

#### AGENDA RETIREMENT BOARD MEETING

Thursday, March 28, 2024, 8:30 A.M.

Location: Merced County Department of Public Health 260 E. 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Merced, CA 95341 Auditorium

Zoom Conference Information:

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Dial In Number: 669-900-6833, MEETING ID: 930 3019 5748, PASSCODE: 095484 (For use only if Zoom Connection Malfunctions) Telephone Number: 1-310-372-7549, Conference Code: 975839

#### 1. Call to Order- 8:30 A.M.

The Retirement Board may discuss and take action on the following:

#### 2. Roll Call

#### **3.** <u>Teleconference Request</u> Trustee Teleconference Request (Govt. Code §54953(f)(2)(A)(i)).

4. Approval of Minutes – February 22, 2024.

#### 5. Public Comment

Members of the public may comment on any item under the Board's jurisdiction including items on the Board's agenda. Matters presented under this item will not be discussed or acted upon by the Board at this time. Persons addressing the Board will be limited to a maximum of five (5) minutes in total. Please state your name for the record.

#### 6. <u>Consent Calendar</u>

Consent matters are expected to be routine and may be acted upon, without discussion, as one unit. If an item is taken off the Consent Calendar for discussion, it will be heard as the last item(s) of the Open Session as appropriate:

a. Retirements: Pursuant to Govt. Code § 31663.25 or § 31672.

Name	Effective Date						
Carrasco, Ramona	02/24/2024						
Darrow, Denise	02/26/2024						
Dobbins, Deana	03/23/2024						
Fahey, Mark	03/01/2024						
Owens, Ivory	03/23/2024						
Ridge, Nicole	02/26/2024						

- b. Monthly budget report submitted.
- c. Monthly performance report from Meketa.
- d. Monthly expenditures report for new building construction.

#### 7. Closed Session

As provided in the Ralph M. Brown Act, Government Code sections 54950 et seq., the Board may meet in closed session with members of its staff, county employees and its attorneys. These sessions are not open to the public and may not be attended by



members of the public. The matters the Board will meet on in closed session are identified below. Any public reports of action taken in the closed session will be made in accordance with Government Code sections 54957.1:

- a. Discussion and possible action regarding investments (Govt. Code § 54956.81) in recommended funds by Cliffwater LLC.
- b. Conference with Real Property Negotiator (Gov. Code section 54956.8.)
   Property: 3199 M Street, Merced, CA Agency negotiator: Kristen Santos Under negotiation: Price and terms, payment, or both.

#### 8. <u>Report Out of Closed Session</u>

#### 9. Open Session

- a. Cliffwater to discuss quarterly update of MercedCERA's alternative portfolio Cliffwater, LLC.
- Discussion and possible action to adopt MercedCERA's Emergency Plan Policy Staff.
- c. Discussion and possible action to approve the draft Resolution for the sale of the property located at 3199 M Street in Merced and designate the Plan Administrator or the Assistant Plan Administrator as delegates for the Board Staff.
- d. Discussion regarding the Brown Act requirements for virtual attendance for trustees Tom Ebersole, Board Counsel.
- e. Chair to appoint members of the ad hoc Budget Committee to work with staff for the FY 24/25 budget year.
- f. Discussion with possible action on the headquarters building construction located at 690 W 19<sup>th</sup> Street in Merced, CA Staff.

#### 10. Information Sharing & Agenda Item Requests

#### 11. Adjournment

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#### MINUTES RETIREMENT BOARD MEETING

Thursday, February 22, 2024, 8:30 A.M.

Location: Merced County Department of Public Health 260 E. 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Merced, CA 95341 Auditorium Zoom Conference Information:

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#### 1. Call to Order- 8:31 A.M.

#### 2. Roll Call

**Board Members Present**: Aaron Rosenberg, Scott Silveira, Janey Cabral, Karen Adams, Alfonse Peterson, Ryan Paskin, Michael Harris, Scott Johnston and Moses Nelson (arrived at 8:33 A.M.). **Absent**: Corrina Brown. **Counsel**: Rina Gonzales. **Staff**: Kristie Santos, Martha Sanchez Barboa, Mark Harman, Monica Gallegos, Khue Xiong, Patrick Armendarez, Brenda Mojica, Nikki Barraza, Kristy Barajas, Sheri Villagrana, Marissa Coelho, and Jennifer Figueroa.

#### 3. Teleconference Request

Trustee Teleconference Request (Govt. Code §54953(f)(2)(A)(i)). Trustee Johnston requested to attend March 28, 2024 board meeting remotely due to a health-related reason.

## Board voted unanimously to approve the teleconference request of Trustee Johnston.

1<sup>st</sup> – Silveira/2<sup>nd</sup> – Cabral, passes 7/0

 <u>Approval of Minutes</u> – January 25, 2024.
 Board voted unanimously to approve the January 25, 2024 meeting minutes. 1<sup>st</sup> – Johnston/2<sup>nd</sup> – Cabral, passes 7/0

#### 5. Public Comment

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#### 6. Consent Calendar

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a. Retirements: Pursuant to Govt. Code § 31663.25 or § 31672.

Name	Effective Date
Ellis, Angela	02/09/2024
Elms, Diane	02/05/2024
Moore, Susan	02/02/2024
Randol, Jennifer	02/02/2024



- b. Monthly Budget Report Submitted.
- c. Building Construction Budget Submitted.
- d. Meketa Monthly Performance Report Submitted.

Board voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda as presented.

1<sup>st</sup> – Cabral/2<sup>nd</sup> – Peterson, passes 7/0

#### 7. Closed Session

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#### 8. Report Out of Closed Session

a. Conference with Real Property Negotiator (Gov. Code section 54956.8) Staff given direction.

#### 9. Open Session

- a. Discussion and action to approve the adoption of the County's policies for Cyber Security Staff.
  Board voted unanimously to adopt Merced County's policies for Cyber Security.
  1<sup>st</sup> Johnston/2<sup>nd</sup> Adams, passes 7/0
- Discussion and review of the newly published 2024 Capital Market Expectations by Meketa and discussion of several asset allocation options based on the Trustee Risk Survey – Meketa.
   No action taken.
- Discussion on the first reading of the draft Investment Beliefs Statement -Meketa.
   No action taken.
- d. Discussion and approval to adopt the Resolution honoring David Ness for his Service on the MercedCERA Board of Retirement Staff.
  Board voted unanimously to approve and adopt the Resolution honoring David Ness for his service on the MercedCERA Board of Retirement. 1<sup>st</sup> – Johnston/2<sup>nd</sup> – Adams, passes 7/0.
- e. Discussion on update of new headquarters building Staff. Building subcommittee invited to do a walkthrough of the new building.

#### 10. Information Sharing & Agenda Item Requests

Chair Paskin reminded all of the next meeting continuing in the public health auditorium. Kristie reintroduced Khue Xiong, MercedCERA staff, who is aiding with board functions.



### 11. Adjournment - 10:20 A.M.

Accepted By,

Trustee Name/Position	Signature	Date
Ryan Paskin/Chair		
AI Peterson/Secretary		

Merced County Employees' Retirement Association Non-Administrative Expenditures Report (Preliminary) For the Month Ended February 29, 2024

> Non-Administrative Expenses **Original Projection Current Projection** Expended 2024-02 Expended YTD **Bal Remaining** % Exp YTD 21800 · Investment Expenses 3.740.500.00 3.740.500.00 163.388.80 1.421.475.40 2.319.024.60 38% 2/1/2024 Cliffwater - 2024-01 Consulting Svcs 33,333.33 2/2/2024 Office Payroll 2024 PP 03 - Staff Investment Allocation 17,539.59 2/7/2024 Mellon Dynamic - 2023-Q4 Mgt Fee 44,434.50 2/16/2024 Office Payroll 2024 PP 04 - Staff Investment Allocation 17,539.59 2/26/2024 UBS TPF - 2023-Q4 Mgt Fee 50,541.79 Total 21800 · Investment Expenses 163,388.80 21802 · Actuarial Services 175,000.00 175,000.00 67,888.00 107,112.00 39% -Total 21802 · Actuarial Services 21812 · Data Processing 102.000.00 102.000.00 45,112.13 56.887.87 44% 321.35 2/29/2024 Comcast - 2024-03 Svcs 321.35 321.35 Total 21812 · Data Processing 430,000.00 430,000.00 187,511.16 242,488.84 44% 21834 · Legal Services 25,610.47 2/7/2024 2023-02 Cost Alloc - Co Couns 5,632.50 2/7/2024 Ted Cabral - 2024-01 Legal Svcs 40.00 2/7/2024 Ted Cabral - 2024-01 Legal Svcs 255.50 2/7/2024 Ted Cabral - 2024-01 Legal Svcs 7,492.29 2/7/2024 Ted Cabral - 2024-01 Legal Svcs 10.00 2/7/2024 Ted Cabral - 2024-01 Legal Svcs 12,180.18 25,610.47 Total 21834 · Legal Services 21840 · Custodial Banking Services 150,000.00 150,000.00 972.34 42,432.75 107,567.25 28% 807.34 2/5/2024 2024-01 NT STIF Income - Cust Fee 2/2/2024 Wire Fees - 2023-12 165.00 Total 21840 · Custodial Banking Services 972.34 505.000.00 505.000.00 12.240.81 324.681.77 180.318.23 64% 22350 · Software and Technology 2/1/2024 CPAS - 2024-02 Hosting 6,107.00 2/5/2024 PensionX - 2024-02 Svc Program & SLA 900.00 2/5/2024 Roger J Wyan Photography - Portrait & Bldg Const 925.00 2/8/2024 ODP Business Solutons - Headset & Keyboard 104.87 2/22/2024 CDWG - 2 Laptops & Cases 2.840.31 2/29/2024 LexisNexis - 2024-01 Accurint & Batch Svcs 595.51 2/29/2024 ODP Business Solutions - 2 Electric Desk Risers 768.12 12,240.81 Total 22350 · Software and Technology 250.000.00 250.000.00 250.000.00 **Depreciation Expense** --**Total Non-Administrative Items** 5.352.500.00 5.352.500.00 202.533.77 2.089.101.21 3,263,398.79 39%

### Merced County Employees' Retirement Association Non-Administrative Expenses Prev Year Comparison (Preliminary) 02/29/2024

	February 2024		February 2023		\$ Change		% Change	
Expense								
62025 · Non-Administrative Expenses								
21800 · Investment Expenses	\$	163,388.80	\$	351,172.64	\$	(187,783.84)	-53.47%	
21802 · Actuarial Services		-		67,646.00		(67,646.00)	-100.00%	
21812 · Data Processing		321.35		6,609.03		(6,287.68)	-95.14%	
21834 · Legal Services		25,610.47		19,499.33		6,111.14	31.34%	
21840 · Custodial Banking Services		972.34		1,853.55		(881.21)	-47.54%	
22350 · Software and Technology		12,240.81		15,633.66		(3,392.85)	-21.70%	
Depreciation Expense		-		-		-		
Total 62025 · Non-Administrative Expenses	\$	202,533.77	\$	462,414.21	\$	(259,880.44)	-56.20%	

Administrative Budget	Adopted	Current Budget	Expended 2024-02	Expended YTD	Bal Remaining	% Exp YTD
10110 · Salaries & Wages	1,975,000.00	1,975,000.00	108,168.74	791,733.40	1,183,266.60	40%
2/2/2024 Office Payroll 2024 PP 03 - Administrative Allocation 2/16/2024 Office Payroll 2024 PP 04 - Administrative Allocation			53,796.80 54,371.94			
Total 10110 · Salaries & Wages			108,168.74			
20600 · Communications	9,800.00	9,800.00	-	4,685.84	5,114.16	48%
Total 20600 · Communications			· ·			
20900 · Household Expense	15,750.00	15,750.00	999.00	8,592.24	7,157.76	55%
2/7/2024 Bob's Pest Control - 2024-01 Pest Control 2/23/2024 Geil Enterprises - 2024-02 Janitorial Svcs			40.00 959.00			
Total 20900 · Household Expense			999.00			
21000 · Insurance - Other	105,000.00	105,000.00	-	101,995.00	3,005.00	97%
Total 21000 · Insurance - Other						
21301 · Maintenance Structure Improvement	16,000.00	16,000.00	2,052.00	7,515.91	8,484.09	47%
2/29/2024 San Joaquin Glass - Install Glass Door 2/29/2024 Yard Masters - 2024-02 Landscape Svcs			1,692.00 360.00	,	.,	
Total 21301 · Maintenance Structure Improvement			2,052.00			
21500 · Membership	8,000.00	8,000.00		6,415.00	1,585.00	80%
Total 21500 · Membership			-			
21700 · Office Expense - General	19,275.00	19,275.00	664.51	12,895.39	6,379.61	67%
2/5/2024 Ingraham Trophies - Name Plate 2/7/2024 First Choice - 2024-02-01 Water Svc 2/8/2024 ODP Business Solutions - Heater, Lamp, & Table 2/20/2024 Ingraham Trophies - Name Plates			13.53 107.23 347.88 54.13			
2/23/2024 First Choice - 2024-02-15 Water Svc 2/29/2024 ODP Business Solutions - Office Supplies			69.95 71.79			
Total 21700 · Office Expense - General			664.51			
21710 · Office Expense - Postage	20,000.00	20,000.00	•	11,288.61	8,711.39	56%
Total 21710 · Office Expense - Postage						
21805 · Audits	65,000.00	65,000.00	-	49,000.00	16,000.00	75%
Total 21805 · Audits			-			

Administrative Budget	Adopted	Current Budget	Expended 2024-02	Expended YTD	Bal Remaining	% Exp YTD
21808 · Board Membership	10,000.00	10,000.00	107.65	3,730.60	6,269.40	37%
2/14/2204 2024-01 Board Mtg Expenses			107.65			
Total 21808 · Board Membership		-	107.65			
21900 · Publications & Legal Notices	5,000.00	5,000.00		4,999.32	0.68	100%
2/21/2024 Guardco - Security Officer - 2/6-2/9		·	1,239.75	`		
Total 21900 · Publications & Legal Notices			1,239.75			
22300 · Spec Dept Exp - Other	750.00	750.00	167.88	206.87	543.13	28%
2/21/2024 Reimb for Linens for Board Mtg			167.88			
Total 22300 · Spec Dept Exp - Other			167.88			
22310 · Election Expense	30,000.00	30,000.00	-	5,541.41	24,458.59	18%
Total 22310 · Election Expense						
			-			
22327 · Spec Dept Exp - Cost Allocation	40,000.00	40,000.00	3,298.50	26,388.00	13,612.00	66%
2/7/2024 2024-02 Cost Alloc			3,298.50			
Total 22327 · Spec Dept Exp - Cost Allocation			3,298.50			
22500 · Transportation & Travel	250.00	250.00	-	52.86	197.14	21%
Total 22500 · Transportation & Travel			<u> </u>			
22505 · Trans & Travel - Staff Development	4,000.00	4,000.00		149.00	3,851.00	4%
Total 22505 · Trans & Travel - Staff Development			-			
22515 · Trans & Travel - In State	40,000.00	40,000.00	350.00	14,364.00	25,636.00	36%
2/5/2023 CALAPRS - 2024-02 Benefits RT			50.00			
2/22/2024 CALAPRS - 2024-02 Benefits RT			300.00			
Total 22515 · Trans & Travel - In State		•	350.00			
22516 · Trans & Travel - Out of State	7,500.00	7,500.00	-	3,481.31	4,018.69	46%
Total 22516 · Trans & Travel - Out of State						
22600 · Utilities	20,000.00	20,000.00	205.18	11,705.91	8,294.09	59%
2/7/2024 City of Merced - 2024-02 WS&G			205.18			
Total 22600 · Utilities		•	205.18			
		27,000.00			27,000.00	
Depreciation Expense	27,000.00	27,000.00	-	-	27,000.00	







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## **Economic and Market Update**

Data as of January 31, 2024

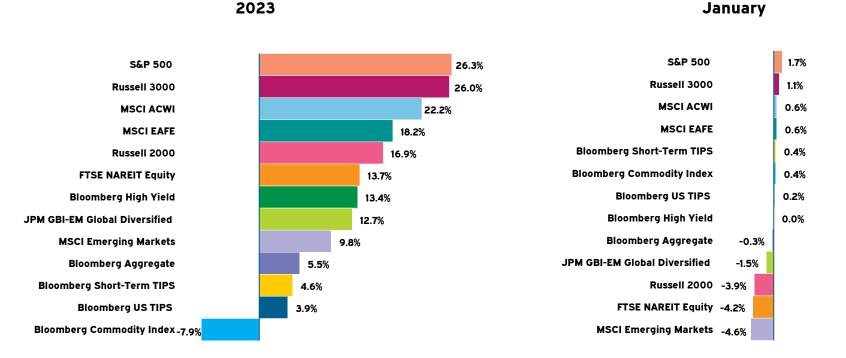


## Commentary

 $\rightarrow$  Markets were mixed in January after posting strong returns in 2023.

- Major central banks have largely paused interest rate hikes with expectations for many to cut rates this year. During the month there were signs though that many central banks, including the US, might not cut rates as soon as expected given strong economic data.
- In general inflation pressures have receded in most countries, but some uncertainty remains. Headline inflation fell in January in the US, but core inflation remained unchanged and elevated. China moved further into deflationary territory (-0.8%) in January.
- US equity markets (Russell 3000 index) rose 1.1% in January after a very strong 2023 (26.0%). There were mixed results across sectors, but technology continued to do well.
- Non-US developed equity markets gained 0.6% in January but 2.6% in local terms as the US dollar reversed course and strengthened during the month. The appreciation of the dollar was largely driven by strong economic data and related expectations that the Fed may delay policy rate cuts this year.
- Emerging market equity returns were also negatively influenced by the strong US dollar, but the biggest headwind in January was China (-10.6%). Emerging market equities had the weakest results for the month, down 4.6%.
- Bonds experienced selling pressure over the month, but ultimately finished the month nearly unchanged. The broad US bond market (Bloomberg Aggregate) declined (0.3%) in January.
- → Looking to the rest of this year, the paths of inflation and monetary policy, China's economic disorder and slowing economic growth, the many looming elections, and the wars in Ukraine and Israel, will be key.

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## Index Returns<sup>1</sup>

- → After a strong market performance in 2023, the start of 2024 saw US large cap growth stocks continue their rally causing the S&P 500 to lead the way. Emerging market equity was the worst performer, dragged down by the continued sell-off of Chinese stocks.
- → Better than expected economic news in the US weighed on bond markets for the month with the broad US bond market (Bloomberg Aggregate) down slightly.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Source: Bloomberg. Data is as of January 31, 2024.



Domestic Equity	January (%)	Q4 2023 (%)	1 YR (%)	З YR (%)	5 YR (%)	10 YR (%)
S&P 500	1.7	11.7	20.8	11.0	14.3	12.6
Russell 3000	1.1	12.1	19.1	9.1	13.5	12.0
Russell 1000	1.4	12.0	20.2	9.8	14.0	12.3
Russell 1000 Growth	2.5	14.2	35.0	10.0	18.0	15.5
Russell 1000 Value	0.1	9.5	6.1	9.2	9.3	8.8
Russell MidCap	-1.4	12.8	6.7	5.5	10.1	9.5
Russell MidCap Growth	-0.5	14.5	15.1	1.2	11.2	10.7
Russell MidCap Value	-1.8	12.1	2.4	7.8	8.6	8.2
Russell 2000	-3.9	14.0	2.4	-0.8	6.8	7.0
Russell 2000 Growth	-3.2	12.7	4.5	-6.0	6.2	7.0
Russell 2000 Value	-4.5	15.3	-0.1	4.5	6.7	6.7

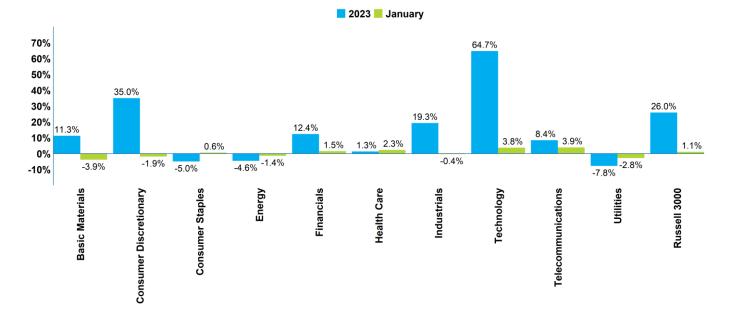
## Domestic Equity Returns<sup>1</sup>

## US Equities: The Russell 3000 increased 1.1% in January with a one-year return of 19.1%.

- → US equities built on their large gains from last year in January. Strong corporate earnings, economic data suggesting a soft landing might be achievable, and hopes for significant interest rate cuts (for most of the month) all drove results.
- → Large cap stocks accounted for all the US equity market gains in January. NVIDIA, Microsoft, and Meta Platforms made up nearly 90% of the increase in the Russell 1000 index. Growth stocks outperformed value stocks across the market cap spectrum.
- → While US equities advanced as a group, small and mid-cap stocks both declined in January. Banks contributed to this dynamic after a surprise loss at New York Community Bancorp rekindled fears regarding the banking system.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Source: Bloomberg. Data is as of January 31, 2024.





