

Select Balanced Fund - Pensions

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Sept Net Asset Value:	\$6.4133
Assets:	\$5.53M
Inception:	Aug-86

PERFORMANCE

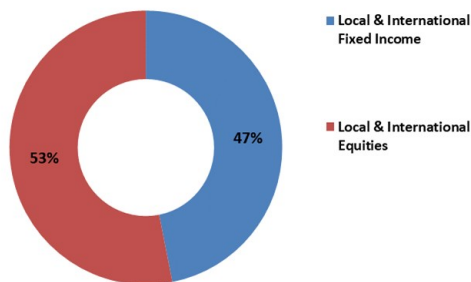
	Fund	Benchmark*
1 Month	-0.99%	0.458%
3 Month	1.57%	1.374%
1Yr	10.72%	5.5%
3Yr	5.16%	5.5%
5Yr	5.26%	5.5%

*Annual rate of return 5.5%

TOP FIVE HOLDINGS

RF US INT'L OPPORTUNITIES FUND	32.96%
RF BAHAMAS USD TARGETED INCOME	15.62%
GOVERNMENT OF BARBADOS SERIES B	11.63%
N.S.R. LIIMITED 5% 2029 BOND	6.08%
WILLIAM INDUSTRIES TRANCE 4	5.25%

ALLOCATION



The Select Balanced Fund is a sub fund of the RF Investment Fund the umbrella company. The asset allocation shown is subject to change without notice and at the discretion of the investment manager, subject to the restrictions outlined in the fund's offering documents. Past performance doesn't guarantee future success.

Increase in market volatility expected

As Global equity markets had a rough September and Q3 and yields and bond prices fluctuated the Fund ended the quarter with a return of 0.37% despite a negative one month return of 1.07%

Large cap stocks outperformed small caps in the third quarter. Larger companies may have the resources to be more resilient and tend to fare better in an uncertain economic backdrop. However, when economic growth is expected to accelerate, small cap tends to outperform, as we saw in the first half of the year.

On a sector basis, financials and utilities outperformed. At the other end of the spectrum, industrials and materials struggled, although September's sell-off hit almost all sectors. Energy was an exception, rising as supply constraints drove prices to highs – particularly Brent crude.

The market remained resilient in the third quarter, but the final few weeks of September served as a reminder to investors that markets will face the resolution of numerous macroeconomic unknowns in the fourth quarter, and while fundamentals remain decidedly positive, an increase in market volatility should be expected.

The Fed indicated that tapering of bond purchases could begin this year and rate hikes may begin in 2022, earlier than had been previously predicted. The fed funds rate projections now show a faster rate hiking schedule than they did in June. If the Fed starts to taper QE sooner than expected, or the pace of reductions is faster than the market has currently priced in, it will cause additional volatility and as a result have negative impact on future returns.

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