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Return of Pension Funds during the six month period ended June 30, 2010

ISLAMABAD, September 6: Voluntary Pension Funds provide a framework to the individuals to save and invest during their working life and receive income on retirement. Every individual who holds Computerized National Identity Card can become a participant of a Pension Fund set up under Voluntary Pension System Rules, 2005. An individual can opt retirement age from 60 to 70 years during which he plans to save and contribute into a Pension Fund of his/her choice.

The Pension Funds are structured as trusts and a deed is executed between Trustee and Pension Fund Manager wherein rights and obligations of the parties and that of the Participants are stated. Trustees and Pension Fund Managers are independent and unrelated entities. A Trustee assumes custody of assets of a Pension Fund and Pension Fund Manager makes investment decisions within the parameters specified in the Rules. Investment policy of a Pension Fund is stated in its offering document. Anyone, who intends to invest in a Pension Fund, must read its offering document to understand structure, risks and rewards.

A Pension Fund consists of three sub-funds. Each sub-fund has a clearly stated policy to invest in equity, debt and money market securities. Participants can choose to invest in any one of the pre defined combination of sub-funds known as allocation policies depending on their risk appetite and return preference. Historically, the equity funds have greater volatility of rewards and risks than debt or money market funds. A Participant can also become a member of more than one Pension Fund managed by the same or different Pension Fund Managers. A Participant can transfer his/her account from one Pension Fund Manager to another Pension Fund Manager registered with SECP, once in a year.

Under tax laws, Participants of a Pension Fund are entitled to certain credits and benefits at contribution, income generation and withdrawal stages of investments. These benefits are subject to fulfillment of conditions stipulated in the tax laws. Up to June 30, 2010, the SECP has licensed five Pension Fund Managers, for setting up and managing Pension Funds. These Pension Fund Managers have launched nine Pension Funds for investment by the participants. Out of these nine, five are Shariah compliant and 4 are conventional Pension Funds.

Performance comparison of seven out of nine Pension Funds which have been in operation for more than six months, gives the following position as at June 30, 2010*:

Performance of Conventional Pension Funds:

Name of Pension Fund Manager:	JS Investments Limited	Arif Habib Investment Management Limited	Atlas Asset Management Limited
Name of Pension Fund:	JS Pension Savings Fund	Pakistan Pension Fund	Atlas Pension Fund
Date of launch:	27-Jun-07	27-Jun-07	27-Jun-07
Debt sub-fund of the Pension Fund:			
**NAV on June 30, 2010 (Rs.)	130.18	121.68	127.85
NAV on December 31, 2009 (Rs.)	128.69	114.36	121.82
Return (net of expenses) for 6 months ended June 30, 2010 (Rs. & %)	1.49 1.16%	7.32 6.40%	6.03 4.95%
Expenses	1.40	1.04%	1.14%
NAV at the date of launch (Rs.)	99.95	100.00	100.00
Return (net of expenses) since date of launch to June 30, 2010 (Rs. & %)	30.23 30.25%	21.68 21.68%	27.85 27.85%
Equity sub-fund of the Pension Fund:			
NAV on June 30, 2010 (Rs.)	73.68	82.54	100.77
NAV on December 31, 2009 (Rs.)	77.25	81.17	104.15
Return (net of expenses) for 6 months ended June 30, 2010 (Rs. & %)	-3.57 -4.62%	1.37 1.69%	-3.38 -3.25%
Expenses	1.58%	1.20%	1.51%
NAV at the date of launch (Rs.)	99.95	100.00	100.00
Return (net of expenses) since date of launch to June 30, 2010 (Rs. & %)	--26.27 -26.28%	-17.46 -17.46%	0.77 0.77%
Money Market sub-fund of the Pension Fund:			
NAV on June 30, 2010 (Rs.)	108.51	127.25	129.15
NAV on December 31, 2009 (Rs.)	123.90	121.31	123.60
Return (net of expenses) for 6 months ended June 30, 2010 (Rs. & %)	- 15.39 -12.42%	5.94 4.90%	5.55 4.49%
Expenses	1.08%	1.06%	1.35%
NAV at the date of launch (Rs.)	99.95	100.00	100.00
Return (net of expenses) since date of launch to June 30, 2010 (Rs. & %)	8.56 8.56%	27.25 27.25%	29.15 29.15%

**The statistics are based on interim accounts/ data collected from the Pension Fund Managers.*

***The expression NAV stands for 'net asset value per unit'.*

1) Performance of Shariah Compliant Pension:

Name of PFM:	JS Investm ents Limited	Arif Habib Investm ent Manage ment Limited	Atlas Asset Manage ment Limited	Al – Meezan Investme nt Manage ment Limited
Name of Pension Fund:	JS Islamic Pension Savings Fund	Pakista n Islamic Pension fund	Atlas Pension Islamic Fund	Meezan Tahaffuz Pension Fund
Date of Launch:	16-Jun-08	31-Oct-07	6-Nov-07	27-Jun-07
Debt sub-fund of the Pension Funds:				
NAV on June 30, 2010 (Rs.)	121.59	124.66	127.50	129.71
NAV on December 31, 2009 (Rs.)	118.16	118.18	122.51	123.67
Return (net of expenses) for 6 months ended June 30, 2010 (Rs. & %)	3.43 2.90%	6.48 5.48%	4.99 4.07%	6.04 4.88%
Expenses	1.42%	1.20%	1.33%	1.33%
NAV at the date of launch (Rs.)	100.00	100.20	100.00	100.25
Return (net of expenses) since date of launch to June 30, 2010 (Rs. & %)	21.59 21.59%	24.46 24.41%	27.50 27.50%	29.46 29.39%
Equity sub-fund of the Pension Funds:				
NAV on June 30, 2010 (Rs.)	108.25	89.83	119.19	101.01
NAV on December 31, 2009 (Rs.)	113.40	91.08	119.82	98.47
Return (net of expenses) for 6 months ended June 30, 2010 (Rs. & %)	- 5.15 -4.54%	- 1.25 -1.37%	-0.63 -0.53%	2.54 2.58%
Expenses	1.64%	1.32%	1.70%	1.56%
NAV at the date of launch (Rs.)	100.00	100.20	100.00	100.14
Return (net of expenses) since date of launch to June 30, 2010 (Rs. & %)	8.25 8.25%	-10.37 -10.35%	19.19 19.19%	0.87 0.87%
Money Market sub-fund of the Pension Funds:				
NAV on June 30, 2010 (Rs.)	112.71	117.23	127.44	128.94
NAV on December 31, 2009 (Rs.)	109.94	113.48	122.28	124.24

Return (net of expenses) for 6 months ended June 30, 2010 (Rs. & %)	2.77 2.52%	3.75 3.30%	5.16 4.22%	4.70 3.78%
Expenses	1.28%	1.20%	1.33%	1.32%
NAV at the date of launch (Rs.)	100.00	100.20	100.00	100.18
Return (net of expenses) since date of launch to June 30, 2010 (Rs. & %)	12.71 12.71%	17.03 17.00%	27.44 27.44%	28.76 28.71%

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