## Russell 3000 Sector Returns<sup>1</sup>

- → In January, telecommunications (3.9%), technology stocks (3.8%), and health care (2.3%) outperformed other sectors. Traditionally defensive sector utilities (-2.8%) trailed along with basic materials (-3.9%) and energy stocks (-1.4%).
- $\rightarrow$  In 2023, technology (64.7%) and consumer discretionary (35.0%) sectors had the best results, helped respectively by artificial intelligence optimism and a healthy US consumer.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Source: Bloomberg. Data is as of January 31, 2024.

Foreign Equity	January (%)	Q4 2023 (%)	1 YR (%)	3 YR (%)	5 YR (%)	10 YR (%)
MSCI ACWI ex. US	-1.0	9.8	5.9	1.1	5.3	4.2
MSCI EAFE	0.6	10.4	10.0	4.6	6.9	4.8
MSCI EAFE (Local Currency)	2.6	5.0	12.1	9.7	8.9	7.2
MSCI EAFE Small Cap	-1.6	11.1	3.6	-1.1	4.6	4.8
MSCI Emerging Markets	-4.6	7.9	-2.9	-7.5	1.0	2.9
MSCI Emerging Markets (Local Currency)	-3.5	5.6	-0.5	-4.9	3.2	5.3
MSCI China	-10.6	-4.2	-29.0	-23.2	-6.9	0.4

## Foreign Equity Returns<sup>1</sup>

Foreign Equity: Developed international equities (MSCI EAFE) gained 0.6% in January and had a one-year return of 10.0%. Emerging market equities (MSCI EM) fell -4.6% in January, and -2.9% for the trailing year.

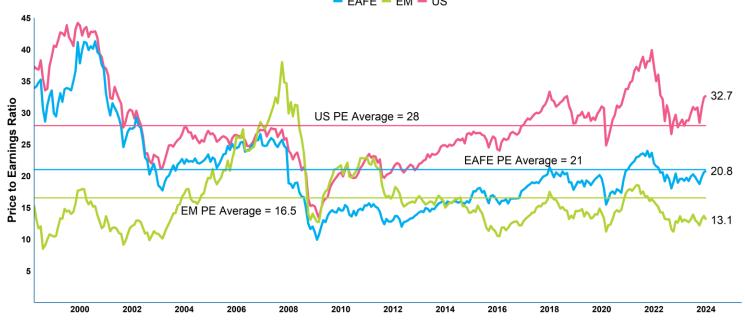
- → International developed equities saw slight gains for the month, while emerging market equities saw large losses for the same period; both were hampered by the US dollar reversing its sell-off from the end of last year. Outside of emerging markets, growth outperformed value for the month.
- → Eurozone equities performed well, benefiting from ECB policy expectations, developments in the tech sector, and promising manufacturing data. U.K. equities stalled, as an unexpected increase in inflation pushed out the expected timing of rate cuts. Japan continues to see the highest returns globally over optimism on structural changes, January being no exception.
- $\rightarrow$  EM equities continue to be bogged down by China (-10.6%) despite news of further stimulus by the PBOC.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Source: Bloomberg. Data is as of January 31, 2024.

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## Equity Cyclically Adjusted P/E Ratios<sup>1</sup>



## – EAFE – EM – US

- $\rightarrow$  In January, the US equity price-to-earnings ratio increased further above its 21st century average.
- → International market valuations were mixed in January and remain below the US. In the case of developed markets, valuations increased slightly to just below their long-term average, while emerging market valuations declined, remaining well below their average.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> US Equity Cyclically Adjusted P/E on S&P 500 Index. Source: Robert Shiller, Yale University, and Meketa Investment Group. Developed and Emerging Market Equity (MSCI EAFE and EM Index) Cyclically Adjusted P/E – Source: Bloomberg. Earnings figures represent the average of monthly "as reported" earnings over the previous ten years. Data is as of January 2023. The average line is the long-term average of the US, EM, and EAFE PE values from April 1998 to the recent month-end respectively.

							Current	
Fixed Income	January (%)	Q4 2023 (%)	1 YR (%)	3 YR (%)	5 YR (%)	10 YR (%)	Yield (%)	Duration (Years)
Bloomberg Universal	-0.2	6.8	2.7	-2.8	1.1	1.9	4.9	6.0
Bloomberg Aggregate	-0.3	6.8	2.1	-3.2	0.8	1.6	4.6	6.2
Bloomberg US TIPS	0.2	4.7	2.2	-1.0	2.9	2.2	4.2	6.9
Bloomberg Short-term TIPS	0.4	2.6	4.3	2.3	3.3	2.0	4.4	2.6
Bloomberg High Yield	0.0	7.2	9.3	1.9	4.4	4.5	7.8	3.7
JPM GBI-EM Global Diversified (USD)	-1.5	8.1	6.4	-3.3	-0.2	0.4	6.3	5.0

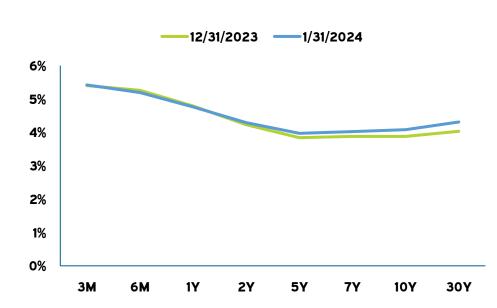
## Fixed Income Returns<sup>1</sup>

## Fixed Income: The Bloomberg Universal index fell -0.2% in January but gained 2.7% on a one-year basis.

- → Strong economic data in January and comments toward the end of the month by Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell hinting that rate cuts were not imminent drove rates up over the month, weighing on bonds.
- → The broad US bond market (Bloomberg Aggregate) declined 0.3% for the month. The broader TIPS index rose 0.2%, while the less interest-rate-sensitive short-term TIPS index rose 0.4%.
- → High yield bonds ended the month unchanged, while emerging market debt declined by 1.5%. Both asset classes produced double-digit gains last year.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Source: Bloomberg. JPM GBI-EM data is from InvestorForce. Data is as of January 31, 2024. The yield and duration data from Bloomberg is defined as the index's yield to worst and modified duration respectively.

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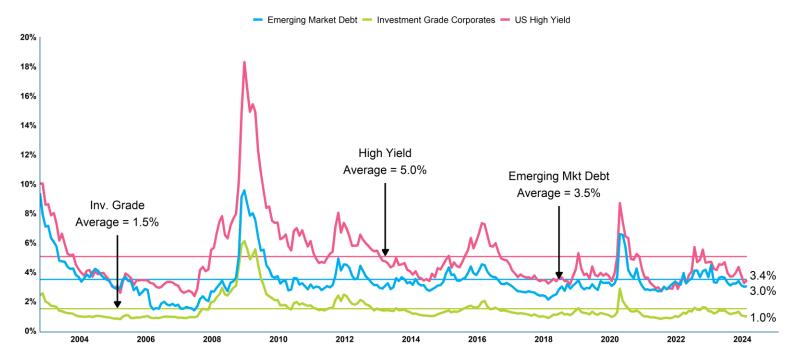
## US Yield Curve<sup>1</sup>

- → Both short-term and longer-term maturities ended the month largely unchanged, however, yields were volatile over the month on surprisingly strong economic data and shifts in monetary policy expectations.
- → For the month, two-year Treasury yields ended at 4.2% (around 1% below the peak from October) while 10-year Treasury yields ended at 3.9%.
- → The yield curve remained inverted at month-end despite a recent flattening trend. The yield spread between the two-year and ten-year Treasury was -0.3% at the end of January.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Source: Bloomberg. Data is as of January 31, 2024.



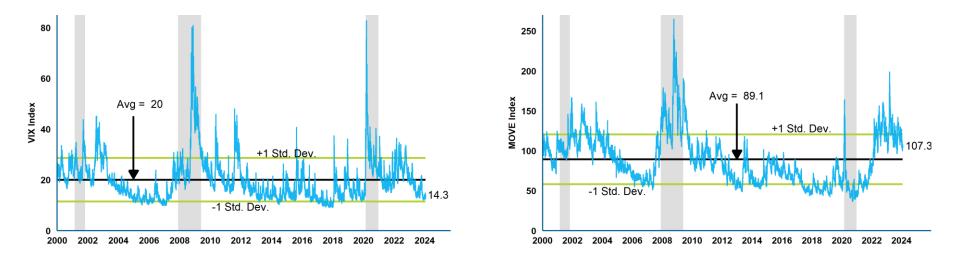
## Credit Spreads vs. US Treasury Bonds<sup>1</sup>



- → Credit spreads widened slightly for high yield in January (3.2% to 3.4%) while spreads for investment grade corporate and emerging market bonds remained the same.
- → Expectations of peaking policy rates and the corresponding increase in risk appetite has recently benefited credit, with spreads (the added yield above a comparable maturity Treasury) narrowing.
- $\rightarrow$  All spreads remain below their respective long run averages, particularly within high yield.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Sources: Bloomberg. Data is as of January 31, 2024. Average lines denote the average of the investment grade, high yield, and emerging market spread values from September 2002 to the recent month-end, respectively.



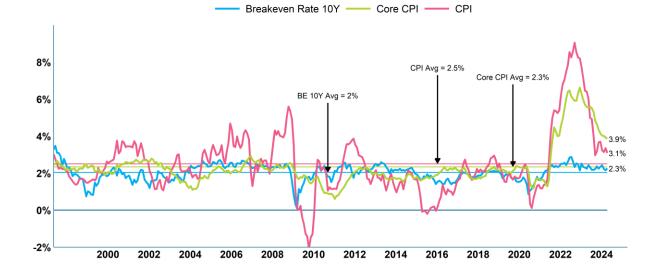


## Equity and Fixed Income Volatility<sup>1</sup>

- → Volatility in equities (VIX) remains close to one standard deviation below the long-term average as the focus shifted late last year to peaking policy rates and the potential for a soft landing.
- → Volatility in the bond market (MOVE) came down over the month (114.6 to 107.3) but remains elevated and well above its long-run average (89.1). The bond market remained on edge for most of 2023, driven largely by uncertainty about the ultimate path of monetary policy, as well as continued (and surprising) strength in economic data.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Equity Volatility – Source: FRED. Fixed Income Volatility – Source: Bloomberg. Implied volatility as measured using VIX Index for equity markets and the MOVE Index to measure interest rate volatility for fixed income markets. Data is as of January 2024. The average line indicated is the average of the VIX and MOVE values between January 2020 and January 2024.





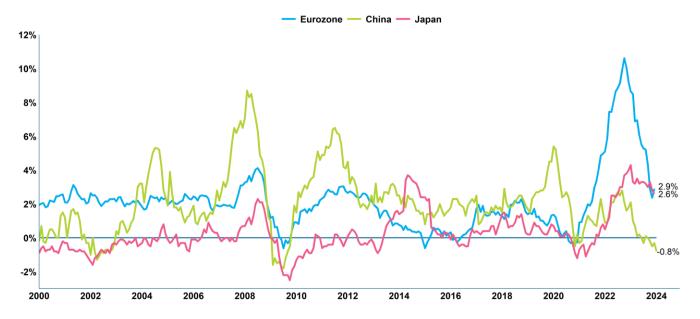
## US Ten-Year Breakeven Inflation and CPI<sup>1</sup>

- → Year-over-year headline inflation declined in January (3.4% to 3.1%) but not by as much as expected (expectations were for a 2.9% reading). Month-over-month inflation came in at 0.3%, the same as last month and slightly above expectations of 0.2%. Shelter continues to keep inflation elevated, increasing 6.0% from a year prior. Food rose 2.6% over the same period, while downward pressure on energy prices continued, falling 4.6%.
- → Core inflation excluding food and energy remained unchanged at 3.9% year-over-year (expectations were for a decline to 3.7%), with shelter costs again driving the total core index increase.
- → Inflation expectations (breakevens) have remained relatively stable despite the recent significant volatility in inflation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Source: FRED. Data is as January 2024. The CPI and 10 Year Breakeven average lines denote the average values from February 1997 to the present month-end, respectively. Breakeven values represent month-end values for comparative purposes.





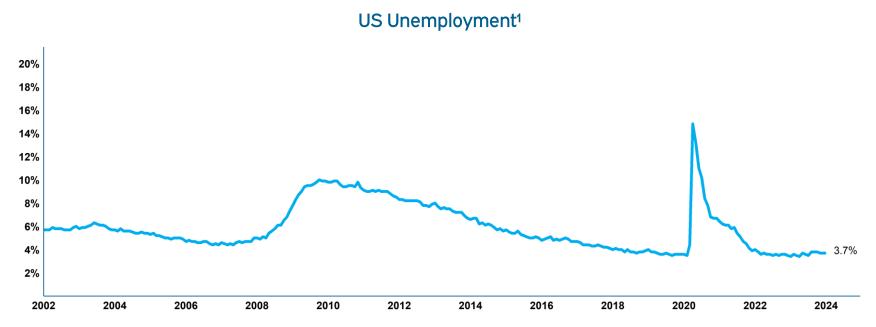


 $\rightarrow$  Outside the US, inflation is also falling across major economies with China slipping further into deflation.

- → In the eurozone, inflation experienced a dramatic decline last year. In January inflation rose slightly (2.8% to 2.9%) remaining below the 3.1% year-over-year level in the US.
- → Inflation in Japan has slowly declined from the early 2023 peak, but it remains near levels not seen in almost a decade, largely driven by higher food prices.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Source: FRED for United States CPI and Eurozone CPI. Source: Bloomberg for Japan CPI, China CPI, and Eurozone CPI. Data is as January 31, 2024, except Japan which is as of December 31, 2023.

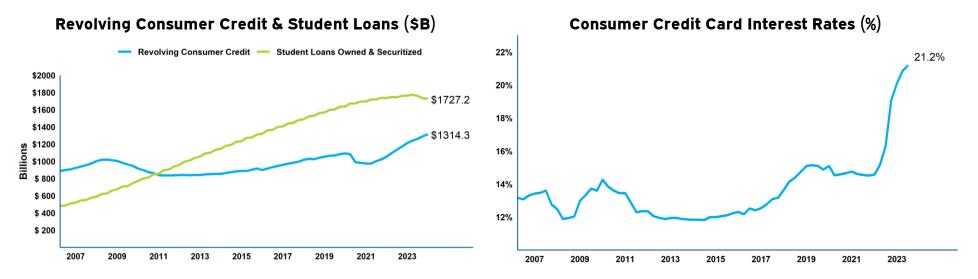




- $\rightarrow$  Overall, the US labor market remains healthy with the unemployment rate relatively low, wage growth now positive in real terms, and initial claims for unemployment staying subdued.
- → In January, the number of jobs added in the US were stronger than expected (353,000 versus 185,000) with the unemployment rate remaining at 3.7%. Payrolls from November and December of last year were also revised upward. Business and professional, health care, and retail sales jobs rose the most in January.
- → The labor force participation remained relatively stable at 62.5%, well off the lows of the pandemic (60.1%) but not back to pre-pandemic levels (63.3%).
- $\rightarrow$  The pace of hourly wage growth has declined from its peak of close to 6.0% but is above the 3.1% level of inflation. Wage growth rose at 4.5% year-on-year in January, an increase from the 4.1% level in December and above expectations of 4.1%.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Source: FRED. Data is as January 31, 2024.



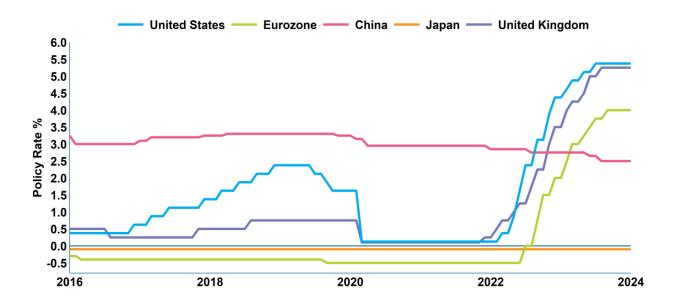


## US Consumer Under Stress?<sup>1</sup>

- → Despite the strong labor market and higher wages, pressures have started to build on the US consumer. This is an important consideration as consumer spending has been a key driver of economic growth.
- → Revolving consumer credit surged to new highs in 2023 even as credit card interest rates hit levels not seen before (the prior peak was around 19% in the 1980s). Recently we have also seen payment delinquencies on credit cards start to increase.
- → The return of student loan repayments after a three-year pandemic-related reprieve could add to pressures on consumers' budgets. This might be partially mitigated by recently initiated repayment and forgiveness programs.
- → As we look ahead, the strength of the US consumer will remain key as this sector makes up most of the domestic economy (GDP).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Source: FRED. Data is as of December 31, 2023. Consumer Credit Card Rate data is as of September 30, 2023. Revolving Consumer Credit data is seasonally adjusted to remove distortions during the holiday season.

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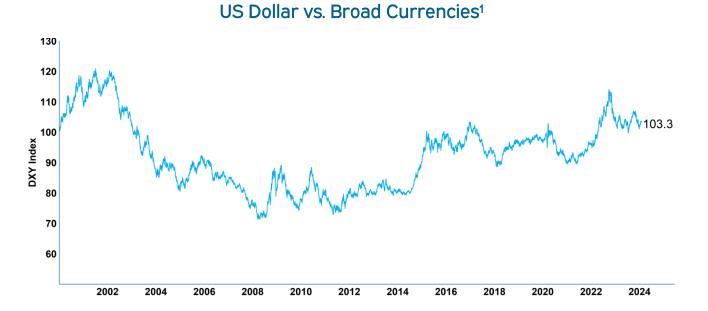


## Policy Rates<sup>1</sup>

- → The Fed has been on hold since July 2023 when it raised rates to a range of 5.25%-5.50%. Markets are now pricing in around four rate cuts this year down from close to seven late last year as economic data has come in above expectations. There remains a gap between the amount of rate cuts the Fed is predicting compared to the market's expectations, but it has significantly narrowed.
- → The European and UK central banks also recently paused their rate increases on slowing inflation with cuts likely to follow there too. In Japan, the BoJ has further relaxed its yield curve control on the 10-year bond, and expectations for further policy normalization are rising.
- → The central bank in China has maintained interest rates at record low levels and continues to inject liquidity into the banking system, as weaker than expected economic data appears to indicate a widespread slowdown.

<sup>1</sup> Source: Bloomberg. Data is as of January 2024.





- $\rightarrow$  Overall, the dollar finished last year only slightly below where it started but it was a volatile year for the US currency as expectations related to monetary policy evolved.
- → Strong economic data in the US may delay policy rate cuts this year which could contribute to upward pressure on the dollar as other countries pivot to rate cuts.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Source: Bloomberg. Data as of January 31, 2024.



