### 2018 Annual Report





NO SINGLE DEVELOPMENT IN THE PAST

FIVE DECADES HAS CHANGED THE OVERALL

LANDSCAPE AND IMAGE OF ALABAMA MORE

THAN BUILDING AND PROMOTING RSA'S

ROBERT TRENT JONES GOLF TRAIL WITH

THE RSA HOTELS, SPAS, CONFERENCE

CENTERS, AND ADJACENT RESIDENTIAL

AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT.

# THIS INSPIRES AND DRIVES US TO PURSUE EVEN GREATER ACHIEVEMENTS FOR





# A LETTER FROM **Dr. Bronner**

The Boards of Control and the Retirement Systems of Alabama (RSA) staff are pleased to present the 42nd Annual Report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2018.

The RSA currently manages 24 funds with aggregate assets of approximately \$43.8 billion. For fiscal year 2018, the Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) assets totaled \$25.6 billion, the Employees' Retirement System (ERS) assets totaled \$12.6 billion, and the Judicial Retirement Fund (JRF) assets totaled \$313.1 million. The annualized return was 9.42% for the TRS, 9.29% for the ERS, and 9.32% for the JRF.

Market performance during fiscal year 2018 was generally good, with equity markets performing well over the course of the year. Like fiscal year 2017, domestic equity markets did not experience the seasonal weakness usually seen in August and September; therefore, levels closed near their highs for the year. Domestic large-cap equities turned in double-digit positive returns, as did domestic mid-cap and small-cap equities. Emerging markets' strong performance early in the year lost much of its steam into fiscal year end, finishing slightly negative, while international equities struggled some as well, turning in low, single-digit returns for the fiscal year. Fixed income markets faced rising rates over the course of the year and ended with a slightly negative return overall. With the Federal Reserve continuing to raise short-term rates around strong economic data and steady equity markets, interest rates rose and the yield curve flattened in response. Credit spreads remained fairly stable throughout the year and helped to somewhat offset the rise in yields. Markets have continued to be reactionary around macroeconomic and global events as they have been the last few years, and we expect this to continue for the time being. We also continue to see fundamentals influencing performance as well as company earnings and strong balance sheets.

During the fiscal year, Gray Television, Inc. announced that it was purchasing Raycom Media for \$3.65 billion. This merger will create the third largest U.S. television station owner with 142 stations in 92 markets, reaching 24% of all U.S. households. After closing, the RSA will continue its investment in Gray/Raycom through a preferred stock issue and receiving common stock representing roughly 11% ownership of Gray. The company will continue to have a building headquarters in Montgomery and support a \$30 million annual advertising program for the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail and other RSA-owned properties for the next 10 years.

Also during the fiscal year, the RSA was honored in Toronto, Canada, for economic development throughout Alabama by the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) with the Institutional Leadership Award. This award recognizes leaders of a community institution who have made significant contributions in support of economic development through leadership, financial support, and local investments, along with demonstration of a sustained effort in promotion and support of local economic development programs.

### *U.S. News and World Report* published its list of best hotels and resorts for 2018, and The Grand Hotel Marriott Resort, Golf Club & Spa topped both lists.

For the "Best Hotels in Alabama," the Grand Hotel Marriott Resort was named the best, followed by the Battle House Renaissance Mobile Hotel & Spa, while the Renaissance Birmingham Ross Bridge Golf Resort came in fourth. For the "Best Resorts in Alabama," the Grand Hotel Marriott Resort was named the best, while the Renaissance Birmingham Ross Bridge Golf Resort was a close second on the list.

The staff will continue to purchase and develop investments that will facilitate the mission of the RSA. Our aim is to serve the interests of our members by preserving the excellent benefits and soundness of the Systems while providing these at the least expense to the state of Alabama and all Alabama taxpayers. With the continued cooperative efforts of the Boards of Control, the RSA staff, and the Legislature, this goal will be achieved.

David G. Bronner CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

# "I wanted to improve Alabam

and help ourselves so others would want to join us."

- Dr. David G. Bronner on the creation of the Trail as economic development for Alabama

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### ALABAMA'S ROBERT TRENT JONES GOLF TRAIL

# **ECONOMIC IMPACT IN FULL**

he Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail has changed the economy, the image, and the culture of Alabama. Over 12 million rounds of golf have been played at Alabama's RTJ courses over the past 26 years. But another kind of green emanates from these courses—money from employment, tourism, and housing spurred by one of the greatest construction efforts in Alabama history. With great momentum, we have leveraged the success of the Trail, leading to significant residential and commercial development by the RSA and private developers. As of 2018, well over 8,000 homes have been constructed with more on the way. Millions of square feet of commercial space—including the Trail clubhouses, RSA hotels, private hotels, restaurants, service stations, grocery stores, and other retail outlets—have been built near courses on the Trail. This collective development has created jobs in banking, construction, real estate, insurance, retail, recreation, and healthcare. And billions of dollars in increased tax revenue generated from the development includes ad valorem, lodging, sales and use, income, utilities, fuel, tobacco, and liquor.



Cambrian Ridge Greenville, AL

Capitol Hill Prattville, AL

Grand National Auburn/Opelika, AL

Hampton Cove Huntsville, AL Highland Oaks Dothan, AL

Magnolia Grove Mobile, AL

Oxmoor Valley Birmingham, AL

Ross Bridge Hoover, AL Silver Lakes Anniston/Gadsden, AL

The Shoals Florence/Muscle Shoals, AL

The Lakewood Golf Club Point Clear, AL

Homes adjacent to Highland Oaks, Dothan

Sand State State State

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# RESIDENTAL OMNUNITE

RSA's residential development on the Trail includes multiple award-winning, master-planned communities that are continuing to help revitalize almost every region of Alabama. A number of sprawling neighborhoods feature a variety of home types—from Southern cottage style plans for smaller families and empty nesters, to prestigious luxury residences that reflect a classic country club lifestyle. These successful developments have been instrumental in promoting a positive view of Alabama and help business and industry recruit new talent to the state.

The Colony at the Grand, Fairhope



HOME SITES on the TRAIL

THE SHOALS FLORENCE/MUSCLE SHOALS

> HAMPTON COVE HUNTSVILLE

SILVER LAKES Anniston/gadsden

> ROSS BRIDGE BIRMINGHAM

NATIONAL VILLAGE AUBURN/OPELIKA

HIGHLAND OAKS DOTHAN

THE COLONY AT THE GRAND FAIRHOPE









UXURY on the TRAIL

resort hotels, offering 2,065 rooms plus 20 restaurants and lounges.

### hotels with world-class spas,

a collective 77,000 square feet and 38 treatment rooms providing complete spa treatments and salon services.

The Lakewood Golf Club and The Grand Hotel Golf Resort & Spa, Autograph Collection, Point Clear

Upscale elegance at Marriott Shoals Hotel & Spa, Florence

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# The Trail hotels host **SOME 2,500**

national and international **meetings each year.** 

Renaissance Ross Bridge Golf Resort & Spa, Birmingham

Six Four-Diamond hotels in the Resort Collection on the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail offer world-class spas to delight the senses Experience iconic Gulf Coast luxury at the newly renovated Grand Hotel Golf Resort & Spa, Autograph Collection, Point Clea

IN 2018, THERE WERE

3,133

PEOPLE EMPLOYED BY RTJ PROPERTIES







Chef's Garden, The Grand, Point Clear



ACON Alabama Energy Investors\* / Tuscaloosa

ADEM Laboratory\* / Montgomery

Alabama Cruise Terminal\* / Mobile

Alabama River Group, Inc.\* / Monroeville

Alabama River Chip Mill\* / Monroeville

Alabama River Recycling\* / Monroeville

Alabama State Bar Building\* / Montgomery

**Barton AL Property** / Florence

**Bell Microproducts**\* / *Montgomery* 

**CIBA-GEIGY Chemical Company\*** / Mobile

Circle S Industries\* / Selma

**Colony at the Grand**\* / *Point Clear, Real Estate and Condo Development* 

**CNHI, LLC** / Montgomery

**Conventional Mortgages**\* / Alabama Loans, Residential Funding, MGIC, FBS–were the servicers

**Danberry at Inverness**\* / Birmingham

**Daniel Senior Living, LLC**\* / Assisted Living Facilities in Huntsville and Birmingham

**Dole Foods**\* / *Birmingham* 

Dominion Senior Living of West Mobile / Mobile

**Drummond Company**\* / *Birmingham* 

**Dynamit Nobel Chemical Company\*** / Mobile

**Embassy Suites**\* / Montgomery

Fairway Outdoor Advertising\* / Statewide

First Alabama Bancshares\* / Birmingham

**GKN Aerospace** / Tallassee

**Gordon Persons Building**\* / *Montgomery* 

**Gulf Coast Exploration & Science Theatre\*** / *Mobile* 

IDB Southwire Med. Volt Cable Company\* / Heflin

**IPSCO Saskatchewan, Inc.**\* / *Mobile* 

Kay Fairs, Inc.\* / Theodore

Kvaerner Oilfields Products\* / Mobile

Mercedes Benz U.S.\* / Tuscaloosa

National Village / Auburn/Opelika

Navistar Diesel of Alabama, LLC\* / Huntsville

Navistar Big Bore Diesels, LLC\* / Huntsville

<sup>+</sup>PARKING DECK

\*FULLY PAID

# **RSA Investments in Alabama**

#### **Office Buildings and Parking Decks:**

- > Alabama Center for Commerce<sup>+</sup> / *Montgomery*
- > Alabama Center for Postsecondary Education / *Montgomery*
- > RSA Criminal Justice Center<sup>+</sup> / *Montgomery*
- > RSA Dexter Avenue Building (Datacenter)<sup>+</sup> / Montgomery
- > RSA Headquarters<sup>+</sup> / *Montgomery*
- > RSA Plaza<sup>+</sup> / *Montgomery*
- > RSA Tower Complex (Includes the RSA Tower, RSA Activity Center, Helen Hunt Early Learning Center, and RSA Pavilion)<sup>+</sup> / Montgomery
- > RSA Union<sup>+</sup> / *Montgomery*
- > Royal Street Parking Deck<sup>+</sup> / Mobile
- > RSA Battle House Tower<sup>+</sup> / Mobile
- > RSA North Royal Street / Mobile
- > RSA Trustmark Building<sup>+</sup> / Mobile
- > RSA Van Antwerp Building / *Mobile*

PCH Hotels and Resorts / Alabama Real Estate Holdings Management Company / Statewide

Perdido Beach Hilton\* / Gulf Beach Hotel

**Point Clear Partners, LLC**\* / *Point Clear, Real Estate and Condo Development* 

**PPG Industries**\* / Huntsville

Raycom Media / Montgomery

Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail / Golf Courses, Statewide

**Rohr**\* / (IDB City of Foley)

**RSA Resort Hotel Properties** / Statewide

Signal International\* / Mobile

SiO2 Medical Products / Auburn

**Springhill Medical Center**\* / *Mobile* 

SunBelt Golf Corporation Management Company / Statewide

The Explore Center, Inc.\* / Mobile

The Shops of Grand River / Leeds

**USB-IDB United Technology**\* / Huntsville

US Steel\* / Fairfield

Walmart Distribution Center\* / Cullman

Williamson Commerce Center\* / Anniston

Wise Metals\* / Florence

World Marine / Mobile



# **KEEPING ALABAMA ON COURSE**

### LEGAL

In fiscal year 2018, the RSA Legal Division handled a wide variety of matters involving the many areas of law that pertain to the RSA's operations, including pension law, fiduciary and trust law, constitutional law, tax law, health insurance law, securities law, contract law, construction law, commercial real estate law, and employment law.

