

# Strategies to Deliver Income CIPFA CFO Pension Briefing

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# The challenges facing UK pension funds

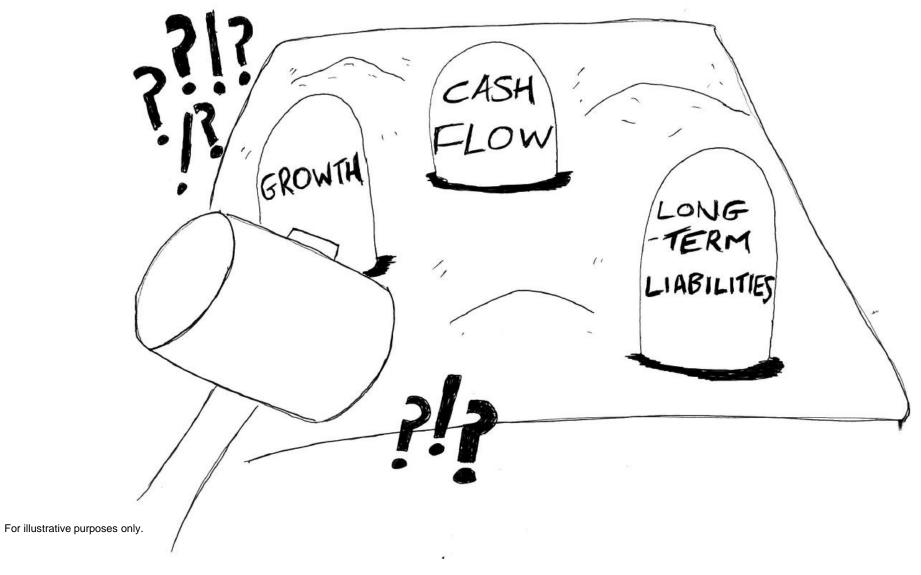
Match long-term liabilities

Recover scheme deficits

Meet short-term liabilities



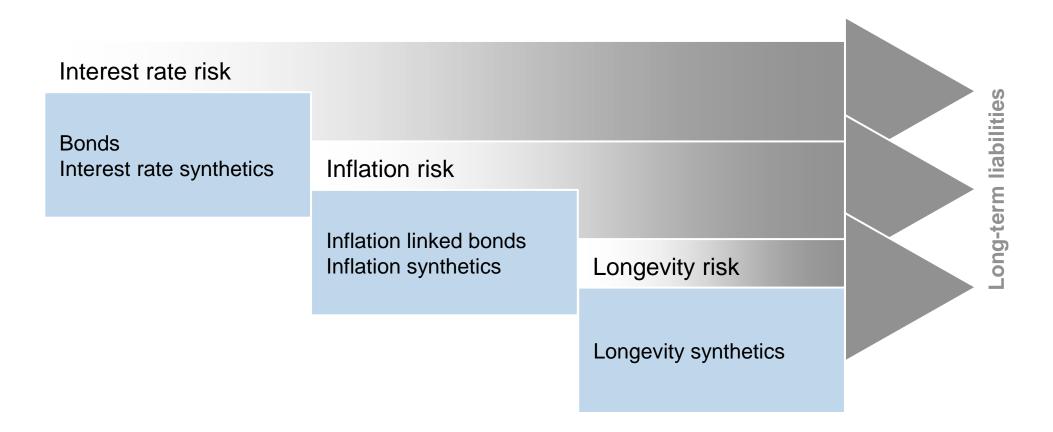
# Everything's a trade off...





### Current approach to meet long-term liabilities

### Pension scheme risk management





### What are the alternatives?

### In an environment of low yields

	Asset	Yield	Diversification from traditional assets
>	High Yield	Yes	Yes
Reduced Liquidity	Leveraged Loans	Yes	Yes
	Bank Loans	Yes	Yes
	Real Estate Debt	Yes, future cash flows built into loan terms	Yes
	Infrastructure Debt	Yes, future cash flows built into loan terms	Yes
	Multi-asset	Yes	Yes



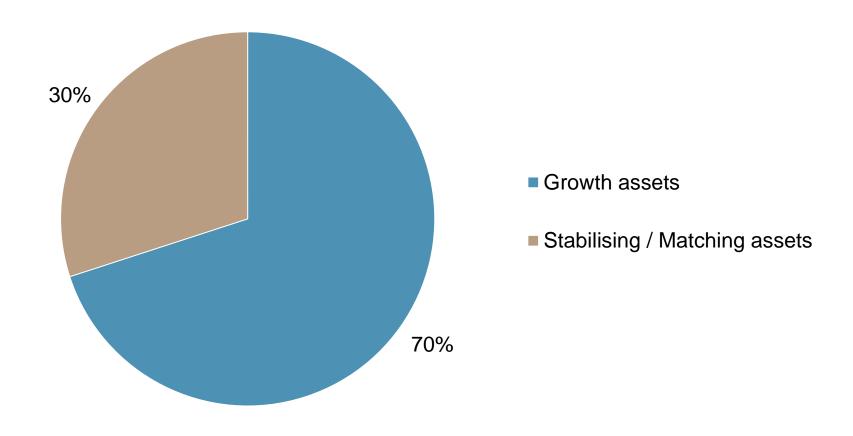
### Make sure you go through your check list