2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Real Estate 14.3%	Emerging Equity 18.2%	US Equity 32.4%	Private Equity 13.8%	Real Estate 13.3%	High Yield 17.1%	Emerging Equity 37.3%	Private Equity 12.3%	US Equity 31.5%	Private Equity 29.1%	Private Equity 41.9%	Commodities 16.1%	US Equity 26.3%
TIPS 13.6%	EAFE Equity 17.3%	Private Equity 23.5%	US Equity 13.7%	Private Equity 10.2%	Private Equity 12.3%	EAFE Equity 25.0%	Real Estate 6.7%	EAFE Equity 22.0%	US Equity 18.4%	US Equity 28.7%	Real Estate 5.5%	EAFE Equity 18.2%
Private Equity 10.7%	Emerging Markets Debt 17.2%	EAFE Equity 22.8%	Real Estate 11.8%	US Equity 1.4%	US Equity 12.0%	US Equity 21.8%	Cash 1.9%	Emerging Equity 18.4%	Emerging Equity 18.3%	Commodities 27.1%	Cash 1.5%	High Yield 13.4%
Bonds 7.8%	US Equity 16.0%	Real Estate 11.0%	Bonds 6.0%	Bonds 0.5%	Commodities 11.8%	Private Equity 20.5%	Bonds 0.0%	Private Equity 18.4%	Hedge Funds 11.8%	Real Estate 17.7%	Hedge Funds -4.1%	Emerging Markets Debt 11.9%
High Yield 5.0%	High Yield 15.8%	Hedge Funds 9.1%	TIPS 3.6%	Cash 0.0%	Emerging Equity 11.2%	Emerging Markets Debt 12.7%	TIPS -1.3%	High Yield 14.3%	TIPS 11.0%	EAFE Equity 11.3%	Private Equity -4.2%	Emerging Equity 9.8%
Emerging Markets Debt 2.8%	Private Equity 14.6%	High Yield 7.4%	Hedge Funds 3.0%	EAFE Equity -0.8%	Emerging Markets Debt 10.2%	Hedge Funds 8.6%	High Yield -2.1%	Emerging Markets Debt 14.3%	EAFE Equity 7.8%	Hedge Funds 10.2%	High Yield -11.2%	Hedge Funds 8.1%
US Equity 2.1%	Real Estate 10.5%	Cash 0.0%	High Yield 2.5%	Hedge Funds -1.1%	Real Estate 8.0%	High Yield 7.5%	US Equity -4.4%	Hedge Funds 10.4%	Bonds 7.5%	TIPS 6.0%	TIPS -11.8%	Private Equity 6.2%
Cash 0.0%	TIPS 7.0%	Bonds -2.0%	Emerging Markets Debt 0.7%	TIPS -1.4%	Hedge Funds 5.4%	Real Estate 7.0%	Hedge Funds -4.7%	Bonds 8.7%	High Yield 7.1%	High Yield 5.3%	Bonds -13.0%	Bonds 5.5%
Hedge Funds -5.3%	Hedge Funds 6.4%	Emerging Equity -2.6%	Cash 0.0%	High Yield -4.5%	TIPS 4.7%	Bonds 3.5%	Emerging Markets Debt -5.2%	TIPS 8.4%	Emerging Markets Debt 4.0%	Cash 0.0%	EAFE Equity -14.5%	Cash 5.0%
EAFE Equity -12.1%	Bonds 4.2%	Emerging Markets Debt -7.1%	Emerging Equity -2.2%	Emerging Markets Debt -7.1%	Bonds 2.6%	TIPS 3.0%	Commodities -11.2%	Commodities 7.7%	Real Estate 1.6%	Bonds -1.5%	Emerging Markets Debt -14.8%	TIPS 3.9%
Commodities -13.3%	Cash 0.1%	TIPS -8.6%	EAFE Equity -4.9%	Emerging Equity -14.9%	EAFE Equity 1.0%	Commodities 1.7%	EAFE Equity -13.8%	Real Estate 6.4%	Cash 0.5%	Emerging Equity -2.5%	US Equity -18.1%	Real Estate -7.9%
Emerging Equity -18.4%	Commodities -1.1%	Commodities -9.5%	Commodities -17.0%	Commodities -24.7%	Cash 0.3%	Cash 0.9%	Emerging Equity -14.6%	Cash 2.1%	Commodities -3.1%	Emerging Markets Debt -5.3%	Emerging Equity -20.1%	Commodities -7.9%



## Summary

## Key Trends:

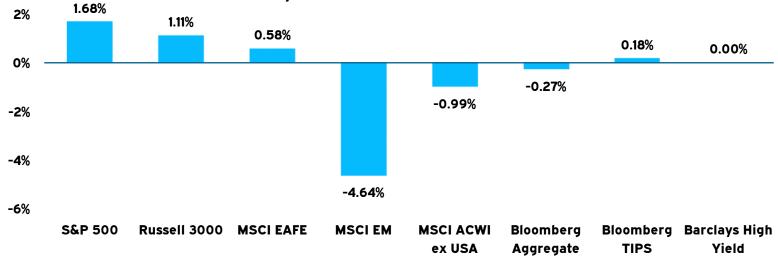
- $\rightarrow$  The impact of inflation still above policy targets will remain important, with bond market volatility likely to stay high.
- → Global monetary policies could diverge going forward. The risk of policy errors remains elevated as central banks try to further reduce inflation toward targets while not tipping their economies into recession. In the case of the US the resolution of the disparity between market expectations for the path of interest rates versus the Fed's dot plot will be key.
- → Global growth is expected to slow this year, with some economies forecasted to tip into recession. However, optimism has been building that certain economies could experience soft landings. Inflation, monetary policy, and geopolitical issues will remain key in 2024.
- → US consumers could feel pressure as certain components of inflation (e.g., shelter), remain high, borrowing costs are elevated, and the job market may weaken.
- $\rightarrow$  A focus for US equities going forward, will be whether earnings can remain resilient if growth continues to slow. Also, the future paths of the large technology companies that have driven market gains will be important.
- → Equity valuations remain lower in emerging and developed markets, but risks remain, including China's economic uncertainty and on-going weakness in the real estate sector which could spill over into key trading partners' economies. Japan's recent hint at potentially tightening monetary policy along with changes in corporate governance in the country could influence relative results.

## **Performance Highlights** As of January 31, 2024



Performance Highlights as of January 31, 2024

## Market Review and Performance Summary for January 2024



January 2024 Broad Market Index Returns

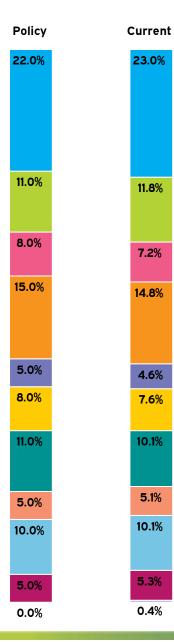
- → January saw mixed returns across the markets to start the year. Domestically, growth outpaced value stocks as the Magnificent Seven continued to lead US large cap equities higher, while small cap fell due to remerging fears regarding the health of the banking system. Developed International Equities saw slight gains over the period on optimistic European Central Bank policy expectations, while Emerging Markets fell as China continues to be a headwind. Broad US Fixed Income saw marginal pullbacks due to the Fed hinting rate cuts were not imminent.
- → Merced CERA reported a monthly return of 0.2% net of fees. US Equities returned 1.0%, marginally trailing the index return of 1.1%. International Equities returned -0.4%, due to poor absolute performance from the Emerging Markets sleeve returning -1.9%. US Fixed Income returned -0.1%, marginally outpacing its benchmark by 10 basis points. Opportunistic Credit posted 1.0% for the month, outpacing the blended benchmark by 90 basis points.
- $\rightarrow$  As of January 31, 2024, total assets for the Merced CERA Portfolio are estimated at \$1.2 billion.

**Performance Update** As of January 31, 2024

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## Merced County Employees' Retirement Association

### Total Fund | As of January 31, 2024



Allocation vs. Targets and Policy											
	Current Balance (\$)	Current Allocation (%)	Policy (%)	Difference (%)	Policy Range (%)	Within IPS Range?					
US Equity	269,430,144	23.0	22.0	1.0	16.0 - 27.0	Yes					
International Equity	137,589,659	11.8	11.0	0.8	6.0 - 16.0	Yes					
Emerging Markets Equity	84,091,281	7.2	8.0	-0.8	4.0 - 12.0	Yes					
Private Equity	172,748,046	14.8	15.0	-0.2	5.0 - 20.0	Yes					
Direct Lending	54,277,766	4.6	5.0	-0.4	0.0 - 10.0	Yes					
Real Estate	89,151,296	7.6	8.0	-0.4	6.0 - 10.0	Yes					
US Fixed Income	117,998,352	10.1	11.0	-0.9	6.0 - 16.0	Yes					
Opportunistic Credit	59,481,462	5.1	5.0	0.1	3.0 - 7.0	Yes					
Hedge Funds	117,947,980	10.1	10.0	0.1	5.0 - 15.0	Yes					
Real Assets	62,444,844	5.3	5.0	0.3	3.0 - 7.0	Yes					
Cash	4,151,193	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.0 - 5.0	Yes					
Total	1,169,312,023	100.0	100.0	0.0							



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	Market Value \$	% of Portfolio	1 Mo (%)	Fiscal YTD	1 Yr (%)	3 Yrs (%)	5 Yrs (%)	10 Yrs (%)	Inception (%)	Inception Date
Total Fund (Net)	1,169,312,023	100.0	0.2	4.9	7.7	4.7	8.4	7.3	7.9	Jan-95
Total Fund (Gross)			0.3	5.2	8.1	5.0	8.7	7.6	8.1	Jan-95
Policy Index			-0.7	4.4	7.5	5.3	<u>8.1</u>	7.3	6.2	
Total Fund w/o Alternatives (Net)	668,590,898	57.2	0.4	6.2	10.6	2.2	8.3	7.1		Jan-08
Total Fund w/o Alternatives (Gross)			0.4	6.5	11.0	2.6	8.7	7.5		Jan-08
Policy Index w/o Al			-0.4	5.6	8.6	2.2	6.9	6.4		
US Equity (Net)	269,430,144	23.0	1.0	8.8	18.1	8.6	12.9	12.0	10.3	Jan-95
US Equity (Gross)			1.1	8.9	18.3	8.9	13.2	12.2	10.4	Jan-95
Russell 3000			1.1	9.6	19.1	9.1	13.3	11.7	10.3	
International Equity (Net)	221,680,941	19.0	-0.4	5.1	7.2	-2.5	8.1	5.4	5.6	Jan-99
International Equity (Gross)			-0.3	5.6	8.1	-1.7	8.8	6.1	5.9	Jan-99
International Equity Custom			-1.7	3.7	4.7	-0.3	4.9	4.4	4.3	
Developed International Equity (Net)	137,589,659	11.8	0.6	7.5	9.5	4.3	8.2	5.2	4.4	Feb-08
Developed International Equity (Gross)			0.6	7.9	10.3	5.0	8.8	5.8	4.9	Feb-08
Custom Blended Developed International Equity BM			0.1	6.5	9.2	3.9	6.8	4.7	3.4	
Emerging Markets Equity (Net)	84,091,281	7.2	-1.9	1.4	3.6	-12.1	6.4	5.9	4.5	May-12
Emerging Markets Equity (Gross)			-1.8	2.0	4.6	-11.2	7.4	6.8	5.4	May-12
MSCI EM			-4.6	-0.2	-2.9	-7.5	1.1	3.1	2.3	
US Fixed Income (Net)	117,998,352	10.1	-0.1	3.4	1.9	-3.5	0.4	1.5	4.4	Jan-95
US Fixed Income (Gross)			-0.1	3.4	2.0	-3.4	0.5	1.7	4.5	Jan-95
US Fixed Income Custom Benchmark			-0.2	3.2	2.3	-2.8	0.7	1.7	4.6	

#### Asset Allocation & Performance | As of January 31, 2024

Data Prior to March 2018 provided by prior consultant.



	Asset Allocation & Performance   As of January 3									
	Market Value \$	% of Portfolio	1 Mo (%)	Fiscal YTD	1 Yr (%)	3 Yrs (%)	5 Yrs (%)	10 Yrs (%)	Inception (%)	Inception Date
Opportunistic Credit (Net)	59,481,462	5.1	1.0	6.5	9.9	4.2			5.1	May-19
Opportunistic Credit (Gross)			1.0	6.8	10.6	4.8			5.6	May-19
50% Barclays US Aggregate / 25% Barclays US High Yield / 25% Credit Suisse Lever			0.1	5.3	6.1	0.2			2.5	
Real Estate (Net)	89,151,296	7.6	-1.0	-0.9	-5.4	4.1	2.2	5.3	6.4	Dec-10
Real Estate (Gross)			-1.0	-0.9	-5.4	4.2	2.2	5.7	7.4	Apr-99
Custom Blended Real Estate Benchmark			0.0	-4.5	-12.1	7.1	5.4	7.4	7.0	
CPI +5% (Seasonally Adjusted)			0.7	4.8	8.3	10.9	9.4	7.9	7.7	
Private Real Estate (Net)	72,197,867	6.2	0.0	-1.7	-5.7	5.3	2.8	5.6	6.7	Dec-10
Private Real Estate (Gross)			0.0	-1.7	-5.7	5.4	2.8	6.0	7.6	Apr-99
Custom Blended Real Estate Benchmark			0.0	-4.5	-12.1	7.1	5.4	7.4	7.0	
Private Equity (Net)	172,748,046	14.8	0.0	3.2	4.6	20.7	16.2	12.8	10.2	Jul-05
Private Equity (Gross)			0.0	3.2	4.6	20.7	16.2	12.8	10.4	Jul-05
Custom Private Equity Benchmark			-2.8	1.5	12.9	12.7	14.4	14.0		
Direct Lending (Net)	54,277,766	4.6	0.0	5.6	10.4	9.0			9.8	Jul-20
Direct Lending (Gross)			0.0	5.6	10.4	9.0			9.8	Jul-20
S&P LSTA Leveraged Loan +2%			0.8	8.4	13.3	7.7	7.5	6.5	9.4	
Hedge Fund (Net)	117,947,980	10.1	1.1	4.5	5.1	5.5	5.4		4.4	Jul-14
Hedge Fund (Gross)			1.2	5.3	6.3	6.5	6.3		5.0	Jul-14
Custom Blended Hedge Fund Benchmark			0.7	4.6	4.9	2.7	4.7		3.5	
Real Assets (Net)	62,444,844	5.3	-0.2	4.6	10.1	14.0	11.2	9.5	9.6	Dec-10
Real Assets (Gross)			-0.2	4.7	10.1	14.2	11.3	10.0	10.1	Dec-10
Custom Blended Real Assets Benchmark			-4.2	0.8	-4.8	7.9	5.1	6.8		
CPI +5% (Seasonally Adjusted)			0.7	4.8	8.3	10.9	9.4	7.9	7.8	

#### Asset Allocation & Performance | As of January 31, 2024

Real Assets includes State Street Real Assets NL Fund.



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	Market Value \$	% of Portfolio	1 Mo (%)	Fiscal YTD	1 Yr (%)	3 Yrs (%)	5 Yrs (%)	10 Yrs (%)	Inception (%)	Inception Date
Private Infrastructure (Net)	32,089,298	2.7	0.0	3.4	12.3	12.3	12.5		9.9	Jan-15
Private Infrastructure (Gross)			0.0	3.4	12.3	12.5	12.6		10.0	Jan-15
S&P Global Infrastructure			-3.1	-0.4	-1.5	5.7	4.9	5.5	4.5	
Private Natural Resources (Net)	26,088,402	2.2	0.0	7.6	17.0	24.7	14.1		15.8	Oct-15
Private Natural Resources (Gross)			0.0	7.6	17.0	24.7	14.1		15.8	Oct-15
S&P Global Natural Resources Sector Index (TR)			-5.3	1.7	-8.4	10.7	7.9	5.2	10.5	
Cash (Net)	4,151,193	0.4	0.4	2.4	4.3	1.4	1.2			Dec-10
Cash (Gross)			0.4	2.4	4.3	1.4	1.2			Dec-10

#### Asset Allocation & Performance | As of January 31, 2024



		ASS	et All	ocation	ICAPE	FIORM	lance	AS 01	January	51, 2024
	Market Value \$	% of Portfolio	1 Mo (%)	Fiscal YTD	1 Yr (%)	3 Yrs (%)	5 Yrs (%)	10 Yrs (%)	Inception (%)	Inception Date
Total Fund	1,169,312,023	100.0	0.2	4.9	7.7	4.7	8.4	7.3	7.9	Jan-95
Policy Index			-0.7	4.4	7.5	5.3	8.1	7.3	6.2	
Total Fund w/o Alternatives	668,590,898	57.2	0.4	6.2	10.6	2.2	8.3	7.1		Jan-08
Policy Index w/o Al			-0.4	5.6	8.6	2.2	6.9	6.4		
US Equity	269,430,144	23.0	1.0	8.8	18.1	8.6	12.9	12.0	10.3	Jan-95
Russell 3000			1.1	9.6	19.1	9.1	13.3	11.7	10.3	
BNY Mellon Newton Dynamic US Equity	59,735,793	5.1	1.6	9.1	19.3	9.5	14.3	13.8	15.4	Jan-13
S&P 500 Index			1.7	9.9	20.8	11.0	14.3	12.6	13.8	
BNY Mellon Large Cap	180,692,525	15.5	1.4	9.9	20.3	9.8	14.0		13.4	Apr-16
Russell 1000 Index			1.4	10.0	20.2	9.8	14.0	12.3	13.4	
Champlain Small Cap	29,001,827	2.5	-2.3	1.4	3.0	-0.8			6.9	Nov-20
Russell 2000 Index			-3.9	4.0	2.4	-0.8	6.8	7.0	8.9	
International Equity	221,680,941	19.0	-0.4	5.1	7.2	-2.5	8.1	5.4	5.6	Jan-99
International Equity Custom			-1.7	3.7	4.7	-0.3	4.9	4.4	4.3	
Developed International Equity	137,589,659	11.8	0.6	7.5	9.5	4.3	8.2	5.2	4.4	Feb-08
Custom Blended Developed International Equity BM			0.1	6.5	9.2	3.9	6.8	4.7	3.4	
Acadian ACWI ex U.S. Small Cap Equity	15,531,555	1.3	0.2	7.9	6.9	5.4			9.0	May-19
MSCI AC World ex USA Small Cap (Net)			-1.7	6.4	6.0	1.0	5.9	4.9	5.2	
Driehaus International Small Cap Growth	14,940,252	1.3	-0.9	5.7	5.6	-1.3			7.7	May-19
MSCI AC World ex USA Small Growth Index (Net)			-2.3	3.7	4.0	-2.8	5.6	4.9	4.6	
GQG International Equity	55,715,322	4.8	2.3	13.3	18.8	7.5			9.0	Dec-19
MSCI AC World ex USA (Net)			-1.0	4.6	5.9	1.1	5.3	4.2	4.4	

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Historical returns for the US Equity Composite prior to January 2012 and for the International Equity Composite prior to December 2010 are gross only.



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	Market Value \$	% of Portfolio	1 Mo (%)	Fiscal YTD	1 Yr (%)	3 Yrs (%)	5 Yrs (%)	10 Yrs (%)	Inception (%)	Inception Date		
First Eagle International Value Fund	51,402,530	4.4	-0.7	2.1	2.7	2.3			3.2	Dec-19		
MSCI EAFE (Net)			0.6	6.5	10.0	4.6	6.9	4.8	5.7			
Emerging Markets Equity	84,091,281	7.2	-1.9	1.4	3.6	-12.1	6.4	5.9	4.5	May-12		
MSCI EM			-4.6	-0.2	-2.9	-7.5	1.1	3.1	2.3			
Artisan Developing World TR	59,494,411	5.1	-0.3	3.5	10.8	-12.6			5.4	Dec-19		
MSCI Emerging Markets (Net)			-4.6	-0.2	-2.9	-7.5	1.0	2.9	0.9			
RWC	24,596,871	2.1	-5.5	-3.2	-10.4	-10.4			-0.7	Dec-19		
MSCI Emerging Markets (Net)			-4.6	-0.2	-2.9	-7.5	1.0	2.9	0.9			
US Fixed Income	117,998,352	10.1	-0.1	3.4	1.9	-3.5	0.4	1.5	4.4	Jan-95		
US Fixed Income Custom Benchmark			-0.2	3.2	2.3	-2.8	0.7	1.7	4.6			
Vanguard Short-Term Treasury Index Fund	6,744,899	0.6	0.4	3.6	3.9	0.0	1.3		1.4	Mar-18		
Blmbg. 1-3 Govt			0.4	3.7	3.9	0.0	1.3	1.1	1.5			
Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund	17,991,351	1.5	-0.2	3.2	2.2	-3.2			0.5	May-19		
Blmbg. U.S. Aggregate Index			-0.3	3.1	2.1	-3.2	0.8	1.6	0.5			
Payden & Rygel Low Duration Fund	8,230,600	0.7	0.6	4.4	4.0				7.1	Nov-22		
Blmbg. U.S. Treasury: 1-3 Year			0.4	3.7	3.9	0.0	1.3	1.1	4.4			
Brandywine US Fixed Income	34,167,738	2.9	-0.4	2.3	0.6				2.0	Nov-22		
Blmbg. U.S. Aggregate Index			-0.3	3.1	2.1	-3.2	0.8	1.6	6.8			
Wellington Core Bond	50,863,763	4.3	0.0	3.9	1.3				5.7	Nov-22		
Blmbg. U.S. Aggregate Index			-0.3	3.1	2.1	-3.2	0.8	1.6	6.8			

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Developed International Equity and Emerging Markets Equity composites were only reported as one composite prior to March 2018.



