

BODENS

COLLEGE OF PERFORMING ARTS

INVESTMENT POLICY

Investment Policy Scope

Our charity will invest in the education and development of young people based in Greater London, in the creative and performing arts. Our mission is to transform the lives of young people through inspirational teaching, providing exceptional training in performing arts and access to higher education and career opportunities in the creative industries. Our vision is to be recognised as an outstanding provider and to ensure our graduates are fully prepared for future pathways, while empowered to lead purposeful lives with integrity. We place the well-being and development of our young people, staff and the local community at the heart of the organisation.

Investment Objectives

Our investment objectives are to achieve growth and income. We aim to generate sustainable returns that allow us to achieve our charitable objectives while protecting the capital value of our investments.

Risk Appetite

We recognise that every investment carries risk, and we will manage these risks to ensure that they are commensurate with our objectives and the financial resources available. Our charity's risk appetite is moderate, and we are willing to accept fluctuations in the value of our assets in pursuit of our investment objectives.

Balancing Investment Risk and Return

We will balance risk and return to achieve our investment objectives. We will seek to achieve our investment goals through a mix of low-risk and mid-risk investments to achieve a diversified portfolio of investments that suit our needs.

Amount Available

We will invest our financial resources in line with our objectives, risk appetite, and investment policy. The amount we have available for investment will be reviewed annually, and we will adjust our investment strategy as necessary to ensure that we continue to meet our objectives.

Investment Time Horizon

Our investment time horizon is long-term, and we aim to invest in funds for the long term. We recognize that investing is a long-term activity that requires a disciplined approach to generate sustainable returns.

Liquidity Needs

We will ensure that our charity has sufficient liquidity to meet our financial commitments, including grants and other charitable activities. We will invest in liquid assets and maintain an appropriate level of cash reserves to ensure that we can access our money when we need it.

Types of Charity Investments

We will consider investing in ethical stocks that align with our charitable mission. We will avoid investing in stocks that go against our charity's aims.

Decision-Makers

The charity trustees are responsible for making investment decisions, including approving the investment policy, setting investment objectives, and selecting investment managers.

Investment Key Performance Indicators

We will measure the performance of our investments based on the total return, risk-adjusted return, and other appropriate benchmarks. We will review our performance regularly and adjust our investment strategy as necessary.

Investment Policy Reporting Requirements

We will communicate investment performance to our stakeholders annually, including donors, beneficiaries, and the Charity Commission.

Responsibility and Remit of the Investment Manager

If we engage an investment manager, they will be responsible for implementing our investment strategy, making investment decisions on our behalf, and reporting on investment performance.

Investment Manager's Principles

Our investment manager must follow our investment policy and adhere to our ethical standards. They must act in our best interests and manage our investments prudently.

Investment Responsibilities of the Trustees

The trustees have a legal obligation to secure the best financial return within the appropriate level of risk to be spent on the charity's aims. They have a duty to consider investment suitability and diversification, to take advice, unless there is good reason for not doing so, and to review investments.

Conclusion

Our charity investment policy sets out our approach to investing. It is a framework for making investment decisions, managing our financial resources, and meeting our governance responsibilities. We will review our investment policy annually to ensure that it continues to align with our charitable mission and objectives.

This policy is subject to review on an annual basis.

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