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GFT Pension Plan (1986)

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Pension Committee Members as at June 30, 2026

Robin Campbell (Chair)
Appointed by the Board

Carla Buchanan (Vice-Chair)
Appointed by the Board

Dave Muir (Secretary)
Appointed by the Board

Naomi Andrew
Appointed by Position

Shawn Chaudhary
Appointed by Position

Lucile Griffiths
Appointed by Position

Dr. Betty Jean Hancock
Elected by Active Membership

Fund Facts

at June 30, 2026

TOTAL FUND

$78 MILLION*

*a balance of cash and short-term investments is maintained to ensure liquidity for payment of pension benefits.

Your 2025 Pension Statement

Your Pension Statement was uploaded to Employee Self Service (ESS) on June 15, 2026.
vip.umanitoba.ca

All Pension Statements for years 2022 and later are accessible in ESS. If you have been unable to access your Pension Statement, please contact the Pension Office for assistance at **Pension@umanitoba.ca.**

Keeping Your Address Up-to-Date

Please ensure that if you have had a change of address, you update it in Employer Self Service (link above). If you are leaving the University, you may contact the Pension Office (link above) to advise us of your new mailing address and email address for us to correspond with you about your pension settlement. Needing to locate plan members without accurate addresses is time consuming and difficult.

For more plan information visit the GFT Pension Plan (1986) website.

Financial Highlights from 2025

	($ Thousands)
Contributions	2,880
Net investment income	8,411
Retirement benefits	(6,421)
Other benefits (i.e., terminations)	(973)
Net assets available for benefits at beginning of the year	71,250
Net assets available for benefits at the end of the year	75,147
Net rate of return for the calendar year 2025	11.93%
Active members as at December 31, 2025	666
Active members as at May 31, 2026	668

Historical Pension Plan Performance (Gross)—June 30, 2026 (Annualized)

	YTD	1 YEAR	5 YEARS (annualized)
Pension Plan Performance	9.29%	15.79%	9.30%
Policy Benchmark Performance**	8.27%	16.93%	8.63%
Value Added	1.02%	-1.14%	0.02%
Plan Fees	-0.26%	-0.55%	-0.58%
Return applies to member accounts	9.03%	15.24%	8.73%

**Gross of investment management fees. Policy Benchmark = 17.5% S&P/TSX Composite Index + 12.5% S&P 500 Index (CAD)+12.5% MSCI EAFE Gross Index (CAD)+ 9.5% MSCI World Index (CAD) + 8.5% MSCI REALpac/IPD Canadian Property Index + 8.5% custom Infrastructure Benchmark + 24% FTSE Canada Bond Universe Index+ 7% Mortgage Benchmark (60% FTSE Canada Short Term Bond Index and 40% FTSE Canada Mid Term Bond Index plus 50 basis point per annum)..

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Six Month Commentary Ending June 30, 2026

Markets experienced volatility during the first six months but rebounded strongly in the second quarter of 2026, with global and U.S. equities advancing to record highs by early June. Gains were driven by continued enthusiasm around artificial intelligence ("AI") and strong semiconductor performance. Canadian equities also delivered positive returns, though gains moderated late in the quarter as lower energy and gold prices created modest headwinds. Commodities remained volatile, with oil prices briefly approaching US$113 per barrel before retreating as geopolitical tensions eased.

Despite the market recovery, macroeconomic uncertainty persists, with fluctuating energy prices and tariff concerns continuing to influence inflation expectations. Credit spreads remain near historically tight levels, reflecting confidence in corporate balance sheets, while strong demand for corporate credit was reinforced by major U.S. hyperscalers issuing debt in the Canadian market to finance AI-related investment. Canadian fixed income generated modest positive returns, supported by declining long-term yields and strong credit performance.

The portfolio delivered a positive absolute return and outperformed its benchmark during the first six months. International, Emerging Market, and U.S. equities were the largest contributors, driven primarily by security selection. Canadian equities detracted as the diversified nature and quality bias of the strategy underperformed the broader market index. Fixed income modestly contributed to relative performance, while alternatives modestly detracted. Asset allocation effects were positive as the underweight to fixed income, and overweight equity positioning contributed to relative performance.

Looking ahead, the Portfolio Advisor ("we", "our") remain modestly constructive on the macro backdrop. While risks remain, including uncertainty surrounding the Iran conflict and the implications of a more hawkish U.S. Federal Reserve, supportive factors such as ongoing AI-driven investment and still-reasonable valuations support a balanced stance. We have reduced equity exposure back to our target overweight and reallocated proceeds to the short end of the yield curve. We continue to emphasize diversification through both public and private alternatives for enhanced income potential and inflation protection.

Portfolio as at June 30, 2026

	Average Portfolio Weight[1]	Average Benchmark Weight[1]	s
Total Portfolio	100.0	100.0	0.0
Cash & Equivalents	2.0	1.3	0.7
Fixed Income	23.2	23.4	-0.2
Mortgages	6.9	6.8	0.1
Equities	51.4	50.7	0.7
Canadian Equities	17.5	15.8	1.7
Foreign Equities	33.9	34.9	-1.0
U.S. Equities	12.5	12.4	0.2
International Equities	10.0	10.7	-0.7
Global Equities	10.9	10.2	0.7
Emerging Market Equities	0.5	1.7	-1.2
Real Estate	7.7	8.5	-0.8
Infrastructure*	8.0	8.5	-0.5
Commodities	0.8	0.9	0.0

* TD Greystone Balanced Plus Fund invests in the TD Greystone Infrastructure Fund (Canada) LP II.

Source: TD Asset Management. Canadian dollars. Includes cash. May be subject to rounding. Assets presented are based on trade date accounting and include accruals. [1] Average weight from June 1, 2026 to June 30, 2026.
