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PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALLERS' PENSION SCHEME

CHANGES TO INVESTMENT STRATEGY

September 2024

From September 2024 the way pension savings in the Professional Footballers' Scheme (the Scheme) are invested is changing. Please read this document carefully as it outlines the changes being made and highlights what this could mean for members' savings in the Scheme.

This document should be read alongside the letter to members dated August 2024.

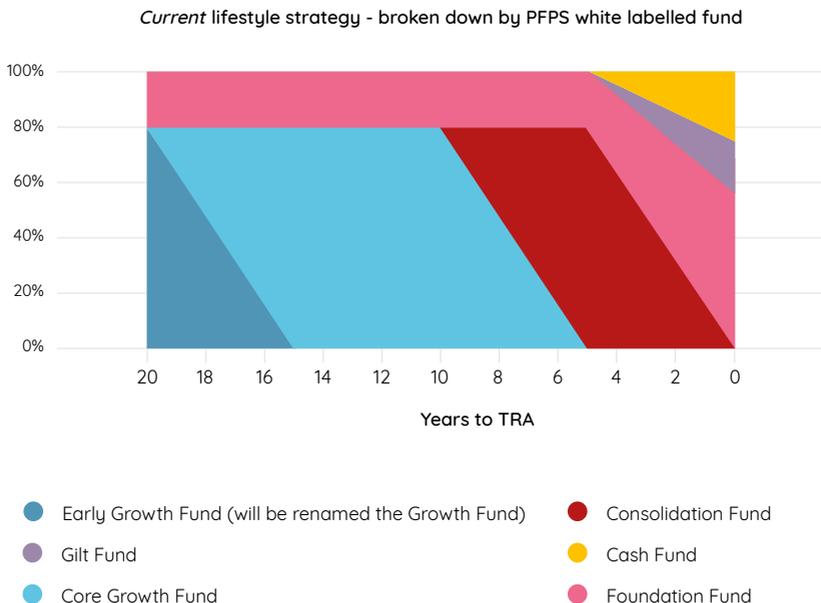
What is the Scheme's default investment strategy?

The default investment is a 'lifestyle' strategy which targets income drawdown at the age members are expected to take benefits. A 'lifestyle' strategy works by moving pension savings into different types of investments generally moving into less volatile investments as members get closer to their Target Retirement Age (TRA).

As Trustees of the Scheme, we want to ensure we provide a suitable pension saving arrangement which offers good value for money. We frequently monitor the performance of the Scheme's investment strategy to make sure it continues to perform well for members.

Following a review of the Scheme's investment strategy by our advisers at Barnett Waddingham, we've decided to make some important changes from 23 September 2024 to the default 'lifestyle' strategy and associated self-select range.

The Scheme's current default 'lifestyle' strategy is currently made up of six blended funds (shown below).



The new default 'lifestyle' investment strategy

The proposed changes to the default strategy are:

- To remove the Foundation Fund and Core Growth Fund. These funds will also be removed from the self-select range.
- Alter the allocation of the Early Growth Fund to allow 10% allocation to private markets, up from 5% currently.
- Alter the allocation of the Consolidation Fund to 50% diversified growth fund and 50% equities. Currently the Fund is 80% diversified growth fund and 20% gilts.
- Rename the 'Early Growth Fund' the 'Growth Fund', for simplicity.
- Increase the amount of time members are invested in the Growth Fund until 5 years to their TRA, opposed to the current 15 years.
- Adjust the target allocation at retirement to 25% Cash Fund, 15% Gilt Fund and 60% Consolidation Fund.

Recommended lifestyle strategy - broken down by PFFS white labelled fund



- Early Growth Fund (will be renamed the Growth Fund)
- Consolidation Fund
- Gilt Fund
- Cash Fund

All members will be moved into the new default 'lifestyle' investment strategy, unless they:

- Are invested completely in self-select funds that are remaining open;
- Make a choice to invest elsewhere before the changes are made.

Within each of the four blended funds in the new default 'lifestyle' strategy are a range of investments that have been chosen by the Trustees. The changes being made by the Trustees, and more details are given below:

Blended Fund <i>Click fund to view factsheet.</i> <i>We note the underlying allocations in the factsheets may be different to this document if individual underlying funds are being changed.</i>	Underlying Funds Members' can invest in the blended fund only, not in the underlying funds within them.	Proportion in the current strategy	Proportion in the new strategy
<u>The Footballers' Growth Fund (renamed The Footballers' Growth Fund)</u>	Legal & General Future World UK Equity Fund	30%	30%
	Legal & General Future World Developed (ex UK) Equity Fund	20%	20%
	Legal & General Future World Developed (ex UK) Equity Index Fund – GBP hedged	20%	20%
	Legal & General Future World Emerging Markets Equity Index Fund	10%	10%
	Partners Group Generations Fund	5%	10% (+5%)
	M&G Total Return Credit Investment Fund	15%	10% (-5%)

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<u>The Footballers' Consolidation Fund</u>	Baillie Gifford Multi-Asset Growth Fund	80%	0% (-80%)
	Legal & General 0 to 5 year Gilt Index Fund	20%	0% (-20%)
	Legal & General Future World UK Equity Fund	0%	18.75% (+18.75%)
	Legal & General Future World Developed (ex UK) Equity Fund	0%	12.5% (+12.5%)
	Legal & General Future World Developed (ex UK) Equity Index Fund – GBP hedged	0%	12.5% (+12.5%)
	Legal & General Future World Emerging Markets Equity Index Fund	0%	6.25% (+6.25%)
	Legal & General Retirement Income Multi-Asset Fund	0%	50% (+50%)
<u>The Footballers' Gilt Fund</u>	Legal & General 0 to 5 year Gilt Index Fund	100%	100%
<u>The Footballers' Cash Fund</u>	Legal & General Cash Fund	100%	100%

What are the new charges?

As mentioned in the letter to members, the changes being made to the default 'lifestyle' strategy will impact the fees paid by members. The Trustees have negotiated competitive annual management charges for the default 'lifestyle' strategy, and these are shown below.

Fund	Approximate total fee (% p.a.)
Early Growth Fund (renamed the Growth Fund)	0.37%
Consolidation Fund	0.26%
Gilt Fund	0.08%
Cash Fund	0.09%

The above charges will also apply if a member wants to self-select investment in the above funds, if they are made available as self-select funds. Please see the Professional Footballers' Association website for more information on the self-select options available: www.thepfa.com/players/union-support/pension-scheme

What about self-select funds?

If a member is invested in a self-select fund that is closing, all assets will be moved to the new default 'lifestyle' strategy, unless a member makes an alternative choice before the blackout period.

If a member is invested only in self-select funds that are remaining open, their assets will remain in these funds.

Contact

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