

## **TRUSTEE REPORT**

# UNIVERSITY OF JOHANNESBURG PENSION FUND

DECEMBER 2015 «







#### University of Johannesburg Pension Fund Annual Trustees' Report as at 31 December 2015

#### Message from the Chairman

Make it your goal to know about retirement planning and how it affects you. Learn more about your savings and the steps you can take now to meet your dreams in the future. This will allow you to own your retirement plan by contributing what you need to reach the retirement income you want.

Your retirement journey is yours and yours alone. Empower yourself to start thinking about your future differently. Avoid dipping into your retirement savings or withdrawing cash when you change jobs so that you can gain more at retirement.

Consider speaking to a financial adviser this year to make a plan on how to own your retirement.

Mr. J van Schoor Chairman

#### Fund Matters

#### Take control of your financial future with AF Online

Become proactive in your retirement planning with AF Online – a website where you can find realtime information about your retirement savings to keep up to date with your investments and benefits. AF Online gives you easy access to the financial tools and information you need to help you secure your financial well-being. All members of the University of Johannesburg Pension Fund can register for access at <u>www.afonline.co.za</u>.

#### **Benefit statements**

Every year you receive a benefit statement detailing the contributions paid to the Fund on your behalf and the values of your withdrawal, death, disability and retirement benefits at the date of the statement. This statement is sent directly to you via an e-mail from Infoslips. You can use the information on your Benefit Statement to make sure you're on track for the retirement you want. Check your details carefully and use the contact details at the end of this report to report any errors. You would also notice that we have also reflected other benefits you might be entitle to from various UJ Policies on your statement to provide you with a more holistic view of the benefits you enjoy.

#### Pension Fund Website

As we have communicated to you earlier this year, a website has been launched for the Fund. The website contains useful information and links regarding Fund benefits, investments and much more. The website address is: <u>http://pension.uj.mobi/</u>

#### **Communication Sessions**

The Fund hosts various sessions for members including member education sessions, preretirement seminars, an AGM and sessions providing updates on Fund benefits and the performance of the Fund's investments. The dates for these sessions are on the Fund's website. You will also receive email reminders for these sessions.

Please contact the Principal Officer if you have any suggestions or comments regarding the communication sessions.

#### Your Board of Trustees

A Board of Trustees manages your retirement Fund. Your employer chooses the Employerappointed Trustees, while the members choose the Member-elected Trustees.

#### The Trustees have a duty to:

- take reasonable steps to make sure your interests in the Fund are always protected
- act with care, diligence and in good faith
- act with fairness towards all members and beneficiaries
- make sure you get the right information at the right time.

The following Trustees make up your retirement Fund's Board:

Chairperson	Mr J van Schoor
Principal Officer	Ms E Vanrenen-Linford
Employer-appointed	Dr M Singh
Trustees	Mr F Cooper
	Prof A Boessenkool
	Mr J van Schoor
Member-elected Trustees	Mr E Bascerano
	Prof A Dempsey
	Ms M de Wet
	Mr C Anschutz

The Rules of the Fund stipulate that the term of office for Member-elected Trustees is four years. Elections are held as and when required to replace Member-elected Trustees whose terms of office has expired. Please participate by nominating and electing Member-elected Trustees when invited to do so by the Fund.

#### Your Fund's service providers

The Trustees need expert advice to make sure they are managing your retirement money in the best way possible. The following companies have been appointed by your Trustees to help them manage your Fund:

Service	Provider	Function
Actuaries and Consultants	Alexander Forbes Financial Services	These are the mathematical and financial experts who perform the necessary calculations, such as benefit calculations, and who also make sure that your Fund is in a sound financial position. They also advise the Trustees on the management of the Fund, including the investment strategy.
Administrators	Alexander Forbes Financial Services	The Fund's administrators handle all the day-to-day administrative duties of the Fund. They make sure contributions are received on time, benefits are paid out, new members are registered, and so on.
Auditors	PricewaterhouseCoopers	The auditors examine the Fund's financial statements once a year to make sure the Fund's financial situation is above board and that the information reported in the financial statements is correct and accurate.
Bankers	Standard Bank	This is the bank where the Fund holds its accounts, from which, and into which, Fund money is paid.

