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L&G Multi-Index EUR V Fund

ICAV (UCITS compliant) N-Class EUR Acc



WHAT'S THE STORY?

The first quarter of the year was a weak one for risk assets with markets impacted by both news of Russia's invasion of Ukraine and continued rising inflation. The quarter saw the biggest sell-off in risk assets since March 2020, a result of concerns over the policy response to inflation and the developments in Ukraine, which led to unprecedented sanctions on Russia and growing concerns about the potential for an escalation in the violence. The conflict also led to heightened concern over global energy supply, and other commodities, which served to increase already bubbling inflationary pressures. This led to an assertive pivot towards tightening monetary policy from global central banks.

Despite recovering towards the end of the quarter, equities were generally negative, with UK large-cap equities' relatively flat returns a notable exception given their bias towards commodity companies. The biggest negative impact of the Russian invasion was felt mainly by Russian and Ukrainian assets, which had a knock-on impact emerging market debt in hard and local currency over the period. It was also a very weak quarter for developed market sovereign bonds, given the rising yields caused by the change in tone from central banks. This, coupled with widening credit spreads, led to a fall in global investment-grade bonds too. Commodities were the big outperformer during the quarter.

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PERFORMANCE (%)

12 months to 31 March	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Fund	6.31	34.76	-11.88	8.90	-0.42

Source: Lipper, LGIM as at 31 March 2022. Total Return net of tax and charges. N-Class EUR Accumulation. Please remember, the value of investments and any income from them may fall as well as rise and you may get back less than you invest.

Warning: Past performance is not a reliable guide to future performance.

FUND REVIEW

The fund delivered a negative return in the first quarter of the year, with the main negative areas being North American, emerging market and European equities. This was somewhat offset by contributions from infrastructure stocks as well as UK and Asia Pacific equities.

We took the decision to reduce our allocation to equities across all funds, factoring in the news from Ukraine, the probability of an energy crisis-induced recession and potential unintended consequences of the Ukraine conflict.

Following Russia's invasion of Ukraine, we temporarily stopped allocating new flows to emerging market debt (EMD) while index providers decided on the treatment of Russian assets in their respective benchmarks. While our exposure is well diversified, Russia still made up a meaningful proportion of the EMD index funds in which we invest. We have gradually topped up our EMD active exposure where we had an underweight due to market moves.

Market volatility created opportunities within bonds where we replaced our exposure in South Korean government bonds with their Canadian counterparts.

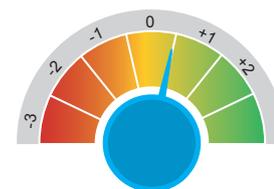
We increased our exposure to the Czech koruna versus the euro following the former's sharp sell-off following the invasion. Later in the period, following strong performance from the koruna, we removed the position for a gain, earlier than anticipated.

OUTLOOK

We recently downgraded our positive view on risk assets in the medium term but remain marginally positive. We continue to monitor the developments in Ukraine and maintain our approach to all such geopolitical risk events, summarised by the motto: "prepare, don't predict". We undertake scenario planning, rather than seek to forecast imponderable outcomes.

The main reason for the downgrade to our view is that the probability of an energy crisis-induced recession has increased in recent weeks. The chances of unintended consequences in the Ukraine conflict leading to further conflict also remain high. Despite this, we think a significant amount of negative news has already been priced in. Additionally, relative valuations remain attractive whilst absolute valuations have improved, so we are still slightly positive. We still prefer equities to credit given the recent spike in credit spreads has been more than offset by equity market weakness.

We continue to worry that central banks (especially the US Federal Reserve) will need to tighten policy faster and further than anticipated to slow demand and control inflation in the medium term, made more pressing by the ongoing energy crisis. However, the potential impact from energy supply shortages is lower for the US than for European nations given its reserves.



