

#### Retirement Board Agenda February 19, 2025

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#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

1. Roll Call

#### **CONSENT AGENDA (R)**

- 2. Minutes of the **December 19, 2024** Retirement Board meeting
- 3. Summary of Investment Transactions
  - November 1, 2024 to November 30, 2024 and
  - December 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024
- 4. Retirement Report
  - Superannuations, Survivor Benefits, & Special Cases Transfers
- 5. Disability Report
  - Approval of Disability Benefits
  - Disapproval of Disability Benefits
  - Approval of Appeal on Personal Appearance
  - Termination of Disability Benefits Any Occupation
- Approval of Appeal of Termination Any Occupation
- Disapproval of Appeal of Termination Any Occupation

#### **INVESTMENT REPORT**

- 6. Annual Portfolio Review Global Equities
- 7. Wilshire Associates Quarterly Performance Report As of December 31, 2024
- 8. Quarterly Investment Report As of December 31, 2024

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- 9. Executive Director's Update
- 10. CBIZ Compensation Presentation
- 11. Review of Administrative Expenses
  - Quarterly Financials
- 12. Healthcare Pre-Planning for CY2026 Discussion
- 13. Executive session pursuant to R.C. 121.22 (G)(5) to discuss a matter required to be kept confidential by law (R)
  - Personal Appearance 10:30 a.m.
- 14. Risk Management Update
- 15. Benefit Payment Options
- 16. Executive Session pursuant to R.C. 121.22 (G)(1) to discuss the employment of a public employee (R)

#### RETIREMENT REPORT

17. Executive Session pursuant to R.C. 121.22 (G)(5) to review applications for Disability Retirement Benefits (R) if needed

#### **BOARD COMMUNICATION AND POLICY ISSUES**

- 18. Calendar Dates for Future Board Meetings
- 19. Continued or New Business
  - Board Information Requests and Follow-up Items

#### ADJOURNMENT (R)

### FY2025 SERS Board Roll Call

#### **FEBRUARY 2025 CONSENT AGENDA**

- 1. Minutes of the
  - a. December 19, 2024, Retirement Board meeting
- 2. Summary of Investment Transactions November 1, 2024 to November 30, 2024 and December 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024.
- 3. Retirement Report
  - a. Superannuations and Survivor Benefits and Transfers
  - b. Special Cases
- 4. Disability Report
  - a. Approval of Disability Benefits
  - b. Disapproval of Disability Benefits
  - c. Approval of Appeal on Personal Appearance
  - d. Termination of Disability Benefits Any Occupation
  - e. Approval of Appeal of Termination Any Occupation
  - f. Disapproval of Appeal of Termination Any Occupation

#### APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

moved and	seconded the motion to approve the Consent
Agenda for February 20, 2025,	which includes the following items:

- 1. Minutes of the
  - a. December 19, 2024, Retirement Board meeting
- 2. Summary of Investment Transactions **November 1, 2024 to November 30, 2024 and December 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024.**
- 3. Retirement Report
  - a. Superannuations and Survivor Benefits and Transfers
  - b. Special Cases
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  - a. Approval of Disability Benefits
  - b. Disapproval of Disability Benefits
  - c. Approval of Appeal on Personal Appearance
  - d. Termination of Disability Benefits Any Occupation
  - e. Approval of Appeal of Termination Any Occupation
  - f. Disapproval of Appeal of Termination Any Occupation

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

<b>ROLL CALL:</b>	<u>YEA</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Catherine Moss			
Jeanine Alexander			
Jeffrey DeLeone			
James Haller			
James Rossler			
Aimee Russell			
Frank Weglarz		<del></del>	
Daniel Wilson			
Matthew King			

The nine hundredth and seventy-fourth meeting of the Retirement Board of the School Employees Retirement System was held in the boardroom at 300 E. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio, and streamed via Zoom videoconferencing on Thursday, December 19, 2024.

#### Pledge of Allegiance

The SERS Retirement Board meeting convened at 8:30 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### Roll Call

The roll call was as follows: Matthew King, Catherine Moss, Jeffrey DeLeone, James Haller, James Rossler, Aimee Russell, Frank Weglarz, and Daniel Wilson. Also attending was Lisa Reid, representative of the Ohio Attorney General's Office. Various members of the SERS staff attended in person while other SERS staff members and members of the public attended virtually.

#### **Board Vacancy Election**

It was moved by Catherine Moss and seconded by James Haller that as stated at the November 2024 Board Meeting, Jeanine Alexander is elected to fill Barbra Phillips' vacant employee member Board seat. The term for this seat ends on June 30, 2025. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Yea: Catherine Moss, Jeffrey DeLeone, James Haller, James Rossler, Aimee Russell, Frank Weglarz, Daniel Wilson, and Matthew King. The motion carried.

#### Oath of Office

New board member, Jeanine Alexander, took her oath of office.

I, Jeanine Alexander, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Ohio; that I will not knowingly violate or willfully permit to be violated any of the provisions of law applicable to this Retirement System, and that I will diligently and honestly ad-minister the affairs of the said office and duties as a member of the Retirement Board of the School Employees Retirement System of Ohio during the period for which I was appointed. The board welcomed Ms. Alexander.

#### **Consent Agenda**

The consent agenda for December 19, 2024, included:

- Minutes of the **November 21, 2024,** Retirement Board meetings
- Summary of Investment Transactions for the period of October 1, 2024, to October 31, 2024
- Retirement Report Superannuations, Survivor Benefits, and Transfers
- Disability Report Approval of Disability Benefits, Disapproval of Disability Benefits, Termination of Disability Benefits – Any Occupation

Frank Weglarz moved and James Haller seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda of the Retirement Board meeting held on Thursday, December 19, 2024. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Yea: Catherine Moss, Jeanine Alexander, Jeffrey DeLeone, James Haller, James Rossler, Aimee Russell, Frank Weglarz, Daniel Wilson, and Matthew King. The motion carried.

#### **External Audit Report**

SERS' External Auditor, Plante Moran, provided a brief update on the external audit. The audit was relatively clean with minor findings that are being resolved by the finance team. The external auditors thanked SERS staff for their cooperation while performing the external audit.

#### **Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR)**

SERS Chief Financial Officer, Marni Hall, provided a brief overview of the ACFR. Ms. Hall stated that the SERS ACFR meets the standards of the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and was audited. The ACFR contains 5 sections: Introductory, Financial (audited), Investment, Actuarial, and Statistical. Ms. Hall provided some key information regarding SERS accomplishments over the last fiscal year and highlighted the actuarial valuation information that was presented at the November board meeting. With no questions, the board thanked Ms. Hall and her team for their hard work.

#### **Investment Report**

#### Annual Portfolio Review - Opportunistic and Tactical

SERS Investment staff Adam Messerschmitt and Brad Carr provided an update on the Opportunistic and Tactical portfolio. The portfolio as \$583M market value with 11 managers. There are \$328M in unfunded commitments. Mr. Messerschmitt reported that the fund had an 11.1% one-year net return; 5.3% three-year annualized net return. Mr. Messerschmitt continued, stating the portfolio is underperforming the policy benchmark on a one-year period but exceeding the policy benchmark across longer time periods. Mr. Messerschmitt reported that the investments in this portfolio are defined as tactical or non-traditional investment opportunities. Such investments may involve capitalizing on short-term market dislocations or other unique situations or innovative strategies including tactical asset allocation. The allocation range is 0-5%.

Mr. Carr provided the board with some additional information regarding performance and next steps. Following several questions, the board thanked Mr. Messerschmitt and Mr. Carr for their report.

#### Monthly Investment Report - As of October 31, 2024

Chief Investment Officer, Farouki Majeed, provided an update on the investment fund status for the month of October. Mr. Majeed reported that there are many variables that could affect the fund in the future, including the incoming administration and any new policies that may be implemented. Mr. Majeed also reported that inflation ticked up slightly in November. This is likely due to high housing and shelter costs. Mr. Majeed continued, providing an update on the global economy.

After several questions and a robust discussion, the board thanked Mr. Majeed for his report.

The board took a break at 10:00 a.m.

The board returned from break at 10:14 a.m.

#### **Executive Director's Report (cont.)**

#### Five Year Review and Filing of No Change Administrative Rules

Legal Counsel discussed with the Retirement Board filing with JCARR the following rules as no change rules: 3309-1-24 Ohio service credit and calculation of final average salary; 3309-1-37 Surviving spouse or dependent may purchase credit; 3309-1-43 Service credit established under retirement incentive plan; 3309-1-53 Rollover distributions and trustee-to-trustee transfers; 3309-1-55 Responsibility for health care coverage; 3309-1-62 Retirement plan required by court order; 3309-1-65 Medicare part B reimbursement account.

James Rossler moved and James Haller seconded that rules 3309-1-24, 3309-1-37, 3309-1-43, 3309-1-53, 3309-1-55, 3309-1-62, and 3309-1-65 be filed with JCARR as no change rules as discussed. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Yea: Catherine Moss, Jeanine Alexander, Jeffrey DeLeone, James Haller, James Rossler, Aimee Russell, Frank Weglarz, Daniel Wilson, and Matthew King. The motion carried.

#### Five Year Review and Filing of Proposed Amended Administrative Rules

Legal Counsel discussed with the Retirement Board filing with JCARR the following proposed amended rule: 3309-1-20 Validity of marriage.

Catherine Moss moved and Frank Weglarz seconded that proposed amended rule 3309-1-20 be filed with JCARR as discussed. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Yea: Catherine Moss, Jeanine Alexander, Jeffrey DeLeone, James Haller, James Rossler, Aimee Russell, Frank Weglarz, Daniel Wilson, and Matthew King. The motion carried.

#### Filing of Proposed Rescinded Administrative Rule

Legal Counsel discussed with the Retirement Board filing with JCARR the following proposed rescinded rule: 3309-1-61 Reemployment covered by section 3309.345 of the Revised Code.

Frank Weglarz moved and Catherine Moss seconded that proposed rescinded rule 3309-1-61 be filed with JCARR as discussed. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Yea: Catherine Moss, Jeanine Alexander, Jeffrey DeLeone, James Haller, James Rossler, Aimee Russell, Frank Weglarz, Daniel Wilson, and Matthew King. The motion carried.

#### Filing of Proposed New Administrative Rule

Legal Counsel discussed with the Retirement Board filing with JCARR the following proposed new administrative rule: 3309-1-61, Reemployment covered by section 3309.345 of the Revised Code.

Catherine Moss moved and Frank Weglarz seconded that proposed new rule 3309-1-61 be filed with JCARR as discussed. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Yea: Catherine Moss, Jeanine Alexander, Jeffrey DeLeone, James Haller, James Rossler, Aimee Russell, Frank Weglarz, Daniel Wilson, and Matthew King. The motion carried.

#### Filing of Proposed Amended Administrative Rules (4)

Legal Counsel discussed with the Retirement Board filing with JCARR the following proposed amended rule: 3309-1-07 Application for payment of accumulated contributions.

James Rossler moved and Aimee Russell seconded that proposed amended rule 3309-1-07 be filed with JCARR as discussed. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Yea: Catherine Moss, Jeanine Alexander, Jeffrey DeLeone, James Haller, James Rossler, Aimee Russell, Frank Weglarz, Daniel Wilson, and Matthew King. The motion carried.

Legal Counsel discussed with the Retirement Board filing with JCARR the following proposed amended rule: 3309-1-09 Federal taxation.

Frank Weglarz moved and Aimee Russell seconded that proposed amended rule 3309-1-09 be filed with JCARR as discussed. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Yea: Catherine Moss, Jeanine Alexander, Jeffrey DeLeone, James Haller, James Rossler, Aimee Russell, Frank Weglarz, Daniel Wilson, and Matthew King. The motion carried.

Legal Counsel discussed with the Retirement Board filing with JCARR the following proposed amended rule: 3309-1-11 Membership determinations.

Catherine Moss moved and Frank Weglarz seconded that proposed amended rule 3309-1-11 be filed with JCARR as discussed. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Yea: Catherine Moss, Jeanine Alexander, Jeffrey DeLeone, James Haller, James Rossler, Aimee Russell, Frank Weglarz, Daniel Wilson, and Matthew King. The motion carried.

Legal Counsel discussed with the Retirement Board filing with JCARR the following proposed amended rule: 3309-1-70 Contribution based benefit cap.

Catherine Moss moved and James Haller seconded that proposed amended rule 3309-1-70 be filed with JCARR as discussed. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Yea: Catherine Moss, Jeanine Alexander, Jeffrey DeLeone, James Haller, James Rossler, Aimee Russell, Frank Weglarz, Daniel Wilson, and Matthew King. The motion carried.

#### **Executive Session**

James Haller moved and Catherine Moss seconded the motion that the Retirement Board convene in Executive Session pursuant to R.C. 121.22 (G)(5) to a matter required to be kept confidential by law. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Yea: Catherine Moss, Jeanine Alexander, Jeffrey DeLeone, James Haller, James Rossler, Aimee Russell, Frank Weglarz, Daniel Wilson, and Matthew King. The motion carried.

The board convened in executive session at 10:33 a.m.

The board reconvened in open session at 11:06 a.m.

#### **Certification of Candidates - Employee Member Seats**

Frank Weglarz moved and Catherine Moss seconded that having met the eligibility requirements of Chapter 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code, and having received sufficient and proper petitions to meet the qualifications of Section 3309.07 of the Ohio Revised Code, the following candidates be placed upon the ballots for the election of two employee members to the School Employees Retirement Board for the term July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2029:

NAME	SCHOOL DISTRICT	COUNTY
Jeanine Alexander	Rossford Exempted Village Schools	Wood
James Haller	Lima City Schools	Allen
Rebekah Roe	Columbus City Schools	Franklin

In accordance with Section 3309-1-04 of the Ohio Administrative Code, the Secretary of State's Office has reviewed the certification that Jeanine Alexander, James Haller, and Rebekah Roe are qualified to run for the two employee member seats. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Yea: Catherine Moss, Jeanine Alexander, Jeffrey DeLeone, James Haller, James Rossler, Aimee Russell, Frank Weglarz, Daniel Wilson, and Matthew King. The motion carried.

#### Certification of Candidates - Retiree Member Seat

Catherine Moss moved and James Rossler seconded that having met the eligibility requirements of Chapter 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code, and having received sufficient and proper petitions to meet the requirements of Section 3309.07 of the Ohio Revised Code, Frank Weglarz is certified as nominated to run for the retiree member seat for the term July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2029. In accordance with Section 3309.071 of the Ohio Revised Code, since only one candidate has been nominated by petition for the open seat, no election is required. Frank Weglarz shall take office as if elected for the term July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2029. In accordance with Section 3309-1-04 of the Ohio Administrative Code, the Secretary of State's Office has reviewed the certification that Frank Weglarz is qualified to run for the retiree member seat. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Yea: Catherine Moss, Jeanine Alexander, Jeffrey DeLeone, James Haller, James Rossler, Aimee Russell, Frank Weglarz, Daniel Wilson, and Matthew King. The motion carried.

#### **QEBA**

SERS Chief Financial Officer, Marni Hall, introduced the QEBA. Ms. Hall reported that SERS established a separate plan, effective January 2003, to provide for the payment of a retiree's service retirement benefit that otherwise would have been payable by the System except for the limitations of Internal Revenue Code ("IRC") §415(b). This code section limits the amount of annual benefit that a defined benefit plan, such as SERS, can

pay to a retiree. However, IRC §415(m) allows governmental plans to set up a qualified excess benefit arrangement (QEBA) to pay the excess amount. SERS' Qualified Excess Benefit Plan is funded on a calendar year basis from contributions from the retiree's last employer. Estimated expenses for administering the plan are included in the annual funding request.

Ms. Hall continued, stating each year a budget is prepared using the new IRS plan limits, calculating current QEBA recipients' projected benefits, adding new QEBA recipients and projecting the cash balance remaining in the QEBA account at year end. For the plan year 2025, we are requesting that \$178,000 of employer contributions be assigned to the QEBA Fund. With no questions, Catherine Moss moved and James Haller seconded the motion to assign \$ 178,000 of employer contributions from the last employer of retirees covered by the SERS Qualified Excess Benefit Plan to the QEBA Fund for calendar 2025. The QEBA Fund is authorized to pay benefits of approximately \$ 173,000 to qualified retirees; with the balance allocated to QEBA Fund operating expenses. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Yea: Catherine Moss, Jeanine Alexander, Jeffrey DeLeone, James Haller, Aimee Russell, Frank Weglarz, and Matthew King. Abstain: James Rossler and Daniel Wilson. The motion carried.

#### **Review of Administrative Expenses**

Marni Hall continued and provided an update on SERS administrative expenses. Ms. Hall reported that the current FY2025 expenses are tracking under budget through November. Ms. Hall reported that FY2026 budget cycle will kick off December 13. Ms. Hall provided the board with detailed financial reports and with no questions, the board thanked Ms. Hall for her report.

#### In Memoriam - Senator Kirk Schuring

Board Chair, Matthew King, read the memoriam in honor of the late Senator Kirk Schuring.

The Board of Trustees of the School Employees Retirement System of Ohio (SERS) expresses its sorrow regarding the death of Senator Kirk Schuring, on November 22, 2024. The Ohio public pension system community lost a champion who recognized the value of public service. The Board adopted the following resolution to honor the service of Senator Schuring:

Whereas Kirk Schuring served for 30 years as a member of the Ohio General Assembly in both the House and Senate; and

Whereas he provided thoughtful oversight as a leader of the Ohio Retirement Study Council; and

Whereas he sponsored numerous pieces of legislation to strengthen the sustainability of the systems; and

Whereas Kirk Schuring recognized the vital roles of SERS' members in the operation of Ohio's schools and SERS' dedication in providing retirement security to them; and

Whereas his leadership, wisdom, and fairness were an inspiration to his fellow legislators and pension system representatives, and now, therefore,

Be It Resolved on behalf of the entire SERS community, the Board of Trustees extends its sincerest condolences to his beloved wife Darlene, his family, and friends, and its deepest sympathy and compassion for their loss. It is directed that this resolution be inscribed upon the minutes of the Board of Trustees and that a copy be tendered to his family as an expression of the Board's heartfelt sympathy and appreciation.

Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Yea: Catherine Moss, Jeanine Alexander, Jeffrey DeLeone, James Haller, James Rossler, Aimee Russell, Frank Weglarz, Daniel Wilson, and Matthew King. The resolution was adopted.

The board took a lunch break at 11:21 a.m.

The board reconvened after lunch at 12:01 p.m.

#### **Executive Session**

James Haller moved and Frank Weglarz seconded the motion that the Retirement Board convene in Executive Session pursuant to R.C. 121.22 (G)(2) to discuss the sale of property. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Yea: Catherine Moss, Jeanine Alexander, Jeffrey DeLeone, James Haller, James Rossler, Aimee Russell, Frank Weglarz, Daniel Wilson, and Matthew King. The motion carried.

The board convened in executive session at 12:02 p.m.

The board reconvened in open session at 12:27 p.m.

#### **OSERS Budget Modification**

It was moved by Frank Weglarz and seconded by James Haller that as discussed at the December 19, 2024, Board meeting, SERS transfer to OSERS Holdings, LLC, \$350,131.00 to be used for tenant space improvements and lease commission fees of OSERS Broad Street LLC, an LLC held by OSERS Holdings, LLC. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Yea: Catherine Moss, Jeanine Alexander, Jeffrey DeLeone, James Haller, James Rossler, Aimee Russell, Frank Weglarz, Daniel Wilson, and Matthew King. The motion carried.

#### **Executive Director's Report (cont.)**

#### **Ohio Retirement Study Council**

SERS Executive Director, Richard Stensrud, began his report stating the ORSC met on December 12, 2024. Topics of discussion were the OP&F employer rate increase legislation. The ORSC staff said they do not support the increase. ORSC feels that OP&F have not made enough internal changes before increasing the employer rate and the council voted 5-4 to disapprove HB296.

#### **Advocacy Groups**

Mr. Stensrud asked the board members to save the date. Friday, January 17, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to noon, SERS will host its' annual Stakeholder Roundtable Discussion. The meeting will be a hybrid model, same as last year's meeting. The hybrid model allows stakeholders from across the state to attend. The State of the System presentation for stakeholders will happen in the O'Keefe conference center but will also have a Zoom link to attend virtually. SERS will provide an update on the current state of the fund and report on the work being done at SERS to improve quality and efficiency for our members and retirees.

#### **Ohio General Assembly**

Mr. Stensrud continued his report, stating yesterday the House passed HB296, the OP&F employer contribution rate increase bill. The Bill was amended to increase employee and employer contributions. Because there was not a vote on this bill in the Senate, the bill is now dead but will likely come back next year in some form.

Mr. Stensrud continued, stating HB 257 that would authorize certain public bodies to meet virtually, including provisions to allow retirement system board members to participate remotely in meetings passed both the House and the Senate and is waiting for the governor's signature. STRS received this authority a few years ago. There will be restrictions included in the bill such as limiting the number of meetings a member can attend virtually each year, ensuring a certain number of in-person attendees, along with other provisions. The emphasis remains on in-person meetings.

Mr. Stensrud continued his reporting, stating that SB6, which is related to ESG investments, was passed by the house and senate and is on its way to the governor for signature.

#### **Federal Legislative Activity**

Mr. Stensrud continued reporting that the WEP/GPO repeal vote was successful in the House. H.R. 82, the *Social Security Fairness Act of 2023*, passed the U.S. House of Representatives with a vote of 327 in favor and 75 against. H.R. 82 would completely repeal the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP), and Government Pension Offset (GPO). All the Ohio U.S. House delegation voted in favor of passage.

Mr. Stensrud stated that the bill heads to the U.S. Senate for consideration. SERS posted an action alert on our website asking SERS members and retirees to reach out to their Senators to urge them to support action on the WEP/GPO repeal. As of today, 4,511 messages have been sent, including over 1,300 messages to each Senator Sherrod Brown and JD Vance. This is one of the largest responses SERS has received on an action alert.

Mr. Stensrud reported that it is a historic moment since this is the first time in 40 years there has been a vote to repeal WEP and GPO since it was first passed. SERS will continue to monitor these developments and will keep the board updated.

#### Stakeholder Engagement

Mr. Stensrud continued his report, stating that SERS staff continue working hard to support employers as they look forward to implementing the new CBBC rule(s). SERS staff continue to take a high number of calls from employers and members about the new rules. SERS staff have held numerous retirement conferences, webinars, and trainings to help ease the transition. SERS staff continue traveling each month to visit school districts and employers across the state to educate everyone on the new rules. SERS staff is committed to a smooth transition as new compensation rules take effect.

#### Annual Board Workshop (Formerly Known as the Annual Board Retreat)

Mr. Stensrud continued his report, stating that the Annual Board Retreat is being rebranded as an Annual Board Workshop. The Board Workshop will take place on Wednesday, February 19, 2025, instead of the usual Friday morning session. This year, SERS will have 5 presentations in total with Dr. Basu presenting first. Basu is one of SERS' previous presenters and he will join us again for a presentation on his economic outlook. We will also have an Asset Allocation presentation by CavMac and a presentation from our Chief Financial Officer, Farouki Majeed. We look forward to an informative and educational session with Dr. Basu, SERS actuaries CavMac, Farouki Majeed, and the other presenters.

#### **Onboarding Program for New and Tenured Board Members**

Mr. Stensrud continued his report, SERS staff are working diligently to improve the SERS new board member onboarding process. SERS wants to build out the program to ensure a robust onboarding experience. SERS wants to improve by utilizing debrief sessions, conferences and training seminars, Board Smart and other online educational tools. Both new and tenured board members will have an opportunity to enjoy these new onboarding features.

#### **Employee Holiday Charitable Initiatives**

SERS staff were given the opportunity to support the Angel Tree charitable giving initiative by the Salvation Army. Staff were given the option to purchase gifts online via Amazon.com or could bring in toys from a gift list. Those items were then distributed to needy children across Central Ohio. Monetary donations were also accepted.

SERS IT staff also hosted their annual IT Cookie Extravaganza. There were over 40 entries in the cookie baking contest, where buyers set the price. This year, SERS collected \$1,136 in cookie sales to donate to Toys for Tots. This year's total beat last year's collection. Mr. Stensrud thanked everyone who baked and purchased cookies for a great cause.

#### **Audit Committee Update**

Jeffrey Davis, Chief Audit Officer, provided a brief update on the work being done in the Audit Committee. Internal audits continue to progress on track and the external audit that was recently completed was immaterial, meaning no major findings. Mr. Davis will continue to work closely with risk management to protect SERS from ongoing cyber threats.

#### **Compensation Committee Update**

Compensation Committee Chair, Daniel Wilson, provided an update on the work being done in the Compensation Committee. Mr. Wilson stated that the committee reviewed the Executive Director's annual goals, and it recessed to reconvene at 1:30 p.m. for a compensation presentation by CBIZ. Mr. Wilson also reported that the committee discussed travel reimbursement board members and wants to be sure the travel policy is up to date and clarified for all board members.

#### **Retirement Report**

There was no executive session for the retirement report.

#### **Board Communication and Policy Issues**

#### **Board Information Request & Follow Up Items**

There were no requests for additional information.

#### **Calendar Dates for Future Board Meetings**

The board members reviewed the 2025 meeting calendar with no further comment.

#### CALENDAR DATES FOR SERS BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR 2025 \*\*

#### **AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

March 19, 2025 – 2:30 p.m. (Weds.)

June 17, 2025 – 2:30 p.m. (Tues.) \*\* Moved due to Juneteenth Holiday \*\*

September 17, 2025 - 2:30 p.m. (Weds.)

December 17, 2025 – 2:30 p.m. (Weds.)

#### **COMPENSATION COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

March 20, 2025 – 7:30 a.m. (Thurs.)

June 18, 2025 – 7:30 a.m. (Weds.) \*\* Moved due to Juneteenth Holiday \*\*

July 17, 2025 – 7:30 a.m. (Thurs.) \*\* Special Meeting \*\*

September 18, 2025 – 7:30 a.m. (Thurs.)

December 18, 2025 – 7:30 a.m. (Thurs.)

#### **TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

March 20, 2025 – 12:30 p.m. (Thurs.)

June 18, 2025 – 12:30 p.m. (Weds.) \*\* Moved due to Juneteenth Holiday \*\*

September 19, 2025 – 12:30 p.m. (Thurs.)

December 19, 2025 – 12:30 p.m. (Thurs.)

#### **BOARD MEETINGS**

February 20 – 21, 2025 – 8:30 a.m. (Weds. and Thurs.) \*\* Annual Board Workshop Updated \*\*

March 20 – 21, 2025 – 8:30 a.m. (Thurs. and Fri.)

April 17 – 18, 2025 – 8:30 a.m. (Thurs. and Fri.)

May 15 – 16, 2025 – 8:30 a.m. (Thurs. and Fri.)

June 18, 2025 – 8:30 a.m. (Weds.) \*\* Moved due to Juneteenth Holiday \*\*

July 17 – 19, 2025 – 8:30 a.m. (Thurs. and Fri.)

September 18 – 19, 2025 – 8:30 a.m. (Thurs. and Fri.)

November 20 – 21, 2025 – 8:30 a.m. (Thurs. and Fri.)

December 18 – 19, 2025 – 8:30 a.m. (Thurs. and Fri.)

\* Please note that these dates and times are tentative.

#### **Adjournment**

Board Chair, Matthew King, moved to adjourn to meet on Thursday, February 19, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. for the next SERS regularly scheduled Retirement Board meeting.

The SERS board meeting adjourned	at 12:57 p.m.			
Matthew King, Board Chair	-	Richard Stensr	ud, Secretary	

#### SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT BOARD OF OHIO

Summary of Investment Transactions to be Reported to the Retirement Board for Ratification in January

The following is a summary of the investment transactions made during the period of **November 1, 2024, through November 30, 2024**. A detailed list of these transactions can be found in the Board Agenda mailed prior to the Retirement Board Meeting.

#### A. PURCHASES

Asset Class	Approximate Cost (in millions)
Global Equities	\$222.9
Fixed Income	200.7
Private Equity Capital Calls	54.2
Real Estate Capital Calls	6.3
Infrastructure Capital Calls	n/a
Opportunistic & Tactical	18.9
Global Private Credit	28.4
Cash Equivalents	327.3

#### B. SALES

Asset Class	Approximate Net Proceeds (in millions)	Approximate Gain/(Loss) (in millions)
Global Equities	\$184.0	30.3
Fixed Income	186.8	(2.3)
Private Equity Distributions	18.4	n/a
Real Estate Distributions	2.7	n/a
Infrastructure Distributions	6.8	n/a
Opportunistic & Tactical	n/a	n/a
Global Private Credit	1.6	n/a
Cash Equivalents	371.8	n/a

#### SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT BOARD OF OHIO

Summary of Investment Transactions to be Reported to the Retirement Board for Ratification in February

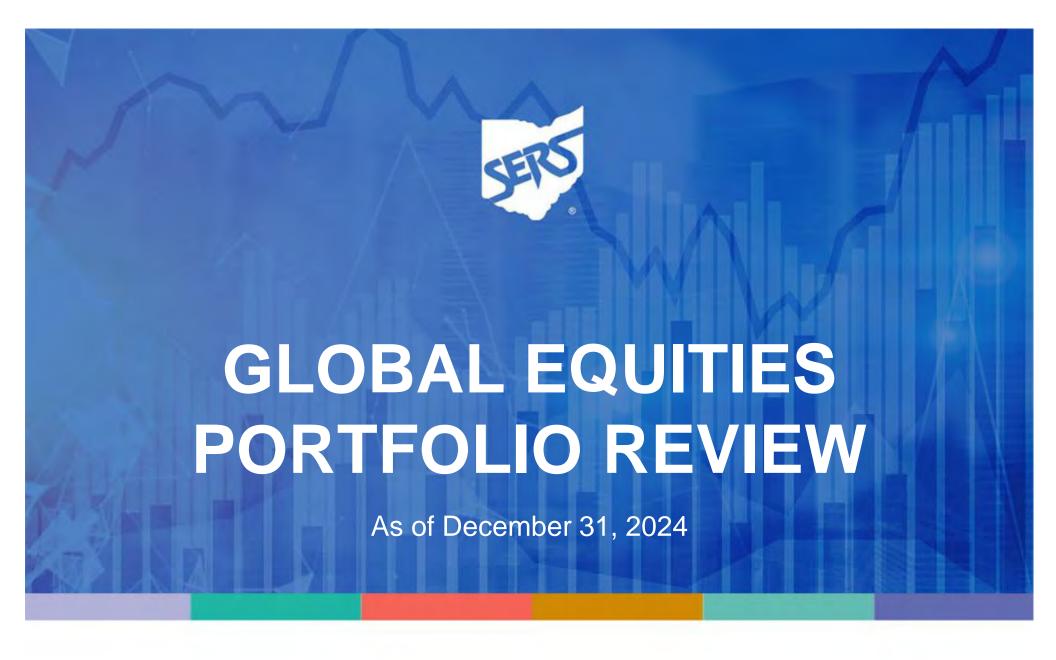
The following is a summary of the investment transactions made during the period of **December 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024.** A detailed list of these transactions can be found in the Board Agenda mailed prior to the Retirement Board Meeting.

#### A. PURCHASES

Asset Class	Approximate Cost (in millions)
Global Equities	\$187.3
Fixed Income	173.6
Private Equity Capital Calls	142.7
Real Estate Capital Calls	4.0
Infrastructure Capital Calls	12.8
Opportunistic & Tactical	14.2
Global Private Credit	17.6
Cash Equivalents	594.3

#### B. SALES

Asset Class	Approximate Net Proceeds (in millions)	Approximate Gain/(Loss) (in millions)
Global Equities	\$199.0	40.0
Fixed Income	170.8	(1.3)
Private Equity Distributions	111.9	n/a
Real Estate Distributions	16.4	n/a
Infrastructure Distributions	6.9	n/a
Opportunistic & Tactical	n/a	n/a
Global Private Credit	n/a	n/a
Cash Equivalents	558.3	n/a



Presented by Investment Staff:

Judi Masri and Hai Yen Le

Meeting Date: February 2025

## GLOBAL EQUITIES Portfolio Summary



#### **Portfolio Structure**

- Target Allocation 40%; Actual Allocation 42.9%
- MSCI All Country World Index Net (MSCI ACWI Net) Benchmark
- Regional Allocation Weights Float with MSCI ACWI
- Target Net Excess Return is 40 basis points (bps)

#### \$8.3 Billion Market Value

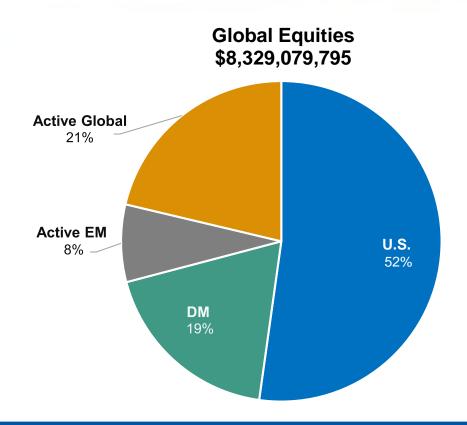
- 26 Externally Managed Mandates
  - 9 Ranked as A
  - 5 Ranked as B
  - 1 Ranked as C
  - 11 Not Ranked Less Than 3-Year Track Record
- 2024 Net Excess Return is 51 bps
- 34 bps Portfolio Management Fees

#### **Management Philosophy**

- Prior: US and Non-US Managed Separately
- Global Inception: July 1, 2022
- Prefer Large, Institutional, Benchmark Aware Mandates
- Active vs. Passive Management: Unique Decision in Equities
  - Active Goal is to Outperform the Benchmark Return Higher Mgt. Fee & Excess Return Target
  - Passive Goal is to Replicate the Benchmark Return Low Mgt. Fee & No Excess Return Target

## GLOBAL EQUITIES Portfolio Construction



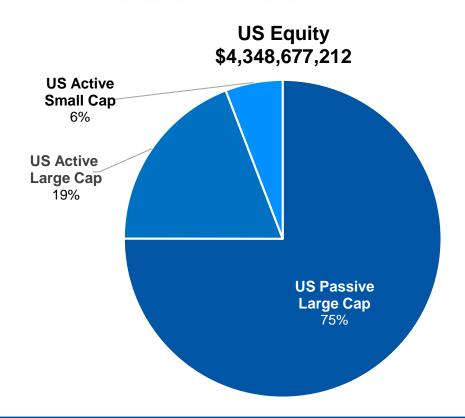


### Global & Emerging Market (EM) Summary

- The 100% Active Global Portfolio Invests in US, DM & EM Securities by One Manager
- Global's Inception is July 2022 when a Non-US Manager was converted to Global
- EM is 100% Active
- EM Portfolio is Composed of Four Active Mandates

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## GLOBAL EQUITIES US Equity Construction

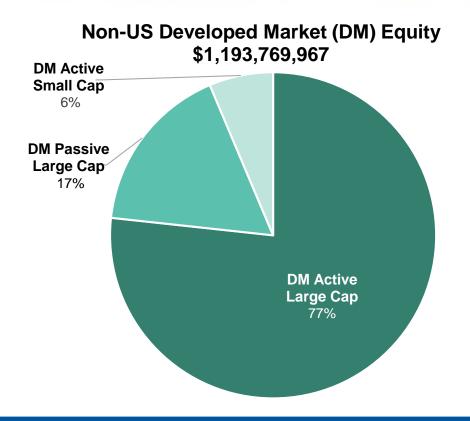


### **US Equity Summary**

- News is Priced in almost immediately in US Large Cap
- Mainly Passive in US Large Cap as Active Managers have Few "Unknowns to Uncover"
- Net Excess Target Return of 40 bps is Difficult with 75% Passive
- 100% Active in Small Cap

# GLOBAL EQUITIES Non-US Developed Construction



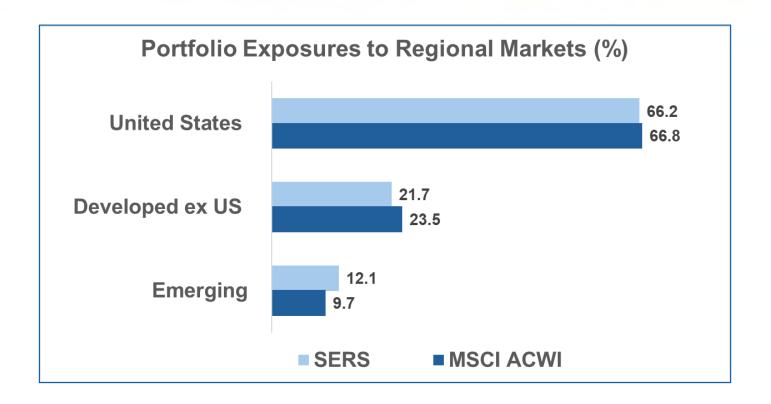


### Non-US Developed Market Summary

- Non-US Markets are Less Efficient Allowing More Alpha Opportunities
- Large Cap Active Drives Performance
- Large Passive Held for Liquidity and Fee Reduction
- 100% Active in Small Cap

## **GLOBAL EQUITIES** Portfolio Characteristics





### SERS Holdings vs. MSCI ACWI Benchmark

- Staff Regional Composite closely Matched the Benchmark in 2024
- DM Underweight Contributed to Outperformance as DM Lagged the Global Market
- US & EM Weights Due to the Active Global Mandate, which Outperformed MSCI ACWI

## GLOBAL EQUITIES Portfolio Characteristics



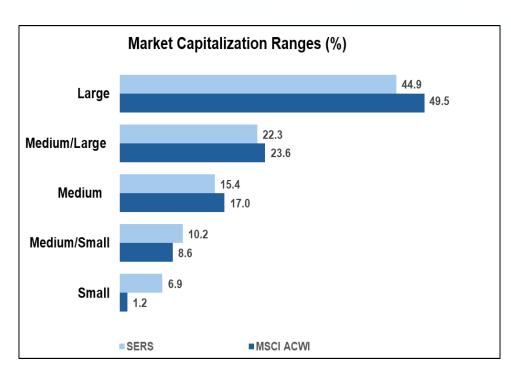
Indicators	Global Equities	MSCI ACWI
Price to Earnings Ratio	21.7	25.1
Earnings Growth (%)	17.6	17.6
Debt to Equity Ratio	1.0	1.0
Dividend Yield (%)	1.9	1.8
Beta to MSCI ACWI	0.97	1.00

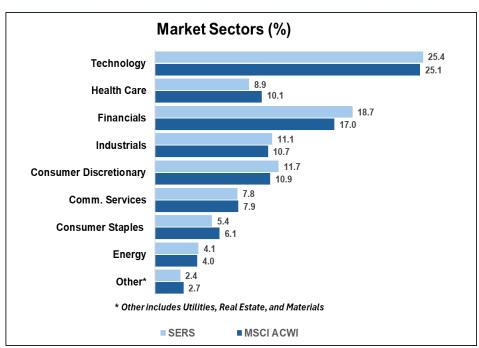
### **Characteristics Summary**

- The Portfolio is Cheaper with the Same Quality and Growth vs. the Benchmark
- The Portfolio is Defensive with a Beta Slightly below 1.0

## **GLOBAL EQUITIES** Portfolio Characteristics







#### Allocations are within Annual Plan Range

- The Largest Overweight is Small Cap, which detracted from 2024 SERS' Returns
- The Small Cap Market Underperformed by 13% in US & 1.9% in Non-US
- Sector Allocations were Close to the Benchmark



## **Global Equity Market Review**

One Year	Three Years	Five Years	Ten Years
Russell 1000 US Large	Russell 1000 US Large	Russell 1000 US Large	Russell 1000 US Large
24.5%	8.4%	14.3%	12.9%
Russell 3000 US Market 23.8%	Russell 3000 US Market	Russell 3000 US Market	Russell 3000 US Market
	8.0%	13.9%	12.6%
MSCI ACWI Global	MSCI ACWI Global	MSCI ACWI Global	MSCI ACWI Global
17.5%	5.4%	10.1%	9.2%
Russell 2000 US Small	Developed Ex-US Markets	Russell 2000 US Small	Russell 2000 US Small
11.5%	1.9%	7.4%	7.80%
Emerging Markets 7.5%	Russell 2000 US Small 1.2%	Developed Ex-US Markets 5.1%	Developed Ex-US Markets 5.3%
Developed Ex-US Markets 4.7%	Emerging Markets (1.9%)	Emerging Markets 1.7%	Emerging Markets 3.6%

## One-Year Market Performance Summary

- Global Equities Posted Strong Returns in 2024
- US Large Cap Led
- Non-US Developed, EM and Small Cap Lagged



# **US Equity Market Review**

## Performance of "Magnificent 7" Stocks in S&P 500

Index to 100 on 1/1/2021, Price Return



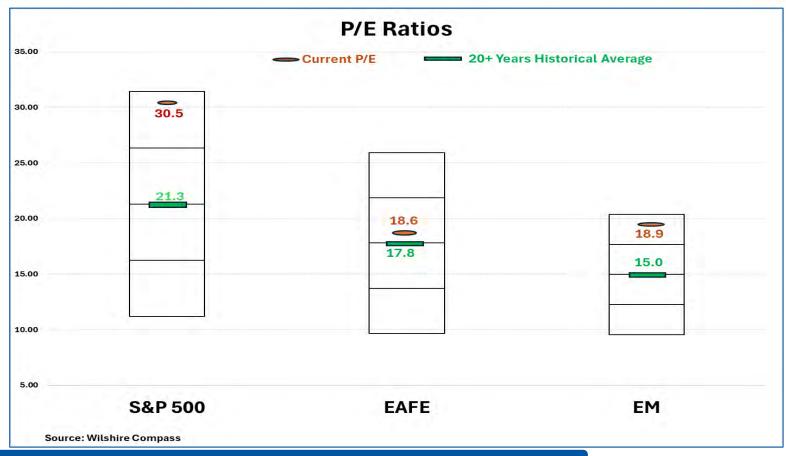
Magnificent 7 is composed of Apple, Alphabet (Google), Amazon, Meta (Facebook), Microsoft, NVIDIA, and Tesla.

