



ELCA Endowment Fund Pooled Trust - Fund A

Fund Overview

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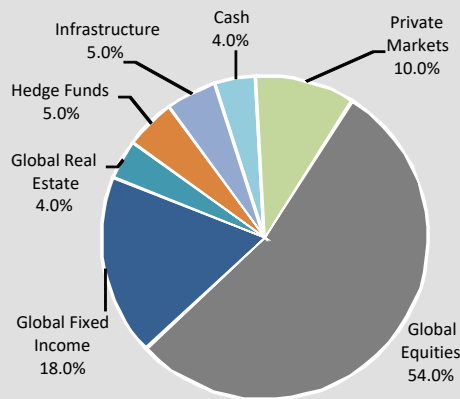
The ELCA Endowment Fund Pooled Trust (Fund A, or the Fund), was established to allow for the collective long-term investment of funds belonging to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), its congregations, synods, seminaries and other eligible affiliated entities. To the extent practicable, the Fund pursues investment objectives in line with the Economic Social Criteria Investment Screens approved by the ELCA Church Council. Incorporated into the Fund's accounting are unitization and quarterly endowment distributions. The ELCA Foundation administers the Fund.

Only ELCA-related institutions can be eligible to participate in this investment fund that is exempt from most security registration requirements in accordance with the Philanthropy Protection Act of 1995.

About Performance

The investment results depicted herein represent historical net performance after the deduction of investment manager and custodian fees and expenses including the administrative fee of 60 basis points (0.60%). Prior to July 2017, the total fee was 100 basis points (1.00%). Annual, cumulative and annualized total returns are calculated assuming reinvestment of dividends and income plus capital appreciation. Performance for periods greater than one year is annualized. Underlying returns were provided by the Fund's respective managers. **Past performance is not a guarantee of future results.**

Target Allocation¹



***Approved by the ELCA Foundation Board of Trustees on September 20th, 2019.

² Further information regarding the composition of the Modified Target Benchmark, please refer to the bottom of the following page of this document.

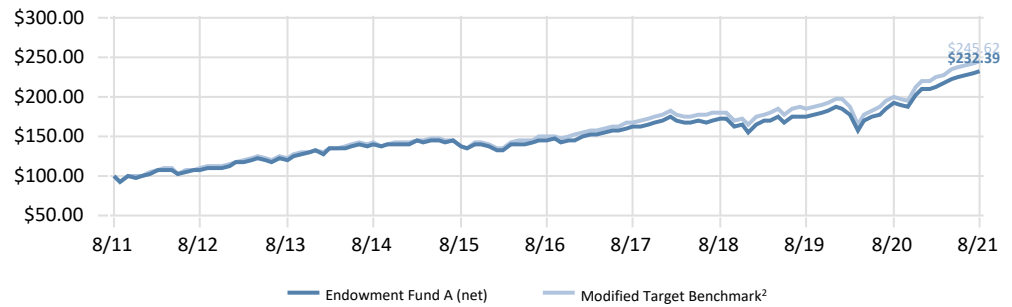
Information Disclosures: This report is intended to provide current Fund performance information for the ELCA Endowment Fund Pooled Trust (the Fund). Investor participants own units of the Fund, receive quarterly account statements, and have online access to monthly performance reporting. The minimum initial investment is \$25,000, and the minimum for deposits thereafter is \$2,000. There are no charges for withdrawals, or opening or closing an account.

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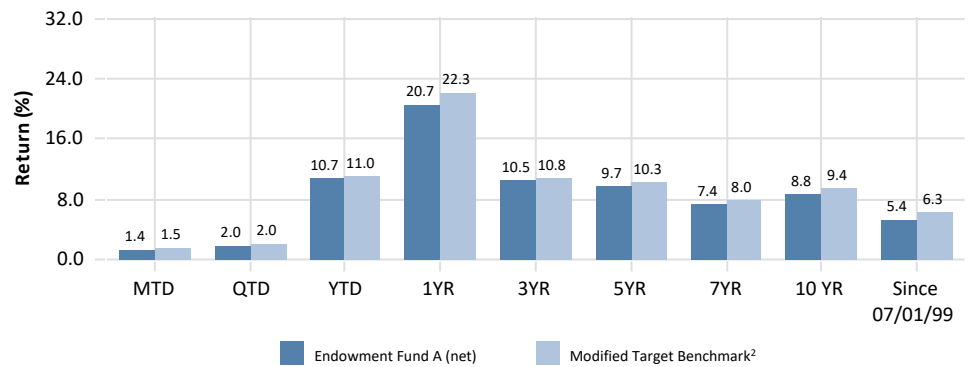
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Growth of \$100 (10 Years Performance Analysis)

