## WEST VIRGINIA

## BOARD OF TREASURY INVESTMENTS



# West Virginia Board of Treasury Investments The Economic State June 2023 

Global Growth is Slowing

## Half-gone (year); Half-full (markets)

The conclusion of the month, second quarter and first half of 2023 brought more gains for stocks and little direction for bonds. Meanwhile, it is clear that global growth is slowing, which is no surprise given that a majority of the world's major central banks continue to raise interest rates to counter inflation. Inflation itself continues to slow, but few believe the work is complete given the snail like pace of the downward movements. Widening recognition that the Fed is unlikely to lower interest rates this year seemed to impact sentiment during the month, however despite some short-lived downdrafts the stock markets continued looking further ahead and ended higher.

## Equity Markets

The S\&P 500 returned a whopping $6.6 \%$ in June and $16.9 \%$ for the first half of the calendar year. However, the returns were driven primarily by the largest companies, as the top 10 holdings in the index accounted for over $95 \%$ of the return for the first six months. The tech heavy Nasdaq composite sealed its best first half since 1983 returning over $30 \%$. Still, while much of the quarter and year have been marked by mania over the potential for artificial intelligence and the dominant performance of a handful of mega-cap tech names, June saw a broadening in market breadth as both smaller and less growthy stocks joined the rally. The Russell 3000 Growth Index returned $6.9 \%$ for the month while the Russell 3000 Value Index returned $6.7 \%$. The small cap Russell 2000 Index return of $8.1 \%$ besting the S\&P 500 for the month, but still lags the S\&P's nearly $17 \%$ year-to-date return by more than half. Meanwhile, non-U.S. equity market returns were also positive, albeit more modest, with the non-U.S. developed markets EAFE index returning 4.6\% and the Emerging Markets Index returning 3.8\% for the month.

## Fixed Income Markets

After 10 consecutive Fed rate hikes dating back to March of last year, the Fed opted to stand pat in June. Still, this period has seen the most aggressive Fed since the days of Paul Volcker.

With a strong suggestion from the Federal Reserve that there is work yet to be done, bonds continued to give back some of the gains from earlier in the year. The Bloomberg Aggregate Index returned $-0.4 \%$ for the month and has trimmed its year-to-date gain to $2.1 \%$. Somewhat surprisingly, high yield $(+1.7 \%)$ and investment grade corporate bonds ( $+0.3 \%$ ) fared well relative to Treasuries as risk-on sentiment prevailed during the month, while long duration $(+0.0 \%)$ was less impacted than intermediate bonds $(-0.7 \%)$ from the Fed's still hawkish signaling.

## Looking Ahead

With six months down, what can we expect for the next six months of 2023? The half full scenario supports the belief that buoyed by the resilient labor market and modest wage gains, there is plenty of reason to believe economic conditions could still result in a "soft landing". While the half empty camp points to declining consumer savings rates, slowing growth, still strong inflation and the lag effect of monetary tightening as bringing on recession.

In the wake of the most aggressive Fed in over 40 years, short and intermediate duration bonds continue to offer attractive yields for investors relative to only one year ago. The stock market has elevated valuations in many large capitalization stocks, while other parts of the market (small cap in particular) as well as overseas markets still offer more attractive valuations. Earnings will be one of the key sources of further growth in the markets, as well as further visibility from economic data related to inflation, the labor market and demand.

## West Virginia Board of Treasury Investments Financial Highlights as of June 30, 2023



| Summary of Value and Earnings (In Thousands) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Pool | Net Asset Value |  | Jun Net Income (Loss) | Fiscal YTD Net Income (Loss) |  | $\frac{\text { Percent of Total Net Asset }}{\text { Value }}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | - Participant |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Accounts, 0.0\% |  |  |  |
| WV Money Market | \$ | 9,878,275 |  | \$ 42,738 | \$ | 366,105 | ■ State Loan, 0.2\% |
| WV Gov't Money Market |  | 375,407 |  | 1,553 |  | 11,024 |  |
| WV Short Term Bond |  | 701,477 | $(1,167)$ |  | 12,080 | ■ WV Bank, 0.0 |
| WV Bank |  | 65 | 0 |  | 9 | -WV Short Term |
| Loans |  | 17,466 | 25 |  | 454 | - WV Govit Money |
| Reserve |  | 0 | 0 |  | 73 | Market, 3.4\% |
| Participant Accounts |  | 2,504 | 10 |  | 144 | Market, $90.0 \%$ |
|  |  | 10,975,194 | \$43,159 | \$ | 389,889 |  |

Securities by Type for Operating Pools (Percentage of Asset Value)




# West Virginia Board of Treasury Investments Schedule of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position - Unaudited June 30, 2023 <br> (In Thousands) 

Assets
Investments:
At amortized cost
At fair value
Other assets
Total assets

## Liabilities

Accrued expenses, dividends payable \& payables for investments purchased Total liabilities

Net Position
Held in trust for investment pool participants Held in trust for individual investment account holders
Total net position
Additions
Investment income:
Interest and dividends
Net (amortization) accretion
Provision for uncollectible loan
Provision for uncollectible loans
Total investment income
Investment expenses:
Investment advisor, cus
administrative fees
Total investment expenses
Net investment income
Net realized gain (loss) from investments
Net increase (decrease) in fair value of investments

Net increase (decrease) in net position from operations

Participant transaction additions:
Purchase of pool units by participants
Reinvestment of pool distributions Contributions to individual investment accounts
Total participant transaction additions
Total additions

## Deductions

Distributions to pool participants:
Net investment income
Net realized gain (loss) from investments
Total distributions to pool participants
Total distributions to pool participants
Participant transaction deductions:
Redemption of pool units by participants
Withdrawals from individual investment accounts
Total participant transaction deductions
Total deductions
Net increase (decrease) in net position from operations

Inter-pool transfers in
Inter-pool transfers out
Net inter-pool transfers in (out)
Change in net position
Net position at beginning of period
Net position at end of period

| WV Money <br> Market Pool |
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| \$ $9,859,129$ |
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| 20,266 |
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| WV Short <br> Term Bond <br> Pool |
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| 701,550 |
| 11,711 |
| 713,261 |


| WV Bank <br> Pool |  |  |  | Participant <br> Directed <br> Accounts |  |
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|  | 585 |  | 1,894 |
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|  | 1,569 |  | - |
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| 42,738 | 1,553 | 1,165 | - | - | - | 45,456 |
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| 1,436,672 | 57,411 | 1,165 | - | - | - | 1,495,248 |
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