\*\*Share of returns represent how much each group contributed to the overall return.

Source: FactSet, Standard & Poor's, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. J.P. Morgan Guide to the Markets – U.S. Data are as of January 29, 2025.



# **Global Equity Market Valuation**



#### **Observations**

- US S&P 500 Valuation is Expensive vs. Historical Average and Non-US Markets
- EM Valuation is Higher than Historical Average
- Stretched Valuation Tends to Weaken Future Returns

# SETS

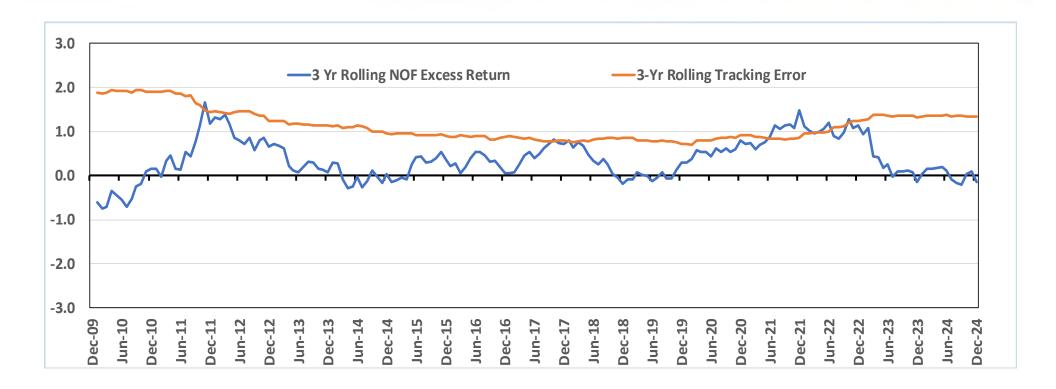
## GLOBAL EQUITIES Net of Fee Performance

	One Year	Three Years	Five Years	Ten Years
Global Equities	18.00%	5.38%	10.31%	9.56%
Global Equity BM	17.49%	5.58%	9.81%	9.11%
Excess Return	0.51%	-0.20%	0.50%	0.45%
Global Active Portfolio (21%	)*    23.17%	9.56%	12.62%	10.00%
Custom BM (MSCI ACWI from Jul 2022; prior MSCI WorldExUS Net)	17.49%	6.20%	7.40%	6.45%
Excess Return	5.68%	3.36%	5.22%	3.55%
US Equity Portfolio (52%	)*    23.17%	7.19%	13.31%	12.04%
Russell 3000 Index	23.81%	8.01%	13.86%	12.55%
Excess Return	-0.64%	-0.82%	-0.55%	-0.51%
Non-US Developed Portfolio (19%	)* <b>4.16%</b>	2.13%	6.18%	6.58%
MSCI World Ex US Net Index	4.70%	1.91%	5.10%	5.26%
Excess Return	-0.53%	0.22%	1.08%	1.32%
Emerging Market Portfolio (89	)* <b>10.47%</b>	-4.05%	2.49%	4.49%
MSCI EM Net Net	7.50%	-1.92%	1.70%	3.64%
Excess Return	2.97%	-2.13%	0.79%	0.85%

<sup>\*</sup> Weight of Portfolio in Global Equities

## GLOBAL EQUITIES Three-Year Rolling Active Risk and Return





### Risk and Return Summary

- 3-Year Relative Performance was (0.20%)
- Low Beta in 2023 Negatively Impacted 3-Year Returns
- Tracking Error has been Consistently Below 1.5%

## GLOBAL EQUITIES Calendar Year-in-Review



#### **Improved US Active Large Cap Performance**

- Funded Two New Active Large Cap Core Mandates Effective 1-1-24
- Funded a New Portable Alpha Mandate Effective 7-1-24
- All Three Mandates Outperformed the Benchmark (BM) Since Inception

#### **Improved Emerging Market Performance**

- Funded a New EM Quantitative Core Mandate Effective 1-1-24, which Outperformed the BM
- Terminated an Underperforming EM Mandate
- Positive Net Excess Return from both 2023 EM Mandates Since Inception

#### **Expanding Global Active Portfolio**

- Global Active Portfolio has Outperformed Since July 2022 Inception
- Wider Universe vs. Regional Mandates Provides Better Alpha Opportunities
- Currently Conducting a Global Mandate Search

# **Presentation Acronyms**



- Developed Ex-US: MSCI World Excluding United States Net Dividend Index includes cap stocks from 22 developed countries
- EAFE (Europe, Australia, Far East): MSCI EAFE Index includes cap stocks from 21 developed markets, excluding the US and Canada
- Emerging: MSCI Emerging Markets Net Dividend Index includes stocks from 24 emerging market countries
- MSCI ACWI Global: MSCI All Country World Index includes stocks from United States and 22 other developed as well as 24 emerging market countries
- **Portable Alpha**: A levered investment strategy that separates the active return (alpha) from passive market exposure (beta). Beta is replicated synthetically using an index derivative and the remaining cash is invested in an uncorrelated strategy to generate alpha.
- Russell 3000: Russell Top 3000 United States companies by market capitalization
- Russell 1000 Large: 1,000 Largest United States Companies by Market Capitalization in the Russell Top 3000 universe
- Russell 2000 Small: Smallest 2,000 United States Companies by Market Capitalization in the Russell Top 3000 universe
- S&P 500: The Standard and Poor's 500 Index covers 500 largest companies listed on stock exchanges in the United States



# Executive Summary of Investment Performance

As of December 31, 2024

#### Save the Date! Wilshire Client Conference

## Back – and Better Than Ever!



Nearest Airports include Palm Springs (7 miles), Ontario (80 miles), and LAX (130 miles)

The Wilshire Client Conference returns this spring:

- April 8 and 9, 2025
- Ritz Carlton,
   Rancho Mirage, California

Agenda forthcoming, but educational topics include:

- Asset Allocation
- Private Credit
- Private Equity
- Risk Management
- Economic Outlook
- Alternative Yield
- Manager Sourcing
- Emerging Markets

For more information contact: wilshireconference25@wilshire.com

## Market Commentary

#### **U.S. Equity**

The U.S. stock market was up 2.6% for the fourth quarter and is up 23.8% for the year-to-date. Sector performance was, in fact, mostly negative for the quarter, with seven sectors producing a loss. However, the three largest sectors by market capitalization were all up – information technology (+5.9%), financials (+7.8%) and consumer discretionary (+12.3%). Small-cap underperformed large-cap by 180 basis points while growth stocks generally outperformed value by a large margin.

The Federal Reserve began raising rates in early 2022 in response to 7% annual inflation, which continued to accelerate to 9%. Rates were increased by 525 basis points during a 17-month period before pausing for roughly one year. The U.S. central bank began decreasing rates during 2024 – by a total of 100 basis points in three meetings. While it is probably too early to judge whether they achieved a "soft landing," early data is positive. The unemployment rate is low – although jobs growth has been unsteady – and the economy continues to expand. However, inflation ticked higher during the fourth quarter and the Fed took notice. Current expectations for rate cuts in 2025 are modest (-0.50%) and down meaningfully from September.

#### Non-U.S. Equity

Economic growth in England continues to slow with business confidence waning. Prospects in Germany, Europe's largest economy, are equally dim due to persistently high energy prices and growing competition with China. Currency changes played a major role in U.S. dollar returns this quarter as the dollar rose meaningfully versus the euro, pound and yen. China's economy may be turning a corner after several stimulative macroeconomic policies were announced in September. Early indicators show strength in the services sector along with growth in retail sales.

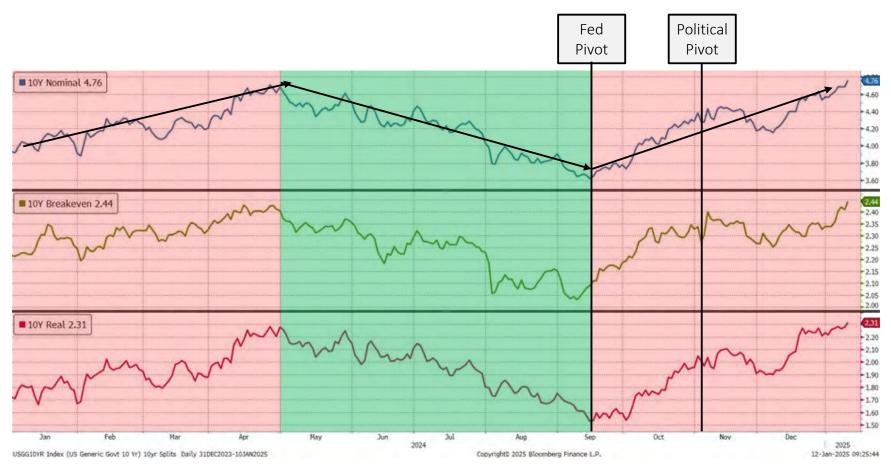
#### **Fixed Income**

The U.S. Treasury yield curve was up across most of the maturity spectrum. The 10-year Treasury yield ended the quarter at 4.57%, up 79 basis points from September. The FOMC met twice during the quarter and decreased their overnight rate by a total of -0.50%. Expectations for rate cuts next year have come down as some officials are concerned that the new administration's preference for tariffs could push prices higher. In fact, Fed Chair Jerome Powell recently stated that, "when the path is uncertain, you go a little slower."

## December 2024 Asset Class Assumptions

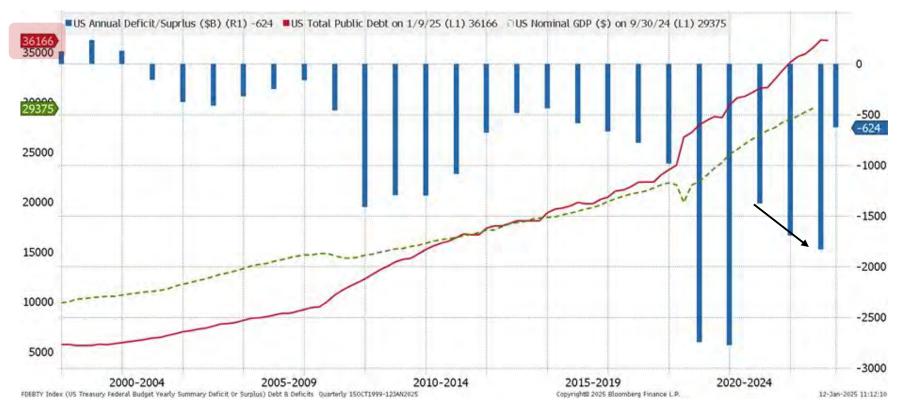
	Equity							Fixed Income						Real Assets Dev ex- Real Estate						
	U.S. Stock	Dev ex-U.S. Stock	Emg Stock	Global ex-U.S. Stock	Global Stock	Private Equity	Cash	Core Bond	LT Core Bond	TIPS	High Yield	Private Credit	U.S. Bond (Hdg)	U.S. RES	Global RES	Private RE	Cmdty	Real Assets	U.S. CPI	
Compound Return (%)	4.35	5.35	5.60	5.40	4.70	6.25	3.60	5.20	5.30	4.70	6.35	7.75	3.00	5.70	5.70	6.40	4.85	6.15	2.35	
Arithmetic Return (%)	5.70	6.85	8.60	7.10	6.05	10.00	3.60	5.30	5.75	4.85	6.80	8.50	3.10	7.10	6.95	7.30	6.05	6.90	2.35	
Risk (%)	17.00	18.00	26.00	19.05	17.00	29.65	0.75	4.75	9.90	6.00	10.00	12.75	4.00	17.50	16.55	13.95	16.00	12.60	1.75	
Yield (%)	1.25	3.00	2.50	2.85	1.80	0.00	3.60	5.65	5.70	5.05	9.80	4.85	4.25	3.95	3.95	2.85	3.60	3.70	0.00	
Growth Factor Exposure	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	14.00	0.00	-0.95	-2.55	-3.00	4.00	5.10	-1.00	6.00	6.00	3.70	0.00	0.70	0.00	
Inflation Factor Exposure	-3.00	-1.00	3.00	0.15	-1.95	-4.25	0.00	-2.60	-6.95	2.50	-1.00	-1.50	-3.00	1.00	1.65	1.00	12.00	4.60	1.00	
Correlations																				
U.S. Stock	1.00																			
Dev ex-U.S. Stock (USD)	0.81	1.00																		
Emerging Mkt Stock	0.74	0.74	1.00																	
Global ex-U.S. Stock	0.84	0.96	0.89	1.00																
Global Stock	0.98	0.90	0.83	0.93	1.00															
Private Equity	0.72	0.63	0.61	0.66	0.73	1.00														
Cash Equivalents	-0.05	-0.09	-0.05	-0.08	-0.06	0.00	1.00													
Core Bond	0.27	0.13	0.00	0.08	0.21	0.30	0.18	1.00												
LT Core Bond	0.30	0.15	0.00	0.10	0.24	0.31	0.11	0.95	1.00											
TIPS	-0.05	0.00	0.15	0.06	-0.01	-0.03	0.20	0.60	0.47	1.00										
High Yield Bond	0.54	0.39	0.49	0.46	0.53	0.31	-0.10	0.24	0.32	0.05	1.00									
Private Credit	0.68	0.55	0.58	0.60	0.68	0.44	0.00	0.23	0.30	0.00	0.76	1.00								
Dev ex-U.S. Bond (Hdg)	0.16	0.25	-0.01	0.16	0.17	0.26	0.10	0.68	0.66	0.39	0.26	0.22	1.00							
U.S. RE Securities	0.57	0.47	0.44	0.49	0.56	0.49	-0.05	0.17	0.22	0.10	0.56	0.62	0.05	1.00						
Global RE Securities	0.62	0.55	0.52	0.58	0.63	0.54	-0.05	0.17	0.21	0.11	0.61	0.67	0.04	0.99	1.00					
Private Real Estate	0.55	0.45	0.45	0.48	0.55	0.50	-0.05	0.18	0.24	0.09	0.58	0.63	0.05	0.79	0.79	1.00				
Commodities	0.25	0.34	0.39	0.38	0.31	0.28	0.00	-0.03	-0.04	0.25	0.29	0.29	-0.10	0.25	0.28	0.25	1.00			
Real Assets	0.62	0.63	0.65	0.68	0.67	0.57	-0.03	0.24	0.25	0.32	0.64	0.69	0.06	0.79	0.83	0.77	0.63	1.00		
Inflation (CPI)	-0.10	-0.15	-0.13	-0.15	-0.12	-0.10	0.10	-0.12	-0.12	0.15	-0.08	0.00	-0.08	0.05	0.04	0.05	0.44	0.21	1.00	
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## 2024 Rate Environment Segmented



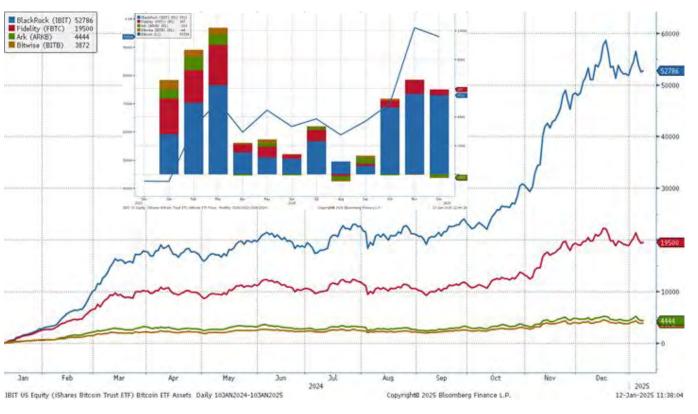
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## Debt / Deficit Picture



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# Bitcoin Demand: ETF Approval Provides Familiar Access to BTC



Largest 4 of the new ETFs launched Jan. 2024

• ~\$55B in flows

• ~\$80B in Assets

Stock /

# **Bitcoin Supply**

- Only 21 million Bitcoin can ever be created
  - Nearly 95% of which (~19.9 million) already exist today

	Event	Date	Mined	Left	% Mined	Reward	Flow
	BTCLaunch	Jan 2009	0.00	21.00	0.0%	50	
	1st Halving	Nov 2012	10.50	10.50	50.0%	25	8
	2nd Halving	Jul 2016	15.75	5.25	75.0%	12.5	24
	3rd Halving	May 2020	18.38	2.63	87.5%	6.25	56
	4th Halving	Apr 2024	19.69	1.31	93.8%	3.125	120
วท	5th Halving	Mar 2028	20.34	0.66	96.9%	1.5625	248
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Bitcoin (millions)

- Bitcoin supply scarcity is controlled by its creatior ("mining") process
  - Some # of BTC are earned for "solving" blocks in the Bitcoin time chain
  - Rewards drop by half every 210,000 blocks (at ~ 10 minutes per block, this occurs every ~4 years)
  - The last "halving" occurred in April 2024
- Bitcoin's scarcity with superior stock-to-flow vs.
   gold leads to its Real Asset use case



# Summary Changes

- Yield curve up across most of the maturity spectrum, except the very short term
  - Curve movements resulted in higher forecasts for fixed income asset classes
  - Slight decrease in spreads for investment grade and high yield bonds
- Yields on most real asset securities are up from last quarter; inflation assumption up at 2.35%
- Equity assumptions are up slightly; private equity up to the same degree due to higher leverage costs
- Equity risk premium worsened due to the larger increase in fixed income forecasts

	To	Risk (%)		
Asset Class Assumption	Sep		Dec	
Asset Class Assumption	2024	Change	2024	
Inflation	2.25	0.10	2.35	1.75
Cash Equivalents	3.40	0.20	3.60	0.75
Treasuries	4.05	0.65	4.70	5.00
Core Bonds	4.60	0.60	5.20	4.75
LT Core Bonds	4.65	0.65	5.30	9.90
High Yield Bonds	5.95	0.40	6.35	10.00
Private Credit	7.45	0.30	7.75	12.75
Global RE Securities	5.25	0.45	5.70	16.55
Private Real Estate	6.10	0.30	6.40	13.95
U.S. Stocks	4.25	0.10	4.35	17.00
Dev. ex-U.S. Stocks	5.25	0.10	5.35	18.00
Emerging Market Stocks	5.50	0.10	5.60	26.00
Private Equity	6.15	0.10	6.25	29.65
Global 60/40 (ACWI/U.S. Core)	4.95	0.25	5.20	10.75

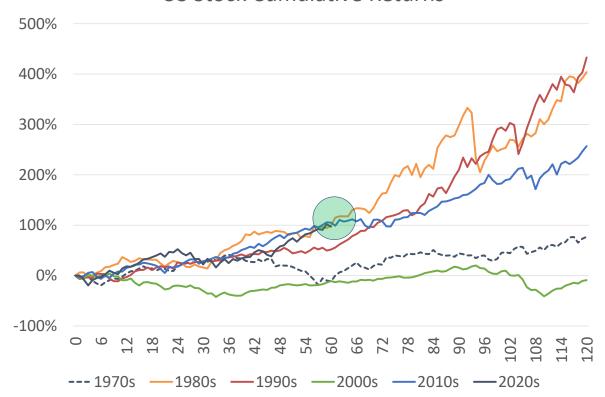
#### Relative Return (%)

Sep		Dec
2024	Change	2024
1.15	0.10	1.25
0.65	0.45	1.10
0.55	-0.05	0.50
0.05	0.05	0.10
1.35	-0.20	1.15
0.65	-0.15	0.50
-0.35	-0.50	-0.85
1.90	0.00	1.90
2.00	0.00	2.00
2.35	0.50	2.85
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	2024  1.15 0.65 0.55 0.05 1.35 0.65 -0.35 1.90  2.00 2.35	2024         Change           1.15         0.10           0.65         0.45           0.55         -0.05           0.05         0.05           1.35         -0.20           0.65         -0.15           -0.35         -0.50           1.90         0.00           2.00         0.00           2.35         0.50

# "Nobody told me there'd be days like these" (Stock Returns by Decade)

"Everybody's flying and never touch the sky" 1

### **US Stock Cumulative Returns**

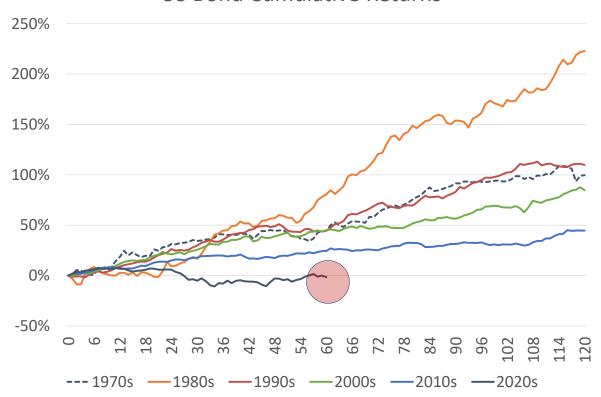


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# "Nobody told me there'd be days like these" (Bond Returns by Decade)

"Well, everybody's crying and no one makes a sound"1

### **US Bond Cumulative Returns**

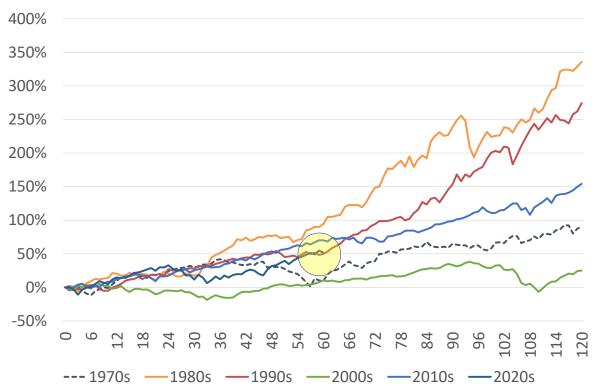


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### "Nobody told me there'd be days like these" (60/40 Returns by Decade)

"Always something happening and nothing going on" 1

### 60/40 Blended Cumulative Returns

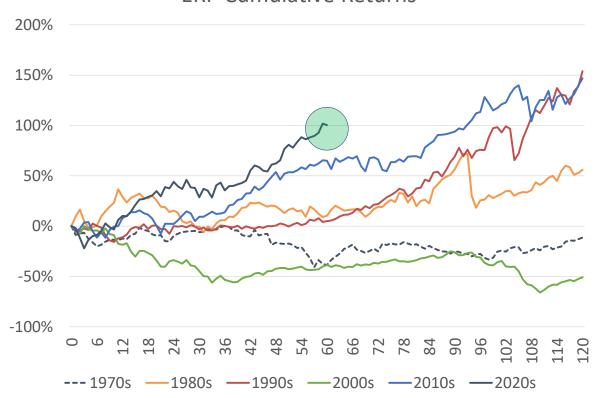


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# "Nobody told me there'd be days like these" (Stock > Bond Returns by Decade)

"Strange days indeed... Most peculiar, mama" 1

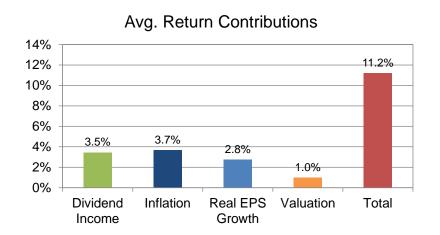
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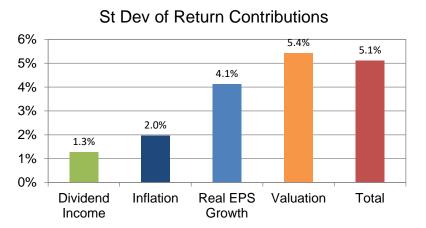


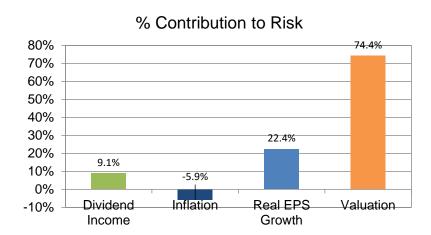
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### Contributions to Avg. Return, Risk Levels & Contributions to Risk

Historical data from 1951 through 2024





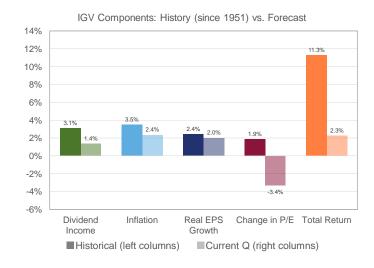


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# **Equity Markets**

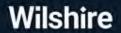
	Equity: Public & Private	Sep		Dec
	Equity. Fublic & Flivate	2024	Change	2024
Equ	ity DDM	6.40	0.15	6.55
	IGV	2.20	0.10	2.30
	CAPE	2.35	(1.25)	1.10
	U.S. Equity Forecast	4.25	0.10	4.35
	Dev-ex-US Equity Forecast	5.25	0.10	5.35
	EM Equity Forecast	5.50	0.10	5.60
Priv	cate Cost of Debt (Public)	5.35	0.50	5.85
	Cost of Debt (Private)	7.35	0.20	7.55
ı	Private Market Basket Forecast	6.15	0.10	6.25







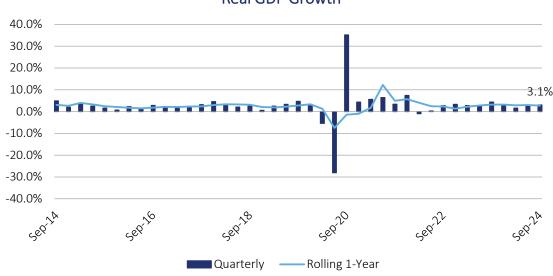
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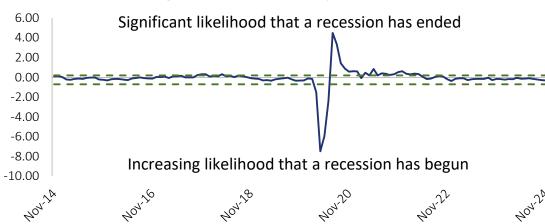
Economic/Market Activity

### **Economic Growth**



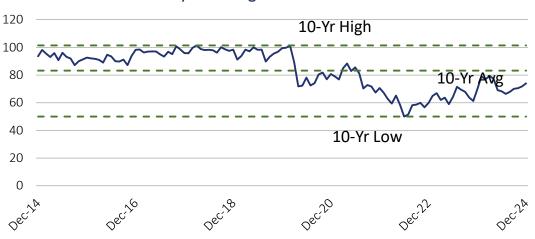


### Chicago Fed. National Activity Index (3M MA)

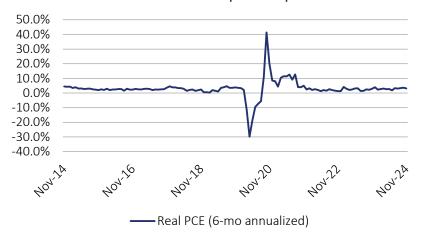


# Consumer Activity

#### University of Michigan: Consumer Sentiment



#### **Real Personal Consumption Expenditures**

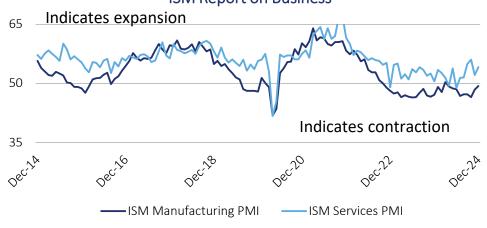


#### **Average Hourly Earnings**



### **Business Activity**

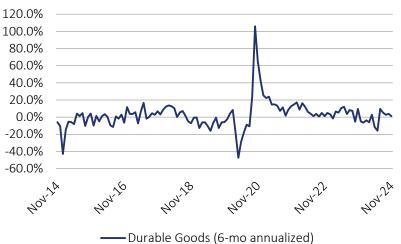




#### **Industrial Production Index**

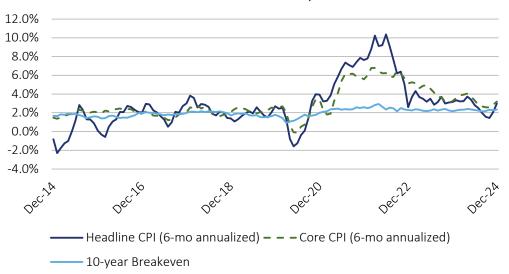
### 40.0% 30.0% 20.0% 10.0% 0.0% -10.0% -20.0% -30.0% -40.0% ——Index Change (6-mo annualized)

#### **Durable Goods New Orders**

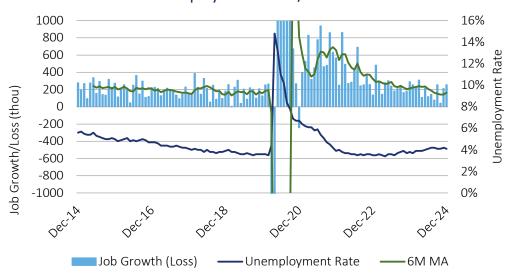


# Inflation and Employment









# U.S. Equity Market

As of 12/31/2024	Quarter	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
FT Wilshire 5000	2.6	23.8	23.8	8.1	14.1	12.7
FT Wilshire U.S. Large Cap	2.8	25.2	25.2	8.8	14.8	13.1
FT Wilshire U.S. Small Cap	1.0	14.1	14.1	4.0	9.5	9.2
FT Wilshire U.S. Large Growth	n 7.2	35.5	35.5	10.9	19.4	n/a
FT Wilshire U.S. Large Value	-1.7	15.2	15.2	6.4	9.8	n/a
FT Wilshire U.S. Small Growth	n 2.4	15.5	15.5	2.2	8.8	n/a
FT Wilshire U.S. Small Value	-0.4	12.7	12.7	5.6	9.9	n/a
Wilshire REIT Index	-5.0	9.1	9.1	-2.5	4.5	5.7
MSCI USA Min. Vol. Index	-2.3	16.0	16.0	5.0	8.2	10.4
FTSE RAFI U.S. 1000 Index	-0.3	17.1	17.1	8.0	12.3	10.9

#### U.S. Sector Weight and Return (%)

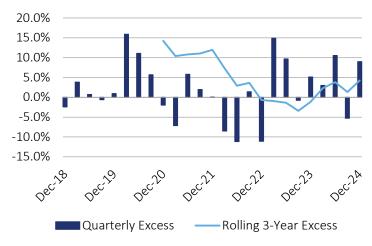


Data Sources: Bloomberg, Wilshire Atlas

#### Large Cap vs. Small Cap



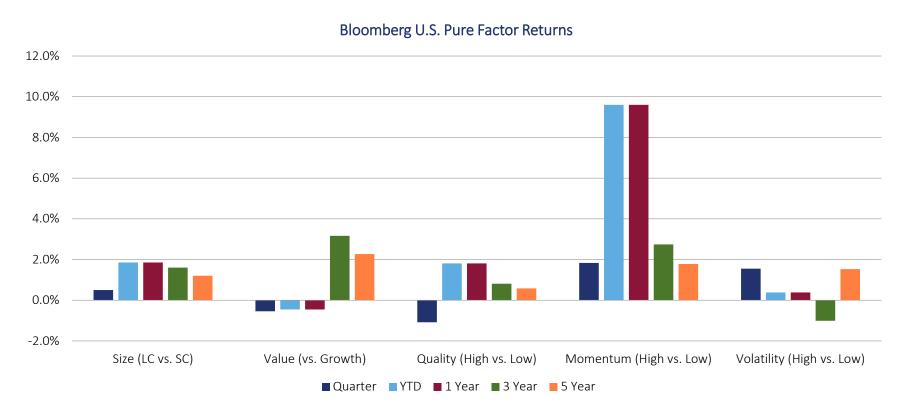
### Large Growth vs Large Value



### U.S. Factor Returns

Factor returns represent the contribution from large cap, value, etc. stocks within Bloomberg's Portfolio & Risk Analytics module

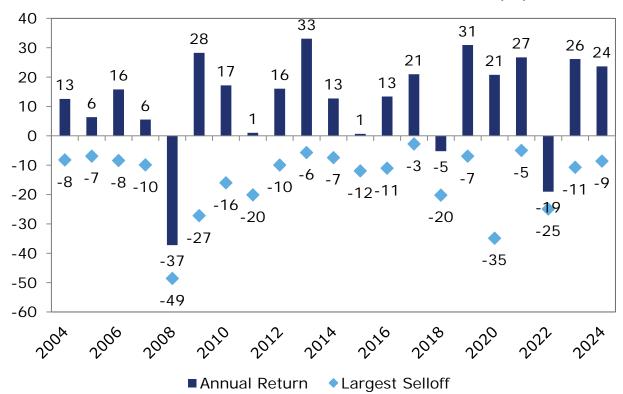
Value detracted from returns for the year while momentum was a meaningful contributor



# Annual Equity Market Selloffs

U.S. equity during 2024 was similar to 2023 – a roughly 25% gain with a modest sell-off during the year

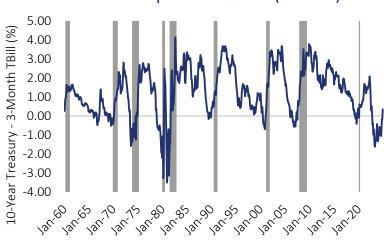
FT Wilshire 5000 Index Worst Intra-Period Selloff vs. Annual Return (%)



Data Sources: Wilshire Web, Bloomberg

### Risk Monitor

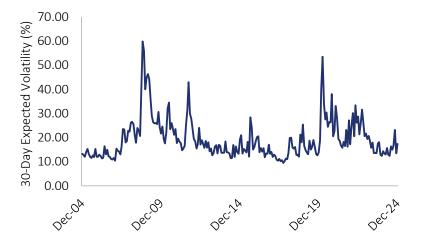
### Yield Curve Slope vs Recessions (IN GRAY)





#### St. Louis Fed. Financial Stress Index



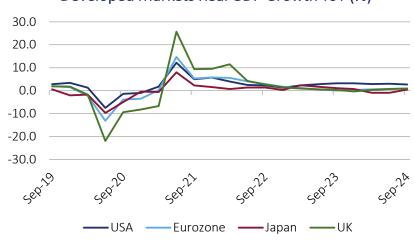


**CBOE** Volatility Index

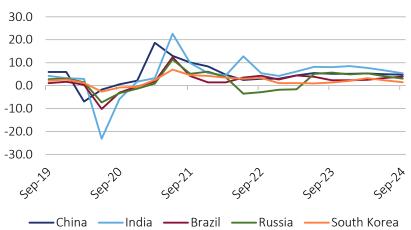
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### Non-U.S. Growth and Inflation

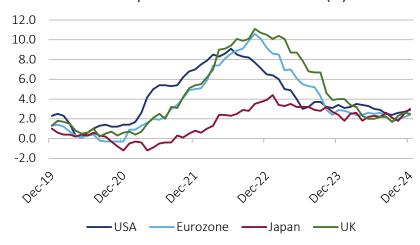
### Developed Markets Real GDP Growth YoY (%)



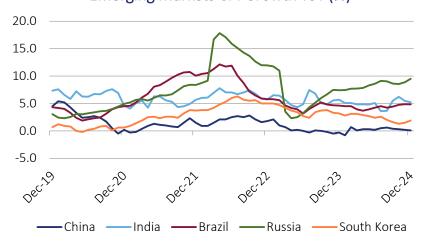
### Emerging Markets Real GDP Growth YoY (%)



#### Developed Markets CPI Growth YoY (%)



#### Emerging Markets CPI Growth YoY (%)



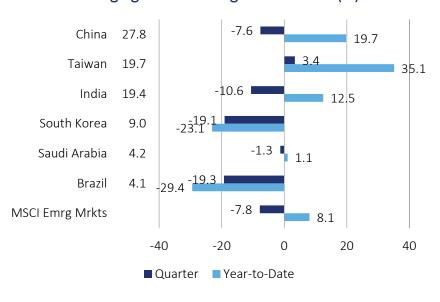
### Non-U.S. Equity Market

As of 12/31/2024	Quarter	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
MSCI ACWI ex-US (\$G)	-7.5	6.1	6.1	1.3	4.6	5.3
MSCI EAFE (\$G)	-8.1	4.3	4.3	2.2	5.2	5.7
MSCI Emerging Markets (\$G)	-7.8	8.1	8.1	-1.5	2.1	4.0
MSCI Frontier Markets (\$G)	-5.0	6.8	6.8	-0.4	0.2	0.8
MSCI ACWI ex-US Growth (\$G)	-7.8	5.4	5.4	-2.4	3.7	5.7
MSCI ACWI ex-US Value (\$G)	-7.3	6.5	6.5	4.7	5.2	4.9
MSCI ACWI ex-US Small (\$G)	-7.6	3.9	3.9	-1.0	4.8	6.1
MSCI ACWI Minimum Volatility	-3.4	12.0	12.0	3.1	5.3	7.6
MSCI EAFE Minimum Volatility	-6.8	6.0	6.0	0.6	2.0	4.8
FTSE RAFI Developed ex-US	-7.3	4.6	4.6	4.3	6.2	5.5
MSCI EAFE LC (G)	-0.6	11.8	11.8	6.9	8.1	7.7
MSCI Emerging Markets LC (G)	-4.2	13.7	13.7	2.1	4.9	6.4

