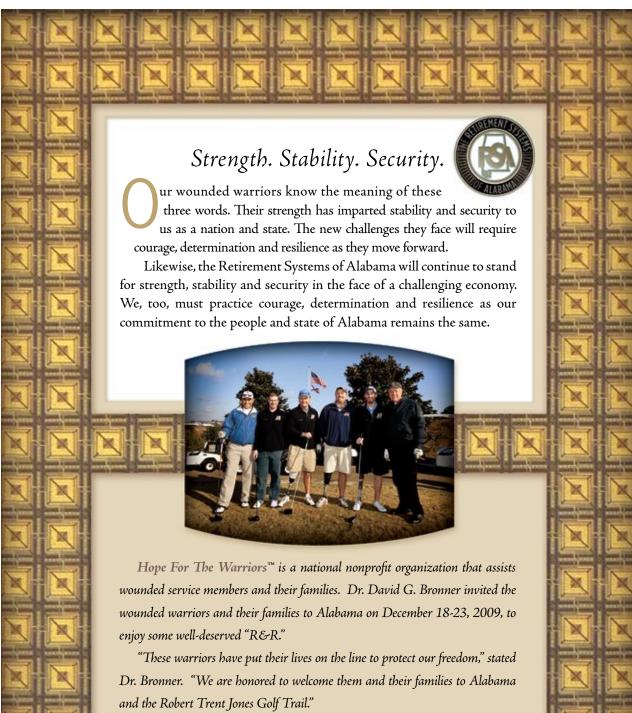


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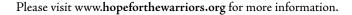
) Dave Martin Photography. New York Time

he Boards of Control and the Retirement Systems of Alabama (RSA) staff are pleased to present the 34th RSA Annual Report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2009.

The RSA manages 22 funds with aggregate assets of approximately \$27.2 billion as of September 30, 2009 (see page 8). The funds under management for the Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) were \$16.0 billion. The Employees' Retirement System (ERS) funds under management were \$7.6 billion, and the Judicial Retirement Fund (JRF) totaled \$210 million.

Fiscal year 2009 was another difficult year, although returns improved from fiscal year 2008 levels. The annualized return was -7.94% for the TRS, -10.03% for the ERS, and 0.69% for the JRF. The bear market experienced throughout 2008 continued through March 2009 before domestic equity markets finally hit their lows and began to turn around. Despite the positive market performance over the second half of the fiscal year, the market did not fully recoup its losses from the first half, but meaningful improvement was made. The RSA has stressed to its members throughout the years that benefits are not jeopardized by short-term losses. The RSA has a diverse investment portfolio that helps to cushion the systems from the effect of losses from investments.

On a more positive note, five of the RSA's eight hotels have now earned the prestigious Four Diamond Award from AAA, with The Renaissance Montgomery Hotel & Spa in downtown Montgomery being the newest addition. The fundamental hallmarks at this level include an extensive array of amenities combined with a high degree of hospitality, service, and attention to detail. The Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail continued to receive accolades as well.



STRENGTH. STABILITY. SECURITY. ((13)

After being named the top value for golf by *Golf Digest* in 2008, two RTJ courses – The Grand National in Opelika and Capitol Hill in Prattville – were ranked at the top of *Golf World* magazine's 2009 Readers' Choice awards.

In other RSA real estate news, the RSA purchased the 34-story AmSouth building in Mobile from bankruptcy court for \$6.75 million. This building has 280,000 square feet of leasable space, of which roughly 180,000 is currently leased. This building purchase also includes a 480-space parking deck.

The staff will continue to purchase and develop investments that 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.





"...some of the best public golf on earth." ~The New York Times



# ALABAMA: RESOURCE STRENGTH

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# "...may be the biggest bargain in the country." ~The Wall Street Journal



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# The ROBERT TRENT JONES GOLF TRAIL

"No other destination offers such a complete collection of country-clubfor-a-day courses at such bargain-basement prices. The success of the RTJ Trail makes it clear that some destinations are just worth it..." ~Joe Passov, golf.com

> "Prior to the Trail, state tourism was worth \$1.8 billion. That figure grew to \$9.6 billion after the Trail."

> > ~David G. Bronner

# "FINANCING CULTURAL CHANGE"

EXCERPT FROM **THE NEW YORK TIMES** ~by Dan Luzadder

r. Bronner's vision of investing in Alabama reflects an unusual approach for a state pension fund. Most, he said, are content to turn their money over to an investment manager, and most operate from a single goal of enhancing the value of the retirement funds by wise investments.

But Mr. Bronner has a reputation for taking a longer view, and has invested in real estate as a way to create cultural changes in the state. The approach has on occasion made him controversial, with critics suggesting that spending on economic development by building, owning and operating major hotels and office buildings isn't the purpose of a state pension fund.

Mr. Bronner credits the fund's investment in hotels and resorts associated with the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail in Alabama for creating a multibillion-dollar tourist economy in the state. The agency spent more than \$213 million building 11 luxury golf courses designed by Robert Trent Jones, and hundreds of millions more to build hotels and residential developments that the agency owns and operates at the courses. That move is credited with helping to attract business, like the immense new ThyssenKrupp Steel USA plant being constructed on the banks of the Mobile River, 30 miles north of the port city.

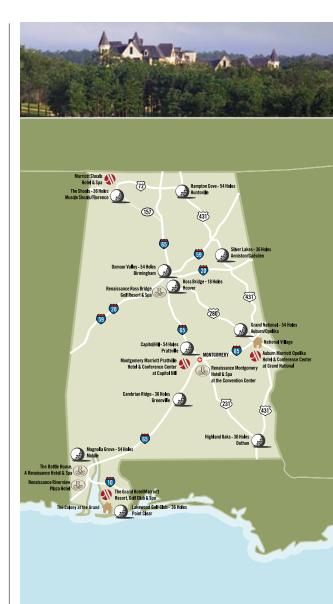
"The Navistar LPGA Classic at Capitol Hill in Prattville has been a great success for us," said Dan Ustian, chairman, president and CEO of Navistar International Corporation. "It has given us an opportunity to strengthen our brand awareness, give back to a community where we do business and deepen relationships with our key customers, dealers, suppliers and business partners."

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Magnolia Grove, Falls Course, No. 10; issance Ross Bridge Golf Resort & Spa;

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## THE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS OF ALABAMA BOARDS OF CONTROL



"...the (RTJ) Trail has improved the quality of life in our state and made it more appealing to investors. Within the space of 10 years, Alabama has become the nation's third largest automotive manufacturer." ~Governor Bob Riley



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# The Retirement Systems of Alabama

# **TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM** JUDICIAL RETIREMENT FUND 2009 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

## **MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITY for 2009**

	TRS	ERS	JRF	
NEW MEMBERS	9,591	8,605	22	
WITHDRAWN MEMBERS	5,306	4,889	5	
SERVICE RETIREMENTS	3,777	2,462	19	
DISABILITY RETIREMENTS	284	244	0	
NEW BENEFICIARIES	262	221	5	

## TOTAL MEMBERSHIP for 2009 (AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2009)

	TRS	ERS	JRF	TOTAL
ACTIVE	132,546	84,264	332	217,142
DROP	5,307	2,357		7,664
RETIRED	68,165	35,987	321	104,473
TOTAL	206,018	122,608	653	329,279