Litigation matters have continued to comprise a significant portion of the RSA legal staff's responsibilities. The legal staff has worked to defend the RSA's interests in court cases involving constitutional, statutory, and administrative issues. The legal staff also continued to represent the RSA in employment-related matters, providing counsel in navigating various regulatory and compliance matters that arose during the year. The RSA continues to litigate matters as necessary to protect the interests of its members.

In addition, the RSA legal staff assisted with issues pertaining to the RSA's real estate holdings and other investments, providing legal advice on general operational issues and construction projects and pursuing litigation for the recovery of certain construction costs.

Other important areas of practice for the RSA legal staff were litigating on behalf of and providing legal guidance related to the administration of the Public Education Employees' Health Insurance Plan (PEEHIP), education employees' self-funded group health plan. In 2018, the legal staff continued to vigorously defend PEEHIP in litigation at the trial and appellate levels, as well as providing representation for the health plan in other matters including regulatory and compliance issues and contractual negotiations and agreements. The legal staff assisted PEEHIP in reviewing and implementing policies and plan design features to ensure consistency with the Affordable Care Act and other applicable laws and regulations. Legal staff also worked to ensure that PEEHIP met applicable privacy and security requirements under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (HITECH), which govern the privacy and security of PEEHIP members' and their dependents' health information.

RSA legal staff provided support to RSA-1, the Section 457 deferred compensation plan administered by RSA staff. The legal staff assisted RSA-1 in administering its plan document, complying with appropriate IRS

and other applicable rules and regulations, and resolving legal questions involving plan participants.

Other major areas of practice for the RSA Legal Division include the review and negotiation of contracts for the RSA and PEEHIP, training, compliance, and legal advice on day-to-day operational issues. The legal staff successfully protected RSA's interests in the negotiation of a number of significant contracts in 2018, including contracts essential to RSA's accounting operations, investment activities, real estate valuations, and PEEHIP operations. Legal staff also provides legal advice and assistance daily on issues which arise during the course of business, including training as needed on all other aspects of the operations of the RSA, PEEHIP, and their Boards of Control.

The RSA legal staff stands ready to assist the RSA in meeting any new challenges that may arise for public pensions and health insurance programs and to maintain and enhance the RSA's service to its members.

### LEGISLATIVE

The 2018 Regular Session of the Alabama Legislature began January 9, 2018, and ended on March 29, 2018. The Legislature enacted a General Fund budget and an Education Trust Fund budget, which fully funded both the Employees' Retirement System (ERS) and the Teachers' Retirement System (TRS). In addition, the Legislature funded the Public Education Employees' Health Insurance Plan (PEEHIP) at the requested rate of \$800 per employee per month. The Legislature also granted one-time bonuses in the amount of one dollar per month of service to ERS and TRS retirees. No other legislation which materially affects the RSA was enacted.

More economic impact details regarding Alabama's Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail may be found in the book, *The Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail: Its History and Economic Impact* by Mark Fagan with a Foreword by David G. Bronner.



### Staff, Advisors, and Medical Board



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# DEMOGRAPHIC HIGHLIGHTS

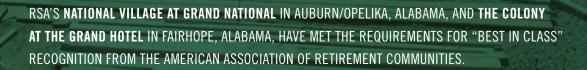
he Trail has contributed to an increase in the number of retirees residing in Alabama. Retirees have stayed in Alabama and kept their income and assets in Alabama. Retirees have relocated to Alabama and transferred their income and assets to Alabama. And their continued spending contributes to the economic stability of Alabama.

91.4%

TRS

95.0%

MEMBERS REMAINING IN ALABAMA AFTER RETIREMENT.





# CTIVE & RETIRED MEMBERS FROM TRS, ERS, & JRF 3558,55066

<b>59</b> %		
AC	TIVE	
TRS	131,652	
ERS	80,840	
JRF	342	
TOTAL	212,834	



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TRS	227,208
ERS	130,553
JRF	745
TOTAL	358,506

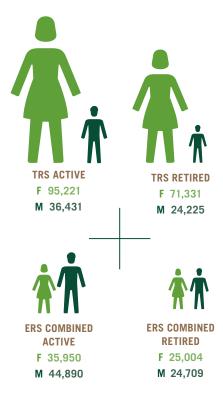
### **Membership Activity**

NEW ME	EMBERS		
TRS	ERS	JRF	TOTAL
11,191	9,005	8	20,204
	rawn me		
TRS	ERS	JRF	TOTAL
2,777	5,159	4	7,940
		EMENTS	
TRS	ERS	JRF	TOTAL
4,126	2,360	8	6,494
		TREMENT	
		JRF	
301	202	3	506
SURVIVING SPOUSES			
		JRF	TOTAL
4	0	0	4
NEW BENEFICIARIES			
	ERS		TOTAL
		0111	

TRS	ERS	JRF	TOTA
516	363	10	889

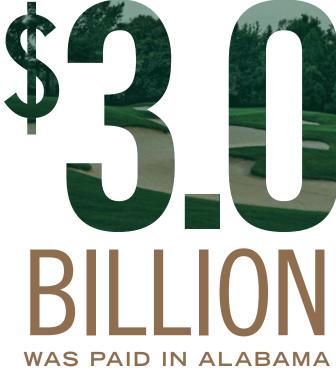
### **2018 Demographics**

FEMALE AND MALE COMPARISON



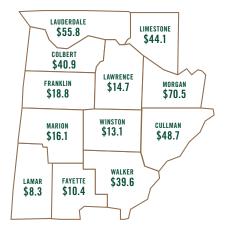
ERS Active and Retired members are comprised of state and local employees.

# **\$3.3 BILLION**

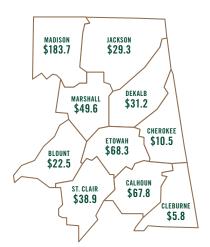


COUNTY BY COUNTY FIGURES ARE LISTED AS DOLLARS IN MILLIONS OF BENEFITS PAID



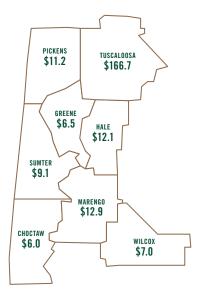


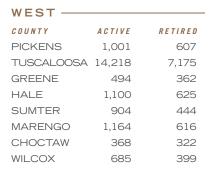
NORTHWEST		
COUNTY	ACTIVE	RETIRED
LAUDERDALE	4,025	2,410
LIMESTONE	4,270	1,906
COLBERT	2,960	1,861
FRANKLIN	1,604	865
LAWRENCE	1,178	729
MORGAN	5,424	3,230
MARION	1,528	778
WINSTON	1,199	664
CULLMAN	3,938	2,197
LAMAR	747	415
FAYETTE	1,001	501
WALKER	3,225	1,911

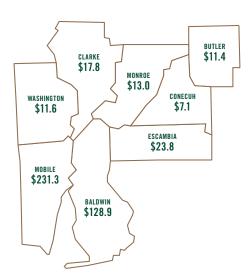


#### NORTHEAST -

COUNTY	ACTIVE	RETIRED
MADISON	15,365	7,468
JACKSON	2,511	1,448
MARSHALL	4,400	2,238
DEKALB	3,022	1,483
BLOUNT	1,997	1,080
ETOWAH	5,077	3,148
CHEROKEE	848	497
ST. CLAIR	3,632	1,734
CALHOUN	6,311	3,228
CLEBURNE	569	287

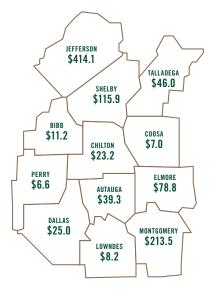






### SOUTHWEST -

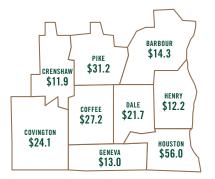
COUNTY	ACTIVE	RETIRED
WASHINGTON	763	596
CLARKE	1,332	897
MONROE	1,000	639
CONECUH	678	390
BUTLER	956	559
MOBILE	18,884	11,242
BALDWIN	10,431	5,579
ESCAMBIA	1,726	1,133



CENTRAL		
COUNTY	ACTIVE	RETIRED
JEFFERSON	32,036	16,850
SHELBY	10,964	4,420
TALLADEGA	3,780	2,339
BIBB	1,034	537
CHILTON	2,120	1,126
COOSA	558	340
PERRY	517	321
DALLAS	2,184	1,196
AUTAUGA	3,573	1,713
ELMORE	6,099	3,348
LOWNDES	571	427
MONTGOMERY	Y 15,266	8,629