#### Membership Movement

The following tables show you the membership movements for the year under review:

Active members as at 1 January 2015	2 109
New members	281
Transfers from other funds	14
Less:	
Withdrawals	131
Retirements	15
Deaths	4
Active members as at 31 December 2015	2 254

The membership has increased from 1 721 members at 1 January 2012, to 2 254 members at 31 December 2015

Financial Statements

The following are extracts from the audited financial statements for the period ended 31 December 2015:

#### Statement of Net Assets and Funds as at 31 December 2015:

R	R
4 5 40 500 400	4 000 770 444
1 548 528 490	1 306 778 111
7 500	5 983
19 532 511	11 967 927
5 768 054	6 991 233
<u>1 573 836 555</u>	<u>1 325 743 254</u>
1 544 048 059	1 294 168 565
1 420 706	3 075 097
2 963 486	2 447 957
17 400 969	12 283 075
1 565 833 220	1 311 974 694
	4 000 444
•	4 230 114
318 946	2 809 500
	19 532 511 5 768 054 <u>1 573 836 555</u> 1 573 836 555 1 544 048 059 1 420 706 2 963 486 17 400 969

	2015 R	2014 R
Current liabilities		
Benefits payable	6 406 448	4 119 593
Accounts payable	1 277 941	2 609 353
Total funds and liabilities	1 573 836 555	<u>1 325 743 254</u>

#### Statement of Changes for Net Assets and Funds for the period ended 31 December 2015:

	Accumulated	Surplus and	Total current	Total previous
	funds	reserves	period	period
	R	R	R	R
Contributions received				
and accrued	170 720 970	7 355 114	178 076 084	141 293 606
Reinsurance proceeds	0	4 960 050	4 960 050	64 992
Net investment income	142 034 325	1 438 706	143 473 031	117 957 959
Net income before				
expenses	312 755 295	13 753 870	326 509 165	259 335 036
Less:				
Reinsurance premiums	0	7 355 114	7 355 114	7 342 071
Administration				
expenses	2 104 177	0	2 104 177	2 031 620
Net income before				
transfers and benefits	310 651 118	6 398 756	317 049 874	249 961 345
Transfers and benefits				
Transfers from other				
funds	19 017 719	0	19 017 719	43 868 785
Transfers to other funds	(3 083 000)	0	(3 083 000)	0
Benefits	(76 540 660)	(4 774 223)	(81 314 883)	(66 949 277)
Net income before	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	, , ,	
funds and reserves	250 045 177	1 624 533	251 669 710	226 880 853
Funds and reserves				
Balance at beginning of				
period	1 297 243 662	14 731 032	1 311 974 694	1 090 126 626
Net income before net				
investment return				
allocated	1 547 288 839	16 355 565	1 563 644 404	1 317 007 479
Net investment return				
allocated				
Benefits payable current				
members	(397 740)	0	(397 740)	(4 153 021)
Unclaimed benefits	(116 410)	0	(116 410)	(252 454)
Transfers to other funds	(1 527 148)	0	(1 527 148)	0
Surplus accounts	(591 449)	211 416	(380 033)	(267 030)
Employers surplus	(001110)	10	(000 000)	(_0. 000)
apportionment	0	0	0	(360 280)
Member surplus	Ŭ	Ŭ		(300 200)
apportionment	(2 456 943)	2 456 943	0	0
	(= .00010)		•	- · · · ·

The Total Expense Ratio for the Fund over the year ending 31 December 2015 was 0.6072% - Please note that your individual expense ratio will differ based on your Fund Credit value.

	Accumulated funds	Surplus and reserves	Total current period	Total previous period
Transfer between reserve accounts and				
Member Individual				
Accounts	(1 340 531)	1 340 531	0	0
Member surplus account				
	0	0	0	0
Allocations to/(from) surplus accounts for				
transfers to other funds	4 610 147	0	4 610 147	0
Balance at end of period	1 545 468 765	20 364 455	1 565 833 220	1 311 974 694

#### Enhanced Financial Assessment

The Enhanced Financial Assessment is prepared quarterly to set out the allocation of the contributions to the Fund and to investigate and report on the financial position of the Fund. The financial assessment is done in order to determine the level of solvency of the Fund and to compare the total assets of the fund with the total liabilities. The Fund is solvent when the value of the assets exceeds the value of the liabilities, i.e. a funding level of 100% or greater. The funding level of the fund at 31 December 2015 was 100.24%.

#### Economic Commentary

The first quarter of 2016 saw the unwelcome return of the market volatility and uncertainty that had plagued the markets for most of 2015. A 13-year low oil price in January, coupled with renewed fears around China's slowing growth, resulted in one of the worst starts to a new year for global markets.

Slower growth in emerging markets, falling commodity prices, and rising interest rates resulted in the International Monetary Fund cutting its global economic forecast for 2016 by 0.2% to 3.4%.

Fast forward to the end of the quarter and we have:

- much higher commodity prices
- a less aggressive increasing interest rate hike cycle in the United States
- more economic stimulus from the central banks of China, Europe and Japan.

