

BASF UK Group Pension Scheme

Pension Investment Fund Performance to 31 August 2024

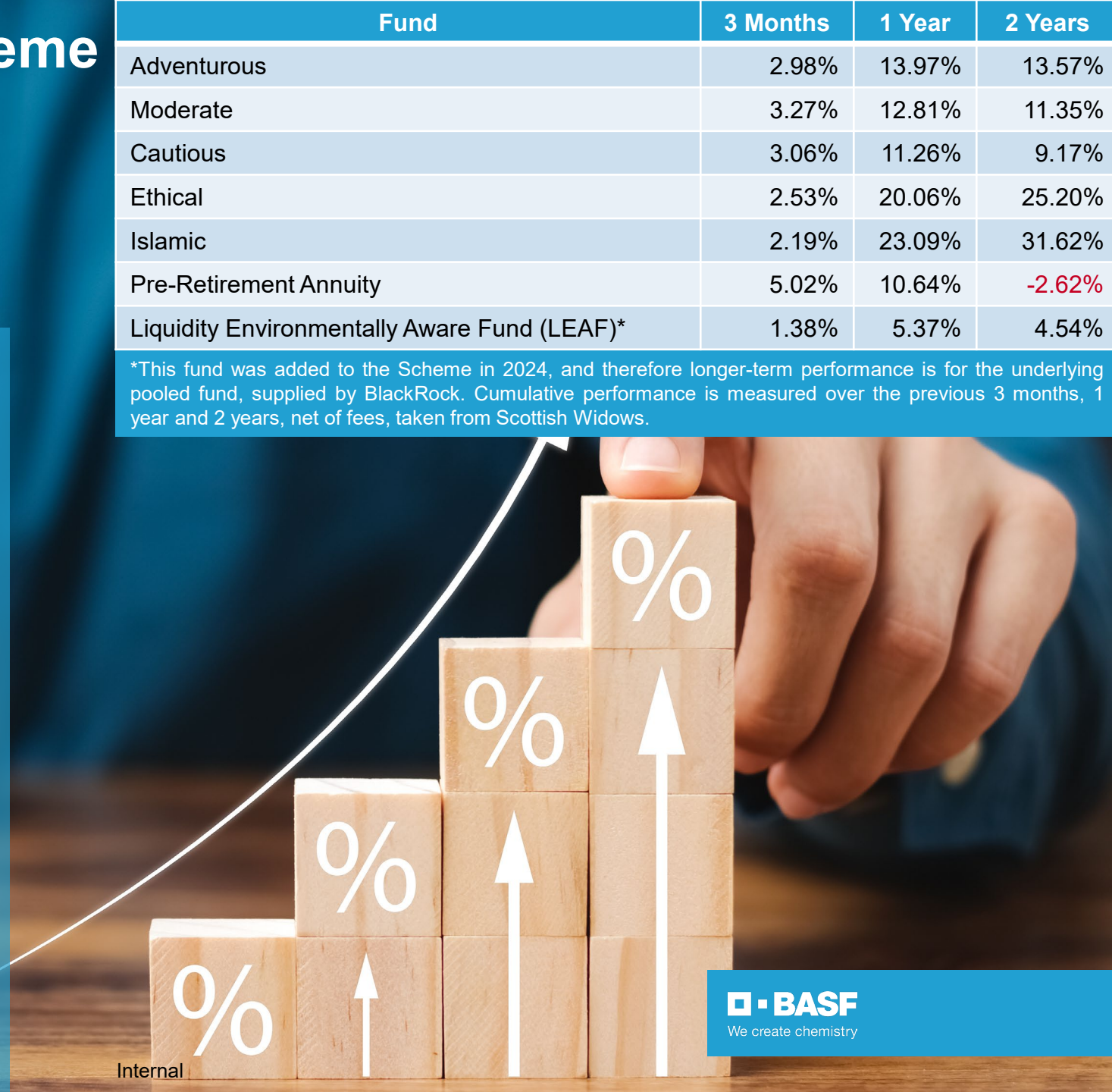
Fund	3 Months	1 Year	2 Years
Adventurous	2.98%	13.97%	13.57%
Moderate	3.27%	12.81%	11.35%
Cautious	3.06%	11.26%	9.17%
Ethical	2.53%	20.06%	25.20%
Islamic	2.19%	23.09%	31.62%
Pre-Retirement Annuity	5.02%	10.64%	-2.62%
Liquidity Environmentally Aware Fund (LEAF)*	1.38%	5.37%	4.54%

*This fund was added to the Scheme in 2024, and therefore longer-term performance is for the underlying pooled fund, supplied by BlackRock. Cumulative performance is measured over the previous 3 months, 1 year and 2 years, net of fees, taken from Scottish Widows.

Understanding the performance

- All funds delivered positive returns over the 3 month and 1 year periods.
- Equity market returns were positive over the period, although there was a lot of variability month-to-month, with sharp falls seen in mid-summer, driven by disappointing economic growth data emerging from the US. However, by the end of the period most markets bounced back.
- After a long run of weak returns from bonds, these assets had a positive few months, meaning that the highest return over 3 months came from the Pre-Retirement Annuity Fund, which invests in both government and corporate bonds. The Cautious Fund also invests in bonds (as well as other assets) so delivered good growth over the period.
- Certain alternative investment types such as real estate investment trusts and high yield bonds performed well. In the Moderate and Cautious Funds, the Scheme uses diversified growth funds which invest in these alternative assets. This contributed to the Moderate Fund delivering the strongest returns of the three risk-profiled funds.
- Over the longer term, the Ethical and Islamic funds have benefited from their high allocations to the US market, especially technology companies, which performed well over 1 and 2 year periods.
- The new LEAF Fund produced a small positive return, as the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee cut UK bank base interest rates to 5% at its August meeting after holding them at 5.25% seven times in a row.

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



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