

Q1 - 2022

# PENSION SCHEMES INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE SURVEY

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#### Introduction

The ACTSERV Pension Schemes Investment Performance Survey, prepared by Actuarial Services East Africa Limited (ACTSERV), is a survey on the investment performance of pension schemes in Kenya under segregated funds. In the first quarter of 2022, a sample size of 429 schemes with a total fund value of about

Kshs. 938 Billion (excluding property) were analyzed The total fund value of the sample including property and cash was 1,049 Billion.

### Purpose of the Survey

- 1. The Trustees and Fund Managers will be able to compare the returns/performances of their respective schemes with others that are similar in terms of size and risk appetite.
- 2. The Trustees and Fund Managers will be able to identify which asset categories performed better and compare the results of their scheme's asset categories with those of schemes that are similar in size and risk profile.
- 3. The survey compares the overall returns and the returns in different asset classes within respective risk profile categories.

#### About ACTSERV

Actuarial Services East Africa Limited (ACTSERV) has been providing services to the East African Market since 2001.

The services we offer include:

- Investment Consulting
- Retirement Fund Consulting
- Post Retirement Medical Consulting
- Life Insurance Consulting
- General and Health Care Insurance Consulting
- Management Consulting
- IT Services and Enterprise Risk Management

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QUARTER SUMMARY		QUARTER (3 – MONTHS)						
	Q1 2018	Q1 2019	Q1 2020	Q1 2021	Q1 2022			
Total Fund Value (Kshs. Bn)	654	813	747	873	938			
Sample Size	382	426	421	422	429			
Overall Return	6.7%	6.5%	-4.4%	2.6%	-0.6%			
Fixed income	3.6%	3.7%	2.6%	1.6%	1.1%			
Equity	14.8%	14.0%	-23.9%	5.6%	-4.8%			
Off Shore	-1.8%	12.5%	-14.9%	0.3%	-8.7%			
Inflation	4.1%	2.4%	1.4%	0.01%	0.01%			

Overall returns computed for the quarter ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 was **-0.6%** compared to **2.6%** recorded in the same quarter last year and **-4.4%** in Q1 2020.

The performance was largely driven by negative returns in equities of **-4.8%** from **5.6%** in Q1 2021. The negative returns were attributable to a decrease in equities from Q1 2021 majorly as a result of investor uncertainties regarding global political events and the upcoming general elections in the third quarter of 2022.

Fixed income and offshore asset classes declined to **1.1%** and **-8.7%** respectively from **1.6%**, and **0.3%** respectively in Q1 2021. The decline in fixed income was attributable to tighter liquidity in the interbank market, weakening of the Kenyan Shilling and rising inflation.

# Quarterly Figures All Schemes

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■ Overall return ■ Fixed Income ■ Equity ■ Off shore ■ Inflation

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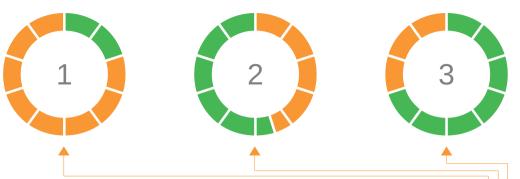
#### **RISK PROFILE**

Suggested Asset Allocation Breakdown

- The risk profile is divided into three categories namely conservative, moderate and aggressive.
- The suggested asset allocation breakdown per risk profile is divided into non-interest bearing assets and interest bearing assets.
- The non-interest bearing assets comprise of equities, offshore and property whereas the interest bearing assets comprise of government securities, fixed and time deposits, commercial paper, corporate bonds and call deposits.