EAST		
COUNTY	ACTIVE	RETIRED
CLAY	773	442
RANDOLPH	982	608
TALLAPOOSA	2,064	1,368
CHAMBERS	1,434	774
LEE	11,434	4,620
MACON	1,159	765
RUSSELL	1,682	761
BULLOCK	628	366

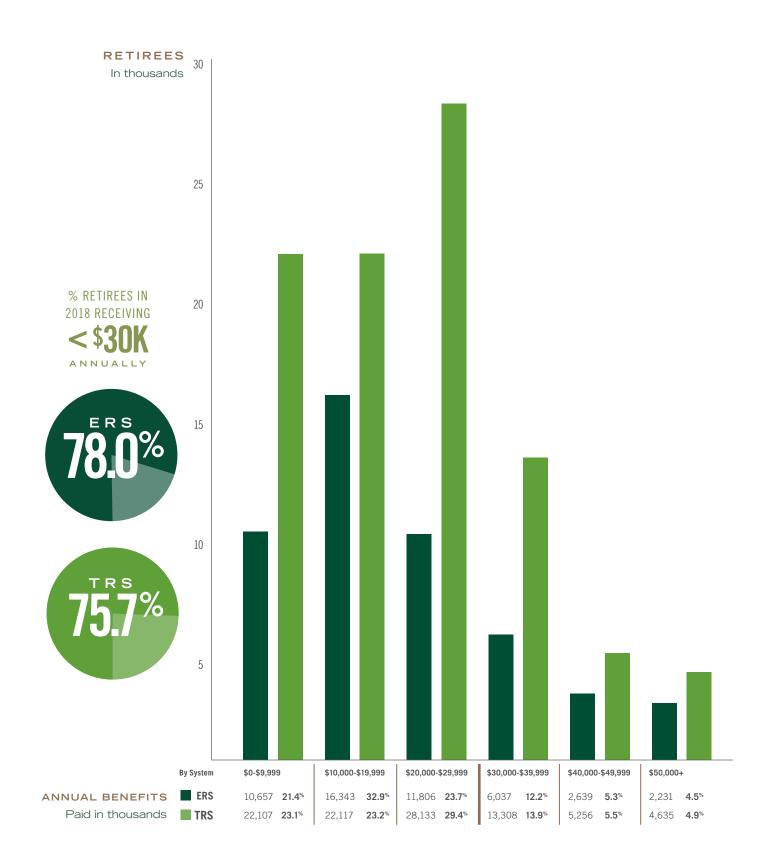


SOUTHEAST		
COUNTY	ACTIVE	RETIRED
CRENSHAW	928	563
PIKE	2,457	1,292
BARBOUR	1,200	748
COVINGTON	1,919	1,154
COFFEE	2,418	1,262
DALE	2,067	1,068
HENRY	1,023	584
GENEVA	1,300	649
HOUSTON	4,512	2,534



DEMOGRAPHIC HIGHLIGHTS

# **RSA Retirees and Benefits Paid**



### **RSA Active Members by Benefit Tier**

2018 ERS

State and Local Systems

2018 TRS Tier I and II

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state 20,058 <b>TIER I</b> 100al 33,959		\(\mathcal{R}\) \(\mathcal) \(\mathcal) \(\mathcal{R}\) \(\mathcal{R}\) \(\math
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state 8,377 <b>TIER II</b> local 18,446	<b>ጵ ጵ ጵ ጵ ጵ ጵ ጵ ጵ ጵ ጵ</b> ጵ ጵ ጵ ጵ ጵ ጵ ጵ ጵ ጵ ጵ	<b>ホ ホ ホ ホ ホ ホ ホ ホ</b>

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COMPARISON OF TIER I AND TIER II MEMBERS IN THE COMBINED SYSTEMS IN 2018, 2017, AND 2016

 2018
 2017
 2016

 147,214 (69.3%)
 TIER I MEMBERS
 156,183 (73.7%)

 TIER II MEMBERS
 TIER II MEMBERS
 164,996 (77.8%)

 65,278 (30.7%)
 55,820 (26.3%)
 47,029 (22.2%)

# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS





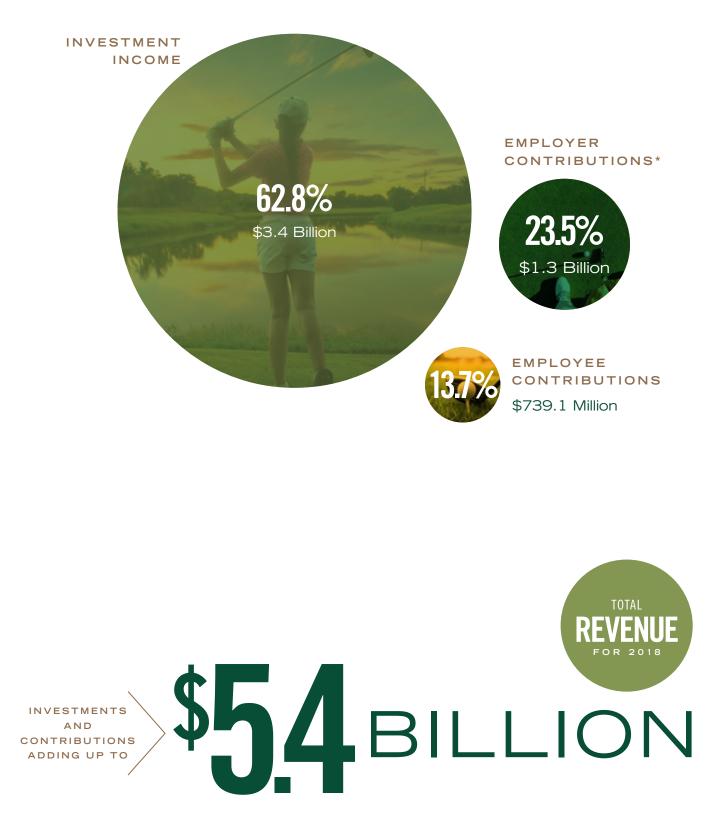




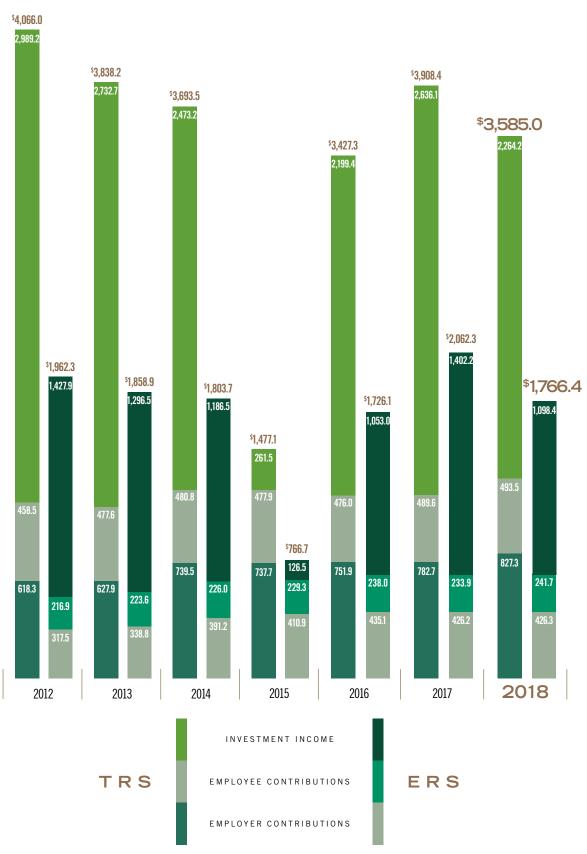
Highland Oaks, Dothan



# **Revenue Sources for TRS, ERS, and JRF**



\*Note: Employer Contributions includes a one-time transfer of \$24.7 million from PEEHIP to TRS to fund a one-time lump-sum bonus payment to TRS retirees authorized by Act 481 of the Legislature of 2018.



7-YEAR HIGHLIGHTS (DOLLARS IN MILLIONS)



### **Funds Under Management**

AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2018 (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)



### MANAGED IN-HOUSE, KEEPING COSTS LOW COMPARED TO OTHER STATE PENSION SYSTEMS

τοτα	AL INVESTED ASSETS		TOTAL INVESTED ASSETS
Teachers' Retirement System	\$25,621,694	Public Education Employees' Health Insurance Fund	\$291,762
Employees' Retirement System	12,598,316		<i>4_0_1,0_</i>
Judicial Retirement Fund	313,106	Alabama Retired Education Employees' Health Care Trust	1,435,659
Alabama Cultural Resources Preservation Trust	Fund 14,118	Public Employees' Individual Retirement	
Alabama Firefighters Annuity and Benefit Fund	216	Account Fund	72,927
Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries	23,208	Alabama Marine Resources Endowment Trust Fund	2,079
Alabama Nongame Wildlife Endowment Trust	17	Alabama Trust Fund	317,135
Alabama Underground and Aboveground Storage Tank Trust Fund	21,466	Alabama Treasury Fund	343,445
Clerks' and Registers' Supernumerary Fund	11,961	Charlotte Thorn Trust Fund	10,902
Alabama Senior Services Trust Fund	43,877	County Municipal Trust Fund	140,414
Alabama State Employees' Health Insurance Fund	116,559	Alabama State Employees' Retired Health Care Trust Fund	183,377
Local Government Health Insurance Fund	125,118	State Docks Pension Plans	18,903
PEIRAF-Deferred Compensation Plan (RSA-1)	2,106,877	Marion Military Institute Foundation	6,482

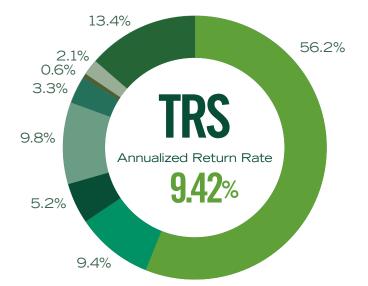
TOTAL INVESTED ASSETS UNDER MANAGEMENT

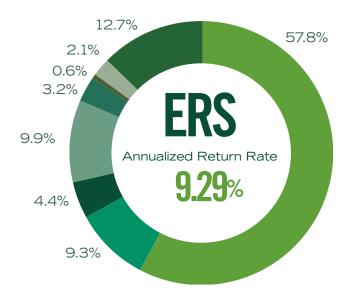
### \$43,819,618

### **Asset Allocation**

AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

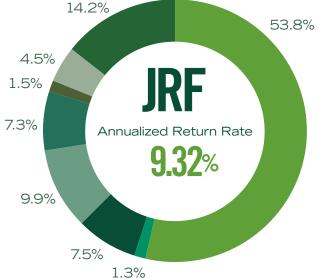
ASSET ALLOCATION is a strategic long-term decision in the pension investment management process. The RSA is dedicated to preserving the sound financial position it has established over the years through a diversified investment program. The objective of the RSA is to allocate investments in the most effective way that reflects policy standards while maximizing returns.





