



# Timor-Leste Petroleum Fund

2005-2010

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# Key Petroleum Fund Principles

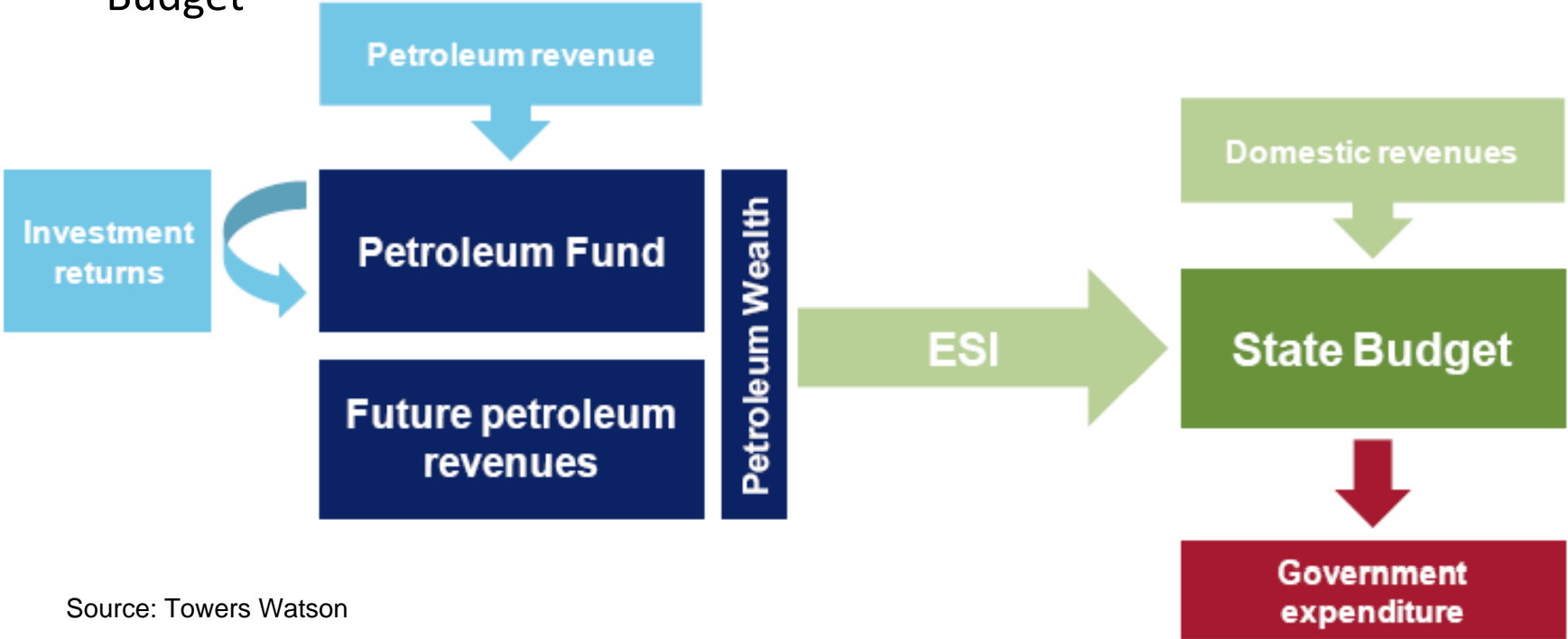
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- **All petroleum revenues** flow into the Fund (receipts and return).
- Long term **financial saving mechanism** to ensure petroleum revenues benefitting current and future generations.
- The savings **invested only in the international financial market** based on diversification and a long term investment horizon.
- The fund **integrated with the state budget** and resources spent domestically are subject to decisions made by the Parliament.
- The Fund managed with a **high level of transparency**.

The PF Law does not prevent the Government from pursuing its political objectives to promote domestic investments and economic growth.