#### Our local outlook

- The much anticipated Budget speech: Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan revealed plans for reducing government spending, raising taxes and consolidating the public sector wage bill to increase growth and avoid South African debt being downgraded to junk status.
- Slowing economic growth: Downward revisions for local economic growth this year point to a weakening and slowing economy. A 0.8% growth rate would be the weakest rate since the 2009 recession.
- Further interest rate hikes expected: The latest comments from the South African Reserve Bank point to further interest rate hikes this year to keep inflation below the targeted 6%.

#### Market performance

Global shares delivered muted positive returns, as the volatility in January allowed for recovery from late February as risk appetite increased. Emerging markets recovered as investors reacted positively to the news of further economic stimulus (China, Japan, Europe) and a slower than expected monetary policy tightening in the United States. Japan's markets were the worst performers of the quarter.

Emerging market shares outperformed developed world ones. The rand appreciated, benefiting from dollar and euro weakness, increased risk appetite for emerging markets and two interest rate hikes. The strengthening rand was good news for local importers and investor sentiment, but affected the performance of rand hedge stocks and global assets negatively. The resources sector (gold) and listed property accounted for local shares ending the quarter on a positive note.

Asset classes	Index	1 month	3 months	1 year	3 years	5 years
Local shares	FTSE/JSE All Share Index	6.4%	3.9%	3.2%	12.8%	13.6%
Listed properties	SA Property Index (SAPI)	9.5%	10.1%	4.6%	14.4%	19.8%
Local bonds	All Bond Index (ALBI)	2.6%	6.6%	-0.6%	4.0%	7.8%
Inflation- linked bonds	Inflation-Linked Bond Index	1.0%	2.2%	5.7%	5.2%	9.6%
Local cash	STeFI Index	0.5%	1.5%	5.9%	5.2%	5.2%
Global shares	MSCI All Countries World Index	0.1%	-4.7%	16.8%	24.2%	23.6%
Global bonds	Citi WGBI	-4.3%	1.6%	28.6%	17.6%	18.2%

Asset class returns for periods ended 31 March 2016:

\* The returns for the global asset classes have been converted from dollars to rands

#### Sources: INET BFA, DataStream, Bloomberg

#### Your Fund's investment performance

All the money in the Fund makes up the Fund's assets. To make the Fund's assets grow, your Trustees appoint investment managers to invest the money. If markets perform well, the Fund's assets can earn good investment returns but if the markets perform poorly, the investment returns earned can be poor and you could lose money in the short term. However, remember that retirement saving is a long-term investment.

The following table gives you the gross percentage return earned on your Fund's assets:

Invested in the following portfolios	Returns earned quarter to 31 March 2016	Returns earned 1 year to 31 March 2016	Returns earned 3 years to 31 March 2016
UJ Wealth Creation	3.2%	10.5%	13.3%
CPI+7%	4.5%	13.3%	12.5%
UJ Wealth Preservation	3.0%	6.4%	9.5%
CPI+5%	4.0%	11.3%	10.5%
UJ Capital Guarantee	1.8%	9.3%	12.5%
CPI+3.5%	3.7%	9.8%	9.0%
UJ Capital Protection	2.6%	3.3%	7.0%
CPI+3%	3.6%	9.3%	8.5%
UJ Money Market	1.8%	7.1%	6.5%
CPI+1.5%	3.3%	7.8%	7.0%

\*Annualised returns

Please note: The most recent returns for 31 March 2016 are provided to keep you abreast with the performance of the portfolios you are invested in. The overall "Fund return" after deducting all expenses, costs and fees for the period 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2015 was 9.80%.

#### Legislative Changes

#### How reform changes affect you

Retirement reform has been on the horizon for a few years to encourage a better savings culture in South Africa and address issues in the retirement system. This year on 1 March a number of changes went ahead as part of retirement reform. Here's a list of the changes and how they will affect you.

#### 1. Tax deductions are the same for all retirement fund contributions

The new tax law that came into effect on 1 March 2016 will allow you a tax deduction for all your combined retirement fund contributions. The tax benefit is up to 27.5% of the greater of taxable income or remuneration, up to a maximum of R350 000 per year.

#### 2. Estate duty will apply to after-tax contributions to funds

With effect from 1 January 2016, any amount contributed to a retirement annuity fund or to a pension or provident fund after 1 March 2015, which was not tax deductible will be estate deductible in the estate of a person who died on or after 1 January 2016.

#### Take note!

Keep this change in mind when you're doing your estate planning with your financial adviser.

#### 3. Options at retirement for pension fund members

Pension fund members must use two-thirds of their retirement benefit to buy a pension – this applies before and after 1 March 2016. So nothing has changed for pension fund members, except that they don't have to buy a pension if their total retirement savings is less than R247 500.

