

Shared Risk Plan for Academic Employees of UNB (AESRP)

Investment Manager’s Fiscal Year-End Report

A snapshot of where your pension fund stands at June 30, 2025

AESRP RETURN (GROSS)
9.92%
AT JUNE 30, 2025
(12 MONTH PERIOD)

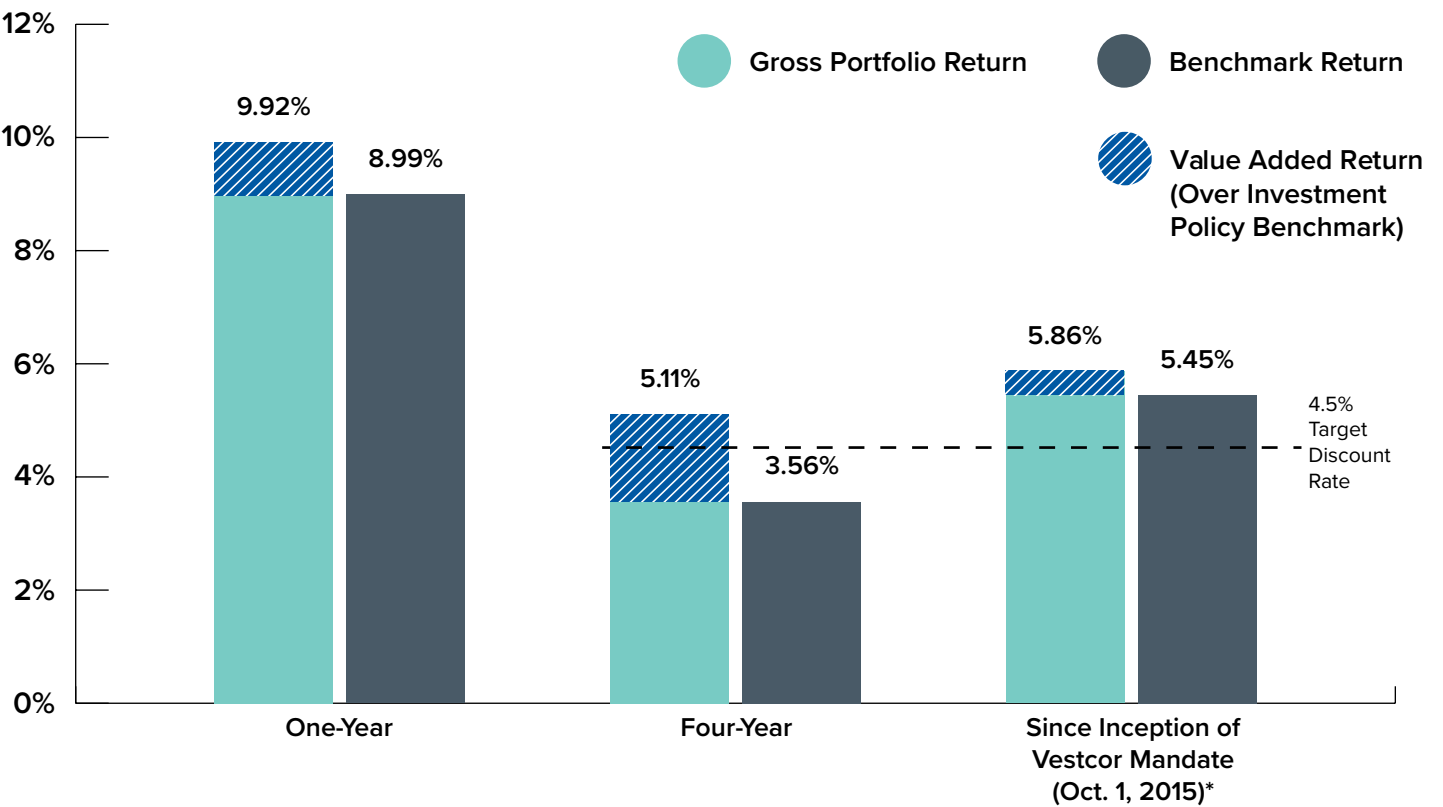
NET INCREASE OF
\$43.1 million
SINCE JUNE 30, 2024

INVESTMENT
ASSETS ARE
\$506.4 million

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INVESTMENT RETURNS (AS AT JUNE 30, 2025)



We are pleased to report that the overall investment program earned a positive return of 9.92% for the 12 months ending June 30, 2025. This resulted in approximately \$45.9 million in investment gains, which along with active member contributions, resulted in the fair value of invested assets increasing by \$43.1 million after Plan expenses and retiree benefits.