#### ACTSERV Pension Schemes Investment Performance Survey (Quarter 1 2022)

# **RISK PROFILE CATEGORIES**



# **Conservative Risk Profile**



Non-interest bearing assets (0% - 20%) Interest bearing assets (80%-100%)

# **Moderate Risk Profile**



Non-interest bearing assets (21%-45%) Interest bearing assets (55%-79%)

# **Aggressive Risk Profile**

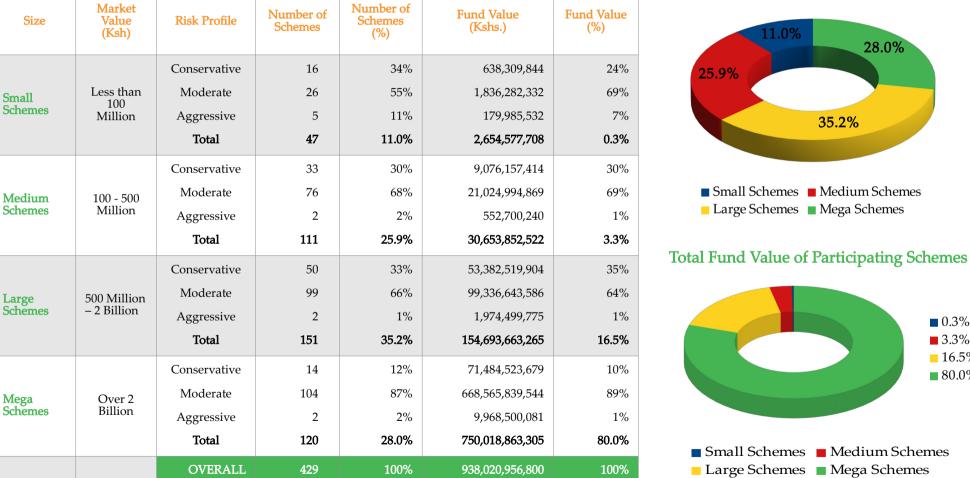
- Non-interest bearing assets (46%-70%)
- Interest bearing assets (30%-54%)

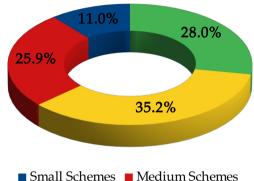
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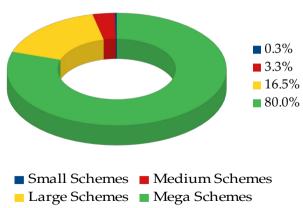
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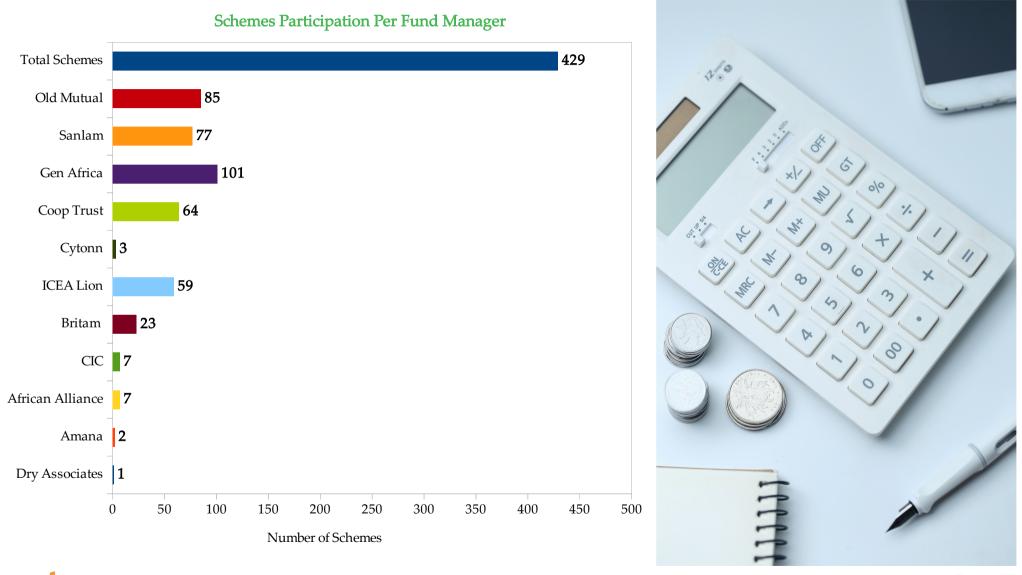






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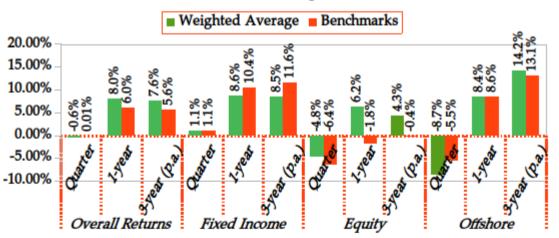