## FUNDS UNDER MANAGEMENT (AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2009; \$ IN THOUSANDS)

	L FUNDS	MANAGED (1)
TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM	\$	15,981,801
EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM		7,611,964
JUDICIAL RETIREMENT FUND		209,720
ALABAMA CULTURAL RESOURCES PRESERVATION TRUST FUNDS		7,978
ALABAMA EDUCATION FOUNDATION FOR K THROUGH 12		732
DIVISION OF WILDLIFE AND FRESHWATER FISHERIES		16,320
ALABAMA NONGAME WILDLIFE ENDOWMENT TRUST		16
ALABAMA UNDERGROUND & ABOVEGROUND STORAGE TANK TRUST	FUNDS	1,531
CLERKS' & REGISTERS' SUPERNUMERARY FUND		9,434
ALABAMA SENIOR SERVICES TRUST FUND		18,803
ALABAMA STATE EMPLOYEES' HEALTH INSURANCE FUND		123,712
LOCAL GOVERNMENT HEALTH INSURANCE FUND		57,521
PEIRAF - DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN (RSA - 1)		1,179,130
PUBLIC EDUCATION EMPLOYEES' HEALTH INSURANCE FUND		109,706
ALABAMA RETIRED EDUCATION EMPLOYEES' HEALTH CARE TRUST		682,682
PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNT FUND		81,924
ALABAMA MARINE RESOURCES ENDOWMENT TRUST FUND		765
ALABAMA TRUST FUND		713,301
ALABAMA TREASURY FUND		256,304
CHARLOTTE THORN TRUST FUND		6,026
ALABAMA STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIRED HEALTH CARE TRUST FUND		78,913
STATE DOCKS PENSION PLANS	ALC: NO	10,971
TOTAL ASSETS UNDER MANAGEMENT	\$	27,159,254

### REVENUE SOURCES for TRS, ERS & JRF (\$ IN MILLIONS) EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS INVESTMENT INCOME TOTAL 5-YEAR HIGHLIGHTS (\$ IN MILLIONS) **EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS** 350 \$327.0 \$323.7 \$305.1 \$281.5 300 \$262.9 250 \$191.7 200 \$187.1 \$184.1 \$160.3 150 100 50 0 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 INCREASE/ (DECREASE) IN INVESTMENTS \$2.658.1 2500 2000 -1500 \$1,326.4 1000 - \$67 \$1,371.4 26.4 \$670.8 \$508.7 500 2008 2009 2005 2006 2007 (500) (1000) (1500) (2000) (2500) (3000) (\$1,778.2) ( **\$1,889.7**) (3500) (4000) (\$3,871.0) 15.0% 13.9% 44.0% **2.0% 2.3%** 2.1% 2.4% 2.8% 2.9% 21.7% 21.7% 3.0% 8.9% TRS

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Battle House Spa named "one of the seven must-do spas in the world" ~ Shape magazine 2009



## THE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS OF ALABAMA STAFF, ADVISORS & MEDICAL BOARD



## THE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS OF ALABAMA LEGAL, LEGISLATION, COMMUNICATIONS & FIELD SERVICES

LEGAL In this age of legal specialization and outsourcing of work, the RSA Legal Department continues to address, in house, a myriad of legal issues - issues of statutory interpretation and implementation, administrative procedure, constitutional law, tax law, securities law, employee benefits law, health insurance law, contract law, construction law, commercial real estate law, commercial libel and slander law, federal litigation procedures, state litigation procedures, corporate governance, limited partnerships, personnel law, insurance law, federal regulations, state regulations, privacy and public disclosure laws, estate law and domestic relations law, fiduciary and trust law, bankruptcy law, and federal criminal law – to name a few. The funds entrusted to the RSA are protected and our members receive the benefits to which they are entitled by law as a result of their faithful service.

While there has been no bright star litigation or headline grabbing administrative actions in the past year, the legal department has continued to work closely with the administrative staff, the benefits staff, the investment staff, the accounting staff, and other RSA personnel to address and resolve the many issues raised by the day to day administration of the Retirement Systems. Working hand-in-hand with the investment accounting staff, the legal department has continued to bring in significant recoveries in securities fraud litigation; and working hand-in-hand with our competent benefits staffs, the department has continued to be successful in benefits litigation. Perhaps equally as important, we have helped avoid costly and disruptive litigation by addressing legal problems before they evolved into litigation.

This past year we finalized franchise agreements for our hotels, closed out some construction projects and started other investment projects using new investment structures. We addressed operational issues relating to the office buildings, the golf courses and the hotels. Members of the staff again spoke at and participated in national and regional conferences and authored articles which were published in national publications.

Each year brings different challenges for the department due to changing conditions. Last year we began to see the effects of the economic downturn and we expect to face new challenges based upon those conditions in the coming year.

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Out of the Blue

**LEGISLATION** The 2009 Regular Session of the Alabama Legislature began February 3, 2009, and ended May 15, 2009. The General Fund Budget (Act 2009-550)

# 2009 YEAR IN REVIEW (

and the Education Trust Fund Budget (Act 2009-339) passed. Both the Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) and the Public Education Employees' Health Insurance Plan (PEEHIP) were funded at the agreed upon rates.

There were only two bills passed that dealt directly with the Employees' Retirement System (ERS). Act 2009-337 allows employees of newly created development authorities to participate in the ERS and Act 2009-363 allows employees of the Water Works and Sewer Board of the City of Prichard to join the ERS. For the TRS, Act 2009-643 was passed to allow the purchase of prior service credit for service at an institution of higher education that receives direct appropriations from the Education Trust Fund but does not participate in the TRS. The cost of the purchase must be the actuarial cost of the service. A Senate Joint Resolution (Act 2009-808) was also passed directing the RSA to conduct an actuarial study of the financial issues of the Alabama Prepaid Affordable College Tuition (PACT) Program.

There were also two bills that passed during the session that dealt with PEEHIP. Act 2009-607 defines the term "disability retiree" for purposes of receiving reduced contributions for health insurance premiums and Act 2009-490 creates a Health Care Data Advisory Council and allows one member to be appointed by the PEEHIP Board.

There was also a five-day Special Session in 2009 that began August 10, 2009, and adjourned August 14, 2009. It was called to specifically address financial issues in Jefferson County. There were no bills introduced or passed affecting the RSA.

COMMUNICATIONS / FIELD SERVICES The Communications Division is responsible for the design, layout, and printing of RSA publications. All division member handbooks, brochures, agency manuals and forms are prepared by the Communications staff. In addition, Communications designs and updates the RSA Web site and oversees the election process for the Board of Control elections.

The RSA Field Services Division is responsible for all educational opportunities offered throughout the state. These responsibilities include scheduling and presenting the Retirement Preparation Seminars and Mid-Career Seminars for the ERS and TRS as well as scheduling the ERS and TRS one-on-one appointments throughout the state. The Field Services employees are on constant standby for making presentations, as well as attending and addressing conferences and seminars.

# The SPA TRAIL

"From stone massages to caviar facials, the five spas offer innovative treatments. With 57,000 square feet of space collectively, the (Spa) Trail locations feature 38 treatment rooms and more than 130 employees." ~Steve Solberg, president and CEO, PCH Hotels and Resorts

> "Tourists are probably the best source of money because they don't demand any local services. The impact on surrounding communities is amazing."

