



**Washington State
Investment Board**

**WSIB Performance Update
Select Committee on Pension Policy**



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Our Mission



Invest with integrity, prudence, and skill to meet or exceed the financial objectives of those we serve.



Organizational Structure



- Board comprised of 15 members
 - 10 voting
 - 5 non-voting

- 74 staff

- Approximately 120 investment managers under contract

	Appointment Authority	Name	Position
10 Voting	Ex-Officio	Jim McIntire	State Treasurer
		Steve Hill	Director, DRS
		Judy Schurke	Director, Labor & Industries
	Senate President	Lisa Brown	State Senator
	House Speaker	Sharon Tomiko Santos	State Representative
	Governor	Mason Petit	Active Member, PERS
		George Masten	Retired Member, PERS
Superintendent of Public Instruction	Patrick McElligott, Acting Chair	Active Member, LEOFF	
	Vacant	Active Member, SERS	
5 Non-voting	Selected by the Board	Mike Ragan	Active Member, TRS
		Charles Kaminski	
		John Magnuson	
		Robert Nakahara	
		Jeffrey Seely	
		David Nierenberg	



WSIB Investment Responsibility

Retirement Funds

- ❑ Public Employees' Plans 1, 2, 3 *
- ❑ School Employees' Plans 2, 3 *
- ❑ Teachers' Plans 1, 2, 3 *
- ❑ Law Enforcement Officers' and Firefighters' Plans 1, 2
- ❑ Judicial Retirement Account – Defined Benefit
- ❑ Judicial Retirement Account – Defined Contribution
- ❑ Washington State Patrol Plans 1, 2
- ❑ Volunteer Firefighters' Relief and Pension Fund
- ❑ Deferred Compensation Program
- ❑ Public Service Employees' Plan 2

Labor and Industries' Funds

- ❑ Accident
- ❑ Medical Aid
- ❑ Pension Reserve
- ❑ Supplemental Pension

Permanent Funds

- ❑ Agricultural College
- ❑ Common School
- ❑ Normal School
- ❑ Scientific
- ❑ State University
- ❑ Millersylvania Park Trust
- ❑ American Indian Endowed Scholarship
- ❑ Foster Care Endowed Scholarship

Other Trusts

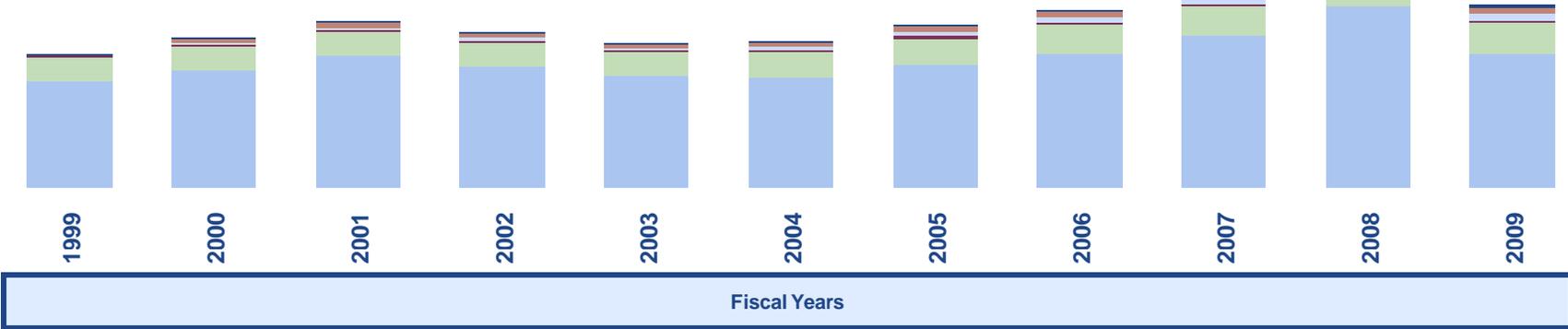
- ❑ Guaranteed Education Tuition
- ❑ Developmental Disabilities Endowment
- ❑ Game and Special Wildlife
- ❑ State Employees' Insurance Reserve
- ❑ Radiation Perpetual
- ❑ Reclamation Revolving
- ❑ Pension Stabilization
- ❑ Basic Health Plan Self Insurance Reserve
- ❑ Budget Stabilization