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	Market Value \$	% of Portfolio	1 Mo (%)	Fiscal YTD	1 Yr (%)	3 Yrs (%)	5 Yrs (%)	10 Yrs (%)	Inception (%)	Inception Date		
Opportunistic Credit	59,481,462	5.1	1.0	6.5	9.9	4.2			5.1	May-19		
50% Barclays US Aggregate / 25% Barclays US High Yield / 25% Credit Suisse Lever			0.1	5.3	6.1	0.2			2.5			
PIMCO Income Fund	12,016,184	1.0	0.6	6.0	6.3	1.2			2.9	May-19		
Blmbg. U.S. Aggregate Index			-0.3	3.1	2.1	-3.2	0.8	1.6	0.5			
GoldenTree Multi-Sector Credit	26,077,123	2.2	1.1	8.4	10.8	4.4			5.3	Jun-19		
50% BBg US High Yield TR/50% Credit Suisse Leveraged Loans			0.4	7.4	10.2	3.7	4.9	4.5	4.6			
Sculptor Credit Opportunities Domestic Partners, LP	392,565	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.5	7.0			9.2	Jul-20		
50% BBg US High Yield TR/50% Credit Suisse Leveraged Loans			0.4	7.4	10.2	3.7	4.9	4.5	6.0			
OWS Credit Opportunity Fund LP	20,995,590	1.8	1.1						3.4	Oct-23		
50% BBg US High Yield TR/50% Credit Suisse Leveraged Loans			0.4	7.4	10.2	3.7	4.9	4.5	5.4			
Real Estate	89,151,296	7.6	-1.0	-0.9	-5.4	4.1	2.2	5.3	6.4	Dec-10		
Custom Blended Real Estate Benchmark			0.0	-4.5	-12.1	7.1	5.4	7.4	8.8			
CPI +5% (Seasonally Adjusted)			0.7	4.8	8.3	10.9	9.4	7.9	7.8			
Vanguard REIT Index	16,953,429	1.4	-5.0	2.7	-3.7	3.3			4.7	Sep-20		
Spliced Vanguard REIT Benchmark			-4.9	2.8	-3.6	3.4	4.0	6.5	4.9			
Private Real Estate	72,197,867	6.2	0.0	-1.7	-5.7	5.3	2.8	5.6	6.7	Dec-10		
Custom Blended Real Estate Benchmark			0.0	-4.5	-12.1	7.1	5.4	7.4	8.8			
Greenfield Gap VII	913,260	0.1	0.0	5.4	-6.9	23.8	17.1		15.6	Jan-15		
Patron Capital V	5,213,213	0.4	0.0	-13.2	-2.9	-12.1	-9.8		-0.5	Feb-16		
UBS Trumbull Property	22,953,155	2.0	0.0	-5.1	-16.4	2.5	0.3	4.1	5.9	Apr-99		
Carlyle Realty VIII	2,553,121	0.2	0.0	2.9	-5.0	41.4	28.3		10.2	Jan-18		
Taconic CRE Dislocation Fund II	3,303,159	0.3	0.0	2.8	18.3	10.5	9.8		9.2	Nov-18		

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Sculptor market value reflects holdback from June liquidation.

All private markets performance and market values reflect a 6/30/2023 capital account balance unless otherwise noted.

Private Real Estate results prior to 1/1/2019 were included in the Real Assets composite. All results for the Private Real Estate composite that include the period prior to 1/1/2019 will reflect only the latest lineup of managers that Meketa received information for, therefore it may not reflect the entire Private Real Estate composite at that given time.



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	Market Value \$	% of Portfolio	1 Mo (%)	Fiscal YTD	1 Yr (%)	3 Yrs (%)	5 Yrs (%)	10 Yrs (%)	Inception (%)	Inception Date
Carmel Partners Investment Fund VII	4,233,620	0.4	0.0	1.1	-0.2	-0.8			-19.0	Apr-19
AG Realty Value Fund X, L.P.	3,432,821	0.3	0.0	-3.0	-3.9	12.9			5.0	Jun-19
Rockpoint Real Estate Fund VI, L.P.	4,594,861	0.4	0.0	-2.1	-4.1	13.8			9.2	May-20
Cerberus Real Estate Debt Fund, L.P.	4,848,756	0.4	0.0	7.4	9.5	7.2			10.7	Jul-20
Taconic CRE Dislocation Onshore Fund III	6,192,808	0.5	0.0	5.6	7.4				7.5	Jun-21
Starwood Distressed Opportunity Fund XII Global	4,013,209	0.3	0.0	-3.6	-7.4				93.0	Jun-21
Carlyle Realty Partners IX	1,872,093	0.2	0.0	4.5	-29.5				-156.2	Dec-21
Carmel Partners Investment Fund VIII	4,736,138	0.4	0.0	6.6	3.9				-5.6	Apr-22
Rockpoint Real Estate Fund VII L.P.	3,337,653	0.3	0.0	-0.9	8.6				8.2	Aug-22
Private Equity	172,748,046	14.8	0.0	3.2	4.6	20.7	16.2	12.8	10.2	Jul-05
Custom Private Equity Benchmark			-2.8	1.5	12.9	12.7	14.4	14.0		
Taconic Credit Dislocation Fund IV L.P.	2,353,066	0.2	0.0	5.8					5.8	Jul-23
Khosla Ventures Seed F, L.P.	448,726	0.0	0.0	-4.7					-4.7	Jul-23
Adams Street	3,721,391	0.3	0.0	-3.8	-6.3	7.5	9.8	10.9	7.7	Oct-05
Invesco VI	477,377	0.0	0.0	-10.0	-29.4	15.8	16.3	14.8	14.2	Jul-13
Ocean Avenue II	8,067,759	0.7	0.0	-6.9	-14.9	38.7	26.8		20.0	Jul-14
Pantheon I	61,591	0.0	0.0	-1.7	0.1	-10.3	-13.8	-4.9	-1.5	Jan-06
Pantheon II	2,685,109	0.2	0.0	-2.1	-1.9	9.1	11.2	11.4	11.7	Jan-12
Pantheon Secondary	109,050	0.0	0.0	-1.4	-1.5	-10.0	-6.9	-1.9	0.4	Jul-07

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Pantheon I includes Pantheon US Fund VI and Pantheon Europe Fund IV. Pantheon Europe Fund IV is adjusting from the 12/31/2022 NAV.

Pantheon II includes Panthron US Fund IX, Pantheon Asia Fund VI, and Pantheon Europe Fund VII.

Pantheon Secondary includes Pantheon GLO SEC III B.

Adams Street includes Adams street 2005, Adams Street 2007, and Adams Street 2011.



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	Market Value \$	% of Portfolio	1 Mo (%)	Fiscal YTD	1 Yr (%)	3 Yrs (%)	5 Yrs (%)	10 Yrs (%)	Inception (%)	Inception Date			
Davidson Kempner Long-Term Distressed Opportunities Fund IV	2,595,030	0.2	0.0	6.7	30.7	28.9	18.2		18.4	Apr-18			
GTCR Fund XII	5,773,094	0.5	0.0	6.2	5.4	20.0	26.9		15.2	Jun-18			
Carrick Capital Partners III	6,964,733	0.6	0.0	6.9	8.8	18.4	15.3		11.4	Aug-18			
Cressey & Company Fund VI	5,244,612	0.4	0.0	-1.5	2.1	18.8	17.4		14.4	Jan-19			
TCV X	6,528,208	0.6	0.0	4.9	6.9	18.9			16.4	Apr-19			
Accel-KKR Growth Capital Partners III	4,782,037	0.4	0.0	-10.3	-6.0	15.3			6.5	Jul-19			
Genstar Capital Partners IX	9,443,795	0.8	0.0	8.5	13.6	30.8			25.7	Aug-19			
Cortec Group Fund VII	8,786,948	0.8	0.0	4.2	22.9	29.4			24.7	Dec-19			
Spark Capital Growth Fund III	8,642,283	0.7	0.0	-1.6	-26.4	22.7			14.1	Mar-20			
Spark Capital VI	3,632,166	0.3	0.0	40.2	36.0	13.4			6.5	Mar-20			
Summit Partners Growth Equity Fund X-A	8,644,810	0.7	0.0	3.2	14.5	5.5			6.5	Mar-20			
Taconic Market Dislocation Fund III L.P.	6,816,774	0.6	0.0	6.6	8.4	16.7			13.8	Jul-20			
Marlin Heritage Europe II, L.P.	7,459,164	0.6	0.0	-1.1	13.3	-0.6			-0.5	Oct-20			
Khosla Ventures VII	5,190,958	0.4	0.0	6.8	12.8	7.0			6.8	Jan-21			
Accel-KKR Capital Partners VI	4,492,148	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	-4.6			-4.6	Feb-21			
Khosla Ventures Seed E	2,208,889	0.2	0.0	7.9	15.6	109.7			109.7	Feb-21			
TCV XI	5,091,383	0.4	0.0	-5.0	-9.0	-5.7			-5.7	Feb-21			
Thoma Bravo Discover Fund III	9,015,559	0.8	0.0	4.1	8.0				6.6	Jun-21			



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Summit Partners Venture Capital Fund V-A	3,177,638	0.3	0.0	3.5	4.5				-3.8	May-21
GTCR Fund XIII/A & B	4,240,987	0.4	0.0	5.5	1.0				78.2	Jun-21
Genstar Capital Partners X	7,786,073	0.7	0.0	-0.1	2.6				5.0	Oct-21
Nautic Partners X	4,450,318	0.4	0.0	12.7	20.1				6.4	Jan-22
Spark Capital Growth Fund IV	2,151,963	0.2	0.0	-4.1	45.1				11.9	Jan-22
Spark Capital VII	1,374,145	0.1	0.0	-3.3	-7.4				-7.1	Feb-22
TCV Velocity Fund I	3,833,228	0.3	0.0	61.7	46.6				0.4	Feb-22
Accel-KKR Growth Capital Partners IV	1,845,438	0.2	0.0	0.8	2.0				-15.1	Apr-22
Summit Partners Growth Equity Fund XI-A	2,217,386	0.2	0.0	4.2	16.1				-39.0	Apr-22
GTCR Strategic Growth Fund I/A&B LP	1,810,542	0.2	0.0	6.3	-9.8				-33.2	Jul-22
Threshold Ventures IV LP	863,922	0.1	0.0	-7.9	-19.6				-21.3	Aug-22
Thoma Bravo Discovery Fund IV	4,823,186	0.4	0.0	4.1	13.4				12.3	Jan-23
Marlin Heritage III	1,010,729	0.1	0.0	-4.8	-84.0				-81.6	Jan-23
Cortec Group Fund VIII, L.P.	1,116,172	0.1	0.0	-14.0					-14.9	Apr-23
Khosla Ventures VIII	407,034	0.0	0.0						-1.9	Sep-23
Ares Capital Europe VI (D) Levered, L.P.	2,370,816	0.2	0.0						6.5	Nov-23
Genstar Capital Partners XI	31,809	0.0	0.0						0.0	Nov-23

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	Market Value \$	% of Portfolio	1 Mo (%)	Fiscal YTD	1 Yr (%)	3 Yrs (%)	5 Yrs (%)	10 Yrs (%)	Inception (%)	Inception Date		
Direct Lending	54,277,766	4.6	0.0	5.6	10.4	9.0			9.8	Jul-20		
S&P LSTA Leveraged Loan +2%			0.8	8.4	13.3	7.7	7.5	6.5	9.4			
Silver Point Specialty Credit Fund II, L.P.	6,709,340	0.6	0.0	5.5	12.4	9.4			10.1	Jul-20		
Ares Senior Direct Lending Fund II	12,701,541	1.1	0.0	8.7	13.9				10.6	Jan-22		
Varagon Capital Direct Lending Fund	13,054,558	1.1	0.0	5.0	5.8				2.3	Jan-22		
AG Direct Lending Fund IV Annex	9,215,693	0.8	0.0	5.4	11.2				8.5	May-22		
AG Direct Lending Fund V	4,587,820	0.4	0.0	3.9	9.9				7.6	Aug-22		
Accel-KKR Credit Partners II LP	2,133,217	0.2	0.0	7.0					39.4	Mar-23		
Silver Point Specialty Credit Fund III	5,875,597	0.5	0.0	1.5					-0.2	Mar-23		
Hedge Fund	117,947,980	10.1	1.1	4.5	5.1	5.5	5.4		4.4	Jul-14		
Custom Blended Hedge Fund Benchmark			0.7	4.6	4.9	2.7	4.7		3.5			
Hudson Bay Fund	15,567,828	1.3	0.6	3.5					3.8	Jun-23		
Sculptor (OZ) Domestic II	264,914	0.0	-0.1	-0.8	2.7	-0.8	5.0		5.0	Jul-14		
Graham Absolute Return	10,414,694	0.9	2.8	8.0	5.8	8.9	5.8		5.0	Sep-17		
Wellington-Archipelago	16,773,554	1.4	2.7	6.9	12.0	8.2	7.1		6.1	Sep-17		
Marshall Wace Eureka	4,669,064	0.4	1.9	3.2	4.6	5.1	6.7		5.7	Dec-17		
Silver Point Capital	19,239,319	1.6	0.7	2.6	6.0	9.5	9.8		7.9	Dec-17		
Laurion Capital	13,707,621	1.2	-1.9	1.7	-0.9	3.9	9.0		8.6	Aug-18		
Taconic Opportunity Fund	14,217,911	1.2	0.1	3.0	1.5	2.4	3.1		3.1	Jan-19		

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	Market Value \$	% of Portfolio	1 Mo (%)	Fiscal YTD	1 Yr (%)	3 Yrs (%)	5 Yrs (%)	10 Yrs (%)	Inception (%)	Inception Date
Marshall Wace Global Opportunities	11,386,379	1.0	3.4	5.8	9.7	5.2			6.1	May-20
Caxton Global Investments	11,706,697	1.0	0.5	7.3	-0.7				5.5	May-21
Real Assets	62,444,844	5.3	-0.2	4.6	10.1	14.0	11.2	9.5	9.6	Dec-10
Custom Blended Real Assets Benchmark			-4.2	0.8	-4.8	7.9	5.1	6.8		
SSgA	4,267,143	0.4	-2.6	0.0	-5.5	6.2	5.7		5.1	May-17
Real Asset NL Custom Blended Index			-2.5	0.6	-4.9	6.5	5.8		5.2	
Private Infrastructure	32,089,298	2.7	0.0	3.4	12.3	12.3	12.5		9.9	Jan-15
S&P Global Infrastructure			-3.1	-0.4	-1.5	5.7	4.9	5.5	4.5	
KKR Global II	3,426,301	0.3	0.0	4.3	22.2	21.4	22.0		16.7	Jan-15
North Haven Infrastructure II	2,619,297	0.2	0.0	-2.0	-2.5	9.0	8.5		7.6	Jun-15
ISQ Global Infrastructure Fund II	5,502,231	0.5	0.0	3.0	8.6	12.6	11.9		4.2	Jul-18
KKR Global Infrastructure Investors III	4,533,851	0.4	0.0	6.7	17.9	3.3	1.6		-0.8	Jan-19
Ardian Infrastructure Fund V	4,202,553	0.4	0.0	3.4	20.9	6.8			-7.2	Nov-19
ISQ Global Infrastructure Fund III	2,058,769	0.2	0.0	3.4	12.6				-477.7	Jun-21
KKR Global Infrastructure Investors IV	4,916,721	0.4	0.0	6.7	12.0				-219.3	Sep-21
BlackRock Global Infrastructure Fund IV	3,835,913	0.3	0.0	-1.5	-13.6				-11.8	Dec-22
Ardian Infrastructure Fund VI	993,662	0.1								

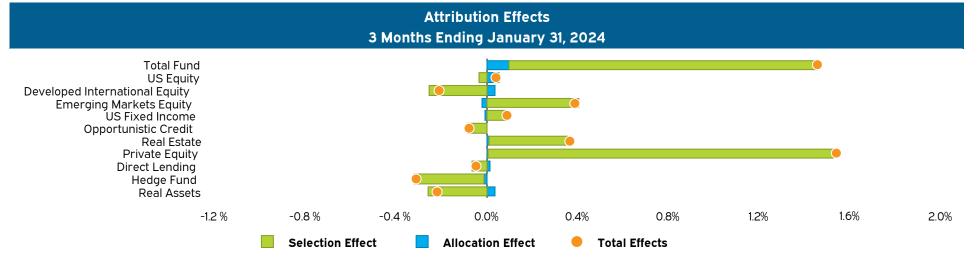


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Private Natural Resources	26,088,402	2.2	0.0	7.6	17.0	24.7	14.1		15.8	Oct-15
S&P Global Natural Resources Sector Index (TR)			-5.3	1.7	-8.4	10.7	7.9	5.2	10.5	
EnCap Flatrock Midstream Fund V	2,585,649	0.2	0.0	-4.9					-4.9	Jun-23
EnCap XI	5,114,185	0.4	0.0	18.2	30.0	36.6	8.6		-4.6	Aug-17
EnCap IV	1,727,352	0.1	0.0	3.0	5.5	50.6	32.1		22.7	Mar-18
GSO Energy Opportunities	336,208	0.0	0.0	15.4	31.6	44.5	21.2		19.8	Dec-15
Taurus Mining	338,345	0.0	0.0	-3.8	4.1	50.1	27.1		23.8	Oct-15
Taurus Mining Annex	176,371	0.0	0.0	-4.9	2.0	18.5	18.0		22.5	Feb-17
BlackRock Global Energy and Power Infrastructure Fund III LP	4,441,109	0.4	0.0	2.9	10.7	8.3			13.2	Aug-19
Tailwater Energy Fund IV, LP	4,029,367	0.3	0.0	0.5	16.7	25.3			6.0	Oct-19
Carnelian Energy Capital IV	4,252,970	0.4	0.0	13.4	16.3				2.4	May-22
EnCap Energy Capital Fund XII	3,086,847	0.3	0.0						14.4	Aug-23
Cash	4,151,193	0.4	0.4	2.4	4.3	1.4	1.2			Dec-10
Cash	2,984,659	0.3	0.5	2.7	4.7	1.5	1.4	1.1	-1.3	Dec-10
Treasury Cash	1,166,534	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		0.1	Sep-17

#### Asset Allocation & Performance | As of January 31, 2024



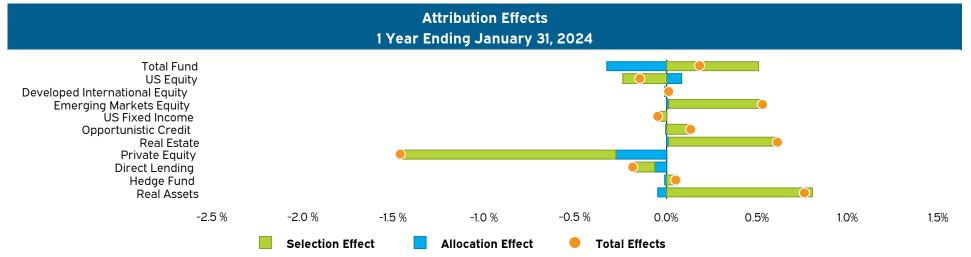
#### Total Fund Attribution | As of January 31, 2024



Attribution Summary 3 Months Ending January 31, 2024											
	Wtd. Actual Return (%)	Wtd. Index Return (%)	Excess Return (%)	Selection Effect (%)	Allocation Effect (%)	Total Effect (%)					
US Equity	16.3	16.4	-0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0					
Developed International Equity	13.3	15.5	-2.3	-0.3	0.0	-0.2					
Emerging Markets Equity	12.9	7.0	5.9	0.4	0.0	0.4					
US Fixed Income	8.6	7.7	1.0	0.1	0.0	0.1					
Opportunistic Credit	5.6	7.1	-1.5	-0.1	0.0	-0.1					
Real Estate	2.5	-1.9	4.4	0.3	0.0	0.4					
Private Equity	0.5	-9.1	9.5	1.5	0.0	1.5					
Direct Lending	2.8	4.1	-1.3	-0.1	0.0	0.0					
Hedge Fund	2.4	5.2	-2.8	-0.3	0.0	-0.3					
Real Assets	3.6	7.0	-3.4	-0.3	0.0	-0.2					
Total Fund	7.9	6.5	1.5	1.4	0.1	1.5					



#### Total Fund Attribution | As of January 31, 2024



Attribution Summary 1 Year Ending January 31, 2024								
	Wtd. Actual Return (%)	Wtd. Index Return (%)	Excess Return (%)	Selection Effect (%)	Allocation Effect (%)	Total Effect (%)		
US Equity	18.1	19.1	-1.1	-0.2	0.1	-0.1		
Developed International Equity	9.5	9.2	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Emerging Markets Equity	3.6	-2.9	6.5	0.5	0.0	0.5		
US Fixed Income	1.9	2.3	-0.4	-0.1	0.0	-0.1		
Opportunistic Credit	9.9	6.1	3.8	0.1	0.0	0.1		
Real Estate	-5.4	-12.1	6.7	0.6	0.0	0.6		
Private Equity	4.6	12.9	-8.2	-1.2	-0.3	-1.5		
Direct Lending	10.4	13.3	-3.0	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2		
Hedge Fund	5.1	4.9	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.1		
Real Assets	10.1	-4.8	14.9	0.8	0.0	0.8		
Total Fund	7.7	7.5	0.2	0.5	-0.3	0.2		



