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Global Real Return Fund

PIMCO Funds: Global Investors Series Plc

SHARE CLASS: INSTITUTIONAL

AS OF: 31 MAY 2023

Monthly Commentary

| Fund information | | |
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| Total net assets (in millior | ns) | \$2,498.1 |
| Fund type | | UCITS |
| Portfolio manager(s) | | Lorenzo Pagani Yi Qiao Stephen Rodosky Daniel He |
| Effective duration (yrs) | | 8.54 |
| Benchmark duration (yrs) | | 9.21 |
| Average maturity (yrs) | | 9.03 |
| Class | CUSIP | ISIN |
| Accumulation Income | G7096Y561 G70974145 | IE0033591748 IE0033591854 |

| Unified Fee | |
|--|------------|
| Institutional class, Accumulation shares | 0.49% p.a. |
| Institutional class, Income shares | 0.49% p.a. |

Credit and Default Risk: A decline in the financial health of an issuer of a fixed income security can lead to an inability or unwillingness to repay a loan or meet a contractual obligation. This could cause the value of its bonds to fall or become worthless. Funds with high exposures to non-investment grade securities have a higher exposure to this risk. **Currency Risk:** Changes in exchange rates may cause the value of investments to decrease or increase. Derivatives and Counterparty Risk: The use of certain derivatives could result in the fund having a greater or more volatile exposure to the underlying assets and an increased exposure to counterparty risk. This may expose the fund to larger gains or losses associated with market movements or in relation to a trade counterparty being unable to meet its obligations. Liquidity Risk: Difficult market conditions could result in certain securities becoming hard to sell at a desired time and price. Interest Rate Risk: Changes in interest rates will usually result in the values of bond and other debt instruments moving in the opposite direction (e.g. a rise in interest rates likely leads to fall in bond prices).

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Performance summary

The PIMCO GIS Global Real Return Fund returned -1.76% (Institutional Class, Accumulation shares net of fees) and -1.71% (Institutional Class, Income shares net of fees) in May versus the Bloomberg World Government Inflation-Linked Bond USD Hedged Index, which returned -1.69%. Year-to-date the Fund has returned 0.88% (Institutional Class, Accumulation shares net of fees) and 0.95% (Institutional Class, Income shares net of fees), while the benchmark returned 1.21%.

Global inflation-linked bonds (ILBs) delivered negative returns in May as real yields broadly rose. Overall, Global ILBs returned -1.68%, as represented by the Bloomberg World Government Inflation-Linked Bond Index (USD hedged).

Contributors

- Eurozone interest rate positioning
- Exposure to Non-agency MBS

Detractors

- U.S. interest rate positioning
- Eurozone breakeven inflation positioning

| Performance (Net of Fees) | 1 Mo | 3 Mos. | 6 Mos. | 1 Yr. | 3 Yrs. | 5 Yrs. | 10 Yrs. | SI |
|--|-----------|------------|--------|-------|--------|--------|---------|------|
| Institutional class, Accumulation (%) | -1.76 | 0.46 | -1.45 | -7.12 | -2.21 | 1.29 | 2.13 | 4.04 |
| Institutional class, Income (%) | -1.71 | 0.49 | -1.39 | -7.09 | -2.20 | 1.30 | 2.14 | 3.67 |
| Benchmark (%) | -1.69 | 0.84 | -1.46 | -7.45 | -2.61 | 1.09 | 2.12 | — |
| Past performance does not pr | edict fut | ure result | 5 | | | | | |

| Performance (Net of Fees) | May ´22-May ´23 | May ´21-May ´22 | May '20-May '21 | May ´19-May ´20 | May ´18-May ´19 |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Institutional class, Accumulation (%) | -7.12 | -4.36 | 5.28 | 7.72 | 5.83 |
| Institutional class, Income (%) | -7.09 | -4.35 | 5.26 | 7.75 | 5.84 |
| Benchmark (%) | -7.45 | -4.08 | 4.06 | 7.53 | 6.28 |

Past performance does not predict future results.

The following information is additional to, and should be read only in conjunction with, the calendar year performance data presented below.

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|---|------|-------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|------|--------|------|
| Performance (Net of Fees) | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | YTD |
| Institutional class, Accumulation (%) | 9.11 | -1.88 | 10.93 | 3.91 | -0.78 | 8.72 | 11.19 | 4.97 | -16.19 | 0.88 |
| Institutional class, Income (%) | 9.19 | -1.95 | 10.95 | 3.90 | -0.78 | 8.76 | 11.20 | 4.97 | -16.22 | 0.95 |
| Benchmark (%) | 9.04 | -1.12 | 10.22 | 3.31 | 0.10 | 8.38 | 9.81 | 5.50 | -17.00 | 1.21 |
| Past performance does not predict future results. | | | | | | | | | | |