> > ~David G. Bronner

# "FINANCING CULTURAL CHANGE"

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oday, the Battle House hotel, which had been closed for more than three decades, has been restored to its antebellum elegance. Its rooms and suites are as well appointed as any luxury hotel in the region, and its spa has become a draw for tourists.

The hotel lobby connects to the 35-story RSA Battle House Tower, a sparkling 470,000-square-foot high-rise that is the first truly Class A office space in Mobile, offering tenants the highest-quality space and most advanced technology available in the city. At 745 feet, the tower is also the tallest building on the Gulf Coast east of Houston.

The Battle House Tower, which opened in 2007, is just one of a number of investments that Mr. Bronner has shepherded within Mobile.

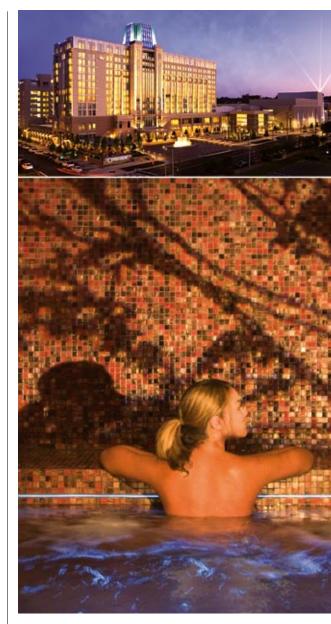
His agency also built a new cruise port for \$16.1 million: the Alabama Cruise Terminal, a 302,000-square-foot docking area that has attracted cruise ships to the city, including some that used New Orleans as a port before Hurricane Katrina. It spent \$97.3 million to buy and restore the 534,000-square-foot Grand Hotel across the water on the eastern arm of the Bay of Mobile, after it was damaged by the wind from Katrina. And the fund most recently spent \$6.7 million to buy the 300,000square-foot, 34-story former AmSouth Bank Building, built in 1965. It is under reconstruction for conversion into the city's second Class A office tower.



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osite: The Battle House Spa Renaissance Montgomery H

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"We have guests who spa all over the world, and when we look at the thousands of comment cards they complete, we often hear 'we had no idea this was here,' or that spas in London or Dubai don't hold a candle to our spas." ~Susie Marguez, Director of Spa **Operations for PCH Hotels & Resorts** 

# Hotels & Resorts

Five of the eight RSA hotels received a four diamond rating from AAA:

Renaissance Montgomery Hotel & Spa at the Convention Center

Renaissance Ross Bridge Golf Resort & Spa

Marriott Shoals Hotel & Spa

Grand Hotel Marriott Resort Golf Club & Spa

The Battle House, a Renaissance Hotel & Spa

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Golf

Tavern Bar at the Montgomery Marriott Pratty Grand Hotel Marriott Resort Golf Club & Spa

Hotel & Spa; Opposite bott Renaissance Hotel & Spa;

top: Marriott Shoals The Battle House, a

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rom a \$500 million start, he has guided the agency into a \$28 billion financial juggernaut. Mr. Bronner is fond of dragging reporters to the balcony of the fund's wellappointed new office complex in Montgomery to gaze out at his symbolic signature—the green-trimmed rooftops of all the buildings that the fund has helped to build.

The fund's most recent annual report carries an aerial photograph of the city with all of the buildings it has financed taken out of the picture. "It makes a point," Mr. Bronner said with a grin."This is what the city would look like without us."

The retirement system has had an even greater impact in Montgomery than in Mobile-2.5 million square feet of commercial and state office space-where local commercial real estate developers like Jerry Kyser say investors are now eager to put money into new restaurants, offices and retailing in the city's downtown, including its new Alleyway project down the block from the retirement system's recently completed 395,000-square-foot Renaissance Hotel, which includes a 1,800-seat performing arts center and convention hall.

ARRIOTT SHOALS HOTEL & SPA RENAISSANCE ROSS BRIDGE **GOLF RESORT & SPA** NAISSANCE MONTGOMERY HOTEL & SPA at the CONVENTION CENTER The BATTLE HOUSE a RENAISSANCE HOTEL & SPA **GRAND HOTEL MARRIOTT RESORT GOLF CLUB & SPA RENNAISSANCE RIVERVIEW PLAZA HOTEL** IONTGOMERY MARRIOTT PRATTVILLE HOTEL CONFERENCE CENTER at CAPITOL HILL

AUBURN MARRIOTT OPELIKA HOTEL CONFERENCE CENTER at GRAND NATIONAL



The Battle House, a Renaissance Hotel & Spa named "Top 500 Hotels in the world" ~ Travel + Leisure January 2009



Grand Hotel Marriott Resort Golf Club & Spa and the Battle House, a Renaissance Hotel & Spa were honored for their wine programs by Wine Enthusiast.

# The Colony at the Grand & National Village

~ the Wall Street Journal



"I think we've done something the community is proud of. I not only feel I'm a partner with the business community, but the people of Mobile."

~David G. Bronner

# The Auburn/Opelika area was named one of the "Top 10 Places to Retire for Golf." ~ US News & World Report



n the historic grounds of the Grand Hotel just outside of Fairhope, Alabama, lies a place set apart by the very hand of nature. It's a place where earth and sky, wind and water conspire to relax the body and restore the spirit. Here, somewhere between low tide and high tea, you can do as much as your heart desires or as little as your conscience allows. It is a luxury condominium residence called The Colony at the Grand. And it's unlike any other residential real estate you've ever seen on Mobile Bay.

www.colonyatthegrand.com

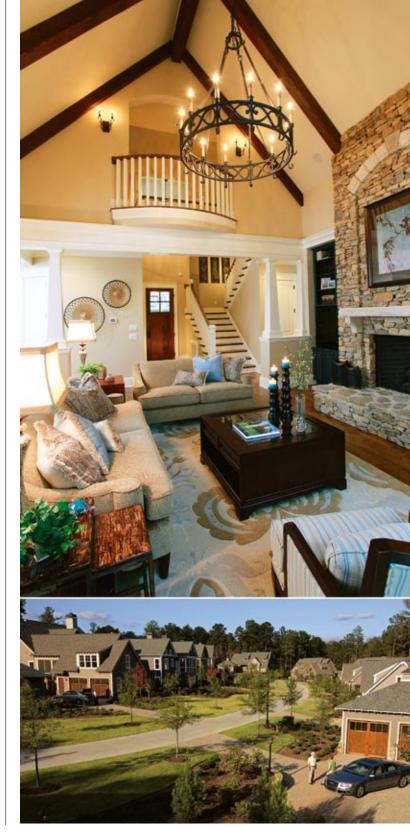


xperience golf community living on one of the world's most beautiful

courses. Year-round Craftsman-style homes or weekend retreat cottage homes offer outdoor lifestyles rivaled only by the luxury that awaits inside your front door. Inspired by 150-year old historic neighborhoods, the National Village boasts soaring ceilings, open floor plans and natural stone fireplaces. Beautifully landscaped streets beckon you to stroll and fire pits along winding nature trails make congenial gathering spots. www.nationalvillage.com