Importantly, both the four-year return of 5.11% and return since Vestcor’s investment management began on October 1, 2015 of 5.86% have continued to exceed the benchmark returns and remain in excess of the 4.50% target discount rate set by the independent actuary.

*Including assets that had yet to be transitioned to Vestcor’s management.

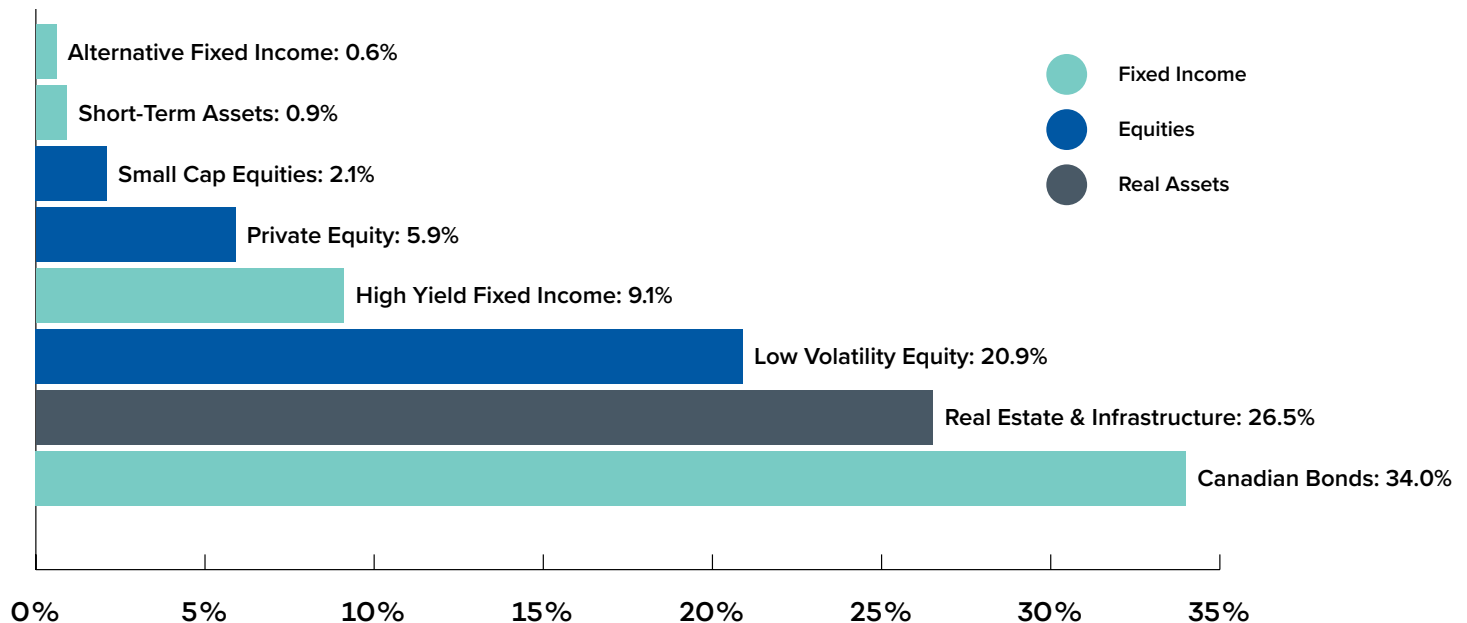
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ASSET MIX

The chart below outlines the portfolio asset mix on June 30, 2025 and illustrates how well-diversified the Plan's investment assets are.

Asset Mix Breakdown as at June 30, 2025



More information on the Board's policies can be found in the [Investment Policy](#) available at www.unb.ca/hr/pension, under "Understand your plan's governance".

MARKET SNAPSHOT

Trade negotiations and U.S. domestic macroeconomic policy continue to dominate market news headlines as of mid 2025, with continued uncertainty about the ultimate path of both tariff policy and interest rates clouding the growth, employment, and inflation outlook for investors. Despite the uncertainty, risk assets have continued to rise throughout the late spring / early summer period and overall measures of market risk have settled back into longer-term average positions as stock markets have recovered from earlier losses.

While the policy shift in early 2025 was taken as a shock by markets with significant market impacts and a large volatility spike, investors appear to be taking continued uncertainty in stride while waiting for resolution to trade negotiations, Fed policy uncertainty, and continued global geopolitical issues. Investors with diversified and lower-risk portfolios continue to weather market noise well, while remaining appropriately positioned from a liquidity perspective to take advantage of short-term dislocations where appropriate.

For more information, including a summary of the market outlook for this period, visit the Quarterly Market Updates provided by Vestcor at vestcor.org/marketupdates.

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