## **Portfolio Performance Review**

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#### In Brief

- > Total assets under management increased 12.0% in 2014 to \$7.4 billion; long-term assets increased by 12.9% to \$6.1 billion.
- > Capital markets environment remained favorable in 2014 but was again characterized by significant dispersion of returns.
- > Changes enacted over the last six years continued to generate value-add for portfolios in 2014.
- > Actual return on long-term portfolios exceeded University's Target Return by over 7% in 2014.
- 'Active' management decisions contributed approximately half of this amount.
- > Steady improvement in performance compared to Benchmark Portfolio over recent years.
- Continue to expect that a more challenging environment for investors lies ahead.

# **Annual Returns vs. University Targets**

	2014			2 - Year (2013-2014)			4 - Year (2011-2014)		
	ENDOWMENT	PENSION	EFIP	<b>ENDOWMENT</b>	PENSION	EFIP	<b>ENDOWMENT</b>	PENSION	EFIP
University Target Return <sup>1</sup>	5.6%	5.6%	1.5%	5.5%	5.5%	1.6%	5.5%	5.5%	1.8%
Benchmark Portfolio Return	9.7%	9.7%	n.a.	11.0%	11.0%	n.a.	7.7%	7.8%	n.a.
Actual Net Return <sup>2</sup>	12.9%	12.7%	2.0%	14.1%	13.9%	1.8%	9.5%	9.4%	1.9%
Assets (December 31; millions)									
2014	\$2,293	\$3,784	\$1,353						
2013	\$2,135	\$3,246	\$1,253						

#### n.a. = not applicable

- ➤ Very good year for the University as the two main portfolios earned an extra 7% over the Target Return.
- ➤ Based on beginning of year asset levels, this equates to an extra \$384mm for the University.

<sup>1</sup> For the Endowment and Pension portfolios, the target return is 4% plus inflation (CPI). For EFIP, the target return is the 365-day Canadian T-bill Index return plus 50 basis points.

<sup>2</sup> Gross return less all fees and costs including UTAM costs, external manager fees, custody costs, etc.

#### 2014 Value-Added Versus Benchmark Portfolio

2014 Performance Attribution (%)							
	Endowment	Pension					
Reference Portfolio Return (C\$)	9.67%	9.67%					
Value Added Versus Reference Portfolio							
Asset Mix Differences	-0.91%	-0.87%					
Style Tilts and Manager Selection	3.36%	3.15%					
Different FX Exposure	0.83%	0.80%					
Other	-0.06% 3.22%	-0.07% 3.01%					
Actual Portfolio Performance (C\$)	12.89%	12.67%					

- The Benchmark Portfolio (i.e., the Reference Portfolio) continued to outperform the University Target -- by more than 4% in 2014.
- > Active management decisions (net of costs) added an additional 3% to performance, especially UTAM's manager and strategy selection activities. Currency also added.

## A Steady Improvement in Value-Added

Value-Ad	Value-Add vs. Benchmark Portfolio								
	LTCAP	Pension							
2009	-1.72%	-1.57%							
2010	-0.14%	0.11%							
2011	0.40%	0.35%							
2012	0.90%	0.62%							
2013	2.92%	2.71%							
2014	3.22%	3.10%							

- ➤ Value-added has steadily improved each year since 2008. Last two years have been extremely strong.
- ➤ Reflects restructuring of portfolios in early 2012, the addition of experienced personnel and the development of enhanced infrastructure at UTAM.

### **Portfolio Asset Mix**

	Endov	vment	Pen	Reference	
(AS AT DECEMBER 31)	2013	2014	2013	2014	Portfolio
Canadian Equity <sup>1</sup>	15.8%	16.1%	15.8%	16.1%	16.0%
US Equity <sup>1</sup>	18.0%	17.8%	18.1%	17.8%	18.0%
Int'l Developed Markets Equity <sup>1</sup>	16.3%	15.7%	16.3%	15.7%	16.0%
Emerging Markets Equity <sup>1</sup>	10.1%	9.9%	10.1%	10.0%	16.0%
Credit <sup>1</sup>	18.8%	20.0%	18.8%	20.0%	20.0%
Rates <sup>1</sup>	10.8%	10.2%	11.1%	10.6%	20.0%
Other (including cash and notional offsets) <sup>2</sup>	10.2%	10.2%	9.9%	9.7%	0.0%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Cash (actual) <sup>3</sup>	5.9%	17.6%	6.0%	17.0%	
Portfolio Value (millions)	\$2,135	\$2,293	\$3,246	\$3,784	

- ➤ No major changes in asset mix in 2014; generally in line with Reference Portfolio.
- > Continued to underweight government bonds in 2014.