# Mechanism for Domestic Spending

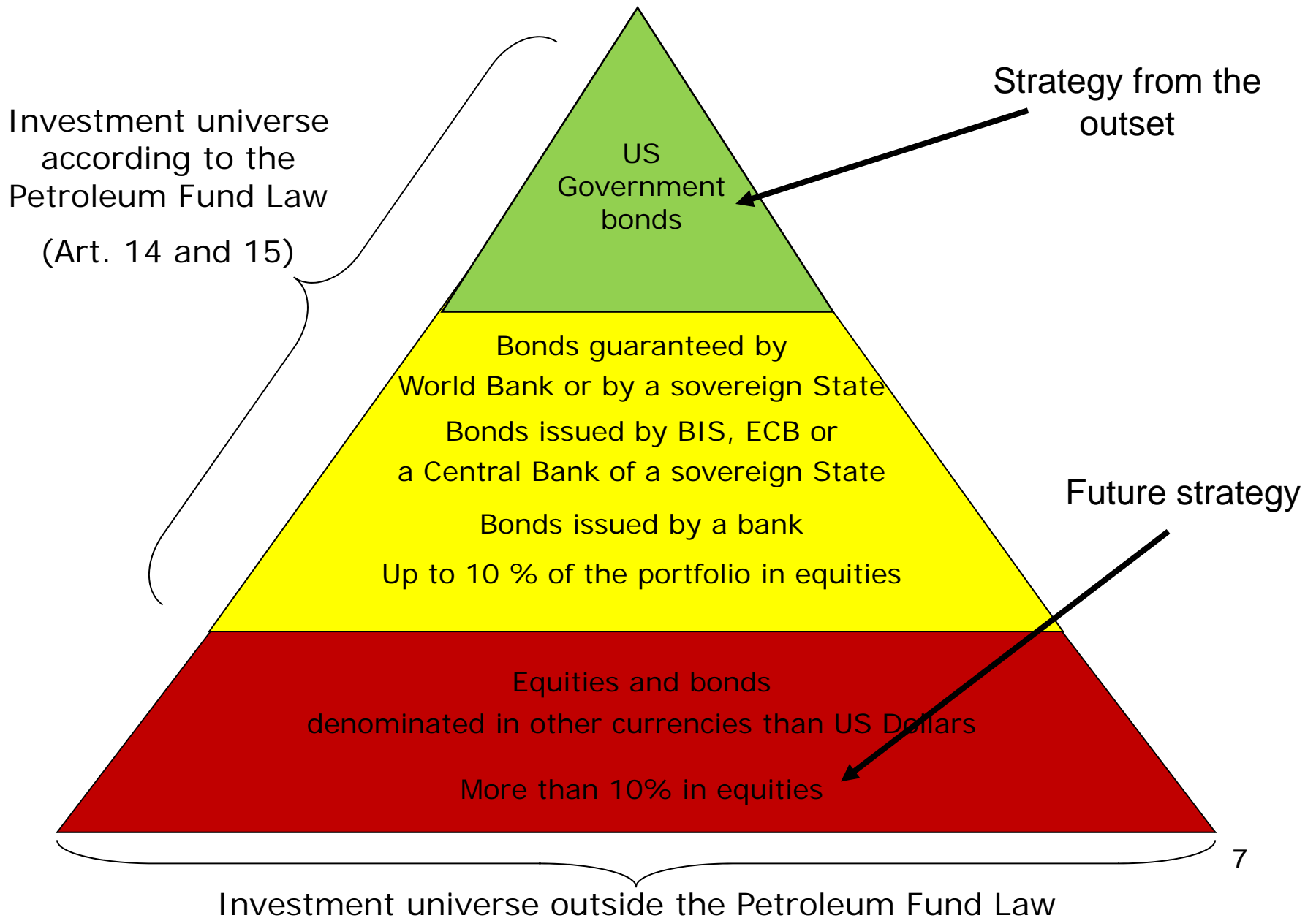
- ESI is a benchmark showing what is the long term sustainable withdrawals
- The Government may transfer more than ESI as seen fit, provided that justification and certification reports are provided to Parliament
- The Petroleum Fund, as a saving instrument, has financial objectives only, while economic development objectives should be taken care of by the State Budget