### Benchmark History | As of January 31, 2024

		Benchmark History
From Date	To Date	Benchmark
Total Fund		
01/01/2022	Present	22.0% Russell 3000, 11.0% Custom Blended Developed International Equity BM, 8.0% MSCI EM, 11.0% US Fixed Income Custom Benchmark, 10.0% Custom Blended Hedge Fund Benchmark, 15.0% Custom Private Equity Benchmark, 5.0% S&P LSTA Leveraged Loan +2%, 5.0% Custom Blended Real Assets Benchmark, 8.0% Custom Blended Real Estate Benchmark, 5.0% 50% Barclays US Aggregate / 25% Barclays US High Yield / 25% Credit Suisse Lever
01/01/2020	01/01/2022	21.0% Russell 3000, 10.0% Custom Blended Developed International Equity BM, 8.0% MSCI EM, 18.0% BBgBarc US Aggregate TR, 10.0% Custom Blended Hedge Fund Benchmark, 15.0% Custom Private Equity Benchmark, 5.0% Custom Blended Real Assets Benchmark, 8.0% Custom Blended Real Estate Benchmark, 5.0% 50% Barclays US Aggregate / 25% Barclays US High Yield / 25% Credit Suisse Lever
07/01/2019	01/01/2020	21.0% US Equity Custom, 18.0% International Equity Custom, 18.0% US Fixed Custom, 10.0% Custom Blended Hedge Fund Benchmark, 15.0% Thomson Reuters Cambridge Private Equity Index, 5.0% Real Asset Custom, 8.0% NCREIF ODCE (Net), 5.0% 50% Barclays US Aggregate / 25% Barclays US High Yield / 25% Credit Suisse Lever
01/01/2019	07/01/2019	21.0% US Equity Custom, 23.0% US Fixed Custom, 18.0% International Equity Custom, 10.0% Custom Blended Hedge Fund Benchmark, 15.0% Thomson Reuters Cambridge Private Equity Index, 5.0% Real Asset Custom, 8.0% NCREIF ODCE (Net)
01/01/2017	01/01/2019	27.0% US Equity Custom, 22.0% US Fixed Custom, 23.0% International Equity Custom, 5.0% Custom Blended Hedge Fund Benchmark, 9.0% Thomson Reuters Cambridge Private Equity Index, 14.0% Real Asset Custom
07/01/2014	01/01/2017	22.7% Russell 1000 Index, 5.7% Russell 2000 Index, 23.6% International Equity Custom, 28.5% US Fixed Custom, 4.5% Custom Blended Hedge Fund Benchmark, 8.0% NCREIF ODCE (Net), 7.0% Thomson Reuters Cambridge Private Equity Index
US Equity		
01/01/2020	Present	100.0% Russell 3000 Index
12/31/1994	01/01/2020	100.0% Russell 3000
International E	quity	
01/01/2019	Present	56.0% MSCI EAFE Index, 44.0% MSCI Emerging Markets Index
01/01/2017	01/01/2019	69.6% MSCI EAFE Index, 30.4% MSCI Emerging Markets Index
07/01/2013	01/01/2017	100.0% MSCI AC World ex USA index
US Fixed Incor	ne	
12/01/1994	Present	10.0% BImbg. U.S. Treasury: 1-3 Year, 90.0% BBgBarc US Aggregate TR



### Benchmark History | As of January 31, 2024

From Date	To Date	Benchmark
Hedge Fund		
07/01/2017	Present	100.0% HFRI Fund of Funds Composite Index
01/01/2015	07/01/2017	50.0% HFRI Fund of Funds Composite Index, 50.0% HFRI RV: Multi-Strategy Index
Real Assets		
01/01/2022	Present	50.0% S&P Global Infrastructure, 50.0% S&P Global Natural Resources Sector Index (TR)
01/01/2020	01/01/2022	50.0% Cambridge Energy Upstream & Royalties & Private Energy (1 Quarter Lagged), 50.0% Cambridge Infrastructure (1 Quarter Lagged)
03/01/1999	01/01/2020	100.0% Real Asset Custom
SSgA		
04/01/2017	Present	10.0% S&P Global Infrastructure, 15.0% Dow Jones U.S. Select RESI, 25.0% Bloomberg Roll Select Commodity TR Index, 25.0% S&P Global LargeMidcap Resources & Commodities Ind, 25.0% Blmbg. U.S. TIPS
Private Real Es	state	
01/01/2020	Present	100.0% NCREIF ODCE 1Q Lagged
03/01/1999	01/01/2020	100.0% NCREIF Fund Index-Open End Diversified Core Equity (VW) (Net)
Private Equity		
01/01/2022	Present	100.0% Custom PE BM (Jan 2022 -) 1Q Lag
01/01/2020	01/01/2022	100.0% Cambridge Global Private Equity & VC (1 Quarter Lagged)
12/31/1994	01/01/2020	100.0% Thomson Reuters Cambridge Private Equity Index



	Annual Investment Expense Analys	is		
	Fee Schedule	Market Value	Estimated Annual Fee (%)	Estimated Expense
Total Fund		1,169,312,023		
Total Fund w/o Alternatives		668,590,898		
US Equity		269,430,144		
BNY Mellon Newton Dynamic US Equity	0.30 % of Assets	59,735,793	0.30	179,207
BNY Mellon Large Cap	0.04 % of First \$100 M 0.02 % Thereafter	180,692,525	0.03	56,139
Champlain Small Cap	1.00 % of Assets	29,001,827	1.00	290,018
International Equity		221,680,941		
Developed International Equity		137,589,659		
Acadian ACWI ex U.S. Small Cap Equity	0.99 % of Assets	15,531,555	0.99	153,762
Driehaus International Small Cap Growth	0.90 % of Assets	14,940,252	0.90	134,462
GQG International Equity	0.50 % of Assets	55,715,322	0.50	278,577
First Eagle International Value Fund	0.79 % of Assets	51,402,530	0.79	406,080
Emerging Markets Equity		84,091,281		
Artisan Developing World TR	1.05 % of Assets	59,494,411	1.05	624,691
RWC	0.87 % of Assets	24,596,871	0.87	213,993
MCERA US FIXED+OPP CREDIT		177,479,813		
US Fixed Income		117,998,352		
Vanguard Short-Term Treasury Index Fund	0.05 % of Assets	6,744,899	0.05	3,372
Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund	0.04 % of Assets	17,991,351	0.04	6,297
Payden & Rygel Low Duration Fund	0.43 % of Assets	8,230,600	0.43	35,392
Brandywine US Fixed Income	0.29 % of Assets	34,167,738	0.29	99,086
Wellington Core Bond	0.12 % of Assets	50,863,763	0.12	61,037
Opportunistic Credit		59,481,462		
PIMCO Income Fund	0.51 % of Assets	12,016,184	0.51	61,283
GoldenTree Multi-Sector Credit	0.70 % of Assets	26,077,123	0.70	182,540
Sculptor Credit Opportunities Domestic Partners, LP	Performance Based 1.00 and 20.00	392,565	1.00	3,926



			Estimated	
	Fee Schedule	Market Value	Annual Fee (%)	Estimated Expense
OWS Credit Opportunity Fund LP		20,995,590	-	-
Real Estate		89,151,296		
Vanguard REIT Index	0.10 % of Assets	16,953,429	0.10	16,953
Private Real Estate		72,197,867		
Greenfield Gap VII		913,260	-	-
Patron Capital V		5,213,213	-	-
UBS Trumbull Property		22,953,155	-	-
Carlyle Realty VIII		2,553,121	-	-
Taconic CRE Dislocation Fund II		3,303,159	-	-
Carmel Partners Investment Fund VII		4,233,620	-	-
AG Realty Value Fund X, L.P.		3,432,821	-	-
Rockpoint Real Estate Fund VI, L.P.		4,594,861	-	-
Cerberus Real Estate Debt Fund, L.P.		4,848,756	-	-
Taconic CRE Dislocation Onshore Fund III		6,192,808	-	-
Starwood Distressed Opportunity Fund XII Global		4,013,209	-	-
Carlyle Realty Partners IX		1,872,093	-	-
Carmel Partners Investment Fund VIII		4,736,138	-	-
Rockpoint Real Estate Fund VII L.P.		3,337,653	-	-
Private Equity		172,748,046		
Adams Street		3,721,391	-	-
Invesco VI		477,377	-	-
Ocean Avenue II		8,067,759	-	-
Pantheon I		61,591	-	-
Pantheon II		2,685,109	-	-
Pantheon Secondary		109,050	-	-
Davidson Kempner Long-Term Distressed Opportunities Fund IV		2,595,030	-	-
GTCR Fund XII		5,773,094	-	-
Carrick Capital Partners III		6,964,733	-	-
Cressey & Company Fund VI		5,244,612	-	-



	Fee Schedule	Market Value	Estimated Annual Fee (%)	Estimated Expense
TCV X		6,528,208	-	-
Accel-KKR Growth Capital Partners III		4,782,037	-	-
Genstar Capital Partners IX		9,443,795	-	-
Cortec Group Fund VII		8,786,948	-	-
Spark Capital Growth Fund III		8,642,283	-	-
Spark Capital VI		3,632,166	-	-
Summit Partners Growth Equity Fund X-A		8,644,810	-	-
Taconic Market Dislocation Fund III L.P.		6,816,774	-	-
Marlin Heritage Europe II, L.P.		7,459,164	-	-
Khosla Ventures VII		5,190,958	-	-
Accel-KKR Capital Partners VI		4,492,148	-	-
Khosla Ventures Seed E		2,208,889	-	-
TCV XI		5,091,383	-	-
Thoma Bravo Discover Fund III		9,015,559	-	-
Summit Partners Venture Capital Fund V-A		3,177,638	-	-
GTCR Fund XIII/A & B		4,240,987	-	-
Genstar Capital Partners X		7,786,073	-	-
Nautic Partners X		4,450,318	-	-
Spark Capital Growth Fund IV		2,151,963	-	-
Spark Capital VII		1,374,145	-	-
TCV Velocity Fund I		3,833,228	-	-
Accel-KKR Growth Capital Partners IV		1,845,438	-	-
Summit Partners Growth Equity Fund XI-A		2,217,386	-	-
GTCR Strategic Growth Fund I/A&B LP		1,810,542	-	-
Threshold Ventures IV LP		863,922	-	-
Thoma Bravo Discovery Fund IV		4,823,186	-	-
Marlin Heritage III		1,010,729	-	-
Cortec Group Fund VIII, L.P.		1,116,172	-	-
Khosla Ventures VIII		407,034	-	-



	Fee Schedule	Market Value	Estimated Annual Fee (%)	Estimated Expense
Direct Lending		54,277,766		
Silver Point Specialty Credit Fund II, L.P.		6,709,340	-	-
Ares Senior Direct Lending Fund II		12,701,541	-	-
Varagon Capital Direct Lending Fund		13,054,558	-	-
AG Direct Lending Fund IV Annex		9,215,693	-	-
AG Direct Lending Fund V		4,587,820	-	-
Accel-KKR Credit Partners II LP		2,133,217	-	-
Silver Point Specialty Credit Fund III		5,875,597	-	-
Hedge Fund		117,947,980		
Sculptor (OZ) Domestic II	Performance Based 1.50 and 20.00	264,914	1.50	3,974
Graham Absolute Return	Performance Based 1.75 and 20.00	10,414,694	1.75	182,257
Wellington-Archipelago	Performance Based 1.00 and 20.00	16,773,554	1.00	167,736
Marshall Wace Eureka	Performance Based 2.00 and 20.00	4,669,064	2.00	93,381
Silver Point Capital	Performance Based 1.50 and 20.00	19,239,319	1.50	288,590
Laurion Capital	Performance Based 2.00 and 20.00	13,707,621	2.00	274,152
Taconic Opportunity Fund	Performance Based 1.40 and 20.00	14,217,911	1.40	199,051
Marshall Wace Global Opportunities	Performance Based 2.00 and 20.00	11,386,379	2.00	227,728
Caxton Global Investments	Performance Based 1.95 and 22.50	11,706,697	1.95	228,281
Real Assets		62,444,844		
SSgA	0.30 % of First \$50 M 0.27 % of Next \$50 M 0.25 % Thereafter Minimum Fee: \$20,000	4,267,143	0.47	20,000
Private Infrastructure		32,089,298		
KKR Global II		3,426,301	-	-
North Haven Infrastructure II		2,619,297	-	-
ISQ Global Infrastructure Fund II		5,502,231	-	-
KKR Global Infrastructure Investors III		4,533,851	-	-
Ardian Infrastructure Fund V		4,202,553	-	-



	Fee Schedule	Market Value	Estimated Annual Fee (%)	Estimated Expense
ISQ Global Infrastructure Fund III		2,058,769	-	-
KKR Global Infrastructure Investors IV		4,916,721	-	-
BlackRock Global Infrastructure Fund IV		3,835,913	-	-
Ardian Infrastructure Fund VI		993,662	-	-
Private Natural Resources		26,088,402		
EnCap XI		5,114,185	-	-
EnCap IV		1,727,352	-	-
GSO Energy Opportunities		336,208	-	-
Taurus Mining		338,345	-	-
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Credit Risk: Refers to the risk that the issuer of a fixed income security may default (i.e., the issuer will be unable to make timely principal and/or interest payments on the security).

**Duration:** Measure of the sensitivity of the price of a bond to a change in its yield to maturity. Duration summarizes, in a single number, the characteristics that cause bond prices to change in response to a change in interest rates. For example, the price of a bond with a duration of three years will rise by approximately 3% for each 1% decrease in its yield to maturity. Conversely, the price will decrease 3% for each 1% increase in the bond's yield. Price changes for two different bonds can be compared using duration. A bond with a duration of six years will exhibit twice the percentage price change of a bond with a three-year duration. The actual calculation of a bond's duration is somewhat complicated, but the idea behind the calculation is straightforward. The first step is to measure the time interval until receipt for each cash flow (coupon and principal payments) from a bond. The second step is to compute a weighted average of these time intervals. Each time interval is measured by the present value of that cash flow. This weighted average is the duration of the bond measured in years.

**Information Ratio:** This statistic is a measure of the consistency of a portfolio's performance relative to a benchmark. It is calculated by subtracting the benchmark return from the portfolio return (excess return), and dividing the resulting excess return by the standard deviation (volatility) of this excess return. A positive information ratio indicates outperformance versus the benchmark, and the higher the information ratio, the more consistent the outperformance.

Jensen's Alpha: A measure of the average return of a portfolio or investment in excess of what is predicted by its beta or "market" risk. Portfolio Return- [Risk Free Rate+Beta\*(market return-Risk Free Rate)].

**Market Capitalization:** For a firm, market capitalization is the total market value of outstanding common stock. For a portfolio, market capitalization is the sum of the capitalization of each company weighted by the ratio of holdings in that company to total portfolio holdings; thus it is a weighted-average capitalization. Meketa Investment Group considers the largest 65% of the broad domestic equity market as large capitalization, the next 25% of the market as medium capitalization, and the smallest 10% of stocks as small capitalization.

Market Weighted: Stocks in many indices are weighted based on the total market capitalization of the issue. Thus, the individual returns of higher market-capitalization issues will more heavily influence an index's return than the returns of the smaller market-capitalization issues in the index.

Maturity: The date on which a loan, bond, mortgage, or other debt/security becomes due and is to be paid off.

**Prepayment Risk:** The risk that prepayments will increase (homeowners will prepay all or part of their mortgage) when mortgage interest rates decline; hence, investors' monies will be returned to them in a lower interest rate environment. Also, the risk that prepayments will slow down when mortgage interest rates rise; hence, investors will not have as much money as previously anticipated in a higher interest rate environment. A prepayment is any payment in excess of the scheduled mortgage payment.

Price-Book Value (P/B) Ratio: The current market price of a stock divided by its book value per share. Meketa Investment Group calculates P/B as the current price divided by Compustat's quarterly common equity. Common equity includes common stock, capital surplus, retained earnings, and treasury stock adjusted for both common and nonredeemable preferred stock. Similar to high P/E stocks, stocks with high P/B's tend to be riskier investments.



**Price-Earnings (P/E) Ratio:** A stock's market price divided by its current or estimated future earnings. Lower P/E ratios often characterize stocks in low growth or mature industries, stocks in groups that have fallen out of favor, or stocks of established blue chip companies with long records of stable earnings and regular dividends. Sometimes a company that has good fundamentals may be viewed unfavorably by the market if it is an industry that is temporarily out of favor. Or a business may have experienced financial problems causing investors to be skeptical about is future. Either of these situations would result in lower relative P/E ratios. Some stocks exhibit above-average sales and earnings growth or expectations for above average growth. Consequently, investors are willing to pay more for these companies' earnings, which results in elevated P/E ratios. In other words, investors will pay more for shares of companies whose profits, in their opinion, are expected to increase faster than average. Because future events are in no way assured, high P/E stocks tend to be riskier and more volatile investments. Meketa Investment Group calculates P/E as the current price divided by the I/B/E/S consensus of twelve-month forecast earnings per share.

**Quality Rating:** The rank assigned a security by such rating services as Fitch, Moody's, and Standard & Poor's. The rating may be determined by such factors as (1) the likelihood of fulfillment of dividend, income, and principal payment of obligations; (2) the nature and provisions of the issue; and (3) the security's relative position in the event of liquidation of the company. Bonds assigned the top four grades (AAA, AA, A, BBB) are considered investment grade because they are eligible bank investments as determined by the controller of the currency.

Sharpe Ratio: A commonly used measure of risk-adjusted return. It is calculated by subtracting the risk free return (usually three-month Treasury bill) from the portfolio return and dividing the resulting excess return by the portfolio's total risk level (standard deviation). The result is a measure of return per unit of total risk taken. The higher the Sharpe ratio, the better the fund's historical risk adjusted performance.

STIF Account: Short-term investment fund at a custodian bank that invests in cash-equivalent instruments. It is generally used to safely invest the excess cash held by portfolio managers.

**Standard Deviation:** A measure of the total risk of an asset or a portfolio. Standard deviation measures the dispersion of a set of numbers around a central point (e.g., the average return). If the standard deviation is small, the distribution is concentrated within a narrow range of values. For a normal distribution, about two thirds of the observations will fall within one standard deviation of the mean, and 95% of the observations will fall within two standard deviations of the mean.

**Style:** The description of the type of approach and strategy utilized by an investment manager to manage funds. For example, the style for equities is determined by portfolio characteristics such as price-to-book value, price-to-earnings ratio, and dividend yield. Equity styles include growth, value, and core.

Tracking Error: A divergence between the price behavior of a position or a portfolio and the price behavior of a benchmark, as defined by the difference in standard deviation.



**Yield to Maturity:** The yield, or return, provided by a bond to its maturity date; determined by a mathematical process, usually requiring the use of a "basis book." For example, a 5% bond pays \$5 a year interest on each \$100 par value. To figure its current yield, divide \$5 by \$95—the market price of the bond—and you get 5.26%. Assume that the same bond is due to mature in five years. On the maturity date, the issuer is pledged to pay \$100 for the bond that can be bought now for \$95. In other words, the bond is selling at a discount of 5% below par value. To figure yield to maturity, a simple and approximate method is to divide 5% by the five years to maturity, which equals 1% pro rata yearly. Add that 1% to the 5.26% current yield, and the yield to maturity is roughly 6.26%.

5% (discount)1% pro rata, plus5 (yrs. to maturity)5.26% (current yield)

6.26% (yield to maturity)

Yield to Worst: The lowest potential yield that can be received on a bond without the issuer actually defaulting. The yield to worst is calculated by making worst-case scenario assumptions on the issue by calculating the returns that would be received if provisions, including prepayment, call, or sinking fund, are used by the issuer.

**NCREIF Property Index (NPI):** Measures unleveraged investment performance of a very large pool of individual commercial real estate properties acquired in the private market by tax-exempt institutional investors for investment purposes only. The NPI index is capitalization-weighted for a quarterly time series composite total rate of return.

NCREIF Fund Index - Open End Diversified Core Equity (NFI-ODCE): Measures the investment performance of 28 open-end commingled funds pursuing a core investment strategy that reflects funds' leverage and cash positions. The NFI-ODCE index is equal-weighted and is reported gross and net of fees for a quarterly time series composite total rate of return.

Sources: <u>Investment Terminology</u>, International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans, 1999. The Handbook of Fixed Income Securities, Fabozzi, Frank J., 1991

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Throughout this report, numbers may not sum due to rounding.

Returns for periods greater than one year are annualized throughout this report.

Values shown are in millions of dollars, unless noted otherwise.

