

# UNITED EMPLOYEES CREDIT UNION LTD.

JANUARY 2011



## YOU COULD BE EARNING MORE INTEREST ON YOUR SAVINGS! *...with our Index-Linked Term Deposits!*

Index-Linked term deposits earn a return based on the performance of the S&P/TSX stock market and depending on the growth of the Canadian market, can earn you large returns on your savings. Best of all it's risk-free! Your principal is 100% guaranteed and is insured with the Deposit Insurance Corporation of Ontario.

**5-year term deposits that matured in March of this year earned an overall return of 38.18% in just 5 years!**

### Terms Available:

- 3 Year Term maturing on March 17, 2014
- 5 Year Term maturing on March 17, 2016
- \*Both terms are non-redeemable until maturity*

### What you need to know:

The S&P/TSX 60 Index is a list of the 60 largest companies on the Toronto Stock Exchange as measured by market capitalization. Companies diversify over 11 market sectors and include RBC, Suncor Energy Inc, TD Bank, Research In Motion LTD, Potash Corp of Saskatchewan and Barrick Gold.

### Risks:

The rate of return on this investment depends on the index's performance therefore there is no promise that it will earn interest. However, the principal is always guaranteed.

**Index-Linked term deposits will be available for sale until March 1, 2011.**

Minimum Investment: \$500  
Investment Vehicles: Term Deposits, RRSP, TFSA

## Membership Share

By holding \$100 in membership shares of the Credit Union, you are a part owner of your own financial institution. We offer a wide array of products and services. You can vote at annual meetings on strategic issues. You elect the board of directors and can even run for a position on the board yourself.

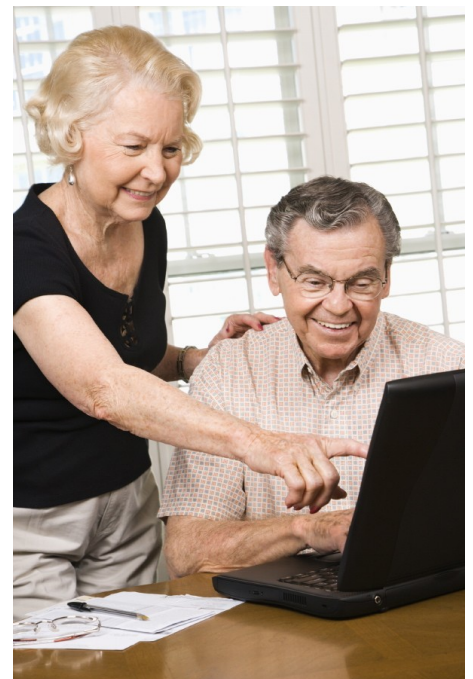
This year is the 12th consecutive year in a row that the credit union paid out a \$5 dividend on your shares!

## Are you retiring?

If you are retired or planning on retiring, you are still able to use the credit union's services!

- You can deposit your company pension, Old Age Security or Canada Pension Plan, directly into your credit union account and use it as your primary account.
- Or**
- You can use it as a savings account and set up regular transfers from your primary financial institution into your credit union account.

We also offer the convenience of online banking, telephone teller and debit cards so that you always have access to your accounts.



Put your money in the right place! Choose what's right for YOU!

TFSA VS. RRSP?

RRSP season is upon us and the new year means an additional \$5000 added to your TFSA contribution room, which leads to the question: **Which one are you contributing to if you can't do both?** Make the most out of your options and find out where to put your money. Listed below is key information you need to know in comparing an RRSP and TFSA.

| Characteristic                                       | RRSP   | TFSA   |
|--|--|--|
| Minimum Age  | Any age as long as you have earned income  | 18   |
| Maximum Age  | 71, Turned to RRIF or Cashed out   | No maximum, Eligible to contribute for a lifetime  |
| Contributions  | 18% of holder's previous year's earned income to a maximum of \$22,000 in 2010   | \$5,000 a year, no "earned income" restriction<br>2011 Maximum Contribution - \$15,000   |
| Unused Contribution Room                             | Carried Forward  | Carried Forward  |
| Tax Deductions                                       | Money contributed to an RRSP is deducted from your income via contribution receipts  | None   |
| Withdrawals  | Taxed on your marginal tax rate except if made under Home Buyer's Plan or Lifelong Learning Plan<br>Repayment for withdrawals under the Home Buyer's Plan is limited to 15 years and 10 years for the Lifelong Learning Plan otherwise no repayment is allowed | Not Taxed, Not included in your T5<br>Withdrawals do not have to be repaid and any amount withdrawn is added back to the planholder's contribution limit for the next year |
| Use as Collateral for Loans                          | Not Permitted  | Permitted  |
| Impact on Government Pension and Retirement Benefits | Withdrawal of RRIF/RRSP funds may adversely impact eligibility for certain government pension benefits or result in "clawback" of benefits already paid  | Withdrawals from TFSAs do not affect government pension benefits and cannot result in "clawback"   |
| Over-contributions                                   | Up to \$2,000 can be over contributed without penalty. Above this, a penalty tax of 1% per month is levied until the excess is withdrawn   | A penalty tax of 1% per month is levied until the excess is withdrawn  |

