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# Investment Perspective

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## MARKETS AND THE ECONOMY

The S&P 500 Index increased 2.3 percent in May, marking its seventh consecutive month of gains. The U.S. Commerce Department revised first quarter gross domestic product growth downward, from 2.5 percent to 2.4 percent. The Consumer Price Index decreased 0.1 percent in April but has increased by 1.1 percent over the last 12 months. New home sales in April increased 2.3 percent over March and are up 29 percent year-over-year, while sales of previously owned homes increased 0.6 percent in April from a month earlier and 9.7 percent from April 2012. The bond market, as measured by the Barclays Capital Government/Credit Index, declined 1.9 percent in May and is down 0.9 percent since Jan. 1.

GDP in the eurozone fell at an annualized rate of 0.9 percent during the first quarter — the sixth straight quarter of a recession — and the region's unemployment hit a record high of 12.2 percent in April, up from 12.1 percent in March. The European Central Bank cut its lending rate for commercial banks in an effort to stimulate the eurozone economy. Japan's GDP grew at an annualized rate of 3.5 percent in the first quarter, up from the 1 percent growth rate at the end of 2012. International equities, as measured by the MSCI EAFE, decreased 2.3 percent during May and were up 8.3 percent May year-to-date.

## HARNESS THE POWER OF THE PORTAL

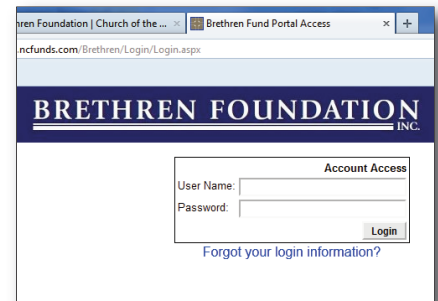
As of the end of May, more than 45 percent of Brethren Foundation's organizational clients have authorized individuals to use the BFI client portal. Those who use the client portal have the earliest access to statements and the latest issue of *Investment Perspective* each month. All online users also have access to past statements; an electronic copy of the most recent edition of BFI's disclosure document, the *Information Statement*; and past issues of *Investment Perspective* (which are also available at [www.bbtfoundation.org](http://www.bbtfoundation.org)).

But there are account management features beyond accessing current and past reports and documents. Users of the client portal with full access may initiate transactions electronically and generate a variety of custom reports in addition to receiving regular monthly statements. Users with full "look-only" access may generate custom reports in addition to receiving regular monthly statements. Statements and performance reports can be prepared for custom date ranges. Account activity can be reviewed at both the summary and detail level for custom date ranges. Reports can be exported for use either as spreadsheets or PDF documents. Online users can receive assistance via the help section of the client portal or submit specific requests via the request feature within the help section.

All users of the client portal receive monthly statements, the annual *Information Statement*, and monthly issues of *Investment Perspective* only in electronic format via the client portal, thereby enabling BFI to reduce paper consumption.

Anyone interested in gaining access to the client portal or receiving assistance with its use can contact Steve Lipinski at [slipinski@cobbt.org](mailto:slipinski@cobbt.org) or 847-622-3369.

Please contact Steve Mason, director of Brethren Foundation, with questions or comments.



# Fund Performance Report

for the period ending May 31, 2013



All periods longer than one year are annualized.

