Strategic Growth Pension Fund

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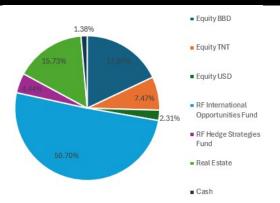
Net Asset Value:	\$1.10
Assets:	\$4.71M
Inception:	Dec-08

PEFORMANCE		
	Fund	Benchmark*
1 Month	-0.45%	-1.90%
3 Month	0.09%	-2.03%
1Yr	3.60%	8.96%
3Yr	-2.43%	5.15%
5Yr	1.29%	4.14%

* Index 50% MSCI All Country Index and 50% BSE Composite

TOP FIVE HOLDINGS	
RF US INT'L OPPORTUNITIES FUND	50.70%
REAL ESTATE	15.73%
MASSY HOLDINGS LIIMITED	6.49%
GODDARD ENTERPRISE LIMITED	5.71%
FIRSTCARIBBEAN INTERNATIONAL BANK	4.68%

ALLOCATION



The Strategic Growth Fund is a sub fund of the RF Investment Fund the umbrella company. 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.

Adapting to a Changing Market Environment

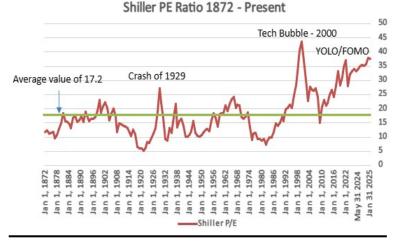
December was a tough month for US equities and the fund declined by 0.45% but the fund outperformed the benchmark in both December and Q4.

The Fund's two largest exposures are US equities and USD fixed income via the two mutual fund holdings. The S&p 500 is trading at P/E ratio of 30 which implies an earnings yield of 3.3%(100/30). Meanwhile the US 10 yr treasury is yielding 4.62%, which implies that the S&P 500 is now the risk-free asset! The investment world is upside down.

The S&P 500 Shiller CAPE Ratio ("CAPE") is a variation of the P/E ratio adjusted to remove the effect of cyclicality. The chart below shows the history of the CAPE which hit 37.65X at the end of January 2025, which is the second highest level in history. The other times CAPE hit significant highs was January 1929-27.08x (stock market crash of 1929), January 2000–43.77x (Tech Bubble), and January 2022–36.94x (YOLO & FO-MO effect of Covid-19). The fact that all these highs were in January is rather ominous.

To reduce downside risk, the USD equity fund has added longshort hedge exposure while the USD fixed income fund is investing in short duration US T-Bills and fixed rate private credit securities.

Regarding regional equities the key drag on performance in 2024 was Trinidadian stocks, but in early 2025 they have rebounded.



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