	Overall Returns				Fixed Income			Equity			Offshore		
	Quarter	1-year	3-year (p.a)	Quarter	1-year	3-year (p.a)	Quarter	1-year	3-year (p.a)	Quarter	1-year	3-year (p.a)	
Weighted Average	-0.6%	8.0%	7.6%	1.1%	8.6%	8.5%	-4.8%	6.2%	4.3%	-8.7%	8.4%	14.2%	
Average	-0.3%	9.1%	9.8%	1.2%	9.8%	10.7%	-4.7%	7.1%	5.7%	-9.4%	7.4%	17.1%	
Highest	2.8%	14.6%	14.8%	3.7%	13.1%	14.4%	1.3%	16.6%	17.7%	12.3%	22.5%	45.2%	
Lowest	-3.2%	2.4%	5.2%	0.2%	-0.3%	1.3%	-9.2%	-10.6%	-17.4%	-17.8%	-26.3%	-1.4%	
50 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	-0.4%	9.2%	9.9%	1.1%	9.9%	11.0%	-4.9%	7.2%	6.0%	-11.0%	9.3%	19.9%	
Benchmarks	0.01%	6.0%	5.6%	1.1%	10.4%	11.6%	-6.4%	-1.8%	-0.4%	-5.5%	8.6%	13.1%	

#### PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS - ALL SCHEMES ANALYSIS

**OVERALL RETURN BY ASSET CATEGORY** 

#### All Schemes Average Returns



Schemes posted a weighted average return of **-0.6%**, **8.0%** and **7.6%** in Q1 2022 for the quarter, 1-year and 3-year respectively compared to **0.7%**, **11.6%** and **10.0%** in Q4 2021.

Fixed income decreased over the quarter to **1.1%**, **8.6%** and **8.5%** compared to **2.2%**, **9.6%** and **9.7%** in Q4 2021 and **1.6%**, **11.6%** and **10.3%** in Q1 2021.

Equities decreased over the quarter to **-4.8%**, **6.2%** and **4.3%** for the quarter, 1-year and 3-year periods compared to **-4.4%**, **16.9%** and **9.9%** in Q4 2021.

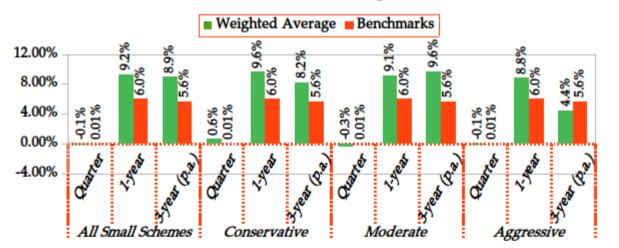
Offshore decreased over the quarter to **-8.7%**, **8.4%** and **14.2%** compared to **7.2%**, **18.5%** and **21.4%** in Q4 2021.

	Al	All Small Schemes			Conserva	tive	Moderate			Aggressive			
	Quarter	1-year	3-year (p.a)	Quarter	1-year	3-year (p.a)	Quarter	1-year	3-year (p.a)	Quarter	1-year	3-year (p.a)	
Weighted Average	-0.1%	9.2%	8.9%	0.6%	9.6%	8.2%	-0.3%	9.1%	9.6%	-0.1%	8.8%	4.4%	
Average	0.2%	9.0%	9.5%	1.0%	9.1%	9.4%	-0.3%	8.8%	9.6%	0.5%	9.8%	7.7%	
Highest	2.8%	12.8%	11.6%	1.9%	11.8%	11.6%	1.2%	10.9%	10.7%	2.8%	12.8%	7.9%	
Lowest	-1.5%	3.4%	5.2%	-0.3%	5.7%	5.2%	-1.5%	3.4%	5.9%	-0.8%	7.2%	7.5%	
50 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	-0.1%	9.0%	9.7%	-0.1%	9.2%	9.8%	-0.4%	8.9%	9.9%	0.6%	10.9%	7.7%	
Overall Inflation	0.01%	6.0%	5.6%	0.01%	6.0%	5.6%	0.01%	6.0%	5.6%	0.01%	6.0%	5.6%	