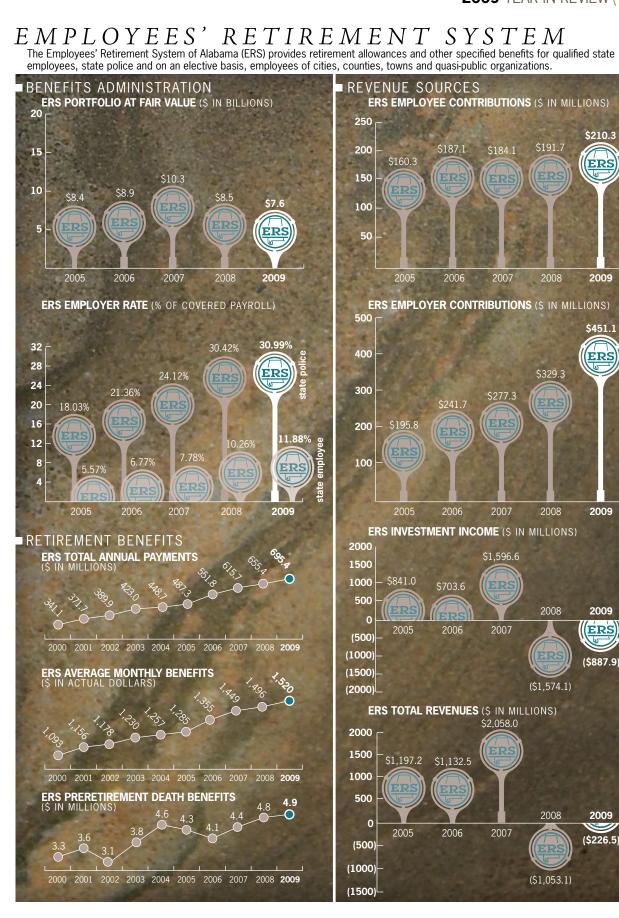
Opposite & Top left: The Colony at the Grand Top right, bottom right and left: National Villa



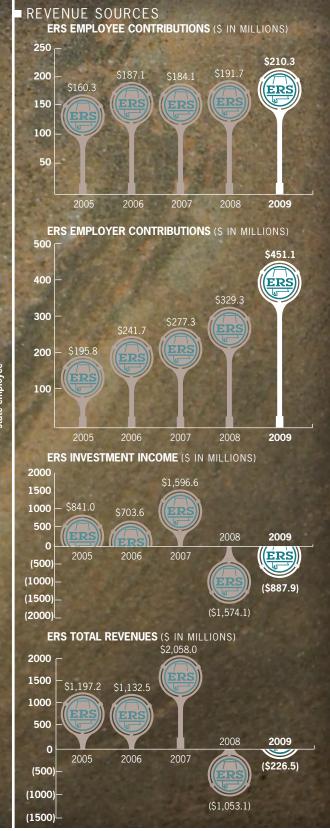


## Grand National named #1 public golf course in the U.S.~ Golf World 2009

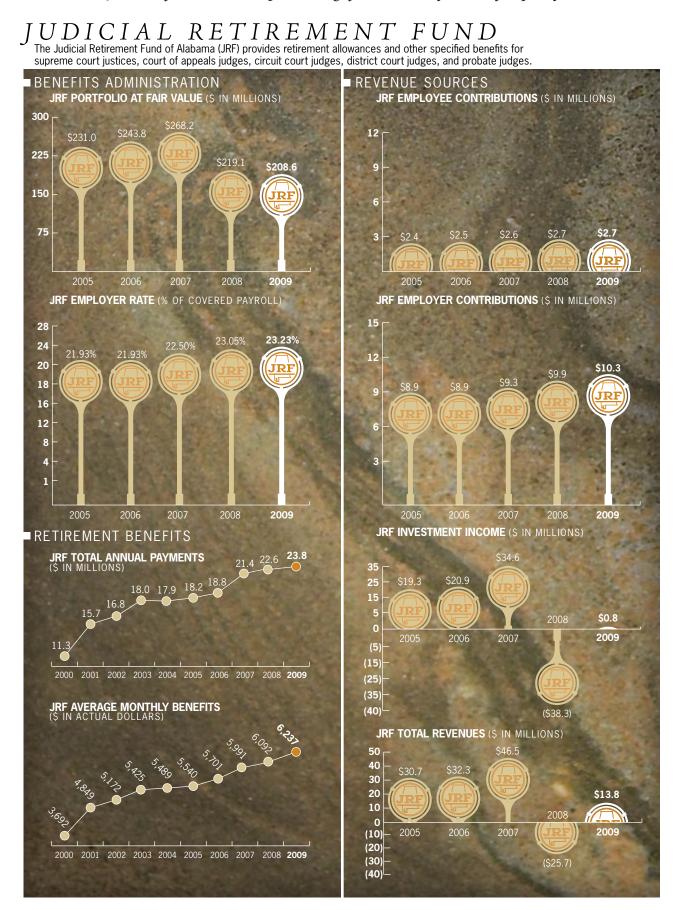








Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail named top value in golf in the country and #8 for quality~ Golf Digest 2009



# PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNT FUND

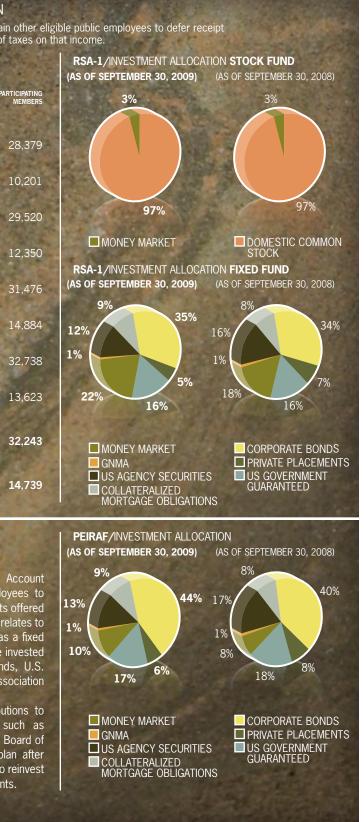
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SEPTEMBER 30, 2005 (FIXED INVESTMENT OPTION)	6.92	-2.40	4.52	758.0	
SEPTEMBER 30, 2005			- 00	1014	
(STOCK INVESTMENT OPTION)	2.57	9.84	12.41	122.7	
SEPTEMBER 30, 2006 (Fixed investment option)	6.16	-1.66	4.50	777.9	
SEPTEMBER 30, 2006 (STOCK INVESTMENT OPTION)	2.02	8.57	10.59	161.4	
SEPTEMBER 30, 2007 (FIXED INVESTMENT OPTION)	6.07	1.89	7.96	866.4	
SEPTEMBER 30, 2007 (STOCK INVESTMENT OPTION)	2.05	13.98	16.03	214.9	
SEPTEMBER 30, 2008 (FIXED INVESTMENT OPTION)	5.65	-5.71	-0.06	896.2	
SEPTEMBER 30, 2008 (STOCK INVESTMENT OPTION)	2.21	-23.64	·21.43	183.7	
SEPTEMBER 30, 2009 (FIXED INVESTMENT OPTION)	5.54	5.21	10.75	1,016.2	
SEPTEMBER 30, 2009 (STOCK INVESTMENT OPTION)	2.79	-8.77	-5.98	172.8	

## 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.

The Tax Reform Act of 1986 prohibited contributions to deductible voluntary employee contribution plans, such as PEIRAF, for years after 1986. Accordingly, the PEIRAF Board of Control discontinued receiving contributions to this plan after December 31, 1986. However, the PEIRAF continues to reinvest the interest earnings of existing PEIRAF member accounts.





