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Balanced Fund

Investment Objectives

The investment objective of the Balanced Fund is to provide long-term growth with moderate short-term volatility through asset class diversification.

Investment Strategy

The Balanced Fund portfolio is currently in the process of transitioning from 60% equities (stocks), and 40% domestic fixed income investments (bonds) to a portfolio of 55% equities, 35% fixed income and 10% real estate investments. This transition is expected to take approximately three years. The Fund is broadly diversified by asset class, manager and market. Active managers are used in those markets where historical returns suggest favourable results. (Foreign investments are partially hedged to the Canadian dollar to reduce volatility caused by currency movements.)

Who Should Invest

The Balanced Fund is suitable for members who are seeking moderate long-term growth through exposure to equity, fixed income and real estate investments. The Fund's structure is set and maintained under the Plan's investment policy so asset mix decisions by members are not required. The Fund is expected to suffer periodic short-term losses.

Risk/Return

The Balanced Fund is expected to produce variable annual returns. It will experience periodic annual losses. The Fund is subject to credit risk, interest rate risk, market risk, currency risk, derivatives risk, liquidity risk and securities lending risk.

Benchmark

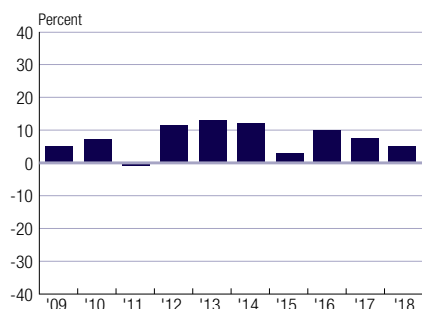
The Fund's performance is measured against a custom benchmark containing 19% Canadian Bonds, 14% Canadian Equities, 17% U.S. Equities, 6% Emerging Market Equities, 18% EAFE Equities, 1% Short Term, 10% Real Estate, 8% Mortgages and 7% Emerging Market Debt; with 50% of the Fund's foreign indices (excluding emerging markets) hedged to the Canadian dollar.

*The Balanced Fund benchmark has changed during the historical period.

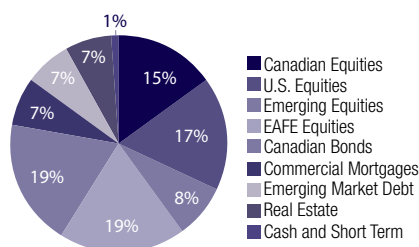
Investment Managers

For an overview of the investment managers responsible for this Fund, check the Investment Options Matrix.

Annual Returns to Sept. 30, 2018*



Asset Mix (Actual)



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Income & Expense

Dividends, interest and realized and unrealized capital gains and losses earned within the Balanced Fund accrue to the members invested in the Fund. The Fund's investment and administration expenses are paid by deduction from the Fund.

Management Expense Ratio

The annual management expense ratio (MER) of the Balanced Fund is approximately 0.34% per year.

Investment Instructions

You are permitted to move your accumulated pension funds and any future contributions between the investment options offered by the Plan by completing an Investment Instructions form. Investment instructions are not effective until a properly completed form, accompanied by any required fees, is received at the Plan's office.

The accumulated pension funds and future contributions of members who do not provide investment instructions are automatically invested in the Balanced Fund by default. No form or fee is required.

RETURN HISTORY Annualized Returns to Sept. 30, 2018

	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 year
Benchmark	6.58%	7.42%	7.49%	7.06%
Balanced Fund	5.08%	7.63%	7.53%	7.38%

* Past performance does not guarantee future results.



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