#### SMALL SCHEMES ANALYSIS

#### **OVERALL RETURNS**

#### Small Schemes Overall Average Returns



Q1 2022 recorded a weighted average Small Schemes return of **-0.1%**, **9.2%** and **8.9%** for the quarter, 1-year and 3-year annualized periods. This is in comparison to **0.7%**, **11.2%** and **9.2%** recorded in Q4 2021 indicating a decline over the quarter, 1-year returns and 3-year returns.

Conservative Small Schemes had a better performance on average.

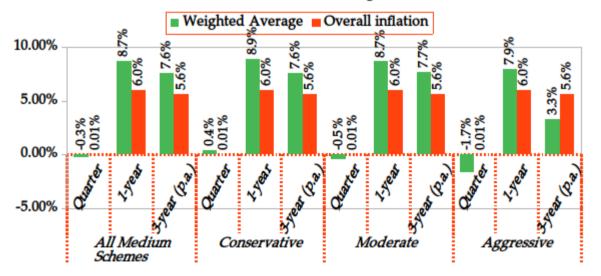
The overall All Small Schemes returns were above the benchmark across all the periods except for the quarter return.

**OVERALL RETURNS** 

#### Moderate All Medium Schemes Conservative Aggressive 1-vear 3-year (p.a) 1-vear 3-year (p.a) Ouarter 1-vear 3-year (p.a) 3-year (p.a) Ouarter Ouarter Ouarter 1-vear 8.7% 7.6% 8.9% 7.6% -0.5% 8.7% 7.7% -1.7% 7.9% 3.3% Weighted Average -0.3% 0.4% -0.3% 9.1% 9.6% 0.3% 9.5% 9.7% -0.5% 9.0% 9.6% -0.3% 9.1% 7.4% Average Highest 2.0% 14.6% 14.8% 2.0% 14.6% 10.8% 0.8% 13.9% 14.8% -0.8% 8.8% 7.4% -0.2% 8.1% 7.9% 2.4% 6.9% 7.4% -2.4% 2.4% 5.2% -1.7% 5.2% -2.4% Lowest -0.2% 9.2% 9.7% 0.1% 9.2% 9.8% -0.4% 9.1% 9.7% -1.6% 7.9% 7.4% 50th Percentile 0.01% 5.6% 6.0% 6.0% 0.01% 6.0% **Overall Inflation** 6.0% 0.01% 5.6% 0.01% 5.6% 5.6%

#### MEDIUM SCHEMES ANALYSIS

#### Medium Schemes Overall Average Returns



All Medium Schemes returns decreased across all the periods except for the quarter's return. The weighted average returns were **-0.3%**, **8.7%** and **7.6%** for the quarter, 1-year and 3-year annualized periods respectively compared to **0.6%**, **11.5%** and **10.2%** recorded in Q4 2021.

Conservative Medium Schemes returns were **0.4%**, **8.9%**, **7.6%** from **1.2%**, **10.0%** and **8.0%** for the quarter, 1-year and 3-year respectively, a decrease over the quarter and 1-year periods.

Moderate Medium Schemes recorded returns were **-0.5%**, **8.7%** and **7.7%** in the quarter, 1-year and 3-year from **0.5%**, **11.8%** and **10.9%** returns in Q4 2021.

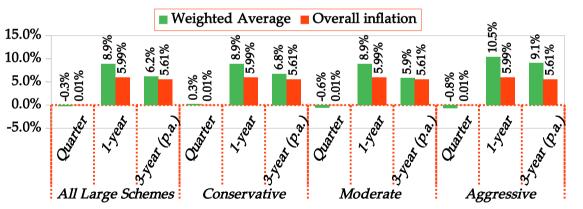
Aggressive Medium Schemes recorded returns were **-1.7%**, **7.9%** and **3.3%** over the quarter, 1-year and 3-year periods. In Q4 2021, the returns were **-2.0%** and **16.6%** in the quarter and 1-year periods.

