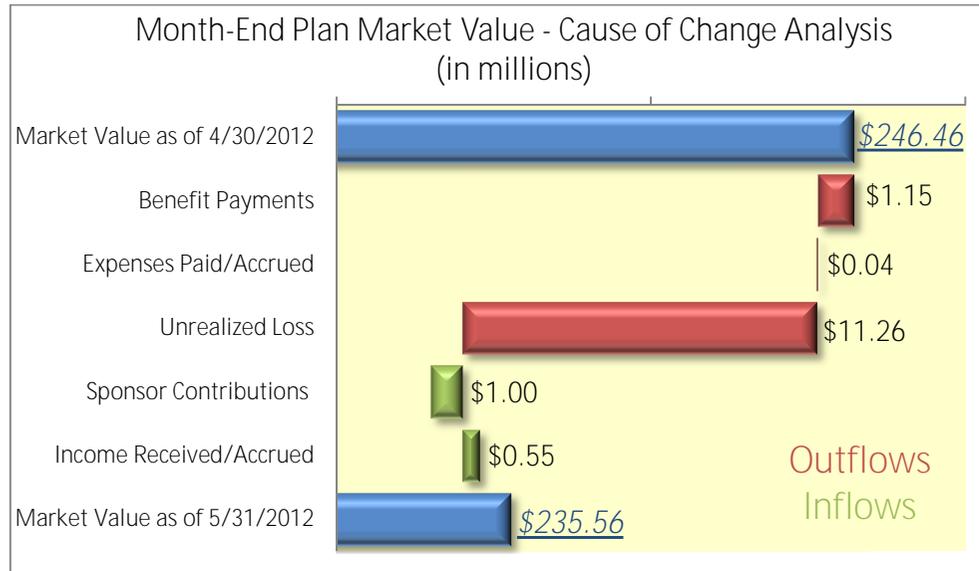


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**Summary**

The value of the Denver Water Retirement Fund totaled **\$235.56 million** for the month ending May 31. This represents a **\$10.90 million decrease** when compared to April. This decrease was attributed to depreciation in market values of Plan assets and benefits paid. These losses were partially offset by May contributions and investment income.



**General Fund Performance:**

The total portfolio lost 4.40% for the month, versus a loss of 4.71% for the Target Index. The portfolio's annual return (gross of fees) was **-2.83%** (net of fees return was **-3.28%**) compared to the benchmark return of **-2.54%**. Figure 1 and 2 on the subsequent page show a detailed breakdown of monthly and 12-month rates of return by segment and fund manager.

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**Domestic Equity** segment lost 7.06% during the month, underperforming the benchmark by 88 basis points. **Vanguard Dividend Growth** was the best absolute performer in the segment, losing 5.12% and beating its benchmark (S&P 500) by 89 basis points. **Winslow** was the worst relative performer of all managers,

losing 8.97% and trailing its benchmark (Russell 1000 Growth) by 2.56 percentage points.

**International Equity** segment lost 10.68% during the month, but outperformed the benchmark by 68 basis points. **Harding Loevner** was the better absolute and relative performer in the segment, losing 9.42%, beating its benchmark by 1.83 percentage points. **DFA Global** lost 12.06 percentage points and lagged its benchmark by 43 basis points.

**Global Equity** segment as represented by **Lazard** lost 7.71% during the month, beating its benchmark by 1.26 percentage points.

**Fixed Income** segment returned 1.10% in May, outperforming the benchmark by 20 basis points. **Denver Investments** was the better absolute performer in the segment and top performing manager for the month, recording a monthly rate of return of 1.34%, 12 basis points above the benchmark index. **PIMCO** also contributed to Plan performance returning 0.85%.

**Hedge Fund-of-Funds** segment lost 0.54% for the month, outperforming the benchmark by 1.24 percentage points. **GAM US Inc.** was the better absolute performer in the segment, losing 0.12% (net of fees), 1.66 percentage points above the benchmark index. **BlackRock** lost 0.96%, also outperforming the benchmark by 82 basis points.

**Asset Allocation:**

All asset classes were within their operational ranges at the end of the month. Figure 3 on the following page shows a detailed breakdown of each asset class and their respective targets and allowable ranges.

**Cash account** totaled **\$3.58 million** which constituted 1.52% of the total portfolio as of May 31, 2012.

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