### **Public Markets Returns**

		(ве	fore Fees)					
	(Periods Ending December 31)							Cum.
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2008-14
Canadian Equity	-33.0%	35.1%	17.6%	-8.7%	7.2%	13.0%	10.6%	30.1%
U. S. Equity	-37.0%	26.5%	15.1%	2.1%	16.0%	32.4%	13.7%	63.4%
nt'l Developed Markets Equity	-40.3%	24.7%	4.8%	-12.2%	17.3%	26.9%	5.9%	8.2%
Emerging Markets	-45.9%	62.3%	14.1%	-12.7%	17.0%	3.4%	5.2%	11.2%
Canadian Corporate Bonds	0.2%	16.3%	7.3%	8.2%	6.2%	0.8%	7.6%	56.0%
Canadian Government Bonds	9.0%	1.6%	6.5%	10.2%	2.6%	-2.0%	9.3%	42.9%
JSDCAD	25.1%	-15.1%	-5.2%	2.5%	-2.2%	6.7%	9.0%	17.4%
EURCAD	18.9%	-12.3%	-11.4%	-0.8%	-0.7%	11.5%	-4.3%	-2.9%

- ➤ Equity markets performance more varied in 2014; fixed income performance better than most, including UTAM, initially expected.
- Currency hedging policy a more important factor in 2014 (e.g., less USD hedging increased returns).

## **Private Investment Returns**

Actual Alternative Asset Returns (Local) <sup>1</sup> (After Fees)									
		(Periods Ending December 31)						Cum.	
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2008-14	
Private Investments	1.5%	-1.2%	20.2%	14.8%	12.8%	13.8%	15.4%	105.0%	
Buyout	-0.2%	-9.7%	25.5%	14.9%	15.0%	14.2%	16.4%	98.7%	
Distressed	-7.3%	15.8%	17.6%	8.1%	16.6%	15.0%	14.6%	109.8%	
Venture	19.9%	-6.9%	2.4%	27.4%	-12.6%	4.0%	11.3%	47.4%	
Real Assets	-2.9%	-18.0%	13.1%	9.0%	7.1%	11.6%	19.2%	39.8%	
Real Estate & Infrastructure	-1.4%	-26.2%	15.3%	12.5%	9.5%	14.7%	24.3%	47.2%	
Commodities	-8.9%	-0.8%	8.8%	1.8%	2.1%	5.3%	10.2%	18.6%	

<sup>1.</sup> Endowment Returns. Pension Returns substantially similar.

- > Private markets results were again quite strong in 2014.
- >Longer term performance has also been quite attractive versus Public Market equities.

## **Asset Segment Returns**

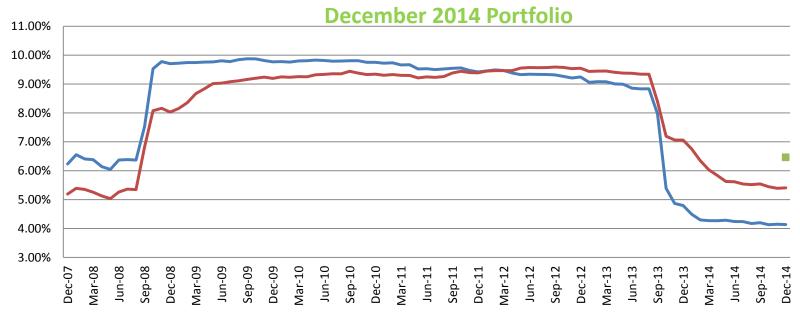
(12 months ending December)	Endowment			Per	nsion	
	Portfolio	Portfolio Benchmark		Portfolio	Benchmark	
Canadian Equity	10.8%	10.6%		10.2%	10.6%	
US Equity (USD)	14.7%	13.7%		14.8%	13.7%	
EAFE Equity (local)	14.4%	5.9%		14.4%	5.9%	
Emerging Markets Equity (USD)	4.9%	-2.2%		4.4%	-2.2%	
Credit	7.1%	7.6%		7.1%	7.6%	
Rates	9.8%	9.3%		9.8%	9.3%	
Absolute Return(local) <sup>1</sup>	11.8%	9.3%		11.6%	9.3%	

<sup>1.</sup> Benchmark Index for Absolute Return is FTSE TMX Government Bond Total Return Index

- Most areas outperformed the public markets benchmark; some quite strongly.
- > Canadian public markets' equity and credit managers posted slight underperformance versus their benchmarks.