Source: Towers Watson

# The investment Policy I

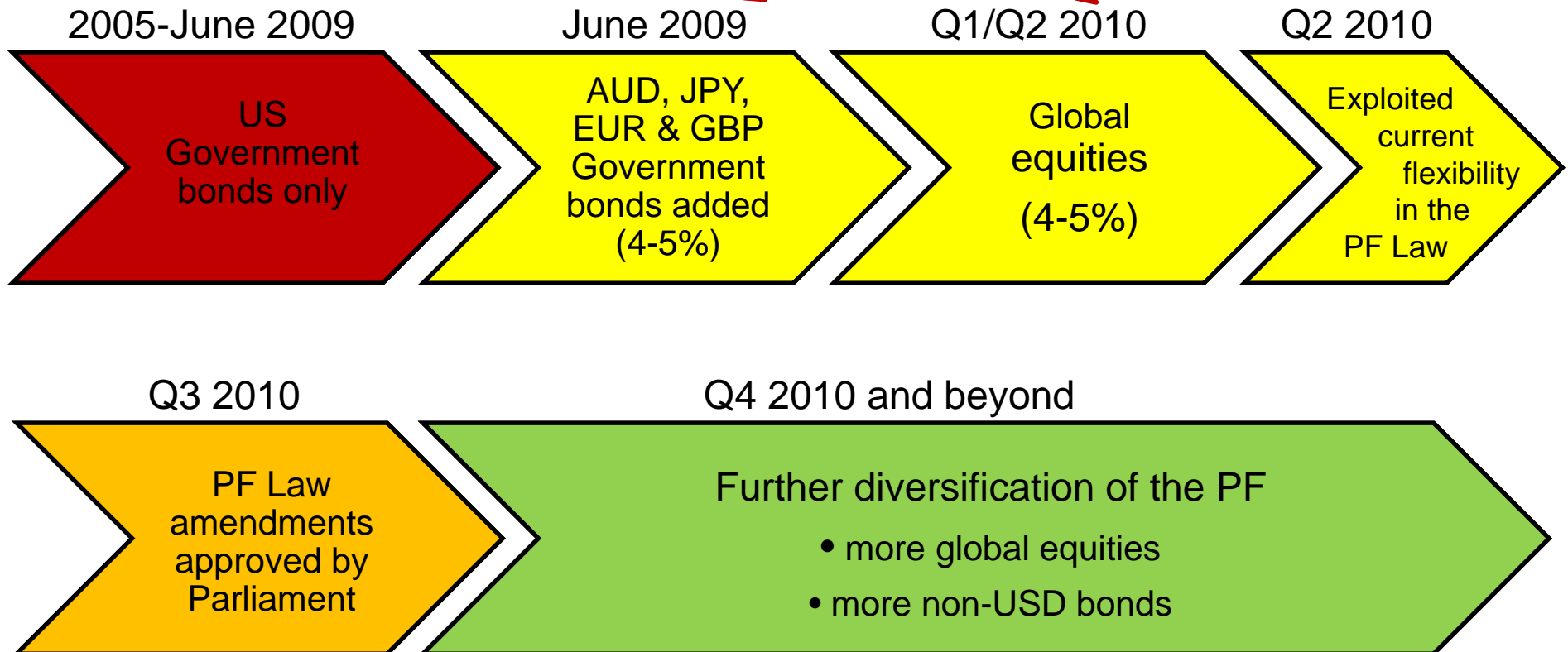
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# The Investment Policy II

BIS hired as external manager

More external managers will be hired



Continuously diversifying the PF portfolio to other asset classes, currencies and regions is the best way of reducing exposure to USD

# Petroleum Fund Performance

## ▶ Petroleum Fund Balance:

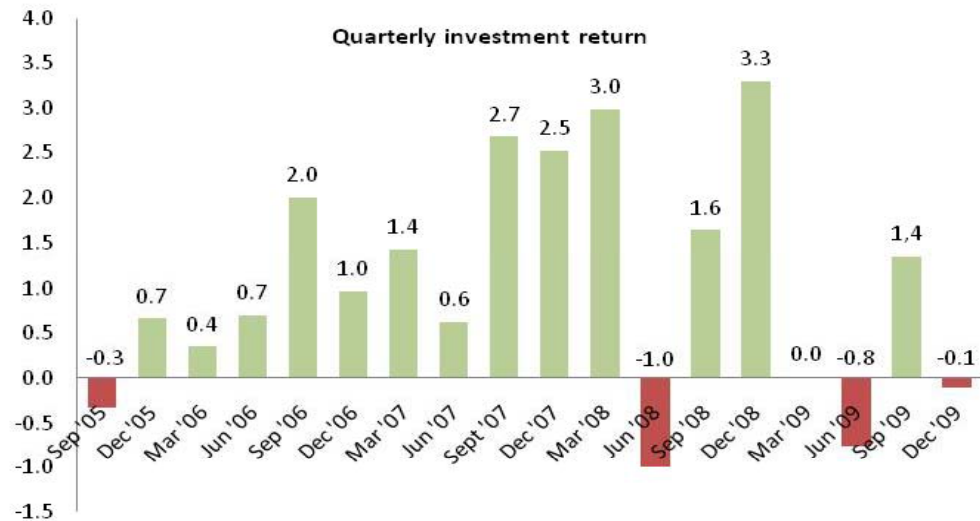
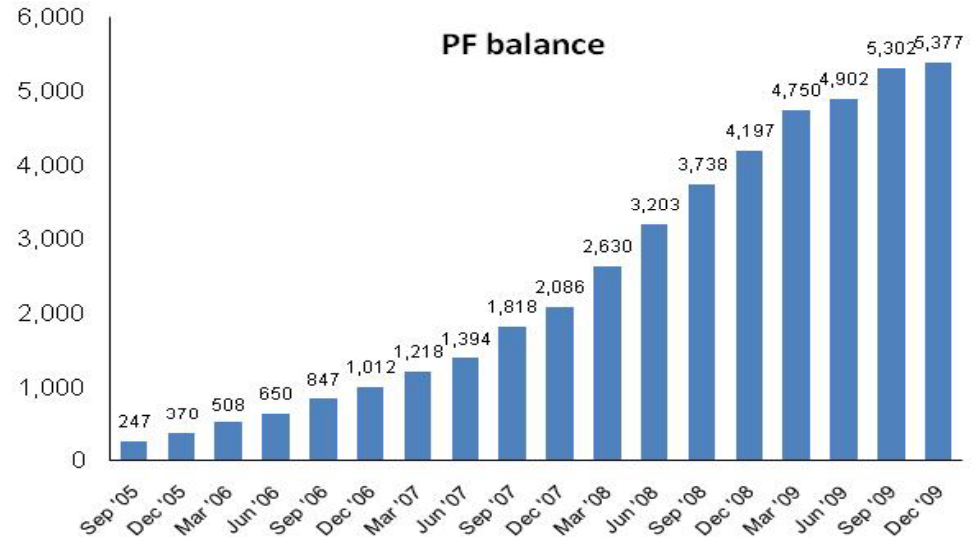
- \$5.8 billion
- 10 x non-oil GDP

