

Funding Progress

TERS benefits are funded by employer and employee contributions, as well as investment earnings. The Board of Administration's funding policy is intended to promote inter-generational fairness by establishing contribution rates that are tied to the benefits currently being accrued. Contributions for active members are currently 21% of pay (as of February 2018), shared by the employer and the employee.

A pension fund is considered well-funded when it is projected to have sufficient assets to meet expected future benefit obligations to its members. The TERS actuarial accrued liability is determined by calculating the present value of all future benefits promised to past and present members. The funding ratio measures the relationship between the smoothed actuarial value of assets in the pension trust and the actuarial accrued liability. As of 1/1/2018, the funding ratio for TERS was 99.2%.

The following table provided historical information on actuarial valuations.

Actuarial Valuation Date	Actuarial Value of Assets (a)	Actuarial Accrued Liability (b)	Unfunded AAL (UAAL) (a-b)	Funding Ratio (a/b)
1/1/2018	\$1,667.0	\$1,680.7	\$ (13.7)	99.2%
1/1/2017	1,585.0	1,648.1	(63.1)	96.2
1/1/2016	1,501.7	1,542.2	(40.5)	97.4
1/1/2015	1,402.7	1468.2	(65.5)	95.5
1/1/2014	1,297.0	1,400.0	(103.0)	92.6

Dollars expressed in millions

Tacoma Employees' Retirement System Administrative Organization

Mayor and Chair	Marilyn Strickland
Director of Finance	Andrew Cherullo
Designee of the City Manager	Tadd Wille
Designee of Tacoma Public Utilities Director	Jim Sant, CPA
Employee Representatives	Samuel Benscoter Gordon Cavanaugh John O'Loughlin
Retiree Representative	Kim Moore
Citizen Representative	Matthew Hedges, CFA, CAIA
Alternate Board Member	Wayne Reed
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Retirement System Director/CIO	Tim Allen, CFA
Assistant Retirement Director	Catherine Agnes Marx, MAcc
Accountant	Trina Ealey
Accountant	Linh Nguyen
Administrative Assistant	Kathleen Mason
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Retirement Specialist	Melanie Panui
Office Assistant	Cecilia Moullet
	Professional Consultants
Legal Consultant	Davis Wright Tremaine, LLP
Consulting Actuary	Milliman
Custodian Bank	The Northern Trust Company
Investment Consultant	Wilshire Associates
Investment Managers	Adelante Capital Management BlackRock Dimensional Fund Advisors Eaton Vance Management Hamilton Lane HarbourVest Partners INTECH INVESCO Metropolitan West Asset Management/TCW Neuberger Berman Northern Trust Global Investments Pantheon PIMCO/Research Affiliates Prudential Trust Company Tortoise Capital Advisors, LLC
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Tacoma Employees' Retirement System 2017 Summary Annual Financial Report

This summary annual report has been designed to provide a summary of information for the Tacoma Employees' Retirement System (TERS), as of December 31, 2017. It includes a summary of the System, financial and actuarial information, asset allocation, investment activities, as well as the administrative organization.

The year 2017 marked the System's 77th year of operation. At year-end there were 2,396 retirees and beneficiaries receiving benefits, 715 terminated vested and other terminated members, and 2,948 active members. The System's fiduciary net position at December 31, 2017 was \$1.7 billion.

The Board of Administration conducts its monthly meetings on the second Thursday of the month. These Board meetings are held at either 10:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. in the Tacoma Public Utilities Building, Room ABN-LT1 and are open to the public.

If you have any questions regarding the Retirement System, please feel free to contact the Retirement Office at (253) 502-8200 or, by email at TERSretirement@cityoftacoma.org. The entire 2017 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) is available through our website at www.cityoftacoma.org/ters.

Marilyn Strickland
Mayor and Chair of the Board of Administration

Summary of the System

The Tacoma Employees' Retirement System (TERS) is . . .

- * Organized under the official code of the City of Tacoma for the purpose of providing a uniform program of retirement, disability and death benefits for its eligible members.
- * At the direction of the City Council, the System is administered by the Board of Administration (the Board) consisting of nine regular members and one alternate member. The members of the Board are the Mayor, who serves as Chair, the Director of Finance, the City Manager (or designee), the Public Utilities Director (or designee), three elected employee representatives, one elected retired representative, and one City resident (not employed by the City) elected by the other eight members. The nine regular Board members appoint a TERS member, either active or retired, as an alternate Board member. The Board, subject to City Council approval, appoints the Director who is responsible for managing the daily operations of the System.

2017 Key Statistics

Active Members	2,948
Benefit Recipients.....	2,396
Terminated Vested & Other Terminated Members	715
Fiduciary Net Position (at Fair Value)	\$1,723,249,522
Benefits Paid.....	\$75,046,971
Refund of Contributions	\$2,420,673
Administrative Expenses	\$1,663,105
Member Contributions	\$23,008,946
Employer Contributions	\$26,091,331
Funded Ratio (at Actuarial Value of Assets).....	99.2%
Funded Ratio (at Fair Value of Assets)	102.5%
Investment Rate of Return	13.4%

Fiduciary Net Position

	2017	2016
Cash and Short-Term Investments	\$ 35,448,884	\$ 21,611,257
Receivables	5,323,232	7,170,877
Investments	1,727,359,837	1,543,239,942
Securities Lending Collateral	41,989,985	56,921,493
Capital Assets.....	10,129	10,973
Total Assets.....	<u>\$ 1,810,132,067</u>	<u>\$ 1,628,954,542</u>
Accounts Payable and Other Liabilities	1,999,360	1,869,716
Investment Purchases	42,893,200	22,499,616
Securities Lending Collateral	41,989,985	56,921,493
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 86,882,545</u>	<u>\$ 81,290,825</u>
Net Position Restricted for Pensions	<u>\$ 1,723,249,522</u>	<u>\$ 1,547,663,717</u>

