

# Balanced Pension Fund (B)

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## Diversify With Ease

Net Asset Value:	\$1.75
Assets:	\$4M
Inception:	Nov-12

### PERFORMANCE

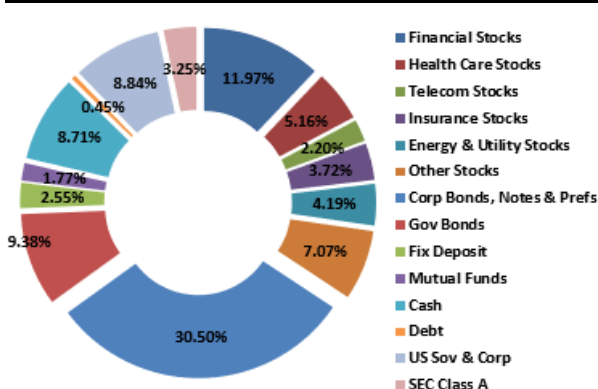
	Fund	Benchmark*
1 Month	0.51%	0.63%
3 Month	1.54%	1.22%
1Yr	5.60%	7.03%
3Yr	8.35%	7.81%
5yr	7.12%	5.39%

\* Blended Index: 60% current Bahamas Prime Rate and 40% BISX All Share Index

### INVESTMENT EXPOSURE

CORP. BONDS, NOTES & PREFS.	30.50%
FINANCIAL STOCKS	11.97%
GOVERNMENT BONDS	9.38%
CASH + Cash Equivalents	8.71%
HEALTH CARE STOCKS	5.16%

### ALLOCATION



*Fidelity Balanced Pension Fund (B) is a sub fund of the Bahamas Opportunities umbrella investment fund. The asset allocation shown is subject to change without notice and at the discretion of the investment manager, subject to the restrictions outlined in the fund's offering documents. Past performance doesn't guarantee future success.*

In Q3 2024 the Fund's NAV increased by 1.54% which overperformed benchmark at 1.22%. Over the last year the Fund returned 5.60% vs 7.03% for the benchmark, but over the last 5 years, the Fund has averaged 7.12% per annum versus 5.39% for the benchmark.

Currently 39.17% of the Fund's portfolio is invested in the Targeted Equity Fund, 60.52% in the Prime Income Fund, and 0.31% in cash. The target allocation is 40% equities and 60% fixed income, so the fund is effectively in line with the target.

The stars in Q3 were BPF, EMA, and CBB which increased by 20.00%, 19.70%, and 14.10% respectively. The underperformers in Q3 were CAB, BOB, and BFH which declined by -7.14%, -6.68% and -4.98% respectively.

The Prime Income Fund has been making major investments into investments such as U.S. Treasuries, U.S. investment-grade corporate bonds, Cable Bahamas preference shares, FOCOL Holdings preference shares, and, more recently, the Bahamas Grid Company offering. We expect a significant increase in performance from the US fixed income in the fund as the FED decreased the interest rates by 0.5% in Q3 and another 0.25% so far in Q4. This trend is expected to continue into 2025 which is good news for our existing holdings.

We expect the tourism sector to remain healthy through 2025 and local equities to generate total returns of 7-9%.

