Quarterly Board Report

Zurich Target Date Funds





Market Commentary

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For just the second time in 40 years, bonds and stocks both posted losses for two consecutive quarters. This is an obvious concern for investors as they weigh four key developments: 1) An inflationary squeeze, 2) Rising interest rates, 3) Recessionary preconditions, and 4) Tightening corporate profit margins.

Of the four developments, the primary driver of the 2022 downturn continues to be inflation and the consequential reset in investor expectations. In this regard, uncomfortably high and persistent inflation has spurred central banks to raise interest rates, while the war in Ukraine pushes up energy prices, tangling supply chains, and casting a cloud over the global economy. Prominently, the U.S. Federal Reserve raised rates in May and June by a combined 125 basis points (1.25%) and promised more hikes until inflation shrinks toward the 2% goal.

The strong U.S. dollar has also significantly contributed to outcomes, especially for international unhedged holdings. Currency exposure therefore remains an important risk mitigation tool.

Market Performance (%): Quarter





-Zurich TDF 2025 - iShares MSCI ACWI ETF USD Acc - Xtrackers II ESG Glb Agg Bd ETF 1D
SPDR® Blmbg 1-3 Mth T-Bill ETF

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Performance was negative over the quarter as both equity and bond markets continued their price decline as investors priced in the risk of higher interest rates to combat inflation, and the increased risk of recession. This has been a difficult year so far for multi asset portfolios as both bonds and equites have performed in a similar way, not providing the expected diversification benefit.

Equities are flirting around "official" bear market levels, however it remains a fragmented story. At the sector level, energy stocks are the standout performer, while defensive valueoriented areas of the market, for example healthcare, utilities, and consumer staples, have lived up to their reputation and held up relatively well during the downdraft.

Turning to fixed income, bonds of all kinds ended the quarter in the red, as the rise in yields and decline in prices seen during the first quarter rolled on. While central banks were raising short-term rates, the bond market pushed long-term rates higher. Long-term bonds continue to take a heavy punch thanks to their vulnerability to rising interest rates.

Attribution Commentary

Top Contributors:

Our overweight exposure to Emerging Market Equity benefited returns as Chinese equities performed positively. After a poor start to 2022, China's stock market benefited as they reopened for business following their covid policy lockdowns. Brazil continued to underperform due to political uncertainty, and South Korea and Taiwan, lagged as the outlook for global trade deteriorated.

Our exposure to Japanese stocks helped excess returns over the period as prices fell less than the broad global equity index. Stock prices were helped by the corporate results season for the fiscal year that ended in March. Overall the results were better than expected. The yen continued to weaken over the period detracting from returns. With the yen being extremely weak versus other currencies, attention now shifts to the Bank of Japan and whether or not they will tighten monetary policy.

Our overweight exposure to UK stocks continued to benefit the portfolio as high inflation helped the energy and basic materials sectors outperform. In addition, the UK stock market has a large allocation to defensive sectors such as healthcare and consumer staples which better protected capital over the period.

Top Detractors:

Our exposure to high yield bonds detracted from returns as yields rose, and spreads widened. Higher quality bonds outperformed more risky corporate bonds, and shorter maturity bonds outperformed longer maturity bonds over the period.

Exposure to inflation linked government bonds detracted from returns as many central banks take action to reduce inflation. This meant that long term inflation expectations fell over the quarter.

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Portfolio Positioning & Outlook

Recent Changes

The key changes made over the quarter are outlined below:

Equity allocation

We have increased our exposure to USA equities, with a tilt towards quality growth stocks that look attractively priced.

Fixed income allocation

We took the opportunity to add to global high yield bonds where corporate spreads aggressively widened and provided an attractive entry point to lock in an attractive coupon. Finally, we reduced our cash holding, and invested into short term government bonds where yields have risen sharply.

Positioning Update and Outlook

There's no use sugar-coating how badly the second quarter played out for most investors. For investors with goals in mind (which is the majority) it may feel like two steps forward and one step back. And as the second half of the year begins, attention is likely to continue surrounding the inflation threat and a potential economic recession. Behaviourally, this is an important time to remain grounded principally.

Looking ahead, we continue to believe stocks and bonds are fabulous assets to help people reach their goals, especially following the healthy rebound in yields. Stocks and bonds offer different mechanics, performing differently in various market environments making them ideal core assets for the majority of investors. Further, following recent losses, the valuations for both stocks and bonds have improved, which is a broad positive that will help investors in the next chapter of their investment journey.

Within equity markets, our allocation is balanced across the different regions. We continue to see the US market as being the least attractive from a relative perspective, however due to recent weakness we have been adding to US allocation. Overall, we favour markets that offer better value and offer diversification benefits, such as Japan, the UK, or the Global Healthcare sector.

The portfolio holds significant exposure to global bonds, with a preference for US bonds. The fixed income allocation is broadly diversified with significant exposure to more defensive assets such as governments bonds combined with exposures to both investment grade, high yield, and Emerging Markets debt.

