ELCA Endowment Fund Pooled Trust - Fund A

Fund Overview

Description
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

Multi-Period Performance Analysis

Growth of $100 (10 Years Performance Analysis)

Endowment Fund A (net)  Modified Target Benchmark2

0.0 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5
7/11 7/12 7/13 7/14 7/15 7/16 7/17 7/18 7/19 7/20 7/21

Endowment Fund A (net)  Modified Target Benchmark2

Return (%) MTD  QTD  YTD  1YR  3YR  5YR  7YR  10 YR Since 07/01/99

Endowment Fund A (net)  0.53  0.53  9.17  23.23  10.22  9.45  7.52  8.05  5.36 07/01/99

Modified Target Benchmark2  0.49  0.49  9.36  24.84  10.44  9.97  8.13  8.68  6.24

10 Years Risk / Return Performance Analysis

Return  Standard Deviation  Sharpe Ratio  Maximum Drawdown  Alpha  Beta

Endowment Fund A (net)  8.05  9.96  0.77  -15.59  -0.29  0.96

Modified Target Benchmark2  8.68  10.30  0.80  -17.36  0.00  1.00

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

** 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.

This is not an offer to sell nor a solicitation of an offer to buy the securities described herein. An offering is made only by the Confidential Disclosure Statement, which contains details about risks, underlying investments and administration. The Confidential Disclosure Statement is available to representatives of eligible organizations by calling the ELCA Foundation at 800-638-3522.

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Capital Markets Commentary (as of July 31, 2021)

Capital Markets Overview
Despite a strong start to the earning season and dovish rhetoric from central banks, investment sentiment was somewhat mixed in July. The spread of the Delta variant and concerns that global growth have peaked saw bond yields fall, while trading in equity markets was choppy throughout the month.

Domestic Equity Markets
All but one of the S&P 500 sectors finished July positive. The leading sectors were Healthcare, Real Estate, and Utilities posting returns of 4.9%, 4.6%, and 4.3%, respectively. Energy was the lone sector to post a loss on the month returning -8.3%.

International Equity Markets
International equities underperformed the U.S., with losses coming from emerging markets and Japan. Developed international markets, as measured by the MSCI EAFE index, increased 0.8% for U.S. currency investors. The MSCI Europe index advanced 1.9%. Japanese equities underperformed with a -1.3% return as measures to contain the COVID pandemic have struggled as of late. Emerging Markets indices, as measured by the MSCI Emerging Markets index, posted a -6.7% return.

Fixed Income Markets
Bond markets were positive for the month. The Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond index gained 1.1% over the period. Riskier parts of the bond market, remained virtually unchanged to slightly positive with the Barclays High Yield index inching 0.4% higher.

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 Glb 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.