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Florida Retirement System Pension Plan Posts Fiscal Year Returns ~ Seventh straight years of positive returns, second longest streak in history of FRS ~

Tallahassee, FL – The State Board of Administration of Florida released preliminary investment performance figures for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016 showing the FRS Pension Plan earning 0.61%, beating its benchmark by 71 basis points and ending the year with a market value of \$141.42 billion.

Real Estate, Private Equity and Fixed Income asset classes were the highest performers, earning 12.66%, 7.36%, and 4.35% respectively. Strategic Investments, Cash & Cash Equivalents, and Global Equity each earned 1.83%, 0.33%, and -3.09% respectively.

“The positive net returns show the value of diversification, our success in controlling costs, and the prudence and patience of sticking to the fund’s long-term investment plan in a challenging year,” said Ash Williams, Executive Director and Chief Investment Officer. “This year’s return results in the second longest streak of positive returns for the fund in the past four decades. Additionally, we are very pleased with the team of qualified employees at the SBA. Without the value added by our staff, the fund’s return would have been negative for the year.”

	Managed Return	Benchmark Return	Value Added
One-Year	0.61%	(0.11%)	0.71%
Three-Year	6.98%	6.12%	0.86%
Five-Year	6.79%	5.90%	0.89%
Ten-Year	5.86%	5.27%	0.59%
Fifteen-Year	5.93%	5.46%	0.47%
Twenty-Year	7.29%	6.83%	0.46%
Twenty Five-Year	8.39%	8.06%	0.33%
Thirty-Year	8.45%	8.52%	(0.07%)

Florida Retirement System Investment Plan

The FRS Investment Plan, established to provide Florida’s public employees with a flexible alternative to the traditional pension plan, also posted year-end gains in returns and participation. The one-year return based on aggregate employee fund selection was -0.88% versus a benchmark of -0.36%. The benchmark is based on the weighted aggregate of the performance of various indices representing each member’s chosen asset allocation.

As one of the top ten public defined contributions plans in the United States, during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, 22% of newly hired employees elected to join the Investment Plan, and 4,504 Pension Plan members used their second election to switch to the Investment Plan resulting in a record high 169,576 member accounts. The Plan’s year-end assets were \$8.91 billion.

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The State Board of Administration is a body of Florida’s state government that provides a variety of investment services to various governmental entities. These include managing the assets of the Florida Retirement System, the Local Government Surplus Funds Trust Fund (Florida PRIME), the Hurricane Catastrophe Fund, and over 30 other mandates.