

Q1 2023

Preliminary Plan Universe Performance

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Defined Benefit plans in the Investment Metrics Plan Sponsor Universes posted a median net return of 4.47% for the first quarter of 2023. Plan performance rebounded over the last two quarters with a median return of 10.07%, after three consecutive negative quarters to start the calendar year in 2022. For the quarter, corporate plans posted the strongest performance with a median return of 5.14%, though their one year returns still lagged behind other plan types by at least 2%. Endowment & Foundations had the strongest performance over the previous two quarters with a median return of 11.43%.

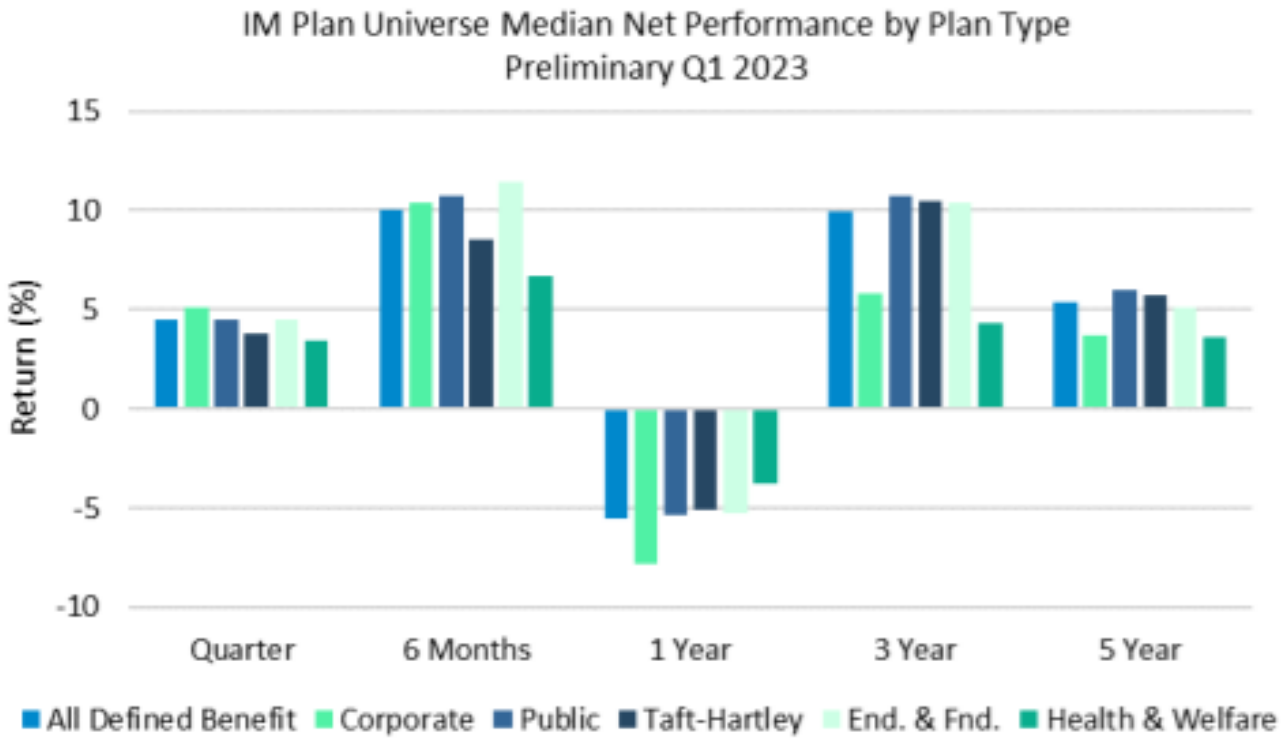


Figure 1: Preliminary median performance by plan type, Q1 2023
 Source: Investment Metrics, a Confluence company

All Defined Benefit: 749, Corporate: 163, Public: 271, Taft-Hartley: 202, End. & Fnd: 685, Health & Welfare: 184

The strong results in the first quarter of 2023 were driven by positive performance across equity, fixed income, and alternatives, which returned 6.47%, 2.93% and 1.31% at a median level respectively. Real estate, however, was negative for the quarter with a median return of -3.54%. Over the last two quarters, real estate was the only negative performing major asset class with a median return of -7.69%. Higher interest rates and a decreasing demand for office spaces have played a role in the poor performance over this time.

