



ELCA Endowment Fund Pooled Trust - Fund A

Fund Overview

Description

Endowment Fund "A," of 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. ELCA administers the Fund, and the investment advisor is Board of Pensions of the ELCA, doing business as Portico Benefit Services.

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.

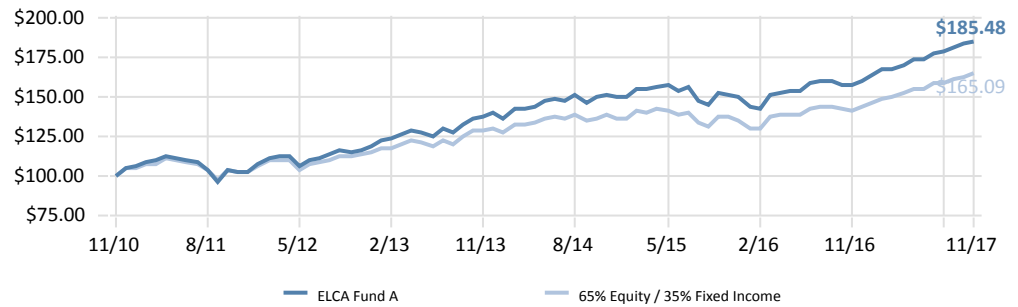
About Performance

The investment results depicted herein represent historical gross performance before the deduction of investment management costs. Note: The monthly management fee includes an administrative fee of 60 basis points (0.60%) and an expense ratio of approximately 44 basis points (0.44%). 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 holdings data has been provided by Portico Benefit Services, A Ministry of the ELCA. **Past performance is not a guarantee of future results.**

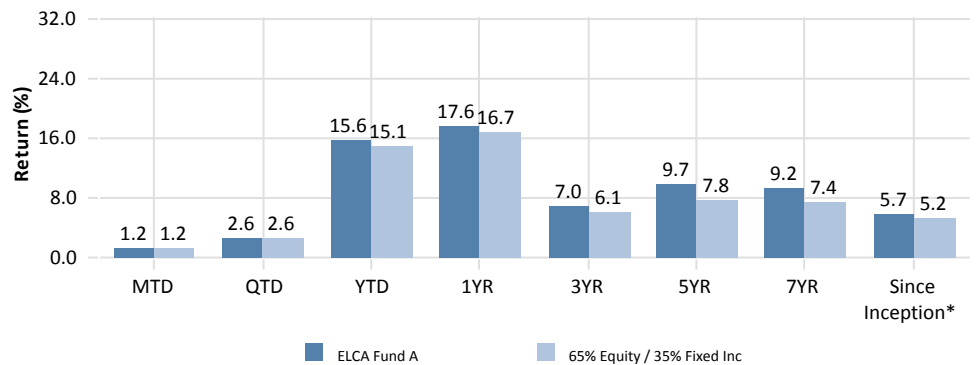
*Since Inception: July 1, 1999.

Glossary: Equity-MSCI ACWI; Fixed Income-Barclays U.S. Aggregate Index. The **Sharpe Ratio** is a risk adjusted measure of performance. The higher the Sharpe Ratio, the stronger the portfolio's risk adjusted return. **Max Drawdown** measures the largest single drop from peak to trough of a portfolio's return. **Alpha** is a measure of performance above or below the benchmark. A positive alpha indicates returns greater than the benchmark. **Beta** is a measure of performance relative to the performance of the benchmark. A beta of 1 indicates that the portfolio moves hand-in-hand with the benchmark.

