

# BEA MPF

## Fund Performance Overview





### BEA MPF – Update on Fund Performance



as at 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2022

With more than 40 years of experience in retirement scheme management, we are pleased to offer 3 provident fund schemes for Hong Kong workforce: **BEA (MPF) Master Trust Scheme, BEA (MPF) Value Scheme and BEA (MPF) Industry Scheme (collectively “BEA MPF Schemes”)**. Each scheme has its own scheme features and covers different fund types, providing a wide range of investment choices.

 30 out of 42 Constituent Funds under the BEA MPF Schemes were classified as Low Fee Funds<sup>^</sup> (i.e. funds with Fund Expense Ratio\* (“FER”)  $\leq$  1.3% or management fees, plus guarantee charges if applicable,  $\leq$  1%). Thus, more than 70% of all BEA MPF Constituent Funds are Low Fee Funds.

 Click [here](#) to view Monthly Investment Summary for the fund performance information of the immediately preceding 5 years

We are delighted to share our MPF funds performance with you. The following tables show the cumulative return for the Constituent Funds under our BEA MPF Schemes.

Funds highlighted in ORANGE fields

Top 3 Constituent Funds of each BEA MPF Scheme  
(Cumulative Return - Past 1 year)

### BEA (MPF) Master Trust Scheme

| Fund Type         | Name of Constituent Fund                           | Cumulative Return <sup>#</sup> (%) |
|-------------------|--|------------------------------------|
|                   |  | Past 1 Year                        |
| Mixed Assets Fund | BEA (MPF) Growth Fund                              | -18.12                             |
|                   | BEA (MPF) Balanced Fund                            | -17.30                             |
|                   | BEA (MPF) Stable Fund                              | -16.00                             |
|                   | BEA (MPF) Core Accumulation Fund <sup>1</sup>      | -15.96                             |
|                   | BEA (MPF) Age 65 Plus Fund <sup>1</sup>            | -14.35                             |
| Equity Fund       | BEA (MPF) Global Equity Fund                       | -17.95                             |
|                   | BEA (MPF) European Equity Fund                     | -13.75                             |
|                   | BEA (MPF) North American Equity Fund               | -19.33                             |
|                   | BEA (MPF) Asian Equity Fund                        | -24.86                             |
|                   | BEA (MPF) Greater China Equity Fund                | -26.84                             |
|                   | BEA (MPF) Japan Equity Fund                        | -14.10                             |
|                   | BEA (MPF) Hong Kong Equity Fund                    | -24.51                             |
|                   | BEA China Tracker Fund                             | -16.58                             |
| Bond Fund         | BEA (MPF) Global Bond Fund                         | -13.11                             |
| Money Market Fund | BEA (MPF) Global Bond Fund                         | -15.72                             |
|                   | BEA (MPF) RMB & HKD Money Market Fund <sup>2</sup> | -4.15                              |
|                   | BEA (MPF) Conservative Fund <sup>3,4</sup>         | 0.42                               |
| Guaranteed Fund   | BEA (MPF) Long Term Guaranteed Fund <sup>7</sup>   | -12.07                             |

## BEA (MPF) Value Scheme

| Fund Type         | Name of Constituent Fund                 | Cumulative Return# (%) |
|-------------------|--|------------------------|
|                   |  | Past 1 Year            |
| Mixed Assets Fund | BEA Growth Fund                          | -18.74                 |
|                   | BEA Balanced Fund                        | -17.54                 |
|                   | BEA Stable Fund                          | -16.27                 |
|                   | BEA Core Accumulation Fund <sup>1</sup>  | -16.00                 |
|                   | BEA Age 65 Plus Fund <sup>1</sup>        | -14.39                 |
| Equity Fund       | BEA Global Equity Fund                   | -17.78                 |
|                   | BEA Asian Equity Fund                    | -24.21                 |
|                   | BEA Greater China Equity Fund            | -26.34                 |
|                   | BEA Greater China Tracker Fund           | -23.52                 |
|                   | BEA Hong Kong Tracker Fund               | -13.30                 |
| Bond Fund         | BEA Global Bond Fund                     | -16.28                 |
| Money Market Fund | BEA MPF Conservative Fund <sup>3,5</sup> | 0.42                   |

