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Q2 Preliminary Plan Universe Performance

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During the second quarter of 2024, global equity markets posted another positive quarter with the MSCI ACWI Index returning 3%. Year to date, global equity markets have been strong with the MSCI ACWI Index returning 11.58%. Equity markets have been led by U.S. large cap stocks, with the Russell 1000 Index returning 14.24% compared to the MSCI EAFE Index return of 5.75%. Within fixed income, the U.S. Bloomberg Aggregate Index returned -.71% year to date, while the Bloomberg U.S. Short-Term Treasury Index returned 2.58%. The Confluence All Defined Benefit Plan Sponsor Universe posted a median net return of .89% for the quarter and 5.37% year to date. Though median performance for all plan types was positive during the quarter, all defined benefit plans underperformed a traditional 60/40 benchmark return of 1.83%. (60% MSCI ACWI Index/ 40% Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Index).

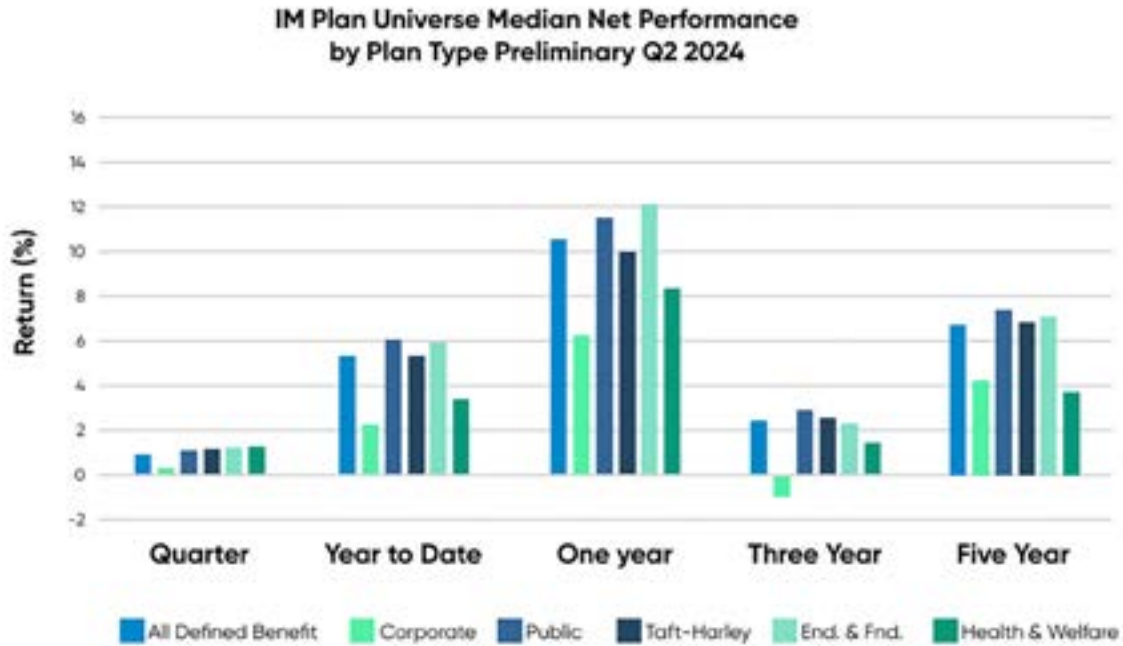


Figure 1: Preliminary median performance by plan type, Q2 2024.

Source: Confluence

Public Defined Benefit and Endowment & Foundation plans had the strongest performance year to date driven by their high (compared to other plans) exposure to equity, which was the top-performing asset class. As Figure 2 highlights, the year-to-date median equity return across all defined benefit plans was 10.13%, outperforming other asset classes.

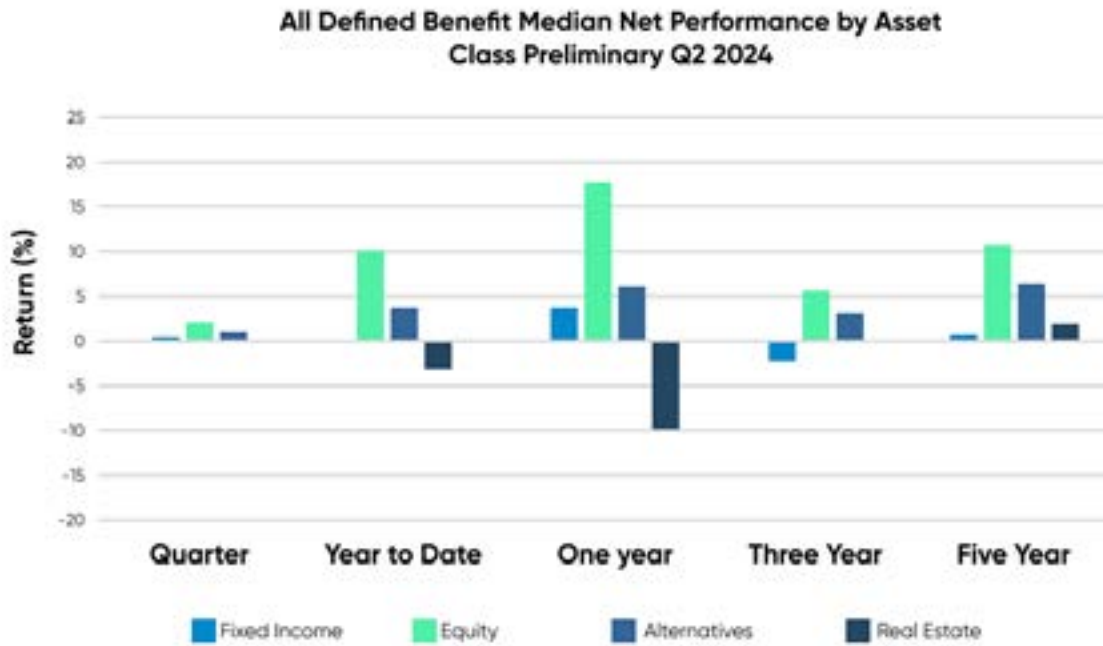


Figure 2: Preliminary median performance by asset class, Q2 2024.

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