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Zurich TDF 2025 - Holdings					
Portfolio Date: 30/06/2022					
	Portfolio Weighting %	Morningstar Analyst Rating	3 Mth Rtn to Qtr End (%)	YTD Rtn to Qtr End (%)	1 Yr Rtn to Qtr End (%)
Vanguard U.S. Govt Bd Idx \$ Acc	19.50	🐺 Silver	-3.74	-9.00	-8.91
Stt Strt Glbl Trs Bd Idx I USD Acc Hdg	12.10				
iShares US Index (IE) Instl Acc USD	8.90		-16.25	-20.32	-11.04
Vanguard Global S/T Bd Idx USD H Acc	7.00		-1.40	-4.23	-4.72
Vanguard U.S. 500 Stk Idx \$ Acc	6.30	👽 Gold	-16.22	-20.17	-11.07
PIMCO GIS GlInGd Crdt Instl USD Acc	5.85	Bronze	-7.32	-14.89	-15.54
iShares US Corp Bd Idx (IE) Instl AccUSD	5.55		-6.78	-13.39	-13.35
iShares EmergMkts Idx (IE) Instl Acc USD	5.40		-11.38	-17.15	-25.51
Colchester Lcl Mkts Bd \$ Unhgd Accl	4.80		-8.68	-14.18	-18.46
ILF USD Liquidity 4	4.10		0.14	0.13	0.13
Vanguard Jpn Stk Idx \$ Acc	4.10		-14.63	-20.29	-20.04
Vanguard European Stock Idx USD Acc	3.20		-14.33	-20.61	-17.35
Fundsmith Equity I Acc	3.00	👽 Gold	-15.95	-26.24	-21.87
iShares UK Index (IE) Instl Acc GBP	2.20		-10.49	-9.12	-4.19
AXAWF Global High Yield Bds I Cap USD	2.00	Neutral	-9.63	-12.76	-11.66
BGF World Healthscience A2	2.00	Neutral	-6.98	-10.00	-5.59
BSF Fixed Income Strategies A2 USD H	2.00	Bronze	-1.42	-2.69	-3.09
PIMCO GIS GIb Lw Dur RI Rt Ins USD Acc	2.00		-1.08	-0.67	1.37

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Asset Allocation Attribution

Allocation Effect: (%) : Quarter					Allocation Effect: (%) : 1 Year				
Time Period: 01/04/2022 to 30/06/2022					Time Period: 01/01/2022 to 30/06/2022				
Europe Large-Cap Blend Equity					Europe Large-Cap Blend Equity				
Global Bond - USD Hedged					Global Bond - USD Hedged				
Global Corporate Bond - USD Hedged		I			Global Corporate Bond - USD Hedged				
Global Emerging Markets Bond - Local Currency					Global Emerging Markets Bond - Local Current	су			
Global Emerging Markets Equity					Global Emerging Markets Equity				
Global Flexible Bond - USD Hedged					Global Flexible Bond - USD Hedged				
Global High Yield Bond					Global High Yield Bond				
Global Inflation-Linked Bond - USD Hedged					Global Inflation-Linked Bond - USD Hedged				
Global Large-Cap Growth Equity					Global Large-Cap Growth Equity				
Global Large-Stock Blend					Global Large-Stock Blend				
Japan Large-Cap Equity					Japan Large-Cap Equity				
Other Equity					Other Equity				
Sector Equity Healthcare					Sector Equity Healthcare				
UK Large-Cap Equity					UK Large-Cap Equity				
Ultrashort Bond					Ultrashort Bond				
US Large-Cap Blend Equity					US Large-Cap Blend Equity				
USD Corporate Bond					USD Corporate Bond				
USD Government Bond					USD Government Bond				
USD Money Market - Short Term					USD Money Market - Short Term				
-2.	.0	0.0	2.0	4.0		-2.0	0.0	2.0	4.0

Asset Allocation Attribution

Allocation Effect: (%) : 3 Year					Allocation Effect: (%) : Since Inception						
Time Period: 01/07/2019 to 30/06/2022					Time Period: 03/07/2017 to 30/06/2022						
Europe Large-Cap Blend Equity					Asia ex-Japan Equity						
Global Bond - USD Hedged					Europe Large-Cap Blend Equity						
Global Corporate Bond - USD Hedged					Global Bond				-		
Global Emerging Markets Bond					Global Bond - USD Hedged						
					Global Corporate Bond - USD Hedged						
Global Emerging Markets Bond - Local Currence	y				Global Emerging Markets Bond						
Global Emerging Markets Equity					Global Emerging Markets Bond - Local Currence	су					
Global Flexible Bond - USD Hedged					Global Emerging Markets Equity						
Global High Yield Bond					Global Flexible Bond - USD Hedged						
Global Inflation-Linked Bond - USD Hedged					Global High Yield Bond						
Global Large-Cap Growth Equity					Global Inflation-Linked Bond - USD Hedged						
					Global Large-Cap Growth Equity						
Global Large-Stock Blend				-	Global Large-Stock Blend	_	*				
Japan Large-Cap Equity					Japan Large-Cap Equity						
Other Equity					Other Equity					-	
Sector Equity Healthcare				-	Sector Equity Healthcare					-	
UK Large-Cap Equity					UK Large-Cap Equity				-		
Ultrashort Bond		1			Ultrashort Bond					-	
US Large-Cap Blend Equity					US Large-Cap Blend Equity				-		
					US Mid-Cap Equity						
USD Corporate Bond					USD Corporate Bond						
USD Government Bond					USD Government Bond						
USD Money Market - Short Term	_				USD Money Market - Short Term						
	-10.0 -5.0	0.0	5.0	10.0		-10.0	-5.0	0.0	5.0	10.0	

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