# PUBLIC EDUCATION EMPLOYEES' HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN

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	2009		2008
\$	4,099	\$	3,184
	1,477		2,162
	6,327		5,730
	17		103
	7,821		7,995
NT	6,597		1,425
	105,607	_	73,716
\$	124,124	\$	86,320
\$	25	\$	170
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S	243		193
	25,916		21,975
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D EQUITY-UNRESTRICTED			1,100,000 -	
ENSE FUND	3,360	2,326	1,000,000 -	\$948,916
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JRANCE FUND	41,479	13,554	800,000 - \$784,655	PEEHIP
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			600,000 - (PEEHIP)	
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	44,839	15,880	500,000 -	
			400,000 -	
			300,000 -	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$ 124,124	\$ 86,320	200,000 -	
	÷ 124,124	\$ 30,320	100,000 -	

SEPARATELY ISSUED, AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.

CLAIMS INCURRED BUT

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**INSURANCE FUND** 

FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED AND SEPTEMBER 30, 2008		TEMBER 3	0, 2009
AND GET TEMBER 30, 2000		(\$	IN THOUSANDS)
		2009	2008
OPENING REVENUES			
PREMIUMS	\$	804,658	\$ 863,917
INTEREST INCOME		2,056	6,443
NET DECREASE IN FAIR VALUE OF INVESTMENTS		(23)	(30)
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	s	806,691	870,330
OPERATING EXPENSES			
CLAIMS		775,166	699,529
ADMINISTRATIVE		2,566	2,731
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE	s	777,732	702,260
OPERATING INCOME	2	28,959	168,070
TRANSFER TO RETIREE TRUST FUN	ID		(204,226)
FUND EQUITY			
BEGINNING OF THE YEAR	-	15,880	52,036
END OF THE YEAR	\$	44,839	\$ 15,880

STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN FUND EQUITY

TOTAL CLAIMS EXPENSE ACTIVE AND RETIRED	
( <mark>\$ IN THOUS</mark> ANDS)	
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2009

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The Public Education Employees' Health Insurance Plan (PEEHIP) provides health care for active and retired public education employees. Blue Cross and Blue Shield administers the hospital/medical plans and the Flexible Spending Account Plan; Southland National administers the optional plans; and Express Scripts, Inc. administers the prescription drug plan.

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STATEMENTS OF PLAN NET ASSET AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2009 AND SEPTEMBER 30, 2008	ſS			STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN PLAN NET ASSETS FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED		, 2009	
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	(\$						
	2009	2	2008		2009	2008	
ASSETS				ADDITIONS			
RECEIVABLES	-			CONTRIBUTIONS			
PRESCRIPTION DRUG REBATES	\$ 7,009	\$ 6,	,343	EMPLOYEE	\$ 67,186	\$ 63,32	
MEDICARE PART D SUBSIDY	4,162	4,	,033	EMPLOYER TRANSFER FROM PEEHIF	301,604	274,97	
INTEREST AND DIVIDENDS	2,893	3,	,025	MEDICARE PART D RETIREE	-	204,22	
TOTAL RECEIVABLES	14,064	13,	,401	DRUG SUBSIDY	24,720	23,74	
EPOSIT WITH CLAIMS-PAYING AGENT	6,540		593	TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	393,510	566,27	
NVESTMENTS, AT FAIR VALUE	-						
COMMERCIAL PAPER	98,994	179.	,701	INVESTMENT INCOME (LOSS)			
MONEY MARKET FUNDS	50,497		,640	FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
U.S. GOVERNMENT GUARANTEED BOND			,093	NET INCREASE/ (DECREASE) IN FAIR VALUE OF INVESTMENTS	30,712	(75,60	
U.S. AGENCY SECURITIES				INTEREST AND DIVIDENDS	20,767	14,94	
	35,534		,396	TOTAL INVESTMENT INCOME/(LC		100.00	
MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES	24,855		,677	FROM INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES FROM SECURITIES LENDING ACTIVI	51,479	(60,668	
CORPORATE BONDS	75,673		,011	SECURITIES LENDING INCOME	1,263	3,57	
PRIVATE PLACEMENTS	1,433		,054	LESS SECURITIES LENDING EXPENSI		5,57	
INTERNATIONAL SECURITIES	81,670	50,	,354	BORROWER REBATES	262	2,61	
COMMON STOCKS	264,382	155,	,980	MANAGEMENT FEES	164	15	
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	682,682	598,	,906	TOTAL SECURITY LENDING EXF	PENSES 426	2,77	
NVESTED SECURITIES LENDING COLLATERAL	68,971	69.	,928	INCOME FROM SECURITIES LENDING ACTIVITIES	837	80	
	\$ 772,257	\$ 682,		TOTAL INVESTMENT INCOME/(I		(59,868	
		÷ •••_,		TOTAL ADDITIONS	445,826	506,40	
IABILITIES							
	\$ 8,494	\$ 8.	,156	DEDUCTIONS			
CLAIMS INCURRED BUT NOT REPORTE	, .		,931	BENEFITS	355,635	336,66	
SECURITIES LENDING COLLATERAL	68,971		,928				
	00,971		,920	NET INCREASE	90,191	169,74	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	102 252	102	015	NET ASSETS HELD IN TRUST FOR ( POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	UTHER		
	102,253	103,	,015	BEGINNING OF THE YEAR	579,813	410,07	
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# RSA Holdings

On investing in Montgomery office buildings: "These green-roofed buildings are a perfect illustration of the benefits of plowing money back into the state. The money invested is turned over between five and seven times before leaving the Alabama economy." ~ David G. Bronner

# "FINANCING CULTURAL CHANGE"

EXCERPT FROM THE NEW YORK TIMES

~by Dan Luzadder

onald Epley, a professor of real estate and the director of the Mitchell College of Business Center for Real Estate Studies at the University of South Alabama in Mobile, said the retirement system's investments here—and its even larger investments upstate in Alabama's state capital, Montgomery-reflected a bet not just on the individual projects but also on the state's economy.

"If you are going to talk about office space, you have to talk about employment, because that is what drives office space," Mr. Epley said. "So the story is one also of economic development success here."

The pension fund's initiatives have inspired small local banks and other lenders to back business development here, Mr. Epley said.