Total Assets Under Management – June 30, 2009

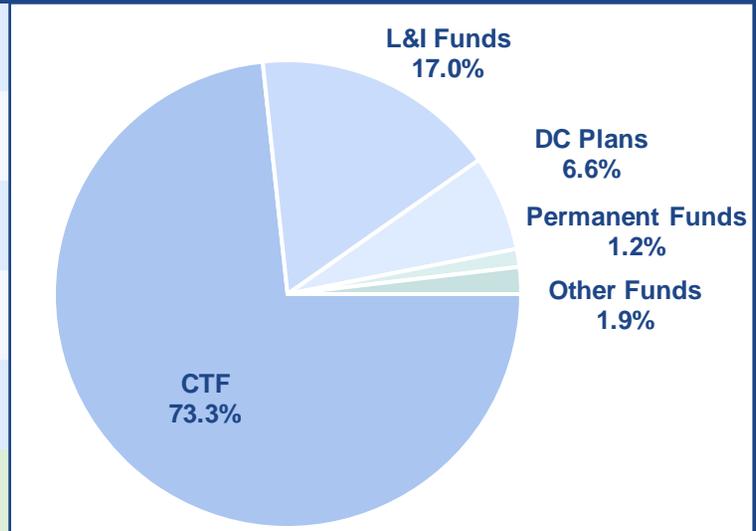
Past 10 Fiscal Years

- Other Trusts
- Deferred Compensation
- Defined Contribution Self-Directed
- Permanent Funds
- Labor and Industries
- Retirement Funds



Market Values and Allocation (in billions)

CTF	\$47.4	73.3%
L&I Funds	\$11.0	17.0%
DC Plans	\$4.3	6.6%
Permanent Funds	\$0.8	1.2%
Other Funds	\$1.2	1.9%
Total Assets Under Management	\$64.6	



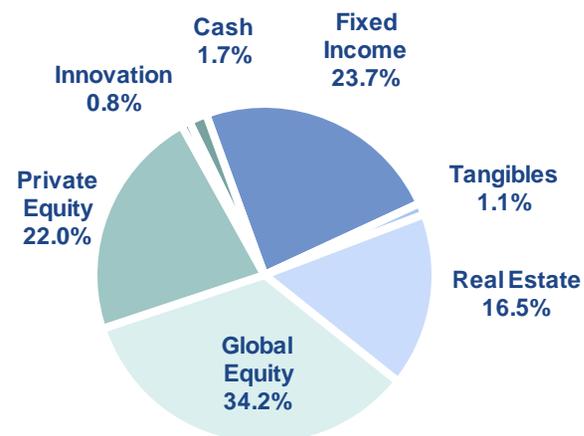


Commingled Trust Fund Performance and Market Values – June 30, 2009

Historical Market Value (billions)