MercedCER	A New Headquarters Expenditures	
Land and Due	Diligence Expenditures	
08/01/2019	Golden Valley Engineering - Inv 106670 - 2019-07 Due Diligence New Building	3,225.00
08/12/2019	Golden Valley Engineering - Inv 106727 - 2019-07 Due Diligence New Building	11,877.50
10/03/2019	Nossaman - Inv 500498 - 2019-08 - Real Estate Purchase Related Legal	3,707.55
10/10/2019	Golden Valley Engineering - Inv 106900 - 2019-09 Due Diligence New Building	3,277.50
10/23/2019	TransCounty Title - Purchase of Land for New MCERA Building	352,585.00
11/05/2019	Golden Valley Engineering - Inv 106900 - 2019-10 Due Diligence - New Building	9,357.25
11/05/2019	Nossaman - Inv 501678 - 2019-09 - Real Estate Purchase Related Legal	3,288.60
12/05/2019	Nossaman - Inv 502566 - 2019-10 - Real Estate Purchase Related Legal	5,481.91
01/30/2020	Golden Valley Engineering - Inv107252 - Thru 2020-01-11 Due Diligence - New Building	4,492.50
01/30/2020	Nossaman - Inv 503888 - 2019-11 - Real Estate Purchase Related Legal	2,506.67
01/30/2020	Nossaman - Inv 504751 - 2019-12 - Real Estate Purchase Related Legal	1,289.25
01/31/2020	Golden Valley Engineering - Inv107210 - Thru 2019-12-28 Due Diligence - New Building	4,572.50
02/07/2020	Golden Valley Engineering - Inv107301 - Thru 2020-01-25 Due Diligence - New Building	432.50
02/24/2020	Golden Valley Engineering - Inv107349 - Thru 2020-02-08 Due Diligence - New Building	1,140.00
03/10/2020	Golden Valley Engineering - Inv107387 - Thru 2020-02-22 Due Diligence - New Building	1,165.00
04/09/2020	Golden Valley Engineering - Inv107451 - Thru 2020-03-21 Due Diligence - New Building	2,132.50
06/29/2020	Golden Valley Engineering - Inv107881 - 2020-03-21 Thru 2020-06-21 Due Diligence - New Building	523.13
06/29/2020	Nossaman - Inv 505773 - 2020-01-Potential Real Estate Purchase by MCERA	987.45
08/21/2020	Golden Valley Engineering - Inv107881 - Thru 2020-07-25 Due Diligence - New Building	174.37
09/22/2020	Nossaman - Inv 513318 - 2020-08 - MCERA New Building	144.45
03/16/2021	Golden Valley Engineering - Inv 108508 - Thru 2021-02-20 Due Diligence - New Building	120.00
06/02/2021	Golden Valley Engineering - Inv 108836 - Thru 2021-05-15 Due Diligence - New Building	240.00
11/03/2021	Golden Valley Engineering - Inv 109356 - New Building Due Diligence thru 2021-10-16	180.00
11/10/2021	Golden Valley Engineering - Inv 109429 - New Bldg Due Diligence Thru 10/31/2021	1,928.00
03/01/2022	Nossaman - Inv 531558 - 2022-01 New Bldg Legal	2,740.05
06/08/2022	Nossaman - Inv 535102 - 2022-04 New Bldg	155.25

#### Total Land & Due Diligence Expenditures

417,723.93

Maintenance I	Expenditures	
12/04/2019	J & B Fencing - Inv 943 - 2019-11 Temp Fencing Installment	1,980.00
02/11/2020	Yard Masters - Inv16037 - 2020-01 - New Building Weed Abatement	250.00
06/29/2020	Yard Masters - Inv16825 - 2020-06 - New Building Weed Abatement	300.00
02/01/2021	J & B Fencing - Inv 1027 - 2 Months of Temp Fencing Rental	300.00
04/19/2021	J & B Fencing - Inv 1156 - 3 Months of Temp Fencing Rental (Feb, Mar, Apr)	450.00
11/03/2021	J & B Fencing - Inv 1329 - 2021-05 - 2021-11 Fencing at 19th & N.	1,050.00
03/17/2022	Yard Masters - Inv 20451 - Weed Control for New Bldg	950.00
06/20/2022	J & B Fencing - Inv 1453 - 2021-12 thru 2022-05 Fence Rental	900.00
08/16/2022	J & B Fencing - Inv 1472 - 2022-06 thru 2022-08 Fence Rental	450.00
09/21/2022	J & B Fencing - Inv 1501 - 2022-09 Fence Rental	350.00
12/09/2022	J&B Fencing - Inv 1548 - 2022-10 Thru 2022-12 Fence Rental	1,050.00
02/27/2023	J&B Fencing - Inv 1582 - 2023-01 Thru 2023-02 Fence Rental	700.00
04/28/2023	Yard Masters - Inv 23021 - Weed Abatement at New Building Lot	975.00
06/29/2023	J&B Fencing - Inv 1640 - 2023-03 thru 2023-06 Fencing	1,400.00
11/21/2023	J&B Fencing - Inv 1681 - 2023-07 thru 2023-09 Fencing	1,050.00
Total Mainten	ance Expenditures	12,155.00

Architectural, Engineering, and Construction Expenditures (Budgeted per Hilbers Contract)

06/29/2022	Golden Valley Engineering - Inv 110079 - Prof Svcs thru 2022-06-20	18,862.50
06/29/2022	Golden Valley Engineering - Inv 110118 - Prof Svcs thru 2022-06-25	10,620.00
09/08/2022	Golden Valley Engineering - Inv 1101022 - Prof Svcs thru 2022-08-20	16,747.50
09/20/2022	Golden Valley Engineering - Inv 1100934 - Prof Svcs thru 2022-07-23	11,850.00
09/20/2022		7,007.50
09/21/2022	Golden Valley Engineering - Inv 110157 - Prof Svcs thru 2022-07-09 Golden Valley Engineering - Inv 1101056 - Prof Svcs thru 2022-09-03	6,672.50
10/07/2022		
	Golden Valley Engineering - Inv 1101130 - Prof Svcs thru 2022-10-01	10,577.50
10/31/2022	Golden Valley Engineering - Inv 1101081 - Prof Svcs thru 2022-09-17	10,480.00
10/31/2022	Golden Valley Engineering - Inv 1101217 - Prof Svcs thru 2022-10-15	16,850.50
11/08/2022	Golden Valley Engineering - Inv 1101255 - Prof Svcs thru 2022-10-29	12,092.50
11/23/2022	Golden Valley Engineering - Inv 1101329 - Prof Svcs thru 2022-11-12	19,325.00
12/06/2022	Golden Valley Engineering - Inv 1101374 - Prof Svcs thru 2022-11-26	14,042.50
12/29/2022	Golden Valley Engineering - Inv 1101434 - Prof Svcs thru 2022-12-23	27,410.50
02/01/2023	Golden Valley Engineering - Inv 1101432 - Prof Svcs thru 2022-12-10	26,499.50
02/01/2023	Golden Valley Engineering - Inv 1101533 - Prof Svcs thru 2023-01-21	6,560.00
02/14/2023	Golden Valley Engineering - Inv 1101548 - Prof Svcs thru 2023-02-04	3,030.00
03/07/2023	Golden Valley Engineering - Inv 1101659 - Prof Svcs thru 2023-02-18	9,040.00
03/17/2023	Golden Valley Engineering - Inv 1101675 - Prof Svcs thru 2023-03-04	14,260.00
03/31/2023	Golden Valley Engineering - Inv 1101749 - Prof Svcs thru 2023-03-18	6,820.00
04/28/2023	Golden Valley Engineering - Inv 1101839 - Prof Svcs thru 2023-04-15	7,047.50
05/25/2023	Golden Valley Engineering - Inv 1101893 - Prof Svcs Thru 2023-04-29	1,255.00
06/16/2023	Golden Valley Engineering - Inv 1101975 - Prof Svcs thru 2023-05-27	8,109.50
06/29/2023	Golden Valley Engineering - Svcs Thru 2023-06-10	5,602.00
08/01/2023	Golden Valley Engineering - Inv 1102166 - Prof Svcs Thru 2023-07-08	260.00
08/17/2023	Golden Valley Engineering - Inv 1102232 - Prof Svcs Thru 2023-07-22	7,552.50
10/02/2023	Golden Valley Engineering - Inv 1102416 - 2023-07 thru 2023-09	13,111.25
11/22/2023	Hilbers Inc - New HQ Bldg Progress Pymt 1	195,024.68
11/27/2023	Hilbers Inc - Inv 23-1132 - Permit & Process Fee - New Bldg	38,411.16
11/28/2023	Golden Valley Engineering - Inv 1102541 - Prof Svcs Thru 2023-10-28	8,867.50
11/28/2023	Golden Valley Engineering - Inv 1102606 - Prof Svcs Thru 2023-11-11	7,860.00
12/14/2023	Golden Valley Engineering - Inv 1102656 Prof Svcs Thru 2023-11-25	15,369.50
12/21/2023	RMA Geoscience Inc - Inv 17540 - Prof Svcs 2023 Oct 16-Nov 12	1,443.25
12/27/2023	Golden Valley Engineering - Inv 1102689 - Prof Svcs Thru 2023-12-09	2,310.00
12/28/2023	Hilbers Inc - New HQ Bldg Progress Pymt 2	370,256.66
01/18/2024	Golden Valley Engineering - Inv 1102729 - Prof Svcs Thru 2024-01-06	20,679.58
01/22/2024	RMA Geoscience Inc - Inv 17732 - Prof Svcs 2023-11-13 thru 2023-12-10	8,242.25
02/05/2024	Hilbers - Inv 24-0102 - Progress Billing #3 - Dec 2023	541,025.25
02/09/2024	Hilbers - Inv 24-0140 - Progress Billing #4 - Jan 2024	1,248,126.73
02/13/2024	Hilbers - Inv 24-0209 - Permit/Processing Fees	3,932.73
02/23/2024	Hoffman Electronic Systems - Inv 659689 - Permit Fees	389.00
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Total Architec	ural, Engineering, and Construction Expenditures	2,753,624.04
	I for Architectural, Engineering, & Construction	10,591,802.40
Balance Rema		7,838,178.36
Percentage Ex	5	26.00%
All new headq	uarters building-related expenditures through 02/29/2024	3,183,502.97

March 28, 2024

# Alternative Investment Performance

# Merced County Employees' Retirement Association



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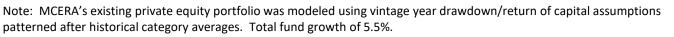
# MercedCERA Private Equity Capital Budget & Implementation Plan

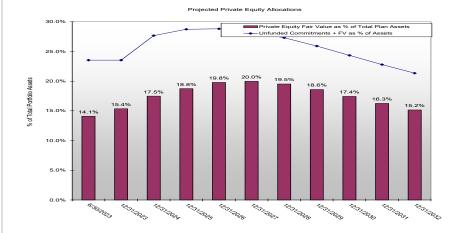
#### 15% fund level target; an increase from 9% in 2018

- Keep annual capital budget target at \$50 mm
  Range of \$35-\$65 million
- Target 5-10 investments, range of \$5-\$15 million per inv; average size of \$8 million per
- Actual exposure is higher than projections due to public market declines
- Targets for strategy exposures remain the same
- Update capital budgets on an annual basis

#### Performance comparisons:

- Long term investment objective: Earn a return premium over public equity (Russell 3000 + 3%)
- Recommended primary asset class benchmark: Cambridge Associates Global Private Equity & VC Index
- Recommended fund benchmarks: Each fund will be compared to the Cambridge Associates strategy universe for the respective vintage years and each vintage year will be compared to Cambridge Associates Global Private Equity & VC Index





**Target Strategy Diversification** 



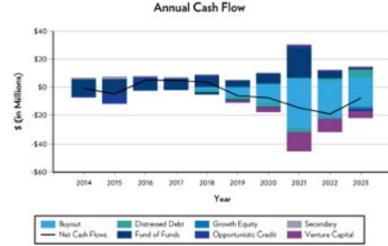
# MercedCERA Private Equity Investment Structure & Portfolio Assessment



### Investment structure (15% fund target; 14.7% invested as of Dec 2023):

- Legacy FoFs are winding down and the direct portfolio is beginning to mature
  - Overall portfolio is improving; VY 2014 & earlier funds are mature with the funds in VY 2017-2023 developing their portfolios
  - There were annual gains of \$7 million, including \$1 million gain in 3Q; contributions exceed distributions by \$15 million as the newer portfolios are being built and the exit market has slowed
  - Portfolio is diversified by strategy but overall it is in a negative cash flow situation

Annual Summary									
(in thousands)	Total	Total	(A)	(B)	(C)	(B+C)	(B+C-A)	Net IRR	Benchmark
	Partnerships	Commitment	Contributions	Distributions	Fair Value	Total Value	Gain Loss	NELIKK	Dencilliark
September 30, 2022	50	\$263,452	\$160,591	\$112,209	\$138,599	\$250 <i>,</i> 807	\$90,216	11.91%	12.37%
September 30, 2023	58	\$319,469	\$192,960	\$129,259	\$160,715	\$289,973	\$97,013	11.31%	12.00%
Annual Change	8	\$56 <i>,</i> 017	\$32,369	\$17,050	\$22,116	\$39,166	\$6,797		



# MercedCERA Private Equity Performance – as of Sep 30, 2023

		(A)		(B)		(C)						
		Commit.	Unfund.	Cumulat.	%	Cumulat.	(D)	(C+D)	(C+D-B)		IRR	
Partnership Name	Strategy	Amount	Amount	Cont.	Drawn	Dist.	Fair Value	Total Value	Gain/Loss	Net IRR	Bench.	TVPI
Vintage Year 2004							_					
* Invesco Fund IV, L.P.	Fund of Funds	10,000	2,417	7,898	76%	16,233	0	,	,	11.75%	9.79%	2.06x
Vintage Year 2004 Total		10,000	2,417	7,898	76%	16,233	0	16,233	8,336	11.75%	8.18%	2.06x
Vintage Year 2005												
ASP 2005 Non-US Fund	Fund of Funds	1,500	74	1,426		1,873	61	,	508		4.87%	1.36x
ASP 2005 US Fund	Fund of Funds	3,500	177	3,323	95%	5,251	91		2,019	7.09%	7.54%	1.61x
Pantheon Ventures Euro Fund IV	Fund of Funds	1,057	45	1,284	96%	1,641	26	1,667	383	4.54%	4.87%	1.30x
Pantheon Ventures USA Fund VI	Fund of Funds	3,750	206	3,544	95%	5,329	35	5,364	1,820	6.44%	7.54%	1.51x
Vintage Year 2005 Total		9,807	502	9,576	95%	14,093	214	14,307	4,730	6.19%	7.34%	1.49x
Vintage Year 2006												
Pantheon Global Secondary Fund III "B"	Secondary	10,000	540	9,460	95%	10,400	109	10,509	1,049	1.88%	N/A	1.11x
Vintage Year 2006 Total		10,000	540	9,460	95%	10,400	109	10,509	1,049	1.88%	7.33%	1.11x
Vintage Year 2007												
ASP 2007 Direct Fund	Fund of Funds	450	12	438	97%	963	95	1,057	619	11.66%	11.18%	2.41x
ASP 2007 Non-US Fund	Fund of Funds	1,575	78	1,497	95%	2,243	245	2,489	991	7.90%	7.44%	1.66x
ASP 2007 US Fund	Fund of Funds	2,475	115	2,360	95%	4,481	404	4,885	2,525	12.31%	11.18%	2.07x
Vintage Year 2007 Total		4,500	205	4,295	95%	7,687	744	8,431	4,136	10.81%	8.93%	1.96x
Vintage Year 2011												
ASP 2011 Direct Fund	Fund of Funds	500	37	463	93%	691	219	910	447	13.07%	20.59%	1.97x
ASP 2011 Emerging Markets Fund	Fund of Funds	500	64	436	87%	533	482	1,015	579	12.68%	9.24%	2.33x
ASP 2011 Non-US Developed Fund	Fund of Funds	1,500	239	1,261	84%	1,828	740	2,569	1,308	13.73%	9.24%	2.04x
ASP 2011 US Fund	Fund of Funds	2,500	326	2,175	87%	3,776	1,524	5,299	3,125	16.41%	20.59%	2.44x
Pantheon Asia Fund VI	Fund of Funds	1,000	71	930	93%	994	572	1,566	636	8.84%	9.24%	1.68x
Pantheon Euro Fund VII	Fund of Funds	1,475	177	1,513	88%	2,141	843	2,984	1,471	11.95%	9.24%	1.97x
Pantheon Ventures USA Fund IX	Fund of Funds	2,000	186	1,814	91%	3,076	1,365	-	2,628	15.81%	20.59%	2.45x
Vintage Year 2011 Total		9,475	1,101	8,591	88%	13,039	5,745	18,784	10.193	14.00%	11.94%	2.19x
Vintage Year 2013			, -	-/		-,	-, -	-, -	-,			
Invesco Partnership Fund VI, L.P.	Fund of Funds	5,000	1,548	3,958	69%	13,474	544	14,018	10,059	23.29%	16.34%	3.54x
Vintage Year 2013 Total		5,000	1,548	3,958	69%	13,474	544		,	23.29%	12.87%	3.54x
Vintage Year 2014		2,000	_,	2,200		,.,.		,510				
Ocean Avenue Fund II	Fund of Funds	10,000	1,000	9,000	90%	14,765	8,068	22,833	13.833	19.35%	20.70%	2.54x
* Raven Asset-Based Opportunity Fund II		10,000	474	9,526	95%	9,739	0,000	,	213	0.58%	8.08%	1.02x
Vintage Year 2014 Total	- pportamotic creat	20,000	1,474	18,526		24,504	8,068		-	12.24%	15.30%	1.76x
		20,000	1,774	10,520	5570	27,304	0,000	52,571	17,040	12.27/0	10.0070	1.704

Note:. The benchmark represents the Cambridge Associates LLC median for the respective strategy and vintage year. At the vintage year level, the Cambridge Associates LLC Global Private Equity & VC <sup>®</sup> median is used for the respective vintage year.

		(A)		(B)		(C)						
		Commit.	Unfund.	Cumulat.	%	Cumulat.	(D)	(C+D)	(C+D-B)		IRR	
Partnership Name	Strategy	Amount	Amount	Cont.	Drawn	Dist.	Fair Value	<b>Total Value</b>	Gain/Loss	Net IRR	Bench.	TVPI
Vintage Year 2017												
GTCR XII	Buyout	5,000	862	4,138	83%	2,141	5,724	7,865	3,728	24.02%	21.96%	1.90x
Vintage Year 2017 Total		5,000	862	4,138	83%	2,141	5,724	7,865	3,728	24.02%	18.48%	1.90x
Vintage Year 2018												
Carrick Capital Partners III, L.P.	Buyout	5,000	92	4,908	98%	581	6,873	7,454	2,546	15.56%	19.27%	1.52x
Cressey & Company Fund VI LP	Buyout	5,000	525	4,726	90%	1,885	5,245	7,130	2,403	20.68%	19.27%	1.51x
DK Long-Term Distressed Opps IV LP	Distressed Debt	5,000	343	4,743	93%	6,205	2,595	8,800	4,057	17.58%	13.32%	1.86x
Vintage Year 2018 Total		15,000	959	14,377	94%	8,671	14,713	23,384	9,007	17.63%	17.12%	1.63x
Vintage Year 2019												
Accel-KKR Growth Capital Partners III	Buyout	5,000	616	4,384	88%	809	4,782	5,592	1,207	10.48%	18.59%	1.28x
Cortec Group Fund VII, L.P.	Buyout	10,000	1,257	11,227	87%	7,768	8,757	16,525	5,298	24.75%	18.59%	1.47x
Genstar Capital Partners IX, L.P.	Buyout	7,000	1,099	6,711	84%	3,691	9,534	13,225	6,514	32.23%	18.59%	1.97x
Summit Growth Equity Fund X-A, L.P.	Buyout	8,000	2,234	7,528	72%	1,762	8,590	10,352	2,824	17.72%	18.59%	1.38x
TCV X, L.P.	Venture Capital	5,000	1,247	3,753	75%	913	6,528	7,441	3,688	21.96%	12.25%	1.98x
Vintage Year 2019 Total		35,000	6,453	33,604	82%	14,944	38,191	53,135	19,531	22.79%	14.79%	1.58x
Vintage Year 2020												
Accel-KKR Capital Partners VI, LP	Buyout	5,000	1,495	3 <i>,</i> 505	70%	0	3,505	3,505	0	0.00%	15.50%	1.00x
GTCR Fund XIII/A & B LP	Buyout	8,000	3,844	4,156	52%	872	4,162	5,034	878	17.72%	15.50%	1.21x
Marlin Heritage Europe II, L.P.	Buyout	7,401	1,266	5,648	83%	220	7,459	7,680	2,032	20.76%	16.08%	1.36x
Thoma Bravo Discover Fund III, L.P.	Buyout	8,000	128	7,872	98%	0	8,903	8,903	1,031	6.74%	15.50%	1.13x
Taconic Market Dislocation Fund III L.P.	Distressed Debt	8,000	1,150	7,169	86%	1,431	7,420	8,850	1,681	11.59%	10.33%	1.23x
Spark Capital Growth Fund III, L.P.	Venture Capital	6,000	0	6,000	100%	1,055	8,642	9,697	3,697	23.76%	7.43%	1.62x
Spark Capital VI, L.P.	Venture Capital	3,000	630	2,370	79%	0	3,452	3,452	1,082	17.90%	7.43%	1.46x
Summit Venture Capital Fund V-A, L.P.	Venture Capital	6,000	2,889	3,377	52%	267	3,155	3,421	44	0.86%	7.43%	1.01x
Vintage Year 2020 Total		51,401	11,403	40,096	78%	3,844	46,698	50,542	10,446	13.89%	9.89%	1.26x