The **RSA Dexter Avenue** building rennovation & new construction ; The Post-Secondary Education building rennovation, MONTGOMERY **v** ; The **RSA Mardi Gras** (formerly AMSOUTH) building rennovation, MOBILE



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WCSC	CHARLESTON, SC	97	<ul> <li>Ottumwa Daily Courie</li> </ul>
W010	CLEVELAND, OH	18	Non-daily publications:
WTOC	SAVANNAH, GA	96	Knoxville Journal Expr
WTOL	TOLEDO, OH	73	Pella Chronicle, Pella
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KLTV	TYLER, TX	110	<ul> <li>Shelbyville Daily Unio</li> <li>Times-Leader, McLead</li> </ul>
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# **COMMISSIONS PAID REPORT /** FISCAL YEAR 2009

	UME OF BUSINESS VATE PLACEMENTS Agencies (\$ IN Millions)	COMMISSIONS STOCK TRANSACTIONS (\$ IN ACTUAL DOLLARS)	COMMISSIONS Bond Transactions (\$ In actual dollars)
ACON / SIGNAL	\$ 64	\$	\$
BANC OF AMERICA	146		220,008
BARCLAYS		271,872	
BENCHMARK		10,000	
BERNSTEIN		663,988	
CANTOR FITZGERALD	150		157,521
CENTENNIAL CAPITAL		16,500	
CITIGROUP	4	664,230	128,850
CNHI	57		
COWEN		139,955	
CREDIT SUISSE FIRST BOSTON	I 317	312,899	228,171
DEUTSCHE BANK	88		178,615
EMPIRICAL RESEARCH		118,278	
FIRST DISCOUNT		13,174	
GARDNER RICH		13,400	
GOLDMAN SACHS	167	242,196	139,381
HOWARD WEIL		117,668	
ISSUER DESIGNATED	20		408,527
ISI		589,688	
JEFFRIES		365,549	
JP MORGAN CHASE	205	976,654	219,474
KEYBANC CAPITAL MARKETS	133	25,240	37,891
KEEFE BRUYETTE		105,960	
LAZARD CAPITAL		9,850	
MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH, INC		586,296	
MORGAN KEEGAN		40,090	
MORGAN STANLEY	129	733,052	69,985
NATIONAL ALABAMA	283	700,002	03,303
NBC SECURITIES, INC	200	45,000	
OPPENHEIMER		462,092	
RAYCOM MEDIA	83	402,002	
RAYMOND JAMES	492	45,320	235,371
REGISTER CORTS	452	11,250	200,071
SANDLER O'NEIL		195,043	
SECURITIES CAPITAL		12,890	
SOUTHCOAST		183,980	
SOUTHWEST SECURITIES		10,000	
STERNE, AGEE & LEACH		187,791	
STRATEGAS		114,616	
UBS WARBURG		37,705	
VILLAGE ROADSHOW	14	07,700	
WELLS FARGO		270,164	
TOTAL	\$ 2,352	\$ 7,592,390	\$ 2,023,794

## FIXED INCOME ACTIVITY / 2009

At the beginning of fiscal year 2009, the nation's financial system seemed to be on the brink of collapse. Treasury Secretary Hank Paulson was forced to step in on behalf of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. a move that wiped out preferred and common shareholders. Lehman Brothers filed for bankruptcy as no deal could be struck between the Federal Reserve, the Treasury Department, and the financial community. In fearing the unknown, John Thain orchestrated the sale of his company Merrill Lynch to Bank of America. Within days, the government essentially nationalized AIG, one of the world's largest insurers, as collateral calls on written default swaps threatened to end its existence. These issues caused corporate securities, financials in particular, to post their worst quarter on record.

In early October, policymakers around the globe lowered short-term interest rates by 50 basis points (bps) in a coordinated effort. Chairman Ben Bernanke and the Federal Reserve opted to lower the fed funds rate to 1.00% by the end of the month. At this time, investment grade corporate bonds were trading over 600bps versus comparable treasury securities. This marked a catastrophic discount to where they changed hands during the default era of 2002. In addition, high vields spreads eclipsed the 1600bp mark. Policymakers at home eventually cut short-term rates to a bare bones range of 0 to .25%. Outside of corporates, agency and mortgage-backed securities were not faring much better. Five-year agency spreads ballooned to 160bps, while mortgages traded as high as 200bps over the 10-year treasury. To the detriment of risk assets, the flight to safety trade produced over a 7% return for government securities over the last two months of the calendar year, driving 30-year treasury yields to approximately 2.50%.

At this point, the Federal Reserve decided to enact a quantitative easing approach in order to provide liquidity and calm investors' nerves with regard to risk. One action taken was the guarantee of financial short-term debt by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. The Federal Reserve also announced that it would purchase \$100 billion in GSE agency debt and \$500 billion in mortgages in the open market. These measures provided easier funding conditions which led to an improvement

# FIXED INCOME ACTIVITY / (CONTINUED)

in credit technicals. With corporate spreads at historic wides, the appetite for new issuance emerged, albeit at huge concessions. As calendar year 2009 rolled in, there was plenty of discomfort for sure, but a sense that the government had provided a floor under the financial system. It may have placed a floor under treasury yields also as a dramatic steepening of the curve began. Spread product finally started to perform ex-financials, which continued to be plagued with concerns regarding future write-downs and the ability to raise capital.

During the Federal Reserve's March meeting, policymakers increased its open market purchases of agency debt and mortgages to \$200 billion and \$1.25 trillion, respectively. In addition, they also announced that they would purchase up to \$300 billion in treasury securities, prompting a 50bp decline in 10-year yields. By the time the extension of these programs were announced, agency and mortgage spreads had collapsed 70bps and 125bps respectively. The culmination of the action taken by the government led to an appreciation in risk assets, whether it is corporate bonds, emerging markets, or commodities. With the help of upside surprises in second quarter earnings, investment grade securities were able to post an excess return of 14%.

The government bond market has been somewhat volatile over the last half of the fiscal year. Treasury securities have underperformed risk assets as the flight away from safety has hit full stride. The budget situation and the financing of the deficit have also weighed on the market. The government yield curve has reached historically steep levels. While the Fed is willing to say that "economic activity is leveling out." they have remained steadfast that rates will remain low for an "extended period." There is plenty of uncertainty concerning inflation in response to the amount of money being printed. Treasury Inflation Protected Securities are back to pre-Lehman levels after spreads were close to zero at the beginning of the year. And while foreigners have gobbled up approximately half of this year's supply of government securities, it remains to be seen how long they are willing to be a participant given that the country's budget deficit shows no signs of abating. Fiscal year 2010 should be interesting as one constituent (corporations) in the marketplace has met most of its capital needs through heavy issuance, while the other (government) is just getting started.

As of September 30, 2009, the RSA's fixed income portfolio had a market value of \$9.7 billion, of which 7.7% was in money market securities. For the fiscal year, the total annual returns for the public domestic fixed income portfolios were 14.12% for the TRS and 14.19% for the ERS and 14.08% for the JRF. The fiveyear annualized returns were 6.27% for the TRS and 6.32% for the ERS and 5.78% for the JRF. The ten-year annualized returns were 6.66% for the TRS and 6.61% for the ERS and 4.90% for the JRF.