Are the assets yield focused with future cash-flow What is the maturity profile of the investment? How often is yield paid out? Are the assets diversified from traditional so What is the liquidity profile of the asset?



### Growth

### **Example pension fund portfolio**





# What are the options...

### ...to achieve sustainable growth





# The onset of cash flow negativity





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The public sector workforce grew by over 600,000 over the 2000s. Even so the scale of the reductions expected over the next few years looks challenging. If delivered, the 1.1 million drop in general government employment forecast by the OBR between 2010 – 11 and 2018 – 19 would be almost three times larger than the previous drop during the early 1990s.

#### Jonathan Cribb

Research Economist at Institute for Fiscal Studies



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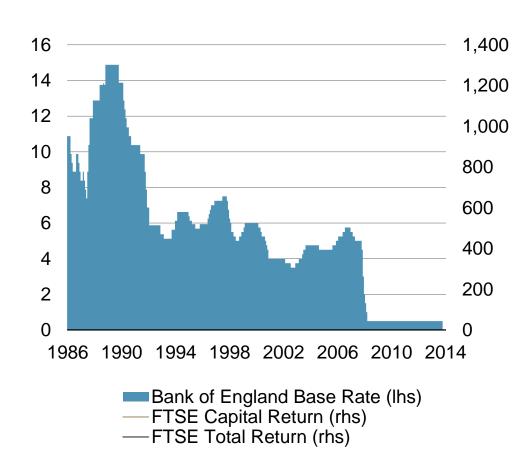
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Source: DataStream as at 31 January 2015.



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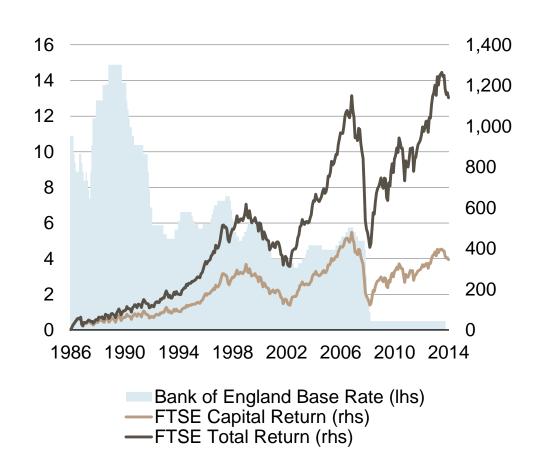
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### Considerations for a viable solution

### What are your investment options?

Income considerations	Cash	Bonds	Real Assets	Equities
Stable & predictable cash flow	High	High	Medium	Low
Frequency of cash flow	High	Medium	Medium	Medium
Size of cash flow	Low	Low	High	Medium

#### **Growth considerations**

Capital growth	None	Low/None	Medium	High
Volatility of capital	Low	Medium	Medium	High

### Other considerations

Inflation protection	Low	Low	Medium	Medium
Liquidity of underlying	High	Medium	Low	High

Source: UBS Global Asset Management Note: For illustrative purposes only

No single asset class offers a silver bullet



# Our approach to building a better mallet!

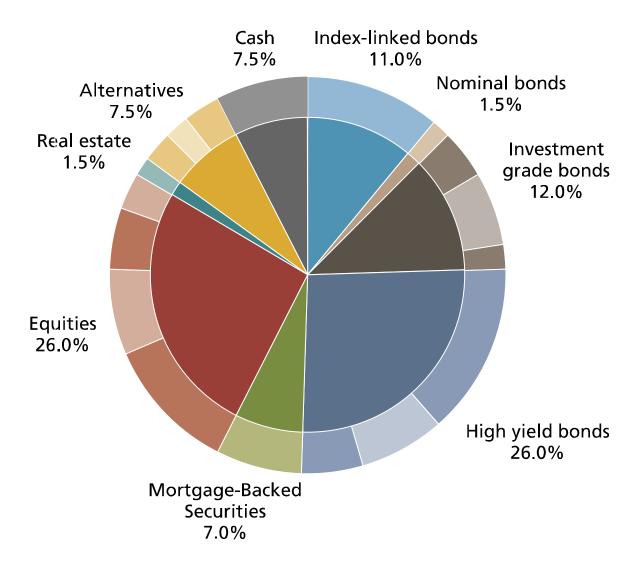
Focussed on income without compromising growth and liquidity