#### LARGE SCHEMES ANALYSIS

#### **OVERALL RETURNS**

	All Large Schemes			(	Conservativ	е	Moderate			Aggressive		
	Quarter	1-year	3-year (p.a)	Quarter	1-year	3-year (p.a)	Quarter	1-year	3-year (p.a)	Quarter	1-year	3-year (p.a)
Weighted Average	-0.3%	8.9%	6.2%	0.3%	8.9%	6.8%	-0.6%	8.9%	5.9%	-0.8%	10.5%	9.1%
Average	-0.3%	9.1%	10.0%	0.2%	9.3%	10.1%	-0.6%	8.9%	10.0%	-0.9%	10.3%	8.5%
Highest	1.7%	11.7%	13.2%	1.7%	11.7%	11.1%	0.3%	10.3%	13.2%	-0.4%	11.0%	10.6%
Lowest	-2.0%	6.9%	6.4%	-0.8%	7.8%	8.5%	-2.0%	6.9%	8.3%	-1.4%	9.5%	6.4%
50 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	-0.3%	9.2%	10.1%	0.1%	9.3%	10.3%	-0.6%	9.0%	10.1%	-0.9%	10.3%	8.5%
Overall Inflation	0.01%	6.0%	5.6%	0.01%	6.0%	5.6%	0.01%	6.0%	5.6%	0.01%	6.0%	5.6%

#### Large Scheme Overall Average Returns



All Large Schemes quarter, 1-year and 3-year average weighted returns were **-0.3%**, **8.9%** and **6.2%** respectively, a decrease from **0.8%**, **11.9%** and **7.6%** in Q4 2021.

Conservative Large Schemes recorded returns of **0.3%**, **8.9%** and **6.8%** for the quarter, 1-year and 3-year periods from **1.3%**, **10.9%** and **8.0%** in Q4 2021.

Moderate Large Schemes had a performance of **-0.6%**, **8.9%**, and **5.9%** over the quarter, 1-year and 3-year periods from **0.6%**, **12.3%**, and **7.3%** in Q4 2021.

Aggressive Large Schemes had the best performance for the 1-year and 3-year returns. The returns were **-0.8%**, **10.5%** and **9.1%** over the quarter, 1-year and 3-year period from **0.5%**, **14.9%** and **12.6%** respectively in Q4 2021.

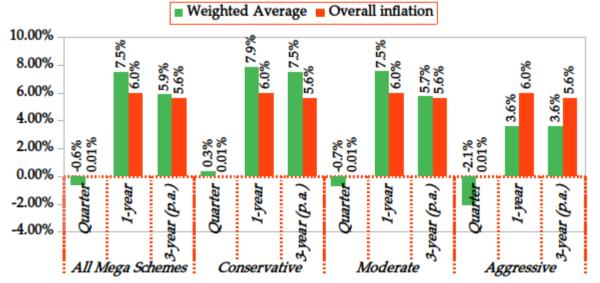
The overall all Large Schemes performance were above the benchmarks in the 1-year and 3-year periods.

#### **MEGA SCHEMES ANALYSIS**

**OVERALL RETURNS** 

	All Mega Schemes		Conservative			Moderate			Aggressive			
	Quarter	1-year	3-year (p.a)	Quarter	1-year	3-year (p.a)	Quarter	1-year	3-year (p.a)	Quarter	1-year	3-year (p.a)
Weighted Average	-0.6%	7.5%	5.9%	0.3%	7.9%	7.5%	-0.7%	7.5%	5.7%	-2.1%	3.6%	3.6%
Average	-0.6%	9.1%	9.7%	0.4%	9.2%	9.8%	-0.7%	9.1%	9.7%	-1.9%	8.7%	8.8%
Highest	2.2%	13.7%	11.0%	2.2%	10.6%	10.4%	0.2%	13.7%	11.0%	-0.5%	8.7%	8.8%
Lowest	-3.2%	6.2%	8.4%	-0.6%	8.4%	8.5%	-2.2%	6.3%	8.4%	-3.2%	8.7%	8.8%
50 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	-0.6%	9.2%	9.8%	0.2%	9.1%	9.9%	-0.7%	9.2%	9.8%	-1.9%	8.7%	8.8%
Overall Inflation	0.01%	6.0%	5.6%	0.01%	6.0%	5.6%	0.01%	6.0%	5.6%	0.01%	6.0%	5.6%

#### Mega Schemes Overall Average Returns



The returns recorded for Mega Schemes were **-0.6%**, **7.5%** and **5.9%** for the quarter, 1-year and 3-year periods from **0.7%**, **10.0%** and **6.5%** in Q4 2021. There is a decrease across all periods.

