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## Understanding Your Retirement Portfolio

Last month we discussed the information provided to you on your year-end member statement. One important piece of information included in it is the investments you have selected for your retirement plan savings.

### Do You Understand Your Investments?

Have you reviewed the investments that you currently hold as identified on your member statement? Your investments and the corresponding rate of return you realize are key components of how well your money grows for retirement. There are three investment approaches available to you:

#### 1) Asset Allocation Funds

Asset Allocation Funds are a pre-designed portfolio of investments created for you by professional investment managers. They are designed to either match your risk profile or date of retirement.

Asset Allocation Funds simplify your investment decision as you do not need to select the individual funds yourself. These funds are diversified by fund manager, asset class and investment style. Due to their simple yet sophisticated process, these funds are selected by the majority of plan members.

#### 2) Self-Directed Portfolios

This hands-on approach requires you to select individual funds to match your Investor Style. You become responsible for ensuring that you are creating your own diversified portfolio as well as for maintaining your desired asset mix.

#### 3) Default Investment Option

Some plan members may not have selected an investment option at the time of plan enrolment. We contact you in this instance, as it is recommended that instead you make an active investment selection.

To discuss these investment strategies and your investment approach, you may contact our office toll-free at 1-800-666-0142 or via email at [retire@reuterbenefits.com](mailto:retire@reuterbenefits.com).