- Diversify across and within asset classes
- Offering potential for inflation protection
- Consider the full range of investment opportunities
- Actively manage asset allocation



# Example investment strategy

### Broadly diversified across asset classes and geographies

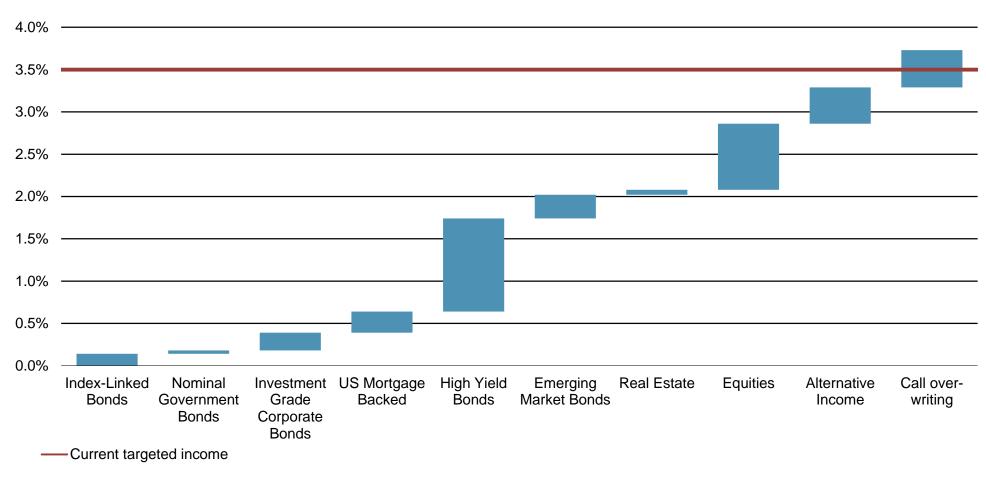


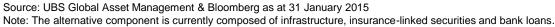
Current income target	3.80%
Expected capital growth over full market cycle	0-2% p.a.
Expected risk	5-8% p.a.
Beta <sup>1</sup>	0.31
Duration	3.21 years



### Asset class contribution to income target

Balancing the need for income with the desire for low levels of capital volatility



