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# Q3 report

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Dorset County Pension Fund

# 2022

# Executive summary

Dorset County Pension Fund (“DCPF”) provides diversified exposure to good quality real estate located throughout the UK, across a range of sectors including offices, industrial, retail and other. The allocation to property reflects 9% of DCPF’s total assets, which currently represents approximately £300m. The strategy is to transition the portfolio gradually to a 50/50 split between Secure Long Income (“SLI”) and Conventional properties, with SLI properties within the Conventional portfolio counting towards the total.

## OVERVIEW

	<b>£304.9M</b>		<b>30</b>	
	Capital value (Combined DCPF portfolio)		Assets	
	<b>Conventional</b>		<b>SLI</b>	
Mandate	Commenced 1993		Commenced 2017	
Performance objective	MSCI Quarterly over 5 years		LPI +2% per annum	
Capital Value (Q3 2022)	£254.1m (83%)		£50.8m (17%)	
Number of assets	20		10	
Target portfolio size	£180m <sup>1</sup>		£120m	
Value of purchases during quarter	-		-	
Value of sales during quarter	-		-	
Net initial yield (p.a.)	3.3%		4.0%	
Average unexpired lease term (to break)	10.0 years (8.1 years)		58.4 years (18.2 years)	
<b>Combined Valuation</b>				
Direct Property (Q3 2022 values)			£283.1m	
Indirect Assets (Q3 2022 values)			£21.8m	
<b>TOTAL PORTFOLIO VALUATION</b>			<b>£304.9m</b>	
Performance <sup>2</sup>	Conventional	SLI	Combined	MSCI Quarterly Universe
Q3 2022	-3.2%	-1.8%	-3.0%	-4.2%
12 months	11.2%	4.0%	10.2%	9.7%
3 yrs p.a.	5.9%	5.1%	5.8%	5.7%
5 yrs p.a.	5.9%	-	5.7%	5.5%
7 yrs p.a.	6.3%	-	6.3%	5.9%
10 yrs p.a.	8.7%	-	8.7%	8.0%

<sup>1</sup> The Conventional portfolio includes SLI assets (c.12%), therefore the total SLI allocation will be 50%.

<sup>2</sup> Conventional, Combined and SLI are Nominal returns. SLI’s Real returns for Q3 2022 -4.0%, 12 months to September 2022 -1.0%, and 3 years 1.5% p.a. with LPI Q3 2022 at 2.2%, 12 months 5.0% and 3 years 3.6% p.a.

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# Economic and property update

- The economic backdrop has further changed through the second half of 2022. September's 'mini-budget' of unfunded tax cuts led to extreme market volatility. However, the market seems to have calmed following the new Chancellor's policy reversals and economic and interest rate expectations have gone back to August levels.
- Inflation remains a serious concern as levels increased to 10.1% in September, well above the Bank of England's target rate of 2%. High inflation and increased mortgage rates are further exacerbating the cost-of-living crisis, reflected in the decline in retail spending and historically low levels of consumer confidence.
- The Bank of England's interest rate expectations rose sharply in response to the more inflationary aspects of Trussomics, although interest rate hikes may be less aggressive now that some of these policies have been cancelled. The BoE raised the rate by 75bps to 3% in November and it is expected to reach over 5% in early 2023. Latest GDP forecasts indicate UK economic growth is still expected to stagnate for the coming 12 months. We are forecasting annual GDP growth of 3.6% (up from 2.5%) and 0.1% in 2023.
- Q2 2022 looks likely to be the peak of the UK real estate market in terms of capital values for this cycle. Capital values declined 4.1% at the All-Property level over Q3. Investment volumes fell 66% between Q3 and Q2, to £1.9bn. This is compared to average quarterly volumes of £5.4bn in the 12 months to March 2022. This is likely to further fall in Q4 as the increase in debt costs limit the pool of active buyers in the market and the spike in 10 year government gilts will continue to apply upward pressure on property yields.
- Our latest forecast period of 2023-2027 was published before the 'mini-budget'. Overall, our All-Property forecast decreased from 1.8% p.a. to 1.6% p.a. for 2023-27, which is in line with anticipated inflation (CPI of 1.6% p.a.) over the same period. We expect that events of the last month will amplify the repricing and rebound that we had already forecasted, but not change the direction of travel.