Growth of \$100 (7 Years Performance Analysis)

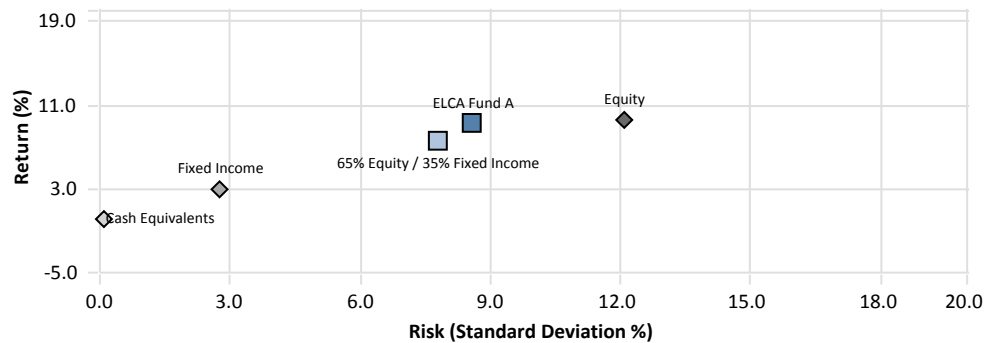


Multi-Period Performance Analysis



	MTD	QTD	YTD	1YR	3YR	5YR	7YR	Since Inception*
ELCA Fund A (Gross)	1.23	2.58	15.62	17.63	7.02	9.74	9.23	5.75
65% Equity / 35% Fixed Inc	1.21	2.60	15.05	16.73	6.06	7.85	7.42	5.24

7 Years Risk / Return Performance Analysis



	Return	Standard Deviation	Sharpe Ratio	Maximum Drawdown	Alpha	Beta
ELCA Fund A (Gross)	9.23	8.67	1.04	-14.27	1.06	1.09
65% Equity / 35% Fixed Income	7.42	7.85	0.93	-12.17	0.00	1.00

Information Disclosures: This report is intended to provide current Fund value information for Endowment Fund A of 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.

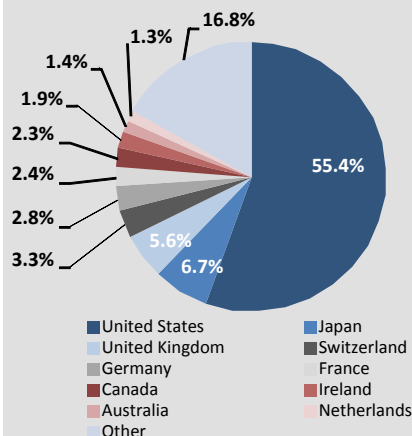
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Allocation Analysis (As of 12/31/16)

Global Equity Allocation



Equity Industry Exposure

Sector	Fund A	MSCI ACWI	Difference
Financials	19.72%	21.31%	-1.59%
Technology	16.58%	16.45%	0.13%
Consumer Discretionary	11.81%	11.93%	-0.12%
Industrials	11.74%	11.16%	0.58%
Health Care	9.62%	9.52%	0.10%
Materials	8.73%	8.68%	0.05%
Energy	7.91%	6.45%	1.46%
Consumer Staples	4.05%	5.14%	-1.09%
Telecommunications	3.70%	3.40%	0.30%
Real Estate	3.61%	2.65%	0.96%
Utilities	3.10%	3.31%	-0.21%

MSCI ACWI: Morgan Stanley Capital International - All Country World Index

Holdings Analysis

Top 10 Equity Holdings

Apple Inc.	1.14%
Microsoft Corp.	0.86%
JPMorgan Chase & Co	0.58%
Johnson & Johnson	0.58%
Berkshire Hathaway	0.55%
General Electric	0.55%
Amazon.com Inc	0.52%
AT&T Inc	0.49%
Alphabet Inc	0.46%
Facebook Inc	0.46%