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# MercedCERA Private Equity Performance – as of Sep 30, 2023

		(A)		(B)		(C)						
		Commit.	Unfund.	Cumulat.	%	Cumulat.	(D)	(C+D)	(C+D-B)		IRR	
Partnership Name	Strategy	Amount	Amount	Cont.	Drawn	Dist.	Fair Value	Total Value	Gain/Loss	Net IRR	Bench.	τνρι
Vintage Year 2021												
Genstar Capital Partners X, L.P.	Buyout	8,000	2,368	5,655	70%	24	5 <i>,</i> 905	5,928	273	N/M	N/M	1.05x
Nautic Partners X, L.P.	Buyout	8,000	5,304	2,779	34%	83	3,219	3,302	523	N/M	N/M	1.19x
Summit Partners Growth Equity XI-A, L.P.	Buyout	8,000	5,958	2,042	26%	0	2,206	2,206	163	N/M	N/M	1.08x
Khosla Ventures Seed E, L.P.	Venture Capital	2,000	484	1,516	76%	0	2,069	2,069	553	24.16%	-1.71%	1.36x
Khosla Ventures VII, L.P.	Venture Capital	6,000	1,812	4,188	70%	0	5,011	5,011	823	11.18%	-1.71%	1.20x
TCV Velocity Fund I, L.P.	Venture Capital	8,000	5,802	2,198	27%	0	2,967	2,967	769	N/M	N/M	1.35x
TCV XI, L.P.	Venture Capital	8,000	3,085	4,915	61%	0	4,291	4,291	-624	-8.30%	-1.71%	0.87x
Vintage Year 2021 Total		48,000	24,813	23,294	48%	107	25,667	25,774	2,480	8.18%	0.81%	1.11x
Vintage Year 2022												
Accel-KKR Growth Capital Partners IV	Buyout	5,000	3,273	1,727	35%	0	1,644	1,644	-84	N/M	N/M	0.95x
Marlin Heritage III, L.P.	Buyout	8,000	6,921	1,079	13%	0	931	931	-147	N/M	N/M	0.86x
Thoma Bravo Discover Fund IV, L.P.	Buyout	8,000	4,653	3,347	42%	0	3,596	3,596	249	N/M	N/M	1.07x
GTCR Strategic Growth Fund I/A&B LP	Growth Equity	6,000	4,411	1,589	26%	0	1,520	1,520	-69	N/M	N/M	0.96x
Spark Capital Growth Fund IV, L.P.	Venture Capital	6,000	4,110	1,890	32%	0	1,612	1,612	-278	N/M	N/M	0.85x
Spark Capital VII, L.P.	Venture Capital	3,000	1,890	1,110	37%	0	984	984	-126	N/M	N/M	0.89x
Threshold Ventures IV, L.P.	Venture Capital	5,000	4,045	955	19%	0	789	789	-166	N/M	N/M	0.83x
Vintage Year 2022 Total		41,000	29,303	11,697	29%	0	11,076	11,076	-621	N/M	N/M	0.95x
Vintage Year 2023												
Accel-KKR Capital Partners VII LP	Buyout	8,000	8,000	0	0%	0	0	0	0	N/M	N/M	N/A
Cortec Group Fund VIII, L.P.	Buyout	10,000	8,653	1,461	13%	122	1,153	1,275	-185	N/M	N/M	0.87x
Genstar Capital Partners XI, L.P.	Buyout	8,000	8,000	0	0%	0	0	0	0	N/M	N/M	N/A
GTCR XIV/A & B LP	Buyout	8,000	8,000	0	0%	0	0	0	0	N/M	N/M	N/A
Summit Europe Growth Equity Fund IV	Growth Equity	5,286	5,286	0	0%	0	0	0	0	N/M	N/M	N/A
Taconic Credit Dislocation Fund IV L.P.	Opportunistic Credit	8,000	6,400	1,600	20%	0	1,713	1,713	113	N/M	N/M	1.07x
Khosla Ventures Seed F, L.P.	Venture Capital	2,000	1,610	390	20%	0	369	369	-21	N/M	N/M	0.95x
Khosla Ventures VIII	Venture Capital	6,000	6,000	0	0%	0	-13	-13	-13	N/M	N/M	N/A
Vintage Year 2023 Total		55,286	51,950	3,451	6%	122	3,222	3,344	-106	N/M	N/M	0.97x
Portfolio Total :		319,469	133,531	192,960	58%	129,259	160,715	289,973	97,013	11.31%	12.00%	1.50x

Note:. The benchmark represents the Cambridge Associates LLC median for the respective strategy and vintage year. At the vintage year level, the Cambridge Associates LLC Global Private Equity & VC <sup>®</sup> median is used for the respective vintage year.



	(A)		(B)		(C)						
	Commit.	Unfund.	Cumulat.	%	Cumulat.	(D)	(C+D)	(C+D-B)		IRR	
Portfolio Strategy Totals	Amount	Amount	Cont.	Drawn	Dist.	Fair Value	Total Value	Gain/Loss	Net IRR	Bench.	Τνρι
Buyout	152,401	74,548	82 <i>,</i> 894	51%	19 <i>,</i> 959	92,188	112,147	29,253	18.44%		1.35x
Distressed Debt	13,000	1,493	11,911	89%	7,635	10,015	17,650	5,739	15.52%		1.48x
Fund of Funds	48,782	6,774	43,319	86%	79,291	15,315	94,606	51,287	12.15%		2.18x
Growth Equity	11,286	9,698	1,589	14%	0	1,520	1,520	-69	N/M		0.96x
Opportunistic Credit	18,000	6,874	11,126	62%	9,739	1,713	11,452	326	0.87%		1.03x
Secondary	10,000	540	9,460	95%	10,400	109	10,509	1,049	1.88%		1.11x
Venture Capital	66,000	33,605	32,662	49%	2,234	39 <i>,</i> 855	42,090	9,428	14.44%		1.29x
Portfolio Total :	319,469	133,531	192,960	58%	129,259	160,715	289,973	97,013	11.31%	12.00%	1.50x

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# MercedCERA Real Estate Capital Budget & Implementation Plan

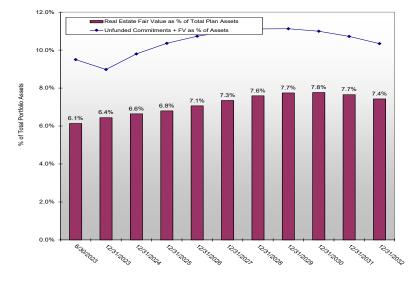
#### 8% fund level target; same as prior target

- Increase annual capital budget from \$20 million to \$25 million
  - Range of \$15-\$35 million
- Target 2-4 investments, range of \$5-\$10 million per inv
  - Average investment size of \$8 million
  - If an average of 2-4 GP partnership commitments per year, expect a total of 8-16 GP relationships over a 4 year fund raising cycle
- Continue using REITS as a substitute until funding private real estate investments is needed; core RE target is 25% of RE portfolio

#### Performance comparisons:

- Long term investment objective: Earn a return premium over inflation (CPI-U + 5%)
- Recommended primary asset class benchmark: NCREIF NFI-ODCE; revisit over time as the structure of the portfolio changes
- Recommended fund benchmarks: Cambridge Associates strategy universe for the respective vintage years and each vintage year will be compared to Cambridge Associates Global

#### Real Estate Index Note: MCERA's existing real estate portfolio was modeled using vintage year drawdown/return of capital assumptions patterned after historical averages. Only the private RE portfolio is modeled. Total fund growth rate of 5.5%.



Projected Real Estate Allocations

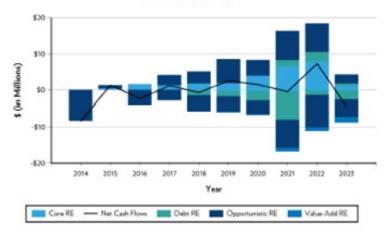
# MercedCERA Real Estate Investment Structure & Portfolio Assessment



### Real estate investment structure (8% target, 7.7% actual as of Dec 2023)

- MCERA invested in 1999 in a private core real estate fund; direct program began in 2014
- Contributions exceed distributions by \$4 million over the past year; Valuation decreased by \$4 million over the past year, including \$1 million in the past quarter

Annual Summary									
(in thousands)	Total	Total	(A)	(B)	(C)	(B+C)	(B+C-A)		Benchmark
	Partnerships	Commitment	Contributions	Distributions	Fair Value	Total Value	Gain Loss	Net IRR	Benchmark
September 30, 2022	14	\$113,655	\$74,979	\$75,991	\$69,624	\$145,615	\$70 <i>,</i> 637	9.00%	9.01%
September 30, 2023	14	\$114,581	\$86,706	\$83,588	\$69,295	\$152,883	\$66,177	8.47%	8.25%
Annual Change	0	\$926	\$11,727	\$7,597	-\$329	\$7,268	-\$4,460		





## MercedCERA Real Estate Performance – as of Sep 30, 2023



### **Real Estate Portfolio**

- MCERA began investing in the UBS Trumbull core real estate fund in 1999 and this represents the bulk of the real estate portfolio; Opportunistic funds began being added in 2014 and they are being developed
- Overall performance has met objectives, driven by the core RE fund; opportunistic fund performance is not meaningful

•		(A)		(B)		(C)	-		·			
		Commit.	Unfund.	Cumulat.	%	Cumulat.	(D)	(C+D)	(C+D-B)		IRR	
Partnership Name	Strategy	Amount	Amount	Cont.	Drawn	Dist.	Fair Value	Total Value	Gain/Loss	Net IRR	Bench.	TVPI
Vintage Year 1999	Core RE	17,000	0	18,614	100%	42,502	23,710	66,212	17 598	8.17%	10.20%	3.56x
UBS Trumbull Property Fund	COTE INE	17,000	0	10,014	10070	42,502	25,710	00,212	47,550	0.1770	10.2070	3.304
Vintage Year 1999 Total		17,000	0	18,614	100%	42,502	23,710	66,212	47,598	8.17%	12.95%	3.56x
Vintage Year 2014												
Greenfield Acquisition Partners VII, L.P.	Opportunistic RE	13,000	1,876	12,662	86%	20,931	913	7-	9,183	13.20%	10.31%	1.73x
Vintage Year 2014 Total		13,000	1,876	12,662	86%	20,931	913	21,844	9,183	13.20%	9.57%	1.73x
Vintage Year 2016												
Patron Capital Fund V	Opportunistic RE	12,581	1,764	11,716	86%	8,238	5,175	13,413	1,697	4.80%	6.43%	1.14x
Vintage Year 2016 Total		12,581	1,764	11,716	86%	8,238	5,175	13,413	1,697	4.80%	10.44%	1.14x
Vintage Year 2017												
Carlyle Realty Partners VIII, L.P.	Opportunistic RE	5,000	3,207	4,320	36%	3,695	2,659	6,353	2,033	23.72%	10.64%	1.47x
Vintage Year 2017 Total		5,000	3,207	4,320	36%	3,695	2,659	6,353	2,033	23.72%	8.80%	1.47x
Vintage Year 2018												
Taconic CRE Dislocation Fund II	Debt RE	5,000	370	4,927	93%	3,282	3,303	6,586	1,659	11.03%	11.41%	1.34x
AG Realty Value Fund X, L.P.	Opportunistic RE	5,000	1,294	4,650	74%	2,486	3,541	6,028	1,378	13.46%	19.11%	1.30x
Vintage Year 2018 Total		10,000	1,664	9,576	83%	5,769	6,845	12,613	3,037	11.98%	10.82%	1.32x
Vintage Year 2019												
Rockpoint Real Estate Fund VI, L.P.	Opportunistic RE	5,000	964	4,253	81%	556	4,403	4,959	706	8.75%	13.84%	1.17x
Carmel Partners Investment Fund VII, L.P.	Value-Add RE	5,000	1,121	3,940	78%	62	3,905	3,967	27	0.49%	6.56%	1.01x
Vintage Year 2019 Total		10,000	2,085	8,193	79%	618	8,308	8,926	732	5.45%	8.71%	1.09x
Vintage Year 2020												
Cerberus Real Estate Debt Fund, L.P.	Debt RE	7,000	2,440	4,555	65%	375	5,161	5,536	981	8.96%	11.50%	1.22x
Starwood Distressed Opp XII Global, L.P.	Opportunistic RE	8,000	6,400	1,600	20%	2	1,613	1,616	16	N/M	N/M	1.01x
Vintage Year 2020 Total		15,000	8,840	6,155	41%	377	6,774	7,151	996	7.42%	11.04%	1.16x
Vintage Year 2021												
Taconic CRE Dislocation Fund III	Debt RE	8,000	2,440	6,907	70%	1,438	6,193	7,631	723	8.17%	4.25%	1.10x
Carlyle Realty Partners IX, L.P.	Opportunistic RE	8,000	6,811	1,189	15%	0	989	989	-199	N/M	N/M	0.83x
Carmel Partners Investment Fund VIII, L.P.	Opportunistic RE	8,000	3,926	4,096	51%	21	4,181	4,201	105	N/M	N/M	1.03x
Vintage Year 2021 Total		24,000	13,177	12,192	45%	1,459	11,363	12,821	629	5.11%	3.25%	1.05x
Vintage Year 2022												
Rockpoint Real Estate Fund VII, L.P.	Opportunistic RE	8,000	4,711	3,278	41%	0	3,549	,	271	N/M	N/M	1.08x
Vintage Year 2022 Total		8,000	4,711	3,278	41%	0	3,549	3,549	271	N/M	N/M	1.08x
Portfolio Total :		114,581	37,324	86,706	67%	83,588	69,295	152,883	66,177	8.4 <b>7</b> %	8.25%	1.76x
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Note: The benchmark at the total portfolio level is NCREIF NFI-ODCE. Private real estate benchmark at the fund level is the Cambridge Value Add or Opportunistic RE Indices while the Cambridge Global Real Estate Index at the vintage year level.



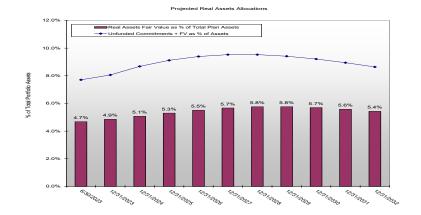
# MercedCERA Real Asset Capital Budget & Implementation Plan

## 5% fund level target; a decrease from the prior 6% target in 2018

- Keep annual capital budget target at \$18 million
  - Range of \$10-\$25 million
- Target 2-4 investments, range of \$5-\$10 million per inv
  - Average investment size of \$8 million
  - If an average of 2-4 GP partnership commitments per year, expect a total of 8-16 GP relationships over a 4 year fund raising cycle
- Portfolio targeted to be equally split between infrastructure and energy/natural resource funds

### Performance comparisons:

- Long term investment objective: Earn a return premium over inflation (CPI-U + 5%)
- Recommended primary asset class benchmark: 50/50
  Cambridge Global Infrastructure/Cambridge Energy Upstream
  & Royalties and Private Energy Index
- Recommended fund benchmarks: Each fund will be compared to the Cambridge Associates strategy universe for the respective vintage years and each vintage year will be compared to the 50/50 index



Note: MCERA's existing real asset portfolio was modeled using vintage year drawdown/return of capital assumptions patterned after historical category averages. Only the private RA portfolio is modeled. Total fund growth rate of 5.5%.

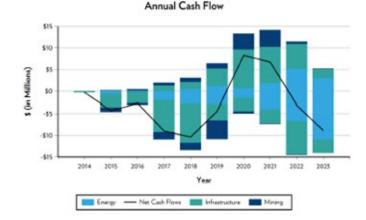
## MercedCERA Real Assets Investment Structure & Portfolio Assessment



## Real assets investment structure (5% target, 5.2% actual as of Dec 2023)

- Program is designed to be equally divided between private infrastructure and natural resource funds along with a public real asset component
  - Private fund commitments began in 2014 to infrastructure and 2015 to natural resources
- The majority of the portfolio is in development, but there were annual gains of \$6 million with \$2 million in 3Q
  - Contributions exceeded distributions by \$7 million as the older infrastructure funds continue to return capital

Annual Summary									
(in thousands)	Total	Total	(A)	(B)	(C)	(B+C)	(B+C-A)	Net IRR	Benchmark
	Partnerships	Commitment	Contributions	Distributions	Fair Value	Total Value	Gain Loss		Benchindik
September 30, 2022	15	\$90,800	\$66,587	\$46,030	\$42,678	\$88,708	\$22,121	12.78%	2.61%
September 30, 2023	18	\$117,141	\$84,310	\$56,369	\$56,508	\$112,877	\$28,567	13.01%	4.00%
Annual Change	3	\$26,341	\$17,723	\$10,339	\$13,830	\$24,169	\$6,446		



#### Note: Net cash flow is the for the respective calendar year.

## MercedCERA Real Assets Performance – as of Sep 30, 2023



## **Real Asset Portfolio**

- MCERA began allocating to real assets in 2014 via direct fund commitments
- Portfolio is in its development stage; the energy funds have improved in value as energy prices have risen; the VY 2017-23 funds are maturing/being built out

		(A)		(B)		(C)						
		Commit.	Unfund.	Cumulat.	%	Cumulat.	(D)	(C+D)	(C+D-B)		IRR	
Partnership Name	Strategy	Amount	Amount	Cont.	Drawn	Dist.	Fair Value	Total Value	Gain/Loss	Net IRR	Bench.	TVPI
Vintage Year 2014												
KKR Global Infrastructure II	Infrastructure	10,000	435	11,162	96%	15,130	5,142	20,272	9,110	16.86%	10.55%	1.82x
Vintage Year 2014 Total		10,000	435	11,162	96%	15,130	5,142	20,272	9,110	16.86%		1.82x
Vintage Year 2015												
GSO Energy Select Opportunities Fund	Energy	7,500	3,454	4,502	54%	5,797	657	6,455	1,953	9.98%	9.71%	1.43x
North Haven Infrastructure Partners II LP	Infrastructure	10,000	1,161	11,601	88%	12,861	2,681	15,543	3,941	9.49%	9.43%	1.34x
Taurus Mining Finance Fund	Mining	5,000	522	5,355	90%	5,884	363	6,247	892	7.94%	N/A	1.17x
Vintage Year 2015 Total		22,500	5,136	21,458	77%	24,542	3,702	28,244	6,786	9.38%		1.32x
Vintage Year 2016												
Taurus Mining Finance Annex Fund	Mining	5,000	948	4,658	81%	5,752	185	5,938	1,280	17.50%	N/A	1.27x
Vintage Year 2016 Total		5,000	948	4,658	81%	5,752	185	5,938	1,280	17.50%		1.27x
Vintage Year 2017												
EnCap Energy Capital Fund XI, L.P.	Energy	5,000	779	4,556	84%	2,220	5,349	7,569	3,012	21.05%	15.46%	1.66x
ISQ Global Infrastructure Fund II	Infrastructure	5,000	644	5,674	87%	2,394	5,434	7,828	2,154	12.76%	8.22%	1.38x
Vintage Year 2017 Total		10,000	1,423	10,230	86%	4,614	10,783	15,397	5,166	16.51%		1.51x
Vintage Year 2018												
EnCap Flatrock Midstream IV, L.P.	Energy	3,000	633	2,457	79%	1,225	1,716	2,941	483	7.72%	16.87%	1.20x
Ardian Infrastructure Fund V	Infrastructure	4,641	1,258	3,488	73%	500	3,812	4,312	824	12.08%	10.43%	1.24x
KKR Global Infrastructure Investors III	Infrastructure	5,000	783	4,603	84%	1,313	4,585	5,899	1,296	10.58%	10.43%	1.28x
Vintage Year 2018 Total		12,641	2,673	10,549	79%	3,038	10,113	13,151	2,603	10.22%		1.25x
Vintage Year 2019												
Global E&P Infrastructure Fund III F, L.P.	Energy	5,000	785	4,590	84%	1,009	4,567	5,576	986	10.76%	14.89%	1.21x
Tailwater Energy Fund IV, LP	Energy	5,000	1,879	3,931	62%	1,982	3,633	5,615	1,684	18.53%	17.23%	1.43x
Vintage Year 2019 Total		10,000	2,664	8,521	73%	2,991	8,200	11,191	2,670	14.66%		1.31x

Note: Benchmark is 50% S&P Natural Resources and 50% S&P Infrastructure. Benchmarks for individual funds are the respective Cambridge strategy benchmark.

