

## **MEMO**

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Mercer performed a search to identify appropriate candidates to manage the fund. This report was presented to the Investment sub-Committee on August 15. The Investment sub-Committee reviewed the report and discussed the candidates with Mercer. The Committee decided to recommend the PIMCO Inflation Response Multi-Asset Fund to the Board to be hired.

Below is a summary of the search and the recommended candidate.

Five DIH strategies were reviewed in depth:

- 1. JP Morgan Diversified Real Return
- 2. PIMCO Inflation Response Multi-Asset
- 3. PIMCO Diversified Real Asset
- 4. Wellington Balanced Real Asset
- 5. BlackRock Strategic Completion

## PIMCO Inflation Response Multi-Asset Fund Summary:

- The Fund seeks to hedge global inflation risks while targeting enhanced return opportunities that inflation dynamics may present by providing diversified exposure to a broad opportunity set of inflation factors or assets that will likely respond to different types of inflation including TIPS, commodities, emerging market (EM) currencies, REITs and gold, as well as tactical use of floating rate securities in the event of deflation or an extreme market shock.
- Tail risk hedging strategies are used to limit the impact of periodic market stresses that may affect inflation-related assets.
- The Fund is invested in 4 underlying PIMCO strategies the PIMCO Real Return Strategy, the PIMCO CommoditiesPLUS Strategy, the PIMCO Emerging Markets Currency Strategy, and the PIMCO Real Estate Real Return Strategy.

## Rationale for Recommendation

• The strategy has a greater focus on fixed income, which will help to balance the many equity offerings in the Supplemental Retirement Plans.



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- The strategy benefits from PIMCO's highly regarded research capabilities. The firm's investment committee demonstrates a strong ability to generate tactical and secular macroeconomic and risk factor forecasts.
- PIMCO's risk factor-based investment process links the fund's exposure to the firm's global secular and cyclical views.

**Key Fund Information** 

Fund Name	Total Fund Assets (\$MM)	Strategy Inception	Expense Ratio	
PIMCO Inflation Response Multi-Asset Fund Inst'l	\$40	Aug 2011	0.80%	

**Target Asset Allocation** 

Fund Name	TIPS / Inflation Managed Bonds	Non-Dollar Bonds & Currencies	Commodities	Real Estate	Gold	Natural Resources Equity	Master Limited Partnerships / Infrastructure	Cash
PIMCO Inflation Response Multi- Asset	45% (20%- 70%)	15% (5%-25%)	20% (5%-35%)	10% (5- 15%)	10% (5%- 15%)	0% N/A	0% N/A	0% N/A

**Historical / Expected Statistics** 

		Fund Name	Total Fund Assets (\$MM)	Fees	Expected Equity Beta	Historical Equity Beta (5 Yr Period)	Expected Inflation Hedge	Historical Volatility (5 Yr Period)	Geometric Expected Return	Active / Passive
		PIMCO Inflation Response Multi- Asset Fund Institutional	\$40	0.80%	0.15	0.34	72.8	10.3	5.0%	Active

Historical statistics are based on a blend of the fund's target allocation indices. The fund does not have sufficient performance history to calculate actual fund statistics.

## **Underlying Strategy Characteristics**

Product	Strategy Assets (\$MM) <sup>1</sup>	Vehicle	Current Allocation (%)	Fees
PIMCO Inflation Response Multi-Asset Fund	40	Mutual Fund		0.80%
TIPS	56,738	Direct Holdings	50.6%	N/A
Inflation-Managed Bonds	21,637	Direct Holdings	0.0%	N/A
Commodities	24,713	Direct Holdings	18.4%	N/A
EM Currencies	3,042	Mutual Fund	14.7%	0.85%
REITs	418	Direct Holdings	10.4%	N/A
Gold	N/A	Direct Holdings	10.8%	N/A
Cash + Tail Risk Hedging	N/A	Direct Holdings	-4.9%	N/A

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> AUM shown for flagship fund referenced above.