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"Attendance and revenue are down for the golf trail, but not by much, a fact that courses in other areas envy." ~ David G. Bronner

# **MATURITY STRUCTURE**

The management of maturities for the bond portfolio is an integral part of the RSA's objective of providing a stable cashflow 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	2009	2008	2007	2009	2008	2007
0 TO <5	24	26	22	23	26	20
5 TO <15	29	65	72	28	66	75
15 TO <20	10	2	2	11	2	1
20 TO <25	27	1	2	28	1	2
25 TO <30	9	6	2	9	6	2
>=30	1			1		

## **QUALITY EVALUATION**

The 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	2009	2008	2007	2009	2008	2007	
AAA	25	25	25	25	24	24	
AA	3	4	4	3	4	3	
А	13	9	7	13	9	7	
BAA	14	11	12	14	11	12	
NOT RATED	42	50	50	43	51	52	



## EQUITY STRATEGY / 2009

Fiscal year 2009 in terms of the equity market could aptly be described as Jekyll and Hyde. The market seemed to have a split personality, with Mr. Hyde ruling the first six months of the fiscal year, and Dr. Jekyll luckily taking over to finish out. The credit crises that began in earnest the prior year finally peaked in the December quarter as the bailout package was crafted and Wall Street as we knew it was dismantled. The flight to quality was extreme during the first two quarters of the fiscal year, and the flight to risk assets in the second half of the year was exceptional as well. As has been demonstrated through time, equity market sentiment was most dour at the bottom. Market pundits who paraded through the CNBC studios preached the end was nigh upon us, right at the bottom. Luckily, most of them have stuck to their guns. The market likes to climb a wall of worry, and the worries in the market are limitless at the moment. The inflection point in March could well have been that things got "less worse."

Not that "less worse" is a great investment theme, but you have to start somewhere. Surprisingly, quarterly earnings started coming in ahead of the ratcheted down expectations of the street. Corporate America, with all the transparency available in the internet age, cut costs to the core, which enabled what revenues that did come in to more easily drop to the bottom line. It is hard to say if earnings are a leading or coincidental indicator, but both the market and earnings revisions began to rise at a rapid clip. By the end of the fiscal year, the market as measured by the S&P 500 had rallied over 58% from the March low.

The RSA came into the fiscal year with a large quality, large cap tilt on the portfolio. On a relative basis, this strategy worked well. As the market rallied into late summer, we began to hedge part of the performance gains seen off the March lows. We will continue to look to hedge a portion of our index exposure, considering the macroeconomic situation is rather tenuous.

In review, the RSA equity allocation began the year at roughly 56%, and closed out fiscal year 2009 at 58% on average across the three funds. Domestic equities accounted for 43% of the fund, and international equities are now 15% of the total. In a reversal of last year's performance order, international stocks as measured by the MSCI EAFE index led with a total return of 3.23%. Large cap again took over leadership vs. small cap, with the S&P 500 index losing (6.91%) and the S & P Smallcap 600 down (10.62%). The S&P 400 Midcap index outperformed both large and small cap with a return of (3.11%).

For the year, the RSA domestic equity portfolios decreased (6.96%), (6.86%), and (6.43%) for the TRS, ERS, and JRF funds, respectively. International equity returns were in the black for the year, posting returns of 4.14% for TRS, 4.18% for ERS, and 5.07% for JRF. The combined total return for the overall equity portfolios were (4.29%), (4.33%), and (5.09%) for the TRS, ERS, and JRF, respectively. Three-, five-, and ten-year annualized global equity returns were (4.23%), 2.89%, and 2.47% for TRS, (4.21%), 2.89%, and 2.43% for ERS, and (4.41%), 1.80%, and 0.78% for JRF, respectively.

	1-YEAR	3-YEARS	5-YEARS	10-YEARS
TOTAL EQUITY				
TRS	-4.29	-4.23	2.89	2.47
ERS	-4.33	-4.21	2.89	2.43
JRF	-5.09	-4.41	1.80	0.78
TOTAL FIXED INCOME				
AND ALTERNATIVES				
TRS	-12.12	-0.70	1.20	3.74
ERS	-15.91	-1.94	0.43	3.21
JRF	10.42	5.76	5.92	5.18
TRS ERS	-7.94	-2.91	2.07	3.09
JRF	-10.03 0.69	-3.47 -0.57	1.59 3.34	2.67 2.87
JRF				
JRF Benchmarks	0.69	-0.57	3.34	
JRF Benchmarks S&P 500	-6.91	-0.57	3.34	-0.15 1.63
JRF Benchmarks S&P 500 Djia	-6.91 -7.37	-0.57 -5.43 -3.33	3.34 1.02 1.85	2.87
JRF Benchmarks S&P 500 Djia Midcap 400	-6.91 -7.37 -3.11	-0.57 -5.43 -3.33 -1.39	3.34 1.02 1.85 4.53	-0.15 1.63 7.48
JRF Benchmarks S&P 500 Djia Midcap 400 Smallcap 600	-6.91 -7.37 -3.11 -10.62	-0.57 -5.43 -3.33 -1.39 -3.98	3.34 1.02 1.85 4.53 2.83	-0.15 1.63 7.48 7.07

**INVESTMENT RETURNS /** 2009

"People that work for one of the companies that came to Alabama, that person has no idea that the Trail directly affected their lives and their jobs, and that's fine. That's what makes it worthwhile, knowing that a lot of neat, great Alabamians might be at a much lower income level had it not been for the Trail." ~ David G. Bronner



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# (B) FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM STATEMENTS OF PLAN NET ASSETS AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2009 AND 2008				
		(\$ IN THOUSANDS)		
	2009	2008		
ASSETS				
CASH	\$ 6,400	\$ 6,454		
RECEIVABLES		1		
EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS	25,381	25,796		
EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS	61,263	60,621		
INVESTMENT SALES	16,498	-		
DIVIDENDS AND INTEREST	59,047	152,654		
		000.071		
TOTAL RECEIVABLES	162,189	239,071		
INVESTMENTS, AT FAIR VALUE				
DOMESTIC EQUITIES	7,002,023	8,096,041		
DOMESTIC FIXED INCOME	4,604,039	5,173,748		
INTERNATIONAL EQUITIES	2,383,873	2,496,175		
REAL ESTATE	1,404,652	1,494,190		
SHORT-TERM	471,177	495,316		
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	15,865,764	17,755,470		
INVESTED SECURITIES LENDING COLLATERAL	2,394,634	1,581,944		
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT				
LESS ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION	109,637	104,168		
TOTAL ASSETS	18,538,624	19,687,107		
LIABILITIES				
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND OTHER LIABILITIES	5,151	3,735		
INVESTMENT PURCHASES	16,613	-		
OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS	1,238	1,041		
SECURITIES LENDING COLLATERAL	2,394,634	1,581,944		
TOTAL LIABILITIES	2,417,636	1,586,720		
NET ASSETS HELD IN TRUST For pension benefits	\$ 16,120,988	\$ 18,100,387		

"With real leadership, failure is not a crime but aiming low is.

### STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN PLAN NET ASSETS FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2009 AND 2008 (\$ IN THOUSANDS) 2008 2009 ADDITIONS CONTRIBUTIONS \$ 321,100 \$ 323,822 EMPLOYEE 753,518 EMPLOYER 729,995 TRANSFERS FROM EMPLOYEES' 2,606 3,182 RETIREMENT SYSTEM TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS 1,077,224 1,056,999 INVESTMENT INCOME NET DECREASE IN FAIR VALUE (2,083,048) (4,057,823) OF INVESTMENTS 580,656 705,555 INTEREST AND DIVIDENDS TOTAL INVESTMENT INCOME (3,352,268) FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES (1,502,392) 5,419 5,990 LESS INVESTMENT EXPENSES: NET INVESTMENT INCOME (3,358,258) FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES (1,507,811) SECURITIES LENDING INCOME 33,782 83,588 LESS SECURITIES LENDING EXPENSES: 6,685 57,695 BORROWER REBATES MANAGEMENT FEES 4,412 4,332 11,097 62,027 TOTAL SECURITIES LENDING EXPENSES NET INCOME FROM SECURITIES LENDING ACTIVITIES 22.685 21.561 TOTAL NET INVESTMENT INCOME (1,485,126) (3,336,697) TOTAL ADDITIONS (407,902) (2,279,698) DEDUCTIONS 1,512,260 1,486,871 RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE PAYMENTS RETURN OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND DEATH BENEFITS 42,337 37,317 1,767 1,683 TRANSFERS TO EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES 11,005 12,216 DEPRECIATION 4,128 578 1,571,497 1,538,665 TOTAL DEDUCTIONS **NET DECREASE** (1,979,399) (3,818,363) **NET ASSETS HELD IN TRUST** FOR PENSION BENEFITS BEGINNING OF THE YEAR 18,100,387 21,918,750 END OF THE YEAR \$ 16,120,988 \$ 18,100,387

What many leaders do is aim for something in their grasp, as opposed to reaching out." ~ David G. Bronner

## **EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM** STATEMENTS OF PLAN NET ASSETS AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2009 AND 2008

	2009	(\$ IN THOUSANDS) 2008
ASSETS	2009	2006
CASH	\$ 7,162	\$ 6,667
RECEIVABLES		
EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS	14,640	15,406
EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS	29,616	30,299
INVESTMENT SALES	8,690	-
DIVIDENDS AND INTEREST	27,166	73,095
TOTAL RECEIVABLES	80,112	118,800
		J
INVESTMENTS, AT FAIR VALUE		<b>,</b>
DOMESTIC EQUITIES	3,378,526	4,042,346
DOMESTIC FIXED INCOME	2,173,828	2,450,954
INTERNATIONAL EQUITIES	1,050,599	1,104,797
REAL ESTATE	683,221	726,105
SHORT-TERM	263,860	148,872
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	7,550,034	8,473,074
INVESTED SECURITIES LENDING COLLATERAL	1,027,835	731,431
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT		<b>,</b>
LESS ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION	54,768	52,562
TOTAL ASSETS	8,719,911	9,382,534
LIABILITIES		
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND OTHER LIABILITIES	2,993	2,367
INVESTMENT PURCHASES	8,768	-
OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS	1,310	1,031
SECURITIES LENDING COLLATERAL	1,027,835	731,431
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,040,906	734,829
NET ASSETS HELD IN TRUST For Pension Benefits	\$ 7,679,005	\$ 8,647,705
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# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (

(\$ IN THOUSANDS)

### STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN PLAN NET ASSETS FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2009 AND 2008

(\$ IN THOUSANDS)	(1	
2009 2008	2009	ADDITIONS
		CONTRIBUTIONS
,446 \$ 189,785	\$ 208,446	EMPLOYEE
,139 329,339	451,139	EMPLOYER
,767 1,683	1,767	TRANSFERS FROM TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM
68 186	68	TRANSFERS FROM JUDICIAL RETIREMENT FUND
,420 520,993	661,420	TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS
]		INVESTMENT INCOME
		FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES
,523) (1,919,746)	(1,180,523)	NET DECREASE IN FAIR VALUE – Of investments
,022 339,578	285,022	INTEREST AND DIVIDENDS
<b>,501)</b> (1,580,168	(895,501)	TOTAL INVESTMENT INCOME FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES
,651 3,747	2,651	LESS INVESTMENT EXPENSES:
,152) (1,583,915)	(898,152)	NET INVESTMENT INCOME FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES
		FROM SECURITIES LENDING ACTIVITIES
,335 38,458	15,335	SECURITIES LENDING INCOME
		LESS SECURITIES LENDING EXPENSES:
,070 26,649	3,070	BORROWER REBATES
,994 1,988	1,994	MANAGEMENT FEES
,064 28,637	5,064	TOTAL SECURITIES LENDING EXPENSES
, <b>271</b> 9,821	10,271	NET INCOME FROM SECURITIES LENDING ACTIVITIES
,881) (1,574,094)	(887,881)	TOTAL NET NVESTMENT INCOME
<b>461)</b> (1,053,101	(226,461)	TOTAL ADDITIONS
,430 655,467	695,430	DEDUCTIONS
í í	'	RETURN OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND DEATH BENEFITS
14 -	,	UNIT WITHDRAWALS
	2,606	TRANSFERS TO TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM
<b>98</b> 173		TRANSFERS TO JUDICIAL RETIREMENT FUND
	9,413	ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES
	2,038	DEPRECIATION
·	742,239	TOTAL DEDUCTIONS
· · · · ·	(968,700)	NET DECREASE
		NET ASSETS HELD IN TRUST For Pension Benefits
,705 10,401,218	8.647 705	BEGINNING OF THE YEAR
· · · · · ·		
	8,647,705 <b>\$ 7,679,005</b>	BEGINNING OF THE YEAR - END OF THE YEAR =

# (B) FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



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## STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN PLAN NET ASSETS FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2009 AND 2008

2009	2008
\$ 2,603	\$ 2,534
10,326	9,880
98	173
13,027	12,587
]	
(0.010)	(40.010)
	(46,910)
7,026	8,206
414	(38,704)
11	8
403	(38,712)
543	1,765
119	1,298
69	77
188	1,375
355	390
758	(38,322)
13,785	(25,735)
	10,326 98 13,027 (6,612) 7,026 414 11 403 543 119 69 188 355 758

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RETURN OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND DEATH BENEFIT	S 145	83
TRANSFERS TO EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM	M 68	186
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	552	526
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	24,586	23,382
NET DECREASE Net assets held in trust For pension benefits	(10,801)	(49,117)
BEGINNING OF THE YEAR	221,816	270,933
END OF THE YEAR	\$ 211,015	\$ 221,816
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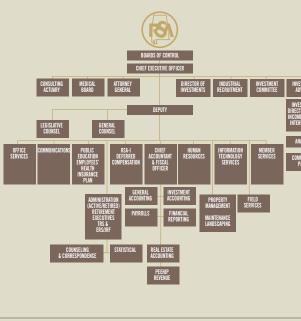
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Please visit the Retirement Systems of Alabama Web site. This site contains the new and improved Member Online Services system. All RSA members can register and easily change their address online, and add or update their phone number and email address. In addition, PEEHIP members can view their current PEEHIP coverages, update their student dependent's status, change coverages, enroll in new coverages, and/or enroll or re-enroll in flexible spending accounts during Open Enrollment.

# **ORGANIZATIONAL CHART**



# GENERAL INFORMATION (

# **MEMBER SERVICES CONTACT CENTER**

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care benefits by contacting the new Member Services

Contact Center at 877.517.0020 or 334.517.7000. You may

also send an email to member.services@rsa-al.gov .

MAP AND DIRECTIONS

## **FROM THE WEST**

Follow Highway 80 to I-65. Follow I-65 North to Montgomery. Approaching Montgomery, stay in the right-hand lane and exit onto I-85 North to Atlanta. Continue in the right-hand lane; then take the first exit, which is Court Street. 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 side 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 SOUTH**

Follow I-65 North to Montgomery. Approaching Montgomery, stay in the right-hand lane and exit onto I-85 North to Atlanta. Continue in the right-hand lane; then take the first exit, which is Court Street. 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 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.

# (S) NOTES



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