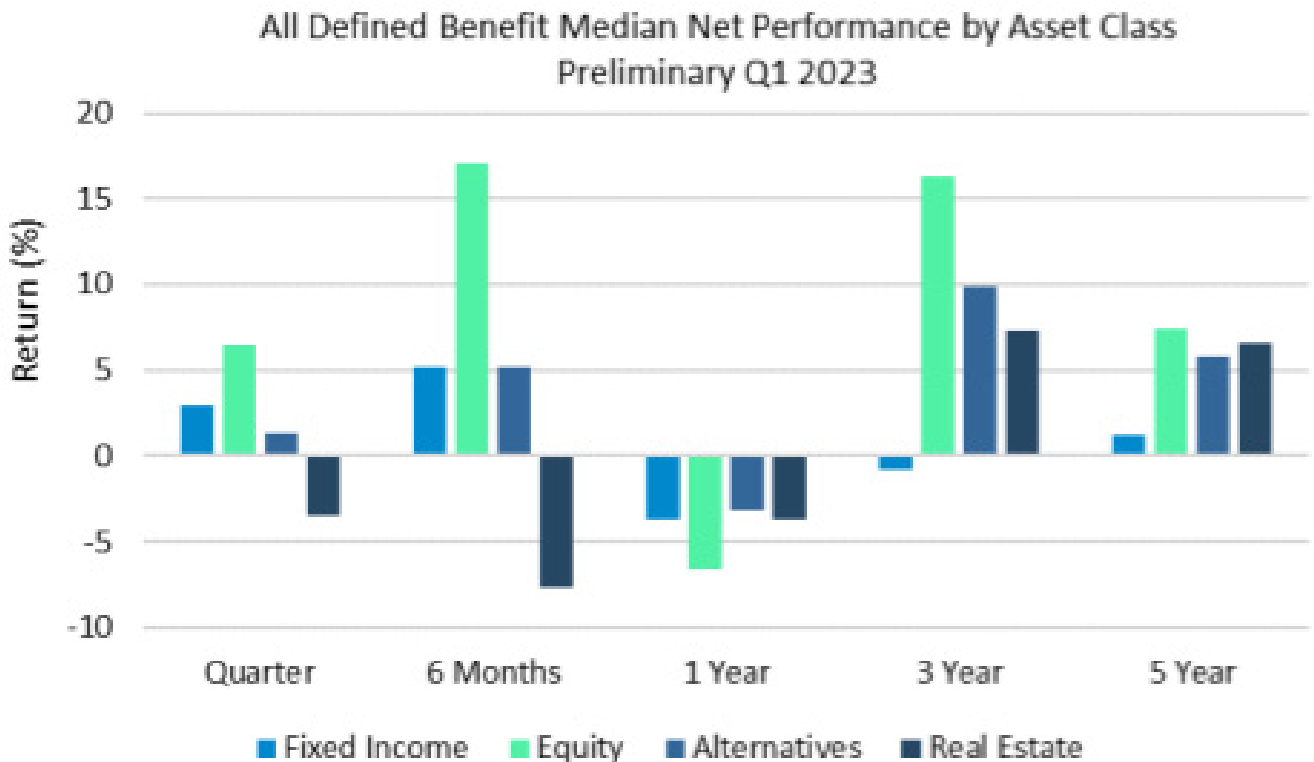


Figure 2: Preliminary median performance by asset class, Q1 2023.
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- ▶ Net and gross performances displayed by quartile with full percentiles via download.
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