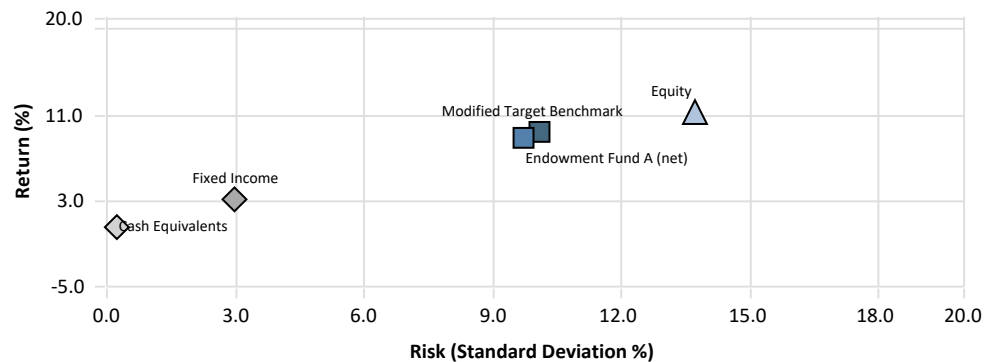


Multi-Period Performance Analysis



	MTD	QTD	YTD	1YR	3YR	5YR	7YR	10 YR	Since 07/0/99
Endowment Fund A (net)	1.42	1.96	10.72	20.72	10.50	9.71	7.40	8.80	5.40
Modified Target Benchmark ²	1.52	2.02	11.03	22.27	10.78	10.28	8.03	9.40	6.29

10 Years Risk / Return Performance Analysis



	Return	Standard Deviation	Sharpe Ratio	Maximum Drawdown	Alpha	Beta
Endowment Fund A (net)	8.80	9.77	0.85	-15.59	-0.21	0.96
Modified Target Benchmark ²	9.40	10.15	0.88	-17.36	0.00	1.00

Capital Markets Commentary (as of August 31, 2021)

Capital Markets Overview

The global reopening continued in August, despite the spread of the COVID-19 Delta variant. Equity markets took advantage of Fed comments regarding tapering their balance sheet purchases later in the year as the Fed continues to monitor employment and inflation levels. Fixed Income markets seemed to take a wait-and-see approach in August with regards to the future impact of the economy from the Delta variant and economic data.

Domestic Equity Markets

The S&P 500 rose 3.0% in August, bringing the YTD return to 21.6% for 2021. All but one of the S&P 500 sectors finished August positive. The leading sectors were Financials, Telecom, and Utilities posting returns of 5.1%, 5.0%, and 4.0%, respectively. Energy was the lone sector to post a loss on the month, losing 2.0%.