### ASSET ALLOCATION





TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM



# IN 2018, TRS SERVED A TOTAL OF 227,208 A TOTAL OF ACTIVE AND RETIRED MEMBERS



UNIVERSITIES



POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTIONS K-12 SYSTEMS

139

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STATE & MISCELLANEOUS AGENCIES

# MEMBERSHIP INCREASED BY 3,123 IN 2018

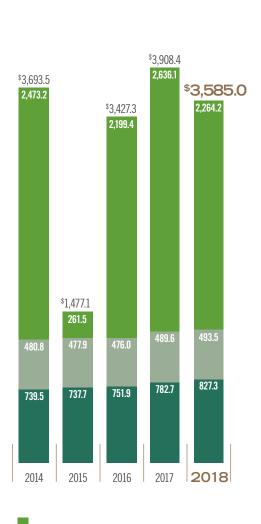
The Teachers' Retirement System of Alabama (TRS) provides retirement allowances and other specified benefits for qualified persons employed by state-supported educational institutions.

Grand National, Auburn/Opelika

# **Benefits Administration**

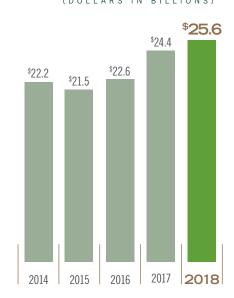
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(DOLLARS IN MILLIONS)

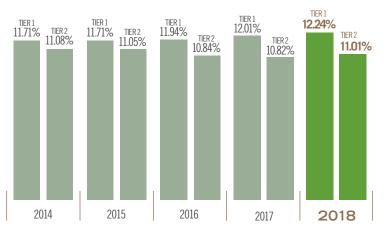


INVESTMENT INCOME EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS

# PORTFOLIO AT FAIR VALUE



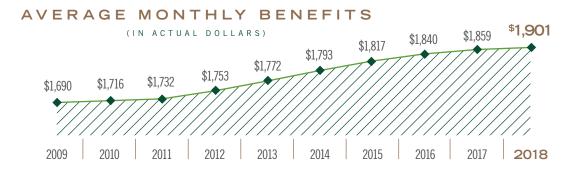
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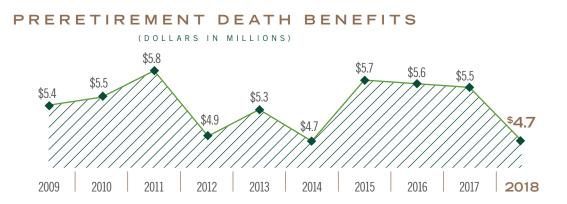




### **Retirement Benefits**









# **Board of Control**



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MR. JOHN R. WHALEY

Teacher Position Vice Chair



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MRS. SUSAN LOCKRIDGE Support Personnel Position



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DR. JOSEPH G. VAN MATRE Higher Education Position



MR. JOE WARD Retired Position



### **Statement of Fiduciary Net Position**

AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2018, AND 2017

AS OF SELFEMBER 30, 2010, AND 2017	(\$ IN THOUSANDS)	
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ASSETS	2018	2017
CASH	\$ 34,831	\$ 57,413
RECEIVABLES		
Employee Contributions	40,209	38,750
Employer Contributions	67,229	63,362
Investment Sales Receivable		52,290
Real Estate Investment Receivable	815	866
Dividends and Interest	81,420	72,031
Transfers from PEEHIP	24,700	
TOTAL RECEIVABLES	214,373	227,299
INVESTMENTS, AT FAIR VALUE	E	
Domestic Equity	14,407,115	13,901,047
Domestic Fixed Income	4,044,570	3,928,819
International Equities	3,417,268	3,294,618
Real Estate	2,415,071	2,401,236
Short-Term	1,337,670	864,603
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	25,621,694	24,390,323
INVESTED SECURITIES LENDING COLLATERAL	1,052,082	1,189,852
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT LESS ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION	107,508	105,664
TOTAL ASSETS	27,030,488	25,970,551
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES PENSIONS OPEB	4,567 980	
TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	5,547	5,355
TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	27,036,035	25,975,906
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable and Other Liabilities	7,093	6,732
Federal Withholding Payable	_	23,498
Investment Purchases Payable	1,475	76,787
Net OPEB Liability	16,708	_
Other Postemployment Benefits	_	5,720
Net Pension Liability	19,504	21,164
Securities Lending Collateral	1,052,082	1,189,852
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,096,862	1,323,753
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	2 100	

PENSIONS

TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

NET POSITION RESTRICTED FOR PENSION BENEFITS

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### **Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position**

FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2018, AND 2017

(\$ IN THOUSANDS)

ADDITIONS	2018	2017
CONTRIBUTIONS		
Employee Contributions	\$ 488,503	\$ 486,542
Employer Contributions	802,598	782,695
Transfers from Employees' Retirement System	4,963	3,096
Transfers from PEEHIP	24,700	_
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	1,320,764	1,272,333
INVESTMENT INCOME		
FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Net Increase in Fair Value of Investments	1,615,440	2,021,774
Interest and Dividends	650,293	613,353
Total Investment Income from Investing Activities	2,265,733	2,635,127
Less: Investment Expenses, Net	9,171	8,685
Net Investment Income from Investing Activities	2,256,562	2,626,442
FROM SECURITIES LENDING ACTIVITIES		
Securities Lending Income	23,246	20,125
Less Securities Lending Expenses		
Borrower Rebates	12,385	7,350
Management Fees	3,189	3,112
Total Securities Lending Expenses	15,574	10,462
Net Income from Securities Lending Activities	7,672	9,663
TOTAL NET INVESTMENT INCOME	2,264,234	2,636,105
TOTAL ADDITIONS	3,584,998	3,908,438
DEDUCTIONS		
Retirement Allowance Payments	2,204,031	2,111,830
Return of Contributions and Death Benefits	58,538	55,634
Transfers to Employees' Retirement System	4,899	3,413
Transfers to Judicial Retirement Fund	9	_

Retirement Fund	9	
Administrative Expenses	15,952	16,390
Depreciation	6,338	6,012
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	2,289,767	2,193,279
NET INCREASE	1,295,231	1,175,159

#### NET POSITION RESTRICTED FOR PENSION BENEFITS

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\$ 25,935,433 **\$ 24,651,457** 

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BEGINNING OF YEAR—AS PREVIOUSLY Reported	24,651,457	22,936,298
ADJUSTMENTS FOR APPLICATION OF GASB 75	(11,255)	_
BEGINNING OF YEAR—AS ADJUSTED	24,640,202	22,936,298
END OF YEAR	\$25,935,433	\$24,651,457
END OF YEAR	\$25,935,433	\$24,651,457

EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM



# IN 2018, ERS SERVED A TOTAL OF **ACTIVE AND RETIRED MEMBERS**

THE ERS CONSISTS OF 1,004 UNITS











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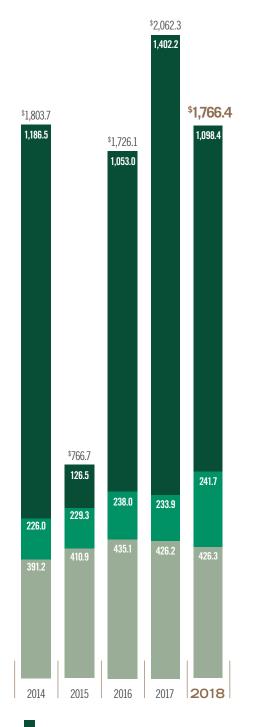
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### **Benefits Administration**

### ERS REVENUE SOURCES

(DOLLARS IN MILLIONS)

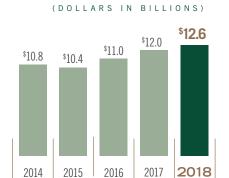


INVESTMENT INCOME

EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS

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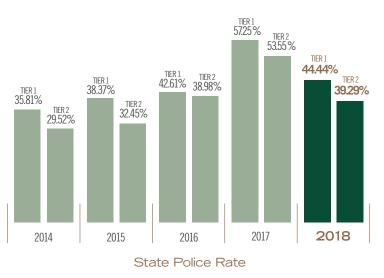
### PORTFOLIO AT FAIR VALUE



### EMPLOYER RATE (% OF COVERED PAYROLL)

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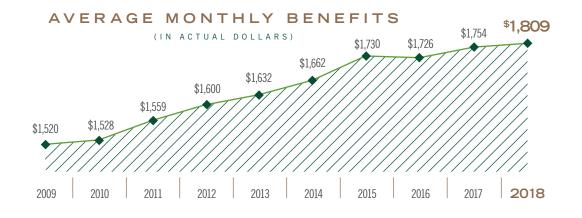


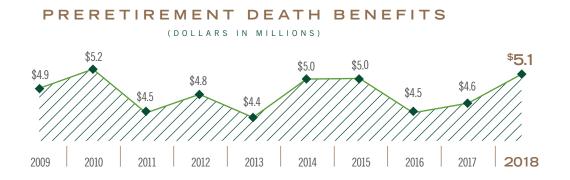


State Employee Rate

# Retirement Benefits









### **Board of Control**



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MRS. JACKIE B. GRAHAM State Personnel Director Ex Officio, Vice Chair