# Conventional portfolio

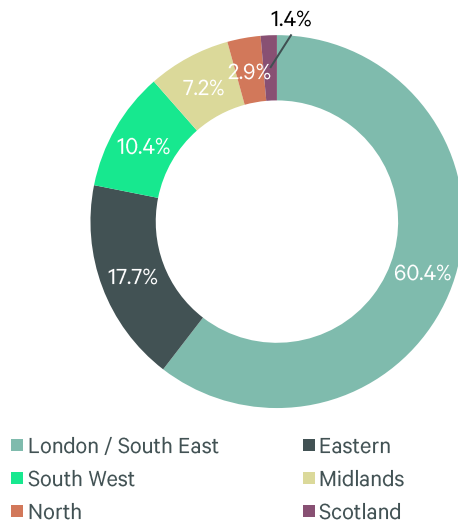
## Portfolio information

### KEY STATISTICS

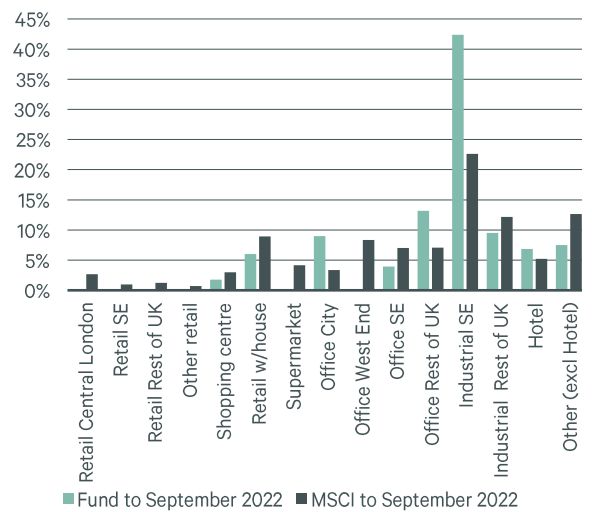
<b>£232.3M</b> Direct market value	<b>£21.8M</b> Indirect market value	<b>£254.1M</b> Total Conventional portfolio market value
<b>20 (£11.6M)</b> No. of assets (direct avg. value)	<b>72 (£3.2M)</b> No. of lettable units (direct avg. value)	<b>23.7% (8.0%)</b> Vacancy rate (MSCI Quarterly Universe)
<b>10.0 yrs (8.2 yrs)</b> Avg. unexpired direct lease term (to break)	<b>3.3%</b> Direct net initial yield (p.a.)	<b>11.8%</b> % of income direct RPI / index linked
<b>11.4%</b> Rent with +10 years remaining (% of direct rent)	<b>6.3%</b> Rent with +15 years remaining (% of direct rent)	

### GEOGRAPHICAL AND SECTOR EXPOSURE

#### Geographical breakdown



#### Sector breakdown



# Secure long income portfolio (SLI)

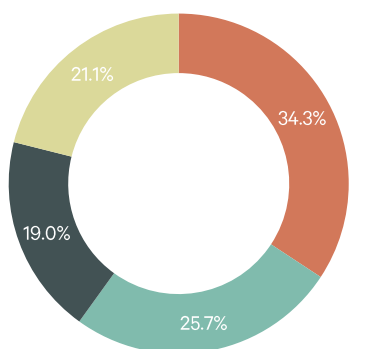
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<b>£50.8M</b> Direct market value	<b>£0.0M</b> Indirect market value	<b>£50.8M</b> Total SLI portfolio market value
<b>10 (£5.1M)</b> No. of assets (avg. value)	<b>14 (£3.6M)</b> No. of lettable units (avg. value) <sup>3</sup>	<b>0%</b> Vacancy rate (% ERV)
<b>58.4 yrs (18.2 yrs)</b> Avg. unexpired lease term (to break)	<b>4.0%</b> Net initial yield (p.a.)	<b>79.2%</b> % of income index linked
<b>61.7%</b> Rent with +15 years remaining (% of rent)		

