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Are you getting ready for retirement? Retirement takes planning. Planning can sound hard, but it doesn't have to be.

Ohio Deferred Compensation will offer a series of educational webinars for those planning to retire. To register for a webinar and access other tools and information, visit www.ohio457.org. National Save For Retirement Week presents an opportunity to determine where you are in your journey toward retirement and what steps you can take to help you get there.

Morningstar fund profiles explain the investments

There's one convenient place to get information about the OPERS investment options and how they compare with similar funds: Morningstar fund profiles.

OPERS partners with Morningstar® Inc., a leading provider of independent investment research, to provide profiles for the OPERS investment options. Updated quarterly, these one-page sheets present important facts in a familiar format.

Investment objective. At the top, you will read about the investment's goals and the strategy to pursue those goals. There are details about the fund's investments, investing risks to be aware of and how much fluctuation in returns an investor can expect.

Fund style and rating. Midway on the right side of the profile, you will see the Morningstar® Style Box™ that answers questions about what's in an investment's portfolio: Are the companies large or small and value or growth-oriented? Do the bonds have long or short maturities? Are they of high or low quality? The Morningstar Rating™ measures risk-adjusted returns relative to other investments in the same category. The OPERS funds receive one to five stars based on how they ranked compared to the other investments in the category.

Performance. In the middle section, charts and tables display the performance data for the OPERS investment option compared with its market benchmark. The OPERS investment option's volatility, or risk, is measured and displayed alongside the category's average risk level. The fund profile also includes information about the expense ratio, underlying composition, top 10 holdings and total fund assets.

The latest profiles are released about a month after each quarter ends and are available at www.opers.org. In addition to reading the Morningstar fund profiles, you should read the OPERS Investment Options Disclosures document before investing. ●



Your account statement is a performance report

Even more important than reading your quarterly account statement is understanding what it means.

Your account statement has valuable information that can help you track your investments' performance against your savings goals. It's a valuable resource for monitoring your account balance, managing your investments, keeping track of fund transfers and detailing account activity. Your statement shows the activity in your Plan account for the time period listed on the statement.

One of the most important sections on your statement shows your **Personal Investment Performance (PIP)**, which tells you how your particular mix of investments has performed during the statement period. You can find your PIP in the grey box on page 1 of the enclosed statement under "Your Total Account Value." PIP is expressed as a percentage, which reflects the performance of your entire account. This figure is based on your specific combination of investments and your account activity, such as contributions, exchanges and withdrawals. So, your PIP is unique to your account, and different from the performance figures reported for all the Plan's investment options.

Here is an example of how PIP is calculated. At the beginning of the quarter you owned one share of XYZ fund, with a starting price of \$10. You purchase a second share of XYZ fund in the middle of the quarter, at a price of \$11. The fund price at the end of the quarter is \$9. The return of the fund, measured from day 1 to day 91 is negative 10 percent (i.e., -10 percent). The return of the portfolio, however, will be different from that of the fund because of the activity of the account. Since the purchase during the quarter was at a higher price than the ending price, the portfolio performance is worse. In this case, the PIP of the portfolio is negative 14.3 percent (i.e., -14.3 percent). If the purchase during the quarter had been at a price lower than the ending price, the performance of the portfolio would have been better than that of the fund.

This is a simple example, but it does show how activity during a quarter can influence performance and why your PIP may be different from the enclosed returns.

Take the time to read and review your quarterly statement. For more information on your Personal Investment Performance, call the OPERS Help Line at **(866) 673-7748** to speak with a representative. ●

Review your account's beneficiary information

If you have not done so recently, take time during National Save For Retirement Week to verify the beneficiary designations you have on file for your Plan accounts and make any changes or updates you deem necessary.

Your beneficiaries are the individuals who would receive your retirement plan benefits in the event of your death. Keeping your beneficiary information up-to-date ensures your benefits would be paid to the people you intended. It's important to review your beneficiary information periodically, especially if there are changes in your personal situation, such as a marriage, divorce, birth of a child or grandchild or death.

Your beneficiary designation applies to all retirement plans in which you have service. You can update your beneficiary information by accessing your account online or by submitting a paper **Beneficiary Designation Form (A-3U)** available at www.opers.org. If you have any questions, call OPERS at **(800) 222-7377**. ●



Program website: www.opers.org

Benefits questions and personal data changes: **(800) 222-PERS (7377)**

Account information and management: **(866) OPERS-4-U (866-673-7748)**

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quarterly calendar

Transactions made on these dates when the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) is closed will be processed the following business day that the NYSE is open.

- **Thursday, November 28, 2013**
- **Wednesday, December 25, 2013**
- **Wednesday, January 1, 2014**
- **Monday, January 20, 2014**