

### How can employers be better prepared for the eMPF

With the official launch of the eMPF at the end of June 2024, the official website and customer service hotline for the eMPF are now operational. Note that the timeline for onboarding to the eMPF platform is in ascending order of the value of MPF assets under management by the trustees.

To help you prepare for the transition, we have extracted key insights from the various materials available to enhance employers' understanding of the eMPF platform:

#### Simple steps for eMPF registration and activation

Communication Pack

- Your MPF provider will send it to you 2-3 months before the onboarding date
- It contains relevant notices, user guide, FAQ, PICS, eMPF Activation Code and "Company Authorized Person" Appointment Form

- Input company authorized person's information
- Input eMPF Activation Code
- Input Business Registration (BR)/Certificate of Incorporation (CI) number
- Upload "Company Authorized Person" Appointment Form (see sample form on the right) + BR / CI copy

Activation

Registration

- Receive the eMPF Platform notification within 2 working days after registration
- Input company authorized person's information
- · Set username and password



"Company Authorized Person" Appointment Form



#### Tips to efficiently manage your eMPF employer portal

#### New employee enrolment procedures

New employee enrolment can be completed online. Employers can choose to enroll their employees by individual manual input or through a bulk upload for a group of employees. For employers interested to take advantage of the bulk upload approach, there are guidelines and templates available for download data to the portal. Once the employer completes their part, employees will receive an "Action item" in their eMPF portal/mobile app or via email notification to complete their own enrolment.

#### Streamlined E-payments

When an employer's MPF scheme transitions to the eMPF Platform, the Direct Debit Instruction (DDI) data set up with the current trustee will automatically migrate, eliminating the need for a re-setup. Employers can access DDI details via "Manage Scheme" > "Manage Enrolled Scheme" on the eMPF Web Portal. If the company's current practice is to make payment by cheque submission, employers can go to the "Manage Contribution" section to input payment specifics. Remember, after the scheme's migration, contributions and instructions must be sent to the eMPF instead of to the trustees of your MPF scheme.

#### Notification of employee termination

Employers can also choose to report employee terminations via the portal in just a few steps. In addition, when seeking to offset Long Service Payment (LSP) or Severance Payment (SP) for a terminated employee, simply submit the offsetting application under "Manage Employee" > "Terminate Employees", along with the required documentation.

#### eMPF management across companies with access rights control

When managing MPF across multiple companies on the eMPF Platform, a single login suffices with your unified user account details. Upon accessing the platform, the homepage conveniently displays the list of companies under your responsibility for easy selection. To grant access to representatives from other employers for MPF account management, the Company Authorized Person can tailor permissions at three distinct levels: Company Control, Scheme Control, and Payroll Group Control, with 16 different functions (e.g. scheme enrolment, profile management, scheme transfer, employee enrolment/contribution/termination, reserve/forfeiture account control, etc.).

#### Comprehensive support for mastering the eMPF platform

If employers wish to obtain more information about the eMPF, they can visit the <u>eMPF website</u> or contact the customer service hotline at 2183 2622 for details. Alternatively, employers can visit a service centre or coordinate the outreach team for onsite assistance. There are also various user guides and tutorial videos conveniently available on the website.

Employers and scheme members are strongly recommended to register when their MPF scheme joins the eMPF. While fully using the online portal are strongly encouraged, other channels including email, fax, post, and drop-in box at the eMPF service centres are also available.

WTW is closely monitoring the implementation of eMPF and can assist you to ensure a seamless transition. Please contact your consultant/broker for more information.



# Highlight of investment performance up to 30 June 2024

The annualised performance over 1-year and 5-year periods ended 30 June 2024 of each MPF fund type was as follows:

