

# BF&M pension matters

*Stock market gains continue, albeit at a slower pace, on signs of a sustained economic recovery.*



## Market Review

Global stock prices extended last year's rally during the first quarter, after suffering a steep February sell off.

The factors which helped stock prices stage a remarkable recovery in 2009 continued to provide the impetus for the rally in U.S. stocks. Corporate earnings were stronger than expected and the battered U.S. economy continued its rebound, particularly in the manufacturing sector.

January began with the news that China was tightening bank-lending standards as a way to help slow potentially dangerous growth. In the same week, Greece raised fears that it may not be able to pay its debts. The combination, of these events along with concerns about global bank regulation, sparked a flight out of riskier investments such as stocks. But in March as signs began to emerge that Greece's debt crisis would likely be contained, and the new regulations would not be as harsh stocks formed a solid foundation

and inched higher until quarter end.

In the U.S. the Dow Jones Industrial Average gained 4.1% marking it the fourth consecutive quarterly gain and its best first-quarter performance since 1999. The broad Standard & Poor's 500-stock index rose 4.9%. The turmoil in Europe depressed returns on continental stocks, with the S&P Euro 350 falling 1.7% in U.S. dollar terms. In Asia, the potential for tighter monetary policy in China sent Chinese stocks 5.1% lower, while Japanese stocks jumped 4.7% both in U.S. dollar terms.

Notably individual investors missed most of the gains as they continued to shift money into bond mutual funds while largely shunning stock funds. That flood of cash into fixed income helped lift returns on investment-grade and high-yield bonds to over 3%.

The U.S. dollar gained significantly versus the Euro as the debt crisis in Greece dragged on.

## Investment Implications

Many long term investors remain underinvested in the stock market, as fear and anger still dominate. Cash is king during a crisis but over the long term investors do not gain much after adjusting for inflation. Thus with the economic environment improving investors could benefit from being in stocks rather than cash. Also with interest rates likely to rise in 2010 the risk return trade off in bonds is decreasing.

To avoid the stress of investing in various market environments we believe a policy of remaining committed to a diversified portfolio is the best approach for most investors.

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# Golden Accumulator Retirement Plan



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Summary Performance - as of March 31st 2010

## MULTIPLE MANAGER PLAN

### PERFORMANCE BY PROFILE

#### Guaranteed Interest

	Annualized	5 Yrs	3 Yrs	1 Yrs	3 Mos
Annualized	3.33%	3.30%	2.50%	0.62%	
Benchmark	3.33%	3.30%	2.50%	0.62%	

#### Conservative Risk

	Annualized	5 Yrs	3 Yrs	1 Yrs	3 Mos
Annualized	2.98%	1.41%	13.36%	1.37%	
Benchmark	3.77%	2.28%	12.40%	1.45%	

#### Moderate Risk

	Annualized	5 Yrs	3 Yrs	1 Yrs	3 Mos
Annualized	2.81%	0.43%	17.84%	1.56%	
Benchmark	3.65%	1.31%	17.18%	1.88%	

#### Accumulator

	Annualized	5 Yrs	3 Yrs	1 Yrs	3 Mos
Annualized	2.12%	-1.93%	29.69%	2.31%	
Benchmark	3.86%	-0.05%	27.94%	2.71%	

#### Stable Growth

	Annualized	5 Yrs	3 Yrs	1 Yrs	3 Mos
Annualized	2.92%	-1.72%	33.72%	2.28%	
Benchmark	3.65%	-1.03%	31.85%	2.63%	

#### Growth Risk

	Annualized	5 Yrs	3 Yrs	1 Yrs	3 Mos
Annualized	3.54%	-1.23%	31.73%	1.92%	
Benchmark	3.32%	-1.36%	31.02%	2.58%	

#### Aggressive Risk

	Annualized	5 Yrs	3 Yrs	1 Yrs	3 Mos
Annualized	3.92%	-3.07%	46.52%	2.45%	
Benchmark	2.75%	-4.44%	45.42%	3.01%	

### PAST & CURRENT FUNDS

### PERFORMANCE BY FUND

#### Guaranteed Interest

	Account	Annualized	5 Yrs	3 Yrs	1 Yrs	3 Mos
NTB GIA	Index	3.33%	3.30%	2.50%	0.62%	

#### PIMCO Total Return/MFS Strategic Inc

	Fund	Annualized	5 Yrs	3 Yrs	1 Yrs	3 Mos
Barclays US Agg. Total Return	Index	0.49%	0.43%	13.31%	2.63%	

