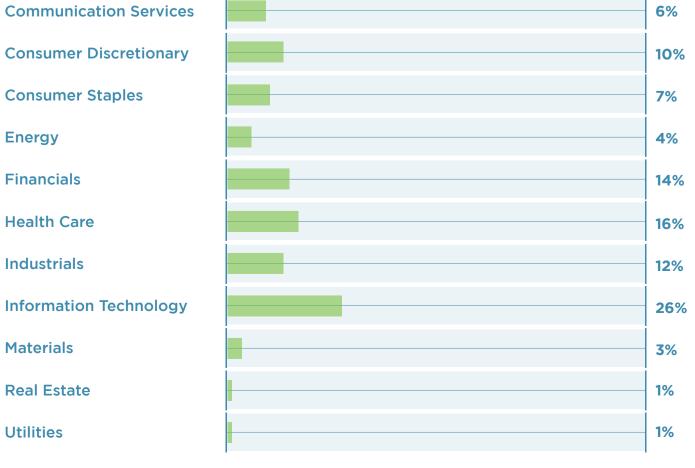
3.25% Sagicor

Bank Jamaica Ltd

Local



Regional



International