

Contributions

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Market Commentary

(for the quarter ending March 31, 2009)

The global economic environment remained unsettled in the first quarter of 2009 and equity markets reacted with continued volatility. Economic and financial stories typically led the daily news during the quarter and painted a picture of a weakening economy characterized by rising unemployment, a declining real estate market, and falling levels of consumer confidence. Amid this scenario, many former icons of the global banking and insurance industries have either ceased to exist, or have required government assistance to remain in operation. Canada is the only G-7 country that has not directed funds from the public purse into its banks.

Currency was again a factor, as the Canadian dollar rose versus foreign notes, resulting in currency losses for unhedged investors. For the first two months of 2009, equity markets declined sharply, followed by a rally in March.

Info Tech and Materials were the top performers in the Canadian equity market while Utilities and Industrials performed the worst. U.S. equity performance was led by the Info Tech sector with Financials and Industrials being the worst performing sectors of the quarter.

Non-North American (NNA) equity performance was negatively impacted by currency fluctuations. Only three of twenty-one countries in this asset class posted positive results and all sectors were in negative territory.

Short and mid term bond issues did well, responding to lower Bank of Canada rates, while long term bond returns were flat. The Bank of Canada lowered the overnight rate to 0.5% while the U.S. Federal Reserve target range for the Federal Funds rate remained unchanged at 0% to 0.25%.

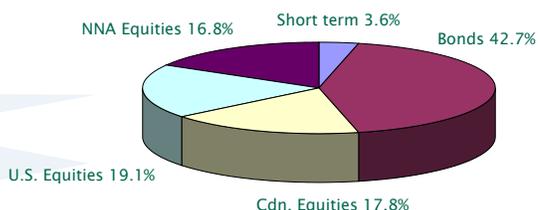
The equity market rebound at the end of the quarter improved investor confidence somewhat but it remains fragile. The quarter end rally in the

Asset class	Index return (%)	SPP CF return (%)
Canadian Equities S&P/TSX Capped Composite Index	-2.0	-7.0
U.S. Equities S&P 500 Index (C\$)	-9.3	-7.0
NNA Equities MSCI EAFE Index (C\$)	-12.3	-8.0
Bonds DEX Universe Bond Index	1.5	1.4

equity market supports the philosophy that investors must hold to their long term asset mix strategy even when markets offer a rough ride. This ensures reaping the full benefit of returns when markets improve rather than playing the much riskier market timing game. Experts are not yet willing to predict when the current turbulence will end but do agree that the actions taken by governments around the world will be successful at restoring consumer and investor confidence which will in turn improve investment returns.

The contribution fund (CF) return for the first quarter was -3.8% after administration expenses.

Contribution Fund Portfolio
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