### Developed Markets Weight and Return (%)

#### -3.6 Japan 23.2 8.6 -6.8 I United Kingdom 14.9 7.5 -10.2 France 11.1 Switzerland 9.6 -11.3 -1.0 -5.7 Germany 9.2 11.0 7.4 -11.4 Australia 1.4 MSCI EAFE -8.1 4.3 -15 -10 -5 5 10 15 ■ Quarter ■ Year-to-Date

### Emerging Markets Weight and Return (%)



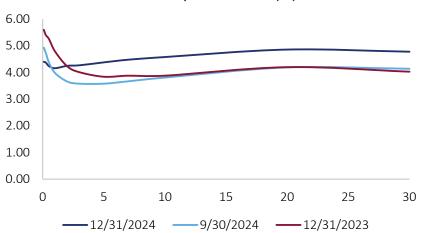
### U.S. Fixed Income

As of 12/31/2024	YTW	Dur.	QTR	YTD	1 YR	3 YR	5 YR	10 YR
Bloomberg Aggregate	4.9	6.1	-3.1	1.3	1.3	-2.4	-0.3	1.3
Bloomberg Treasury	4.5	5.8	-3.1	0.6	0.6	-2.9	-0.7	0.8
Bloomberg Gov't-Rel.	4.9	5.2	-2.7	1.7	1.7	-1.5	0.0	1.5
Bloomberg Securitized	5.3	6.0	-3.0	1.5	1.5	-2.0	-0.6	1.0
Bloomberg Corporate	5.3	6.8	-3.0	2.1	2.1	-2.3	0.3	2.4
Bloomberg LT Gov't/Credit	5.3	13.6	-7.4	-4.2	-4.2	-9.2	-3.3	1.0
Bloomberg LT Treasury	4.9	14.7	-8.6	-6.4	-6.4	-12.0	-5.2	-0.6
Bloomberg LT Gov't-Rel.	5.9	11.4	-6.7	-2.5	-2.5	-6.4	-2.4	1.5
Bloomberg LT Corporate	5.8	12.5	-6.2	-1.9	-1.9	-6.8	-1.8	2.2
Bloomberg U.S. TIPS*	4.5	7.1	-2.9	1.8	1.8	-2.3	1.9	2.2
Bloomberg High Yield	7.5	3.1	0.2	8.2	8.2	2.9	4.2	5.2
S&P/LSTA Leveraged Loan	8.0	0.3	2.3	9.0	9.0	7.0	5.9	5.1
Treasury Bills	4.3	0.3	1.2	5.3	5.3	3.9	2.5	1.8

#### Fixed Income Option Adjusted Spread (bps)



#### Treasury Yield Curve (%)



<sup>\*</sup>Yield and Duration statistics are for a proxy index based on similar maturity, the Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Treasury 7-10 Year Index. Data Source: Bloomberg

### Federal Reserve

The Federal Open Market Committee decreased their overnight rate by 0.50% during Q4 and 1% in six months

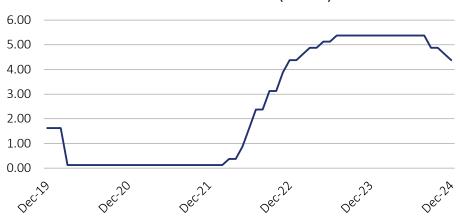
QE4 was larger than the 3 phases of quantitative easing – combined – following the global financial crisis

The Fed's balance sheet is roughly equal to its level following the COVID spike

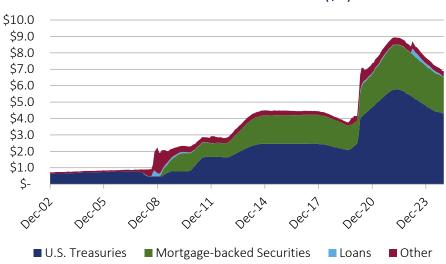
	Announced	Closed	Amount (bil)
QE1	11/25/2008	3/31/2010	\$1,403
QE2	11/3/2010	6/29/2012	\$568
QE3	9/13/2012	10/29/2014	\$1,674
QE4	3/23/2020	3/15/2022	\$4,779

Data Source: Bloomberg

#### Federal Funds Rate (Mid %)



#### Federal Reserve Balance Sheet (\$T)

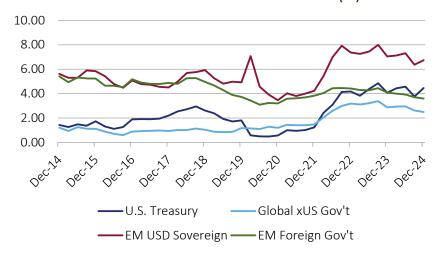


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### Non-U.S. Fixed Income

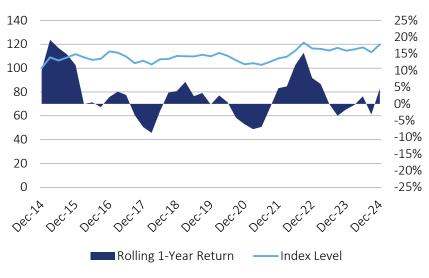
As of 12/31/2024	Quarter	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
Developed Markets						
Bloomberg Global Aggregate xUS	-6.8	-4.2	-4.2	-6.3	-3.4	-0.9
Bloomberg Global Aggregate xUS*	0.7	5.0	5.0	0.9	1.0	2.4
Bloomberg Global Inflation Linked xUS	-9.9	-8.3	-8.3	-11.5	-4.6	-1.4
Bloomberg Global Inflation Linked xUS*	-2.6	-2.6	-2.6	-6.8	-1.6	1.8
Emerging Markets (Hard Currency)						
Bloomberg EM USD Aggregate	-1.5	6.6	6.6	-0.5	0.6	3.2
Emerging Markets (Foreign Currency)						
Bloomberg EM Local Currency Gov't	-3.8	1.7	1.7	-0.2	0.6	1.7
Bloomberg EM Local Currency Gov't*	2.2	9.3	9.3	4.9	3.3	3.4
Euro vs. Dollar	-7.0	-6.2	-6.2	-3.1	-1.6	-1.5
Yen vs. Dollar	-8.6	-10.3	-10.3	-9.9	-7.1	-2.7
Pound vs. Dollar	-6.4	-1.7	-1.7	-2.6	-1.1	-2.2

### Global Fixed Income Yield to Worst (%)



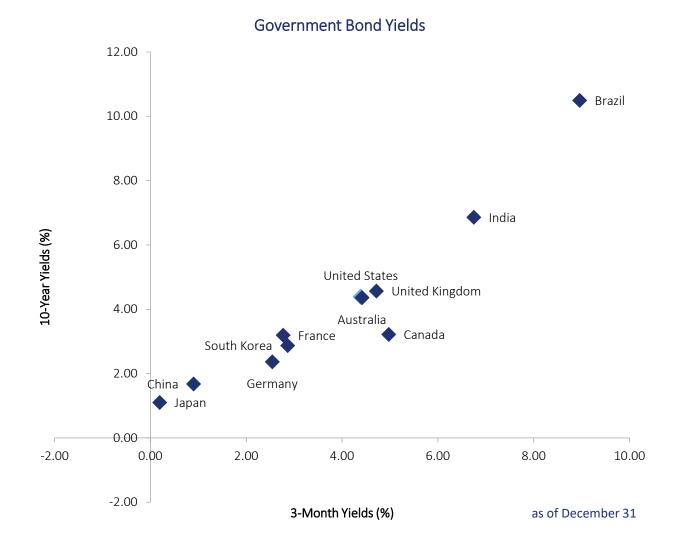
<sup>\*</sup>Returns are reported in terms of local market investors, which removes currency effects. Data Source: Bloomberg

#### U.S. Dollar Index: Advanced Economies



### Global Interest Rates

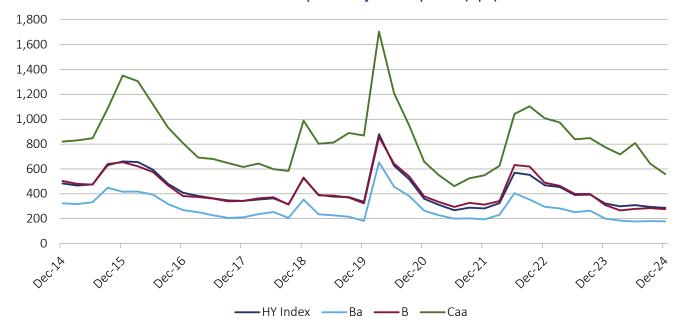
Short-term rates have turned positive across the globe; longer-term rates above 4.0% in the U.S., U.K. and Australia



# High Yield Bond Market

As of 12/31/2024	Weight	YTW	QTR	YTD	1 YR	3 YR	5 YR	10 YR
Bloomberg High Yield		7.5	0.2	8.2	8.2	2.9	4.2	5.2
S&P LSTA Leveraged Loan		8.0	2.5	8.7	8.7	6.9	5.4	4.8
High Yield Quality Distribution								
Ba U.S. High Yield	50.8%	6.4	-0.5	6.3	6.3	1.9	4.1	5.1
B U.S. High Yield	35.2%	7.4	0.3	7.4	7.4	3.1	3.8	4.8
Caa U.S. High Yield	12.1%	10.2	2.3	15.1	15.1	4.9	5.1	5.6
Ca to D U.S. High Yield	2.0%	20.2	2.2	48.3	48.3	15.6	12.3	4.9

### Fixed Income Option Adjusted Spread (bps)



### **Asset Class Performance**

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Asset	Class	Returns -	Best to	worst

2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 YTD
U.S. Equity	U.S. Equity	REITs	Commodities	U.S. Equity	U.S. Equity
31.0%	20.8%	46.2%	16.1%	26.1%	23.8%
REITs	Emrg Mrkts	Commodities	T-Bills	Developed	REITs
25.8%	18.7%	27.1%	1.3%	18.9%	9.1%
Developed	U.S. TIPS	U.S. Equity	High Yield	REITs	High Yield
22.7%	11.0%	26.7%	-11.2%	16.1%	8.2%
Emrg Mrkts	Developed	Developed	U.S. TIPS	High Yield	Emrg Mrkts
18.9%	8.3%	11.8%	-11.8%	13.4%	8.1%
High Yield	Core Bond	U.S. TIPS	Core Bond	Emrg Mrkts	Commodities
14.3%	7.5%	6.0%	-13.0%	10.3%	5.4%
Core Bond	High Yield	High Yield	Developed	Core Bond	T-Bills
8.7%	7.1%	5.3%	-14.0%	5.5%	5.3%
U.S. TIPS	T-Bills	T-Bills	U.S. Equity	T-Bills	Developed
8.4%	0.7%	0.0%	-19.0%	5.1%	4.3%
Commodities	Commodities	Core Bond	Emrg Mrkts	U.S. TIPS	U.S. TIPS
7.7%	-3.1%	-1.5%	-19.7%	3.9%	1.8%
T-Bills	REITs	Emrg Mrkts	REITs	Commodities	Core Bond
2.3%	-7.9%	-2.2%	-26.8%	-1.3%	1.3%

**Annualized** 5-Year as of 12/24 U.S. Equity 14.1% Commodities 6.8% Developed 5.2% REITs 4.5% T-Bills 2.5% **Emrg Mrkts** 2.1% U.S. TIPS 1.9%

Core Bond -0.3%

Data Sources: Bloomberg

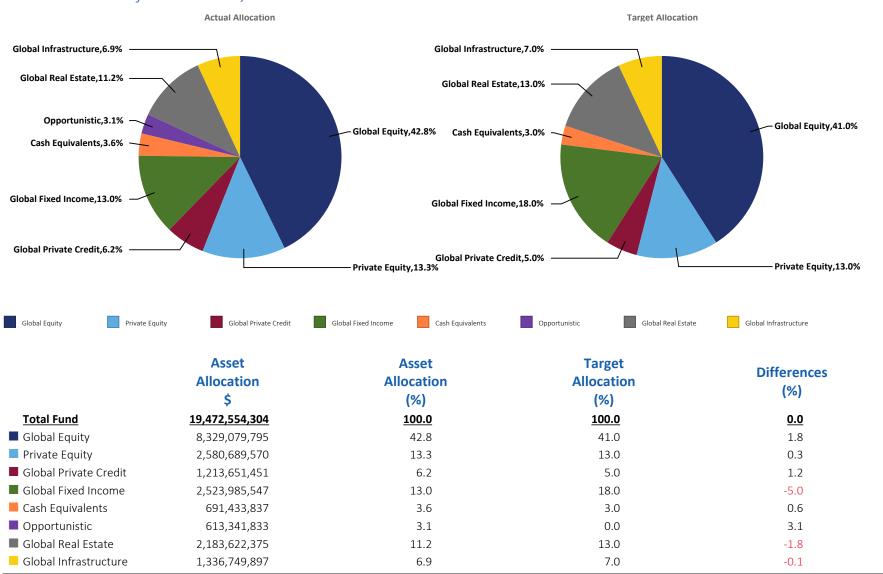
Note: Developed asset class is developed equity markets ex-U.S., ex-Canada



Total Fund

### Asset Allocation Compliance

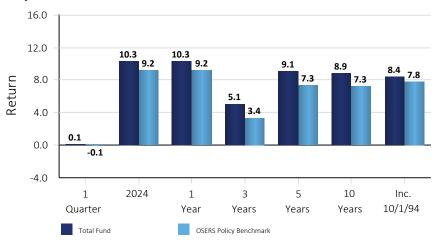
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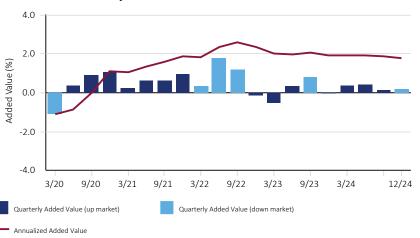
### Composite Performance Summary

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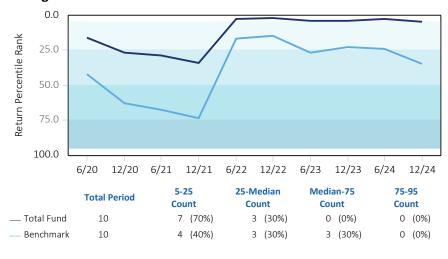
#### **Comparative Performance**



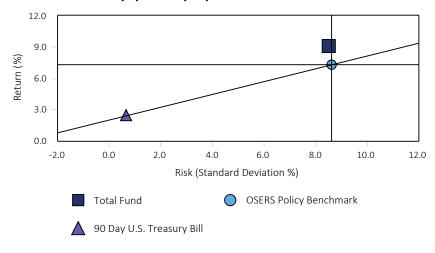
#### **Added Value History**



#### Rolling Percentile Rank: All Public Plans-Total Fund



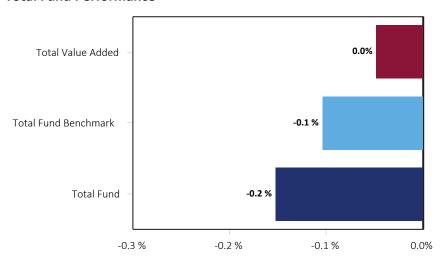
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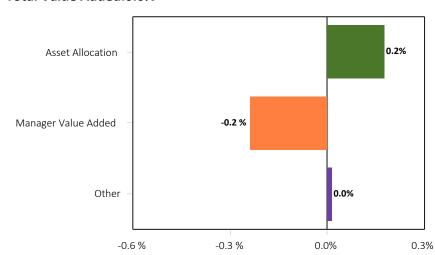
### **Total Fund Attribution**

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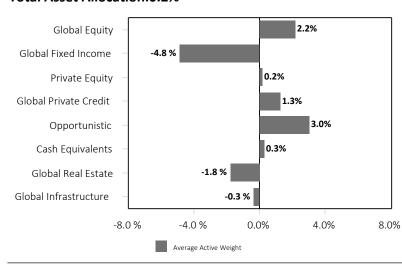
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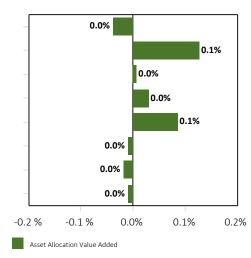
#### **Total Value Added:0.0%**



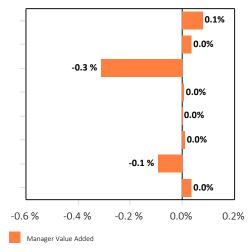
#### **Total Asset Allocation:0.2%**



#### Asset Allocation Value Added:0.2%



#### **Total Manager Value Added:-0.2 %**



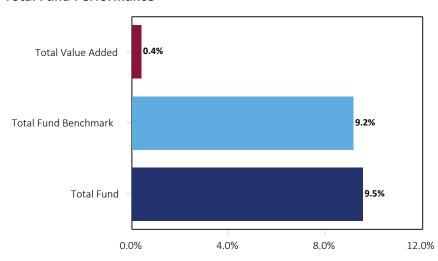
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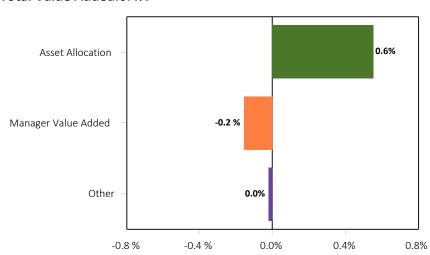
### **Total Fund Attribution**

Total Fund
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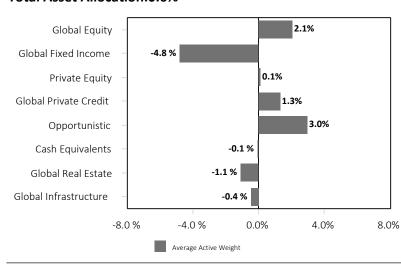
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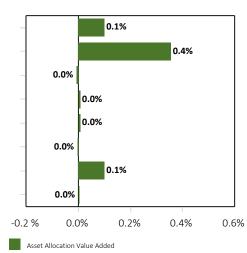
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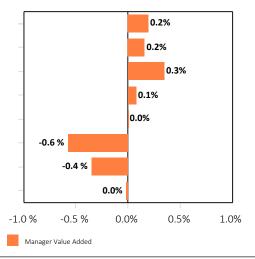
#### **Total Asset Allocation:0.6%**



#### **Asset Allocation Value Added:0.6%**



#### Total Manager Value Added:-0.2 %

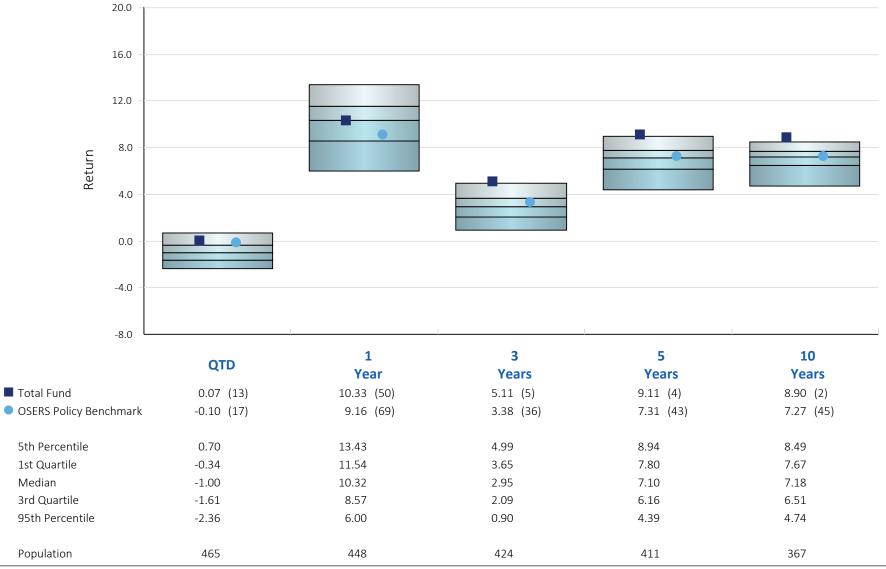


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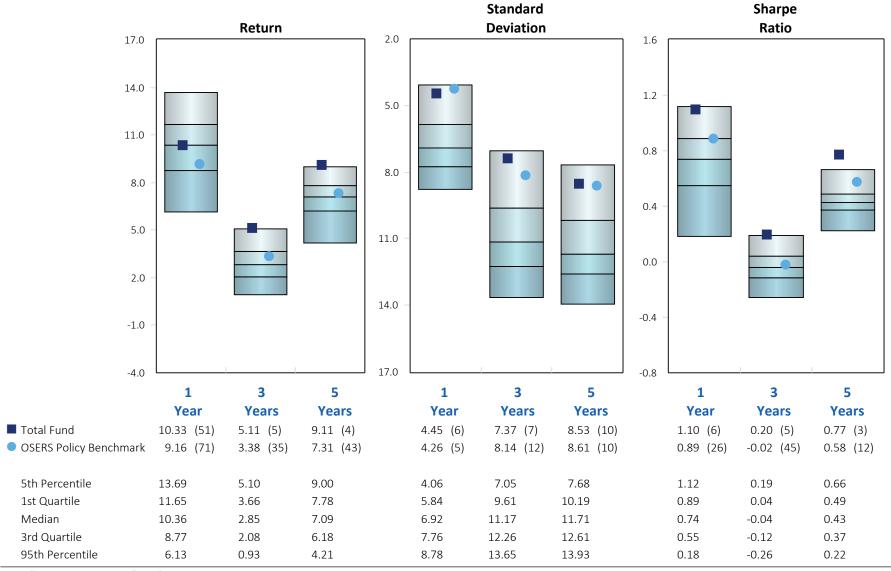
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Total Fund vs All Public Plans-Total Fund (GOF) Periods Ended December 31, 2024



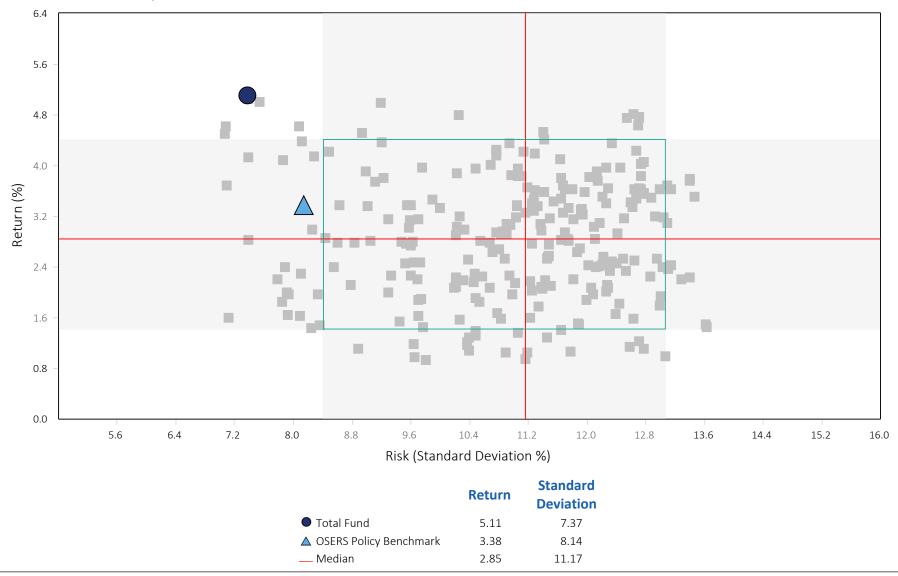
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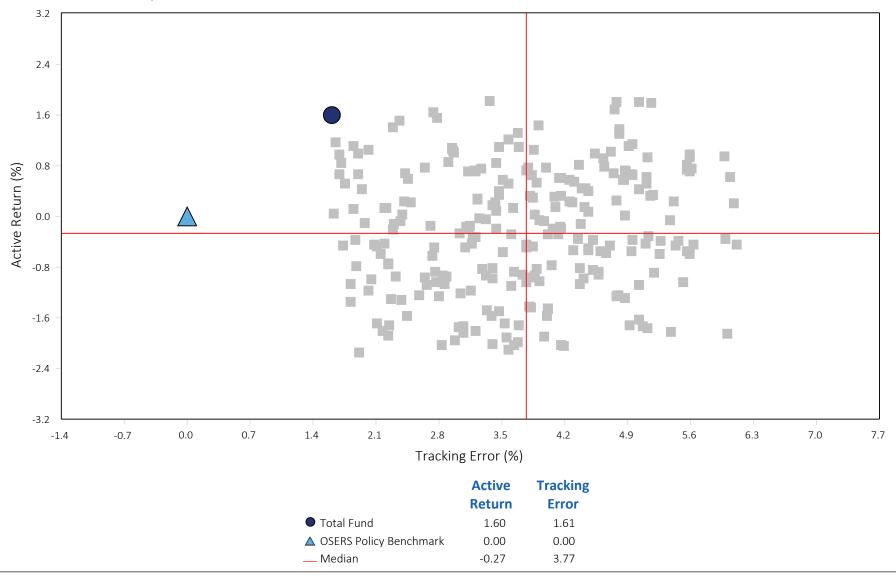
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Total Fund vs All Public Plans-Total Fund Periods Ended January 1, 2022 To December 31, 2024



# Plan Sponsor Scattergram

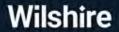
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# Asset Allocation & Performance

Total Fund
Periods Ended December 31, 2024

	Allocation	Performance (%) net of fees									
	Market Value \$000	1 Month	1 Quarter	FYTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	20 Years	Since Inception	Inception Date
Total Fund	19,472,554	-1.10	-0.15	3.80	9.54	4.35	8.40	8.20	7.05	7.88	10/1/1994
OSERS Policy Benchmark		-0.64	-0.10	3.90	9.16	3.38	7.31	7.27	6.83	7.81	
Global Equity	8,329,080	-2.61	-0.81	5.29	18.00	5.38	10.31	9.56	7.90	8.27	7/1/2002
Global Equity Benchmark		-2.37	-0.99	5.56	17.49	5.58	9.81	9.11	7.65	7.98	
Global Private Equity	2,580,690	-0.51	0.58	3.48	10.80	8.82	17.18	16.43	13.93	13.18	10/1/1994
Global PE Benchmark		2.90	2.90	3.81	8.01	3.35	13.60	12.47	11.50	12.57	
Global Private Credit	1,213,651	0.76	2.55	5.11	11.41	9.14				11.03	7/1/2020
Global PC Benchmark	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	0.79	2.43	4.93	10.13	8.56				7.26	., _,
Global Fixed Income	2,523,986	-1.31	-2.45	2.67	2.76	-1.23	1.06	2.29	3.98	5.22	10/1/1994
Fixed Income Benchmark	2,020,000	-1.51	-2.73	2.32	1.60	-2.30	-0.26	1.38	3.03	4.55	, _,
Cash Equivalents	691,434	3.14	2.10	-2.94	-12.26	-0.88	0.20	1.09	1.51	1.48	7/1/2002
FTSE 1 Month T-Bill	352,151	0.40	1.20	2.58	5.38	3.98	2.47	1.74	1.56	1.52	., _, _
Global Real Estate	2,183,622	-0.18	-0.05	-0.40	-5.94	0.70	4.27	6.88	5.57	6.91	9/1/1994
NCREIF Property Index - Monthly	2,233,322	0.26	0.78	0.52	-3.47	0.87	3.26	5.88	7.21	8.33	3, 1, 133 1
Global Infrastructure	1,336,750	1.66	2.48	5.59	7.99	7.76	8.60			10.19	10/1/2015
Global Infrastructure Benchmark		1.94	1.94	3.94	8.23	4.79	5.65			6.59	.,,



## Asset Allocation & Performance

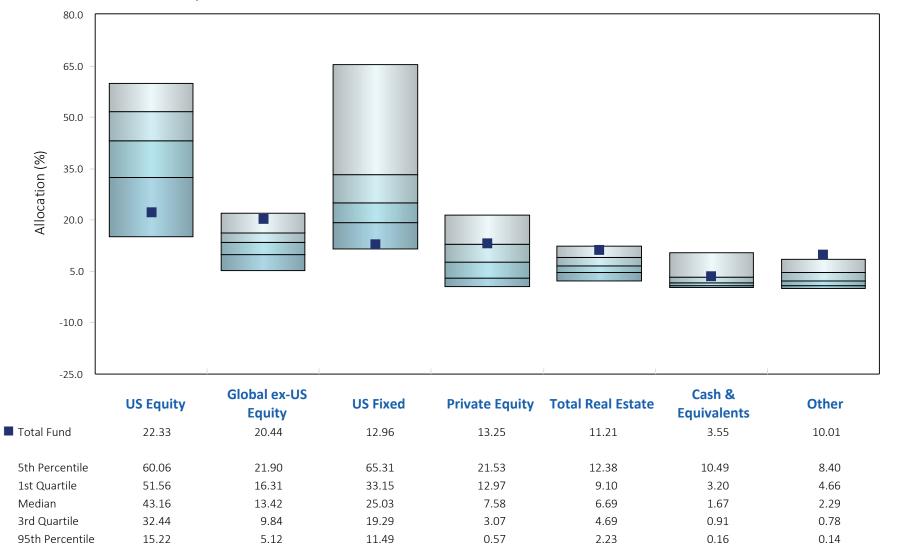
Total Fund

Periods Ended December 31, 2024

	Allocation	llocation Performance (%) net of fees									
	Market Value \$000	1 Month	1 Quarter	FYTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	20 Years	Since Inception	Inception Date
Opportunistic & Tactical Opportunistic Benchmark	613,342	<b>0.86</b> -1.44	<b>2.80</b> -2.53	<b>5.57</b> 2.97	<b>9.25</b> 3.25	<b>5.22</b> -0.40	<b>7.49</b> -0.08	<b>6.72</b> 3.51		<b>7.08</b> 4.30	6/1/2013

## Plan Sponsor TF Asset Allocation

Total Fund vs All Public Plans-Total Fund Periods Ended December 31, 2024



<sup>\*</sup>Other: Infrastructure, Opportunistic & Tactical

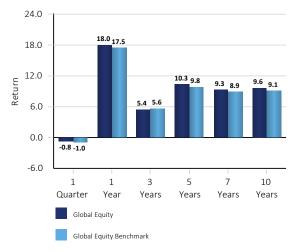


Global Equity

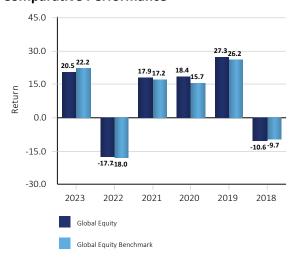
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# Global Equity Periods Ended December 31, 2024

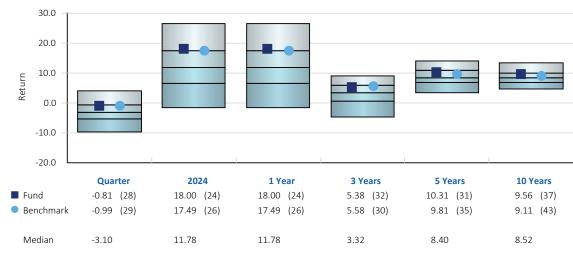
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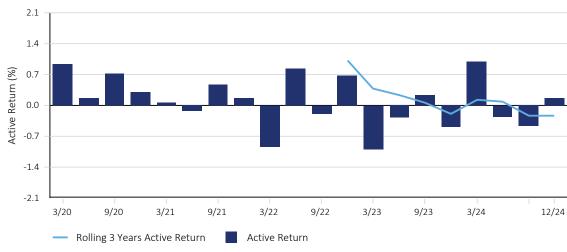
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#### Peer Group Analysis: IM Global Equity (SA+CF)(NOF)



#### **Quarterly Active Return**



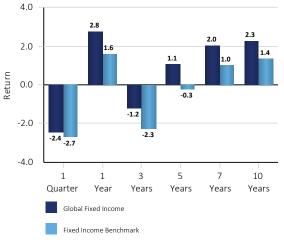


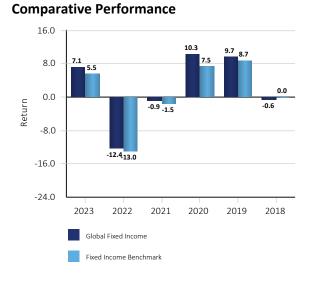
Global Fixed Income

## Performance Summary

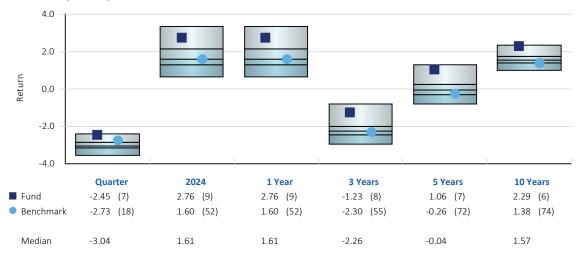
#### Global Fixed Income Periods Ended December 31, 2024

#### **Comparative Performance**

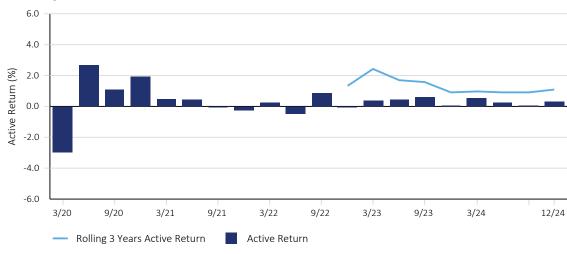


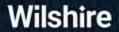


#### Peer Group Analysis: IM U.S. Broad Market Core Fixed Income (SA+CF) (NOF)



#### **Quarterly Active Return**



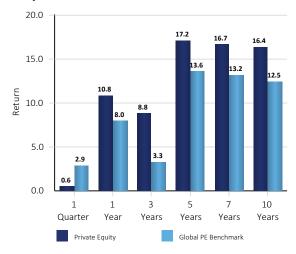


Global Private Equity

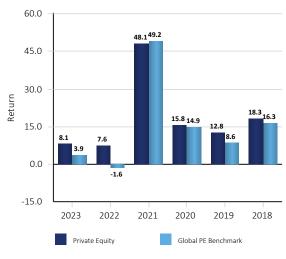
## Performance Summary

# Global Private Equity Periods Ended December 31, 2024

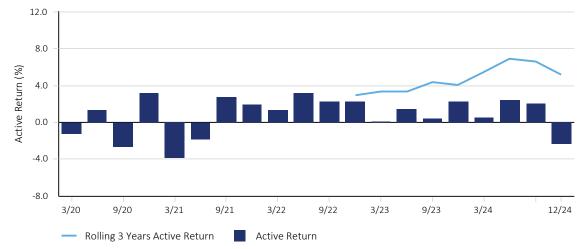
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#### **Comparative Performance**



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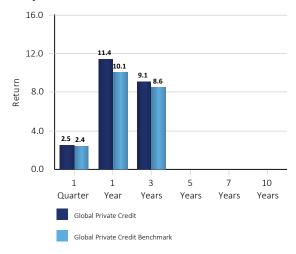


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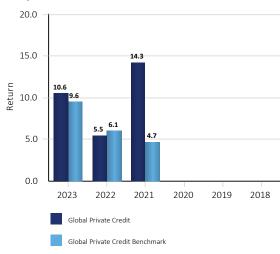
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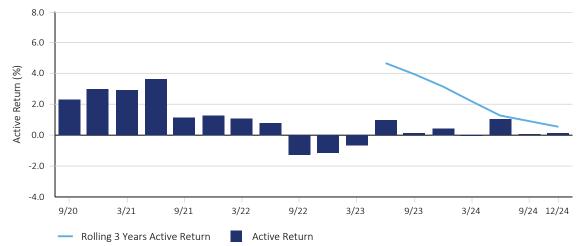
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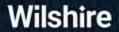


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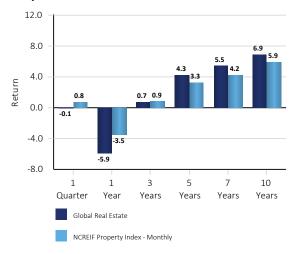
Real Estate & Infrastructure

## Performance Summary

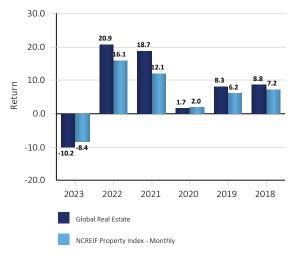
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Periods Ended December 31, 2024

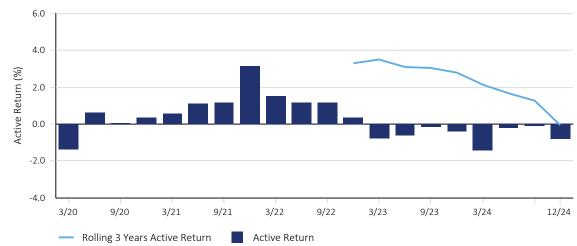
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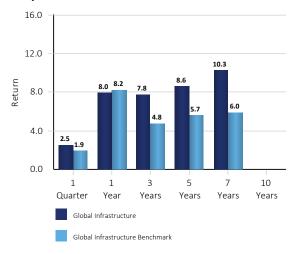
#### **Quarterly Active Return**



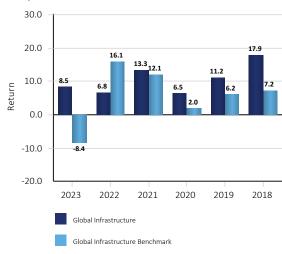
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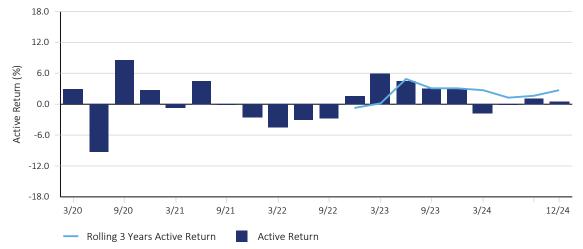
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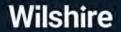
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#### **Quarterly Active Return**



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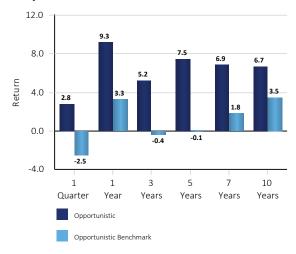


Opportunistic & Tactical

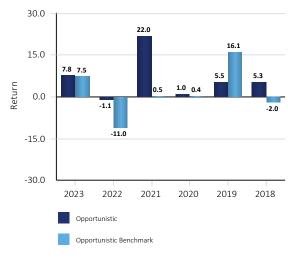
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#### Opportunistic & Tactical Periods Ended December 31, 2024

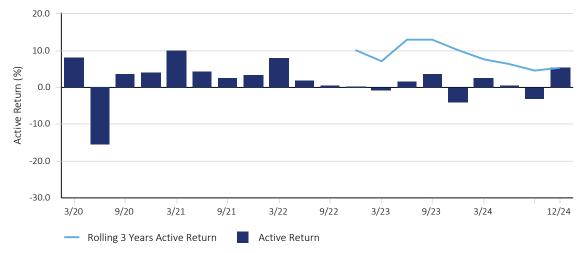
#### **Comparative Performance**



#### **Comparative Performance**



#### **Quarterly Active Return**



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# SETS

## **Investment Agenda**

- Annual Portfolio Review Global Equities
- Wilshire Quarterly Performance Report (December 31, 2024)
- Quarterly Investment Report (December 31, 2024)

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## **Economic and Financial Market Outlook**

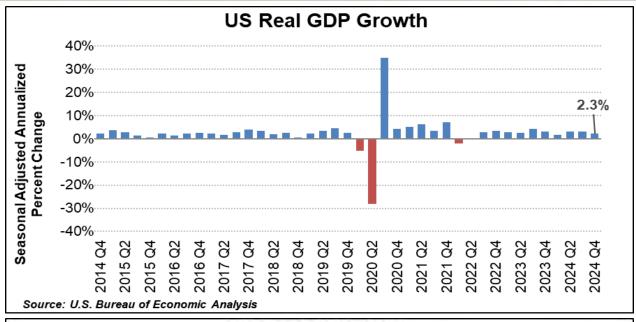
- The US economy growth was 2.3% in Q4, decelerating from 3.1% in Q3. The Q4 growth was primarily contributed from personal consumption expenditures and government spending, which increased 4.2% and 2.5% on an annualized basis, respectively. 2024 GDP growth estimate is 2.5%. The BCEI's January 2025 consensus projected a slight deceleration in 2025 with a 2.2% growth. (Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis and ), Economic Indicators (BCEI)).
- The US labor market remains solid, adding 256,000 jobs in December 2024. Health care, leisure and hospitality, and government sectors maintained solid job numbers. The retail sector recovered with a strong hire number of 43,000. The unemployment rate was 4.1%, 0.1% lower than November. The labor force participation was unchanged at 62.5%. (Sources: Bureau of Labor Statistics and Department of Labor).
- US headline inflation continued to tick up to 2.9% in December, 0.1% higher than in November. The food index appreciated 2.5%, while the energy index decreased 0.5% in the last 12 months. Core inflation was 3.2% in December; it oscillated in a tight range of 3.2-3.3% for the last 7 months. Transportation services and rent inflation remained elevated, although trending down, at 7.4% and 4.6%, respectively, for the last 12 months. (Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics).
- The 10-year Treasury nominal yield increased by 61 bps to 4.86% as of December end. The September current 10-year real yield, estimated by the gap between the 10-year Treasury nominal yield and current headline inflation, was 1.68%, lower than the historical average by 0.11%. The Fed conducted three rate cuts in 2024, lowering the Fed Funds rate by 100 bps. The Fed maintained the rate in the range of 4.25-4.50% in the January 2025 meeting.
- The housing market (S&P Case-Shiller 20-City home price index) was down 0.1% for the month but gained 4.3% for the last 12 months as of November 2024.
- The Consumer Sentiment Index released by Thomson Reuters and the University of Michigan was 71.1 in January 2025, down from 74 in December 2024. The US and Global Economic Surprise indexes were positive in January 2025; the US reading was 12.4, stronger than the {3.7 of Global. The December Leading Economic Index (LEI) issued by the Conference Board was 101.6, up 0.1% for the month, predicting some improvement compared to the previous month.
- In January 2025, US Service PMI remained at an expansion level of 52.8, and the manufacturing PMI improved to an expansion level of 50.9 after six months in contraction. Global Composite PMI was at an expansion level of 51.8, with manufacturing improvement to a neutral level and service slightly deceleration. (Source: Institute for Supply Management and S&P Global).
- The equity markets were positive in January. The US market (Russell 3000) returned 3.16%. Non-US Developed markets (MSCI World ex-USA), and Emerging markets (MSCI EM) gained 4.97% and 1.79%, respectively.
- The US fixed income market, Bloomberg US Universal Bond Index, was up 0.60% in January.