MR. DAVID BOLLIE Active State Employee Position



HON. YOUNG BOOZER State Treasurer Ex Officio



MR. KELLY BUTLER State Finance Director Ex Officio



MR. JAMES FIBBE Retired Local Employee Position



MR. JOHN D. FREE Governor Appointee





MR. BEN POWELL Active Local Employee Position



MR. JAMES H. ROWELL Retired State Employee Position



MR. CURTIS E. STEWART Governor Appointee



MR. STEPHEN C. WALKLEY Active State Employee Position



MR. STEVEN W. WILLIAMS Active Local Employee Position



### **Statement of Fiduciary Net Position**

AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2018, AND 2017

	(\$ IN TH	HOUSANDS)
ASSETS	2018	2017
CASH	<u>\$ 12,547</u>	\$ 9,140
RECEIVABLES		
	18,268	19,124
Employee Contributions		
Employer Contributions	32,457	34,545
Investment Sales Receivable		28,075
Real Estate Investment Receivable	408	433
Dividends and Interest	41,407	33,903
TOTAL RECEIVABLES	92,540	116,080
INVESTMENTS, AT FAIR VALUE	E	
Domestic Equity	7,277,756	7,025,435
Domestic Fixed Income	1,997,706	1,933,088
International Equities	1,602,600	1,467,563
Real Estate	1,171,372	1,163,825
Short-Term	548,882	420,173
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	12,598,316	12,010,084
INVESTED SECURITIES LENDING COLLATERAL	543,229	551,930
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT Less accumulated depreciation	48,107	48,373
TOTAL ASSETS	13,294,739	12,735,607
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES Pensions OPEB	2,501 306	
TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF Resources	2,807	3,758
TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	13,297,546	12,739,365
LIABILITIES		

Accounts Payable and Other Liabilities	3,566	3,630
Investment Purchases Payable	799	38,979
Net OPEB Liability	11,871	-
Other Postemployment Benefits	_	5,335
Net Pension Liability	14,468	16,850
Securities Lending Collateral	543,229	551,930
TOTAL LIABILITIES	573,933	616,724
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES PENSIONS OPEB	1,859 1,402	_
PENSIONS		 
PENSIONS OPEB	1,402	 

# **Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position** FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2018, AND 2017

(\$ IN THOUSANDS)

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ADDITIONS	2018	2017
CONTRIBUTIONS		
Employee Contributions	\$ 236,842	\$ 230,488
Employer Contributions	426,340	426,215
Transfers from Teachers' Retirement System	4,899	3,413
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	668,081	660,116
INVESTMENT INCOME		
FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Net Increase in Fair Value of Investments	775,132	1,098,859
Interest and Dividends	323,182	302,295
Total Investment Income from Investing Activities	1,098,314	1,401,154
Less: Investment Expenses, Net	3,395	3,305
Net Investment Income from Investing Activities	1,094,919	1,397,849
FROM SECURITIES LENDING ACTIVITIES		
Securities Lending Income	10,589	9,127
Less Securities Lending Expenses		
Borrower Rebates	5,647	3,424
Management Fees	1,449	1,389
Total Securities Lending Expenses	7,096	4,813
Net Income from Securities Lending Activities	3,493	4,314
TOTAL NET INVESTMENT INCOME	1,098,412	1,402,163
TOTAL ADDITIONS	1,766,493	2,062,279
DEDUCTIONS	1.006.982	1.050.240
Retirement Allowance Payments Return of Contributions and	1,096,883	1,050,340
Death Benefits	45,070	47,683
Unit Withdrawals	350	1,000
Transfers to Teachers' Retirement System	4,963	3,096
Transfers to Judicial Retirement Fund	102	261
Administrative Expenses	11,219	11,982
Depreciation	2,544	2,520
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	1,161,131	1,116,882
NET INCREASE	605,362	945,397
NET POSITION RESTRICTED FOR PENSION BENEFITS		
BEGINNING OF YEAR—AS PREVIOUSLY	10 100 474	11 177 07 1

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(7,481)	_
12,114,990	11,177,074
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	(7,481)



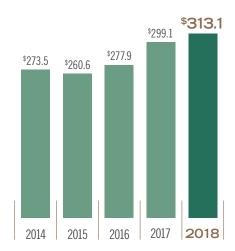
# IN 2018, JRF SERVED A TOTAL OF ACTIVE AND ACTIVE AND RETIRED MEMBERS

The Judicial Retirement Fund of Alabama (JRF) provides retirement allowances and other specified benefits for supreme court justices, court of appeals judges, circuit court judges, district court judges, circuit clerks, district attorneys, and probate judges. Responsibility for the management and administration of the JRF is vested in the ERS Board of Control.

Capitol Hill, Prattville

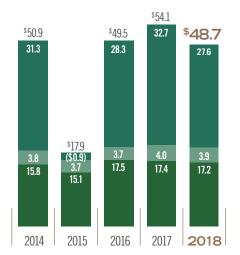
# **Benefits Administration**

# PORTFOLIO AT FAIR VALUE



(DOLLARS IN MILLIONS)

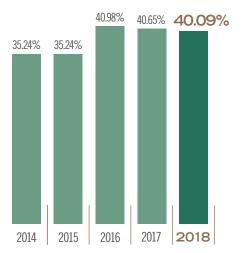






#### EMPLOYER RATE (% OF COVERED PAYROLL)

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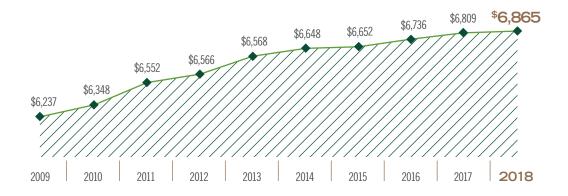


# **Retirement Benefits**



AVERAGE MONTHLY BENEFITS

(IN ACTUAL DOLLARS)





# **Statement of Fiduciary Net Position**

AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2018, AND 2017

(\$ IN THOUSANDS)

ASSETS	2018	2017
CASH	\$ 2,868	2,636
RECEIVABLES		
Employee Contributions	176	173
Employer Contributions	602	614
Real Estate Investment Receivable	_	14
Dividends and Interest	977	903
TOTAL RECEIVABLES	1,755	1,704
INVESTMENTS, AT FAIR VALUE		
Domestic Equity	168,449	164,278
Domestic Fixed Income	72,713	69,172
International Equities	44,473	45,067
Real Estate	4,107	4,101
Short-Term	23,364	16,473
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	313,106	299,091
INVESTED SECURITIES		
LENDING COLLATERAL	10,456	18,115
TOTAL ASSETS	328,185	321,546
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES PENSIONS OPEB	48 3	-
TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF Resources		83
TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	328,236	321,629
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable and Other Liabilities	59	62
Investment Purchases Payable	_	503
Net OPEB Liability	99	_
Other Postemployment Benefits	_	47
Net Pension Liability	275	302
Securities Lending Collateral	10,456	18,115
TOTAL LIABILITIES	10,889	19,029
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
PENSIONS OPEB	23 10	_
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	33	22
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	10,922	19,051
NET POSITION RESTRICTED FOR PENSION BENEFITS	\$ 317,314	\$ 302,578

# **Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position**

FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2018, AND 2017

(\$ IN THOUSANDS)

CONTRIBUTIONS Employee Contributions \$ 3,756 \$ 3,7	/11
Employee Contributions \$ 3,756 \$ 3,7	/11
Employer Contributions 17,180 17,3	373
Transfers from Teachers' Retirement System 9	_
Transfers from Employees'     Retirement System   102	261
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS 21,047 21,3	845
INVESTMENT INCOME	
FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	
Net Increase in Fair Value           of Investments         20,071         25,6	39
Interest and Dividends 7,471 6,9	910
Total Investment Income         27,542         32,5	649
Net Investment Income           from Investing Activities         27,542         32,5	649
FROM SECURITIES LENDING ACTIVITIES	
Securities Lending Income 248 2	270
Less Securities Lending Expenses:	
Borrower Rebates 134	90
Management Fees 34	44
Total Securities       Lending Expenses       168	.34
Net Income from Securities       Lending Activities       80	.36
TOTAL NET INVESTMENT INCOME 27,622 32,6	685
TOTAL ADDITIONS 48,669 54,0	)30
DEDUCTIONS	
Retirement Allowance Payments         33,419         32,8	807
Return of Contributions and Death Benefits 130 3	53
	34
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS         33,877         33,4	94
NET INCREASE 14,792 20,5	536
NET POSITION RESTRICTED FOR PENSION BENEFITS	
BEGINNING OF YEAR—AS PREVIOUSLY Reported 302,578 282,0	)42
ADJUSTMENTS FOR APPLICATION OF GASB 75 (56)	_
BEGINNING OF YEAR—AS ADJUSTED 302,522 282,0	)42
END OF YEAR \$317,314 \$302,5	



# IN 2018, PEEHIP MEDICAL COVERAGE SERVED

# TOTAL CLAIMS EXPENSE ACTIVE AND RETIRED (\$ IN THOUSANDS)





### **Statement of Net Position**

AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2018, AND 2017

	(\$ IN THOUSANDS)	
ASSETS	2018 2017	
CURRENT		
Cash	\$ 2,121	\$ 4,508
Premiums Receivable	2,121	1,144
Prescription Drug Rebates Receivable	6,105	17,821
Interest Receivable	344	139
Deposit with Claims-Paying Agent	3,334	1,559
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	14,025	25,171
NONCURRENT		
INVESTMENTS, AT FAIR VALUE		
Investments, Restricted	119,134	67,689
Investments, Unrestricted	172,628	125,103
Total Investments, At Fair Value	291,762	192,792
Total Assets	305,787	217,963
Deferred Outflows of Resources Net Pension Liability	691	874
Net Other Post Employment Benefit (OPEB) Liability	96	
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	787	874
Accounts Payable	1,212	361
Due to Other Governments	350	335
Compensated Absences, Current	16	16
Reported Claims Payable	28,696	28,349
Due to Teachers' Retirement System	24,700	
Claims Incurred But Not Reported	56,463	54,917
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	111,437	83,978
NONCURRENT		
Compensated Absences	466	430
Net Pension Liability	3,112	3,450
Other Postemployment Benefits	_	1,192
Net OPEB Liability	3,437	
Net OPEB Liability TOTAL NONCURRENT LIABILITIES	3,437 <b>7,015</b>	5,072
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TOTAL NONCURRENT LIABILITIES	7,015	
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TOTAL NONCURRENT LIABILITIES TOTAL LIABILITIES DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESC Net Pension Liability Net OPEB Liability Total Deferred Inflows of Resources TOTAL LIABILITIES AND DEFERRED	7,015 118,452 RCES 336 338 674	<b>89,050</b> 89 – <b>89</b>