## BEA (MPF) Industry Scheme

| Fund Type         | Name of Constituent Fund                                       | Cumulative Return# (%) |
|-------------------|--|------------------------|
|                   |  | Past 1 Year            |
| Mixed Assets Fund | BEA (Industry Scheme) Growth Fund                              | -18.05                 |
|                   | BEA (Industry Scheme) Balanced Fund                            | -17.27                 |
|                   | BEA (Industry Scheme) Stable Fund                              | -15.95                 |
|                   | BEA (Industry Scheme) Core Accumulation Fund <sup>1</sup>      | -15.96                 |
|                   | BEA (Industry Scheme) Age 65 Plus Fund <sup>1</sup>            | -14.35                 |
| Equity Fund       | BEA (Industry Scheme) Asian Equity Fund                        | -24.41                 |
|                   | BEA (Industry Scheme) Greater China Equity Fund                | -26.93                 |
|                   | BEA (Industry Scheme) Hong Kong Equity Fund                    | -24.51                 |
|                   | BEA China Tracker Fund   | -16.54                 |
|                   | BEA Hong Kong Tracker Fund                                     | -12.99                 |
| Money Market Fund | BEA (Industry Scheme) RMB & HKD Money Market Fund <sup>2</sup> | -4.05                  |
|                   | BEA (Industry Scheme) MPF Conservative Fund <sup>3,6</sup>     | 0.43                   |

Source: Bank of East Asia (Trustees) Limited

## Remarks

^Source: MPFA MPF Fund Platform (as at 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2022)

\*The Fund Expense Ratio ("FER") is a ratio that measures the expenses of an MPF fund as a percentage of fund size. Whilst scheme members do not directly pay fund expenses, such expenses do impact directly on the investment returns of the fund. Fees and charges are generally the main component of fund expenses. The FER is calculated for each financial period of a constituent fund. The FER is provided in the Fund Fact Sheet of a scheme. Noted that the FER is calculated based on data from the previous financial period. The published FER will not reflect any increases or decreases in fees, charges or expenses in the current financial period. It is not necessary for funds with less than two years of history to show a FER.

#For more fund performance information (including the fund performance of immediately preceding 5 years), please refer to the Monthly Investment Summary.

<sup>1</sup>Default Investment Strategy ("DIS") is a ready-made investment arrangement mainly designed for those members who are not interested or do not wish to make a fund choice, and is also available as an investment choice itself, for members who find it suitable for their own circumstances. Members who do not wish to choose an investment option do not have to do so. For those members who do not make an investment choice, their future contributions and accrued benefits transferred from another MPF scheme will be invested in accordance with the DIS.

DIS is not a fund – it is a strategy that uses two constituent funds, i.e. the Core Accumulation Fund and Age 65 Plus Fund to automatically reduce the risk exposure as the member approaches retirement age. Core Accumulation Fund will invest around 60% in higher risk assets (higher risk assets generally means equities or similar investments) whereas the Age 65 Plus Fund will invest around 20% in higher risk assets. Switching of the existing accrued benefits among Core Accumulation Fund and Age 65 Plus Fund will be automatically carried out each year on a member's birthday from the age of 50 to 64 and according to the allocation percentages as shown in the DIS de-risking table.

To invest in DIS, member's instruction must be an instruction to invest 100% of: (A) existing accrued benefits and/or (B) future contributions and accrued benefits transferred from another scheme in the DIS.

De-risking mechanism will not apply where the member chooses these constituent funds as standalone investments (rather than as part of the DIS). However, the funds with same name under DIS and non-DIS have the same unit prices.

For further details, including the product features, de-risking mechanism and table, fees and charges, investment rules and procedures, and the risk factors involved, please refer to the MPF Scheme Brochure of the Scheme.

<sup>2</sup>These constituent funds are denominated in HKD only and not in RMB. Their investment in RMB deposits and RMB debt instruments will be subject to additional currency risks. In particular, RMB is currently not a freely convertible currency and is subject to foreign exchange controls and repatriation restrictions imposed by the Chinese government. Also, their investment in offshore RMB debt securities will be subject to additional market / liquidity risks. There is currently no active secondary market for offshore RMB debt securities and therefore, these constituent funds may need to hold investments until maturity date of such offshore RMB debt securities. In addition, although the issuance of offshore RMB debt securities has increased substantially in recent years, supply still lags the demand for offshore RMB debt securities. As a result, new issues of offshore RMB debt securities are usually oversubscribed and may be priced higher than and / or trade with a lower yield than equivalent onshore RMB debt securities. Currently, most of the offshore RMB debt securities available in the market may not meet the requirements under Schedule 1 to the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes (General) Regulation and therefore, the offshore RMB debts securities available for investment by these constituent funds may be limited which may result in concentration of credit risk.

<sup>3</sup>BEA (MPF) Conservative Fund under BEA (MPF) Master Trust Scheme, BEA MPF Conservative Fund under BEA (MPF) Value Scheme and BEA (Industry Scheme) MPF Conservative Fund under BEA (MPF) Industry Scheme (collectively "MCF") do not provide any guarantee of the repayment of capital. Investment in MCF is not equivalent to placing funds on deposit with a bank or deposit-taking company. MCF are not subject to the supervision of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority.