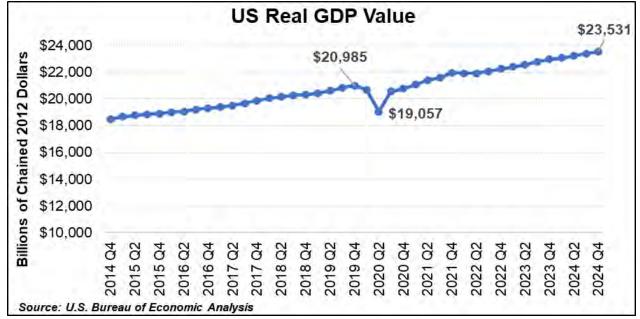
Notes: Acronym - PMI - Purchasing-Managers' Index



## **US Real Gross Domestic Product**



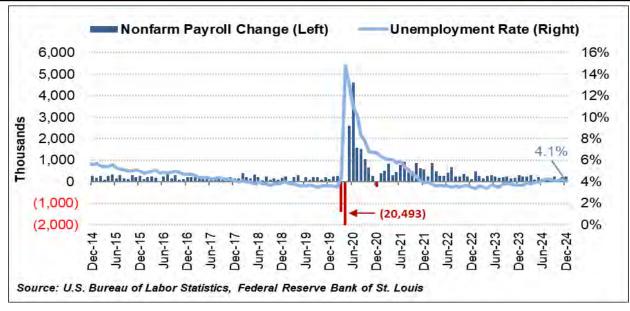


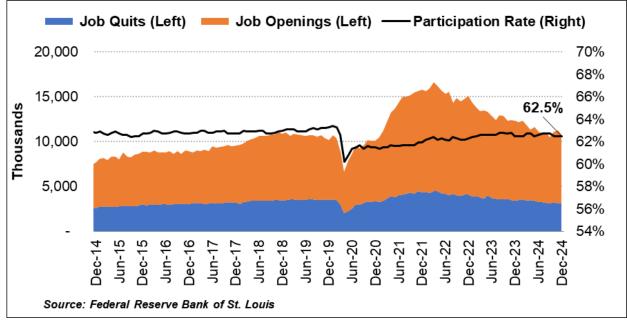




## **US Labor Market**



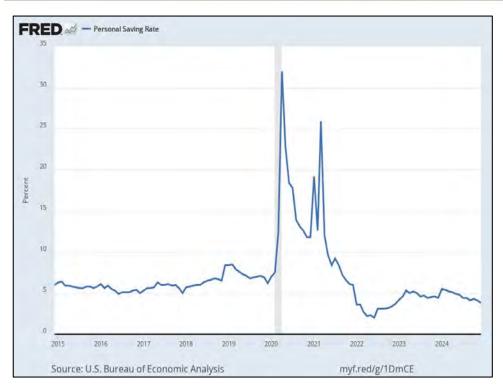


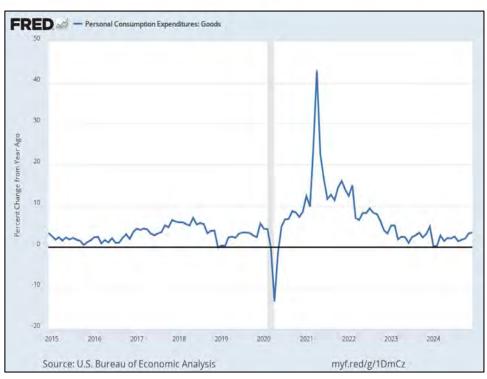




## **Personal Savings Rate & Personal Expenditures: Goods**







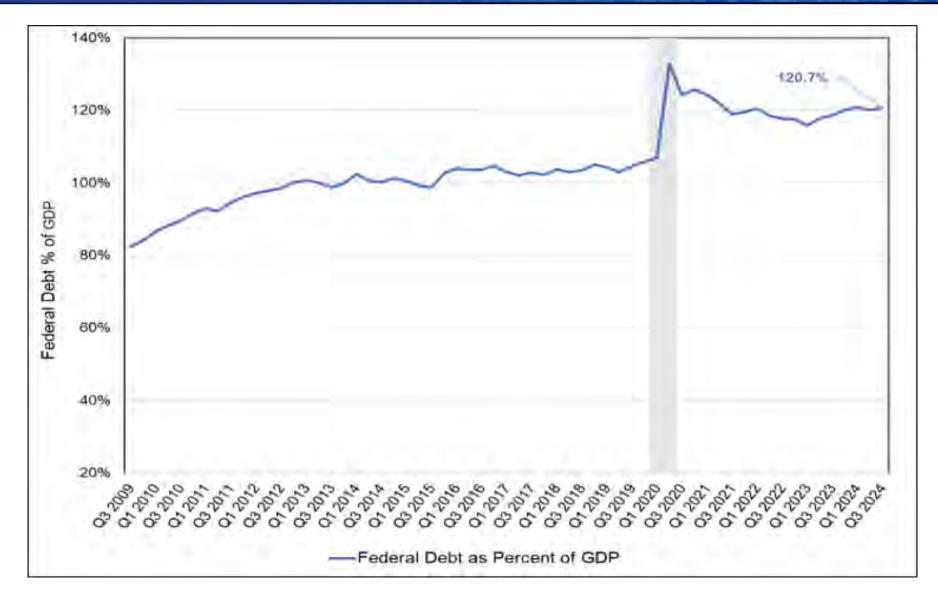
	Annual Personal
Date	Savings Rate
Jun-21	8.4%
Jun-22	2.0%
Jun-23	5.0%
Jun-24	4.8%
Dec-24	3.8%

Date	Personal Consumption Expenditures: Goods Change from Prior Year
Jun-21	16.5%
Jun-22	8.3%
Jun-23	1.0%
Jun-24	2.1%
Dec-24	3.5%



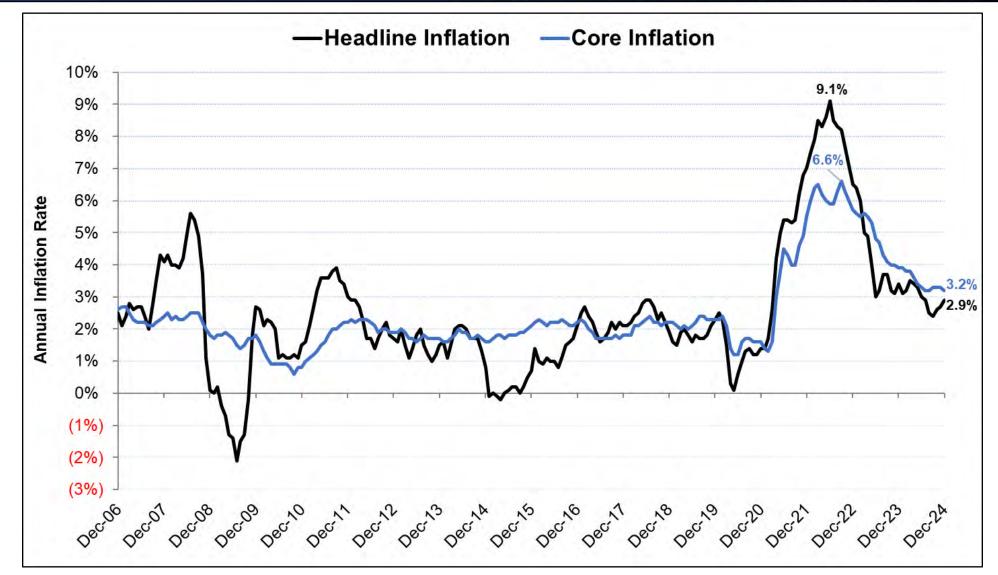
## **Federal Debt as Percent of GDP**





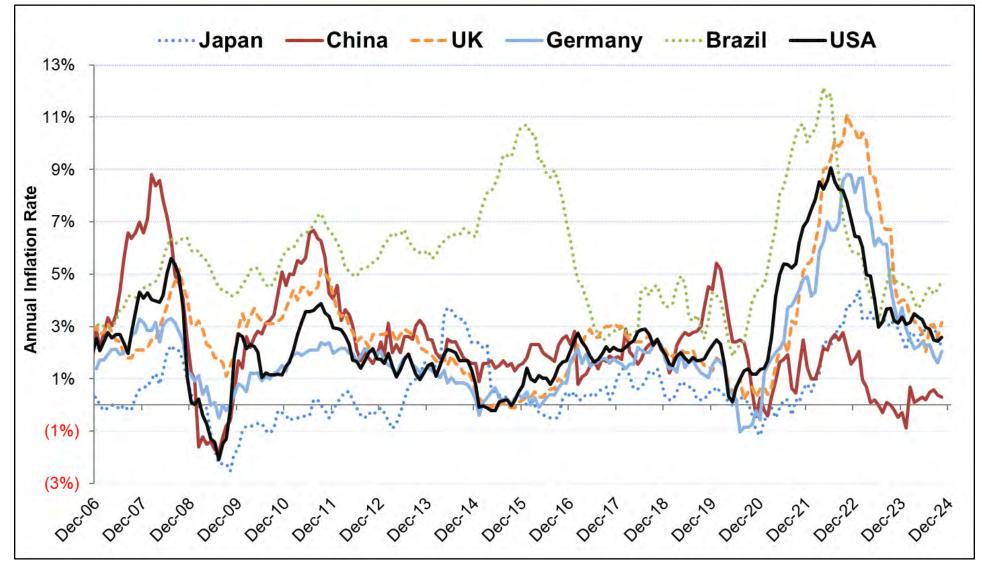
**US Inflation** 





## **Global Headline Inflation**

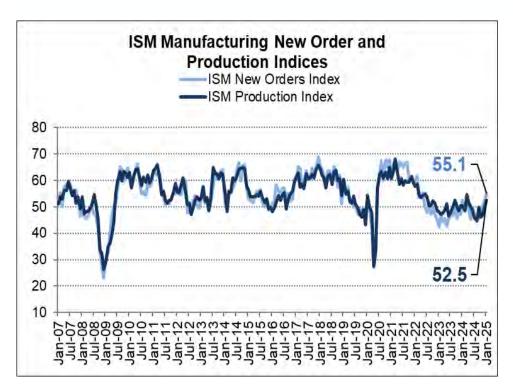


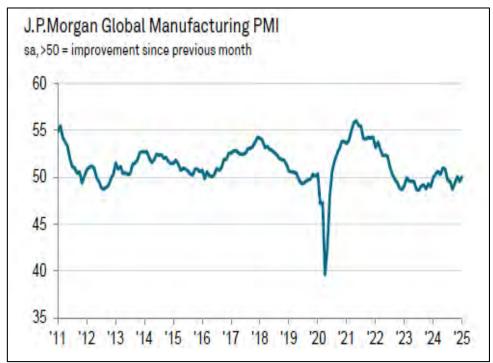


	Japan	China	UK	Germany	Brazil	USA
Dec-24	3.7	0.1	3.5	2.6	4.8	2.9

## **US & Global Manufacturing Activities**



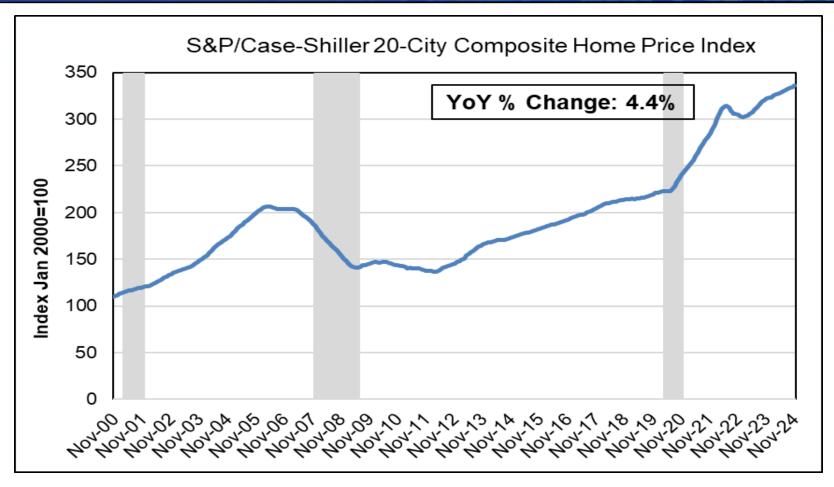






## **US Housing Market**

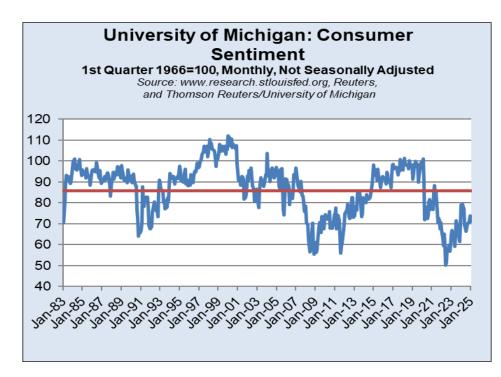




Date	S&P Case-Shiller 20-City Home Price Index January 2000 = 100, Seasonally Adjusted
Jul-21	269.49
Jul-22	312.40
Jul-23	312.83
Jul-24	331.29
Nov-24	335.83

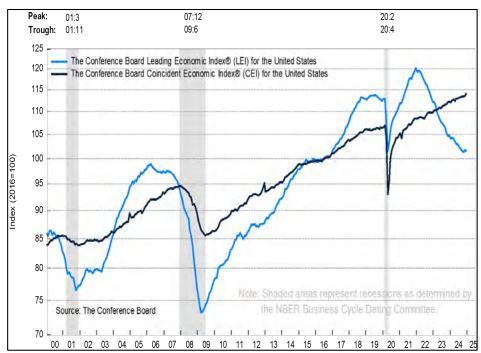


#### **Consumer Sentiment**



	Index of Consumer Sentiment							
Dec-24	Jan-25	Jan-24	M-M Change	Y-Y Change				
74.0	71.1	79.0	-3.9%	-10.0%				

#### The Leading Economic Index (LEI)



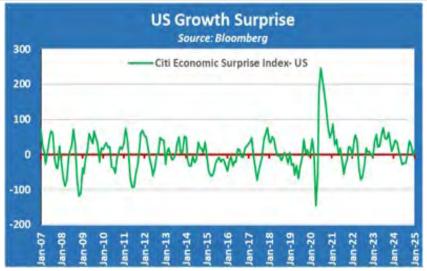
Shaded areas represent US recessions

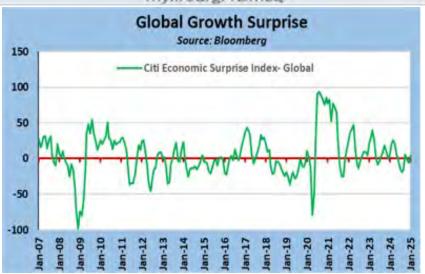
Index	Nov-24	Dec-24	Month -Month Percent Change	6-Month Percent Change (Jul-Dec)
LEI	101.7 r	101.6 p	0.1	-1.3

p Preliminary; r Revised; Indexes equal 100 in 2016



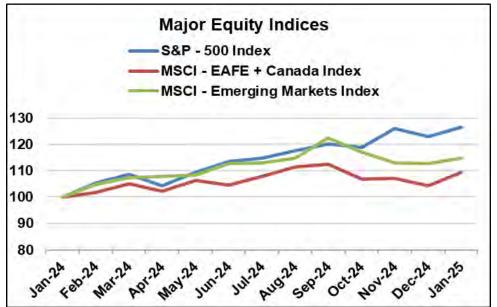


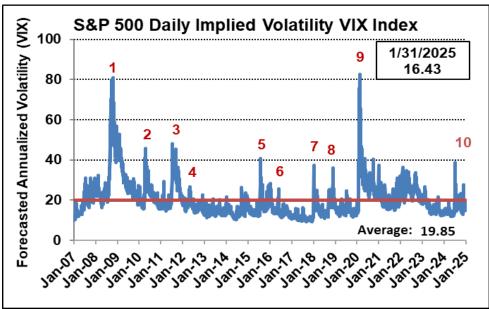




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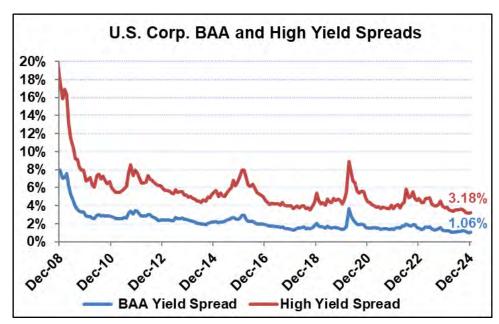
	Return as o	of 1/31/2025
	1 Year	FYTD
S&P 500 Index	26.38	11.46
MSCI - EAFE + Canada Index	9.46	4.74
MSCI - Emerging Markets Index	14.77	1.82

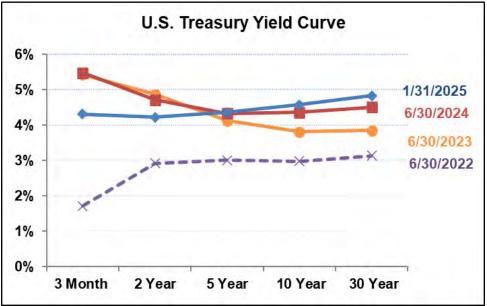
2008 (Nov.) Financial Crisis S&P 500: -48.8%
 2010 (May) Flash crash; Europe/ Greece debt S&P 500: -16%
 2011 (Aug.) US downgrade, Europe periphery S&P 500: -19.4%
 2012 (June) Eurozone double dip S&P 500: -9.9%
 2015 (Aug.) Global slowdown, China, Fed S&P 500: -12.4%
 2016 (Feb.) Oil crash, US recession fear, China S&P 500: -10.5%
 2018 (Feb.) Inflation, trade, tech S&P 500: -10.2%
 2018 (Dec.) Interest rate hike, trade tension, global slowdown S&P 500: -10.5%
 2020 (Mar.) Coronavirus, S&P 500: -23.7%
 2024 (Aug.) Crowded FX (Japanese Yen) trade, recession fear S&P 500: -6.0%

## **MARKETS**

## **Fixed Income**



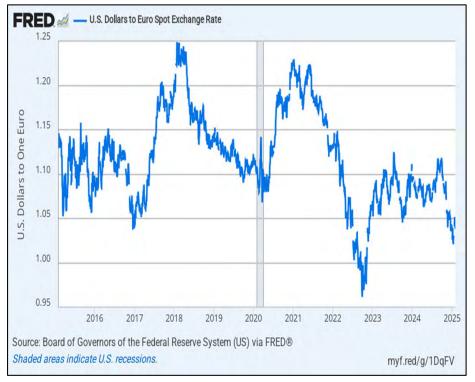




## **MARKETS**

# **Foreign Exchange**





Date	U.S. / Euro Foreign Exchange Rate U.S. Dollars to One Euro
June-21	1.18
June-22	1.05
June-23	1.09
June-24	1.07
January 31, 2025	1.04

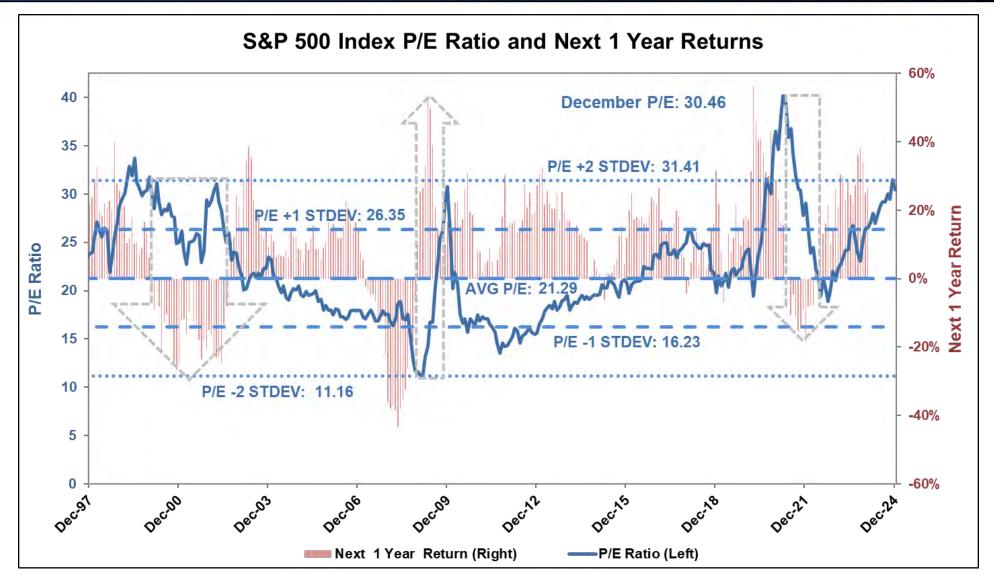
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Date	Nominal Broad U.S. Dollar Index January 2006=100
June-21	112.85
June-22	121.05
June-23	119.89
June-24	124.52
January 31, 2025	128.67

Sources: www.research.stlouisfed.org

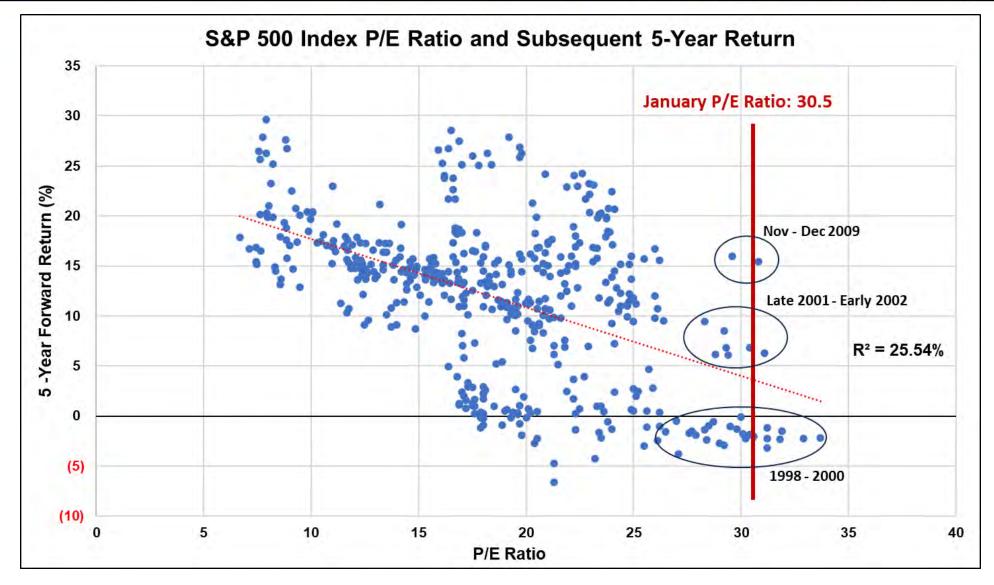
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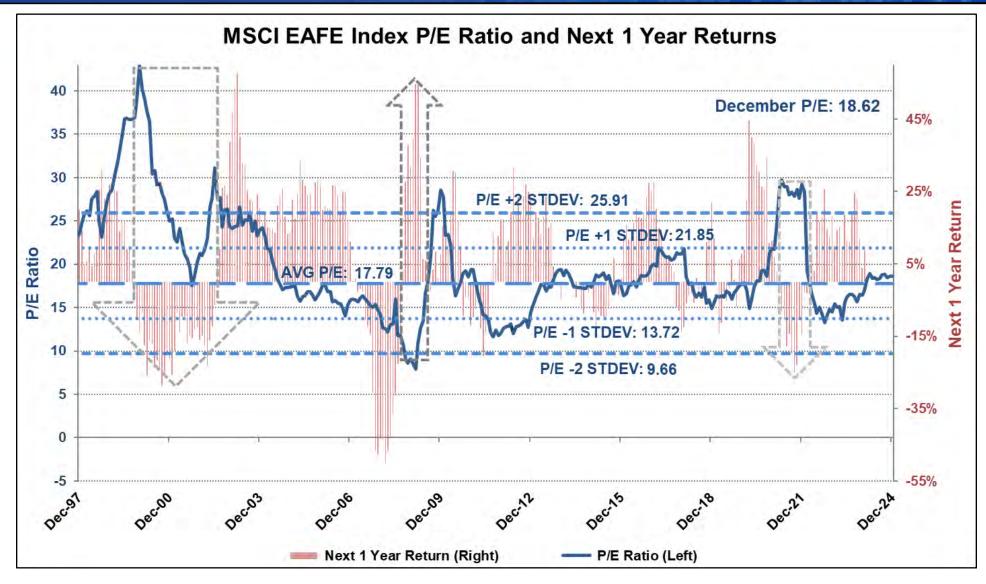
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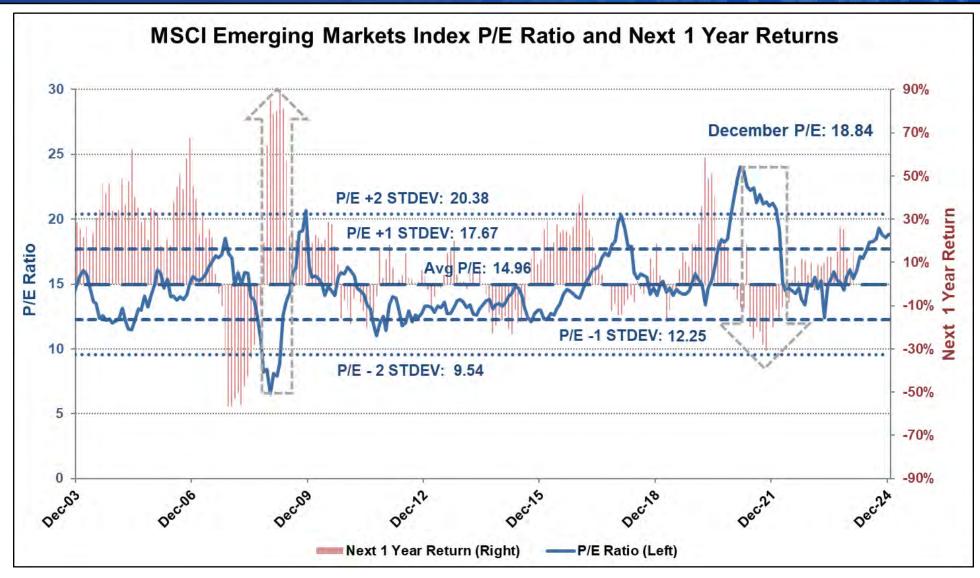
# **Non US Developed Market Equity**





# **Emerging Market Equity**

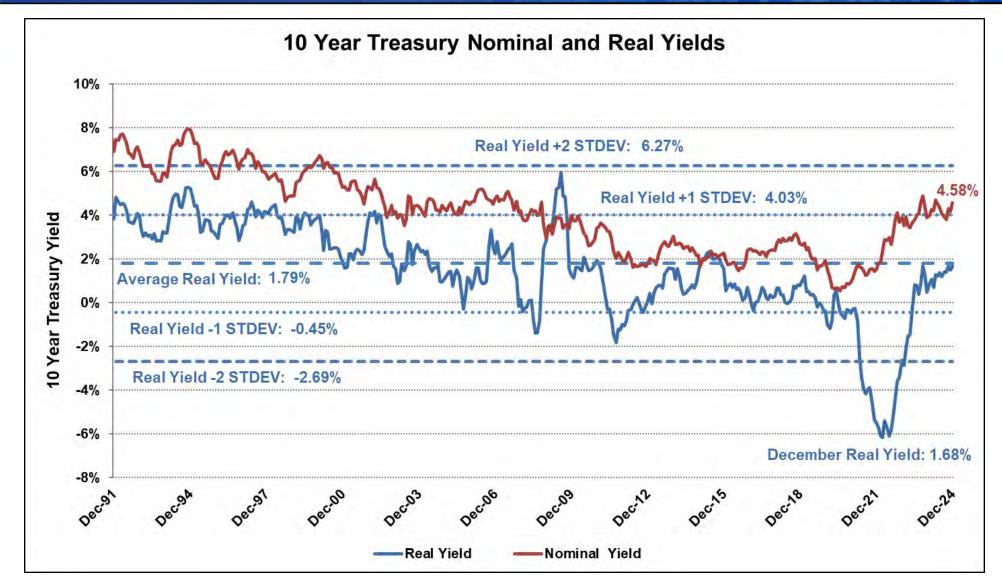




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## **US Treasury Bonds**



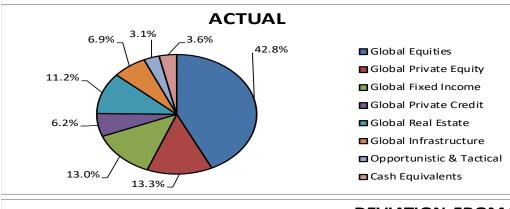


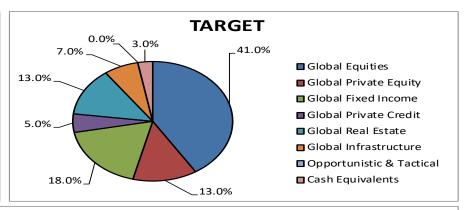


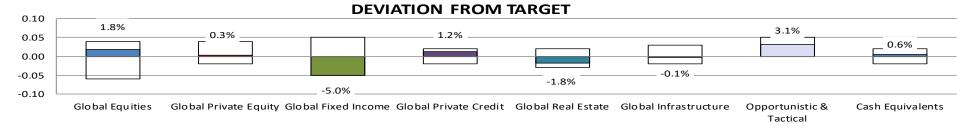


### **Total Fund Asset Allocation**

Asset Class	Market Value \$	Actual	Target	Range
Global Equities	8,329,079,795	42.8%	41.0%	35% - 45%
Global Private Equity	2,580,689,570	13.3%	13.0%	11% - 17%
Global Fixed Income	2,523,985,547	13.0%	18.0%	13% - 23%
Global Private Credit	1,213,651,451	6.2%	5.0%	3% -7%
Global Real Estate	2,183,622,375	11.2%	13.0%	10% - 15%
Global Infrastructure	1,336,749,897	6.9%	7.0%	5% - 10%
Opportunistic & Tactical	613,341,833	3.1%	0.0%	0% - 5%
Cash Equivalents	691,433,837	3.6%	3.0%	1% - 5%
Short-Term	22,662,074	0.1%	2.0%	
Russell EA Overlay	25,948,469	0.1%	0.0%	
Direct Rebalance Overlay	9,156,474	0.0%	0.0%	
Transition / Operational Account	1,086,781	0.0%	0.0%	
Currency Overlay	34,820,976	0.2%	0.0%	
SERS Cash	597,759,064	3.1%	0.0%	
Total Fund	19,472,554,305	100.0%	100.0%	









## **Total Fund Change in Net Assets**

### **CHANGE IN NET ASSETS**

**Beginning Market Value** 

Gain/Loss
Expenses
Net Transfer
End of Period Market
Value

vs. One Year Ago, since 01/02/2024

> 18,231,284,189 1,849,299,376 (128,029,261) (480,000,000)

19,472,554,304

vs. Three Years Ago, since 01/01/2022

18,710,598,571 2,668,277,648 (326,321,915) (1,580,000,000)

19,472,554,304

\*Sources of Net Transfer

Dividends/Interest Net Distributions Cash on Hand 192,888,837 287,111,163 Not Required

## **Total Fund Fees by Quarter**

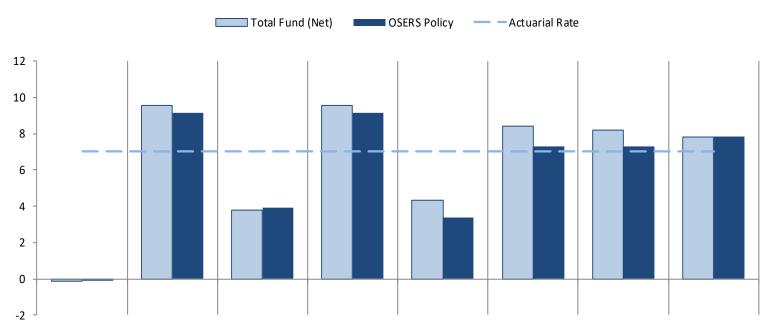




### **Total Fund Performance**

#### **Current Benchmark:**

41% MSCI ACWI (Net Dividends)
13.00% Burgiss All Private Equity
benchmark (1q lag) (BAPE)
18.00% Bloomberg US Universal Bond
13.00% NCREIF Property
(1Qtr in Arrears Monthized)
7.00% Quarterly (4 qtrs.) smoothed CPI
+1.20% per quarter
5.00% 90 Day T-Bill (1q lag) + 4.5%
3.00% FTSE 30 Day T-Bill



#### **Actuarial Rate**

(7.0% effective 07/01/2021, adopted 04/15/2021)

	Qtr	CYTD	FYTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	ITD*
Total Fund (Gross)	0.07	10.33	4.21	10.33	5.11	9.11	8.90	8.42
Total Fund (Net)	(0.15)	9.55	3.80	9.55	4.36	8.39	8.20	7.88
OSERS Policy	(0.10)	9.16	3.90	9.16	3.38	7.31	7.27	7.81
Value Added (Net of Fee)	(0.05)	0.39	(0.10)	0.39	0.99	1.08	0.93	0.07
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Estimated Cumulative Net Value Added (\$MM)\*\* (\$9.3) \$70.7 (\$17.9) \$70.7 \$579.5 \$1,034.1 \$1,885.4

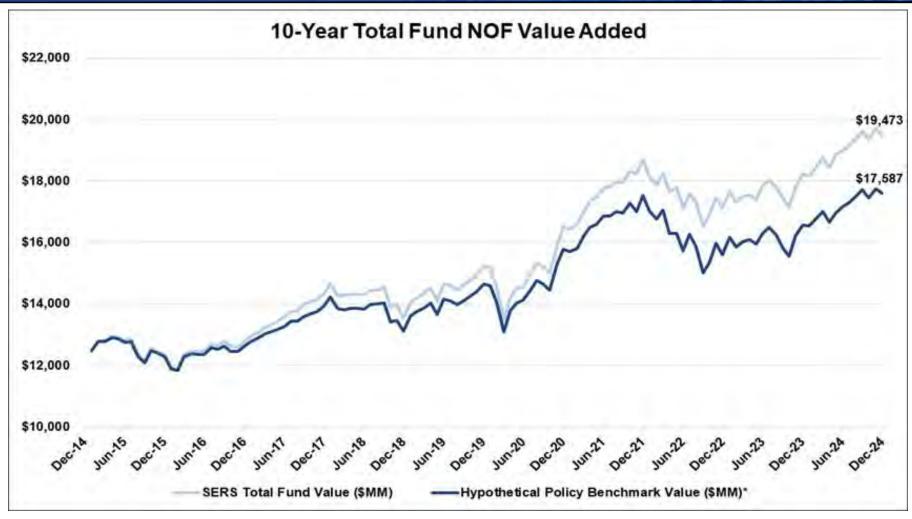
<sup>\*</sup>ITD is Inception date 10/1/1994 (30 years and 3 months)

<sup>\*\*</sup>For each period, calculated as the difference between the actual change in fund assets and the hypothetical change in fund assets under a benchmark-returns scenario.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Assumes portfolio in benchmark-returns scenario is rebalanced monthly to target weights after deducting calculated net cash flow, with no allowance for fees.

