

BARROW, HANLEY MEWHINNEY & STRAUSS
ESTIMATES PENSION FUNDED STATUS 87.1% AT 4Q17

Pension Funded Status Improves in Q4

Barrow, Hanley, Mewhinney & Strauss, LLC (Barrow Hanley), one of the nation's leading value-oriented investment managers, has estimated that corporate pension plan funded ratio rose to 87.1% as of December 31, 2017, from 85.4% as of September 30. We estimate that pension assets had a 3.6% return for the fourth quarter of the year while liabilities were only up 1.5%, resulting in improved funded ratios.

Industry Differences

Moreover, funded status varies significantly by industry. Although people tend to focus on the headline average, funded ratios have good reason to be different from one industry to the next.

For example, solvency rules require banks to reduce their reported capital by the amount that pensions are underfunded. It is natural then that plans sponsored by Banks were among the best funded with an average funded status of 104.9%. By contrast, Airlines, have more lenient funding rules than other corporate pension sponsors and not surprisingly they also have the lowest average funded status with an average funded ratio of just 69.5%.

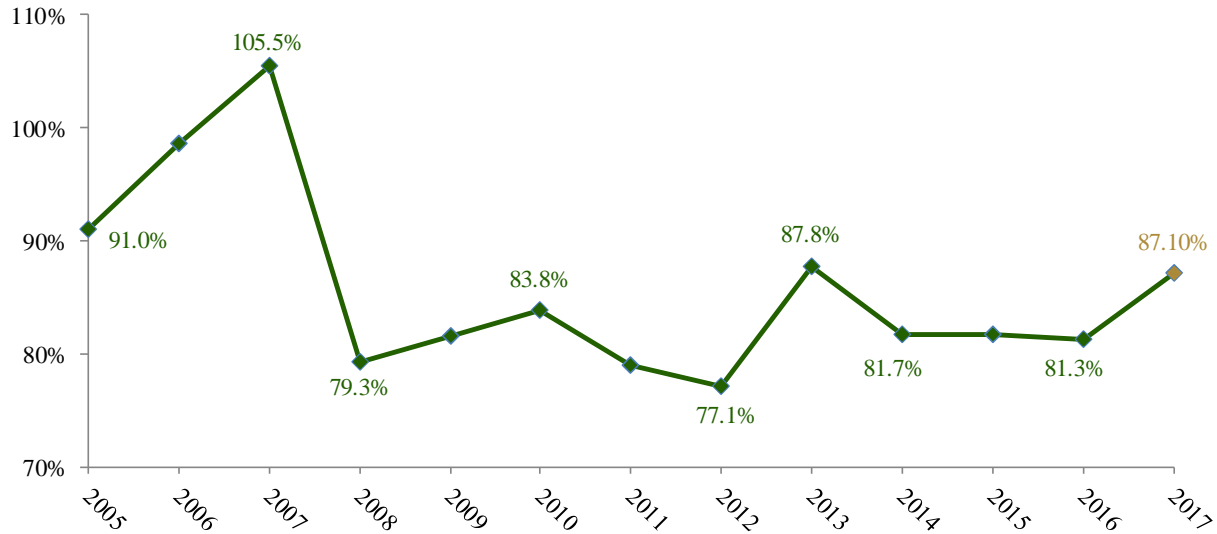
Average funded status by business sector is shown below. Banks and Airlines are industry classifications within the Financials and Industrials sectors, respectively. Detail for each industry is available at www.barrowhanley.com.

BHMS Pension Funded Status Analysis	
Business Sector/ <i>Industry</i>	December 31, 2017
Overall	87.1%
Financials	96.8%
<i>Banks</i>	104.9%
Industrials	85.4%
<i>Airlines</i>	69.5%
Materials	84.8%
Real Estate	84.3%
Information Technology	84.0%
Consumer Staples	84.0%
Consumer Discretionary	83.6%
Utilities	83.3%
Health Care	83.0%
Telecommunications	82.8%
Energy	82.4%

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Barrow Hanley has estimated the funded status of corporate pension plans sponsored by companies in the Russell 3000 using information disclosed in SEC Form 10-K and returns for asset class indices for each year-end since 2005. At December 31, 2017, the average funded status had continued the climb that began at year-end 2016 but was still below the recent high of 87.8% at year-end 2013.

Average Corporate Pension Funded Status



Asset allocation averages and the index returns used are shown in the tables below.

Asset Class	Index	Allocation
Long Bonds	Barclays Long Government/Credit	29%
US Equity	Russell 3000	28%
International Equity	MSCI EAFE USD	15%
Core Bonds	Barclays Aggregate	10%
Hedge Funds	HFRI Fund Weighted Composite	6%
Private Equity	S&P Listed Private Equity Index	5%
Commodities	Dow Jones UBS Commodity Index	3%
Cash		3%
REITS	FTSE NAREIT Equity	2%

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Average Asset Allocation and 4Q17 Returns			
Asset Class	Index	Allocation	Q4 Return
Equities		43%	5.6%
	<i>65% Russell 3000</i>		6.3%
	<i>35% MSCI EAFE</i>		4.2%
Bonds		38%	2.2%
	<i>75% Barclays Long Gov/Credit</i>		2.8%
	<i>25% Barclays Aggregate</i>		0.4%
Real Estate	<i>FTSE NAREIT Equity</i>	2%	2.5%
Other (Alternatives)		14%	2.3%
	<i>45% HFRI Fund Weighted Composite</i>		1.6%
	<i>35% S&P Listed Private Equity Index</i>		2.0%
	<i>20% Dow Jones UBS Commodity Index</i>		4.7%
Cash		3%	0.3%
Total			3.6%

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