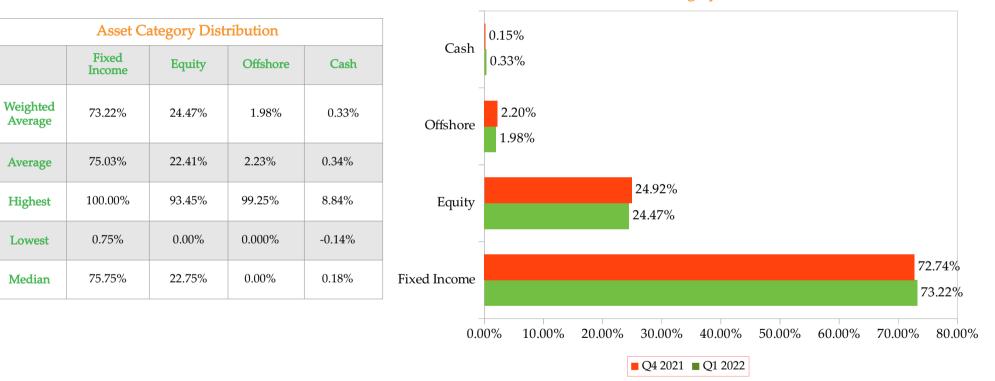
Conservative Mega Schemes the best performance of **0.3%**, **7.9%** and **7.5%** for the quarter, 1-year and 3-year periods from **1.7%**, **10.6%** and **9.5%** in Q4 2021.

Moderate Mega Schemes had a performance of **-0.7%**, **7.5%**, and **5.7%** over the quarter, 1-year and 3-year periods from **0.6%**, **9.9%**, and **6.1%** in Q4 2021.

Aggressive Mega Schemes had a performance of **-2.1%**, **3.6%** and **3.6%** over the quarter, 1-year and 3-year period from **0.01%**, **12.1%** and **11.8%** respectively in Q4 2021.

All Mega Schemes weighted return over performed the benchmark in the 1-year and 3-year periods.

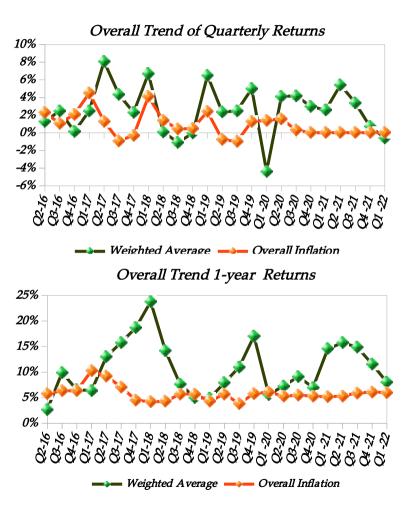
### ASSETS DISTRIBUTION ANALYSIS



#### **Asset Category Distribution**

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# **RETURN TRENDS**



# **Overall Return Trends**

Since Q2-16 overall quarter returns have been above inflation except in Q4-16, Q1-17, Q2-18, Q3-18, Q4-18, Q1-20 and Q1-22 where inflation was marginally higher.

Q1-22 overall quarter return underperformed inflation. This is attributable to a spike in inflation caused by increase in fuel prices.

The variance between the quarterly returns and inflation rates has been marginal.

Since Q2 2016 the overall trend of 1-year return has generally outperformed the inflation benchmark except in Q2-2016, Q1-2017, Q4-2018 and Q1-2020.