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### **Total Fund Performance**



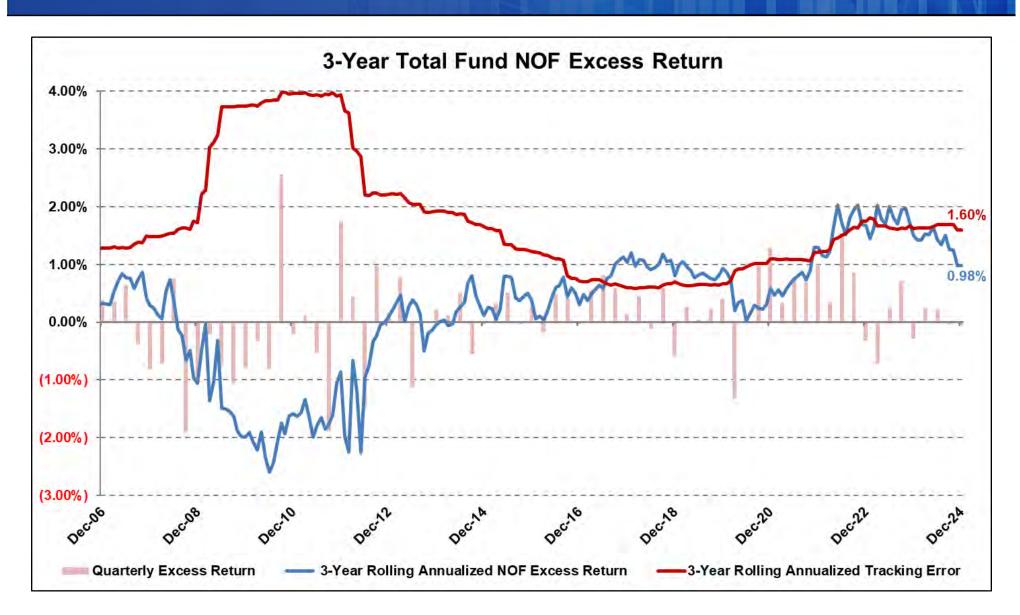
Fiscal Year Net Excess Return (%)										
FY2015 FY2016 FY2017 FY2018 FY2019 FY2020 FY2021 FY2022 FY2023 FY2024										
(0.22)	( <del>0.22</del> ) 0.33 1.50 0.86 0.06 ( <del>0.64</del> ) 2.66 3.01 0.23 0.90									

<sup>\*</sup>Calculated as the hypothetical change in fund assets under a policy benchmark-returns scenario.

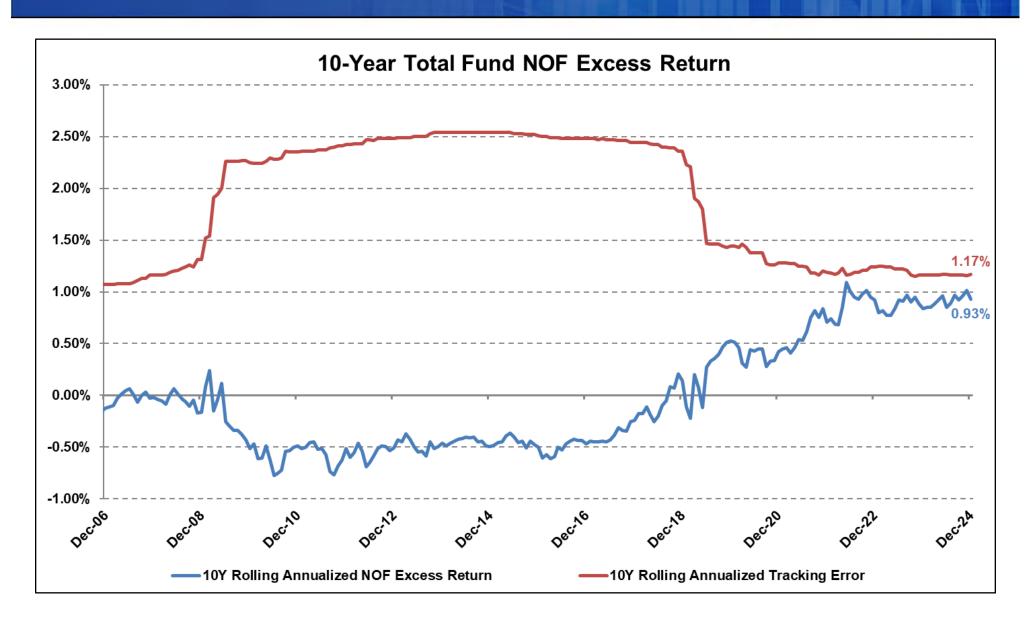
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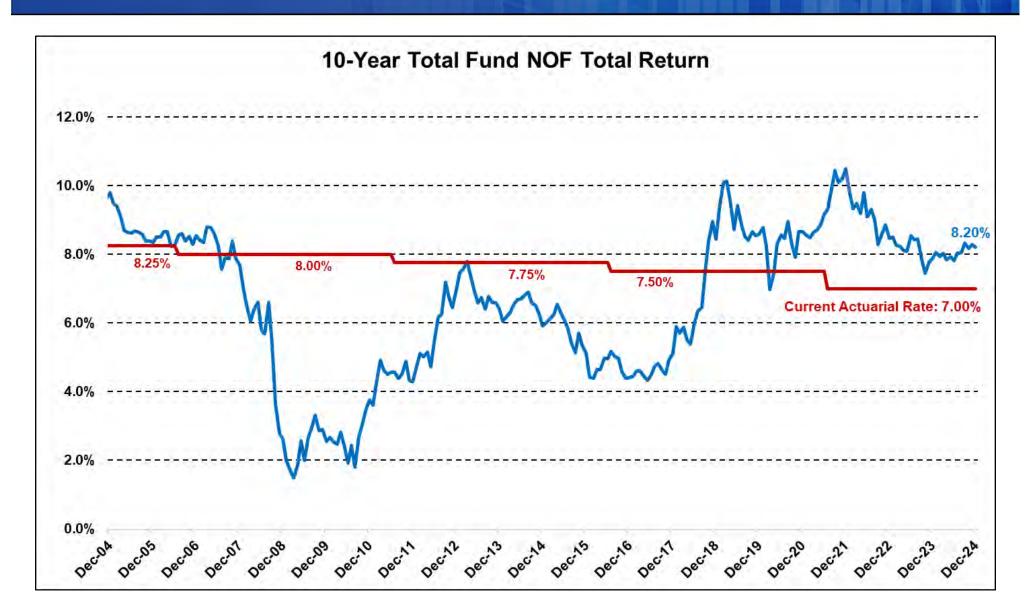


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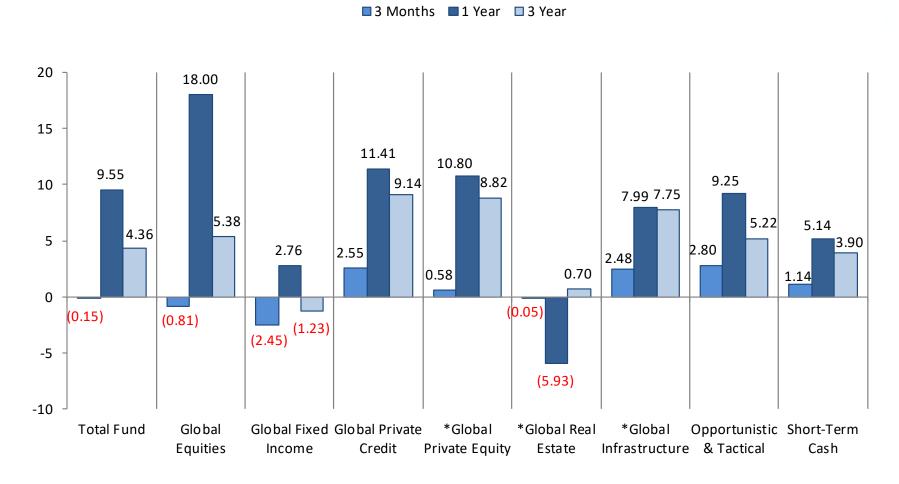
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## **Total Fund Performance**



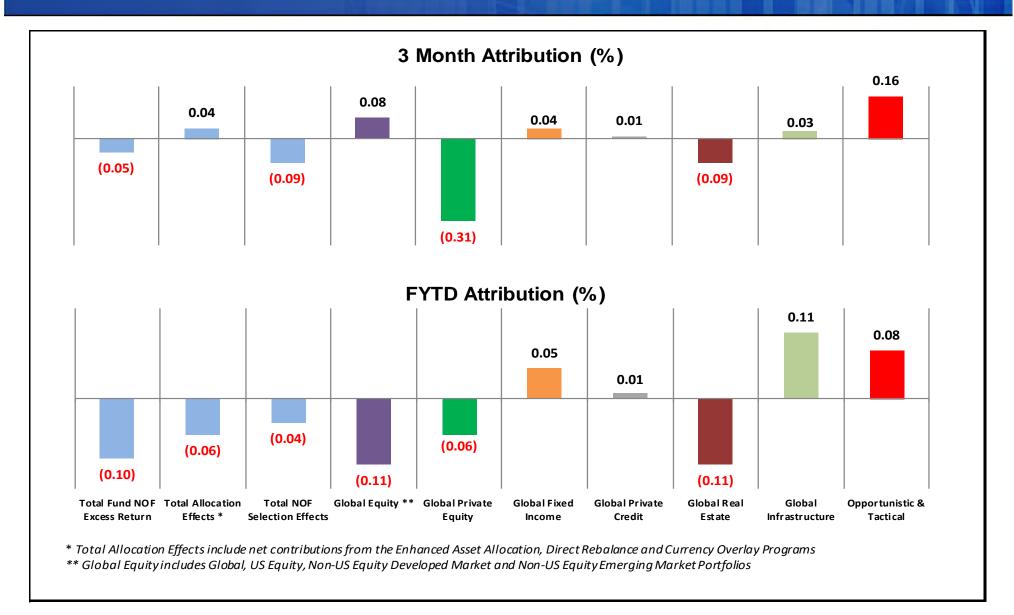


## **Total Fund and Asset Class Performance (Net)**

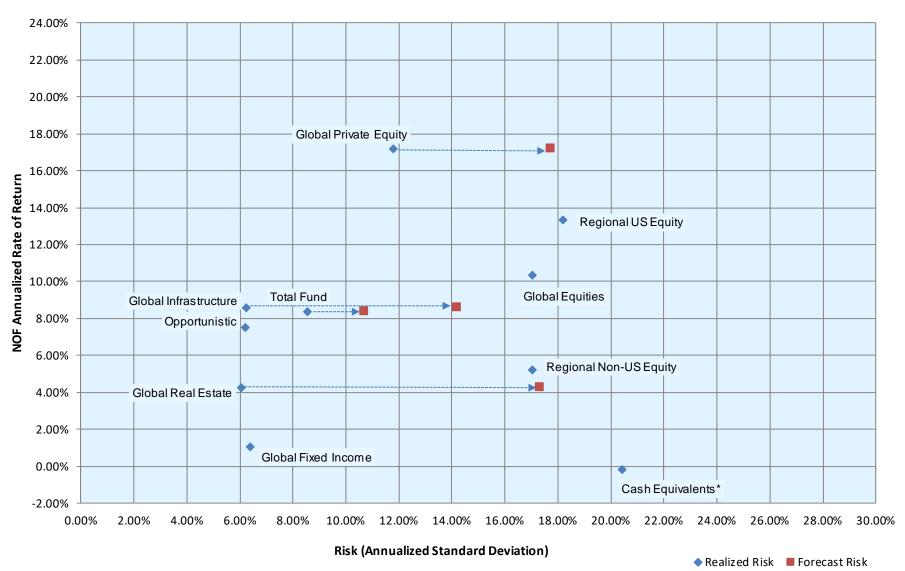


<sup>\*</sup> Global Private Equity, Global Real Estate, and Global Infrastructure results are as of 12/31/2024 Source: BNY Mellon GRS

### **Total Fund Attribution**



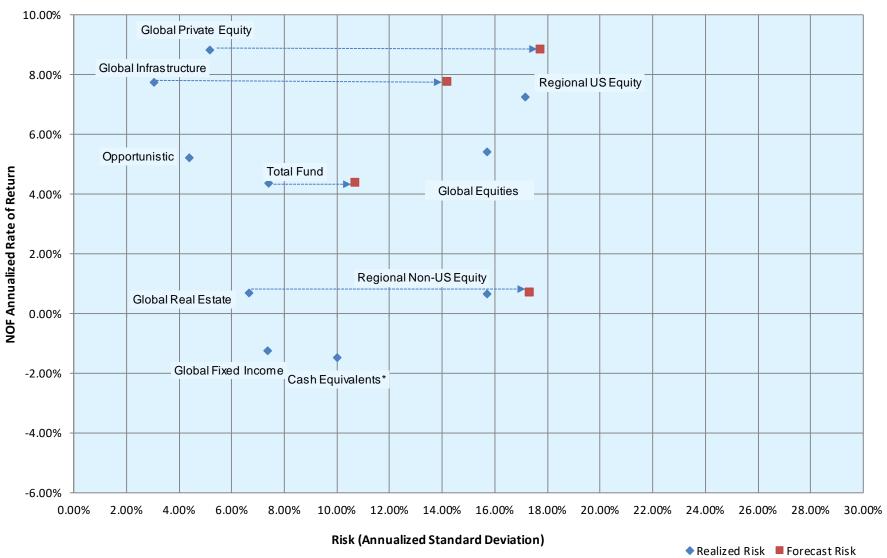
## 5 Year Risk and Return



\*Cash Equivalents include Short-Term, Enhanced Allocation Overlay and Currency Overlay

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## 3 Year Risk and Return

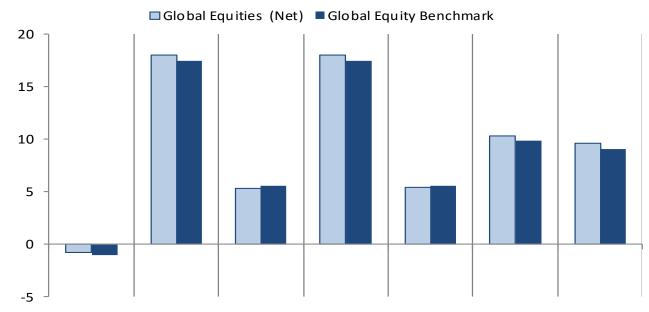


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## **Global Equities Performance**

#### **Current Benchmark:**

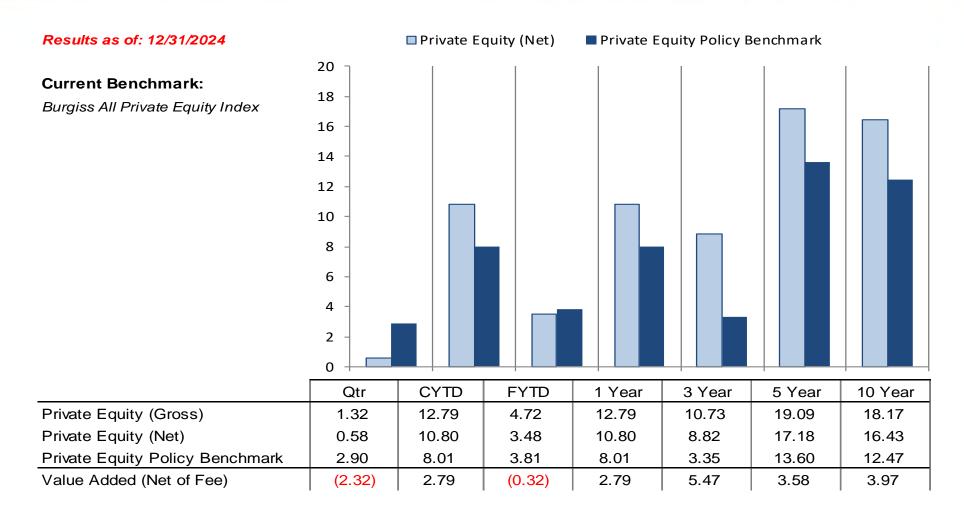
MSCI ACWI (Net Dividends)



	Qtr	CYTD	FYTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
Global Equities (Gross)	(0.74)	18.38	5.43	18.38	5.71	10.64	9.90
Global Equities (Net)	(0.81)	18.00	5.29	18.00	5.38	10.31	9.56
Global Equity Benchmark	(0.99)	17.49	5.56	17.49	5.58	9.81	9.11
Value Added (Net of Fee)	0.18	0.51	(0.27)	0.51	(0.20)	0.50	0.46
Regional US Equity	2.33	23.17	8.59	23.17	7.19	13.31	12.04
Russell 3000 Index	2.63	23.81	9.03	23.81	8.01	13.86	12.55
Value Added (Net of Fee)	(0.31)	(0.64)	(0.44)	(0.64)	(0.82)	(0.55)	(0.51)
Regional Non-US Equity	(7.09)	5.91	(0.41)	5.91	0.61	5.22	6.08
Custom Non-US Equity BM	(7.60)	5.53	(0.15)	5.53	0.85	4.05	4.78
Value Added (Net of Fee)	0.51	0.38	(0.26)	0.38	(0.24)	1.17	1.30



## **Global Private Equity Performance**



Source: BNY Mellon GRS

The difference between Gross and Net is management fee only. Performance based fees are captured in the Gross return. Global Private Equity performance is reported one guarter in arrears.



## **Public vs Private Equity Performance (Net)**

	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
Regional US Equity	7.26	13.36	12.06
Global Equity	5.43	10.34	9.58
Private Equity	8.82	17.18	16.43

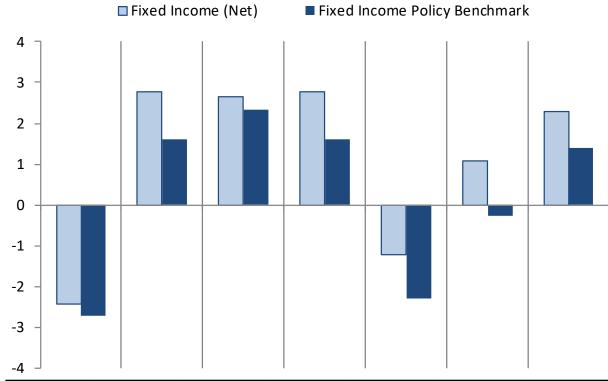
<sup>\*</sup> Private Equity returns are lagged one quarter



## **Global Fixed Income Performance**

#### **Current Benchmark:**

Bloomberg US Universal Bond Index



	Qtr	CYTD	FYTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
Fixed Income (Gross)	(2.38)	3.03	2.80	3.03	(0.96)	1.33	2.54
Fixed Income (Net)	(2.45)	2.76	2.67	2.76	(1.23)	1.06	2.30
Fixed Income Policy Benchmark	(2.73)	1.60	2.32	1.60	(2.30)	(0.26)	1.38
Value Added (Net of Fee)	0.28	1.17	0.34	1.17	1.07	1.32	0.92



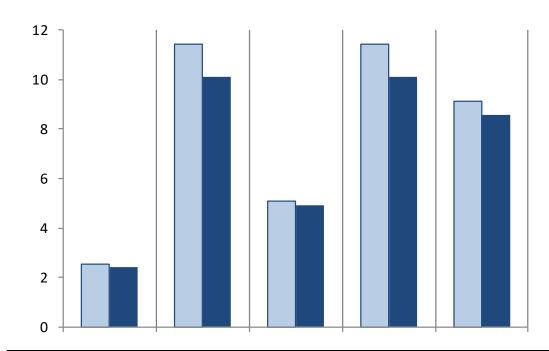
### **Global Private Credit Performance**

■ Global Private Credit (Net)

■ Global Private Credit Policy Benchmark

#### **Current Benchmark:**

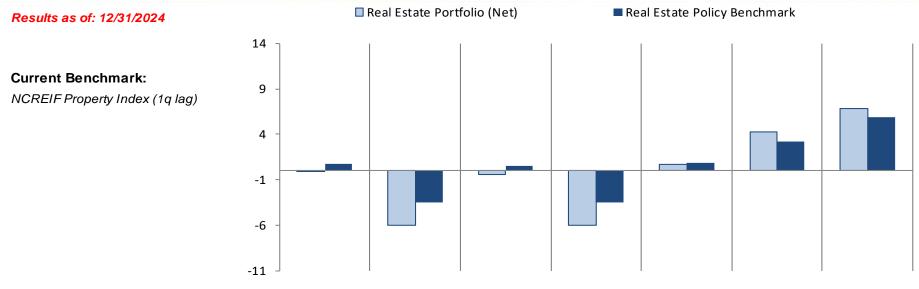
90 Day T-Bill (1q lag) + 4.5%



	Qtr	CYTD	FYTD	1 Year	3 Year
Global Private Credit (Gross)	2.88	12.99	5.81	12.99	10.65
Global Private Credit (Net)	2.55	11.41	5.11	11.41	9.14
Global Private Credit Policy Benchmark	2.43	10.13	4.93	10.13	8.56
Value Added (Net of Fee)	0.12	1.28	0.18	1.28	0.58



## **Global Real Estate Performance**



	Qtr	CYTD	FYTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
Real Estate Portfolio (Gross)	0.14	(5.15)	0.02	(5.15)	1.53	5.15	7.87
Real Estate Portfolio (Net)	(0.05)	(5.93)	(0.40)	(5.93)	0.70	4.26	6.87
Real Estate Policy Benchmark	0.78	(3.47)	0.52	(3.47)	0.87	3.26	5.88
Real Estate Value Added (NOF)	(0.83)	(2.46)	(0.93)	(2.46)	(0.18)	1.00	0.99
Real Estate Core (Net)	0.34	(5.92)	(0.24)	(5.92)	1.64	4.99	7.14
Real Estate Policy Benchmark	0.78	(3.47)	0.52	(3.47)	0.87	3.26	5.88
Real Estate Core Value Added (NOF)	(0.44)	(2.45)	(0.77)	(2.45)	0.77	1.73	1.26
Real Estate Non-Core (Net)	(1.50)	(7.34)	(2.20)	(7.34)	(2.52)	0.93	5.89
Real Estate Policy Benchmark	0.78	(3.47)	0.52	(3.47)	0.87	3.26	5.88
Real Estate Non-Core Value Added (NOF)	(2.29)	(3.87)	(2.73)	(3.87)	(3.40)	(2.33)	0.01

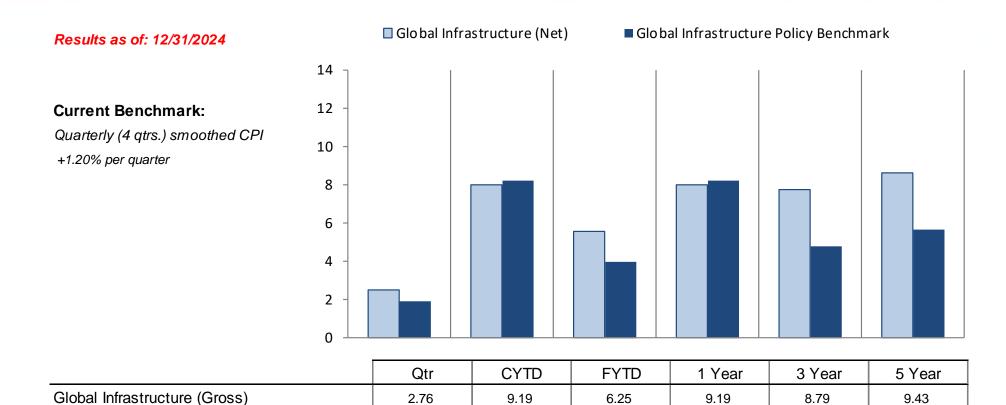
Source: BNY Mellon GRS

The difference between Gross and Net is management fee only. Performance based fees are captured in the Gross return.

Global Real Estate performance is reported one quarter in arrears.



### **Global Infrastructure Performance**



7.99

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(0.25)

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Source: BNY Mellon GRS

Global Infrastructure (Net)

Global Infrastructure Policy Benchmark

Global Infrastructure Value Added (NOF)

The difference between Gross and Net is management fee only. Performance based fees are captured in the Gross return.

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Global Infrastructure performance is reported one quarter in arrears.

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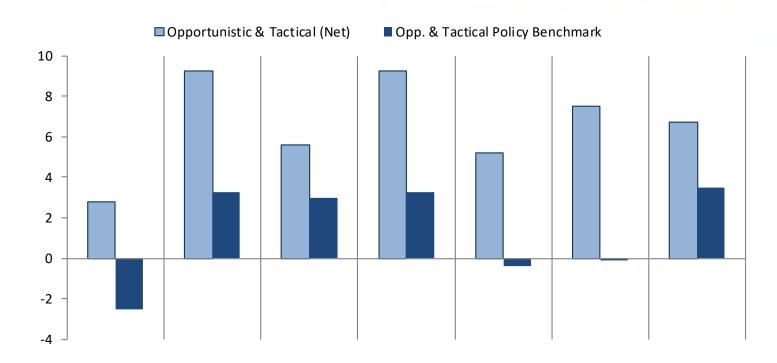
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## **Opportunistic & Tactical Performance**



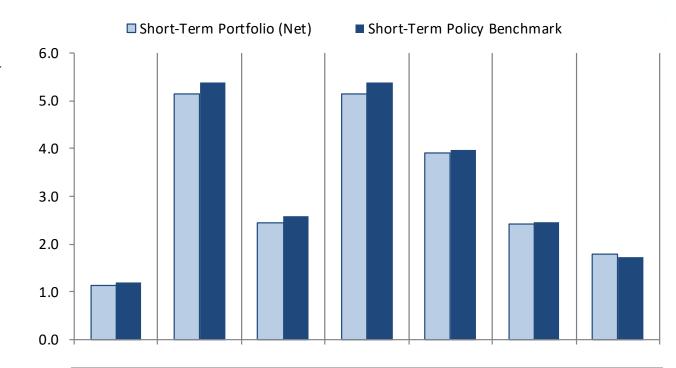


	Qtr	CYTD	FYTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
Opportunistic & Tactical (Gross)	3.03	10.39	6.09	10.39	6.33	8.76	8.11
Opportunistic & Tactical (Net)	2.80	9.25	5.57	9.25	5.22	7.49	6.72
Opp. & Tactical Policy Benchmark	(2.53)	3.25	2.97	3.25	(0.40)	(0.08)	3.51
	5.33	6.00	2.60	6.00	5.62	7.57	3.21

## **Short-Term Performance**

#### **Current Benchmark:**

FTSE 30 Day Treasury Bill Index



	Qtr	CYTD	FYTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
Short-Term Portfolio (Gross)	1.14	5.14	2.46	5.14	3.90	2.41	1.78
Short-Term Portfolio (Net)	1.14	5.14	2.46	5.14	3.90	2.41	1.78
Short-Term Policy Benchmark	1.20	5.38	2.58	5.38	3.98	2.47	1.74
Value Added (Net of Fee)	(0.06)	(0.24)	(0.12)	(0.24)	(80.0)	(0.06)	0.05

## **Overlay Performance**

	Qtr	CYTD	FYTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
Overlay Cumulative Net Value Added (\$MM)	\$3.9	(\$98.6)	(\$31.5)	(\$98.6)	(\$63.3)	(\$45.7)	(\$14.6)
Overlay Cumulative Net Value Added (%)	0.02	(0.61)	(0.18)	(0.61)	(0.12)	(0.06)	(0.02)



## **Proposed Investment Agenda – Next Meeting**

- Annual Portfolio Review Private Credit
- Monthly Investment Report (January 31, 2025)

#### **School Employees Retirement System**

## Memo

To: Retirement Board

From Chris Collins

cc: Richard Stensrud, Karen Roggenkamp

Date: February 7, 2025

Re: Federal Legislative Report

#### WINDFALL ELIMINATION PROVISION (WEP) AND GOVERNMENT PENSION OFFSET (GPO)

H.R. 82, the Social Security Fairness Act, legislation to repeal the WEP and GPO, passed Congress at the end of 2024 and was signed into law by President Biden.

SERS and its members have been seeking this change for many years and over multiple administrations. As a result of the new law, Social Security benefits are projected to increase for more than 3 million public employees and beneficiaries, and many organizations representing public employees see this as a huge win for public service workers.

The Social Security Administration (SSA) has posted a "frequently asked questions" (FAQ) document on their website that they will regularly update to keep the public informed about the new law. According to the new FAQ, since the law's effective date is retroactive, the SSA must adjust people's past benefits, as well as their future benefits.

The WEP and GPO would still apply to benefits paid through December 2023. Benefits payable for January 2024 and later should be calculated without those provisions.

Because processing the benefits changes is complex, the SSA's analysis showed that much of the work must be done manually and on an individual, case-by-case basis. The SSA is currently processing pending or new claims involving future benefits and developing procedures and automated solutions for computing the retroactive benefits.

Under the SSA's current budget, the agency expects it could take more than one year to adjust current benefits and pay all retroactive benefits. While the SSA stated it cannot provide a more specific timeframe as to when it will adjust workers' past or future benefits, it will continue to provide updates on its webpage.

The impact the law has on reducing Social Security's solvency by six months has restarted discussions about requiring mandatory coverage for public employees under Social Security as part of a possible solution. The trust fund is projected to be solvent until 2033. If no action is taken by Congress by then, the Social Security program may only be able to pay about 80% of scheduled benefits going forward. SERS anticipates as that date approaches we need to continue to educate lawmakers about the consequences to our system were Congress to move towards mandatory coverage.

#### TRUMP ADMINISTRATION BEGINS

On January 20th, Donald Trump was inaugurated as the 47th President of the United States.

On his first day in office President Trump rescinded several Biden-era health policy Executive Orders. The repealed executive orders include COVID-19 vaccination requirements, extended eligibility and special enrollment period for Medicaid, and expanded the Affordable Care Act's funding for aiding enrollment. President Trump also rescinded an Executive Order directing the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) to explore methods to lower prescription drug costs.

He also signed an Executive Order withdrawing the U.S. from the World Health Organization (WHO). The order will pause U.S. funding to WHO and recall and redirect government personnel who worked there.

Throughout the rest of the first week he signed dozens of additional Executive Orders including Declaring a National Emergency at the Southern Border, Declaring a National Energy Emergency, and Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit Based Opportunity. In the second week of his presidency, Donald Trump continued to sign Executive Orders including Expanding Migrant Operations Center at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay to Full Capacity, The Iron Dome for America, and Expanding Education Freedom and Opportunity for Families.

Many of these Executive Orders are intended to fulfill campaign promises Trump made during the presidential campaign. Although some have led to questions about the limits to the executive authority of the President and have caused some concern whether or not the orders contradict existing federal law in some of these areas.

#### DOGE activities scrutinized

Agents of the newly created Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) have gained access to highly restricted government records on millions of Americans including federal employees as part of a broader effort to exert more control over government agencies such as the Treasury Department and Office of Personnel Management.

Lawsuits have been filed by current and retired federal employees to block allegedly unlawful access to government employee data and protect any other data that the DOGE workers had accessed. Democrats in Congress, have criticized the access given to allies of the Elon Musk-led DOGE, claiming it threatens Americans' privacy and opens payments up to alteration.

Musk himself has repeatedly claimed that the Treasury Department made payments to "fraudulent" organizations or terrorist groups. He hasn't disclosed any evidence for the claim.

In a post on social media Musk also claimed that "big money fraud" is happening in Medicare payments, but also didn't disclose any evidence.

The Trump administration agreed in a court filing last week not to expand access to a sensitive Treasury Department payment system for "special government employees" working with DOGE.

The lawsuit is one of more than a half a dozen federal court challenges to actions taken by DOGE, ranging from access to the payment system to access to employment records and more.

#### Key federal department nominations approved

In late January, the Senate has confirmed Trump appointees Marco Rubio as Secretary of State, John Ratcliffe as CIA Director, Pete Hegseth as Secretary of Defense, Kristi Noem as Secretary of Homeland Security, Scott Bessent as Secretary of Treasury, Sean Duffy as Secretary of Transportation, Lee Zeldin as Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, and Doug Burgum as Secretary of Interior.

The Senate reconvened the first week of February and continued processing nominations including Chris Wright as Secretary of Energy, Doug Collins as Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Pam Bondi as Attorney General, Scott Turner as Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and Russ Vought as Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

#### FEDERAL BUDGET DISCUSSIONS

Following a three-day House GOP retreat, House Republicans have yet to finalize the topline budget numbers needed to initiate the budget reconciliation process. Although the three-day-long House GOP summit in Florida concluded without a budget plan for reconciliation, the House Budget Committee is expected to markup a budget as soon as mid-February. When asked on the matter, Speaker of the House Mike Johnson (R-LA) that House Republicans sought to establish a blueprint for a reconciliation process by the end of the summit.

Reconciliation, which is expected to include Republican tax priorities like the extension of many expiring Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) (P.L. 115-97) provisions, requires a budget resolution that sets topline funding numbers for the jurisdictions under individual committees. Speaker Johnson stated during the retreat that a reconciliation budget would either reduce or maintain the current deficit.

The current Continuing Resolution passed last December keeps the federal government funded through March 14, 2025. Congress will need to take action to finalize a FY25 budget or potentially extend the Continuing Resolution further before that deadline. In addition, the debt limit suspension ended on January 2, 2025; Extraordinary measures will likely allow for the government to continue to meet its obligations for several months after that date, with an "X" date possibly as late as midsummer 2025.

Both the debt ceiling and the ongoing funding of the federal government remain major concerns for Congress as they try to function with very narrow margins between Republicans and Democrats in the House and with the potential threat of a filibuster in the Senate.

Reconciliation allows for expedited consideration of certain tax, spending, and debt limit legislation. In the Senate, reconciliation bills aren't subject to filibuster and the scope of amendments is limited, giving this process real advantages for enacting controversial budget and tax measures.

#### **HEALTH CARE**

The start of the Trump administration has also been a chaotic time for federal health operations.

The Department of Health and Human Services froze through February 1<sup>st</sup> most external communications coming from the National Institutes of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Food and Drug Administration, including documents published in the Federal Register, press releases and website updates.

The White House issued, and then appeared to rescind, a memo halting the federal disbursement of grants and loans, raising questions about the security of Medicaid. On Friday, January 31st, the

CDC pulled from its website of a host of pages having to do with sexually transmitted diseases, LGBTQ+ health issues and youth risk behaviors.

#### Robert Kennedy confirmation hearings held

The Senate Finance Committee and the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee held hearings on Robert F. Kennedy Jr.'s nomination to serve as the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS). Kennedy's testimony focused on ensuring Americans are consuming safe and healthy food, removing conflicts of interest at U.S. health agencies, using gold-standard science, and reversing the chronic disease epidemic in the U.S. He emphasized that he is not antivaccine, rather he is pro-safety. He struggled to differentiate between Medicaid and Medicare, and incorrectly described how Medicaid is funded.

Kennedy's nomination advanced Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> with a 14-13 vote in the Senate Finance Committee despite significant doubts raised by members of both parties.

#### FTC report on PBMs

Before the end of the Biden administration the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) published a report regarding pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) role in specialty generic drugs. The report included findings that PBMs marked up prices for cancer and HIV drug treatments.

The report specifically focused on CVS, Express Scripts, and OptumRx's role in increasing prices for specialty generic drugs. The report noted the three PBMs generated \$7.3 billion through increased payments for drugs and found they reimbursed affiliated pharmacies at higher rates.

The FTC's findings analyzed specialty generic drugs given under health plans from Medicare Part D between 2017 to 2022. Overall, they reviewed 51 specialty generic drugs and 882 National Drug Codes.

FTC Chair Lina Khan stated, "The FTC should keep using its tools to investigate practices that may inflate drug costs, squeeze independent pharmacies, and deprive Americans of affordable, accessible healthcare—and should act swiftly to stop any illegal conduct."

The three PBMs discussed in the findings expressed their concern with the report and many called it misleading.

#### Medicare Prescription Drug price negotiations

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released a statement January 29<sup>th</sup> regarding the list of 15 drugs selected by CMS under the Biden-Harris Administration for the second cycle of the Medicare Drug Price Negotiation Program. The naming of the 15 drugs was one of the Biden administration's final health policy acts. They include semaglutide, sold as Ozempic, Wegovy and Rybelsus by Novo Nordisk, Pfizer cancer drugs Ibrance and Xtandi and asthma drug Trelegy Ellipta from GSK. The list of 15 adds to an initial round of negotiations on 10 medicines.

According to the statement, under the Trump Administration, CMS is focused on lowering prescription drug costs for Americans and is committed to applying lessons learned from the program. They also plan to explore opportunities for greater transparency and will seek input from stakeholders to improve the program, aiming to enhance value for beneficiaries and taxpayers while fostering innovation.

The announcement comes amid some uncertainty about the new administration's drug pricing priorities. On Inauguration Day, President Donald Trump issued an Executive Order rescinding a

Biden administration initiative that had directed the health secretary to explore ways of lowering pharmaceutical costs within Medicare. While specific elements of that initiative appear to be continuing, the order created confusion about the White House's broader plans.

#### Senate Democrats urge President Trump to continue drug pricing negotiations

Senators Ron Wyden (D-OR), Elizabeth Warren (D-MA), and Bernie Sanders (I-VT) had written a letter to President Trump urging him to continue the Medicare Part D drug negotiation program enacted under the Inflation Reduction Act.

In the letter, the Senators note that President Trump has previously outlined policy initiatives aimed at pushing back on the pharmaceutical industry. They pointed to executive orders during his first Administration that called for ensuing "Medicare patients receive the lowest price that drug companies offer comparable foreign nations," and to prevent drug manufacturers from conspiring with prescription drug middlemen to keep selling high priced drugs over lower-cost generics.

#### FEDERAL LEGISLATION BOARD REPORT

#### 118<sup>th</sup> United States Congress (Prepared by Chris Collins as of February 7, 2025)

#### H.R.82

SPONSOR: Rep. Graves, Garret (R-LA)

LAST ACTIONS: 01/05/2025 Became Public Law No: 118-273.

CAPTION: Social Security Fairness Act of 2023

COMMENT: Repeals the GPO and WEP. 330 co-sponsors; 12 Ohioans. These changes are

effective for benefits payable after December 2023.

#### S.597

SPONSOR: Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]

LAST ACTIONS: Senate - 03/01/2023 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

**CAPTION: Social Security Fairness Act** 

COMMENT: Repeals the GPO and WEP. 62 co-sponsors; 1 Ohio Senator. Died at end of

session.

#### H.R.4260

SPONSOR: Rep. Neal, Richard (D-MA)

LAST ACTIONS: House – 12/17/2024 Referred to the Subcommittee on Social Security. CAPTION: To amend title II of the Social Security Act to provide an equitable Social Security formula for individuals with noncovered employment and to provide relief for individuals currently affected by the Windfall Elimination Provision.

COMMENT: 107 co-sponsors; two Ohioans. Died at end of session.

#### H.R.4583

SPONSOR: Rep. John Larson (D-CT)

LAST ACTIONS: House - 12/17/2024 Referred to the Subcommittee on Social Security.

CAPTION: Social Security 2100 Act. To protect our Social Security system and improve benefits

for current and future generations.

COMMENT: 189 co-sponsors; four Ohioans. Died at end of session.

#### H.R.5342

SPONSOR: Rep. Jodey Arrington (R-TX)

LAST ACTIONS: House - 11/12/2024 On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Failed

by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 175 - 225, 1 Present (Roll no. 457).

CAPTION: To amend title II of the Social Security Act to replace the windfall elimination

provision with a formula equalizing benefits for certain individuals with noncovered employment, and for other purposes.

COMMENT: 37 co-sponsors; 3 Ohioans. Died at end of session.

## STATE LEGISLATION BOARD REPORT (Prepared by Chris Collins as of February 7, 2025)

#### 135<sup>th</sup> General Assembly

**SB6** ESG POLICIES-STATE ENTITIES (Schuring, K) - Regarding environmental, social, and corporate governance policies with respect to the state retirement systems, Bureau of Workers' Compensation, and state institutions of higher education.

Current Status: 12/19/2024 SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; effective March 20, 2025.

**HB4** LEGISLATIVE INTENT-ECONOMIC BOYCOTTS (Young, T., King, A.) To declare the General Assembly's intention to enact legislation regarding financial institutions and other businesses that conduct economic boycotts or discriminate against certain companies or customers based on certain factors.

Current Status: 11/14/2023 Substitute Bill Accepted. Bill died at end of session.