#### Pioneer Basic Value/FT Mutual Beacon

	Fund	Annualized	5 Yrs	3 Yrs	1 Yrs	3 Mos
S&P Value Index	Index	-1.06%	-10.14%	44.56%	3.60%	

#### Templeton Global/Vontobel Glb

	Fund	Annualized	5 Yrs	3 Yrs	1 Yrs	3 Mos
MSCI All World Index/EAFE Index	Index	2.74%	-5.20%	54.28%	1.55%	

#### MFS Res Int'l/Putnam Intl

	Fund	Annualized	5 Yrs	3 Yrs	1 Yrs	3 Mos
EAFE Index	Index	4.19%	-6.77%	51.24%	0.39%	

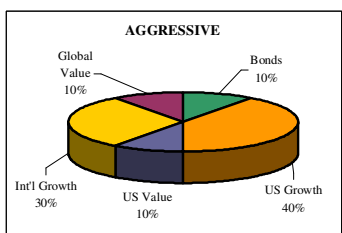
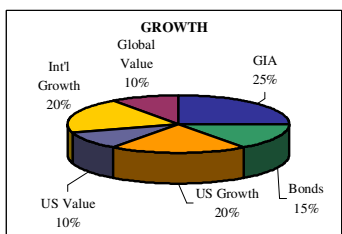
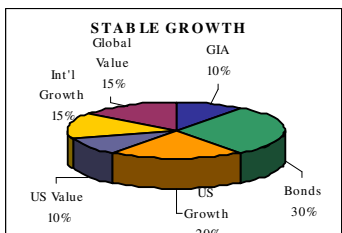
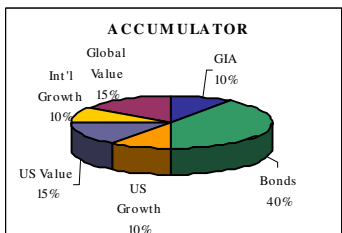
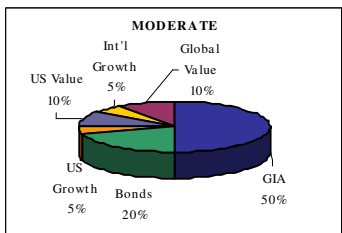
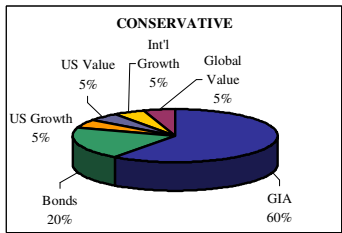
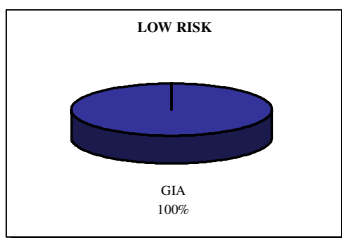
#### TFM US Opportunities/MS US Sml Cap

	Fund	Annualized	5 Yrs	3 Yrs	1 Yrs	3 Mos
Russell 3000/ 2000 Grwth Index	Index	8.06%	0.31%	50.23%	3.88%	

	Index	Annualized	5 Yrs	3 Yrs	1 Yrs	3 Mos
		3.54%	-2.60%	48.87%	5.03%	

### GIA Current Crediting Rate is 2.25%

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### Want to Know More About Your Investments?

Fact Sheets for these investments have been posted at [www.bfm.bm](http://www.bfm.bm). Here are a few definitions of some of the terms used on our fund fact sheets. They are statistics used to measure the risk and reward profile of the funds.

**Alpha** – The value that a portfolio manager adds to or subtracts from a fund's return over its benchmark. A positive alpha means the fund has outperformed its benchmark while a negative alpha means it has underperformed.

**Sharpe** – This ratio tells us whether a portfolio's returns are due to smart investment decisions or a result of excess risk. It can be used to compare funds with different investment strategies. The greater the Sharpe ratio the better the fund's risk adjusted performance.

**Standard Deviation** – This measures a fund's volatility or the risk about the size of changes in a fund's value. A higher standard deviation means a fund's price can fluctuate over a larger range of values.

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