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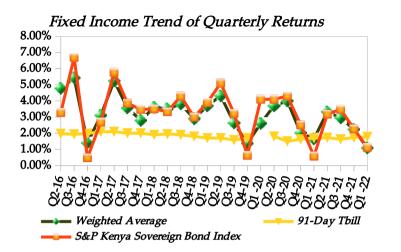
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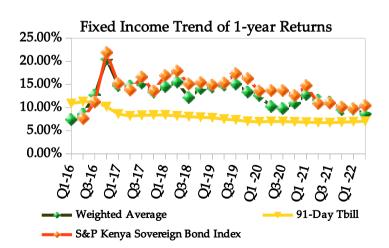
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#### ---- Weighted Average ---- Overall Inflation

From Q4-16, the overall 3-year annualized return has remained above inflation benchmark except in Q1-17. The return increased over the quarter to **9.9%** from **8.9%** in Q2-21 and **9.8%** in Q4-20.

Since Q2-16's return of **8.64%**, 2019 had the best returns over most quarters of **11.00%** in Q1-19, **11.42%** in Q2-19 and **11.3%** in Q4 -19.





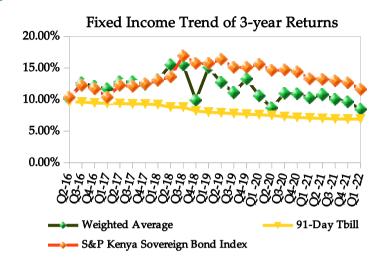
# **Fixed Income Return Trends**

The quarterly fixed income returns have been volatile and generally mirrored the benchmark.

Since Q2-16 the lowest realized quarterly fixed income return was in Q4-16 at **1.39%**, Q4-19 at **1.4%**, Q1-21 at **1.6%** and Q1-22 at **1.1%**. The highest return was **5.4%** in Q3-16.

The 1-year fixed income returns have been more stable than the quarterly returns and have remained consistent with the benchmark.

The highest realized 1 year fixed income return was **20.54%** in Q3-16. Q1-22 return of **8.6%** was a decline from **9.6%** in Q4 2021.

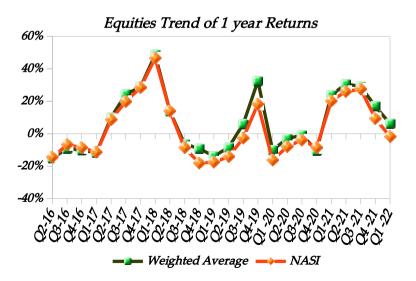


Similar to quarterly returns, the 3-year annualized returns have been volatile over consecutive quarters. Since Q2-16 the highest 3 year fixed income return was recorded in Q2-18 at **15.51%**. Q3-21 return of **10.0%** was a decrease from **10.8%** in Q2 2021.

Single digit returns were recorded in Q4-18 at **9.90%**, Q3-21 at **10.0%**, Q4-21 at **9.7%** and Q1-22 at **8.5%**. Since Q3-18 the returns have under performed the S&P Kenya Sovereign Bond Index.



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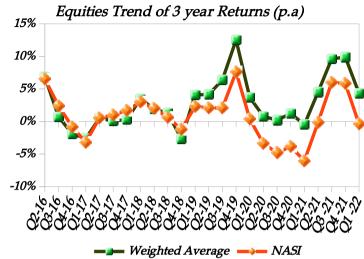


# **Equities Trend**

From Q2-16 quarterly equities returns have remained volatile but above the NASI benchmark index, except in Q2-16 to Q4-16, Q4-17, Q1-20 and Q4-20.

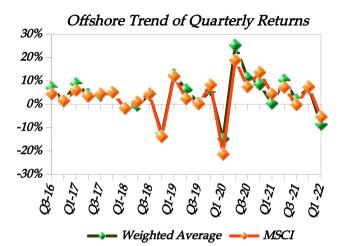
The weighted average equities return for all schemes have remained stable at around **-4.8%** from **-4.4%** in Q4-21. The lowest quarterly equity return was in Q1-20 at **-23.9%** followed by Q3-18 at **-12.5%** while the highest was in Q2-17 at **18.32%**.

