



Pension  
**Equity Fund**

Q1 2021  
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<b>Mar Net Asset Value:</b>	\$2.3669
<b>Assets:</b>	\$1.68M
<b>Inception:</b>	Dec-99

**Performance:**

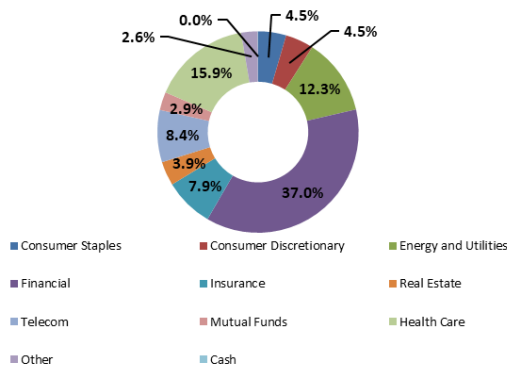
	Fund	Benchmark*
<b>1 Month</b>	3.45%	0.30%
<b>3 Month</b>	1.37%	-6.15%
<b>1 Yr</b>	4.16%	-7.25%
<b>3 Yr Ave Ann</b>	9.08%	-0.98%

\* BIX All Share Index

**Top Five Holdings:**

FIDELITY BANK (BAHAMAS)	20.1%
DOCTORS HOSPITAL	15.9%
FINCO	8.7%
FOCOL HOLDINGS	8.7%
CABLE BAHAMAS	8.4%

**Allocation:**



The Equity Fund is a pension-only pool of assets that invests in the pension-specific shares of other equity and fixed income funds. Performance shown does not include any fees associated with the administration of a pension plan and may differ from other shares offered in the fund as a result of different fee structures. The asset allocation shown is subject to change without notice and at the discretion of the investment manager, subject to any restrictions outlined in the fund's offering documents. Past performance doesn't guarantee future success.

**The Final Stretch...We Hope!**

The Plan bounced back in March returning 3.45% for the month versus a 0.30% gain for the benchmark. In Q1 the Plan is in positive territory up 1.37% versus the BISX All Share Index (BISX) which lost -6.15%. Over the last year the Plan was up 4.16% versus the -7.25% loss generated by BISX. The Plan averaged 9.08% per annum over the last three years versus -0.98% for BISX.

YTD we have been actively repositioning the Plan's portfolio with a focus on buying value and selling richly priced stocks. We are investing in firms with strong management, strong balance sheets, and firms positioned to benefit from the re-opening of the local economy.

During the pandemic banks have taking significant loan loss provisions. This was the prudent thing to do, but as the economy re-opens and many of the non-performing loans become regularized and a significant portion of these provisions will be reversed. Any assessment of bank stocks today needs to factor in these expected write-backs.

We have said this several times now, but the re-opening of the local economy is dependent on the easing of the Covid-19 pandemic locally and in North America seeing that the US and Canada account for 90% plus of our total tourism market. In the US approximately 46% of the population has received at least one dose and 33% are fully vaccinated. In Canada 34% of the population has received at least one dose, but only 3.3% of the population is fully vaccinated. Fortunately the daily vaccination rate is accelerating in Canada with over 450,000 doses being administered now.

We expect a gradual improvement in tourism numbers through US Thanksgiving and strong numbers for the Winter season.

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