**HB33** FY24-25 OPERATING BUDGET (Edwards, J.) To make operating appropriations for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2025, to levy taxes, and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of state programs. [Includes SERS' CBBC provision]

Current Status: 01/24/2024 Consideration of Governor's Veto; Senate Overrides Veto, Vote 24-8.

**HB146** SERS BENEFIT CAP (Bird, A.) To establish a contribution based benefit cap in calculating a School Employees Retirement System member's retirement benefit.

Current Status: 05/16/2023, REPORTED OUT, House Pensions, (Third Hearing). Bill died at end of session (provisions included in HB 33.)

**HCR 6** URGE CONGRESS - REPEAL WINDFALL ELIMINATION PROVISION (King, Plummer) To urge Congress to repeal the Windfall Elimination Provision.

Current Status: 04/10/2024 REPORTED OUT. Resolution adopted by both Ohio House and Senate.

**HB257** VIRTUAL MEETINGS FOR PUBLIC BODIES (Hoops, Claggett) - To authorize certain public bodies to meet virtually, and to declare an emergency.

Current Status: 01/08/2025 SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; effective April 9, 2025.

#### School Employees Retirement System

## Memo

To: Retirement Board

From: Richard Stensrud

cc: Karen Roggenkamp, Joe Marotta

Date: February 13, 2025

Re: CBIZ Compensation Update

You will recall that as part of SERS' compensation engagement with CBIZ, they provide us with annual recommendations for salary structure and salary budget adjustments. As described below, both matters are addressed annually in the normal course of business and are important for maintaining the compensation structure and objectives established in the compensation study. Similar to what was done last year, CBIZ provided preliminary information on these topics to the Compensation Committee at the December meeting and will present an official recommendation, with updated information, to the full Board in February.

The salary structure (i.e., the salary ranges for all employees) is annually reviewed and adjusted based on the changes to the labor market salary data for the markets against which SERS' positions are benchmarked (public sector or private sector, depending on the position). This is important because it helps assure that SERS' salary ranges remain aligned with the salaries for comparable positions, and in so doing, helps assure that the salary ranges allow SERS to attract and retain the quality of employees that will enable SERS to continue to be successful at our mission. The annual adjustment also reduces the potential for having to make larger adjustments when market-competitive pay is assessed every three to five years in the full compensation study.

A few things to note about the salary structure adjustment:

- The salary range adjustment is the same for all positions.
- Changes to salary ranges does not mean that employees receive a salary increase in the amount of the change it is simply the salary range that is changed.

Adjusting the salary budget annually to match market trends for annual salary growth is important and a best practice because it assures that wages remain competitive in the relevant markets and that larger salary increases are not required when the next compensation study is performed. As you will recall, annual merit increases are the primary source of salary growth for most SERS employees. Salary growth can also come via a promotion; be based on expanded job duties; for an equity adjustment to keep the employee appropriately placed in her/his salary range; or because the employee is below the minimum of her/his salary range. SERS employees do not receive automatic step increases or cost of living adjustments.

As noted above, at the February Board Meeting Joe Rice of CBIZ will present a recommendation for both the salary structure and the overall salary budget adjustments. The latter will include a merit component but will not recommend a specific merit level. Please note that the CBIZ recommendations will be based on objective market data but ultimately the salary structure and salary budget adjustments will be determined by the Board.

To that end, as was done last year, at the March Board Meeting the Board will be provided with information regarding the fiscal impact of various combinations of salary structure, salary budget growth and merit levels. At that time the Board will be asked to approve a specific salary structure and salary budget adjustment, and merit level, so that this information can be built into the budget for FY 2025-2026. You will recall that pursuant to policy and practice, a preliminary budget is presented to the ORSC in April, the draft budget is presented for Board discussion in May, and the proposed final budget is presented for Board approval in June.

I hope this information is helpful. Please let me know if you have any questions.





## Agenda

Labor market trends
CBIZ survey results
Salary planning guidance
Next Steps
Answer your questions





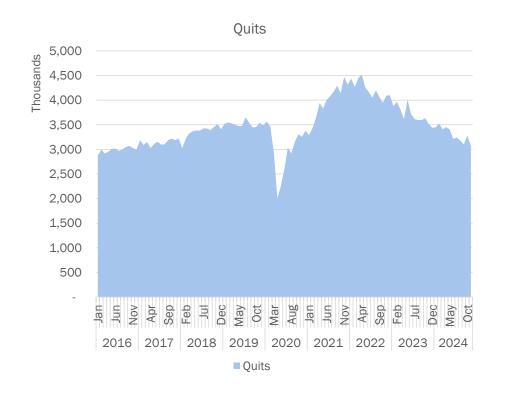


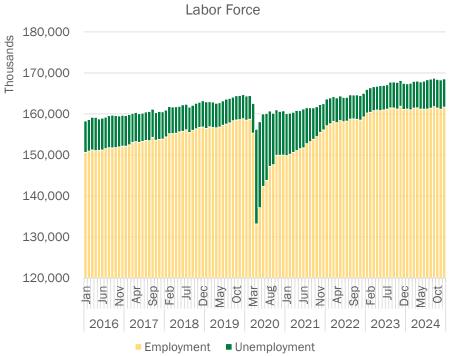
### Highlights

Seeing a multiyear cooling of wage growth, still historically high
Labor market dynamics point to continued cooling
Public sector wage growth continue to surpass private
Columbus market continues to see development, employer growth, and job gains



### **Quits & Labor Force**



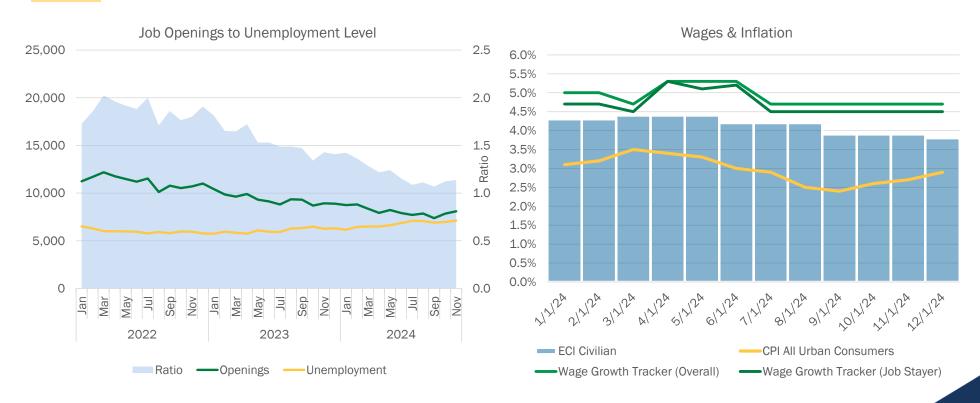


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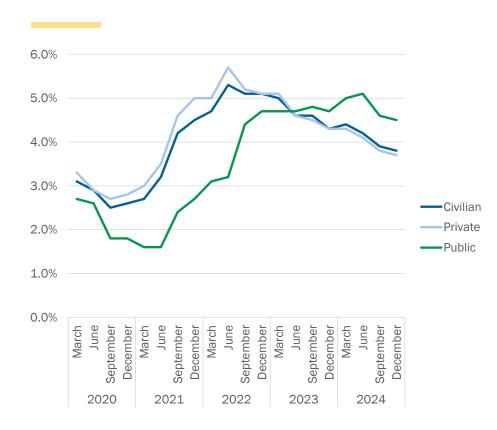


### Openings & Wages





### **Employment Cost Index Detail**

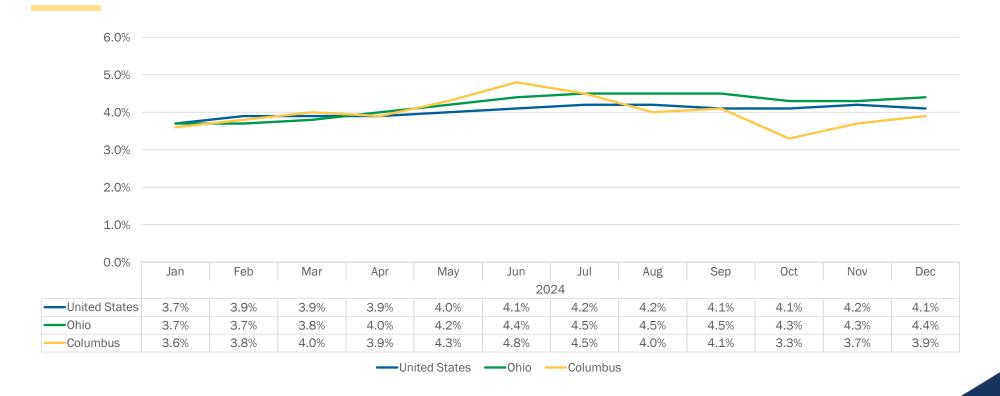


The public sector was late in responding to wage pressures

Public sector has been growing wages faster than the private sector for over a year



## **Unemployment Rate**



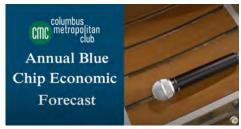


### Columbus Metropolitan Club

#### Blue Chip Economic Forecast; January 8, 2025

- Featuring Bill LaFayette, Ph.D., Owner, Regionomics LLC
- Kathy Bostjancic, Chief Economist, Nationwide Mutual
- Joyce Chen, Ph.D.; Professor, Economics, Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies, The Ohio State University
- Benjamin Lanka, Business Editor, The Columbus

Dispatch



#### **Highlights**

- Workforce availability challenges
  - Weak labor force growth
  - Skill disparity
- Moderate employment growth
- Despite notable developments
- Income gains moving forward
- Rising housing costs
  - High rental inflation
  - Lack of affordable housing

Blue Chip Economic Forecast - CMC (columbusmetroclub.org)



# **CBIZ Survey Results**

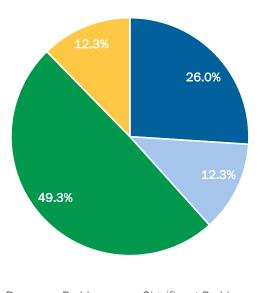
Annual salary survey of US public pension funds. Conducted in collaboration with the National Conference on Public Employee Retirement Systems (NCPERS).



### Recruitment & Retention Trends

Almost half of respondents (49.3%) indicated they are having no problems attracting and recruiting skilled staff, up from 38% of respondents to NCPERS 2023 Public Pension Compensation Survey.





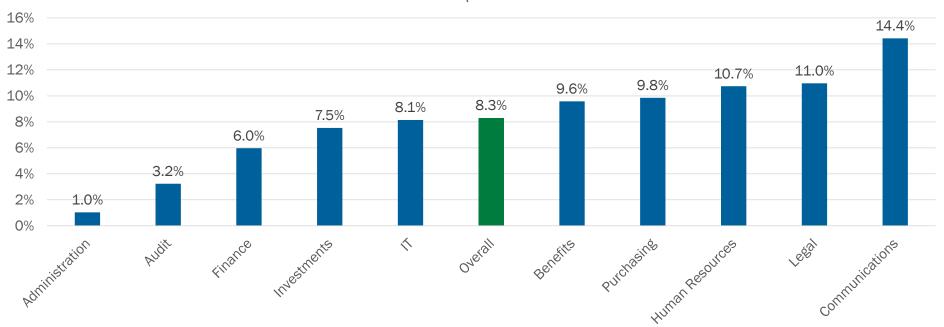
- Starting to Become a Problem
- No Problem

- Significant Problem
- Expect to Become a Problem Soon



### Compensation Growth by Function







### Salary Increase Trends

#### SALARY INCREASE BUDGET - AVERAGE



#### **N**OTES

#### Ohio System Peers 2025 projections

- OPERS 4.5% merit budget
- OP&F 4.8% merit budget

#### **SERS**

- **2023** 
  - 4.5% merit budget
  - 1.2% adjustments, promotions, and an additional FTE
- **2024** 
  - 4.0% merit budget
  - 1.2% adjustments, promotions, and an additional FTE







### CBIZ 2025 Guidance

#### 3.1% Structure Update

- Adjusts range minimums and maximums
- Tied to ECI and Salary Budget Survey
- Broad Measure of Wage movement

### 4.5% Salary Budget Increase

- Establishes the salary increase pool
  - Would be used for adjustments, promotions, and merit
- Advances employee through internal/market range
- Avoid/alleviate pay compression
- Based on typical update-increase spreads



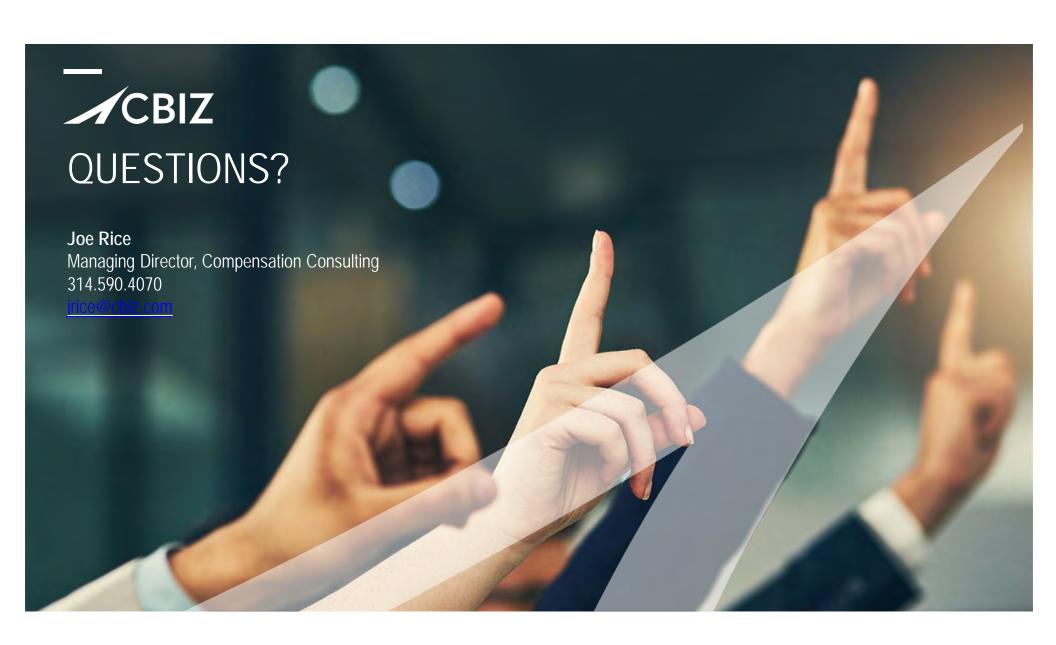
### Adjustment Examples

#### STRUCTURE UPDATE; 3.1% RANGE ADJUSTMENT

Structure	Range Minimum	Range Midpoint	Range Maximum
2024	\$44,444	\$53,333	\$62,222
2025	\$45,822	\$54,986	\$64,150

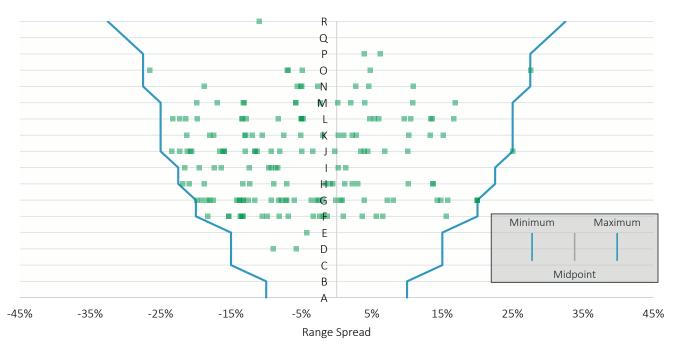
### SALARY REVIEWS; 4.5% BASE SALARY BUDGET INCREASE WITH 4.2% MERIT POOL

Full Name	Salary	Merit Increase %	Notes
Employee A	\$47,000	4.3%	<ul><li>Annual review exceeds performance standards</li><li>Increase slightly above the budget target</li></ul>
Employee B	\$59,250	3.8%	<ul><li>Annual review meets performance standards</li><li>Slightly lower than the budget target</li></ul>





## Staff Range Penetration



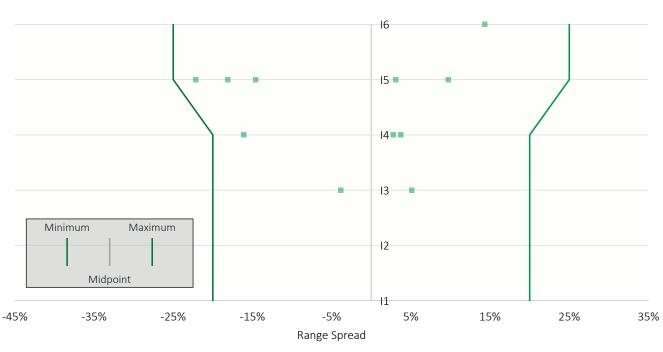
57 employees at/above midpoint

117 employees below midpoint

■ Employee Range Penetration



### Investments Range Penetration



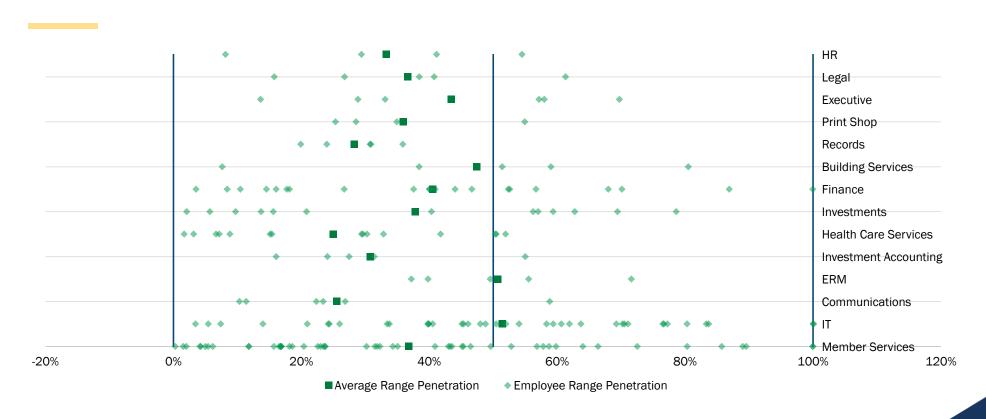
6 employees at/above midpoint

5 employees below midpoint

■ Employee Range Penetration



## Department Range Penetration



### Finance Headline News - February 2025



- Budget Administration
  - FY25 SERS administrative expenses are tracking under budget through January 2025
    - Prescription claims and Professional Services are being closely monitored
  - FY26 budget cycle Departments meet with Executive in February to review budget submissions
- The following detailed reports are attached for further analysis:
  - FY25 Budget Administrative expense reports
    - Budget to Actual through 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter FY25
      - SERS & OSERS Broad St.
    - Administrative expense summary for December 2024 and January 2025
    - Administrative expense detail for December 2024 and January 2025
    - Parameters report for December 2024 and January 2025
  - Financial highlights
    - As of November and December 2024

#### School Employees Retirement System of Ohio Detail Admin Expenses Dec 2024

Financial Row	Vendor Name	Amount
Summary Admin Expenses Expense		
53100.0 - Staff Salaries Expense		
53100 - Salaries & Wages		
	0133 ADP, LLC	\$1,270,419.85
Total - 53100 - Salaries & Wages		\$1,270,419.85
53104 - Salaries & Wages - Cash in Vacation	0133 ADP, LLC	\$10,629.57
Total - 53104 - Salaries & Wages - Cash in Vacation	0193 ADF, LLG	\$10,629.57
53110 - Salaries & Wages - Overtime		Ψ10,023.07
	0133 ADP, LLC	\$2,393.48
Total - 53110 - Salaries & Wages - Overtime		\$2,393.48
53111 - Vacation Leave Expense		
	0133 ADP, LLC	\$193,386.00
Total - 53111 - Vacation Leave Expense		\$193,386.00
53112 - Sick Leave Expense		
	0133 ADP, LLC	(\$3,747.53)
Total - 53112 - Sick Leave Expense		(\$3,747.53)
53113 - Voluntary Life Insurance Reimbursement	0267 American United Life Incurence Company	\$265.74
Total - 53113 - Voluntary Life Insurance Reimbursement	0267 American United Life Insurance Company	\$265.74 \$265.74
Total - 53100.0 - Staff Salaries Expense		\$1,473,347.11
53200.0 - Staff Retirement Contribution Expense		ψ1,470,047.11
53200 - Employer Contributions - PERS		
	0133 ADP, LLC	\$195,866.97
Total - 53200 - Employer Contributions - PERS		\$195,866.97
Total - 53200.0 - Staff Retirement Contribution Expense		\$195,866.97
53300.0 - Staff Benefit Expenses		
53300 - Staff Group Life		
	0267 American United Life Insurance Company	\$10,096.22
Total - 53300 - Staff Group Life		\$10,096.22
53310 - Staff Long Term Disability	0007.4	<b>*</b> 2.522.02
Total - 53310 - Staff Long Term Disability	0267 American United Life Insurance Company	\$3,596.82
53315 - Staff Short Term Disability		\$3,596.82
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Total - 53315 - Staff Short Term Disability	ozor American Onica Elic incurance Company	\$3,177.77
53320 - Staff Group Health Claims		,
·	3555 Aetna Daily Wires - ESERS	\$720,691.36
Total - 53320 - Staff Group Health Claims		\$720,691.36
53321 - Staff Group Health - Admin Fees		
	3552 Aetna Admin - ESERS	\$7,481.33
Total - 53321 - Staff Group Health - Admin Fees		\$7,481.33
53322 - Staff Prescription Claims	2011 - 2011 - 2011	*****
	2811 Express Scripts - ESERS	\$122,940.73
	5271 SaveonSP, LLC	\$1,330.72 (\$124,914.86)
Total - 53322 - Staff Prescription Claims	2811 Express Scripts - ESERS - Rebate	(\$124,914.60)
53324 - Staff Group Health - Stop Loss Admin		(\$043.41)
50024 Stan Group Housen Stop 2000 Admini	3552 Aetna Admin - ESERS	\$20,028.21
Total - 53324 - Staff Group Health - Stop Loss Admin		\$20,028.21
53325 - Staff Group Health - Stop Loss Claims		• •
·	3555 Aetna Daily Wires - ESERS	(\$460,880.12)
Total - 53325 - Staff Group Health - Stop Loss Claims		(\$460,880.12)
53326 - Staff Vision Claims		
	0266 VSP - (OH)	\$1,970.25
Total - 53326 - Staff Vision Claims		\$1,970.25
53327 - Staff Vision Admin Fees	22221/27 (211)	± . = .
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Total - 53327 - Staff Vision Admin Fees		\$125.28
53330 - Staff Group Health - Employee Cost	Employee Promiume	(\$26 604 06\
Total - 53330 - Staff Group Health - Employee Cost	Employee Premiums	(\$36,691.06) ( <b>\$36,691.06</b> )
Total - 30000 - Stall Gloup Health - Elliployee Gost		(\$30,051.00)

	0133 ADP, LLC	\$3,690.0
Total - 53331 - Staff Group Health - Wellness Incentive		\$3,690.0
53332 - Staff Group Health - Tobacco Premiums		. ,
	0133 ADP, LLC	(\$600.0
Total - 53332 - Staff Group Health - Tobacco Premiums		(\$600.0
53340 - Staff Medicare Premium - Employer		
	0133 ADP, LLC	\$20,671.6
Total - 53340 - Staff Medicare Premium - Employer		\$20,671.6
53380 - Staff Deferred Compensation Match		
	0133 ADP, LLC	\$4,980.0
Total - 53380 - Staff Deferred Compensation Match		\$4,980.0
Total - 53300.0 - Staff Benefit Expenses		\$297,694.2
54100 - Actuarial Services		***
	3241 CavMac	\$12,000.0
Total - 54100 - Actuarial Services		\$12,000.0
54300.0 - Banking Fee Expenses		
54310 - Custodial Fees		***
	5482 Fifth Third - Investments	\$32,000.0
	0273 BNY Mellon Asset Servicing	\$65,000.0
Total - 54310 - Custodial Fees		\$97,000.0
54320 - Custodial Banking		
	0386 Huntington National Bank	\$4,283.6
	0125 Treasurer of State - Warrants	\$35.4
Total - 54320 - Custodial Banking		\$4,319.0
Total - 54300.0 - Banking Fee Expenses		\$101,319.0
54400.0 - Investment Related Expenses		
54410 - Master Recordkeeper Fees		
	0273 BNY Mellon Asset Servicing	\$86,666.6
Total - 54410 - Master Recordkeeper Fees		\$86,666.6
54420 - Investment Advisory Admin Fees		
	0484 Wilshire Advisors, LLC	\$112,500.0
Total - 54420 - Investment Advisory Admin Fees		\$112,500.0
54430 - Performance/Analytics Fee		
	4896 Barra LLC	\$59,611.2
	0484 Wilshire Advisors, LLC	\$2,000.0
		\$35,667.6
Total - 54430 - Performance/Analytics Fee		\$97,278.9
54460 - Bloomberg Terminal Rentals		
	2700 Bloomberg Finance LP	\$6,645.0
Total - 54460 - Bloomberg Terminal Rentals		\$6,645.0
Total - 54400.0 - Investment Related Expenses		\$303,090.5
54520 - Medical Consultant		
	1021 Glen G Borchers, M.D.	\$3,750.0
Total - 54520 - Medical Consultant		\$3,750.0
54600.0 - Technical Expenses		
54610 - Special Counsel		
	0276 Ice Miller LLP	\$31,327.6
Total - 54610 - Special Counsel		\$31,327.6
54620 - Technical		
	5345 Sigital, LLC	\$1,572.5
	5827 Launch Consulting	\$7,100.0
	5648 Oracle America, Inc.	\$6,000.0
	3296 LexisNexis Risk Data Management, Inc	\$2,386.6
	5215 ComResource	\$2,932.5
	5613 Revelwood Incorporated	\$345.0
	0354 Merative US L.P.	\$31,000.0
Total - 54620 - Technical		\$51,336.6
54630 - Other Professional Services		
	5661 Linea Solutions, Inc.	\$20,000.0
	5031 Vorys Advisors LLC	\$3,666.6
	0311 Government Finance Officers Association	\$1,515.0
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	5060 Kimberly Wickert	φ∠10.0

55100 - Postage		
_	0254 Unishippers Association	\$293.56
	2489 FedEx	\$33.72 \$1,264.74
Total - 55100 - Postage	0060 Pitney Bowes Inc.	\$1,592.02
55200 - Telecommunications Services		. ,
	5555 Everstream Solutions LLC	\$1,376.00
	4732 Verizon Wireless	\$199.13
	0277 XO Verizon	\$1,826.65
	5543 Spectrum AWS	\$1,230.00
	5665 Total Communication Solutions	\$686.11
	1605 AT&T - 7258	\$40.10
	0087 Spectrum 0253 T-Mobile	\$237.34 \$59.38
Total - 55200 - Telecommunications Services	0233 1 - IVIODITE	\$5,6 <b>54.7</b> 1
55300 - Member/Employer Education		<b>\$0,00</b> 4.11
	4819 Hilton Garden Inn	\$550.00
Total - 55300 - Member/Employer Education		\$550.00
55400.0 - Printing & Publication Expenses		
55400 - Printing Paper	0.107.01 11 B	***
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Total - 55400 - Printing Paper 55420 - Communications & Publications		\$6,901.20
33720 - COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLICATIONS	0127 Bindery and Specialties, Inc.	\$2,125.00
	5304 Tension Envelope Corporation	\$2,125.00 \$4.087.60
Total - 55420 - Communications & Publications	3304 Tension Envelope Corporation	\$6,212.60
Total - 55400.0 - Printing & Publication Expenses		\$13,113.80
56000.0 - Computer Support Service Expenses		Ψ10,110.00
56020 - Hardware Maintenance		
	1032 Vertiv Corporation	\$6,501.06
Total - 56020 - Hardware Maintenance		\$6,501.06
56030 - Software Maintenance		
	4139 Shi International Corp.	\$12,692.50
Total - 56030 - Software Maintenance		\$12,692.50
56035 - Software Subscriptions	5.470 M-II-11-11-0	£470.00
	5473 Wellable LLC	\$473.20 \$15,360.58
	5501 Expedient 5403 Zoho Corporation	\$775.00
	5477 JAM Software	\$162.40
	4895 CarahSoft Technology Corp	\$11,603.20
	0133 ADP, LLC	\$3,311.5
	0891 NAVEX Global, Inc.	\$6,504.60
	5409 Amazon Web Services	\$62.87
Total - 56035 - Software Subscriptions		\$38,253.36
Total - 56000.0 - Computer Support Service Expenses		\$57,446.92
56100.0 - Office Equipment & Supply Expenses		·
56110 - Equipment Repairs & Maintenance		
	5332 Canon Financial Services, Inc	\$544.00
	4620 Ricoh USA, Inc	\$942.90
	4849 US Bank Equipment Finance	\$2,457.85
	5340 Digital Print Solutions	\$1,074.04
Total - 56110 - Equipment Repairs & Maintenance		\$5,018.79
56140 - Miscellaneous Office Supplies		***
Total 50440 Missallanaava Office Symplica	0411 Amazon.com	\$11.46
Total - 56140 - Miscellaneous Office Supplies 56160 - Records Storage		\$11.46
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Total - 56160 - Records Storage	0007 Vital Necolds Holdings, ELO	\$125.00
Total - 56100.0 - Office Equipment & Supply Expenses		\$5,155.25
56200.0 - Staff Training Expenses		¥0,100.20
56210 - Seminars & Conferences		
	0690 International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans	\$9,875.00
	0311 Government Finance Officers Association	\$570.00
	1535 Ohio State University	\$4,750.00
	0397 Project Management Institute	\$450.00
Total - 56210 - Seminars & Conferences		\$15,645.00
56220 - In House Training		
	0133 ADP, LLC	\$655.20
Total - 56220 - In House Training		\$655.20
Total - 56200.0 - Staff Training Expenses		\$16,300.20

#### 56300.0 - Transportation & Travel Expenses 56310 - Travel & Transportation

	5884 Institutional Investor, LLC	\$142.00
	5419 David McGary	\$388.96
	0564 Kroger	\$26.04
	5570 Michelle Richards	\$1,042.58
	4588 Farouki Majeed	\$3,474.58
	4246 Sam's Club	\$46.18
	5318 Michael Browning	\$651.17
	0024 James Rossler	\$1,894.16
	5639 Aimee Russell	\$1,870.91
	0146 Judi Masri	\$3,077.79
	5380 Chris Collins	\$647.00
	0188 Jason Naber	\$2,483.89
	5100 James Haller	\$566.20
	4824 Frank Weglarz	\$536.68
	0009 Catherine Moss	\$554.14
	5512 Paul Cheng	\$740.02
	5889 Jeanine Alexander	\$302.40
	5418 Matt King	\$262.00
	0017 Daniel L Wilson	\$131.00
	5572 Mike Berger	\$501.70
	5595 Kewalin Leonard	\$531.79
	5541 Cameron Mitchell	\$1,388.25
Total - 56310 - Travel & Transportation		\$21,259.44
56311 - Mileage		
	4824 Frank Weglarz	\$436.84
	0009 Catherine Moss	\$463.64
	5100 James Haller	\$259.44
	0188 Jason Naber	\$22.12
	5318 Michael Browning	\$5.76
	0017 Daniel L Wilson	\$199.66
	0024 James Rossler	\$190.28
	5889 Jeanine Alexander	\$263.98
	5418 Matt King	\$160.80
Total - 56311 - Mileage		\$2,002.52
Total - 56300.0 - Transportation & Travel Expenses 56400.0 - Membership & Subscription Expenses 56410 - Subscriptions		\$23,261.96
·	4547 Constant Contact	\$545.00
	5511 Toledo Blade	\$12.99
	0304 Wall Street Journal	\$167.64
	4810 Shutterstock, Inc.	\$29.00
	5865 Cleveland.Com	\$10.00
	0411 Amazon.com	\$192.43
Total - 56410 - Subscriptions		\$957.06
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56420 - Memberships		
56420 - Memberships	0841 Society for Human Resource Management	\$570.00
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Total - 56420 - Memberships	2794 International Association of Business Communicators	\$355.00
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Total - 56420 - Memberships Total - 56400.0 - Membership & Subscription Expenses 56600.0 - Maintenance Expenses 56630 - Interior Landscaping	2794 International Association of Business Communicators	\$355.00 \$170.00 <b>\$1,095.00</b> <b>\$2,052.06</b> \$1,386.37
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	5888 Robin Lambka	\$374.10
	5303 Culligan Bottled Water of Columbus	\$66.93
	•	\$1,125.00
Total - 56620 - Staff Support		\$4,890.35
56621 - Recruiting Expenses		
	5460 Indeed	\$655.15
	5651 HRdirect	\$412.74
	5430 ADP Screening & Selection Services	\$210.27
Total - 56621 - Recruiting Expenses		\$1,278.16
Total - 56650.0 - Staff Support Expenses		\$6,168.51
56900 - Reimbursement of Leased Svcs from OSE	RS Broad St	
	Reimbursement of Leased Services	(\$25,416.67)
Total - 56900 - Reimbursement of Leased Svcs fro		(\$25,416.67)
Total - Expense		\$2,602,837.48
otal Admin Expenses		\$2,602,837.48

#### School Employees Retirement System of Ohio SERS Detail Admin Expenses Jan 2025

Financial Row	Vendor Name	Amount
Summary Admin Expenses		
Expense		
53100.0 - Staff Salaries Expense		
53100 - Salaries & Wages	0400 ABB 11 0	<b>#4 070 700 05</b>
Total - 53100 - Salaries & Wages	0133 ADP, LLC	\$1,272,789.25
53102 - Salaries & Wages - Cash in Sick		\$1,272,789.25
53110 - Salaries & Wages - Cash in Sick		
33110 - Salailes & Wages - Overtille	0133 ADP, LLC	\$2,963.78
Total - 53110 - Salaries & Wages - Overtime	OTOG ADI , LLO	\$2,963.78
53111 - Vacation Leave Expense		<b>V</b> =,0000
, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	0133 ADP, LLC	\$126,020.16
Total - 53111 - Vacation Leave Expense		\$126,020.16
53112 - Sick Leave Expense		. ,
	0133 ADP, LLC	\$147,955.30
Total - 53112 - Sick Leave Expense		\$147,955.30
Total - 53100.0 - Staff Salaries Expense		\$1,549,728.49
53200.0 - Staff Retirement Contribution Expense		
53200 - Employer Contributions - PERS		
	0133 ADP, LLC	\$212,876.12
Total - 53200 - Employer Contributions - PERS		\$212,876.12
Total - 53200.0 - Staff Retirement Contribution Expense		\$212,876.12
53300.0 - Staff Benefit Expenses		
53300 - Staff Group Life	0267 American United Life Insurance Company	\$10,252.17
Total - 53300 - Staff Group Life	0207 American Office Life insurance Company	\$10,252.17 \$10,252.17
53310 - Staff Long Term Disability		\$10,232.17
33310 - Staff Long Term Disability	0267 American United Life Insurance Company	\$3,645.67
Total - 53310 - Staff Long Term Disability		\$3,645.67
53315 - Staff Short Term Disability		**,******
·	0267 American United Life Insurance Company	\$3,168.29
Total - 53315 - Staff Short Term Disability		\$3,168.29
53320 - Staff Group Health Claims		
	3555 Aetna Daily Wires - ESERS	\$205,133.48
Total - 53320 - Staff Group Health Claims		\$205,133.48
53321 - Staff Group Health - Admin Fees		
	3552 Aetna Admin - ESERS	\$7,920.20
Total - 53321 - Staff Group Health - Admin Fees		\$7,920.20
53322 - Staff Prescription Claims	5074.0 00.11.0	<b>A</b> 4 000 05
	5271 SaveonSP, LLC	\$1,682.35
Total - 53322 - Staff Prescription Claims	2811 Express Scripts - ESERS	\$114,333.55
53323 - Staff Prescription Admin fees		\$116,015.90
55525 - Statt Frescription Admin fees	5448 Beyond Blue Corporation	\$1,044.00
Total - 53323 - Staff Prescription Admin fees	3440 Deyona Dide Corporation	\$1,044.00
53324 - Staff Group Health - Stop Loss Admin		ψ1,044.00
	3552 Aetna Admin - ESERS	\$24,525.21
Total - 53324 - Staff Group Health - Stop Loss Admin		\$24,525.21
53325 - Staff Group Health - Stop Loss Claims		, ,-
·	3555 Aetna Daily Wires - ESERS	(\$18,988.78)
Total - 53325 - Staff Group Health - Stop Loss Claims		(\$18,988.78)
53326 - Staff Vision Claims		,
	0266 VSP - (OH)	\$3,452.22
Total - 53326 - Staff Vision Claims		\$3,452.22
53330 - Staff Group Health - Employee Cost		
	Employee Premiums	(\$38,938.06)
Total - 53330 - Staff Group Health - Employee Cost		(\$38,938.06)

53331 - Staff Group Health - Wellness Incentive	0133 ADP LLC	\$3,705
Total - 53331 - Staff Group Health - Wellness Incentive	0133 ADP, LLC	\$3,705
53332 - Staff Group Health - Tobacco Premiums		φ5,705
•	0133 ADP, LLC	(\$560
Total - 53332 - Staff Group Health - Tobacco Premiums		(\$560
53340 - Staff Medicare Premium - Employer		
Total - 53340 - Staff Medicare Premium - Employer	0133 ADP, LLC	\$25,958
53350 - Staff Workers Compensation		\$25,958
Court	1123 Ohio Bureau Of Workers Compensation	\$2,621
Total - 53350 - Staff Workers Compensation		\$2,621
53380 - Staff Deferred Compensation Match		
	0133 ADP, LLC	\$5,025
Total - 53380 - Staff Deferred Compensation Match otal - 53300.0 - Staff Benefit Expenses		\$5,025 \$353,979
64100 - Actuarial Services		<b>\$353,979</b>
7.000	3241 CavMac	\$12,000
Total - 54100 - Actuarial Services		\$12,000
54200 - Audit Services		
	5222 Plante & Moran, PLLC	\$26,380
Total - 54200 - Audit Services	1266 Treasurer of State of Ohio	\$1,008 \$27,389
otal - 54200 - Audit Services 54300.0 - Banking Fee Expenses		\$27,388
54310 - Custodial Fees		
	5482 Fifth Third - Investments	\$23,556
	0273 BNY Mellon Asset Servicing	\$72,509
Total - 54310 - Custodial Fees		\$96,065
54320 - Custodial Banking	0125 Treasurer of State - Warrants	\$35
	0386 Huntington National Bank	\$12,194
Total - 54320 - Custodial Banking		\$12,229
otal - 54300.0 - Banking Fee Expenses		\$108,295
54400.0 - Investment Related Expenses		
54410 - Master Recordkeeper Fees	0070 PAN/ Mallag Accest Comicing	<b>#04.504</b>
Total - 54410 - Master Recordkeeper Fees	0273 BNY Mellon Asset Servicing	\$94,594 <b>\$94,594</b>
54430 - Performance/Analytics Fee		φ34,334
	0484 Wilshire Advisors, LLC	(\$97,000
	4410 MSCI ESG Research LLC	\$4,000
	0273 BNY Mellon Asset Servicing	\$33,603
Total - 54430 - Performance/Analytics Fee		(\$59,396
54460 - Bloomberg Terminal Rentals	2700 Bloomberg Finance LP	\$1,337
Total - 54460 - Bloomberg Terminal Rentals	2700 bloomberg Finance LF	\$1,337
otal - 54400.0 - Investment Related Expenses		\$36,535
4520 - Medical Consultant		
	1021 Glen G Borchers, M.D.	\$3,750
Total - 54520 - Medical Consultant		\$3,750
64600.0 - Technical Expenses 54610 - Special Counsel		
34010 - Opecial Godinsei	3361 Seyfarth Shaw LLP	\$58,952
	1921 Porter, Wright, Morris,	\$7,935
	4550 Calfee Halter & Griswold LLP	\$1,080
	0276 Ice Miller LLP	\$18,201
Total - 54610 - Special Counsel 54620 - Technical		\$86,168
540∠U - Technical	5345 Sigital, LLC	\$4,255
	3296 LexisNexis Risk Data Management, Inc	\$8,036
	4518 Sagitec Solutions, LLC	\$86,463
	5215 ComResource	\$4,456
	5613 Revelwood Incorporated	\$115
	4835 The Soft Edge, Inc	\$3,500
Total - 54620 - Technical 54630 - Other Professional Services		\$106,826
34030 - Other Professional Services	5031 Vorys Advisors LLC	\$3,666
	3914 Impact Training and Development, Inc	\$3,666 \$408
	0476 Attorney General	\$17,424
	5532 CBIZ Talent and Compensation Solutions	\$3,000