Actual Allocation



Since Inception Return of CTF

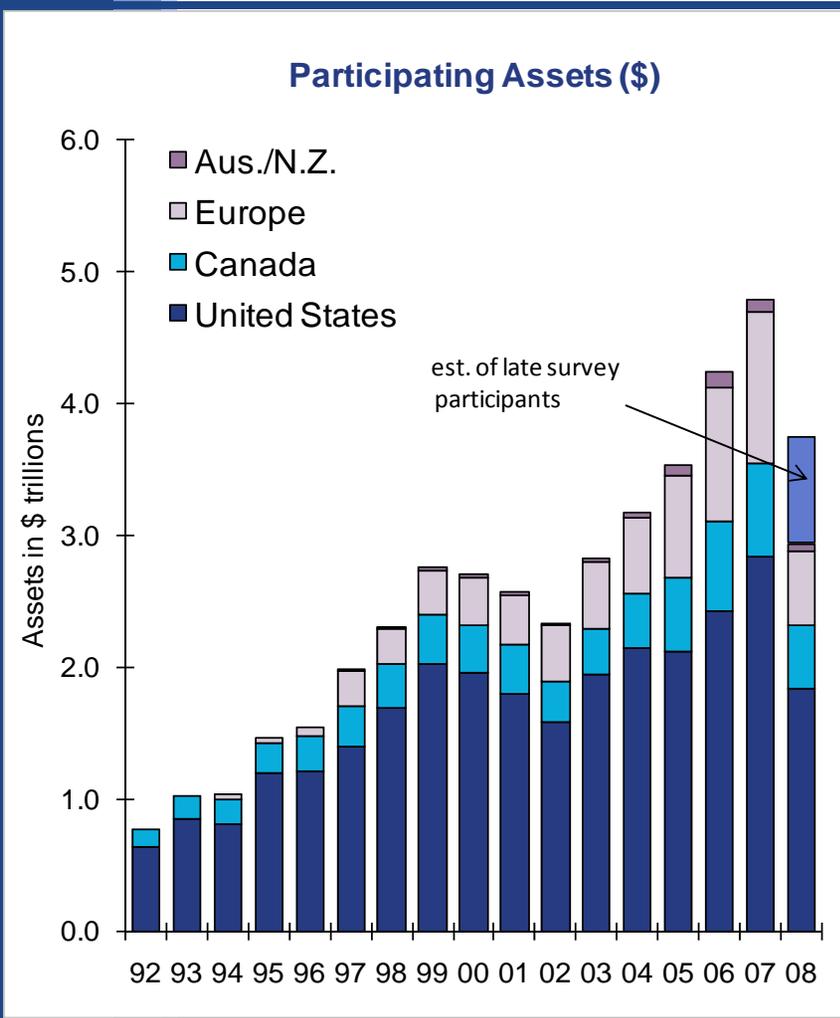
**As of July 31, 2009:
Total CTF Since Inception
(June 1992):
8.08%**

Market Values and Returns

Total Commingled Trust Fund (CTF) Retirement Assets: \$47.4 billion					
	Market Value (000s)	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
Total CTF	\$47,382,969,615	-22.84%	-2.58%	4.05%	3.95%
Fixed Income	\$11,213,295,278	6.10%	6.99%	5.63%	6.60%
Tangibles	\$528,520,234	-9.26%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Real Estate	\$7,814,789,621	-25.74%	0.80%	9.84%	10.72%
Global Equity	\$16,199,881,264	-29.91%	-7.66%	0.54%	0.35%
Private Equity	\$10,432,981,751	-30.92%	-2.82%	9.46%	8.21%
Innovation	\$387,630,211	-32.44%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cash	\$805,871,256	1.34%	3.59%	3.31%	2.74%



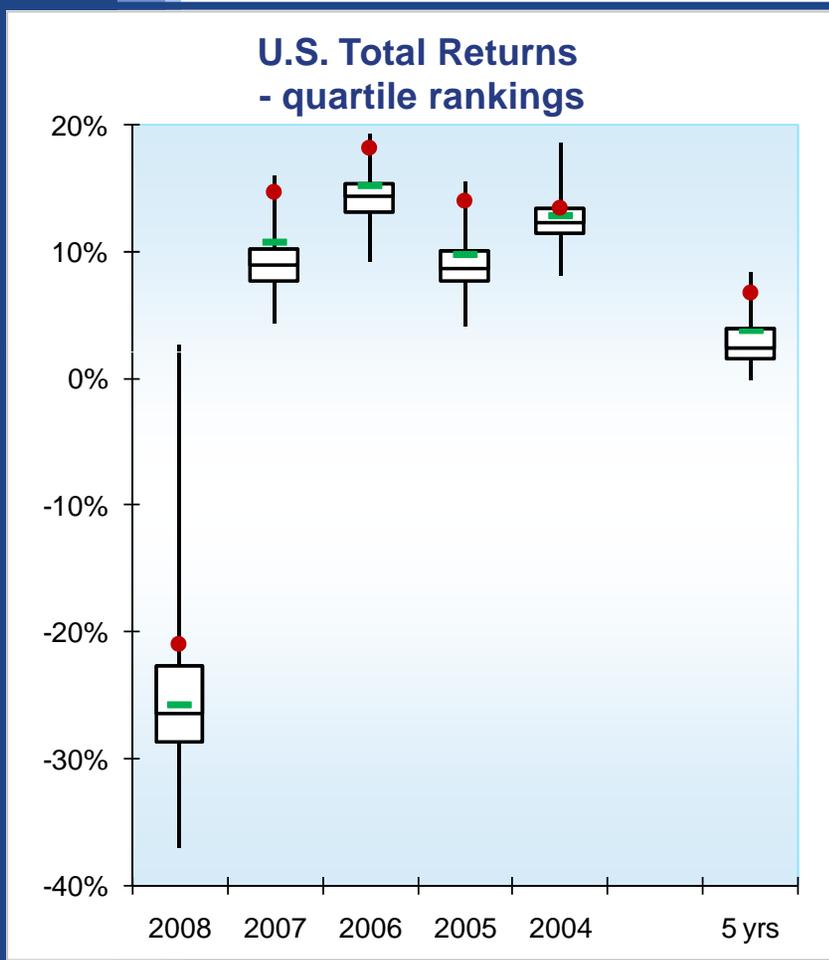
Performance Compared to Peers for Calendar Year 2008