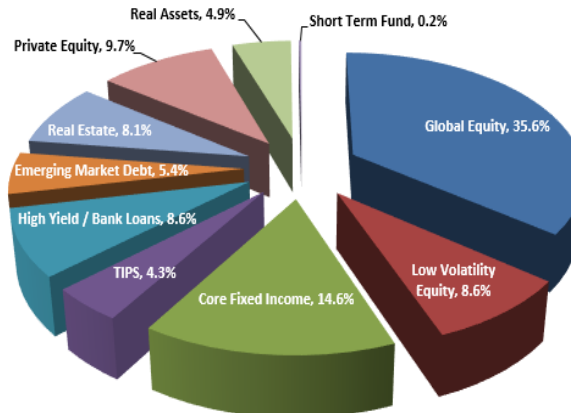
Changes in Fiduciary Net Position

	2017	2016
Total Contributions.....	\$ 49,100,277	\$ 47,943,361
Net Investment Income.....	205,616,277	124,939,177
Total Additions	<u>\$ 254,716,554</u>	<u>\$ 172,882,538</u>
Benefits and Refunds of Contributions	77,467,644	71,996,054
Administrative Expenses	1,663,105	1,917,955
Total Deductions.....	<u>\$ 79,130,749</u>	<u>\$ 73,914,009</u>
Net Increase.....	175,585,805	98,968,529
Net Position Beginning of Year.....	<u>1,547,663,717</u>	<u>1,448,695,188</u>
Net Position End of Year.....	<u>\$1,723,249,522</u>	<u>\$1,547,663,717</u>

Benefits and Refunds Paid

Year	Service	Survivor	Disability	Refunds	Totals
2017	\$68,597,676	\$5,986,221	\$463,074	\$2,420,673	\$77,467,644
2016	64,019,898	5,621,915	480,628	1,873,613	71,996,054
2015	60,158,017	5,476,217	498,177	2,475,363	68,607,773
2014	56,535,677	5,423,800	526,129	2,151,028	64,636,634
2013	53,569,453	5,220,958	488,362	2,818,847	62,097,620

2017 Actual Asset Allocation



Annualized Rate of Return

	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year
Total Fund	13.40%	7.29%	9.17%
<i>Custom Policy Benchmark Index</i>	13.79%	7.02%	8.74%
Global Equity	22.46%	10.37%	12.45%
<i>Custom Global Equity Index</i>	23.04%	10.41%	12.43%
Low Volatility Equity	18.50%	#	#
<i>MSCI ACWI Min Volatility Index</i>	17.93%	#	#
Core Fixed Income	3.67%	2.27%	2.42%
<i>Barclays U.S. Aggregate Index</i>	3.54%	2.24%	2.10%
TIPS	3.04%	2.09%	0.12%
<i>Barclays U.S. TIPS Index</i>	3.01%	2.05%	0.13%
High Yield / Bank Loans	5.12%	4.83%	4.53%
<i>Custom High Yield Index</i>	7.47%	6.40%	5.81%
Emerging Market Debt	13.77%	9.22%	5.99%
<i>JPM EMBI Global Diversified Index</i>	10.24%	7.10%	4.58%
Real Estate	7.36%	7.47%	10.28%
<i>Custom Real Estate Index</i>	5.48%	7.52%	10.20%
Private Equity	18.74%	9.86%	13.19%
<i>Custom Private Equity Index</i>	23.60%	10.56%	14.07%
Real Assets	0.46%	-3.39%	7.63%
<i>Custom Real Assets Index</i>	-0.70%	-8.63%	0.39%

Additional Information:

#=performance for full period not applicable
 Note: Performance calculations were prepared by Wilshire Consulting using time-weighted rates of return.
 Total returns include cash income plus gains and losses due to changes in fair value, whether realized or unrealized.

Supplemental Benchmark Information:

The Custom Total Policy Benchmark Index at year-end 2017 was 34.5% Russell Global Equity Index (50% Hedged on Developed ex-U.S. Countries), 8.0% MSCI ACWI Minimum Volatility Index, 16.5% Barclays U.S. Aggregate Index, 5.0% Barclays U.S. TIPS Index, 9.0% Merrill Lynch High Yield Master II Constrained Index, 5.0% JP Morgan EMBI Global Diversified Index, 4.0% Wilshire REIT Index, 4.0% NCREIF ODCE Index, 2.0% Alerian MLP Index, 2.0% CPI+3% and 10.0% Custom Private Equity Index.

The Global Equity Index is the Russell Global Equity Index (50% Hedged on Developed ex-U.S. Countries).

The Custom High Yield Index is the Merrill Lynch High Yield Master II Constrained Index.

The Custom Real Estate Index starting is 50% NCREIF ODCE Index and 50% Wilshire REIT Index. The Custom Private Equity Index is dynamically calculated based on the actual weights of the private equity investments and the private equity source fund.

To coincide with private equity investments reporting, 1-quarter lagged market values are used for the private equity component in the custom benchmark calculation.

The Custom Real Assets Index from October 2015 is 50% Alerian MLP Index and 50% CPI+3%. Prior to that it was the Alerian MLP Index.