Statement of Revenues, Expenses, & Changes in Fund Net Position

FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2018, AND 2017

	(\$ IN THOUSANDS)		
<b>OPERATING REVENUES</b>	ERATING REVENUES 2018		
PREMIUMS			
Unrestricted	\$ 961,046	\$ 951,717	
Restricted	50,014	67,430	
TOTAL PREMIUMS	1,011,060	1,019,147	
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Claims	927,086	910,527	
Fees and Assessments	354	445	
Administrative	3,199	3,170	
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	930,639	914,142	
OPERATING INCOME/(LOSS)	80,421	105,005	
INVESTMENT REVENUES			
Interest Income			
Interest Income–Unrestricted	3,033	1,157	
Interest Income-Restricted	1,431	259	
TOTAL INTEREST INCOME	4,464	1,416	
TOTAL INVESTMENT REVENUES	4,464	1,416	
TRANSFER TO TEACHERS' Retirement system	24,700	_	
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	60,185	106,421	
NET POSITION			
BEGINNING NET POSITION—AS Previously reported	129,698	23,277	
ADJUSTMENT FOR APPLICATION OF GASB 75	(2,435)		
BEGINNING OF YEAR—AS ADJUSTED	127,263	23,277	

 BEGINNING OF YEAR—AS ADJUSTED
 127,263
 23,277

 ENDING NET POSITION
 UNRESTRICTED
 68,314
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 119,134
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 TOTAL NET POSITION
 \$ 187,448
 \$ 129,698

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TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES,

187,448

\$ 306,574

129,698

\$ 218,837



# Statement of Fiduciary Net Position

AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2018, AND 2017

	(\$ IN TH	OUSANDS)
ASSETS	2018	2017
RECEIVABLES		
Prescription Drug Rebates	\$ 7,470	\$ 4,416
Interest and Dividends	4,142	4,003
Investment Sales Receivable	-	112
Employer Group Waiver Plan (EGWP)	_	41,307
TOTAL RECEIVABLES	11,612	49,838
DEPOSIT WITH CLAIMS-PAYING AGENT	3,462	712
INVESTMENTS, AT FAIR VALUE		
Money Market Funds	81,410	71,877
U.S. Government Guaranteed Bonds	130,083	124,363
U.S. Agency Securities	24,668	24,591
Mortgage-Backed Securities	80,396	76,103
Corporate Bonds	175,207	170,198
International Securities	184,721	133,177
Common Stocks	755,331	717,794
Preferred Stocks	3,843	4,020
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	1,435,659	1,322,123
INVESTED SECURITIES LENDING COLLATERAL	51,392	81,437
///// TOTAL ASSETS	1,502,125	1,454,110
LIABILITIES		
Reported Claims Payable	8,361	6,392
Investment Purchases Payable	_	937
Due to Other Governments	52	54
Claims Incurred But Not Reported	13,517	16,727
Securities Lending Collateral	51,392	81,437
TOTAL LIABILITIES	73,322	105,547
NET POSITION RESTRICTED FOR OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS		

#### \$ 1,428,803 \$ 1,348,563

# Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position

FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2018, AND 2017

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ADDITIONS	2018	2017
CONTRIBUTIONS		
Employee Contributions	\$ 137,237	\$ 143,091
Employer Contributions	245,545	243,146
Employer Group Waiver Plan (EGWP)	587	23,195
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	383,369	409,432
INVESTMENT INCOME		
FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Net Increase in Fair Value of Investments	80,278	106,997
Interest and Dividends	33,763	30,645
Total Investment Income from Investing Activities	114,041	137,642
FROM SECURITIES LENDING ACTIVITIES		
Securities Lending Income	1,402	1,226
Less Securities Lending Expenses:		
Borrower Rebates	751	408
Management Fees	191	199
Total Securities Lending Expenses	942	607
Net Income from Securities Lending Activities	460	619
TOTAL NET INVESTMENT INCOME	114,501	138,261
TOTAL ADDITIONS	497,870	547,693
DEDUCTIONS		
BENEFITS	416,235	438,032
FEES AND ASSESSMENTS	49	(56)
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	1,346	1,354
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	417,630	439,330
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	80,240	108,363
NET POSITION RESTRICTED FOR OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS		

POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS BEGINNING OF YEAR

BEGINNING OF YEAR	1,348,563	1,240,200
END OF YEAR	\$ 1,428,803	\$ 1,348,563



Established in 1986 to allow members of the RSA and certain other eligible public employees to defer receipt of a percentage of their salary, thereby deferring payment of taxes on that income.

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# **RSA-1 HAS A NET ASSET VALUE OF**

Downtown, Mobile

**ITS STOCK INVESTMENT** 

# **RSA-1 Highlights**

12-MONTH PERIOD ENDING	INCOME YIELD (IN %)	MARKET VALUE CHANGE (IN %)	TOTAL RETURN (IN %)	TOTAL NET ASSET VALUE (\$ IN MILLIONS)	PARTICIPATING MEMBERS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2014 (FIXED INVESTMENT OPTION)	3.60	0.56	4.17	1,313.6	34,059
SEPTEMBER 30, 2014 (STOCK INVESTMENT OPTION)	2.14	17.53	19.67	476.6	18,068
SEPTEMBER 30, 2015 (FIXED INVESTMENT OPTION)	3.42	-0.50	2.91	1,328.7	34,226
SEPTEMBER 30, 2015 (STOCK INVESTMENT OPTION)	2.14	-2.76	-0.61	491.4	19,188
SEPTEMBER 30, 2015 (STIF INVESTMENT OPTION)	0.07	0.00	0.07	13.9	383
SEPTEMBER 30, 2016 (FIXED INVESTMENT OPTION)	3.48	2.61	6.09	1,372.5	34,095
SEPTEMBER 30, 2016 (STOCK INVESTMENT OPTION)	2.30	13.09	15.39	561.7	19,708
SEPTEMBER 30, 2016 (STIF INVESTMENT OPTION)	0.41	0.00	0.41	40.8	1,127
SEPTEMBER 30, 2017 (FIXED INVESTMENT OPTION)	3.50	-2.68	0.82	1,303.1	33,826
SEPTEMBER 30, 2017 (STOCK INVESTMENT OPTION)	2.21	16.28	18.49	690.3	20,954
SEPTEMBER 30, 2017 (STIF INVESTMENT OPTION)	0.87	0.00	0.87	51.1	1,841
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SEPTEMBER 30, 2018 (FIXED INVESTMENT OPTION)	3.34	-3.85	-0.51	1,219.6	33,634
SEPTEMBER 30, 2018 (STOCK INVESTMENT OPTION)	2.10	15.81	17.91	829.4	22,425
SEPTEMBER 30, 2018 (STIF INVESTMENT OPTION)	1.71	0.00	1.71	66.8	2,657

#### PEIRAF DEDUCTIBLE EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION PLAN

The Public Employees' Individual Retirement Account Fund (PEIRAF) was established to allow public employees to conveniently and economically receive the fullest benefits offered by the Economic Recovery Tax Act (ERTA) of 1981 as it relates to individual retirement accounts. PEIRAF has operated as a fixed-income portfolio since its creation in 1982. Funds are invested in fixed-income investments such as corporate bonds, U.S. agency obligations, government national mortgage association securities, and commercial paper.

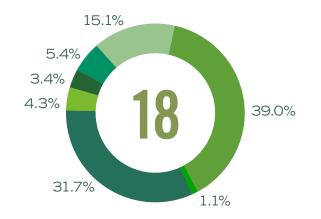
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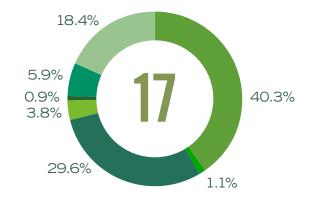
# ALLOCATIONS

All numbers as of September 30, 2018, and September 30, 2017





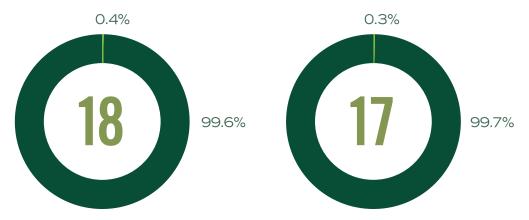




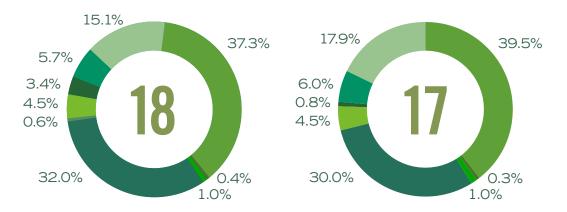
#### RSA-1 / SHORT-TERM INVESTMENT



RSA-1 / INVESTMENT ALLOCATION STOCK FUND



RSA-1 / INVESTMENT ALLOCATION BOND FUND





## **Statement of Fiduciary Net Position**

AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2018, AND 2017

	IN ACTUAL DOLLARS		
ASSETS	2018	2017	
CASH	\$ 101	\$ 100	
INTEREST RECEIVABLE	527,006	597,875	
INVESTMENTS, AT FAIR VALU	IE		
Money Market and Mutual Funds	3,151,662	3,050,702	
U.S. Government Guaranteed Bonds	23,105,817	23,513,779	
U.S. Agency Securities	3,955,778	4,671,026	
Mortgage-Backed Securities	13,467,208	15,304,084	
Corporate Bonds	28,451,944	32,005,726	
Preferred Stock	794,926	831,452	
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	72,927,335	79,376,769	
INVESTED SECURITIES LENDING COLLATERAL	3,509,168	8,166,599	
TOTAL ASSETS	76,963,610	88,141,343	
LIABILITIES			
Securities Lending Collateral	3,509,168	8,166,599	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	3,509,168	8,166,599	
NET POSITION RESTRICTED FOR PEIRAF BENEFITS	\$ 73,454,442	\$ 79,974,744	

