



# Wespath

INSTITUTIONAL INVESTMENTS

## Quarterly Investment Performance Report

**I Series Funds**

As of December 31, 2024

# Investment Fund Review—Net-of-Fees Performance<sup>i</sup>

## Equity Funds

### U.S. Equity Fund – I Series

Fund	QTD	YTD
U.S. Equity Fund – I Series	1.42%	17.16%
Russell 3000 Index	2.63%	23.81%
Difference (percentage points)	-1.21	-6.65

- In the fourth quarter, the fund underperformed its benchmark due to active managers' investments in healthcare and information technology stocks. Additionally, the fund's strategic allocation to private equity and real estate hurt benchmark-relative performance.
- For the year, the fund underperformed its benchmark. The strategic overweight to small- and mid-cap stocks and corresponding 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. WII'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	2.72%	23.87%
Russell 3000 Index	2.63%	23.81%
Difference (percentage points)	0.09	0.06

- USEIF-I is a passively managed fund designed so that it closely matches the fund benchmark, less fees and expenses. Differences occur due to certain stocks excluded in accordance with WII's investment exclusions policies (described [here](#)).

## International Equity Fund – I Series

Fund	QTD	YTD
International Equity Fund – I Series	-8.28%	2.11%
MSCI ACWI ex U.S. Investable Market Index (Net)	-7.61%	5.23%
Difference (percentage points)	-0.67	-3.12

- In the fourth quarter, the fund underperformed its benchmark due to active managers' investments in consumer discretionary and financials. The fund's strategic allocation to private equity and real estate had a positive contribution towards benchmark-relative performance.
- For the year, the fund underperformed its benchmark primarily due to active managers' investments in financials and industrials stocks. Additionally, active managers' selection in Brazil, France and the U.K. detracted from relative performance.

## Social Values Choice Equity Fund – I Series

Fund	QTD	YTD
Social Values Choice Equity Fund – I Series	-3.32%	-3.32%
MSCI World Index	-3.12%	-3.12%
Difference (percentage points)	-0.20	-0.20

- The Social Values Choice Equity Fund – I Series was launched on December 3, 2024.
- The Social Values Choice Equity Fund – I Series is a passively managed fund designed to closely match the fund benchmark, less fees and expenses. Differences occur due to certain stocks excluded in accordance with the fund's exclusions policy (described [here](#)).

## Fixed Income Funds

### Fixed Income Fund – I Series

Fund	QTD	YTD
Fixed Income Fund – I Series	-2.64%	2.73%
Bloomberg U.S. Universal (ex MBS) Index	-2.61%	2.28%
Difference (percentage points)	-0.03	+0.45

- In the fourth quarter, the fund slightly underperformed the benchmark. The fund's overweight to high yield was the biggest contributor to relative results. The fund's overweight to, and security selection within, emerging market debt were the biggest detractors to relative results.
- The fund outperformed the benchmark over the calendar year. The fund's overweight to high yield was the primary contributor to relative results, along with selection within the core plus account.

### Inflation Protection Fund – I Series

Fund	QTD	YTD
Inflation Protection Fund – I Series	-2.35%	1.31%
IPF-I Benchmark <sup>ii</sup>	-2.64%	2.22%
Difference (percentage points)	+0.29	-0.91

- In the fourth quarter, the fund outperformed the benchmark. The fund's allocation to senior secured floating rate bank loans was the biggest contributor to relative results. The fund's allocation to emerging market inflation-linked bonds was a detractor over the period.
- The fund underperformed the benchmark over the calendar year. The fund's allocation to emerging market inflation-linked bonds was the primary detractor to relative performance. This was partially offset by the fund's allocation to senior secured floating rate bank loans.

### Social Values Choice Bond Fund – I Series

Fund	QTD	YTD
Social Values Choice Bond Fund	-1.53%	-1.53%
Bloomberg U.S. Universal (ex MBS) Index	-1.38%	-1.38%
Difference (percentage points)	-0.15	-0.15

- The Social Values Choice Bond Fund – I Series was launched on December 3, 2024.
- The fund modestly underperformed its benchmark. Duration strategies were the primary detractor to relative performance. Security selection within investment-grade credit contributed to relative performance.

### U.S. Treasury Inflation Protection Fund – I Series

Fund	QTD	YTD
U.S. Treasury Inflation Protection Fund – I Series	-3.13%	1.73%
Bloomberg U.S. Inflation Linked Bond Index	-2.96%	1.76%
Difference (percentage points)	-0.17	-0.03

- 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	1.14%	5.19%
BofA Merrill Lynch 3-Month Treasury Bill Index	1.18%	5.28%
Difference (percentage points)	-0.04	-0.09

- For the quarter and year, the fund performed roughly in line with the benchmark.

## Balanced Fund

### Multiple Asset Fund – I Series

Fund	QTD	YTD
Multiple Asset Fund – I Series	-2.87%	7.46%
MAF-I Benchmark <sup>iii</sup>	-2.30%	10.44%
Difference (percentage points)	-0.57	-2.98

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