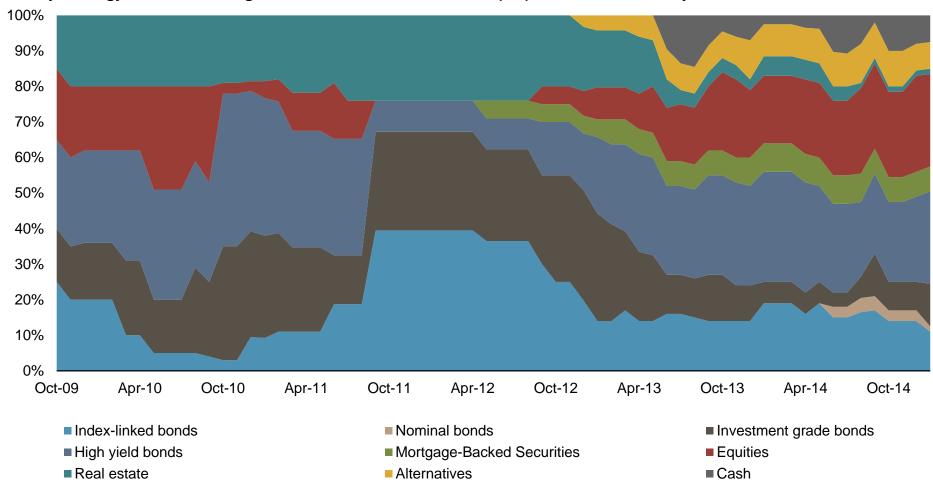




# Dynamically managed to achieve sustainable income...

### ...whilst aiming to minimise risk

#### Monthly strategy asset class weights of Multi-Asset Income Fund (UK) - Data to 31 January 2015





# The governance challenge...



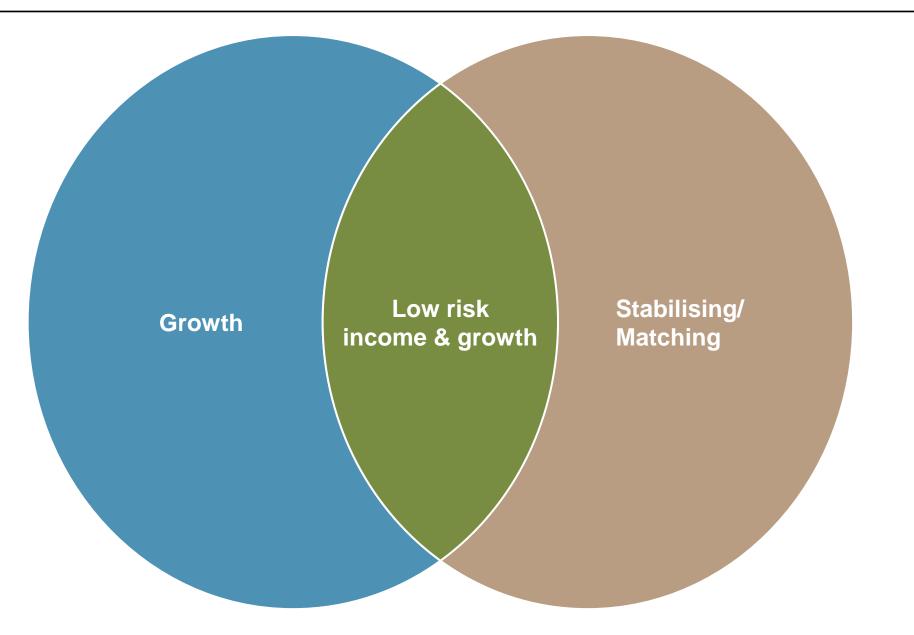


# The governance challenge...

	Higher	Governance Budg		Lower	
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Scheme consideration	Individual Allocatio	n ¦	Pooled So		
Growth	Equities		Diversified Growth		
	Private Equity				
	Hedge Funds				
Inflation and long term income	Property		Multi-Asset R	ti-Asset Real Assets	
	Infrastructure Equit	y			
	Farmland	gch			
Liability hedging	Gilts	rog	Pooled	LDI	
	Synthetics	approach			
Alternative liability hedging	Private debt		Multi-Asset Pr	rivate Debt	
	Direct Lending	Slended			
Cash flow	Corporate bonds	Be	Multi-Asset	Income	
	High yield				
	Direct Lending				
	Equities				
	Listed Infrastructur	e			
	Listed Real Estate				
	Derivative Strategie	es [			

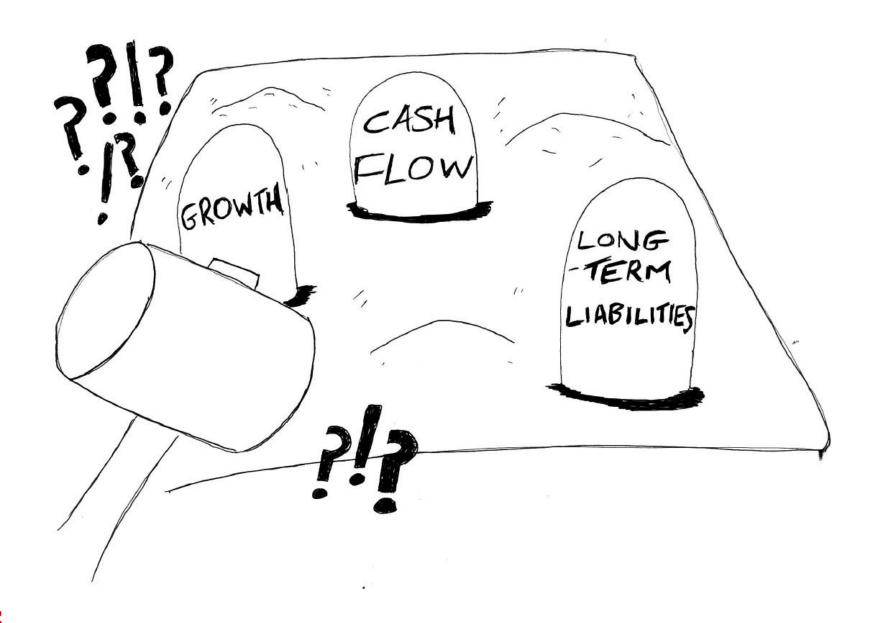


### Asset allocation considerations



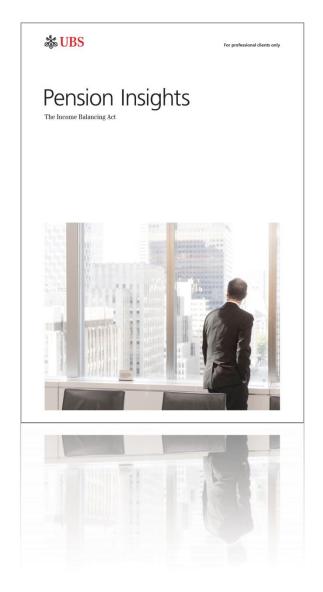


### Don't act in isolation





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