55100 - Postage

55100 - Postage		
	5300 Notifii LLC	\$534.00
	2489 FedEx	\$33.72
	0060 Pitney Bowes Inc.	\$10,475.26
	0254 Unishippers Association	\$122.65
Total - 55100 - Postage	0251 United States Postal Service	\$100,000.00
55200 - Telecommunications Services		\$111,165.63
Total	5555 Everstream Solutions LLC	\$1,376.00
	0277 XO Verizon	\$1,829.3
	4732 Verizon Wireless	\$194.1
	5665 Total Communication Solutions	\$1,788.48
	1605 AT&T - 7258	\$50.09
	5543 Spectrum AWS	\$1,230.00
	0253 T-Mobile	\$59.38
Total - 55200 - Telecommunications Services	0233 1-Mobile	\$6, <b>527.</b> 3
55300 - Member/Employer Education		<del>**,*=</del> *
	4834 Event Brite	(\$120.00
Total - 55300 - Member/Employer Education		(\$120.00
55400.0 - Printing & Publication Expenses 55400 - Printing Paper		
55466 - Frinking Faper	0407 Sterling Paper Company	\$7,051.02
Total - 55400 - Printing Paper		\$7,051.02
55410 - Printing Supplies		
Tatal FF 440 Printing Communication	0411 Amazon.com	\$32.0
Total - 55410 - Printing Supplies 55420 - Communications & Publications		\$32.0
55420 - Communications & Publications	0127 Bindery and Specialties, Inc.	\$15,036.0
Total - 55420 - Communications & Publications	0121 Billiony and Operation, inc.	\$15,036.0
Total - 55400.0 - Printing & Publication Expenses		\$22,119.0
56000.0 - Computer Support Service Expenses		<del>,</del>
56030 - Software Maintenance		
	4518 Sagitec Solutions, LLC	\$70,000.0
	4139 Shi International CorpReclass	(\$12,692.5
Total - 56030 - Software Maintenance		\$57,307.50
56035 - Software Subscriptions		
	5473 Wellable LLC	\$483.60
	5501 Expedient	\$9,100.58
	5252 PDFForge.org	\$1,375.0
	4139 Shi International Corp.	\$12,692.5
	0133 ADP, LLC	\$3,091.13
	5648 Oracle America, Inc.	\$11,969.8
	5488 Diligent	\$22,992.0
	0413 CDW-Government, Inc.	\$68,861.0
Total E002E Caffware Cubaculations	5387 Ironman Software	\$499.9
Total - 56035 - Software Subscriptions 56040 - Hardware < \$5,000		\$131,065.6
30040 - Hai dwale < \$5,000	0411 Amazon.com	\$149.9
	2263 Dell Marketing LP	\$360.20
Total - 56040 - Hardware < \$5,000	ELOO DOI Markoting Li	\$510.1
Total - 56000.0 - Computer Support Service Expenses		\$188,883.3
56100.0 - Office Equipment & Supply Expenses		Ψ100,003.3
56110 - Equipment Repairs & Maintenance		
	5332 Canon Financial Services, Inc	\$544.0
	4447 LD Products Inc.	\$84.4
	4620 Ricoh USA, Inc	\$2,807.9
	5340 Digital Print Solutions	\$514.90
	4849 US Bank Equipment Finance	\$2,915.9
Total - 56110 - Equipment Repairs & Maintenance		\$6,867.3
56130 - Office Supplies & Expenses		ψ0,001.0
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	1594 Walmart	\$8.5
		\$8.5
Total - 56130 - Office Supplies & Expenses		<b>\$6.3</b>
Total - 56130 - Office Supplies & Expenses 56160 - Records Storage	0007 Vital Records Holdings LLC	
56160 - Records Storage	0007 Vital Records Holdings, LLC	\$125.0
56160 - Records Storage  Total - 56160 - Records Storage	0007 Vital Records Holdings, LLC	\$125.00 <b>\$125.0</b> 0
56160 - Records Storage	0007 Vital Records Holdings, LLC	\$125.00 <b>\$125.0</b> 0
Total - 56160 - Records Storage  Total - 56100 - Records Storage  Total - 56100.0 - Office Equipment & Supply Expenses	0007 Vital Records Holdings, LLC	\$125.0 <b>\$125.0</b>
Total - 56160 - Records Storage  Total - 56100.0 - Office Equipment & Supply Expenses 56200.0 - Staff Training Expenses	0007 Vital Records Holdings, LLC 5867 Amy Razor	\$125.00 \$125.00 \$7,000.90 \$4,766.00

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56210 - Seminars & Conferences		
	5891 Professional Education Service, LP	\$161.10
	0307 Ohio Society of CPAs	\$246.17
	1535 Ohio State University	\$250.00
Total - 56210 - Seminars & Conferences		\$657.27
56220 - In House Training		
Total 50000 by Harris Tarining	0133 ADP, LLC	\$658.80
Total - 56220 - In House Training Total - 56200.0 - Staff Training Expenses		\$658.80 \$6,082.07
56300.0 - Transportation & Travel Expenses		\$0,U02.U <i>1</i>
56310 - Travel & Transportation		
out of the second secon	5884 Institutional Investor, LLC	(\$142.00
	1217 Steve Price	\$717.60
	0564 Kroger	\$119.26
	5418 Matt King	\$48.14
	5595 Kewalin Leonard	\$742.95
	3776 Stacy Easterday	\$742.95
	0024 James Rossler	\$35.56
	5180 Olive Garden	\$366.98
	5100 James Haller	\$114.37
	2320 Phil Sisson	\$717.60
	0757 Giant Eagle	\$7.98
	0009 Catherine Moss	\$102.48
	5639 Aimee Russell	\$416.99
	5572 Mike Berger	\$742.95
	4588 Farouki Majeed	\$2,475.01
	5823 Melody Meininger	\$61.40
	4824 Frank Weglarz	\$152.39
	5437 Adam Messerschmitt	\$755.89
	5512 Paul Cheng	\$1,465.14
Total 50040 Taylor 9 Transportation	5889 Jeanine Alexander	(\$131.00
Total - 56310 - Travel & Transportation 56311 - Mileage		\$9,512.64
30311 - Milleage	4588 Farouki Majeed	\$30.68
	5639 Aimee Russell	\$110.02
	0017 Daniel L Wilson	\$208.60
	4824 Frank Weglarz	\$228.20
	5437 Adam Messerschmitt	\$8.68
	5889 Jeanine Alexander	\$275.80
Total - 56311 - Mileage		\$861.98
Total - 56300.0 - Transportation & Travel Expenses		\$10,374.62
56400.0 - Membership & Subscription Expenses		. ,
56410 - Subscriptions		
	4547 Constant Contact	\$545.00
	4810 Shutterstock, Inc.	\$29.00
	0917 National Association of Public Pension Attorneys	\$350.00
	0305 Columbus Dispatch	\$76.62
	5873 Ned Davis Research	\$3,125.00
	5511 Toledo Blade	\$12.99
	0304 Wall Street Journal	\$125.73
	5865 Cleveland.Com	\$10.00
	4694 BCA Research Inc.	\$16,031.50
	0682 Wolters Kluwer Law & Business	\$3,617.96

#### 56420 - Memberships

56420 - Memberships			
	0841 Society for Human Resource Management	\$264.00	
	0886 Public Retirement Information Systems Management	\$500.00	
	2098 Institute of Internal Auditors	\$152.00	
	5006 ISC2	\$135.00	
	1268 Association of Public Pension Fund Auditors	\$500.00	
	5253 Clerk of the Supreme Court	\$331.75	
	0938 NCTR	\$5,340.00	
	0311 Government Finance Officers Association	\$1,275.00	
	0917 National Association of Public Pension Attorneys	\$1,050.00	
	0843 NCPERS	\$2,530.00	
	5670 National Association of Parliamentarians	\$99.00	
	4201 Risk & Insurance Management Society, Inc.	\$420.00	
	5480 Information Systems Audit and Control Association	\$415.00	
	0690 International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans	\$1,825.00	
	5547 CCIM Institute	\$875.00	
	1216 Council of Institutional Investors	\$15,000.00	
	3291 National Institute on Retirement Security	\$4,000.00	
	0998 NCREIF	\$2,700.00	
	0303 NASRA	\$5,120.00	
	0995 Pension Real Estate Association	\$330.00	
Total - 56420 - Memberships		\$42,861.75	
Total - 56400.0 - Membership & Subscription Expenses 56600.0 - Maintenance Expenses		\$66,785.55	
56630 - Interior Landscaping	3039 Ambius Inc. (05)	\$1,396.37	
Total - 56630 - Interior Landscaping		\$1,396.37	
56640 - Vehicle Expense			
•	0070 BP Oil Company	\$108.02	
Total - 56640 - Vehicle Expense		\$108.02	
Total - 56600.0 - Maintenance Expenses		\$1,504.39	
56650.0 - Staff Support Expenses			
56620 - Staff Support			
	0757 Giant Eagle	\$117.98	
	5551 Freedom A La Cart	\$232.46	
	0411 Amazon.com	\$696.26	
	0477 Panera Bread	\$203.07	
	5893 Bake Me Happy	\$66.00	
	0259 Cuyahoga Franklin Group	\$1,410.02	
	5574 Aetna Behavioral Health, LLC	\$282.60	
	0133 ADP, LLC	\$2,215.00	
	1683 Premier ProduceOne	\$186.85	
	4750 Inspira Financial	\$343.00	
	5303 Culligan Bottled Water of Columbus	\$42.95	
Total - 56620 - Staff Support		\$5,796.19	
Total - 56650.0 - Staff Support Expenses		\$5,796.19	
56700.0 - School District Board Member Reimbursement Expe 56710 - Board Member - School Reimb.	ense		
	1049 Ashland City School District	\$639.00	
Total - 56710 - Board Member - School Reimb.			
Total - 56700.0 - School District Board Member Reimburseme	•	\$639.00	
56900 - Reimbursement of Leased Svcs from OSERS Broad S	t		
Total - 56900 - Reimbursement of Leased Svcs from OSERS B	troad St	(\$25,416.67) ( <b>\$25,416.67</b> )	
otal - Expense		\$2,923,389.01	
Al Admin Expenses		\$2,923,389.01	

#### School Employees Retirement System of Ohio Summary Admin Expenses Dec-24

Financial Row	Amount
Summary Admin Expenses	
Expense	
53100.0 - Staff Salaries Expense	
53100 - Salaries & Wages	\$1,270,419.85
53104 - Salaries & Wages - Cash in Vacation	\$10,629.57
53110 - Salaries & Wages - Overtime	\$2,393.48
53111 - Vacation Leave Expense	\$193,386.00
53112 - Sick Leave Expense	(\$3,747.53)
53113 - Voluntary Life Insurance Reimbursement	\$265.74
Total - 53100.0 - Staff Salaries Expense	\$1,473,347.11
53200.0 - Staff Retirement Contribution Expense	
53200 - Employer Contributions - PERS	\$195,866.97
Total - 53200.0 - Staff Retirement Contribution Expense	\$195,866.97
53300.0 - Staff Benefit Expenses	
53300 - Staff Group Life	\$10,096.22
53310 - Staff Long Term Disability	\$3,596.82
53315 - Staff Short Term Disability	\$3,177.77
53320 - Staff Group Health Claims	\$720,691.36
53321 - Staff Group Health - Admin Fees	\$7,481.33
53322 - Staff Prescription Claims	(\$643.41)
53324 - Staff Group Health - Stop Loss Admin	\$20,028.21
53325 - Staff Group Health - Stop Loss Claims	(\$460,880.12)
53326 - Staff Vision Claims	\$1,970.25
53327 - Staff Vision Admin Fees	\$125.28
53330 - Staff Group Health - Employee Cost	(\$36,691.06)
53331 - Staff Group Health - Wellness Incentive	\$3,690.00
53332 - Staff Group Health - Tobacco Premiums	(\$600.00)
53340 - Staff Medicare Premium - Employer	\$20,671.60
53380 - Staff Deferred Compensation Match	\$4,980.00
Total - 53300.0 - Staff Benefit Expenses	\$297,694.25
54100 - Actuarial Services	\$12,000.00
54300.0 - Banking Fee Expenses	<b>+</b> 1=,000.00
54310 - Custodial Fees	\$97,000.00
54320 - Custodial Banking	\$4,319.03
Total - 54300.0 - Banking Fee Expenses	\$101,319.03
54400.0 - Investment Related Expenses	<b>\$101,010100</b>
54410 - Master Recordkeeper Fees	\$86,666.67
54420 - Investment Advisory Admin Fees	\$112,500.00
54430 - Performance/Analytics Fee	\$97,278.91
54460 - Bloomberg Terminal Rentals	\$6,645.00
Total - 54400.0 - Investment Related Expenses	\$303,090.58
54520 - Medical Consultant	\$3,750.00
54600.0 - Technical Expenses	ψο,7 σσ.σσ
54610 - Special Counsel	\$31,327.66
54620 - Technical	\$51,336.66
54630 - Other Professional Services	\$25,451.66
Total - 54600.0 - Technical Expenses	\$108,115.98
55100 - Postage	\$1,592.02
55200 - Telecommunications Services	\$1,592.02 \$5,654.71
55300 - Member/Employer Education	\$550.00
55500 - Mellipel/Elliployer Education	φοου.00

55400.0 - Printing & Publication Expenses	
55400 - Printing Paper	\$6,901.20
55420 - Communications & Publications	\$6,212.60
Total - 55400.0 - Printing & Publication Expenses	\$13,113.80
56000.0 - Computer Support Service Expenses	•
56020 - Hardware Maintenance	\$6,501.06
56030 - Software Maintenance	\$12,692.50
56035 - Software Subscriptions	\$38,253.36
Total - 56000.0 - Computer Support Service Expenses	\$57,446.92
56100.0 - Office Equipment & Supply Expenses	
56110 - Equipment Repairs & Maintenance	\$5,018.79
56140 - Miscellaneous Office Supplies	\$11.46
56160 - Records Storage	\$125.00
Total - 56100.0 - Office Equipment & Supply Expenses	\$5,155.25
56200.0 - Staff Training Expenses	
56210 - Seminars & Conferences	\$15,645.00
56220 - In House Training	\$655.20
Total - 56200.0 - Staff Training Expenses	\$16,300.20
56300.0 - Transportation & Travel Expenses	
56310 - Travel & Transportation	\$21,259.44
56311 - Mileage	\$2,002.52
Total - 56300.0 - Transportation & Travel Expenses	\$23,261.96
56400.0 - Membership & Subscription Expenses	
56410 - Subscriptions	\$957.06
56420 - Memberships	\$1,095.00
Total - 56400.0 - Membership & Subscription Expenses	\$2,052.06
56600.0 - Maintenance Expenses	
56630 - Interior Landscaping	\$1,386.37
56640 - Vehicle Expense	\$388.43
Total - 56600.0 - Maintenance Expenses	\$1,774.80
56650.0 - Staff Support Expenses	
56620 - Staff Support	\$4,890.35
56621 - Recruiting Expenses	\$1,278.16
Total - 56650.0 - Staff Support Expenses	\$6,168.51
56900 - Reimbursement of Leased Svcs from OSERS Broad St	(\$25,416.67)
otal - Expense	\$2,602,837.48
tal Admin Expenses	\$2,602,837.48

#### School Employees Retirement System of Ohio

## SERS Summary Admin Expenses Jan 2025

Financial Row	Amount
Summary Admin Expenses	
Expense	
53100.0 - Staff Salaries Expense	
53100 - Salaries & Wages	\$1,272,789.25
53110 - Salaries & Wages - Overtime	\$2,963.78
53111 - Vacation Leave Expense	\$126,020.16
53112 - Sick Leave Expense	\$147,955.30
Total - 53100.0 - Staff Salaries Expense	\$1,549,728.49
53200.0 - Staff Retirement Contribution Expense	
53200 - Employer Contributions - PERS	\$212,876.12
Total - 53200.0 - Staff Retirement Contribution Expense	\$212,876.12
53300.0 - Staff Benefit Expenses	
53300 - Staff Group Life	\$10,252.17
53310 - Staff Long Term Disability	\$3,645.67
53315 - Staff Short Term Disability	\$3,168.29
53320 - Staff Group Health Claims	\$205,133.48
53321 - Staff Group Health - Admin Fees	\$7,920.20
53322 - Staff Prescription Claims	\$116,015.90
53323 - Staff Prescription Admin fees	\$1,044.00
53324 - Staff Group Health - Stop Loss Admin	\$24,525.21
53325 - Staff Group Health - Stop Loss Claims	(\$18,988.78)
53326 - Staff Vision Claims	\$3,452.22
53330 - Staff Group Health - Employee Cost	(\$38,938.06)
53331 - Staff Group Health - Wellness Incentive	\$3,705.00
53332 - Staff Group Health - Tobacco Premiums	(\$560.00)
53340 - Staff Medicare Premium - Employer	\$25,958.40
53350 - Staff Workers Compensation	\$2,621.00
53380 - Staff Deferred Compensation Match	\$5,025.00
Total - 53300.0 - Staff Benefit Expenses	\$353,979.70
54100 - Actuarial Services	\$12,000.00
54200 - Audit Services	\$27,388.00
54300.0 - Banking Fee Expenses	
54310 - Custodial Fees	\$96,065.94
54320 - Custodial Banking	\$12,229.80
Total - 54300.0 - Banking Fee Expenses	\$108,295.74
54400.0 - Investment Related Expenses	
54410 - Master Recordkeeper Fees	\$94,594.77
54430 - Performance/Analytics Fee	(\$59,396.34)
54460 - Bloomberg Terminal Rentals	\$1,337.33
Total - 54400.0 - Investment Related Expenses	\$36,535.76
54520 - Medical Consultant	\$3,750.00
54600.0 - Technical Expenses	
54610 - Special Counsel	\$86,168.74
54620 - Technical	\$106,826.37
54630 - Other Professional Services	\$24,498.66
Total - 54600.0 - Technical Expenses	\$217,493.77
55100 - Postage	\$111,165.63
55200 - Telecommunications Services	\$6,527.39
55300 - Member/Employer Education	(\$120.00)
55400.0 - Printing & Publication Expenses	(4 )
55400 - Printing Paper	\$7,051.02
55410 - Printing Supplies	\$32.00
55420 - Communications & Publications	\$15,036.00

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Total - 55400.0 - Printing & Publication Expenses	\$22,119.02
56000.0 - Computer Support Service Expenses	
56030 - Software Maintenance	\$57,307.50
56035 - Software Subscriptions	\$131,065.68
56040 - Hardware < \$5,000	\$510.16
Total - 56000.0 - Computer Support Service Expenses	\$188,883.34
56100.0 - Office Equipment & Supply Expenses	
56110 - Equipment Repairs & Maintenance	\$6,867.33
56130 - Office Supplies & Expenses	\$8.57
56160 - Records Storage	\$125.00
Total - 56100.0 - Office Equipment & Supply Expenses	\$7,000.90
56200.0 - Staff Training Expenses	
53370 - Staff Tuition	\$4,766.00
56210 - Seminars & Conferences	\$657.27
56220 - In House Training	\$658.80
Total - 56200.0 - Staff Training Expenses	\$6,082.07
56300.0 - Transportation & Travel Expenses	
56310 - Travel & Transportation	\$9,512.64
56311 - Mileage	\$861.98
Total - 56300.0 - Transportation & Travel Expenses	\$10,374.62
56400.0 - Membership & Subscription Expenses	
56410 - Subscriptions	\$23,923.80
56420 - Memberships	\$42,861.75
Total - 56400.0 - Membership & Subscription Expenses	\$66,785.55
56600.0 - Maintenance Expenses	
56630 - Interior Landscaping	\$1,396.37
56640 - Vehicle Expense	\$108.02
Total - 56600.0 - Maintenance Expenses	\$1,504.39
56650.0 - Staff Support Expenses	
56620 - Staff Support	\$5,796.19
Total - 56650.0 - Staff Support Expenses	\$5,796.19
56700.0 - School District Board Member Reimbursement Expense	
56710 - Board Member - School Reimb.	\$639.00
Total - 56700.0 - School District Board Member Reimbursement Expense	\$639.00
56900 - Reimbursement of Leased Svcs from OSERS Broad St	(\$25,416.67)
otal - Expense	\$2,923,389.01
tal Admin Expenses	\$2,923,389.01

#### FY2025 Administrative Budget Board Expense to Budget Reporting Year-to-Date Through December 31, 2024

Major Category/Sub-Major Category	Line Item	Vendor	FY2025 Bu	dget Approved	Year to Date Expense	Additional Information
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES			\$	6,493,858.00	\$ 3,290,492.18	
ACTUARIAL ADVISORS			\$	425,500.00	\$ 148,831.00	
	Actuarial	Cavanaugh Macdonald	\$	325,500.00	\$ 148,831.00	Actuarial Consultant
	Actuarial	Audit PTA/KMS/Bolton		100,000.00	-	Actuarial Audit
AUDITING			\$	220,000.00	\$ 95,500.00	
	Auditing	Plante Moran		180,000.00	95,500.00	External Auditor
BANKING FEES			\$	1,213,380.00	\$ 627,916.77	
	Custodial Banking			1,020,000.00	568,625.50	
		Fifth Third		360,000.00	189,939.82	Domestic Custodian
		BNYM		660,000.00	378,685.68	International Custodian
	Administrative Banking	Huntington National Bank/ TOS		193,380.00	59,291.27	Banking Services
INVESTMENT RELATED			\$	2,530,364.00		
	Master Recordkeeper	BNYM		1,056,000.00	529,208.63	
	Investment Consulting & Advisory Services			525,000.00	225,000.05	
		Wilshire		450,000.00	225,000.05	Investment Consulting
	Performance Analytics Services			704,765.00	416,073.71	
		Barra-One Risk Mgmt Sys		238,445.00	178,833.75	Investment Risk Analytics
		BNY Mellon GRS		412,820.00	207,207.96	Investment Performance Analystics
TECHNICAL			\$	2,059,614.00		
	Special Counsel			301,000.00	243,236.53	
	Technical			1,285,720.00	543,390.26	
		Merative		124,000.00	62,000.00	Data Warehouse
		Sagitec		573,440.00	234,148.00	SMART Development Resources
		Board Initiative		100,000.00	-	Board Initiatives
	Other Professional Services			472,894.00	308,517.48	
		Gartner		109,230.00	101,359.00	Management Consulting
OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE			\$	4,350,782.00		
COMPUTER SUPPORT SERVICES			\$	3,003,345.00	\$ 1,349,200.19	
	Software Maintenance			1,013,621.00	661,010.81	
		Dell		300,000.00	248,976.58	Microsoft Enterprise Agreement/ True Up
		Sagitec		420,000.00	210,000.00	SMART Silver Support
		Hyland		119,061.00	121,454.36	ImageNow
	Software Subscriptions			1,732,520.00	642,326.28	
		DRaaS		163,332.00	93,355.76	Expedient
		Dynamo		207,686.00	224,477.76	Dynamo Software, INC
		Carahsoft		163,830.00	135,266.32	ServiceNow System
DDODEDTV A A A A A CEA A EAST I LA DILLEY		Zoom		100,000.00	-	Telecommunication Services
PROPERTY MANAGEMENT LIABILITY INSURANCE	**		\$	566,375.00		
	Management Liability Insurance			566,375.00	512,467.00	ADG5 06 1 116
		Cyber Liability Insurance		166,805.00	152,374.75	ARC Excess & Surplus, LLC
		Crime Fiduciary D&O Insurance		372,182.00	360,092.25	ARC Excess & Surplus, LLC

		PROJECT ITEMS			
Major Category/Sub-Major Category	Line Item	Project	FY2025 Budget	YTD Expense	Additional Information
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES					
TECHNICAL					

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UNBUDGETED PROJECT ITEMS							
Major Category/Sub-Major Category	Line Item	Project		FY2025 Budget	YTD Expense	Additional Information	
Professional Services Professional Services	Other Professional Services Other Professional Services	Chief Risk Officer recruiting Member Account Fraud Assessment	\$ \$	- \$ - \$	35,450.00 20,000.00	Hudepohl & Associates Inc. Linea Solutions, Inc.	

OSERS BROAD STREET, LLC

UNBUDGETED PROJECT ITEMS

Major Category Line Item Project FY2025 Budget YTD Expense

#### FY2025 Administrative Budget Board Expense to Budget Reporting Year-to-Date Through January 31, 2025

Major Category/Sub-Major Category	Line Item	Vendor	FY202	5 Budget Approved	Year to Date Expense	Additional Information
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES			\$	6,493,858.00	\$ 3,698,501.06	
ACTUARIAL ADVISORS			\$	425,500.00	\$ 160,831.00	
	Actuarial	Cavanaugh Macdonald	\$	325,500.00	\$ 160,831.00	Actuarial Consultant
	Actuarial	Audit PTA/KMS/Bolton		100,000.00	-	Actuarial Audit
AUDITING			\$	220,000.00	\$ 122,888.00	
	Auditing	Plante Moran		180,000.00	121,880.00	External Auditor
BANKING FEES			\$	1,213,380.00	\$ 736,212.51	
	Custodial Banking			1,020,000.00	664,691.44	
		Fifth Third		360,000.00	213,496.15	Domestic Custodian
		BNYM		660,000.00	451,195.29	International Custodian
	Administrative Banking	Huntington National Bank/ TOS		193,380.00	71,521.07	Banking Services
INVESTMENT RELATED			\$	2,530,364.00	\$ 1,339,681.51	
	Master Recordkeeper	BNYM		1,056,000.00	623,803.40	
	Investment Consulting & Advisory Services			525,000.00	225,000.05	
		Wilshire		450,000.00	225,000.05	Investment Consulting
	Performance Analytics Services			704,765.00	356,677.37	
		Barra-One Risk Mgmt Sys		238,445.00	178,833.75	Investment Risk Analytics
		BNY Mellon GRS		412,820.00	240,811.62	Investment Performance Analystics
TECHNICAL			\$	2,059,614.00	\$ 1,312,638.04	
	Special Counsel			301,000.00	329,405.27	
	Technical			1,285,720.00	650,216.63	
		Merative		124,000.00	62,000.00	Data Warehouse
		Sagitec		573,440.00	320,611.50	SMART Development Resources
		Board Initiative		100,000.00	-	Board Initiatives
	Other Professional Services			472,894.00	333,016.14	
		Gartner		109,230.00	101,359.00	Management Consulting
OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE			\$	4,350,782.00	\$ 2,428,525.00	
COMPUTER SUPPORT SERVICES			\$	3,003,345.00	\$ 1,538,083.53	
	Software Maintenance			1,013,621.00	718,318.31	
		Dell		300,000.00	248,976.58	Microsoft Enterprise Agreement/ True Up
		Sagitec		420,000.00	210,000.00	SMART Silver Support
		Hyland		119,061.00	121,454.36	ImageNow
	Software Subscriptions			1,732,520.00	773,391.96	
		DRaaS		163,332.00	93,355.76	Expedient
		Dynamo		207,686.00	224,477.76	Dynamo Software, INC
		Carahsoft		163,830.00	135,266.32	ServiceNow System
		Zoom		100,000.00	-	Telecommunication Services
PROPERTY MANAGEMENT LIABILITY INSURANCE			\$	566,375.00	\$ 512,467.00	
	Management Liability Insurance			566,375.00	512,467.00	
		Cyber Liability Insurance		166,805.00	152,374.75	ARC Excess & Surplus, LLC
		Crime Fiduciary D&O Insurance		372,182.00	360,092.25	ARC Excess & Surplus, LLC

		PROJECT ITEMS			
Major Category/Sub-Major Category	Line Item	Project	FY2025 Budget	YTD Expense	Additional Information
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES					
TECHNICAL					

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UNBUDGETED PROJECT ITEMS							
Major Category/Sub-Major Category	Line Item	Project		FY2025 Budget	YTD Expense	Additional Information	
Professional Services Professional Services	Other Professional Services Other Professional Services	Chief Risk Officer recruiting Member Account Fraud Assessment	\$ \$	- \$ - \$	35,450.00 20,000.00	Hudepohl & Associates Inc. Linea Solutions, Inc.	

OSERS BROAD STREET, LLC

UNBUDGETED PROJECT ITEMS

Major Category Line Item Project FY2025 Budget YTD Expense

# School Employees Retirement System of Ohio System Year-to-Date Budget Analysis Through December 31, 2024

FYTD24   Actual   Budget   Budget   Mactual   Actual   Budget   Mactual   Under/(Over)   Notes
PERSONNEL SERVICES         \$13,058,493         \$14,087,364         \$14,083,927         \$100.0%         \$(3,437)           PERS Retirement Contributions         9,834,639         10,377,451         10,539,759         98.5%         162,308           PERS Retirement Contributions         1,296,080         1,378,922         1,388,147         99.3%         9,225           Benefits         1,927,774         2,330,991         2,156,021         108.1%         (174,970)         Note 1           PROFESSIONAL SERVICES         2,981,298         3,290,492         3,326,096         98.9%         35,604           Actuarial Advisors         149,533         148,831         151,250         98.4%         2,419           Audit Services         107,179         95,500         140,000         68.2%         44,500         Note 2           Banking Fees         495,394         627,917         606,690         103.5%         (21,227)         Note 3
PERSONNEL SERVICES         \$ 13,058,493         \$ 14,087,364         \$ 14,083,927         100.0%         \$ (3,437)           Salaries & Wages         9,834,639         10,377,451         10,539,759         98.5%         162,308           PERS Retirement Contributions         1,296,080         1,378,922         1,388,147         99.3%         9,225           Benefits         1,927,774         2,330,991         2,156,021         108.1%         (174,970)         Note 1           PROFESSIONAL SERVICES         2,981,298         3,290,492         3,326,096         98.9%         35,604           Actuarial Advisors         149,533         148,831         151,250         98.4%         2,419           Audit Services         107,179         95,500         140,000         68.2%         44,500         Note 2           Banking Fees         495,394         627,917         606,690         103.5%         (21,227)         Note 3
Salaries & Wages         9,834,639         10,377,451         10,539,759         98.5%         162,308           PERS Retirement Contributions         1,296,080         1,378,922         1,388,147         99.3%         9,225           Benefits         1,927,774         2,330,991         2,156,021         108.1%         (174,970)         Note 1           PROFESSIONAL SERVICES         2,981,298         3,290,492         3,326,096         98.9%         35,604           Actuarial Advisors         149,533         148,831         151,250         98.4%         2,419           Audit Services         107,179         95,500         140,000         68.2%         44,500         Note 2           Banking Fees         495,394         627,917         606,690         103.5%         (21,227)         Note 3
PERS Retirement Contributions Benefits         1,296,080 1,378,922 2,330,991         1,388,147 99.3% 108.1%         9,225 (174,970)         Note 1           PROFESSIONAL SERVICES         2,981,298 3,290,492 3,326,096 Actuarial Advisors Audit Services Banking Fees         149,533 148,831 151,250 140,000
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PROFESSIONAL SERVICES         2,981,298         3,290,492         3,326,096         98.9%         35,604           Actuarial Advisors         149,533         148,831         151,250         98.4%         2,419           Audit Services         107,179         95,500         140,000         68.2%         44,500         Note 2           Banking Fees         495,394         627,917         606,690         103.5%         (21,227)         Note 3
Actuarial Advisors       149,533       148,831       151,250       98.4%       2,419         Audit Services       107,179       95,500       140,000       68.2%       44,500       Note 2         Banking Fees       495,394       627,917       606,690       103.5%       (21,227)       Note 3
Audit Services       107,179       95,500       140,000       68.2%       44,500       Note 2         Banking Fees       495,394       627,917       606,690       103.5%       (21,227)       Note 3
Banking Fees 495,394 627,917 606,690 103.5% (21,227) Note 3
Investment Related 1 430 387 1 300 600 1 303 131 99 8% 2 531
1,100,001 1,000,000 1,000,101 00.070 2,001
Medical 22,500 22,500 22,500 100.0% -
Technical 776,305 1,095,144 1,102,525 99.3% 7,381
<b>COMMUNICATIONS EXPENSE</b> 405,979 410,974 538,665 76.3% 127,691
Postage 226,171 310,577 340,975 91.1% 30,398
Telecommunications Services 108,586 35,158 72,940 48.2% 37,782 Note 4
Member/Employer Education 4,903 18,119 17,400 104.1% (719)
Printing & Publications 66,319 47,120 107,350 43.9% 60,230 Note 5
<b>OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE</b> 2,132,278 2,319,376 2,936,316 79.0% 616,940
Computer Support Services 1,180,287 1,349,200 1,743,469 77.4% 394,269 Note 6
Office Equipment & Supplies 100,720 91,566 100,177 91.4% 8,611
Training 68,073 88,340 142,740 61.9% 54,400 Note 7
Transportation & Travel 94,676 96,352 118,180 81.5% 21,828
Memberships Subscriptions 67,070 78,721 139,555 56.4% 60,834 Note 8
Property & Mgmt. Liability Insurance 504,501 512,467 566,375 90.5% 53,908
Maintenance 19,526 19,505 23,925 81.5% 4,420
Staff Support 60,849 49,793 61,170 81.4% 11,377
School District Reimbursement 4,830 2,876 6,725 42.8% 3,849
Mandatory Costs- ORSC 31,746 30,556 34,000 89.9% 3,444
<b>TOTAL DEPARTMENT EXPENSES</b> 18,578,048 20,108,206 20,885,004 96.3% 776,798
<b>TOTAL SERS ADMIN EXPENSES</b> 18,578,048 20,108,206 20,885,004 96.3% 776,798
<b>NET BUILDING EXPENSE</b> 376,772 563,385 829,035 68.0% 265,650 Note 9
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES         \$ 18,954,820         \$ 20,671,591         \$ 21,714,039         95.2%         \$ 1,042,448

See notes on following page

FYTD = Fiscal Year To Date

# Notes to System Year-to-Date Budget Analysis Year to Date FY2025 December 31, 2024

- Note 1: **Benefits** continue to trend over budget in both Group Health Claims and Prescription Claims through December. Stop Loss Claims have helped offset the overage slightly.
- Note 2: **Audit Services** are billed incrementally for the fixed fee external financial statement audit contract. The variance is due to the timing of the work performed as compared to the estimated timing per the budget.
- Note 3: **Banking Fees** consist of investment and DDA custodial fees. Investment custodial fees are based on a combination of investment values and transaction volume, and they are trending higher than originally estimated.
- Note 4: **Telecommunication Services** budgeted for zoom phone carrier expenses. The full amount for the year was budgeted for July but expenses are billed monthly. Additionally, building internet services were renegotiated and are less than budgeted contributing to the variance.
- Note 5: **Printing & Publications** consists of printing paper, printing supplies, and other publication materials. The variance is due to timing. Ballot envelopes, tax leaflets, and Focus materials were budgeted for December but have not been received yet.
- Note 6: **Computer Support Services** is under due to timing and realized savings. There are several hardware maintenance and software maintenance items that will not be renewed this fiscal year. The Microsoft enterprise agreement and true up came in under budget for the year. The zoom renewal and true up were budgeted for December but have not been expensed yet.
- Note 7: **Training and Travel** are budgeted evenly throughout the fiscal year and the timing of staff training and travel can vary.
- Note 8: **Memberships Subscriptions** are under budget due to timing. There are several memberships and subscriptions that were budgeted in the first quarter and have not renewed yet.
- Note 9: **Net Building Occupancy** is under budget year to date. There are projects that were planned for earlier in the fiscal year that are still in the planning phase or early in the process including garage charging station refresh and remodeling. Additionally, we budgeted for fitness equipment that has not yet been purchased. The timing of invoices for utilities and security is also impacting the budget.

## OSERS Broad Street, LLC Year-to-Date Budget Analysis Through December 31, 2024

**FYTD 2025 Budget to** FY2024 FY2025 Actual **Actuals** Under/(Over) Actuals **Budget** Budget Notes **OPERATING INCOME** Suite Income \$ 430,400 270,459 537,291 270,461 2 Parking Income 236,265 228,480 117,390 138,350 (20,960)Note 1 Miscellaneous Income 2,314 775,870 658,880 387,851 408,809 (20,958)**OPERATING EXPENSES** 305.000 305.000 152.500 152.500 Property Management & Labor Administrative Services 7,062 6,900 700 533 167 **Building Maintenance** 956,407 1,231,822 637,106 537,167 99,939 Note 2 409,060 44,555 Note 3 Utilities 324,201 205,530 160,975 **Building & Equipment Insurance** 75,496 78,000 78,000 73,057 4,943 Real Estate Taxes 280,811 287,550 15,550 15,519 31 1,948,977 939,751 149,635 2,318,332 1,089,386 **NON-OPERATING EXPENSES** Lease Commission Fees 2,657 125,131 Special Counsel Fees 213 5,000 5,000 2,738 2,262 Note 4 **Building Remodeling** 8,066 750,000 275,000 Note 5 29,704 245,296 10,936 880,131 280,000 32,442 247,558 **CAPITAL** Leasehold Improvements 58,798 58.798 TOTAL \$ 1,242,841 \$ 2,539,583 \$ 981,535 \$ 563,384 418,151

**FY** - Fiscal Year **FYTD** - Fiscal Year To Date

# Notes to OSERS Broad Street, LLC Year-to-Date Budget Analysis Through December 31, 2024

- Note 1: **Parking Income** is higher for FY2025 due to an increase in parking tenants.
- Note 2: **Building Operations & Maintenance** are under budget mainly due to timing. The garage charging station refresh is still in the planning phase. Fitness equipment was budgeted but has not been purchased yet. The timing of security invoices has created a variance year to date. Additionally, janitorial invoices have been under budget year to date.
- Note 3: **Utilities** are below budget mainly due to timing. The electricity invoice for December was received and paid in January. The total amount budgeted for heat and gas is distributed equally in the budget. As expected, the first part of the fiscal year is warmer, so the bills are less than the amount budgeted each month. The variance for heat and gas should even out during the winter months.
- Note 4: **Special Counsel Fees** are budgeted in July for the whole fiscal year and are used on an as needed basis. The actuals represent legal review of new lease agreements.
- Note 5: **Building Remodeling** is under due to timing. A remodeling project has begun but will not be fully billed until the project is complete. The expense represents the cost of plans, permits, and some completed work.

## SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF OHIO

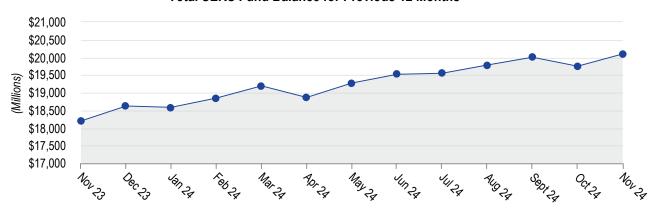
## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

## As of November 30, 2024 and 2023

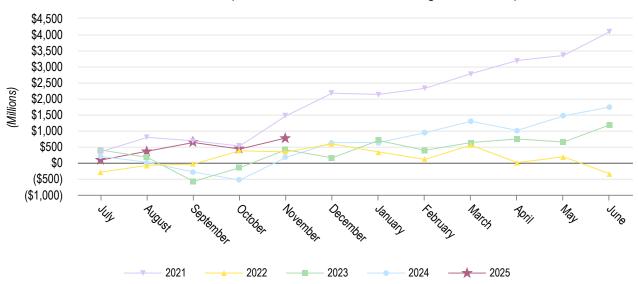
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SERS (All Funds)	11/30/24 YTD	11/30/23 YTD	Comparative Difference	% Difference
ADDITIONS				
Employer Contributions	\$273,072,222	\$260,646,899	\$12,425,323	5%
Member Contributions	177,536,907	169,881,967	7,654,940	5
Other Income	56,739,370	52,153,817	4,585,553	9
Total Investment Income, Net	816,573,259	168,371,610	648,201,649	385
TOTAL ADDITIONS	1,323,921,758	651,054,293	672,867,465	103
<u>DEDUCTIONS</u>				
Retirement, Disability, Survivor & Death Benefits	618,960,754	590,092,454	28,868,300	5
Health Care Expenses	73,670,115	73,932,356	(262,241)	_
Refunds & Transfers	39,793,440	40,988,186	(1,194,746)	(3)
Administrative Expenses (excluding Investments)	14,507,028	12,408,323	2,098,705	17
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	746,931,337	717,421,319	29,510,018	4
Changes in Net Position	576,990,421	(66,367,026)	643,357,447	969
Net Position - Beginning	19,521,138,893	18,265,722,222	1,255,416,671	7
SERS Net Position - Ending	\$20,098,129,314	\$18,199,355,196	\$1,898,774,118	10%
HEALTH CARE FUND				
HEALTH CARE ADDITIONS				
Employer Contributions	\$24,999,990	\$23,498,923	\$1,501,067	6%
Health Care Premiums	23,769,539	24,658,802	(889,263)	(4)
Federal Subsidies & Other Receipts	32,963,575	27,483,217	5,480,358	20
Total Investment Income, Net	28,898,923	5,676,727	23,222,196	409
TOTAL HEALTH CARE ADDITIONS	110,632,027	81,317,669	29,314,358	36
TOTAL HEALTH CARE DEDUCTIONS	75,080,241	75,105,413	(25,172)	
Changes in Net Position	35,551,786	6,212,256	29,339,530	472
Net Position - Beginning	816,468,867	706,785,561	109,683,306	16
SERS Health Care Fund Net Position - Ending	\$852,020,653	\$712,997,817	\$139,022,836	19%

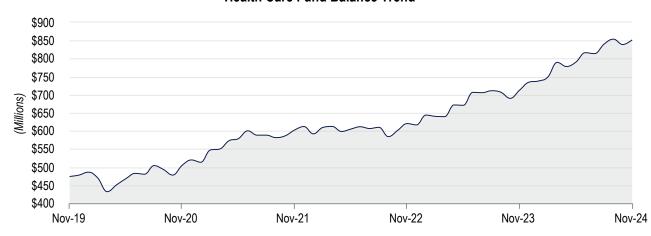
### **Total SERS Fund Balance for Previous 12 Months**



## Investment Income (includes realized and unrealized gains & losses)



### **Health Care Fund Balance Trend**



## SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF OHIO

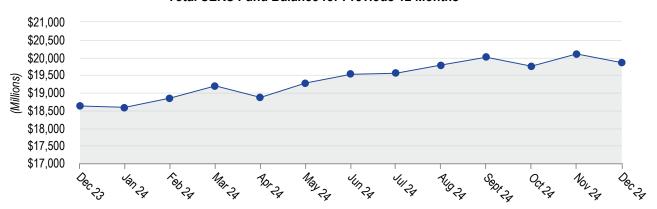
## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

## As of December 31, 2024 and 2023

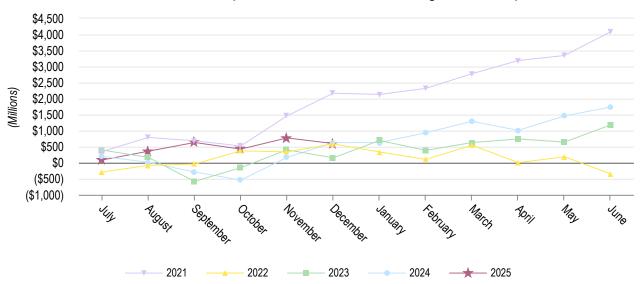
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SERS (All Funds)	12/31/24 YTD	12/31/23 YTD	Comparative Difference	% Difference
ADDITIONS				
Employer Contributions	\$333,842,231	\$314,212,110	\$19,630,121	6%
Member Contributions	217,470,722	204,874,657	12,596,065	6
Other Income	61,396,879	56,829,058	4,567,821	8
Total Investment Income, Net	599,576,192	626,494,730	(26,918,538)	(4)
TOTAL ADDITIONS	1,212,286,024	1,202,410,555	9,875,469	1
<u>DEDUCTIONS</u>				
Retirement, Disability, Survivor & Death Benefits	738,841,422	705,820,072	33,021,350	5
Health Care Expenses	81,418,269	76,381,469	5,036,800	7
Refunds & Transfers	45,586,408	47,890,472	(2,304,064)	(5)
Administrative Expenses (excluding Investments)	16,641,923	15,178,557	1,463,366	10
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	882,488,022	845,270,570	37,217,452	4
Changes in Net Position	329,798,002	357,139,985	(27,341,983)	8
Net Position - Beginning	19,521,138,893	18,265,722,222	1,255,416,671	7
SERS Net Position - Ending	\$19,850,936,895	\$18,622,862,207	\$1,228,074,688	7%
HEALTH CARE FUND				
HEALTH CARE ADDITIONS				
Employer Contributions	\$29,999,990	\$28,198,923	\$1,801,067	6%
Health Care Premiums	28,415,840	29,490,534	(1,074,694)	(4)
Federal Subsidies & Other Receipts	32,963,575	27,322,650	5,640,925	21
Total Investment Income, Net	20,986,601	21,031,485	(44,884)	
TOTAL HEALTH CARE ADDITIONS	112,366,006	106,043,592	6,322,414	6
TOTAL HEALTH CARE DEDUCTIONS	82,986,321	77,837,010	5,149,311	7
Changes in Net Position	29,379,685	28,206,582	1,173,103	4
Net Position - Beginning	816,468,867	706,785,561	109,683,306	16
SERS Health Care Fund Net Position - Ending	\$845,848,552	\$734,992,143	\$110,856,409	15%

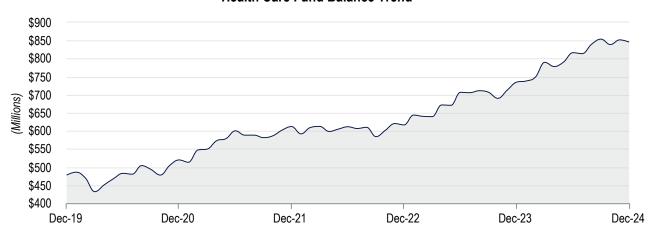
### **Total SERS Fund Balance for Previous 12 Months**



## Investment Income (includes realized and unrealized gains & losses)



### **Health Care Fund Balance Trend**





# **Medicare Plan Premium Surcharge**

**February 20th, 2025** 

Michael Steiner, PhD

**Director - Health Care Services** 

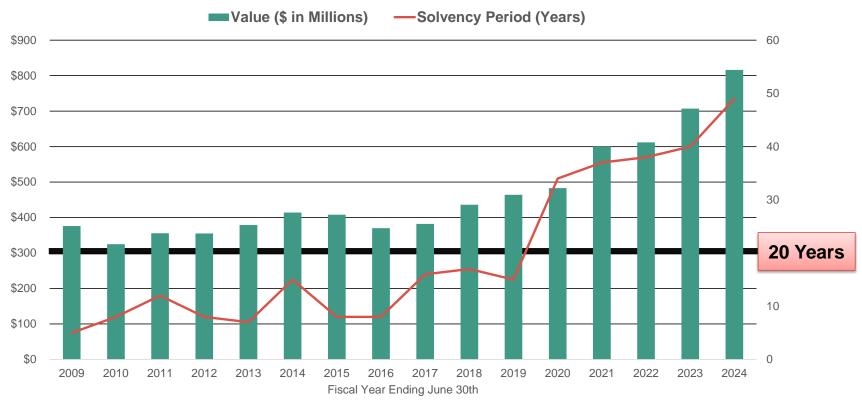


# **Outline**

- SERS' premium surcharge history
- Review of Board actions to increase Health Care Fund sustainability
- Current state of Medicare Advantage plan sustainability
- Consider changes to premium surcharge for Medicare Advantage plan



# **Health Care Fund Value and Solvency Period**





# **Board Actions to Improve Sustainability**

- Adding SERS Wraparound HRA for non-Medicare (2017) and requiring counseling for new non-Medicare enrollees (2023).
- Consolidating Medicare plans, closing higher-cost regional plans (2018 & 2021)
- Amending eligibility rules:
  - -Medicaid rule (2020)
  - -Early Medicare application requirement for Disability enrollees younger than 65 (2017)
  - -Medicare rule to initiate and maintain Medicare Part B (2021)
- Matching the non-Medicare Disability subsidies to the Service subsidies (2024)

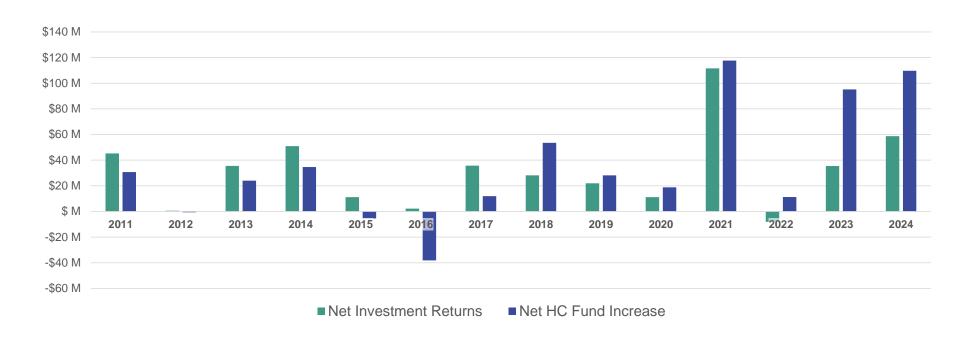
# Health Care Fund: 2009 to 2016

- In 2009, actuaries determined that Health Care Fund would exhaust funding by 2014.
  - Needed 100% of employer contributions to shore up the pension fund.
- SERS Health Care Preservation Task Force recommended increasing premium revenue by adding:
  - -\$35 Premium Surcharge to all premiums
    - Remains in place
  - -Two Premium Adjustment Factors to most plans
    - Eliminated by plan year 2016

If you (and other family members) are in:	Your monthly premium for 2011 will go up by:				
	Retiree	Spouse	Children		
Aetna Medicare PPO	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$70.00		
Aetna Indemnity (for Medicare split families only)	\$42.00	\$42.00	\$42.00		
Aultcare Primetime	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00		
Kaiser HMO	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00		
Paramount HMO	\$81.00	\$81.00	\$81.00		
Non-Medicare Plans Premi	um Incre	ases			
If you (and other family members) are in:		nthly pren go up by:			
	Retiree	Spouse	Children		
	\$35.00	\$72.00	\$63.00		
Aetna Managed Care	φυυ.υυ				
Aetna Managed Care Aetna HMO	\$112.00	\$101.00	\$35.00		
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Aetna HMO	\$112.00	\$35.00	\$35.00		
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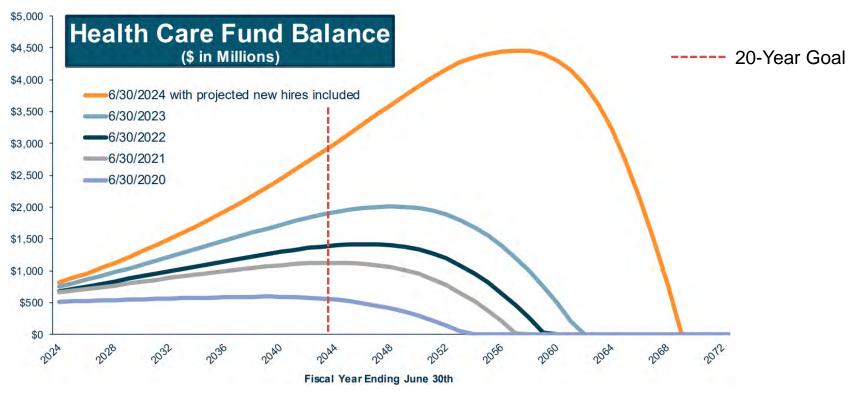


# Net Investment Return and Net HC Fund Increase





# **Solvency Chart: FY 2024**





# **Health Care Fund Solvency**

- All 5 of the most recent solvency projections exceeded the 20-year funding goal.
- We expect the fund to continue to grow and the solvency period to continue to increase over time.
- Now that the sustainability of the plan for future retirees is secure, this is an opportunity to improve the value of the plan for current and future enrollees.



# **SERS Medicare Plan**

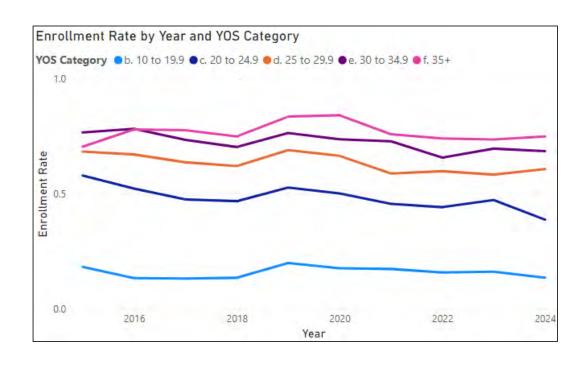
- Closed the regional plans as the Aetna Medicare Advantage + Express Scripts Part D plan became more financially beneficial
  - Aetna risk share, elimination of the HIF, Part D subsidies, and passthrough PBM contract
- Overall high member satisfaction
- Significantly lower cost-sharing and a broader network (PPO) compared to individual Medicare Advantage plans (HMO).

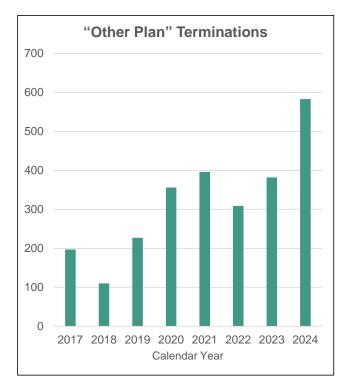
SERS Medicare Advantage	Individual Medicare Advantage
\$200 max outpatient procedure coinsurance	\$300 flat outpatient procedure co-pay
\$150/day inpatient co-pay	\$350/day inpatient co-pay
\$0 drug deductible	Up to \$590 drug deductible

However, the SERS Medicare Advantage plan has a <u>declining annual enrollment</u>.



# SERS Medicare Advantage Enrollment Trends





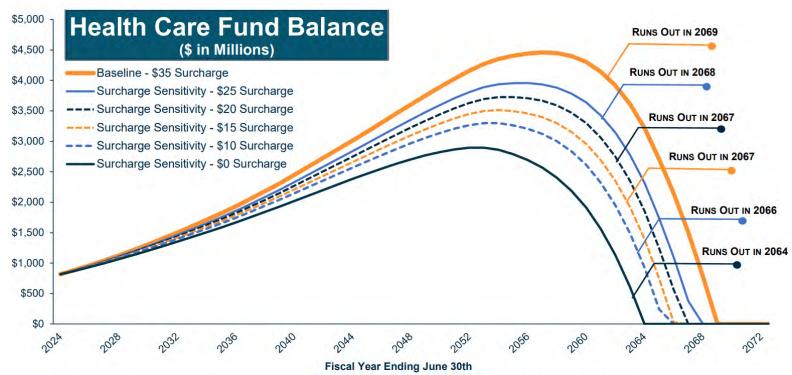
# Member Survey (2024)

# Three Groups:

- 1. Recently enrolled in the SERS Medicare Advantage plan
  - Preferred <u>premium</u> reductions over benefit improvements.
- 2. Recently left the SERS Medicare Advantage plan
  - Availability of <u>lower-premium</u> individual plan was most popular reason reported for leaving the SERS plan.
- 3. Recently had an opportunity to enroll but chose a different option
  - Premium was highest reported reason for waiving SERS MA plan coverage.



# Premium Surcharge: Estimated Impact of Reduction



# **Premium Surcharge**

# Estimating the impact of a Premium Surcharge reduction:

2026 Premium Surcharge	Reduction from Current	Reduction to Solvency Period	Solvency Projection End Date (FY)	Projected Years of Solvency
\$35 (Current)	\$0	0	2069	45
\$25	\$10	1	2068	44
\$15	\$20	2	2067	43
\$10	\$25	3	2066	42
\$0	\$35	5	2064	40

# 2025 Premiums with Surcharge Changes

	Years of Service	\$35 Surcharge	\$25 Surcharge	\$15 Surcharge	\$10 Surcharge	No Surcharge
Most Common	10 to 19.999	\$198	\$188	\$178	\$173	\$163
	20 to 29.999	\$117	\$107	\$97	\$92	\$82
	25 to 29.999	\$84	\$74	\$64	\$59	\$49
	30 to 34.999	\$68	\$58	\$48	\$43	\$33
	35 Years	\$60	\$50	\$40	\$35	\$25
	% Premium Reduction		15%	29%	37%	51%



# **Premium Surcharge**

- Even full elimination of the surcharge would maintain a solvency period that exceeds the Board's established funding goal
  - -Base premium will continue to be updated based on projected expenses and federal revenue
- Incoming administration is supportive of MA, we do not expect significant revenue losses
- SERS currently receives additional and Part D subsidy to stabilize premiums during Part D reform implementation, this subsidy is valued at approximately \$15 per member per month and may expire in three years
  - The core Part D income, investment returns, and MA income continue to increase which can mitigate this loss
  - -This extra funding was announced after base rate calculations for 2025



# **Thank You**



## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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Upon roll call, the vote w	vas as follows:			
ROLL CALL:	<u>YEA</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	
Catherine Moss Jeanine Alexander Jeffrey DeLeone James Haller James Rossler Aimee Russell Frank Weglarz Daniel Wilson Matthew King				
CONVENED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION AT			A.M./P.M.	
RETURNED TO OPEN SESSION AT			A.M. / P.M.	

# **School Employees Retirement System**

# Memo

To: Retirement Board

From Richard Stensrud

cc: Karen Roggenkamp, Colette Barricks

Date: February 20, 2025

Re: Risk Management Update

SERS is committed to the on-going maturation of our Risk Management program to identify, assess, and reduce the impact of potential threats and losses across all parts of SERS' operations. The importance of good Risk Management practices is also manifested in a specific goal in our 2025-2029 Strategic Plan which identifies strategies and tactics for the integration of Risk Management into SERS' operational culture. Updates to the Risk Management program are provided during the quarterly Technology Committee meetings. On an annual basis we also provide an overview to the full Board.

In this presentation Colette Barricks, our Chief Risk Officer, will update the Board on the current Risk Management team, major Risk Management highlights, key FY2025 projects, and alignment of those initiatives with Goal 6 of the Strategic Plan. The presentation also includes discussion of the oversight of Artificial Intelligence adoption within SERS, including the current testing and analysis of Microsoft Co-Pilot.

We will be happy to answer any questions you have.



February 20, 2025

# Agenda



- Risk Management Overview
- Strategic Goal Update #6 Risk
- Appendix



# Importance of Risk Management



Our Risk Management Program ensures risks are included in decision-making, aligns risk exposure with risk management, conducts rigorous risk assessments, and aligns with strategic planning.

# Risk Management's holistic approach to risk management seeks to answer:

- 1. What are the major risks to SERS?
- 2. Who owns the risks?
- 3. How prepared are we to prevent or respond to major risks?
- 4. What can we do to reduce unacceptable exposures?
- 5. How do we provide situational awareness to the Board on risks to SERS?

### The Board should ensure:

- 1. Risk Management has an effective program and governance structure in place.
- Management's risk tolerance and risk management goals align with Board expectations and overall strategic goals.

Risk Management
has an important role
to assess and report
the status of key risks
to process owners,
Executive
Leadership, and the
Board.

# Risk Management Key Events Timeline



#### **Expanding Risk Program**

- Chief Risk Officer appointed
- Integration with Chief Internal Auditor
- Shift to cloud solutions
- BCS site migrated to DRaaS capability
- Vendor Management program created
- Al Policy and Practices

## **Maturing Risk Program**

- Chief Risk Officer vacancy filled
- Alignment with Strategic Plan
- Senior Security Analyst hired
- Implement New Tools for Member Fraud Prevention
- Raise risk awareness across SERS

## Integrating Risk Program

- Insert Risk/Security into project planning
- Grow Fraud Prevention Program
- Micro-Segmentation
- Increase Risk Awareness
- Expand Risk Tools for Member Fraud Prevention

## **Optimizing Risk Program**

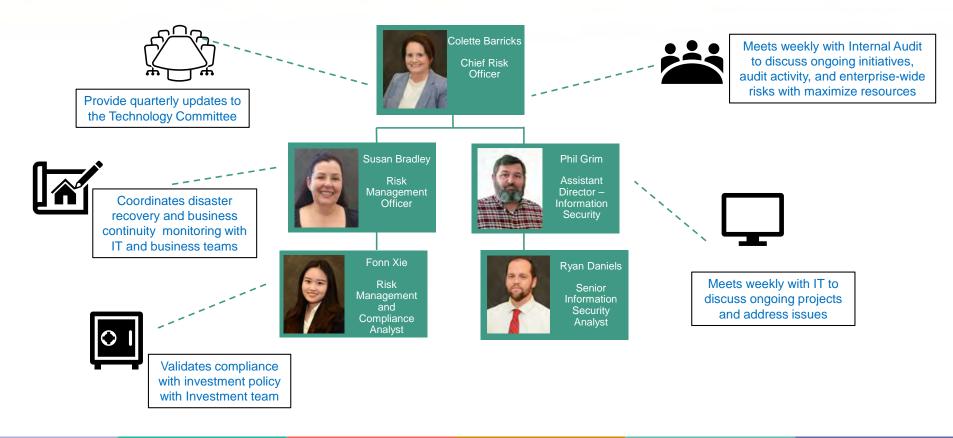
- Risk/Security part of project planning
- Increase use of Member Fraud Metrics and Fraud Prevention Tools
- Support more automated member processes (increase portal usage, etc)

Pre-CY2024 CY2025 CY2026

Risk Management has shown steady progress in reducing and managing key risks while creating a firm foundation for risk monitoring and reporting.

# Risk Management Team Partners Across the Organization to Mitigate and Address Risk





# **Risk Management Highlights**





## **Investment Compliance:**

Well-aligned with investment activities and strategic initiatives



# **Disaster Recovery:**

Risk-based processes well-established, maintained



## **Security:**

Protect SERS against unauthorized access, use, or destruction



## **Risk Register:**

Risks and controls identified, assessed; develop risk tolerance, risk appetite and monitor with process owners; evolve reporting



#### **Risk Team:**

Certified and experienced professionals provide value-add to SERS



#### Insurance:

Two experienced brokers that assist in maintaining adequate coverage



## **Vendor Management:**

Risk-based processes wellestablished and maintained



## **Overall:**

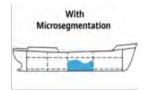
Steady progress reducing and managing key risks, while creating firm foundation to monitor and report risk

### Risk Management FY2025 Key Projects



- External member and employer identity fraud assessment to validate existing controls, processes and documentation
- Al evaluation of Co-Pilot with the business and IT (Oversight provided by the AIOC) to increase productivity
- Refund Reimagination Project to improve member security and streamline the refund process to enhance member experience
- External verification of 'source code escrow' and 'break glass' scenarios to protect our investment in SMART
- Micro-segmentation to prevent lateral movement and spread
- HIPAA Assessment to ensure compliance

Microsegmentation



- Disaster Recovery Live Test to validate SERs can recover systems quickly
- Cyber Incident Tabletop to test our Incident Management plan, processes, and procedures



## Strategic Goal #6 - Risk

Aligning with Our Vision and Overall Strategy Committed to Protecting Our Members

### Strategic Plan - Goal 6 Risk



Expand, raise awareness, and utilize our risk management programs to identify and manage risks

- 6.1 Strengthen and maintain a risk-aware culture
- 6.2- Enhance SERS' Information Security program to safeguard systems and entrusted data without compromising operational efficiency
- 6.3 Enhance practices and controls of the Business
   Continuity Management and Disaster Recovery
   Program

# Strategic Plan – Goal 6 Risk Risk-Aware Culture



**6.1** - Strengthen and maintain a risk-aware culture

- ✓ Prioritize risk awareness in decision making throughout the organization.
- Establish an ongoing risk management training program relevant to each functional area.
- ✓ Leverage risk management frameworks to lessen the impact of adverse events and exploit opportunities.
- ✓ Expand the Board's knowledge of enterprise risk and steps being taken to address risk.

# **Strategic Plan – Goal 6 Risk Information Security Safeguards**



6.2 - Enhance
SERS' Information
Security program to
safeguard systems
and entrusted data
without
compromising
operational
efficiency

- ✓ Maintain effective inbound email protection.
- ✓ Monitor external attack surface including cloud solutions (SaaS).
- Understand the overall threat landscape and adapt.
- Achieve identity certainty to combat fraud while maintaining low friction.
- Mature data loss prevention (DLP) software and processes that safeguard our systems and data (POC underway).
- Continue to diligently evaluate and select appropriate (AI) tools. (in process)
- Maintain strong access and user controls.
- completed
- in process

# **Strategic Plan – Goal 6 Risk Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery**



6.3 - Enhance practices and controls of the Business Continuity Management and Disaster Recovery Program

- √ To ensure we can recover critical systems within a few hours, we conduct and validate, monitor, and test recovery capabilities through semi-annual live disaster recovery tests with cloud-based provider, Expedient
- ✓ Continue to conduct annual business continuity tabletops or walkthrough sessions to ensure ongoing readiness
- ✓ Follow-up on the results of the tabletop or walkthrough and implement corrective action, if needed to improve the process
- ✓ Conduct semi-annual live business continuity tests, which include fire drills and tornado drills to maintain employee and tenant safety
- ✓ Implementation of cloud-based telephone system (Zoom)
  - completed
- in process

### **SERS is Carefully Adopting Al**



#### Numerous opportunities for the SERS organization and stakeholders

### Artificial Intelligence (AI) Usage Policy

Sets guidelines to protect our data, mitigate risks, and use Al responsibly

Worked with industry peers and consultants to create the AI policy using best practices

#### Al Oversight Committee (AIOC)

As we intend to further implement AI, this governing body will ensure that our values are protected

Responsible for AI related decisions and use case approvals with representation from Legal, IT, Security, Ops

#### Tool/Use-Case Intake Form and Approval Process

Overseen by the AI Committee to gather AI use case opportunities for SERS-related work

Tools evaluated on consistent parameters (costs, benefits, security standards, etc.)

### **SERS AI Opportunities**





### **Productivity**

First draft communications, in compliance with style guide / communication standards



Automated meeting minutes and action item tracking



Data transformation, code generation, database query assistance, etc.



Image generation and AI avatars for slide decks and communication / publication content

## Pension Business Uses



Chatbots assisting in delivering customer service to members and retirees



Cybersecurity and automated threat detection and Identity Verification services to keep member data safe, secure emails



Al pattern detection for investment opportunity detection and decision-making assistance



IT Software development, debugging code, explaining legacy code, enhancing code

### **Copilot Project Timeline**



#### Phase 1 testing - Jan. 14 - Jan. 31:

- ✓ (IT Testers) Team of 5 will test Copilot to ensure it works as described by Microsoft
- ✓ Test security around the application, ensure access to only what is granted and nothing else nefarious happening behind the scenes. Team also reviewing results from Varonis Proof of Concept around sensitive data protections.
- ✓ Try to break the Copilot, confuse the application and push it to limits.
- ✓ Test each of the enabled Microsoft applications, Outlook, Word, Teams, Excel, and PowerPoint.

#### Phase 2 testing - Feb. 3 – Feb. 14:

- ✓ (IT Testers) a new team of 5 will test Copilot to ensure it works as described by Microsoft.
- o Test security around the application, ensure access to only what is granted and nothing else nefarious happening behind the scenes.
- Try to break the Copilot, confuse the application and push it to limits.
- o Test each of the enabled Microsoft applications, Outlook, Word, Teams, Excel, and PowerPoint.

#### Production testing kickoff - Feb. 17 – Mar. 14:

- o (Business & IT Testers) Team of 20 will test Copilot to ensure it works as anticipated.
- o Test security, attempt to access resources on production network.
- Test boundaries for Copilot, attempt to discover or access sensitive/privileged data on the network via the Copilot prompt.
- o Test Outlook, Excel, Word, Teams, and PowerPoint to validate the capabilities of Copilot meeting summaries, calendar invites, etc.

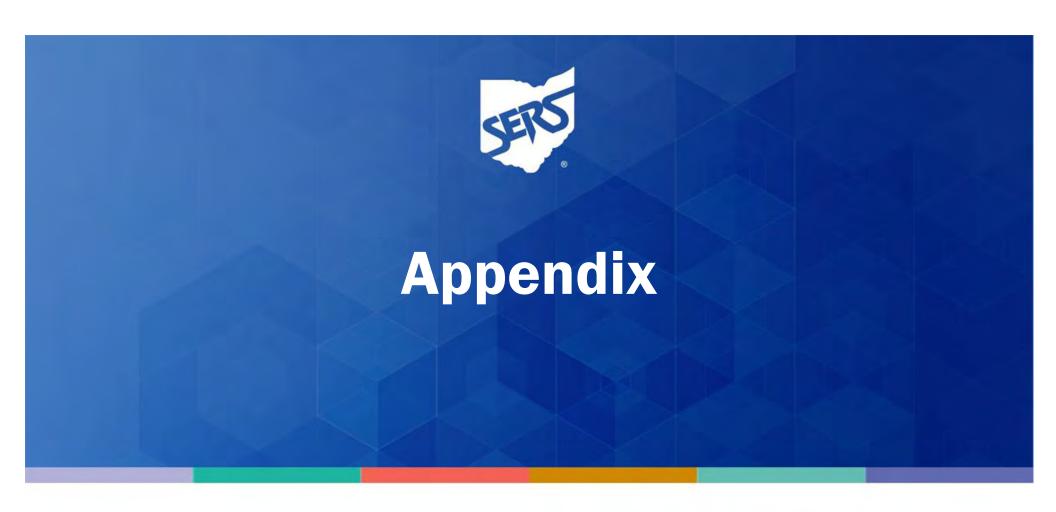
Project team and leadership decision at Al Oversight Committee on moving forward to organization. (Go/No Go)

<sup>\*\*</sup>This has been completed in the M130 tenant (Development).

<sup>\*\*</sup>This is in process.



# Questions



### **Risk Management Standards and Frameworks**



## Risk Management adopted best practices from various frameworks:

- ISO (International Organization for Standardization) 31010
- NIST (National Institute of Standards and Technology) 800-30
- COBIT (Control Objectives for Information Technologies) 5
- COSO (Committee of Sponsoring Organizations)









Frameworks help align ERM's processes and professionalism to best practices.

### **Risk Approach and Cycle**





Risks consider numerous factors, such as impact and livelihood, then undergo a standard assessment process.

### **Information Security Highlights**





#### **Asset Identification:**

Recognizing and cataloging all critical data and systems within the organization to understand what needs protection.



#### **Policies and Procedures:**

Establishing clear guidelines and rules for data handling, access controls, password management, and other security practices.



#### **Compliance Management:**

Ensuring adherence to relevant industry regulations and standards related to data protection.



#### **Awareness Training:**

Educating employees about cyber threats and best practices to minimize human error and potential security breaches.



#### Data encryption:

Protecting sensitive data by converting it into a scrambled format that can only be accessed with a decryption key.



#### **Risk Management:**

Identifying, analyzing, and prioritizing potential security threats to the organization's data and systems.



#### **Incident Response Plan:**

Defining procedures to detect, contain, and recover from security incidents.



#### **Access Controls:**

Implementing mechanisms to restrict access to sensitive data based on user roles and permissions.



#### **Vulnerability Management:**

Regularly scanning for and patching software vulnerabilities to mitigate potential risks.



#### Monitoring and Logging:

Continuously monitoring network activity and system logs to identify suspicious behavior and potential security breaches.

#### **School Employees Retirement System**

## Memo

To: Retirement Board

From Richard Stensrud

cc: Karen Roggenkamp, John Grumney

Date: February 20, 2025

Re: Retirement Plan Payment Options

At the conclusion of our December 2024 Board meeting, there was a request to update the Board on payment options available for to our members upon retirement. John Grumney, our Director of Member Services, will present an overview of the seven retirement plan payment options and how the choice impacts the monthly pension amount. As covered in the presentation materials, for FY2024 over sixty percent of our retirees choose the single life allowance with no beneficiary.

Please let us know if you have additional questions.



## **Member Selection = Monthly Pension**



A member has up to seven payment plan options at retirement.

SERS' counselors and retirement publications provide guidance to help members select the best option.

## Member Selection = Monthly Pension



- The younger the beneficiary, the lower the member monthly pension
- The more beneficiaries, the lower the monthly pension

### Plan B – Single Life Allowance



- Highest amount to you
- Payments end at your death
- Beneficiary receives any unused contributions
- Spousal consent required

### **Example**

Member Amount =

\$1,455.00

### Plan A – Joint Survivor Allowance



One-half your monthly pension to surviving spouse

Example	
Member Amount =	\$1,340.00
Beneficiary Amount =	\$670.00

\* Plan B = \$1,455

### Plan C – Joint Survivor Allowance



- Set amount or percentage
- Minimum \$100 per month to beneficiary
- Spousal consent required

Example	
Member Amount =	\$1,438.00
Beneficiary Amount =	\$100.00

\* Plan B = \$1,455

### Plan D – Joint Survivor Allowance



- Same amount for beneficiary after your death
- Greatest reduction in your payment

Example	
Member Amount =	\$1,243.00
Beneficiary Amount =	\$1,243.00

\* Plan B = \$1,455

### Plan E - Guaranteed Allowance



- Beneficiary receives same payment as you, but the payment ends on a specific date
- Spousal consent required

Example	
5 Years Certain	
Member Amount = Beneficiary Amount expires 6/30/2030	\$1,447.00
10 Years Certain	
Member Amount = Beneficiary Amount expires 6/30/2035	\$1,424.00
15 Years Certain	
Member Amount = Beneficiary Amount expires 6/30/2040	\$1,388.00

<sup>\*</sup> Plan B = \$1,455

### Plan E Example – Five-Year Plan



**July 1, 2025** 

June 30, 2030

Retiree pension is for life

Beneficiary covered upon death of retiree

Beneficiary coverage ends

### Plan F – Joint Life, Multiple Beneficiaries



- You may name up to four beneficiaries
- Designate percentage or flat dollar amount
- Spousal consent required

	Example			
Member /	Amount	\$1,185.00		
		% of		Monthly
		% of Monthly		Monthly Payment
	Relationship	Monthly	Flat Amount	Payment
Bene 1	Relationship Spouse	Monthly		Payment
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<sup>\*</sup> Plan B = \$1,455

# Partial Lump Sum Option Payment (PLOP)



- May be from 6 to 36 times your unreduced monthly pension.
- Paid in lump sum at the time of retirement.
- Monthly payment is permanently reduced.
- Spousal consent required.

UNREDUCED MONTHLY PENSION:	\$780.31
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PLOP MONTHS	PLOP AMOUNT	REDUCED PENSION AMOUNT
6	\$4,681.86	\$745.12
36	\$28,091.16	\$569.18

### Retiree Payment Plan Selections



### FY2024 Selection Percentages:

**Plan A = 13%** 

**Plan B = 62%** 

**Plan C = 10%** 

**Plan D = 13%** 

**Plan E = 2%** 

Plan F = .001%

\*FY24 Retirements=3,602

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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#### **Only If Needed**

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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Session pursuant to R.C. 1	21.22 (G)(5)	to review app	lications for Disability Re	tirement
Benefits.				
ROLL CALL:	<u>YEA</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	
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#### CALENDAR DATES FOR SERS BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR 2025 \*\*

#### **AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

March 19, 2025 – 2:30 p.m. (Weds.)

June 17, 2025 – 2:30 p.m. (Tues.) \*\* Moved due to Juneteenth Holiday \*\*

September 17, 2025 - 2:30 p.m. (Weds.)

December 17, 2025 – 2:30 p.m. (Weds.)

#### **COMPENSATION COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

March 20, 2025 – 7:30 a.m. (Thurs.)

June 18, 2025 – 7:30 a.m. (Weds.) \*\* Moved due to Juneteenth Holiday \*\*

July 17, 2025 – 7:30 a.m. (Thurs.) \*\* Special Meeting \*\*

September 18, 2025 – 7:30 a.m. (Thurs.)

December 18, 2025 – 7:30 a.m. (Thurs.)

#### **TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

March 20, 2025 – 12:30 p.m. (Thurs.)

June 18, 2025 – 12:30 p.m. (Weds.) \*\* Moved due to Juneteenth Holiday \*\*

September 19, 2025 – 12:30 p.m. (Thurs.)

December 19, 2025 – 12:30 p.m. (Thurs.)

#### **BOARD MEETINGS**

March 20 – 21, 2025 – 8:30 a.m. (Thurs. and Fri.)
April 17 – 18, 2025 - 8:30 a.m. (Thurs. and Fri.)
May 15 – 16, 2025 – 8:30 a.m. (Thurs. and Fri.)
June 18, 2025 – 8:30 a.m. (Weds.) \*\* Moved due to Juneteenth Holiday \*\*
July 17 – 19, 2025 – 8:30 a.m. (Thurs. and Fri.)
September 18 – 19, 2025 – 8:30 a.m. (Thurs. and Fri.) \*\* Board Picture Day \*\*
October 16 – 17, 2025 – 8:30 a.m. (Thurs. and Fri.)
November 20 – 21, 2025 – 8:30 a.m. (Thurs. and Fri.)
December 18 – 19, 2025 – 8:30 a.m. (Thurs. and Fri.)

<sup>\*\*</sup> Please note that these dates and times are tentative.

#### **CONTINUED OR NEW BUSINESS**

**Board Information Requested** 

#### **BOARD INFORMATION REQUESTS AND FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

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#### ADJOURNMENT(R)

Thursday, March 20, 2025, for the no	ext regularly scheduled meeting.
The meeting adjourned at	a.m./p.m.
	Matthew King – Chair
Richard Stensrud, Secretary	