# **Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position**

AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2018, AND 2017

	IN ACT	JAL DOLLARS
ADDITIONS	2018	2017
INVESTMENT INCOME		
FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Interest and Dividends	\$ 2,523,666	\$ 2,872,774
Net Decrease in Fair Value of Investments	(3,066,713)	(2,227,834)
Total Investment (Loss)/Income from Investing Activities	(543,047)	644,940
FROM SECURITIES LENDING ACTIVITIES		
Securities Lending Income	118,482	99,332
Less Securities Lending Expenses:		
Borrower Rebates	74,896	42,622
Management Fees	12,814	13,694
Total Securities Lending Expenses	87,710	56,316
Net Income from Securities Lending Activities	30,772	43,016
TOTAL NET INVESTMENT INCOME	(512,275)	687,956
TOTAL ADDITIONS	(512,275)	687,956
DEDUCTIONS		
Normal Distributions	6,008,027	5,370,494
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	6,008,027	5,370,494
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	(6,520,302)	(4,682,538)
NET POSITION RESTRICTED FOR PEIRAF BENEFITS		
REGINNING OF YEAR	79 974 744	84 657 282

<b>BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	79,974,744	84,657,282
END OF YEAR	\$ 73,454,442	\$ 79,974,744



# Statement of Fiduciary Net Position

AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2018, AND 2017

AS OF SELFEMBER 30, 2010, AND 2017	IN ACTUAL DOLLARS		
ASSETS	2018	2017	
CASH	\$ 179,621	\$ 208,125	
CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVABLE	4,136	_	
INTEREST AND DIVIDENDS RECEIVABLE	9,124,664	9,666,787	
INVESTMENTS, AT FAIR VAL	LUE		
Commercial Paper	7,004,664		
Money Market Funds	124,743,363	111,829,998	
U.S. Government Guaranteed Bonds	387,085,130	388,001,804	
U.S. Agency Securities	68,586,346	77,196,950	
Mortgage-Backed Securities	223,462,131	241,794,393	
Corporate Bonds	452,279,131	511,340,714	
Private Placements	5,585,418	4,447,334	
Common and Preferred Stocks	838,130,611	700,388,682	
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	2,106,876,794	2,034,999,875	
INVESTED SECURITIES LENDING COLLATERAL	120,850,056	124,213,973	
TOTAL ASSETS	2,237,035,271	2,169,088,760	
LIABILITIES			
Securities Lending Collateral	120,850,056	124,213,973	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	120,850,056	124,213,973	
NET POSITION RESTRICTED FOR DEFERRED COMPENSATION BENEFITS	\$ 2,116,185,215	\$ 2,044,874,787	

# **Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position**

AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2018, AND 2017

	IN ACTUAL DOLLA				
ADDITIONS	2018 201				
MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 82,690,430	\$ 91,174,965			
INVESTMENT INCOME					
FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES					
Interest and Dividends	57,412,392	58,201,703			
Net Increase in Fair Value of Investments	60,654,728	56,578,557			
Total Investment Income from Investing Activities	118,067,120	114,780,260			
FROM SECURITIES LENDING ACTIVITIES					
Securities Lending Income	2,548,352	2,376,619			
Less Securities Lending Expenses	:				
Borrower Rebates	1,591,215	1,066,968			
Management Fees	280,154	316,125			
Total Securities Lending Expenses	1,871,369	1,383,093			
Net Income from Securities Lending Activities	676,983	993,526			
TOTAL NET INVESTMENT INCOME	118,744,103	115,773,786			
TOTAL ADDITIONS	201,434,533	206,948,751			
DEDUCTIONS					
Normal Distributions	129,630,513	136,786,025			
Emergency Withdrawals	493,592	546,629			
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	130,124,105	137,332,654			
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	71,310,428	69,616,097			
NET POSITION RESTRICTED FOR DEFERRE	D				

COMPENSATION BENEFITS

BEGINNING OF YEAR	2,044,874,787	1,975,258,690
END OF YEAR	\$ 2,116,185,215	\$2,044,874,787

# INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

PROVIDING OUTSTANDING RESULTS WITH ONE OF THE LOWEST INVESTMENT EXPENSES IN THE INDUSTRY





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# **Equity Activity**

Last year, we wrote about the somewhat concerted global earnings rebound. 2018 was more of a U.S. story, as we witnessed a divergence in growth around the world. Corporate tax reform and increased business confidence in the economy drove a strong acceleration in corporate earnings domestically. Looking abroad, macro events in many developed markets and a stronger dollar proved to be headwinds for international stocks.

Within our domestic portfolio, there was not much variation in returns across market capitalization. Both large cap and small cap stocks performed well, though the market was rather narrow in large cap with the big technology companies leading the charge. The only equity asset class with a negative return was emerging markets. As many of these countries are export dependent, the stronger dollar generally puts the brakes on those economies. Also China represents <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of that index, and the trade war issues with the Trump administration have weighed heavily on China shares. We were reluctant to add to our underweight position in emerging markets this year with all the obvious headwinds, but do expect to eventually rotate more money there when things settle down.

Considering we are in one of the longer running bull markets of all time, the RSA has continued to put some hedges in place to dampen downside volatility within the equity portfolio. We have tactically rolled out putspread collars at various strikes and maturities that give 4-5% downside protection. There is a cost associated with these as protection is not free, but we feel it prudent to have these trades on given our substantial equity market exposure.

For the year, the RSA domestic equity portfolios returned 17.71%, 17.75%, and 17.27% for the TRS, ERS, and JRF, respectively. Both developed and emerging international equities performance lagged U.S. equities. Total international equity returns were 2.47% for TRS, 2.13% for ERS, and 2.47% for JRF. The combined total returns for the overall equity portfolios were 14.27%, 14.36%, and 13.91% for TRS, ERS, and JRF, respectively. Three-, five-, and ten-year annualized global equity returns were 15.46%, 11.51%, and 10.43% for TRS, 15.46%, 11.55%, and 10.46% for ERS, and 15.44%, 11.70%, and 10.74% for JRF, respectively. ■

# **Fixed Income Activity**

At the beginning of fiscal year 2018, the Federal Reserve (Fed) had just opted not to raise short-term interest rates at its late September meeting. However, hawkish rhetoric from policymakers and the upcoming reduction in the Fed's balance sheet were able to lift rates higher in those last few weeks. The Committee's rate expectations remained intact with one additional rate hike expected in 2017 and three more scheduled for the upcoming year.

The month of October was very supportive of risk assets due to better than expected corporate earnings and fairly solid economic data. Investment grade and high yield corporates outperformed their treasury counterparts by approximately 50 basis points (bps). Flows into the high grade sector continued unabated as companies were able to issue record amounts of debt during the month. The European Central Bank (ECB) also began laying out plans to reduce its asset purchases next year as the euro-zone economy grew at its quickest pace in over five years.

The market's expectation of a December rate adjustment was confirmed by the latest minutes from the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meeting. Short-term rates continued their march higher, a move that had been unrelenting since the beginning of September. However, the lack of inflation allowed the long end to slide, further flattening the yield curve. As always, the potential of an inverted curve draws investors' interest as one has proceeded all recessions over the last 40 years. Also of note, Jerome Powell was nominated to take the reins from Janet Yellen as the next Fed Chairman.

The Federal Reserve did in fact increase the range for the federal funds rate to 1.25-1.50% in December. Spread products benefitted from the risk-on environment provided by the strength in economic activity and labor market conditions. This move was also enhanced by the passing of the tax reform bill in Congress. While January was much appreciated from an equity holder's perspective, the fixed income market struggled quite a bit. Not only did short-term rates continue their move higher, but the long end of the curve finally broke out from its stable base. Some concluded it had to do with Chinese officials rethinking its foreign-exchange holdings or it may have simply been the realization of larger fiscal deficits going forward due to the recently-passed tax package. Even though agency and mortgage-backed securities posted negative returns for the month, both were able to outpace treasury securities due to their lower-duration profile.

Despite a healthy employment picture with wage growth inching closer to 3.0%, volatility abruptly returned to



financial markets. The implosion of the short volatility trade in early February sent risk assets reeling and a couple of funds had to be liquidated. Even in the midst of increased volatility, interest rates were able to move higher throughout the month. As expected, both investment grade and high yield debt struggled in this environment. Volatility continued unabated into March. While employment numbers were strong once again, the threat of a trade war began to materialize, highlighted by the resignation of Gary Cohn as Director of the National Economic Council. Treasury securities returned close to 1.0% during the month, while corporate debt underperformed for the second month in a row.

The Fed upgraded its outlook for the economy at the March meeting and increased the federal funds rate by another 25bps. Trade tensions with China aside, treasury yields rose approximately 25bps on the short end in April with the long end performing marginally better. Agency and mortgage debt minimized their losses during this time, while the investment grade sector was plagued with heavy supply and weak demand. The treasury sector was able to recapture losses experienced from the previous month as political risk in Italy produced a flight to quality within fixed income markets.

Policymakers raised the federal funds rate once again at its June gathering. Just as treasury yields began to recover from the political upheaval in Italy by mid-month, they quickly fell again as trade tensions and emerging market weakness came into focus. Treasury market returns were essentially flat for the month, while high grade corporates underperformed for the fifth consecutive month. Risk assets rebounded meaningfully in July due to strong corporate earnings and healthy economic data. A light issuance calendar helped provide the largest excess return month of the year for the corporate sector.

The fixed income market produced a mixed bag during the month of August. Treasury yields fell across the curve due to weakness in emerging market currencies as corporate spreads widened at the margin. The FOMC took no action in August, continuing a pattern of raising rates at every other meeting since last December. More recently, the path of least resistance for rates has been higher. The Fed has remained domestically-focused where economic growth and the labor market remain strong. Fed Chairman Jay Powell and other monetary officials raised short term rates to 2.25% at the upper end at its September meeting. Expectations of another move at the December meeting are highly likely.