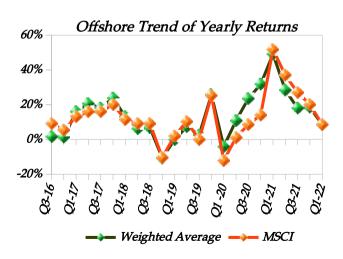
The 1-year equities returns have also been volatile and remained above the NASI benchmark index, except in Q2-16 to Q1-17, Q2-18 and Q4-20. Highest equities returns were realized in Q1-18 at **48.70%**, Q4-19 at **32.5%**, Q1-21 at **23.8%** and Q2-21 at 30.6%. The lowest return was in Q1-19 at **-13.80%**.



Since Q2-16 the highest 3 year return was **12.5%** in Q4-19 while the lowest was in Q1-17 at **-2.60%**. From Q1-19 the 3-year equity trend has remained stable above the NASI benchmark index.

The spike in inflation in Q1-21 has resulted in equities performance decreasing from **9.9%** in Q4-21 to **4.3%** in Q1-22.



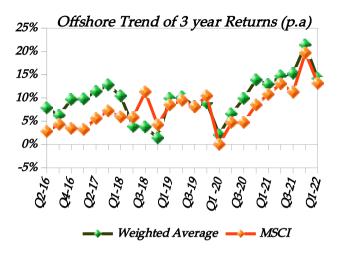


# **Offshore Trend**

The quarterly offshore returns have been volatile. They however have closely matched the benchmark performance outperforming it in certain quarters. In Q1 2022 the returns have been below the benchmark.

The rising in crude oil prices coupled with inflation concerns have slowed the recovery resulting in weighted average quarter offshore returns declining quarter to quarter from **11.30%** in Q3-20 to **10.2%** in Q2-21 in **1.9%** in Q3-21 down to -8.7% in Q1-22. Since Q1-17 the highest return was **25.30%** in Q2-20.

The highest offshore 1-year return on average for all schemes since Q2 2016 was in Q1-21 at **49.1%** while the lowest was in Q4-18 at **-10.70%**. The returns in Q1-22 decreased to **8.4%** from **18.5%** in Q4-21.



The 3-year offshore returns have been volatile and closely matched the benchmark performance outperforming it in most quarters.

From the onset of COVID-19 pandemic weighted average 3-year offshore returns have continued to increase quarter on quarter from **2.10%** in Q1-20 to **13.9%** in Q4-20 and a slight decline to **12.9%** in Q1-21. The highest weighted average return since Q1-17 was at **15.3%** in Q3-21.





- 1) <u>Conservative Risk Profile</u>: An investing strategy that seeks to preserve an investment portfolio's value by investing a high proportion of assets in lower risk assets such as fixed-income and money market securities.
- 2) <u>Moderate Risk Profile:</u> An investing strategy that seeks to have a balanced proportion between low risk and high risk assets in the investment portfolio.
- 3) <u>Aggressive Risk Profile:</u> An investing strategy that seeks to maximize returns by investing a high proportion of the investment portfolio in high risk assets such as equities, offshore and property.
- <u>Non-Interest Bearing Assets</u>: The total funds invested in equities, offshore and property. Also considered to be high risk assets.

	Quarter	1-Year	3-Years
Standard Deviation	0.69%	1.06%	0.91%
Tracking Error	0.01%	0.08%	0.08%
Information Ratio	-35.58	43.99	55.72
Sharpe Ratio	-217.81	29.22	38.14

- 5 Interest Bearing Assets: The total funds invested in government securities, fixed and time deposits, commercial paper, corporate bonds and call deposits. Also considered to be low risk assets.
- 6 <u>Information Ratio (IR)</u>: Measures the ability of the schemes to generate excess returns relative to the benchmark (inflation). The higher the IR, the higher the probability of the schemes in beating the benchmark.
- 7 <u>Sharpe Ratio:</u> Measures the ratio of average return earned in excess of the risk free rate per unit of volatility or total risk.
- 8 <u>Standard Deviation</u>: A measure of the dispersion of returns from the mean.
- 9 <u>**Tracking Error:**</u> The difference between the returns of the schemes and that of the benchmark (inflation) the schemes are trying to beat.
- 10 <u>Weighted Average Returns</u>: The average returns weighted by the fund value or respective asset categories where appropriate.

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