Fees and charges of an MPF conservative fund can be deducted from either (i) the assets of such fund or (ii) Member's account by way of unit deduction. From 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2022, the fees and charges deduction method of the MCF has changed from (ii) to (i) and, therefore, their unit prices, net asset value and fund performance quoted have reflected the impact of fees and charges for the period starting from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2022.

Before 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2022, unit prices, net asset value and fund performance quoted (except for the fund performance figures quoted in a fund fact sheet) for MCF did not reflect the impact of fees and charges. The fund performance figures of MCF for the period(s) ended before 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2022 are calculated according to method (ii).

For fund performance figures of the MCF quoted for the period that has started before 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2022 and ended/will be ending on or after 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2022, the fund performance figures would not reflect the actual performance of the fund because it has taken into account both (a) the period which has excluded the impact of fees and charges (i.e. the period covered before 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2022) and (b) the period which has included the impact of fees and charges (i.e. the period covered on or after 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2022).

<sup>4</sup>Before 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2022, performance figures for BEA (MPF) Conservative Fund are calculated before fees and charges incurred by the fund are taken into account by way of unit deduction from members' account. As an illustration of the impact of such unit deduction, the 1-year performance figure for the period from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2022 before adjustment to account for such deduction is 0.26% and the same figure after such adjustment is 0.00%. Please note that this illustration is for general reference only and is based on fee deduction at the fund level (not at individual members' account level). Therefore, this adjusted return MIGHT NOT reflect the after-fee return in your MPF account. Please refer to the Fund Fact Sheet for the calculation of the fund performance of BEA (MPF) Conservative Fund after adjustment for fees and charges on a fund level basis.

<sup>5</sup>Before 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2022, performance figures for BEA MPF Conservative Fund are calculated before fees and charges incurred by the fund are taken into account by way of unit deduction from members' account. As an illustration of the impact of such unit deduction, the 1-year performance figure for the period from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2022 before adjustment to account for such deduction is 0.24% and the same figure after such adjustment is 0.01%. Please note that this illustration is for general reference only and is based on fee deduction at the fund level (not at individual members' account level). Therefore, this adjusted return MIGHT NOT reflect the after-fee return in your MPF account. Please refer to the Fund Fact Sheet for the calculation of the fund performance of BEA MPF Conservative Fund after adjustment for fees and charges on a fund level basis.

<sup>6</sup>Before 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2022, performance figures for BEA (Industry Scheme) MPF Conservative Fund are calculated before fees and charges incurred by the fund are taken into account by way of unit deduction from members' account. As an illustration of the impact of such unit deduction, the 1-year performance figure for the period from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2022 before adjustment to account for such deduction is 0.26% and the same figure after such adjustment is 0.01%. Please note that this illustration is for general reference only and is based on fee deduction at the fund level (not at individual members' account level). Therefore, this adjusted return MIGHT NOT reflect the after-fee return in your MPF account. Please refer to the Fund Fact Sheet for the calculation of the fund performance of BEA (Industry Scheme) MPF Conservative Fund after adjustment for fees and charges on a fund level basis.

<sup>7</sup>BEA (MPF) Long Term Guaranteed Fund invests solely in an approved pooled investment fund (the "Underlying Fund") in a form of insurance policy provided by Principal Insurance Company (Hong Kong) Limited (the "Guarantor"). The Guarantor offers the guarantee of capital and guaranteed rate of return for the Underlying Fund. The guaranteed rate of return for contributions made to the Underlying Fund after 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2004 was revised. The revised guarantee rate would be the "new applicable rate", which is currently set at 1% p.a. The guaranteed rate of return for contributions made to the Underlying Fund on or before 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2004 remains unchanged (5% p.a.). The guarantee of capital and the prescribed guarantee rate of return will only be offered if the contributions invested in the Underlying Fund (through the BEA (MPF) Long Term Guaranteed Fund) are withdrawn upon the occurrence of a "qualifying event", which is the receipt by the Guarantor of a valid claim of the accrued benefits of the member upon satisfying any of the following conditions: (a) Attainment of the normal retirement age or retirement at or after the early retirement age but before the normal retirement age; (b) Total incapacity; (c) Death; (d) Permanent departure from Hong Kong; (e) Claim of "small balance"; (f) Termination of the member's employment and the continuous period for which the member has been investing in the Underlying Fund (through the BEA (MPF) Long Term Guaranteed Fund) up to and including the last date of his employment ("qualifying period") is at least 36 complete months. (This only applies if the member is employed in a company participating in the Master Trust). Such qualifying period is determined at the scheme account level. The qualifying period may also be reset to zero if the member (or his personal representative) effects a redemption, switching out or withdrawal of investments from the BEA (MPF) Long Term Guaranteed Fund other than upon the occurrence of a qualifying event. For the avoidance of doubt, condition (f) does not apply to self-employed persons, personal account holders, Special Voluntary Contribution Account Members or Tax Deductible Voluntary Contribution Account holders; (g) Terminal illness. The conditions (a) to (e), and (g) apply to employee members, self-employed persons, personal account holders, Special Voluntary Contribution Account Members and Tax Deductible Voluntary Contribution Account holders. If a redemption, switching out or withdrawal of the units of the fund is effected other than the occurrence of a qualifying event as stated above, the guarantee will be affected. Special terms and conditions apply regarding how the guarantee operates. Please refer to the Appendix 1 of the MPF Scheme Brochure for details of the credit risk, guarantee features and guarantee conditions of this constituent fund.