## Performance Report

Funds (Net of Investment Fees) Benchmarks (Gross)	Current Month	Three Months	Year-to-Date	Three Years	Five Years	Ten Years
<b>SHORT-TERM</b>						
<b>Short-Term Fund</b>	0.6%	0.6%	0.2%	1.1%	1.6%	2.3%
<i>Merrill Lynch 6-Month Treasury Bill Index</i> <sup>1</sup>	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.3%	0.4%	1.7%
<b>COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT</b>						
<b>Community Development Investment Fund</b> <sup>2</sup>	0.2%	0.6%	0.9%	2.3%	2.6%	2.8%
<i>No Benchmark</i>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>FIXED INCOME</b>						
<b>Bond Core Fund</b>	(0.9)%	0.4%	(0.7)%	5.7%	6.7%	5.1%
<i>Barclays Capital U.S. Government/Credit Bond Index</i>	(1.9)%	(0.7)%	(0.9)%	5.1%	5.7%	4.6%
<b>Bond Fund</b>	(0.9)%	0.4%	(0.7)%	5.9%	6.7%	5.2%
<i>Barclays Capital U.S. Government/Credit Bond Index</i>	(1.9)%	(0.7)%	(0.9)%	5.1%	5.7%	4.6%
<b>Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities Fund</b> <sup>3</sup>	(4.4)%	(3.4)%	(4.5)%	N/A	N/A	N/A
<i>Barclays Capital U.S. TIPS Index</i>	(4.4)%	(3.3)%	(4.0)%	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>High Yield Bond Fund</b> <sup>3</sup>	(0.3)%	2.4%	4.6%	N/A	N/A	N/A
<i>Barclays Capital U.S. Corporate High Yield Bond Index</i>	(0.6)%	2.3%	4.2%	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>DOMESTIC EQUITY</b>						
<b>Domestic Stock Core Fund</b>	3.5%	7.7%	13.6%	13.0%	3.2%	7.2%
<i>S&amp;P 500 Index</i>	2.3%	8.2%	15.4%	16.9%	5.4%	7.6%
<b>Domestic Stock Value Fund</b>	5.6%	9.9%	17.1%	N/A	N/A	N/A
<i>Russell 1000 Value Index</i>	2.6%	8.2%	16.9%	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Domestic Stock Growth Fund</b>	3.3%	5.7%	12.3%	N/A	N/A	N/A
<i>Russell 1000 Growth Index</i>	1.9%	7.9%	14.0%	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Domestic Stock Fund</b>	4.1%	7.7%	14.4%	16.9%	5.9%	9.0%
<i>S&amp;P 500 Index</i>	2.3%	8.2%	15.4%	16.9%	5.4%	7.6%
<b>Small Cap Fund</b>	3.0%	3.4%	10.6%	17.8%	10.6%	N/A
<i>Russell 2000 Index</i>	4.0%	8.4%	16.5%	15.7%	7.2%	N/A
<b>INTERNATIONAL EQUITY</b>						
<b>International Stock Core Fund</b>	(0.1)%	5.3%	9.3%	11.3%	(0.2)%	8.4%
<i>MSCI EAFE Index</i>	(2.3)%	3.8%	8.3%	11.5%	(1.1)%	8.8%
<b>Emerging Markets Stock Fund</b> <sup>3</sup>	(0.8)%	(1.8)%	(0.3)%	N/A	N/A	N/A
<i>MSCI Emerging Markets Index</i>	(2.5)%	(3.4)%	(3.3)%	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>REAL ASSETS</b>						
<b>Commodities-Based Fund</b> <sup>3</sup>	(5.2)%	(6.6)%	(8.2)%	N/A	N/A	N/A
<i>Dow Jones UBS Commodity Index</i>	(2.2)%	(4.3)%	(6.0)%	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Public Real Estate Fund</b> <sup>3</sup>	(6.6)%	1.6%	4.5%	N/A	N/A	N/A
<i>S&amp;P Developed Property Index</i>	(7.9)%	1.6%	5.8%	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>EQUITY AND FIXED INCOME</b>						
<b>Balanced Fund</b>	2.1%	4.8%	8.2%	12.8%	6.7%	7.9%
<i>Blended Balanced Index</i> <sup>4</sup>	0.6%	4.6%	8.7%	12.4%	6.0%	6.7%
<b>U.S. INFLATION</b>						
<b>Consumer Price Index</b> (April 2013) <sup>5</sup>	(0.1)%	1.0%	1.3%	2.2%	1.6%	2.4%

<sup>1</sup> Changed May 1, 2009. 5-year and 10-year blended with 90-day Treasury Bill. <sup>2</sup> CDIF interest accrues on a daily basis. <sup>3</sup> These investment funds may not meet socially responsible investing guidelines because they are invested in mutual funds. All other investment funds must meet socially responsible investing guidelines. <sup>4</sup> Weighted average of the S&P 500 Index (60 percent) and the Barclays U.S. Capital Government/Credit Bond Index (40 percent). <sup>5</sup> Most recent data available. CPI data are not seasonally adjusted.