- ▣ Comparisons are to Cost Effective Measurement's (CEM) extensive pension performance database
- ▣ While the study is international, WSIB's universe is 162 U.S. funds with aggregate assets of \$1.8 trillion participate.
- ▣ The median U.S. fund had assets of \$3.0 billion and the average fund had assets of \$11.1 billion
- ▣ The most meaningful comparisons for WSIB's returns and value added are to the U.S. universe



Performance Compared to Peers for Calendar Year 2008



- WSIB's 5-year Total Return of 6.7% was in the top quartile of our U.S. universe
- The U.S. median return was 2.4% and WSIB's peer median was 3.8%
- Total Return is separated into its two components: Policy Return and Implementation Value Added

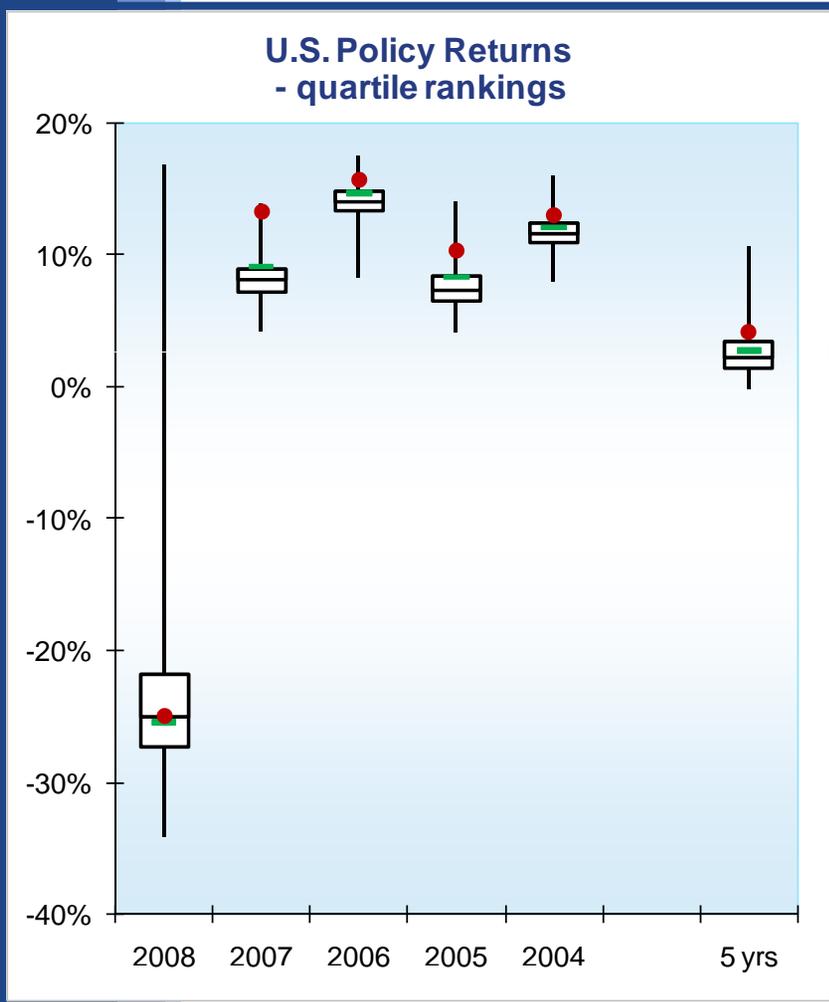
WSIB's 5-yr.	
Total Fund Return ¹	6.7%
Policy Return ²	4.2%
Value Added	2.6%