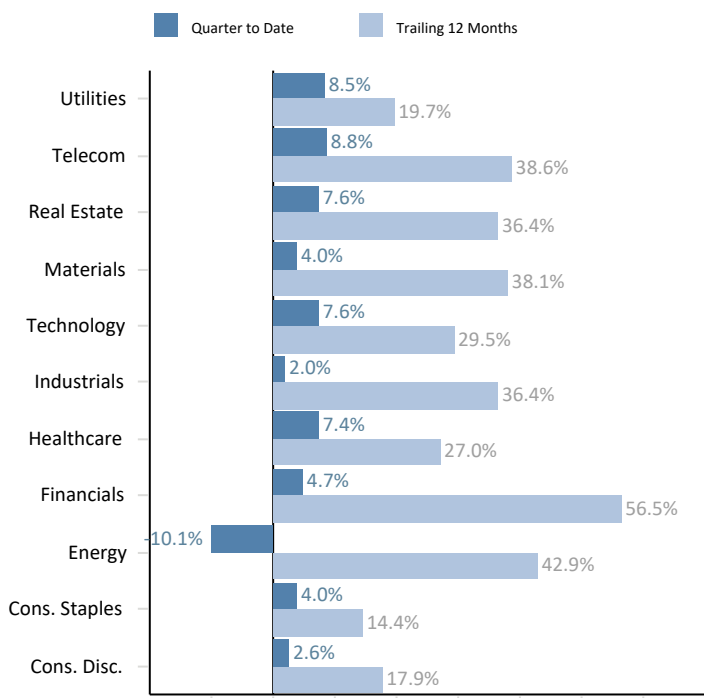
International Equity Markets

International equities underperformed the U.S., but posted positive returns, led by emerging markets and Japan equities. Developed international markets, as measured by the MSCI EAFE index, increased 1.8% for U.S. currency investors. The MSCI Europe index advanced 1.5%, Japanese equities advanced 3.1% per the MSCI Japan Index, and Emerging Markets indices, as measured by the MSCI Emerging Markets index, posted a 2.6% return.

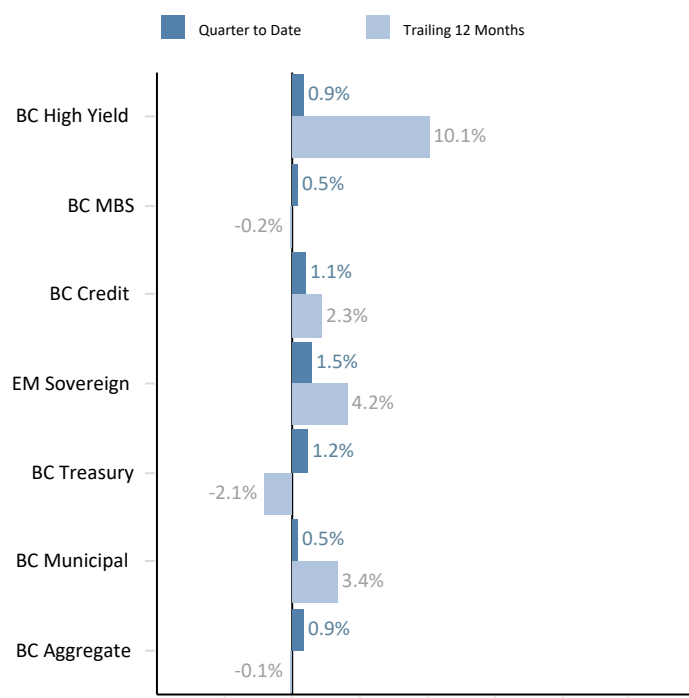
Fixed Income Markets

Overall Bond markets were slightly negative for the month. The Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond index fell -0.2% over the period. Riskier parts of the bond market, remained virtually unchanged to slightly positive with the Barclays High Yield index inching 0.5% higher.

S&P 500 Sector Performance



Bond Market Performance



The **Target Benchmark** is comprised of: Russell 3000 (25%), MSCI ACWI xUSA IMI (29%), Bloomberg Barclays Capital U.S. Aggregate (8%), Bloomberg Barclays Capital U.S. High Yield Ba/B 1% Issuer Cap (5%), Bloomberg Barclays Capital U.S. 1-10 Yr Inflation Linked (5%), DJ U.S. Select Real Estate Securities (2.4%), DJ G1b xUSA Select Real Estate Securities (1.6%), HFRX Global Hedge Funds (5%), S&P Global Infrastructure (5%), Cambridge Private Equity (10%), and 90 Day T-Bill (4%) indices. The benchmark is rebalanced on a monthly basis.

The **Modified Target Benchmark**: Given the 10% SAA Target allocation for private markets will fund over the course of five years, the Modified Target benchmark was created to mimic the same risk profile of the SAA Target by re-weighting the underlying target benchmark index weights (as described above) relative to the current allocation to private markets. The Modified Target Benchmark date of first use was January 1, 2021.

Sources: FactSet, Morgan Stanley Wealth Management GIC.

The underlying data has been obtained from sources believed to be reliable but no guarantee is made to their accuracy and any such information may be incomplete or condensed. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. This evaluation is for informational purposes only. Also note, investors cannot invest directly in an index.