Fund performance is calculated in HK\$ on NAV to NAV basis, with dividends reinvested.

## Important

- BEA (MPF) Master Trust Scheme, BEA (MPF) Value Scheme and BEA (MPF) Industry Scheme (collectively "BEA MPF") offer different Constituent Funds (i) investing in one or more approved pooled investment funds and/or approved index-tracking funds which invest in equities or bonds; or (ii) making direct investments. Each Constituent Fund has a different risk profile.
- BEA (MPF) Long Term Guaranteed Fund under BEA (MPF) Master Trust Scheme invests solely in an approved pooled investment fund in a form of insurance policy provided by Principal Insurance Company (Hong Kong) Limited. A guarantee is also given by Principal Insurance Company (Hong Kong) Limited. Your investment (if any) in this BEA (MPF) Long Term Guaranteed Fund is therefore subject to the credit risk of Principal Insurance Company (Hong Kong) Limited. Please refer to the Appendix 1 of the MPF Scheme Brochure of the BEA (MPF) Master Trust Scheme for details of the credit risk, guarantee features and guarantee conditions of this BEA (MPF) Long Term Guaranteed Fund.
- If you are investing in BEA (MPF) Long Term Guaranteed Fund under BEA (MPF) Master Trust Scheme, a withdrawal of the accrued benefits on the ground of terminal illness may affect your entitlement to the guarantee and you may lose your guarantee. For details, please refer to the Appendix 1 of the MPF Scheme Brochure of the BEA (MPF) Master Trust Scheme or consult the Trustee before making any such withdrawal.
- BEA (MPF) Conservative Fund under BEA (MPF) Master Trust Scheme, BEA MPF Conservative Fund under BEA (MPF) Value Scheme and BEA (Industry Scheme) MPF Conservative Fund under BEA (MPF) Industry Scheme do not provide any guarantee of the repayment of capital.
- You should consider your own risk tolerance level and financial circumstances before investing in the MPF default investment strategy ("DIS"). You should note that the BEA (MPF) Core Accumulation Fund and the BEA (MPF) Age 65 Plus Fund under BEA (MPF) Master Trust Scheme; the BEA Core Accumulation Fund and the BEA Age 65 Plus Fund under BEA (MPF) Value Scheme; and the BEA (Industry Scheme) Core Accumulation Fund and the BEA (Industry Scheme) Age 65 Plus Fund under BEA (MPF) Industry Scheme (collectively the "DIS Funds") may not be suitable for you, and there may be a risk mismatch between the DIS Funds and your risk profile (the resulting portfolio risk may be greater than your risk preference). You should seek financial and/or professional advice if you are in doubt as to whether the DIS is suitable for you, and make the investment decision most suitable for you taking into account your circumstances.
- You should note that the implementation of the DIS may have an impact on your MPF investments and accrued benefits. You should consult with the Trustee if you have doubts on how you are being affected.
- Investment involves risks. You should consider your own risk tolerance level and financial circumstances before making any investment choices. In your selection of Constituent Funds, if you are in doubt as to whether a certain Constituent Fund is suitable for you (including whether it is consistent with your investment objectives), you should seek financial and/or professional advice and choose the Constituent Fund(s) most suitable for you taking into account your circumstances.
- You should not invest based on this document alone. Investments inherently involve risk and the unit prices of the constituent funds may go down as well as up. Past performance of the constituent funds is not indicative of future performance. For further details including the product features, fees and charges, and the risk factors involved, please refer to the MPF Scheme Brochure of the relevant scheme.
- Important - If you are in doubt about the meaning or effect of the contents of the MPF Scheme Brochure, you should seek independent professional advice.

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