1. This return is gross before the impact of management fees.

2. Policy return is based on asset class benchmark returns and policy weights.



Performance Compared to Peers for Calendar Year 2008



- ❑ WSIB's 5-year Policy Return of 4.2% was also well above the U.S. median of 2.2% and WSIB's peer median of 2.7%
- ❑ WSIB's Policy Return is the return generated by passively investing the policy asset mix
- ❑ A higher or lower relative Policy Return is not necessarily good or bad
- ❑ This is because policy asset mix should reflect long-term capital market expectations, liabilities, and appetite for risk
- ❑ Each of these three factors is different across funds



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5-Year Average Policy Mix

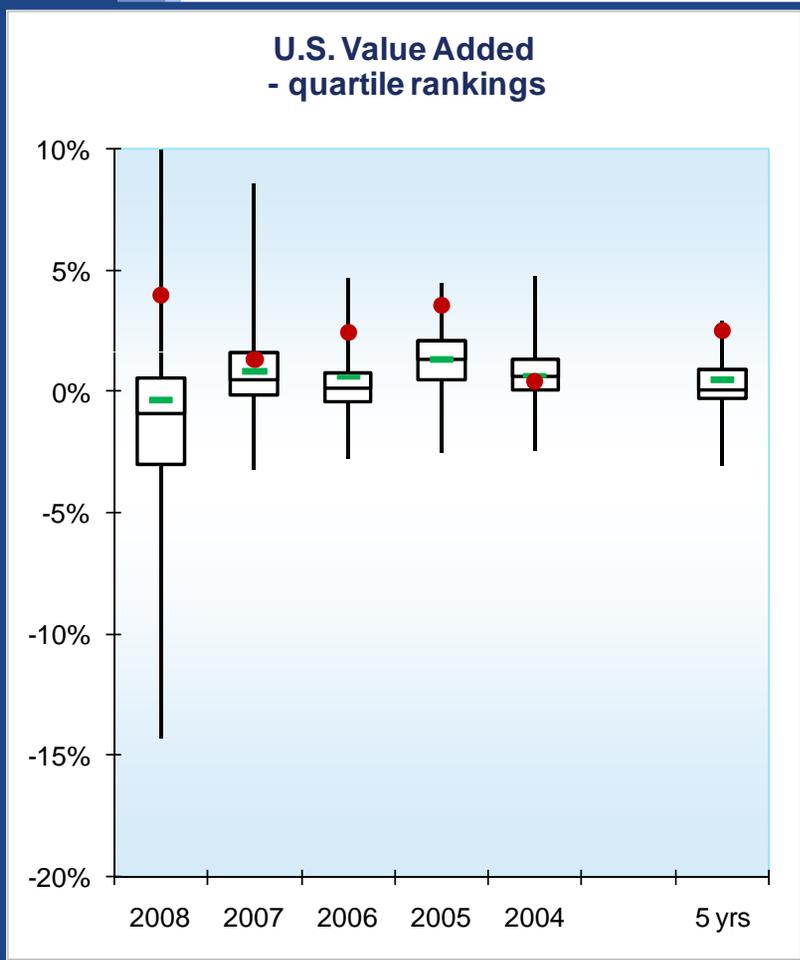
Asset class	WSIB fund	U.S. avg	Peer avg
US Stock	21%	41%	36%
EAFE/Global Stock	20%	17%	19%
<u>Emerging Mkt Stock</u>	<u>1%</u>	<u>1%</u>	<u>1%</u>
Total Stock	42%	59%	56%
Fixed Income - Broad	24%	23%	23%
Fixed Income Other	0%	7%	5%
<u>Cash</u>	<u>0%</u>	<u>1%</u>	<u>1%</u>
Total Fixed Income	24%	31%	29%
Real Estate & REITS	14%	5%	7%
Hedge Funds	0%	2%	1%
Private Equity	20%	4%	7%
Total	100%	100%	100%

