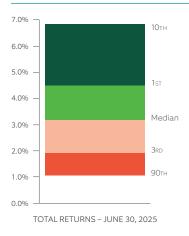


# **UNIVERSE SUMMARIES**

## **ERISA**

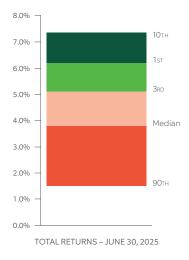


- The ERISA universe median plan return was 3.2% during the quarter. The ERISA Plan Universe's one, three, and five-year median returns were 7.8%, 5.4%, and 3.7%, respectively.
- The Northern Trust ERISA plan universe has a median allocation to US Fixed Income of 56.3% as plans look to invest in bonds to align investments with future benefit payment obligations.
- Inflation remained in check during the quarter, reporting a 1.77% annual rate based on the March 2025 Core PCE inflation figure over the last 3 months.

2.93%

option-adjusted spread on high yield securities, remaining close to historic lows

## **PUBLIC FUNDS**

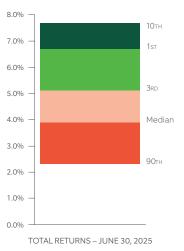


- The Public Funds universe median plan return was 4.9% in the quarter. The Public Funds universe's median returns for the one, three, and five-year periods stand at 10.1%, 8.2% and 8.8%, respectively.
- Public funds tend to allocate a large portion of their asset base to equity (public and private) which results in higher volatility when compared to ERISA plans. The median allocation to Domestic Equity is 26.6% and 11.1% for International Equity.
- Eurozone markets achieved positive returns due to policy support and currency strength. Gains were led by the European Central Bank cutting interest rates for the eighth time in just over a year, reducing it to 2.0%.

2.35%

trailing 12-month CPI inflation rate following the July 2025 report

#### **GLOBAL FAMILY OFFICE**

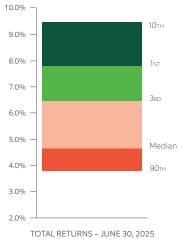


- The Global Family Office universe median plan return was up 6.5% in the quarter. The Global Family Office median one, three, and five-year returns were 10.7%, 11.8% and 10.4%, respectively.
- Global equity markets started the quarter with a sharp sell-off in response to proposed tariffs by the Trump administration. By the end of the quarter, markets had turned around dramatically following President Trump's mid-April announcement to enact a 90 day delay on reciprocal tariffs.
- The tech heavy Russell 1000 Large Cap Growth Index produced a return of 17.8%, outperforming the Russell 1000 Large Cap Value Index return of 3.8%. The Russell 1000 Large Cap Index was up 11.1%, compared to the Russell 2000 Small Cap Index return of 8.5%.

5th

rank of this quarters returns over the last 10 years

## **FOUNDATIONS & ENDOWMENTS**



- The Foundations & Endowments universe median plan return was up 5.1% in the quarter. The Foundations & Endowments universe's median one, three, and five-year returns were 10.2%, 9.8% and 10.0%, respectively.
- Foundation & Endowments make wide use of Limited Partnerships (LPs) for Private Equity, Private Credit, Infrastructure, and Real Estate investments. LPs report valuations on a lagged basis, as a result these plans typically underperform over the short-term horizon during strong markets as a result of delayed valuations being reported by the investment managers.
- Inflation pressures were subdued across several major economies, but core inflation rates stayed above central bank targets and U.S. inflation is expected to rise in the second half of the year due to tariff effects.

9.1%

median allocation to Fixed Income, the allocation continues to decrease as plans continue to utilize Alternatives

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