

Group Pension Managed Funds Update to 31st May 2010

Summary

Irish pension funds gave back some of the gains made over the past three months with negative performances over the month of May. The average managed fund returned -2.8% for the month. Standard Life Investments took top spot with a return of -1.9% for the month, while Irish Life Investment Managers propped up the league table with a -3.9% return. In spite of this, the average managed fund has advanced 3.8% over the first five months of the year; with returns ranging from a high of 5.3% (Standard Life Investments) to a low of 2.2% (Aviva Investors).

Over the past twelve months all of the managed funds surveyed delivered double-digit growth, with the average fund returning 20.0%. Returns for the past year ranged from 23.1% (Standard Life Investments) to 17.2% (AIB Investment Managers).

The average managed fund return has been a very disappointing -8.8% per annum over the past three years. The five year returns to the end of May are mostly positive, with an average return of 0.8% per annum over this period. Irish group pension managed fund returns over the past ten years have been a disappointing 0.6% per annum on average, well below the Irish inflation rate of 2.5% per annum over the same time horizon. Indeed, none of the managed funds surveyed outperformed inflation over this period, while four of the ten funds failed to deliver positive returns over 10 years.

Performance Table

	1 Month	5 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
	%	%	%	% p.a.	% p.a.	% p.a.
AIB Investment Managers	-2.7	3.9	17.2	-10.4	0.4	-0.6
Aviva Investors	-2.6	2.2	17.8	-11.4	-0.9	-0.3
Bank of Ireland Asset Management	-3.1	3.4	19.2	-9.8	-1.1	1.1
Canada Life/Setanta	-3.4	3.6	20.7	-5.6	1.5	0.9
Eagle Star/Zurich Life	-2.5	3.3	20.3	-6.1	3.1	2.0
Friends First/F&C	-2.7	4.3	19.7	-10.2	0.1	-0.1
Irish Life Investment Managers	-3.9	4.1	21.5	-9.2	0.8	1.4
KBC Asset Management	-2.9	4.2	19.7	-11.4	-0.9	-1.5
Merrion Investment Managers	-2.4	4.0	21.4	-6.1	2.5	1.8
Standard Life Investments	-1.9	5.3	23.1	-8.1	2.1	1.0
Average	-2.8	3.8	20.0	-8.8	0.8	0.6

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