

BASF UK Group Pension Scheme

Pension Investment Fund Performance to 31 August 2026

Understanding the performance

- It was a mixed 3 months in investment markets.
- Global equities (company shares) produced small positive returns, as enthusiasm about the potential of Artificial Intelligence and technology was offset by concerns about the conflict in the Middle East and inflation.
- Over the longer term, the funds that invest solely in equities (the Adventurous, Ethical, and Islamic Funds) have performed very strongly.
- The Pre-Retirement Annuity Fund aims to match annuity price movements and has a good track record of meeting this goal, including over all periods shown. Over three months annuity prices got cheaper and hence the fund also fell in value, as expected given its annuity matching aim.
- The Sukuk Fund is new to the Scheme and invests in Sharia-compliant bonds (sometimes known as Islamic Bonds). It is early days for this fund and movements in interest rates and inflation expectations impacted its performance over 3 months.
- The cash fund (Liquidity Environmentally Aware Fund) produced a positive return, broadly in line with the Bank of England's base interest rate.
- The Trustee continues to monitor market developments but please bear in mind that pension saving is a long term investment, the recent market turbulence we have seen does arise from time to time.

Remember, past performance is not a guide to the future and markets can be volatile.

Fund	3 Months	1 Year	2 Years
Adventurous	1.87%	20.81%	36.56%
Moderate	1.88%	16.26%	27.86%
Cautious	1.24%	11.69%	20.01%
Ethical	2.14%	26.33%	41.38%
Islamic	0.12%	26.16%	41.79%
Sukuk Fund	-1.02%		
Pre-Retirement Annuity	-1.16%	2.88%	-0.58%
Liquidity Environmentally Aware Fund (LEAF)	0.99%	3.89%	8.62%

Cumulative performance is measured over the previous 3 months, 1 year and 2 years, net of fees, taken from Scottish Widows.