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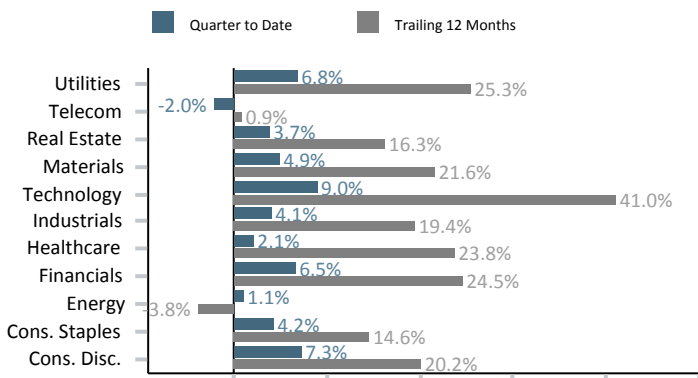
Portfolio Commentary

During the third quarter Fund A gained 3.96%, ahead of the target benchmark return of 3.58%. This represents outperformance 0.38% (38bp). Approximately 0.19% was due to asset allocation and 0.19% due to underlying investment manager outperformance. For the calendar YTD this brings the total gain to 12.72% and continues to lead the target benchmark return of 11.69%.

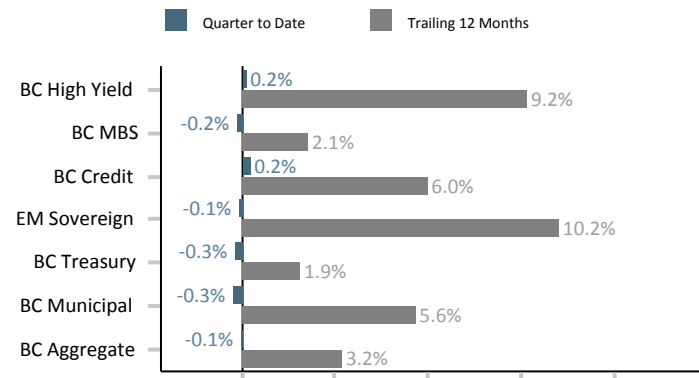
The portfolio's equity allocation has been the key driver of growth this year as equity markets continued to rally given continued improvements in global growth figures and ample market liquidity. Fund A maintains a strategic target of 57% Global equities, of which just over half is invested internationally. Fund A tilted toward international markets earlier in the year and has been rewarded due to the stronger performance of international companies versus domestic. Active management in the international space also delivered above benchmark performance boosting returns. The portfolio maintains a target allocation weight of 8.5% to Core Fixed Income and 8.5% to High Yield securities. Within the Fixed Income space the high yield allocation was the driver of outperformance relative to the Barclays Aggregate Bond index. During the calendar year this allocation also proved beneficial as investors saw spreads in high yield securities compress reflecting overall investor confidence levels.

Given the continued strength in the public equities market and near-record low yields in Fixed Income, Fund A is reducing allocations to traditional fixed income and public equities in favor of private infrastructure and other private market securities. These structures are designed to generate return and cash flow irrespective of the public markets and offer protection for the overall portfolio.

S&P 500 Sector Performance



Bond Market Performance



Global Equity Commentary

In the third quarter, emerging markets (EM) and global developed regions both delivered positive returns. The MSCI EAFE Index (a benchmark for international developed markets) rose 5.5% for U.S.-currency investors and 3.4% for local-currency investors, as the U.S. dollar depreciated in relation to the currencies of many nations in the index. The MSCI Emerging Markets Index increased 8.0% for U.S.-currency investors and the Japanese TOPIX Index increased 4.4% for U.S.-currency investors. The S&P 500 Index increased 4.5% for the quarter with 10 of the 11 sectors generating positive returns for the quarter. Info. Tech, Telecom, and Energy were the top performers while Consumer Staples and Discretionary were the biggest laggards.

Global Fixed Income Commentary

The bond market registered positive returns during the third quarter. The Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index, a general measure of the bond market, increased 0.8% for the quarter. Interest rates increased during the third quarter, as the yield on the 10-year U.S. Treasury note rose to a quarter-end 2.33% from 2.30% at the end of the 2Q 2017. Riskier parts of the bond market such as U.S. high yield debt increased. The Barclays Capital High Yield Index, a measure of lower-rated corporate bonds, rose 2.0%.