WSIB's 5-year Policy Return was above the U.S. median because of:

- ▣ Higher policy weight in the best performing asset class of the past 5 years: Real Estate
- ▣ Higher policy weight in the third best performing asset class of the past 5 years: Private Equity



Performance Compared to Peers for Calendar Year 2008



Value Added measures the contribution from active management. **WSIB's 5-year Value Added of 2.6% was the highest in the U.S. universe.**

- WSIB's 5-yr value added of 2.6% compares to a median of 0.5% for Peers and 0.1% for the U.S.

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Year	Total return	Policy return	Value added		
			Total	In-category	Mix
2008	-21.0%	-25.0%	4.0%	-2.0%	6.0%
2007	14.7%	13.3%	1.4%	2.9%	-1.5%
2006	18.2%	15.7%	2.5%	2.7%	-0.2%
2005	14.0%	10.4%	3.6%	5.2%	-1.6%
2004	13.5%	13.1%	0.5%	0.7%	-0.2%
5-year	6.7%	4.2%	2.6%	1.9%	0.7%



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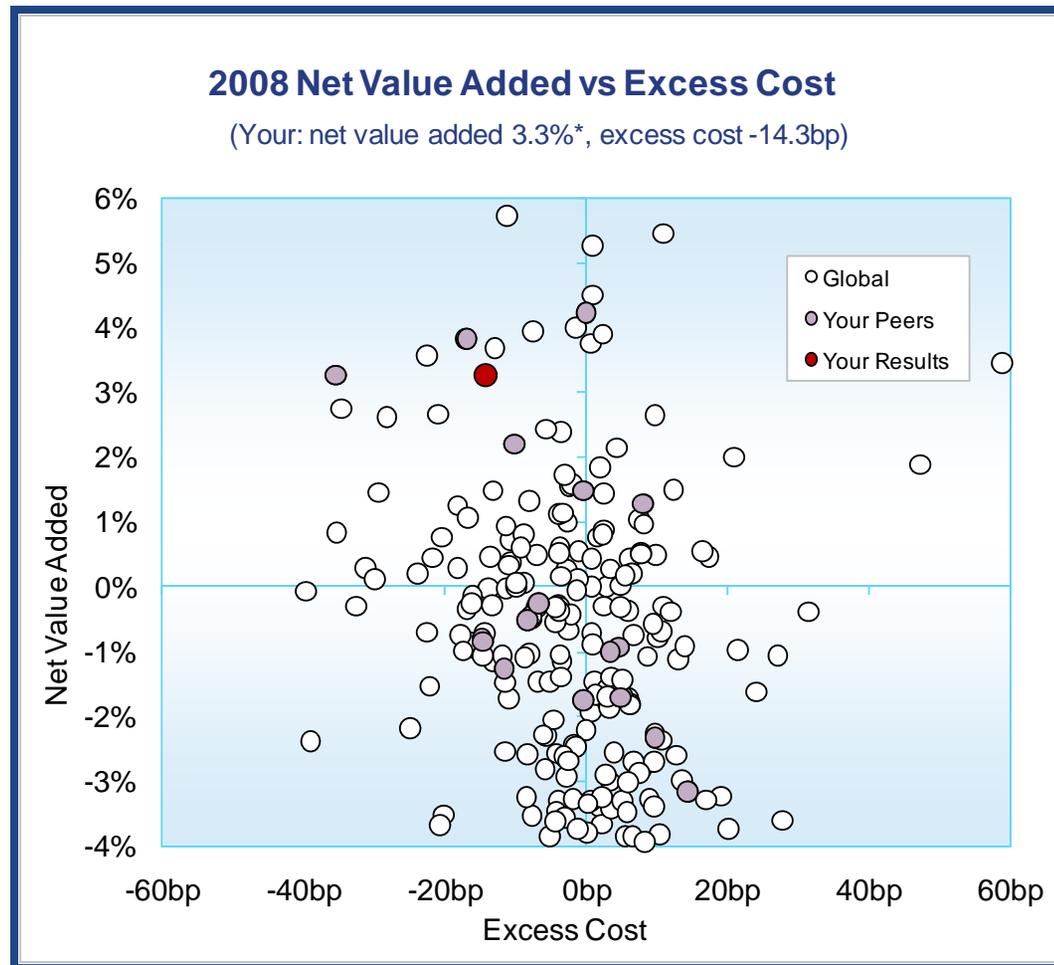
- ❑ Benchmark Cost analysis suggests that WSIB's fund was low cost by 14.3 basis points
- ❑ Benchmark Cost is an estimate of what costs would be using our asset mix and peer median costs