**DON'T FORGET!**



- The last day for RRSP contributions for 2010 is March 1, 2011!
- TFSA contribution room has now increased to a maximum of \$15,000. That's an additional \$5,000 for the year 2011. *(Subject to your contribution room)*
- Both TFSA and RRSP are eligible for Index Linked Term Deposits *(Refer to page 1 for more information)*

## DID YOU KNOW?

### YOU HELP UPHOLD THE CREDIT UNION DIFFERENCE!

By paying league dues each year, you help support the credit union community.

League Dues are charged to each member's accounts annually. All members pay this minimal charge to support the provincial and national credit union movement, advertising and development fees, and enforcement of legislation and regulations affecting credit unions.

Members are charged \$3.50, usually in February of each year, for League Dues.



### CANADA POST EMPLOYEES FREE PAYS

In 2011, your 2 free pays will be on March 3rd and September 1st. There will be no credit union payroll deduction from your pay on these days.

### YOU CAN SAVE MONEY WITH YOUR CREDIT UNION MEMBER CARD!



As a member of the credit union, you have access to the EXCHANGE Network. The EXCHANGE network offers no surcharge fee ATMs across Canada and the United States.

- Use your Member Card at over 2,400 full-service ATMs across Canada, without any surcharges.
- Make deposits at any deposit-taking ATM on THE EXCHANGE Network.
- Use your Member Card at 265,000 ATMs carrying THE EXCHANGE® logo across the U.S., most without surcharges.
- Use your Member Card for retail purchases at any U.S. location carrying the affiliated Accel POS logo.

Visit [www.the-exchange.ca](http://www.the-exchange.ca) for ATM locations and for more information.



## Have Peace of Mind. Be Financially Fit.

An important part of preparing for your future is planning for any financial difficulties. There are a lot of unforeseen events that could render you financially stressed. It's therefore important that you are prepared and have planned for such events accordingly.

**To help you cope for financial rough times, consider applying now for a personal line of credit or a home equity line of credit.**

The credit union Lines of Credit offer:

- Cash when you need it
- Lower interest charges compared to retail credit cards
- The option to repay the balance or just the minimum amount—the flexibility is yours!
- Account protection from over-drawing your account or having cheques returned due to insufficient funds

**What are you waiting for? Contact one of our branches to apply now!**

### CHIP CARDS



Watch out for your new chip cards which will be rolled out by spring of 2011! The new chip cards will replace your existing ATM/POS cards.

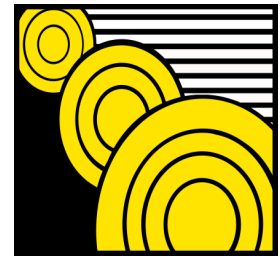
**TIP:** For extra security and protection, sign up for *online banking* to track your account activities regularly. Also, it gives you the ability to put a stop on your ATM/POS card if it has been lost or stolen.

### MAKE BANKING EASIER!

Have all your government cheques such as your tax refund and GST/HST refund directly deposited into your credit union account. By enrolling in direct deposit, you won't need to wait for your cheques to arrive and you can have instant access to your money without having to take the time to deposit your cheques into your account.

Come into the branch to fill out the forms you need!

# Happy Retirement!



Isabel McAllister shown above (left) together with long-time friend and colleague Helen Lewis.

It is with mixed emotions that we announce Ms. Isabel McAllister's retirement. Isabel is a member services representative at our Don Mills branch and has been with the credit union for more than 20 years. She has made a remarkable contribution in our lives, the lives of our members, and to the success of the credit union. She will truly be missed!

***We wish her a happy and fulfilling retirement!***

## UNITED EMPLOYEES CREDIT UNION LTD.

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| Tuesday   | 9:00-4:30 |
| Wednesday | 9:00-4:30 |
| Thursday  | 7:30-4:30 |
| Friday    | 9:00-3:00 |

Email: [infounded@unitedcu.com](mailto:infounded@unitedcu.com)

### NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THE CREDIT UNION!

**Tell your friends. Tell your family. Tell your neighbours.**



Drive with four winter tires and save **5%** on your car insurance with The Personal.

### Play it safe and save!

**It's a fact. Driving with four winter tires improves traction and reduces your braking distance. And now - it even saves you money on your car insurance!**

Our winter tire discount is just the tip of the iceberg. With The Personal, you also benefit from customized coverage, 24/7 emergency claims assistance, student rates, multi-vehicle discount and more.

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The 5% winter tire discount is applied to your car insurance premium, all year round.

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Note: Auto insurance is not available in Manitoba, Saskatchewan or British Columbia due to government-run plans. Winter tire discount not offered in Quebec. ™ Trademark of The Personal Insurance Company.

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