		(A) Commit.	Unfund.	(B) Cumulat.	%	(C) Cumulat.	(D)	(C+D)	(C+D-B)		IRR	
Partnership Name	Strategy	Amount	Amount	Cont.	Drawn	Dist.	Fair Value	Total Value	Gain/Loss	Net IRR	Bench.	Τνρι
Vintage Year 2021												
ISQ Global Infrastructure Fund III (UST), L.P.	Infrastructure	5,000	3,587	1,413	28%	1	1,522	1,522	109	N/M	N/M	1.08x
KKR Global Infrastructure Investors IV	Infrastructure	8,000	3,445	4,836	57%	187	4,930	5,118	282	N/M	N/M	1.06x
Vintage Year 2021 Total		13,000	7,032	6,249	46%	188	6,452	6,640	391	N/M		1.06x
Vintage Year 2022												
BlackRock Global Infrastructure IV, L.P.	Energy	10,000	7,051	2,949	29%	0	2,791	2,791	-158	N/M	N/M	0.95x
Carnelian Energy Capital IV L.P.	Energy	8,000	4,143	3,970	48%	113	4,298	4,412	442	N/M	N/M	1.11x
Vintage Year 2022 Total		18,000	11,194	6,920	38%	113	7,089	7,203	283	N/M		1.04x
Vintage Year 2023												
EnCap Energy Capital Fund XII, L.P.	Energy	8,000	5,568	2,432	30%	0	2,819	2,819	388	N/M	N/M	1.16x
EnCap Flatrock Midstream Fund V, L.P.	Energy	8,000	5,869	2,131	27%	0	2,022	2,022	-110	N/M	N/M	0.95x
Vintage Year 2023 Total		16,000	11,437	4,563	29%	0	4,841	4,841	278	N/M		1.06x
Portfolio Total :		117,141	42,942	84,310	63%	56,369	56,508	112,877	28,567	13.01%	4.00%	1.34x



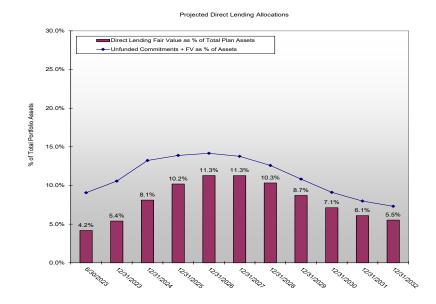
# MercedCERA Direct Lending Capital Budget & Implementation Plan

## 5% fund level target approved in Oct 2021

- Lower capital budget from \$30 mm to \$20 mm
  - Range of \$10-\$30 million
- Target 2-4 investments, range of \$8-\$15 million per inv
  Average investment size of \$10 million
- Managers have been rapidly deploying capital and public markets have declined in value

### Performance comparisons:

 Recommended primary asset class benchmark: Morningstar LSTA US Leveraged Loan Index + 2% (formerly called S&P LSTA )



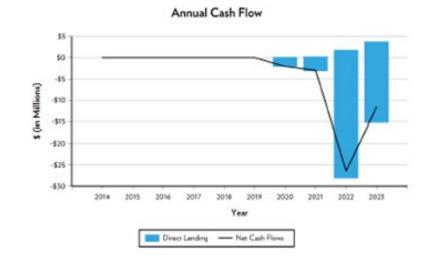
## MercedCERA Direct Lending Investment Structure & Portfolio Assessment



## Direct Lending investment structure (5% target, 4.6% actual as of Dec 2023)

- Program was approved with the asset allocation in Oct 2021
- Silver Point was moved over from the PE portfolio and new commitments began at year end 2021
- The overall portfolio is immature with the funds in the early stage of development
  - Contributions exceed distributions by \$16 mm as the program is being built out; gains over the past year

Annual Summary									
(in thousands)	Total	Total	(A)	(B)	(C)	(B+C)	(B+C-A)	Net IRR	Benchmark
	Partnerships	Commitment	Contributions	Distributions	Fair Value	Total Value	Gain Loss	Netikk	Benchinark
September 30, 2022	5	\$68,000	\$28,265	\$1,429	\$28,238	\$29,666	\$1,401	8.26%	2.99%
September 30, 2023	9	\$138,000	\$48,899	\$5,904	\$49,046	\$54,950	\$6,051	10.94%	6.13%
Annual Change	4	\$70,000	\$20,634	\$4,475	\$20,808	\$25,284	\$4,650		





## **Direct Lending Portfolio**

- Silver Point was moved over from PE to DL
- Portfolio is in its early stages of development so performance is not meaningful

		(A) Commit.	Unfund.	(B) Cumulat.	%	(C) Cumulat.	(D)	(C+D)	(C+D-B)		IRR	
Partnership Name	Strategy	Amount	Amount	Cont.	Drawn	Dist.	Fair Value	Total Value	Gain/Loss	Net IRR	Bench.	TVPI
Vintage Year 2019 Silver Point Specialty Credit Fund II, L.P.	Direct Lending	8,000	921	6,884	88%	1,873	6,412	8,285	1,401	9.99%	5.48%	1.20x
Vintage Year 2019 Total		8,000	921	6,884	88%	1,873	6,412	8,285	1,401	9.99%		1.20x
Vintage Year 2021 Ares Senior Direct Lending Fund II L.P.	Direct Lending	20,000	10,295	11,246	49%	1,541	11,499	13,040	1,794	N/M	N/M	1.16x
Varagon Capital Direct Lending Fund	Direct Lending	20,000	9,500	10,500	53%	768	10,313	11,080	580	N/M	N/M	1.06x
Vintage Year 2021 Total		40,000	19,795	21,746	51%	2,309	21,811	24,120	2,374	N/M		1.11x
Vintage Year 2022 Accel-KKR Credit Partners II LP	Direct Lending	10,000	8,785	1,215	12%	0	1,507	1,507	292	N/M	N/M	1.24x
AG Direct Lending Fund IV Annex, L.P.	Direct Lending	10,000	500	9,535	95%	900	9,949	10,849	1,314	N/M	N/M	1.14x
AG Direct Lending Fund V	Direct Lending	10,000	5,750	4,250	43%	0	4,744	4,744	494	N/M	N/M	1.12x
Vintage Year 2022 Total		30,000	15,035	15,001	50%	900	16,199	17,099	2,099	N/M		1.14x
Vintage Year 2023 Ares Capital Europe VI (D) Levered, L.P.	Direct Lending	20,000	20,000	0	0%	0	144	144	144	N/M	N/M	N/A
Ares Senior Direct Lending Fund III	Direct Lending	20,000	20,000	0	0%	0	0	0	0	N/M	N/M	N/A
Silver Point Specialty Credit Fund III, L.P.	Direct Lending	20,000	15,543	5,269	22%	823	4,479	5,302	33	N/M	N/M	1.01x
Vintage Year 2023 Total		60,000	55,543	5,269	7%	823	4,623	5,446	177	N/M		1.03x
Portfolio Total :		138,000	91,294	48,899	34%	5,904	49,046	54,950	6,051	10.94%	6.13%	1.12x

## MercedCERA Hedge Fund Performance – as of Jan 31, 2024

						Returns					Sharpe	Incep
Fund	Market Value	Actual %	Jan	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	Incep	Std Dev	Ratio	Date
Market Neutral												
Laurion Capital, Ltd.	13,712,715	11.6%	-1.67%	-1.67%	-1.67%	1.15%	6.18%	10.42%	9.57%	11.95%	0.63	Jul-18
Market Neutral - HF Total	13,712,715	11.6%	-1.67%	-1.67%	-1.67%	1.15%	2.74%	3.32%	3.49%	8.80%	0.18	Oct-17
HFRI Relative Value (Total) Index			0.62%	0.62%	0.62%	5.68%	4.32%	4.52%	4.04%	5.16%	0.36	Oct-17
Credit/Distressed												
Silver Point Capital Fund, L.P.	19,237,063	16.3%	0.85%	0.85%	0.85%	6.95%	9.83%	10.01%	8.03%	7.11%	0.79	Dec-17
Credit/Distressed - HF Total	19,237,063	16.3%	0.85%	0.85%	0.85%	6.95%	9.83%	10.01%	8.03%	7.11%	0.79	Dec-17
HFRI EDDistressed/Restructuring Index			0.30%	0.30%	0.30%	5.80%	4.86%	6.00%	5.28%	7.52%	0.42	Dec-17
Event Driven												
Taconic Opportunity Fund L.P.	14,217,681	12.1%	0.21%	0.21%	0.21%	2.43%	2.71%	3.31%	3.20%	5.76%	0.19	Dec-18
Event Driven - HF Total	14,217,681	12.1%	0.21%	0.21%	0.21%	2.43%	2.71%	3.31%	3.20%	5.76%	0.19	Dec-18
HFRI Event-Driven (Total) Index			-0.30%	-0.30%	-0.30%	6.76%	4.85%	6.04%	6.00%	9.03%	0.44	Dec-18
Equity Long/Short												
Archipelago Partners, L.P.	16,759,402	14.2%	2.67%	2.67%	2.67%	13.07%	9.36%	8.30%	7.00%	7.10%	0.68	Sep-17
Marshall Wace Funds LP - MW Eureka (US) Fund	4,668,515	4.0%	2.06%	2.06%	2.06%	6.67%	7.05%	8.79%	7.43%	5.64%	0.89	Dec-17
Marshall Wace Funds LP - MW Global Opportunities (US) Fund	11,387,183	9.7%	3.61%	3.61%	3.61%	11.23%	5.63%	-	6.33%	8.67%	0.49	Apr-20
Equity Long/Short - HF Total	32,815,100	27.8%	2.91%	2.91%	2.91%	11.48%	7.68%	7.39%	6.38%	6.73%	0.63	Sep-17
HFRI Equity Hedge (Total) Index			0.21%	0.21%	0.21%	7.48%	3.38%	7.39%	6.09%	10.04%	0.42	Sep-17
Global Macro-Discretionary												
Caxton Global Investments (USA) LLC	11,707,277	9.9%	0.71%	0.71%	0.71%	0.40%	-	-	5.90%	6.00%	0.47	May-21
Graham Absolute Return Trading Ltd.	10,413,323	8.8%	2.96%	2.96%	2.96%	7.67%	10.96%	7.55%	6.42%	8.71%	0.50	Sep-17
Global Macro-Discretionary - HF Total	22,120,600	18.8%	1.76%	1.76%	1.76%	3.70%	9.48%	6.69%	5.75%	8.25%	0.45	Sep-17
HFRI Macro (Total) Index			0.43%	0.43%	0.43%	-0.25%	5.49%	5.60%	3.97%	5.02%	0.35	Sep-17
Multi-Strategy												
Hudson Bay Fund LP	15,568,484	13.2%	0.61%	0.61%	0.61%	-	-	-	3.79%	1.25%	-	Jun-23
Sculptor Domestic Partners II, L.P.	264,914	0.2%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	4.17%	0.82%	6.48%	5.75%	7.10%	0.58	Jul-14
Multi-Strategy - HF Total	15,833,398	13.4%	0.60%	0.60%	0.60%	6.50%	1.56%	6.96%	5.99%	7.07%	0.62	Jul-14
HFRI Relative Value (Total) Index			0.62%	0.62%	0.62%	5.68%	4.32%	4.52%	3.76%	4.48%	0.47	Jul-14
MCERA Hedge Fund Portfolio	117,936,558	100.0%	1.17%	1.17%	1.17%	6.27%	6.50%	6.27%	4.88%	5.07%	0.63	Jul-14
Benchmarks												
HFRI Fund of Funds Composite Index			1.29%	1.29%	1.29%	5.58%	2.92%	4.88%	3.31%	5.06%	0.33	Jul-14
Market Indices												
SOFR 90 Day			0.44%	0.44%	0.44%	5.03%	2.22%	1.84%	-	-	-	Jul-14
ML 3-month T-Bills			0.43%	0.43%	0.43%	5.13%	2.29%	1.93%	1.35%	0.47%	-2.44	Jul-14
Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index			-0.27%	-0.27%	-0.27%	2.10%	-3.17%	0.84%	1.45%	4.83%	-0.03	Jul-14
Bloomberg US High Yield Bond Index			0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	9.28%	1.87%	4.44%	4.22%	7.76%	0.36	Jul-14
S&P 500 TR			1.68%	1.68%	1.68%	20.82%	10.99%	14.30%	11.98%	15.40%	0.70	Jul-14
MSCI AC World Index Free - Net			0.59%	0.59%	0.59%	14.70%	6.12%	10.16%	7.67%	14.99%	0.46	Jul-14
MSCI ACE world index rise - Net			0.58%	0.58%	0.58%	10.01%	4.59%	6.92%	4.02%	15.40%	0.22	Jul-14



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ITEM TYPE:	Action
ITEM NUMBER:	Open Session item b
SUBJECT:	MercedCERA Emergency Plan Policy
FROM:	Kristie Santos, Plan Administrator
то:	MercedCERA Board of Retirement
DATE:	March 28, 2024

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

**1.** Adopt the proposed Emergency Plan Policy.

## DISCUSSION:

MercedCERA is currently working with Merced County's vendor, Aanko Technologies, Inc., to update our Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP). There have been two occurrences when the MercedCERA Board of Retirement has put the emergency plan into action; the COVID-19 pandemic and the flooding that took place last year in the City of Merced.

Because the MercedCERA Board and staff are considered fiduciaries, in the event of an emergency, staff must be able to conduct our core business, which revolves around providing benefits to our members and their beneficiaries.

MercedCERA is considered a small 1937 Act county pension system and is therefore heavily reliant on Merced County. However, if the County experiences an emergency event, MercedCERA must be prepared to conduct our business independently of the County. Because of this, MercedCERA is pursuing a contract with our custodial bank to deposit retirement benefits into retiree's accounts should the county be unable to fulfill this current role.

The complexities of having a robust emergency plan are very important, but actually making sure that staff can and are prepared to operate with the emergency plan in place, is even more important. MercedCERA staff must be well versed in implementing our emergency plan and making sure all of our core business processes are performed while under the plan.

MercedCERA's management staff, led by Martha Sanchez Barboa as the primary point of contact, have been working diligently to insure the plan is robust, in place and viable. This proposed policy will be updated periodically, as the emergency plan is refined and operational. MercedCERA will be testing our emergency plan every six months to insure the following;

• Staff laptops, wireless routers and cell phones supplied by MercedCERA are

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- Staff can remotely perform core business processes as defined by MercedCERA's COOP.
- Staff are trained on how to effectively respond in an emergency.
- If the Board of Retirement is unable to convene and meet, the Emergency Crisis Committee, as specified in the MercedCERA Bylaws, is in place and can be utilized for important business decisions. Examples of decisions may include but not limited to granting more authority, if needed, to the Plan Administrator or the Assistant Plan Administrator; direct staff to a sell assets for required cash flow; approve emergency purchases or other required business decisions.
- When and how to notify the full board in the event of a crisis or emergency.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the Board adopt the proposed Emergency Plan Policy.



## **Emergency Plan Policy**

## Authority of the Board of Retirement:

The Merced County Employees' Retirement Association (MercedCERA) exists for the purposes of providing accurate, timely benefits to its members and their beneficiaries.

Article XVI, §17 of the Constitution of the State of California vests the Board with "plenary authority and fiduciary responsibility for the investment of moneys and the administration of the system".

The Board of Retirement (the Board), having exclusive authority and exclusive fiduciary responsibility for the investment and administration of the fund, hereby establishes the following "Emergency Plan Policy" (the Policy or COOP) for the investment and administration of MercedCERA assets and the fund. The Board reserves the right to amend, supplement, or rescind this Policy at any time.

### **Purpose:**

The purpose of this Policy is to state how often MercedCERA will test their emergency plan in order to be prepared for an emergency. MercedCERA's primary function is to pay out retiree benefits and invest trust funds for future liabilities. In the event of an emergency, MercedCERA shall focus on its primary procedures which have been identified by Staff and the Board as being critical. MercedCERA must continue to pay out its retirees, process new retirements and deaths, and perform other critical processes (such as receive employer payroll records and contributions).

For the purposes of this policy, the word "incident" includes planned events as well as emergencies and/or disasters of all kinds and sizes, natural or manmade.

As part of MercedCERA's fiduciary responsibilities regarding the MercedCERA Emergency Plan, MercedCERA will do the following;

- MercedCERA will test its emergency retiree payroll process procedure(s) at least every six months, but no more than every three months (or each quarter). Testing will ensure alternate procedures/processes work and can be completed by the appropriate staff.
- Staff will intermittently telework in order to insure they have the correct equipment and secure access to software required to perform essential processes from an alternate location.
- MercedCERA will supply to each staff member an up-to-date laptop computer, wireless router for secure Wi-Fi, cell phone and any other office equipment deemed essential for the continuity of MercedCERA business.
- MercedCERA will confirm its emergency plan is up to date and current, reviewing the plan every six months or as often as needed.
- Cyber Security and cyber incidences are also included in the organization's emergency plan and considered an event to invoke the COOP, if appropriate.

- The Plan Administrator will notify the Board Chair and Vice Chair first, followed by the entire Board, if the emergency plan is to be put into effect.
- Upon notification to the Board, the Plan Administrator or Assistant Plan Administrator will notify all participating employers of the emergency situation, including any vendors, Board attorneys or the general public, if necessary.

## **Emergency Crisis Committee (ECC):**

The Board, per the MercedCERA Bylaws, has an Emergency Crisis Committee (ECC) made up the Board Chair, Vice Chair and Secretery. The ECC has the authority to make critical decisions in the event the Board of Retirement is unable to meet and discuss essential or vital business due to an emergency. The ECC can be convened to make decisions that are deemed critical to the fund, approve additional delegation authority to the Plan Administrator or the Assistant Plan Administrator and make critical business decisions including but not limited to resolutions, policies, and proclamations. This committee is not intended to replace the full authority of the Board. The ECC has the authority to do the following;

- Make emergency critical investment decisions that are directly correlated with the emergency.
- Approve critical business decisions brought by the Plan Administrator or the Assistant Plan Administrator that are directly correlated with the emergency.
- Increase the delegated authority already granted to the Plan Administrator and the Assistant Plan Administrator in order to keep the continuity of business in the event of an emergency.
- The full Board shall be immediately informed of any decisions made by the ECC.
- Each Board member shall be furnished with an iPad in order to conduct MercedCERA business and read critical documents in the event of an emergency.
- The ECC may not take on any business or decisions that are not directly related to or correlated with the emergency.
- The full Board may meet at a secure location, outside of the county if needed, in person or as specified by a proclamation made by the local, state or federal government, to conduct business as soon is feasible in the event of an emergency.

The Board of Retirement of the Merced County Employees' Retirement Association adopted this policy on March 28, 2024.

Kristen Santos, Plan Administrator

Ryan Paskin, Chair



ITEM NUMBER:	Open Session item c
SUBJECT:	Resolution for Delegation of Authority for sale of building located at 3199 M Street, Merced, CA.
FROM:	Kristie Santos, Plan Administrator
то:	MercedCERA Board of Retirement
DATE:	March 28, 2024

ITEM TYPE: Action

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

**1.** Adopt the proposed Resolution and grant Delegation of Authority to the Plan Administrator or the Assistant Plan Administrator.

## DISCUSSION:

At the February 22, 2024, MercedCERA Board of Retirement meeting, the Board took action to place the building located at 3199 M Street, in Merced, CA, up for sale.

This attached Resolution delegates authority to the Plan Administrator or the Assistant Plan Administrator to sign documents pertaining to that sale. The Board, by Resolution, is hereby delegating authority to Kristen D. Santos or Martha Sanchez Barboa to act and sign on the Board's behalf.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt the proposed Resolution and grant Delegation of Authority to the Plan Administrator or the Assistant Plan Administrator.

## BOARD OF RETIREMENT MERCED COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION RESOLUTION NO. 2024-02 TO SELL REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3199 M STREET, MERCED

WHEREAS, The Board of Retirement (Board) of the Merced County Employees' Retirement Association (MercedCERA) has exclusive authority, as fiduciaries, for the investment and administration of the fund, and

WHEREAS, the Board determined that it is in the best interest of the plan to sell the real property, located at 3199 M Street in Merced (Property), and

WHEREAS, hereby delegates signatory authority to MercedCERA's Plan Administrator, Kristen D. Santos or the Assistant Plan Administrator, Martha Sanchez Barboa, if the Plan Administrator is unavailable, for all disclosures, real estate contract with the Board's realtor, all documents, including closing documents, pertaining to MercedCERA's real estate sale of property located at 3199 M Street, Merced, California.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby delegates authority to the Plan Administrator, Kristen D. Santos or Assistant Plan Administrator, Martha Sanchez Barboa, if the Plan Administrator is unavailable, to sign and execute, on the Board's behalf, all documents, including the real estate contract with the Board's realtor, closing documents, associated with the sale of the property located at 3199 M Street, Merced, California.

ADOPTED: March 28, 2024

Ryan Paskin, Board Chair

ATTEST:

Kristen Santos, Plan Administrator