## ▶ Investment Performance:

- 2005-2009: 4.4% p.a.

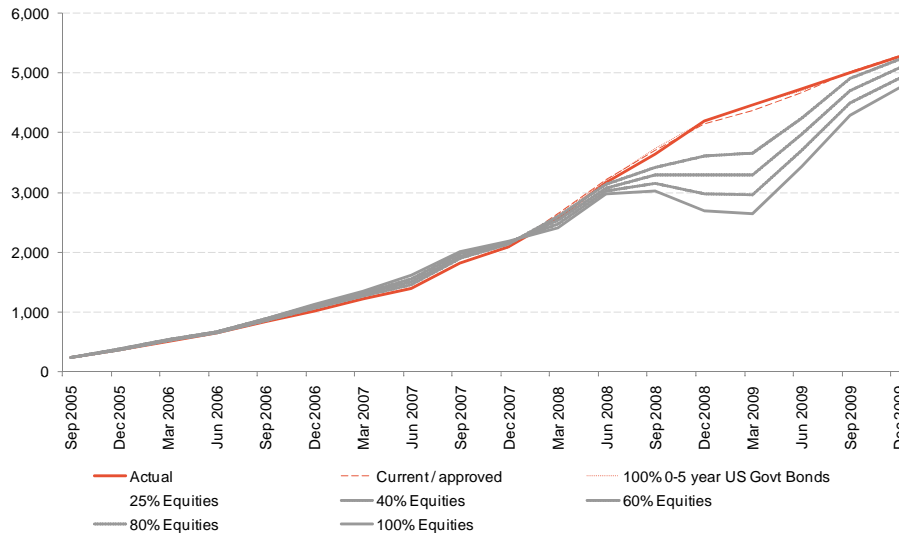
## ▶ Composition of the portfolio:

- 96% US Government bonds
- 4% AUD, JPY, EUR and UK Government bonds



# 2005-10: No other strategies would have performed better

Simulation of the historical Petroleum Fund balance under different investment strategies (USD millions)



Simulated Petroleum Fund Balance at 31 December 2009 (USD millions)	
Estimated PF balance (Actual: 5377)	5,273
Current / approved	5,290
100% 0-5 year US Govt Bonds	5,271
25% Equities	5,323
40% Equities	5,223
60% Equities	5,076
80% Equities	4,915
100% Equities	4,742

Source: Towers Watson

- Simulations of the PF performance 2005-2010, subject to different investment strategies show:
  - No other investment strategies than the current one have performed better
  - 100% exposure to equities would have resulted in \$500m lower PF balance
  - Significant drawdown during the financial crisis for investment strategies with high exposure to equities

Selecting another time period would have given a different outcome

# The current strategy is not appropriate for the future

A successful policy in the past is not necessarily the right strategy for the future, because:

- Since 1900 investing 100% Government bonds has given an annual real return of 1.7%
- The adopted investment policy including a small amount of equities (4%) has given an investment return of 2.0%
- Hence, the current investment strategy underperforms the 3% real return target assumed in the PF Law by 1% point
- To achieve 3% real rate of return at least 25% equity exposure is required.

Annual Return (%)	100% Govt. bonds	96% bonds + 4% eq.	25% equities	40% equities	60% equities	80% equities	100% equities
Historical real return since 1900	1,7	2,0	3,1	3,8	4,7	5,5	6,1
Forward looking real return	1,8	2,1	3,2	4,0	5,1	6,1	7,2

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