#### Portfolio Risk vs. Reference Portfolio

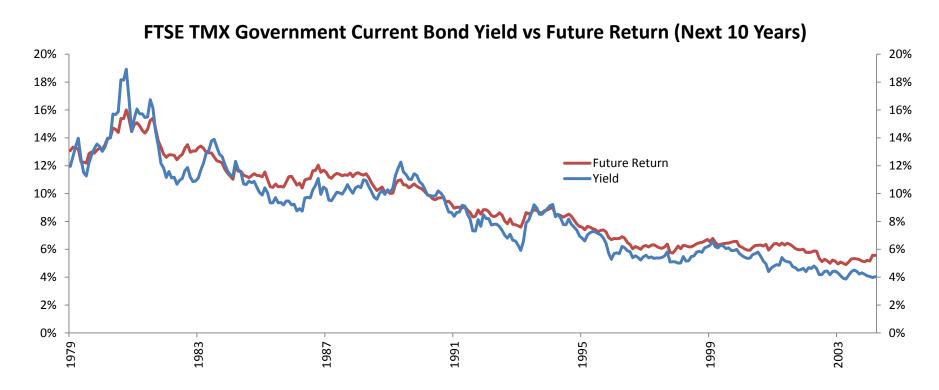




- Chart examines one measure of risk volatility.
- > Comparison indicates progress made over last few years in reducing risk measured on this basis.
- > December 2014 level highlights gap between risk measured with and without the dampening effect of private investments. Current portfolio position fully utilizes 'active' risk budget.

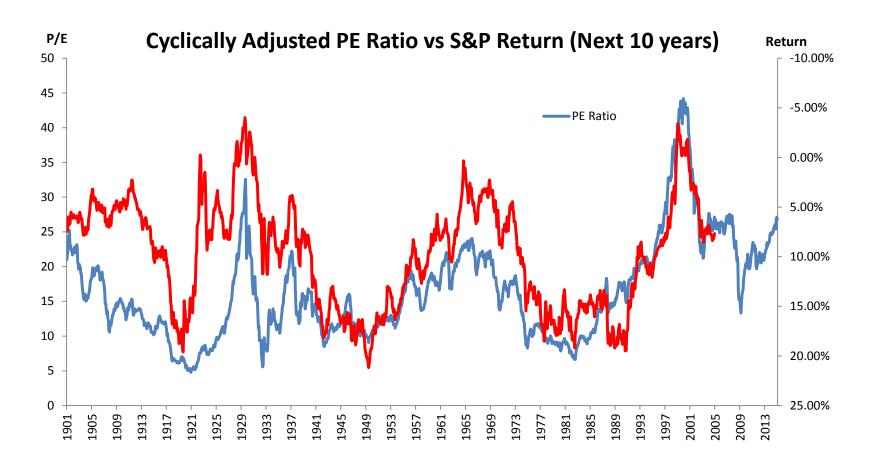
# A Challenging Investment Environment

- Traditional Fixed Income Investments Likely To Provide Disappointing Returns -



- ➤ As the chart illustrates, yield levels provide a reasonable estimate of returns to be earned over the next 10 years.
- ➤ At the current level (1.5%), government bonds provide not only meager return prospects but also quite limited protection against inflation and/or market and economic turbulence.

## **Understanding the Challenges Ahead**



- > Cyclically adjusted price / earnings ratio of US market a useful indicator of likely future returns; level now higher than 90% of history.
- Current US equity market valuations suggest both higher risk and considerably more moderate returns ahead (a simple model suggests 4.5% to 7% nominal return).

#### **Current Investment Environment**

- Little change in UTAM's outlook.
- ➤ Near term, developed markets' environment remains characterized by continuing low interest rates, low inflation and moderate economic growth.
- ➤ Emerging markets backdrop should remain stronger but with meaningful performance dispersion among these countries.
- ➤ At normal valuation levels, would generally suggest a favorable environment for equity markets and a benign one for bonds.
- > But valuations for many financial assets are not compelling, except in relation to a cash alternative.
- Valuations also imply little cushion against unexpected shocks.
- ➤ Although considerable potential for short-term volatility, viewed with a longerterm perspective, the most likely scenario for investors is a period of generally low asset returns.
- In this environment, additional return earned through 'active' portfolio management will be even more valuable.