CORE VIEW ON RISK ASSETS
SLIGHTLY POSITIVE



Economic cycle

Risk of recession has increased with the energy crisis, particularly in Europe



Valuations

Relative valuations attractive and absolute valuations fair



Systemic risk

A significant amount of negative news has now been priced into markets

RISK PROFILE CONFIRMATION STATEMENT

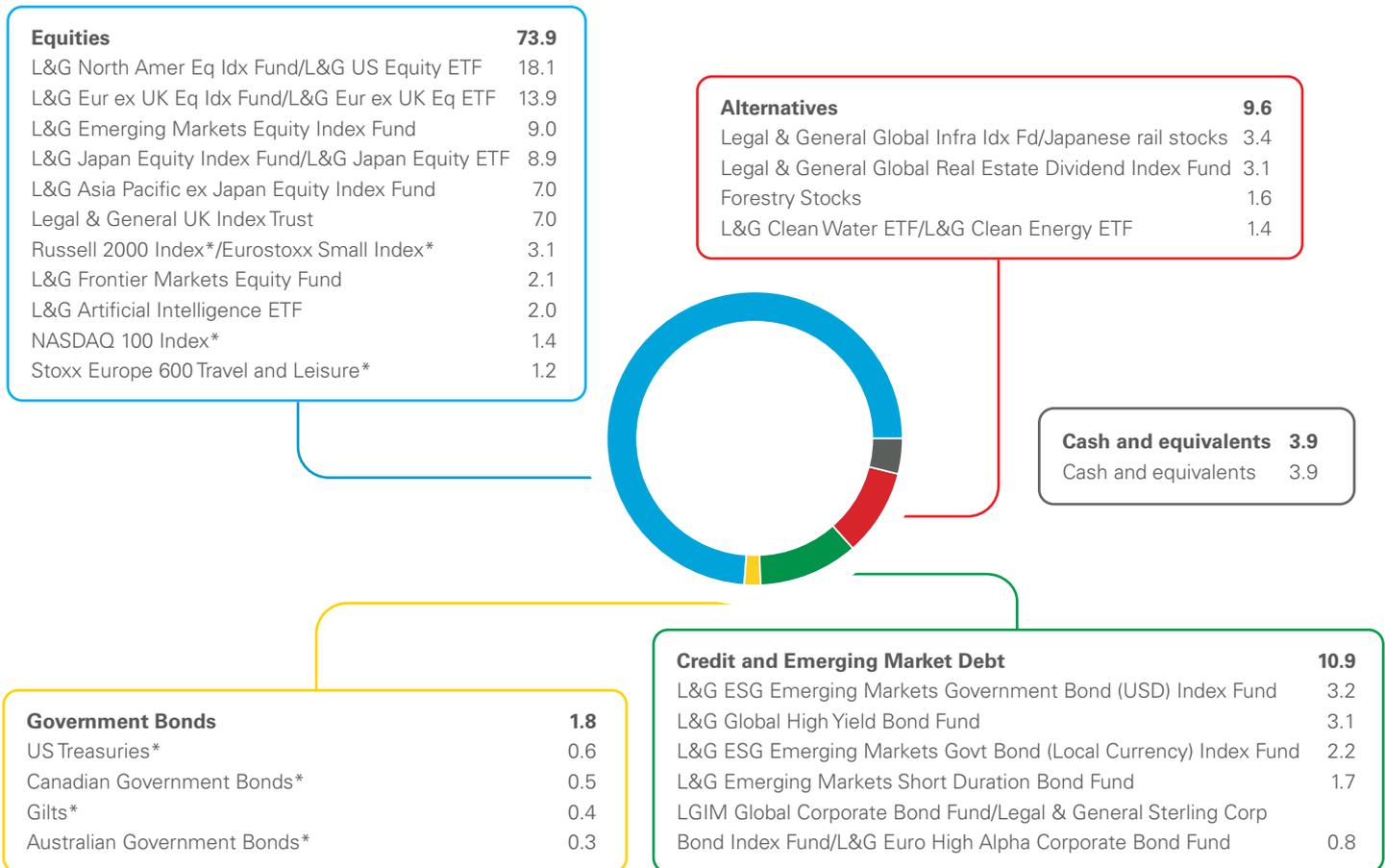
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Multi-Index EUR Fund range	ESMA SRRI volatility intervals	
V	10 – 15	Higher risk
IV	5 – 10	
III	2 – 5	

ASSET ALLOCATION BREAKDOWN

All data source LGIM unless otherwise stated. Totals may not sum due to rounding. As at 31 March 2022.

* Implemented through futures.



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