



Lewis Workplace Pension Trust Newsletter

Welcome to our quarterly newsletter that provides a brief stock market overview and performance update in relation to our **Auto Enrolment pension funds** for the quarter ending 30th June 2018.

Market Overview

Global stock markets had mixed performance during the quarter, with US/China trade negotiations, US/North Korea on/off/on summit and political uncertainty in Italy causing nervousness across the globe. The US confirmed that they would proceed with steel and aluminium trade tariffs with Canada, Mexico and the EU, stoking fears of retaliation from other major trade partners; all this unsettled markets.

Although performance for the quarter in the Eurozone was positive, the relative underperformance to the other main indices was on the backdrop of the political uncertainty in Italy. This was further heightened by the no confidence vote of the Spanish Prime Minister.

The UK market performed well helped by international investors increasing exposure to UK equities, assisted by the absence of any interest rate hike by the Bank of England.

Our Model portfolio's benefitted further by strong performance from our UK and US equity exposure and Global Resources, with the later also gaining from the rising oil price.

At the beginning of this quarter, the LMT fund committee, with approval of the trustees, increased the equity weightings across all Model portfolios, which impacted positively. In addition, within the main Default 1 portfolio, exposure to the FTSE 100 Index has been reduced with the inclusion of an International Index, adding further diversification.

The performance figures to 30th June 2018 for the Default and Model portfolios are:

Portfolio	1m	3m	6m	1y	3y	5y
Lewis Default Portfolio 1	0.59	8.54	2.30	8.00	41.28	67.52
DP 1 Benchmark	0.61	7.41	1.79	7.26	12.77	10.86
Lewis Default Portfolio 2	0.43	6.10	1.69	5.52	26.60	43.43
DP 2 Benchmark	0.44	5.22	1.31	5.17	9.26	8.16
Lewis Default Portfolio 3	0.25	3.57	1.13	3.40	15.78	25.73
DP 3 Benchmark	0.27	3.03	0.84	3.08	5.74	5.46
Lewis Default Portfolio 4	0.05	0.57	0.32	0.66	2.14	3.40
DP 4 Benchmark	0.07	0.48	0.28	0.64	1.65	2.31
Lewis Cautious Portfolio	0.34	3.82	1.49	3.81	27.45	45.44
Cautious Benchmark	0.21	2.30	0.68	2.38	4.57	4.56
Lewis Moderate Portfolio	0.32	6.28	1.70	7.64	42.14	66.50
Moderate Benchmark	0.33	3.76	1.00	3.78	6.92	6.36
Lewis Speculative Portfolio	-0.05	6.56	1.44	7.91	46.70	74.56
Speculative Benchmark	0.44	5.22	1.31	5.17	9.26	8.16

Past performance is no guarantee of future performance and the value of your investment may be less than originally invested.

We recently announced the Lewis Master Trust achieved Master Trust Assurance by The Pension Regulator. We believe this to be a fantastic achievement and demonstrates our hard work and commitment to helping all members of the scheme and if you follow the link below, shows us alongside just 24 other Master Trust schemes in the UK at the time of writing.

<http://www.thepensionsregulator.gov.uk/trustees/master-trust-assurance.aspx>

Please feel free to share this information with your members.

If you have any questions concerning this, please do not hesitate to contact your usual Lewis adviser or the Workplace Pension Team.

Regards

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