	In \$000's	Basis Points
WSIB's actual cost	418,345	71.7 bp
WSIB's benchmark cost	<u>502,012</u>	<u>86.1 bp</u>
WSIB's excess cost	-83,667	-14.3 bp



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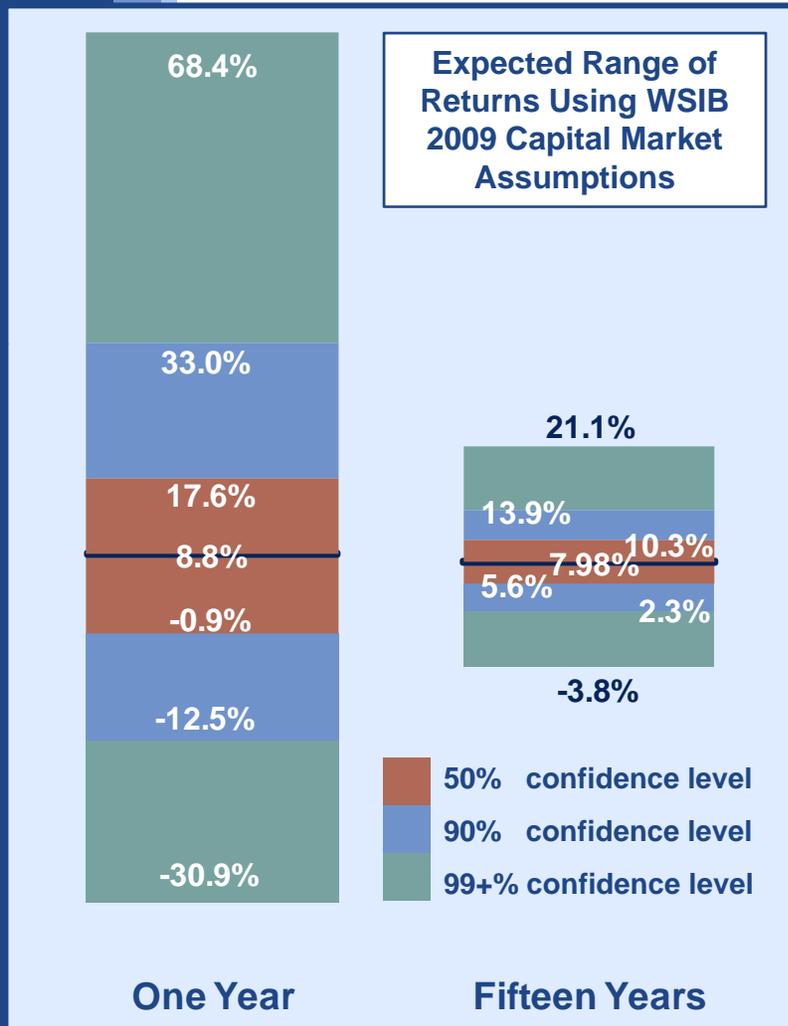
- Results – 5-year performance placed WSIB in the positive value added, low cost quadrant



Source: CEM Benchmarking, Inc.