#### The government has put these changes on hold until 1 March 2018:

- 1. Tax-free transfers from pension to provident funds
- 2. Provident fund members to use two-thirds of their retirement savings to buy a pension at retirement

For more information, visit National Treasury's page on retirement reform: <a href="http://www.treasury.gov.za/publications/RetirementReform">www.treasury.gov.za/publications/RetirementReform</a>

#### Rule amendments

Retirement fund Rules must be registered under the *Pension Funds Act* and approved under the *Income Tax Act*. Changes made to the Rules are called amendments and must be registered and approved by the Financial Services Board (FSB).

No Rule Amendments have been registered during the period under review. The Trustees have however reviewed and consolidated the Rules. These Rules have been submitted to the Financial Services Board for approval.

The current Rules of the Fund have been uploaded on the UJ Intranet pages for the Fund. You can also view the Rules by appointment at the Fund's registered address which is:

University of Johannesburg Auckland Park Kingsway Campus Cnr University and Kingsway Avenue Auckland Park If you have any questions, comments or suggestions about the Fund, your benefits, investments or any other Fund-related issues, please contact one of your Trustees or your Principal Officer.

The Fund's Principal Officer is Ms Evette Vanrenen-Linford. You can email all of your questions to <u>evettevl@uj.ac.za</u>.

The UJ HR representative dealing with pension fund matters is Ms Maggie Langedyk. You are welcome to contact her on 011 559 3643 or email <u>magteldl@uj.ac.za</u>.

You can also contact Alexander Forbes' dedicated UJ call centre line. The number is 0860 042 837.

Fund name	University of Johannesburg Pension Fund
Registered address	University of Johannesburg
	Auckland Park Kingsway Campus
	Cnr University and Kingsway Avenue
	Auckland Park
Financial Services Board registration number	12/8/37763

The Trustees of the Fund aim to make sure members are confident in the Fund and its service providers. According to the Fund's complaints policy, a written complaint should be lodged with the office of the Principal Officer. You will be notified of the receipt of your complaint within 72 hours. The steps taken on your complaint as well as the expected date of resolution of your complaint will be made known to you. The final outcome of the complaint will be advised four weeks from the date the complaint has been lodged.

If, however, you are not satisfied with the outcome, you can lodge a complaint with:

Pension Funds Adjudicator Telephone: 087 942 2700 Fax: 087 942 2644 Email: enquiries-jhb@pfa.org.za

FAIS Ombud Telephone: 012 470 9080 Fax: 012 348 3447 Email: info@faisombud

All complaints from the office of the Pension Funds Adjudicator will be referred to the Fund's consultant or Alexander Forbes Legal Department.

If there are any conflicts between the information in this Trustees' report and the official Rules of the Fund, the Rules of the Fund will always apply.

The *Financial Advisory and Intermediary Services (FAIS) Act* came into effect in 2004. The *FAIS Act* gives you protection against poor advice, and will help prevent scam operators selling you a bogus "financial" product.

In terms of the Act, anyone and any institution selling a financial product or giving you financial advice for a fee or commission must, in dealing with you, meet certain minimum requirements; behave honourably, professionally and with due diligence; provide you with appropriate advice and be subject to disciplinary procedures if they do not adhere to the *FAIS Act*.

The legislation, however, does not mean that people with ill-intent will not try to con you. You still have an obligation to protect yourself, and to make sure the person or institution giving you advice or selling you a financial product is properly licensed and behaves according to the law.

Questions to ask your financial planner and broker:

Are you registered with the Financial Services Board as a Financial Services Provider (FSP)?
Do you have indemnity insurance?

- •Which company's products are you licensed to sell?
- •What are your qualifications?
- •Will you do a financial analysis for me?

•Will you provide me with my risk profile?

- •How will you be paid and how much? What other incentives do you receive?
- •How often will I see you?

It is strongly advised that you discuss the various options available to you upon withdrawal with your financial planner. If you do not have a financial planner, you are welcome to visit the Financial Planning Institute's website, www.fpi.co.za for a list of accredited financial planners in your area.

Alternatively, you may contact the administrators, Alexander Forbes, on the dedicated call centre line for the university. The number is: **0860 042 837.** 

You may also contact Marlise Kotze, a certified financial planner (CFP) from Alexander Forbes, who has been assigned to the university's Funds. Her email address is kotzema@aforbes.co.za. She is not remunerated by the Fund and earns commission.

### The Trustees specifically record that it remains the sole responsibility of each member to seek professional advice and any advice or communication between an adviser, planner, broker and member remains a personal matter for the member.

**DISCLAIMER:** Please note that while every care has been taken in compiling this report, any dispute regarding the interpretation of conditions will be settled in accordance with the official Rules of the Fund, provisions of the *Pension Funds Act* and the relevant policies of insurance.

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