Chairman Powell's job will likely become more difficult going forward. The Fed is the only central bank that is currently shrinking its balance sheet. The ECB is tapering bond purchases and hopes to end this process by calendar year-end. However, policymakers in Europe have recently lowered their economic forecast for next year. The Bank of Japan will likely maintain its asset purchase program for the foreseeable future. The question remains how global risk assets will respond to further rate increases. With the rate of return on safe assets rising, at least here at home, the attractiveness of riskier ones should diminish. It will be a delicate balancing act for policymakers after a decade of easy money has supported financial markets in turbulent times.

For the fiscal year, the total annual returns for the public domestic fixed income portfolios were -0.70% for the TRS, -0.74% for the ERS, and -0.69% for the JRF. The five-year annualized returns were 2.72% for the TRS, 2.71% for the ERS, and 2.57% for the JRF. The ten-year annualized returns were 4.88% for the TRS, 4.88% for the ERS, and 4.85% for the JRF. ■

FOR 2018, THE RSA'S PEER GROUP RANKINGS (STATE STREET PUBLIC FUNDS UNIVERSE GREATER THAN \$1 BILLION)

#### WERE IN THE

# 17<sup>TH</sup> PERCENTILE FOR TRS, 13<sup>TH</sup> PERCENTILE FOR ERS, AND 15<sup>TH</sup> PERCENTILE FOR JRF.

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FOR THE TRS, ERS, AND JRF.



RSA INVESTMENTS

# **Returns**

For the period ended September 30, 2018 (In %)	Net Asset Value	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
TOTAL PORTFOLIO					
TRS	\$25,701,098,364	9.42	10.53	8.88	7.77
ERS	12,638,637,414	9.29	10.78	9.00	7.58
JRF	314,076,390	9.32	10.72	8.70	8.72
TOTAL DOMESTIC EQUITY					
TRS	13,277,540,128	17.71	16.88	13.33	11.78
ERS	6,540,350,592	17.75	16.84	13.30	11.75
JRF	167,899,671	17.27	16.88	13.59	12.05
DOMESTIC EQUITY BENCHMARKS					
S&P 500		17.91	17.31	13.95	11.97
Mid Cap 400		14.21	15.68	11.91	12.49
Small Cap 600		19.08	19.41	13.32	12.86
TOTAL INTERNATIONAL EQUITY					
TRS	3,437,243,052	2.47	10.14	4.85	5.70
ERS	1,610,862,695	2.13	10.06	4.78	5.66
JRF	44,741,273	2.47	10.26	4.86	5.87
INTERNATIONAL EQUITY BENCHMARKS					
Morgan Stanley EAFE		2.74	9.23	4.42	5.38
MSCI Emerging Markets		(0.81)	12.36	3.61	5.40
TOTAL FIXED INCOME AND ALTERNATIVES					
TRS 7,648,094,452		0.78	2.42	4.57	3.88
ERS	3,938,276,023	0.56	3.48	5.16	3.77
JRF	78,052,197	(0.51)	1.68	2.53	4.31
FIXED INCOME BENCHMARKS					
Barclays Aggregate		(1.22)	1.31	2.16	3.77

# **Maturity Structure**

he management of maturities for the bond portfolio is an integral part of the RSA's objective of providing a stable cash flow to meet retirement benefit needs. The RSA has historically structured its purchases in longer-term securities with intermediate call protection or average lives in order to meet its retirement obligations.

#### MATURITY STRUCTURE (IN %)

		TRS			ERS	
Years to Maturity	2018	2017	2016	2018	2017	2016
0 to <5	30	29	25	30	29	25
5 to <10	17	17	13	17	17	12
10 to <30	52	52	61	52	53	62
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# **Quality Evaluation**

he RSA continued its long-standing policy of investing in high-quality, fixed-income products. Bond ratings, however, provide only a starting point in the evaluation of the relative investment qualities of a bond. Times have changed dramatically over the past decade, and few companies today have a rating of AAA to A. Many companies are now rated BAA or lower.

#### QUALITY EVALUATION (IN %)

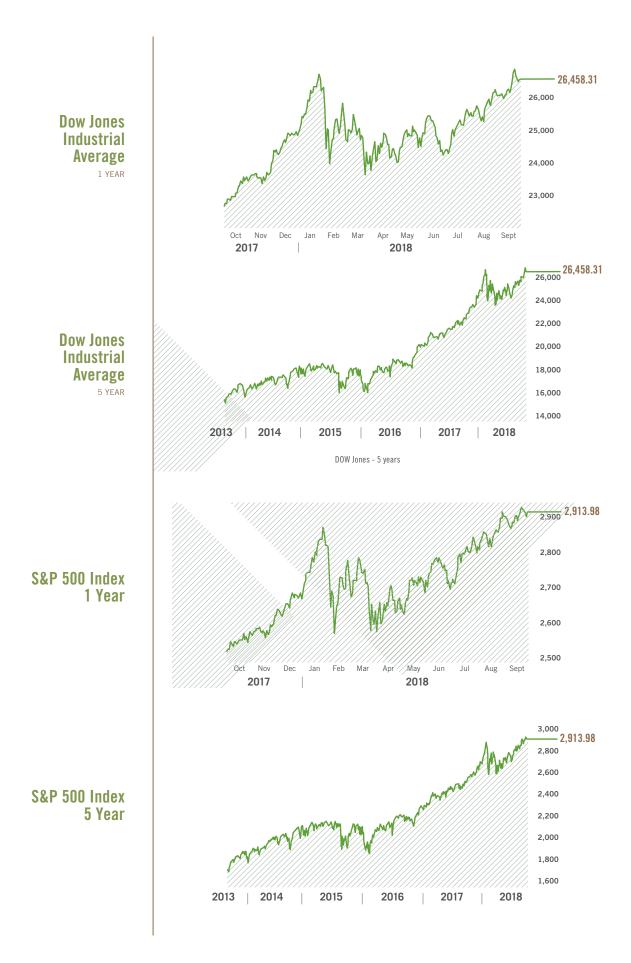
		TRS			ERS	
Rating	2018	2017	2016	2018	2017	2016
AAA	38	36	27	38	36	26
AA	1	1	1	1	1	1
A	8	10	7	8	9	7
BAA	16	14	13	16	14	12
BA	1	2	2	1	2	2
В	_	_	1	_	1	1
Not Rated	36	37	49	36	37	51

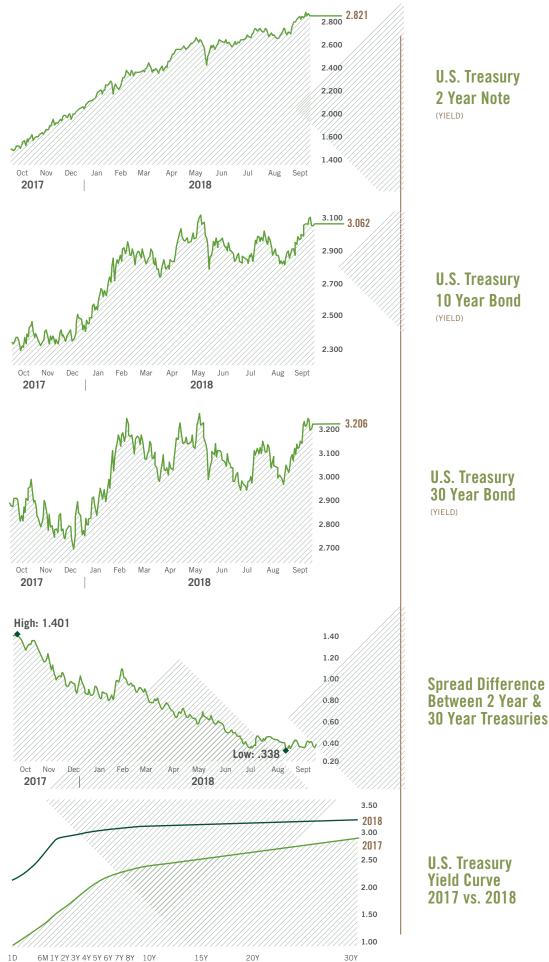


# **Broker Commissions Paid**

FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

	COMMISSIONS STOCK TRANSACTIONS	FIXED SECURITIES COMMISSIONS
	(\$ IN THOUSANDS)	(\$ IN THOUSANDS)
BANK OF AMERICA / MERRILL LYNCH	388	63
BARCLAYS	104	35
BERNSTEIN	313	
BTIG	16	
CITIGROUP	289	123
CONVERGEX	187	
CORNERSTONE	47	
COWEN	41	
CREDIT SUISSE	76	17
DEUTSCHE BANK		3
GOLDMAN SACHS		173
HARBOR FINANCIAL	25	
INTERNATIONAL STRATEGY AND INVESTMENT-IS	I 324	
ISSUER DESIGNATED		106
JEFFERIES	97	
JP MORGAN CHASE	150	130
KEYBANC CAPITAL MARKETS	59	39
MORGAN KEEGAN	20	
MORGAN STANLEY	1,072	134
NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE SECURITIES	76	
RAYMOND JAMES & ASSOCIATES	56	3
RENAISSANCE SECURITIES	247	
ROYAL BANK OF CANADA—RBC	236	58
SECURITIES CAPITAL	26	
SOUTHWEST SECURITIES	21	
STIFEL NICOLAUS	447	35
STRATEGAS	269	
SUNTRUST		14
UNION BANK OF SWITZERLAND—UBS WARBURG	65	
WELLS FARGO	425	125
TOTAL	<sup>\$</sup> 5,076	<sup>\$</sup> 1,058





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# **TO VISIT MEMBER SERVICES**

#### MEMBER SERVICES

RSA HEADQUARTERS 201 SOUTH UNION STREET MONTGOMERY, AL 36104

#### FROM THE NORTH

Follow I-65 South into Montgomery. Take the I-85 North exit to the right to Atlanta. Stay in the right-hand lane and take the first exit on I-85, which is the Court Street exit. Stay on the service road until you reach Union Street. Turn left on Union Street. Continue on Union Street through two traffic lights. The RSA Headquarters is on the right before Adams Avenue. Members may park in the open lot in front of the parking deck.

#### FROM THE EAST

Follow I-85 South to downtown Montgomery and take the Union Street exit on the right. Take the first right on the service road onto Union Street. Continue on Union Street through one traffic light. The RSA Headquarters is on the right before Adams Avenue. Members may park in the open lot in front of the parking deck.

#### FROM THE WEST

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