Challenges

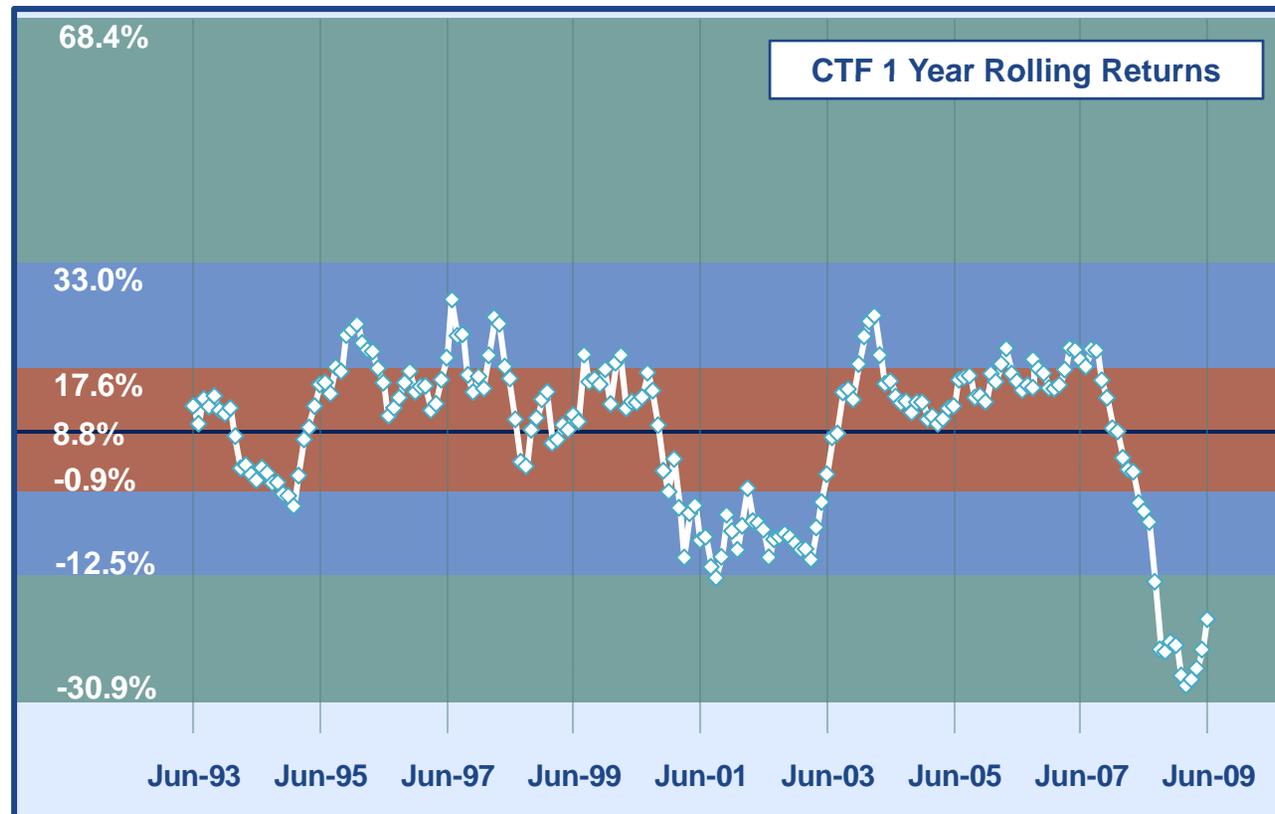


- Investors of long term assets need to keep an appropriate time horizon
 - While 2008/2009 losses were unprecedented, since the inception of the Combined Trust Funds, they are not outside the realm of statistical probability



Challenges

- Short term volatility can create challenges for policy makers
- But a word of caution: risk aversion arising from a desire for lower volatility has a corresponding lower expected return, which in the long run has the potential to increase the costs to the system





Summary



- Long-term investor with a proven record of success
- Disciplined approach to investment with the highest standards of integrity
- Dedicated to working for the best interests of WSIB beneficiaries
- Dedicated to WSIB statutory mandate of “maximizing return at a prudent level of risk”



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