

Wespath

INSTITUTIONAL INVESTMENTS

Quarterly Investment Performance Report

I Series Funds

As of September 30, 2024

Investment Fund Review—Net-of-Fees Performanceⁱ

Equity Funds

U.S. Equity Fund – I Series

Fund	QTD	YTD
U.S. Equity Fund – I Series	5.94%	15.51%
Russell 3000 Index	6.23%	20.63%
Difference (percentage points)	-0.29	-5.12

- In the third quarter, the fund underperformed its benchmark due to active managers' investments in consumer staples and energy. Additionally, the fund's strategic allocation to private equity and private real estate detracted from benchmark-relative performance.
- Year-to-date, the fund has underperformed its benchmark. The strategic overweight to small- and mid-cap stocks and underweight to mega-cap stocks detracted from relative performance. The fund's allocation to private equity and real estate also detracted from benchmark-relative performance. Wespath's investment exclusions policies (described [here](#)) helped benchmark-relative performance.

U.S. Equity Index Fund – I Series

Fund	QTD	YTD
U.S. Equity Index Fund – I Series	6.19%	20.60%
Russell 3000 Index	6.23%	20.63%
Difference (percentage points)	-0.04	-0.03

- USEIF-I is a passively managed fund designed to provide broad market exposure and closely match the fund benchmark, less fees and expenses. During the quarter certain stocks excluded in accordance with Wespath's investment exclusions policies (described [here](#)) negatively impacted relative performance. For the year, these excluded securities contributed positively to relative performance.

International Equity Fund – I Series

Fund	QTD	YTD
International Equity Fund – I Series	8.58%	11.33%
MSCI ACWI ex U.S. Investable Market Index (Net)	8.18%	13.90%
Difference (percentage points)	+0.40	-2.57

- In the third quarter, the fund outperformed its benchmark primarily due to active managers' selection and allocation in China and Japan.
- Year-to-date, the fund has underperformed its benchmark primarily due to active managers' selection and allocation in the U.K. and India. Additionally, the fund's strategic allocation to private equity and private real estate detracted from relative performance.

Fixed Income Funds

Fixed Income Fund – I Series

Fund	QTD	YTD
Fixed Income Fund – I Series	5.21%	5.51%
Bloomberg U.S. Universal (ex MBS) Index	5.11%	5.03%
Difference (percentage points)	+0.10	+0.48

- In the third quarter, the fund outperformed the benchmark. The overweight to emerging market debt was the biggest contributor to relative results. The overweight to investment grade credit and selection decisions within the core plus account also contributed positively. Positive results were somewhat offset by the allocation to and selection within agency commercial mortgage-backed securities.
- Year-to-date, the overweights to high-yield and emerging market debt, as well as issue selection within the core plus account, contributed positively to benchmark-relative results. The allocation to global bonds partially offset results.

Inflation Protection Fund – I Series

Fund	QTD	YTD
Inflation Protection Fund – I Series	3.43%	3.74%
IPF-I Benchmark ⁱⁱ	3.79%	4.99%
Difference (percentage points)	-0.36	-1.25

- In the third quarter, the fund lagged the benchmark. The underweight to U.S. Treasury Inflation Protected Securities and allocation to senior secured floating rate bank loans detracted. Negative results were partially offset by the allocation to and issue selection within emerging market inflation-linked bonds.
- Year-to-date, the fund underperformed the benchmark due largely to the allocation to emerging market inflation linked securities, as well as the allocation to and issue selection within global inflation-linked bonds. Negative results were partially offset by the allocations to senior secured floating rated bank loans and selection within commodities.

U.S. Treasury Inflation Protection Fund – I Series

Fund	QTD	YTD
U.S. Treasury Inflation Protection Fund – I Series	4.11%	5.02%
Bloomberg U.S. Inflation Linked Bond Index	4.18%	4.87%
Difference (percentage points)	-0.07	+0.15

- The U.S. Treasury Inflation Protection Fund – I Series is a passively managed fund designed to closely match the performance of the fund benchmark, less fees and expenses. Differences occur due to individual security selection decisions.

Short Term Investment Fund – I Series

Fund	QTD	YTD
Short Term Investment Fund – I Series	1.38%	4.01%
BofA Merrill Lynch 3-Month Treasury Bill Index	1.37%	4.06%
Difference (percentage points)	+0.01	-0.05

- For the month and year-to-date, the fund performed roughly in line with the benchmark.

Balanced Fund

Multiple Asset Fund – I Series

Fund	QTD	YTD
Multiple Asset Fund – I Series	6.30%	10.64%
MAF-I Benchmark ⁱⁱⁱ	6.28%	13.04%
Difference (percentage points)	+0.02	-2.40

- For the quarter, the International Equity Fund – I Series and Fixed Income Fund – I Series contributed positively to benchmark-relative performance, while the U.S. Equity Fund – I Series and Inflation Protection Fund – I Series detracted from relative performance.
- Year-to-date, the Fixed Income Fund – I Series contributed positively to benchmark-relative performance, while the U.S. Equity Fund – I Series, International Equity Fund – I Series and Inflation Protection Fund – I Series detracted from relative performance.

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- i. *Historical returns are not indicative of future performance. Fund returns are net of fees. Please refer to the [Investment Funds Description – I Series](#) for more information about the funds, including fees and expenses. This is not an offer to purchase securities.*
- ii. *Effective February 1, 2023, the benchmark for the Inflation Protection Fund – I Series is 90% Bloomberg U.S. Treasury Inflation-Linked Bond Index and 10% Bloomberg Commodity Index.*
- iii. *The benchmark for the Multiple Asset Fund – I Series is comprised of 35% Russell 3000 Index, 30% MSCI All Country World Index (ACWI) excluding USA Investable Market Index (IMI), 25% Barclays Capital U.S. Universal Index ex-Mortgage Backed Securities, and 10% IPF Benchmark.*