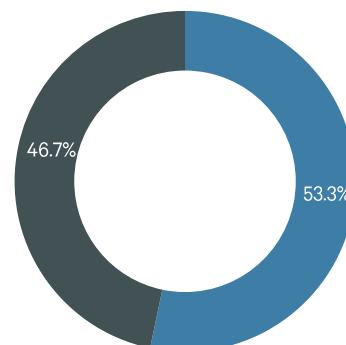
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Geographical breakdown (% of total value)



■ North      ■ London/Southeast  
■ Eastern      ■ Midlands

Sector breakdown (% of total value)



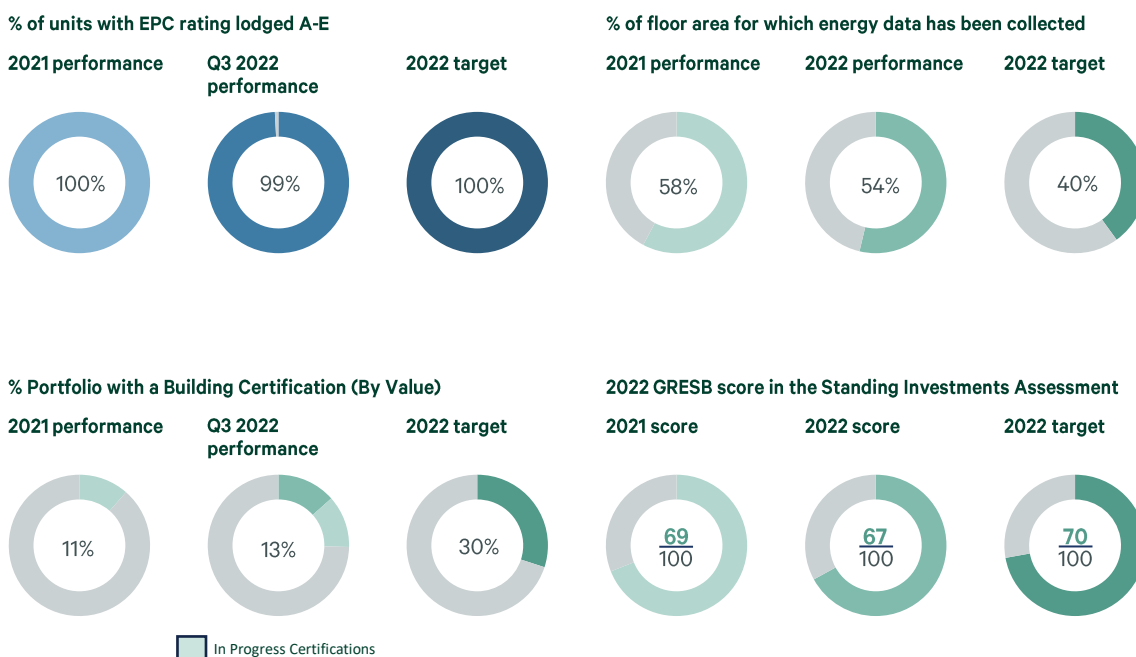
■ Residential  
■ Other Retail (Pubs & Dealerships)

<sup>3</sup> Assumes each residential portfolio is treated as a single lettable unit.

# Environmental, Social, Governance

## DCPF's ESG performance

COMPLIANCE	TRANSPARENCY	CARBON
Energy ratings	Building certifications	Energy
Policies	Reporting	Water
TCFD	Stakeholder engagement	Waste
Compliance risk	Data coverage	Tenant Workshops
Green leases		
<b>All environmental compliance risks</b>	<b>GRESB Outperformance</b>	<b>18% Carbon intensity reduction</b>



### Key actions completed in Q3 2022

Action	Outcome	Compliance	Transparency	Carbon
BREEAM In Use	The portfolio has completed Two BREEAM In Use certifications.		x	
GRESB	The portfolios 2022 GRESB submission has been completed. The portfolio scored 67/100, Two Star in the Standing Investments Assessment and 90/100, Four Star in the Development Projects Assessment.		x	
EPC	The portfolio has completed two EPC assessments in the last quarter. It has also ordered one MEES Asset Builder report.	x		

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