

BASF UK Group Pension Scheme

Pension Investment Fund Performance to 31 May 2026

Understanding the performance

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

- It was a positive 3 months for global equities (company shares) despite significant geopolitical events, most notably the war in Iran which has spilled over into other parts of the Middle East.
- While there were concerns about the future impact of the war on inflation (because of the rise in oil prices), investors largely shrugged off these concerns and share prices in most markets rose. This was partly due to ongoing enthusiasm around the potential benefits of artificial intelligence.
- The Ethical and Islamic Funds are the most exposed to technology companies, and hence performed very well over 3 months and longer term.
- 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.

Fund	3 Months	1 Year	2 Years
Adventurous	4.84%	26.86%	36.94%
Moderate	3.23%	20.93%	29.07%
Cautious	2.04%	15.10%	21.75%
Ethical	9.74%	35.86%	41.48%
Islamic	13.33%	40.13%	44.51%
Sukuk Fund	-0.10%		
Pre-Retirement Annuity	-3.30%	5.59%	5.17%
Liquidity Environmentally Aware Fund (LEAF)	0.91%	3.93%	9.04%

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