Current MIFID legislation prevents us from reporting performance data for funds with less than a 12 month track record. The benchmark is the Bloomberg World Government Inflation-Linked Bond USD Hedged Index. All periods longer than one year are annualised. SI is the performance since inception.

| Inflation-linked bond exposure | | | | | |
|---|------------|--|--|--|--|
| Inflation-linked bonds | % Duration | | | | |
| United States | 47 | | | | |
| United Kingdom | 39 | | | | |
| Europe | 15 | | | | |
| Canada | 3 | | | | |
| Other | 4 | | | | |
| Non inflation-linked bonds | | | | | |
| United States | -2 | | | | |
| United Kingdom | 0 | | | | |
| Europe | -5 | | | | |
| Canada | 0 | | | | |
| Other | -2 | | | | |
| Net Other Short Duration Instruments ¹ | 0 | | | | |

Portfolio structure is subject to change without notice and may not be representative of current or future allocations.

¹ Net Other Short Duration Instruments includes securities and other instruments (except those instruments tied to emerging markets by country of risk) with an effective duration less than one year and rated investment grade or higher or, if unrated, determined by PIMCO to be of comparable quality, commingled liquidity funds, uninvested cash, interest receivables, net unsettled trades, broker money, short duration derivatives and derivatives offsets. With respect to certain categories of short duration securities, the Adviser reserves the discretion to require a minimum credit rating higher than investment grade for inclusion in this category. Derivatives Offsets includes offsets may be taken at the notional value of the derivative position.

Portfolio positioning

Underweight duration:

- Maintain a modest overweight to overall U.S. duration as U.S. real yields have repriced the most and are sustainably positive
- Maintain underweight to European duration given expectations for further increases in policy rates by the ECB
- Reduced the underweight to Japanese nominal interest rates. Although the thesis remains that BOJ would need to adjust policy, short term probability has decreased.

Tactical breakeven inflation (BEI) positions in select regions:

- Maintain overweight to U.S. breakevens versus the benchmark as longer-term expectations are still anchored despite elevated inflation uncertainty
- Maintain neutral positioning in Eurozone breakeven inflation as expectations are currently trading at rich levels relative to the U.S.
- Remain flat versus the benchmark in U.K. breakevens
- Maintain marginal overweight relative to the benchmark in Japanese breakevens as carry is positive and forward inflation is priced below expectations

Focused on high conviction, high quality positions:

- Remain cautious overall within corporate credit given continued fragilities
- Maintain modest overweight (but reducing) exposure to Danish Mortgages
- Remain constructive on U.S. non-Agency MBS
- Currency: Maintain 0.5% JPY vs USD (based on favorable valuation and potential BOJ move)

Month in review

Global inflation-linked bonds (ILBs) delivered negative returns in May as real yields broadly rose across the curve. In the U.S., Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities (TIPS) posted negative returns as well, performing in line with comparable nominal Treasuries. U.S. breakevens were mixed, with front-end and intermediate maturities falling on the back of a softer than expected headline CPI print and a 25bps Fed hike. Longer-dated maturities rose on expectations that the Fed will likely cut rates in early 2024, and monetary policy will become more accommodative. April CPI moderated slightly to 4.9% year-over-year (YoY) for headline and 5.5% YoY for core. Headline surprised to the downside on somewhat softer food prices, while core printed in line with expectations.

In the U.K., ILBs delivered negative returns, and underperformed comparable nominals. Front-end inflation expectations fell and rate hikes are expected to continue through at least the end of the year. While headline inflation moderated to 8.7%, core reaccelerated to 6.8%, and both printed above expectations.

Eurozone ILB returns were slightly positive and modestly outperformed comparable nominals. Eurozone headline inflation ticked up 0.1% to 7.0% in April, while core inflation ticked down by the same magnitude to 5.6%.

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Outlook and strategy

Given PIMCO's outlook, the Fund seeks opportunities to capture incremental yield through country, curve, and security positioning. We look to emphasize countries offering better relative value, concentrate on curve positioning to incorporate elements of our economic outlook and pricing, and to respond to changes in the policies being pursued by central banks.

The Fund seeks to tactically manage its real duration position relative to benchmark, looking to capitalize on yield curve relative value opportunities. We plan to tactically respond to anticipated short-term inflation mispricing due to changes in commodity prices and seasonal trends.

The Fund's currency positioning will focus on relative value across countries and look for opportunities given the current market environment.

Management profile







Yi Qiao Senior Vice President



Daniel He Executive Vice President

Help protect long-term purchasing power

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Bloomberg World Government Inflation-Linked Bond USD Hedged index that measures the performance of the major government inflation-linked bond markets. The Index includes inflation-linked debt issued by the following countries: Australia, Canada, France, Sweden, United Kingdom, and the United States. It is not possible to invest directly in an unmanaged index.

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