Performance ended 30 June 2024		1-year period			5-year period		
Fund Category	Fund Type	Highest % p.a.	Average % p.a.	Lowest % p.a.	Highest % p.a.	Average % p.a.	Lowest % p.a.
Mixed	Equity content > 80% Funds	8.4	7.3	5.7	4.5	2.9	1.2
	Equity content 60%-80% Funds	9.7	5.8	3.9	3.4	1.9	0.2
Assets Funds	Equity content 60%-80% Funds	7.2	4.1	2.4	2.0	0.7	-0.4
	Equity content 20%-40% Funds	4.5	2.6	1.7	0.4	-0.4	-1.0
Default Investment Strategy Funds	Core Accumulation Fund	18.8	12.5	11.0	7.2	6.1	5.5
	Age 65 Plus Fund	7.8	4.8	3.9	2.0	1.0	0.6
	Hong Kong Equity Funds	-3.7	-6.4	-10.3	-1.3	-6.3	-9.7
	Hong Kong Equity (Index Tracking) Funds	-2.6	-4.8	-18.0	-5.7	-7.1	-10.0
	China Equity Funds	1.4	-2.3	-7.1	-4.6	-6.7	-8.6
	Greater China Equity Funds	6.6	0.6	-4.3	2.6	0.6	-3.6
	Asian ex Japan ex HK Equity Funds	19.2	17.9	16.7	3.6	3.0	2.7
<b>Equity Funds</b>	Asian ex Japan Equity Funds	24.4	13.5	7.5	5.7	2.3	-1.2
	Pacific Basin ex Japan Equity Funds	15.7	12.8	10.5	7.9	3.4	1.4
	Global Equity Funds	28.5	18.6	13.6	11.3	8.9	6.4
	United States Equity Funds	24.7	21.8	20.4	13.0	12.1	9.7
	European Equity Funds	14.0	10.2	7.4	8.7	6.0	4.4
	Japanese Equity Funds	23.2	18.9	16.1	10.1	8.7	7.3



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Bond Funds	Hong Kong Dollar Bond Funds	5.2	4.5	4.0	0.5	0.2	-0.4
	Asian Bond Funds	3.8	2.9	1.8	0.1	-0.3	-0.8
	Global Bond Funds	1.3	-0.3	-2.2	-1.1	-2.7	-3.9
	RMB Bond	2.7	2.3	2.1	1.4	1.0	0.3
	MPF Conservative Funds	4.1	3.7	3.3	1.9	1.4	1.1
Money Market Funds	Hong Kong Dollar Money Market Funds	4.0	3.8	3.7	1.2	1.2	1.2
	RMB and HKD Money Market Funds	2.8	2.2	1.7	1.6	0.9	0.5
Others	Guaranteed Funds	4.8	2.2	0.2	0.6	-0.5	-1.8

Source: MPFA As of 30 June 2024



### Other MPF resources

#### **Member Education**

Given the defined contribution nature of the MPF scheme, it is vital to provide sufficient member education so that employees can obtain the best value from their contributions.

At WTW, we provide regular short educational articles to members on hot topics and recent events. Recent articles published by WTW are available on MPFexpress. Visit our website to find out more.

Article	Content
The eMPF assistant portal facilitates MPF account assistance	With the launch of the eMPF at the end of June, administrative work relating to the MPF will be conducted primarily online in future. Some members who are not familiar with electronic devices or MPF processing procedures may have concerns. For these members, the system also provides an assistant portal that can be used by anyone (such as family members, friends, or MPF intermediaries) to assist members.
Further understanding of the eMPF	With the official launch of the eMPF at the end of June, the official website and customer service hotline are now operational. We have selected some key points from the FAQs on their website to enhance members' understanding of the operation of the eMPF and to facilitate their preparation.
Making the most of mobile applications for managing MPF	Smartphones are widely prevalent today, and most people use mobile applications for various activities such as browsing social media and news websites, watching videos, online shopping, and playing games. Many people also use banking applications to manage their bank accounts. Similarly, major MPF service providers have also launched mobile applications to enable members to manage their MPF accounts. Recently, some providers have even added investment advisory services to their mobile applications to assist members in making investment decisions.
Maximizing the MPFA Tool for integrating personal accounts	According to statistics from the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority (MPFA), the total number of Mandatory Provident Fund (MPF) accounts in Hong Kong exceeded 11 million at 31 December 2023 with nearly 60% (approximately 6.54 million accounts) being personal accounts. Given that there are approximately 2.9 million registered employees and self-employed individuals in total in Hong Kong, it means that each member has more than two personal accounts each on average. To help members to check the status of their personal accounts, the MPFA provides an "e-Enquiry of Personal Account" service, commonly known as ePA, which members can also utilize for consolidating their personal accounts.

#### **MPF** market share

Do you know how your MPF sponsor ranks in terms of the market share within the entire MPF market? This information is available on <a href="MPFexpress">MPFexpress</a>. This section provides the latest MPF market distribution information and helps you understand the relative MPF asset sizes of different sponsors in the MPF market.

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