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Capital Markets Review

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# Higher Interest Rates Work! That's Good?

#### ECONOMY

**2 PAGE** Fed rate hikes seem to be working as designed, but there is always a delicate balancing act in trying to avoid a recession. The U.S. economy has held up pretty well, but GDP is slowing and the bond market is signaling a recession is ahead. The risks of that event have increased.

# After Worst Year Ever, A Rebound for Bonds

FIXED INCOME

**B P A G E Following the worst** year ever for core fixed income, the Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index rose 3.0% in 1Q. As with equities, it was a bumpy ride with solid returns in January and March sandwiching a negative February. Global indices also rose in the quarter

# Interest Continues as IRRs Stay Steady

#### PRIVATE CREDIT

Private credit generated net IRRs between 7% and 10% for trailing periods ended 9/30/22. Interest in the asset class remains strong and a renewed focus has been placed on relative value, downside protection, and managers' internal workout resources.

# 4Q22 and 1Q23 Gains Help Ease the Pain

#### INSTITUTIONAL INVESTORS

All investor types saw declines for the trailing year ended 1Q23, but the pain was eased by rebounds for stocks and bonds in 4Q22 and 1Q23. And while 2022 was a tough year, the silver lining is that return expectations going forward are now materially higher.

# Private RE Mixed; REITs Lag Equities

REAL ESTATE/REAL ASSETS

**10** PAGE Income returns for the NCREIF Property Index were positive but appreciation fell for the four major property sectors. REITs lagged equities in the quarter, and real assets were mixed but also lagged equities. Transaction volume continues to decrease on a rolling four-quarter basis.

# Steady Gains Amid Volatile Markets

#### HEDGE FUNDS/MACs

Hedge funds ended the quarter in positive territory, although they underperformed broader equity indices, as the group provided steady performance through a volatile market environment. The median manager in the Callan Institutional Hedge Fund Peer Group rose 1.3%.

# Increase but the Ride Was Bumpy in 1Q

#### EQUITY

**6 PAGE** The S&P 500 posted a second straight quarter of positive performance, gaining 7.5% in 1Q23; large cap growth led all style and cap indices higher, advancing 14.4%. Results were mixed across developed markets but most delivered positive returns.

# Asset Class Adjusts To Tighter Conditions

PRIVATE EQUITY

A G E all activity measures moderated in 1Q23. Company-level entry and exit transactions retreated to levels seen in 2020, which remain healthy but look meager compared to 2021's stimulus-fueled liquidity peak, and 2022's gradual slowdown.

# Index Rises After 3 Quarters of Losses

#### DEFINED CONTRIBUTION

**15** PAGE The Callan DC Index rose 6.3% in 4Q22 after three straight quarterly declines. Balances also rose, driven by investment gains. TDFs continued to see the largest inflows. Allocations to equities rose slightly. Fees fell but the amount varied by plan size.

# Broad Market Quarterly Returns



#### Global ex-U.S. Equity MSCI ACWI ex USA



#### U.S. Fixed Income Bloomberg Agg



#### Global ex-U.S. Fixed Income Bloomberg Global Agg ex US



Sources: Bloomberg, FTSE Russell, MSCI

# Higher Interest Rates Work! That's Good, Right?!

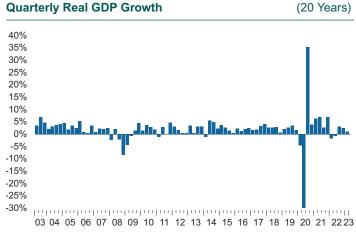
#### ECONOMY | Jay Kloepfer

The Federal Reserve has two very public mandates: to support employment growth and to maintain low, stable inflation. When the economy falls into recession (GDP and jobs are contracting) and unemployment rises, the Fed typically steps in and lowers interest rates. Lower rates stimulate borrowing by consumers and businesses, and thereby spur demand that will ultimately pull the economy back into the black with positive economic growth and a resumption of hiring. When inflation rises, the Fed typically steps in and raises interest rates. Higher rates slow borrowing by consumers and businesses, and thereby lessen demand and slow the upward pressure on prices.

There is a balancing act on both sides of this policy equation: How much stimulus is enough to get the economy growing and spur recovery in the job market to pull down unemployment, before the resumption in demand pushes up prices? How high can interest rates go before the economy slows enough to tip into recession and unemployment shoots up? While this characterization is incredibly simplistic compared to the complex inner workings of the Fed, and ignores for the moment the impact of the Fed balance sheet and monetary tightening or easing, the story works to help explain the conundrum we currently face as we move into 2Q23.

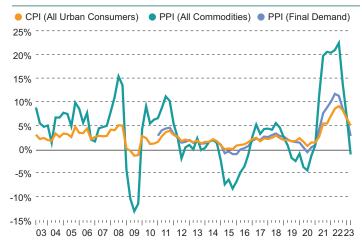
The last three years saw incredible mayhem in the supply chains, capital flows, and job markets of the world, with equally volatile yet weirdly out-of-sync (at times) mayhem in the capital markets. We suffered through a pandemic with an uneven global policy response, and the invasion of Ukraine in winter 2022. Global energy fell to an effective price of zero in 2020 only to skyrocket immediately thereafter. Inflation surged hard after more than a decade of suppression, and central bank responses to withdraw stimulus and put out the inflation fire in 2022 spooked equity markets and drove fixed income returns to their worst year ever.

Underneath all this, the U.S. economy has actually held up pretty darn well. We regained the pre-pandemic levels of GDP and employment in fairly short order, given the depth of the declines. The job market in the U.S. has been particularly robust; even in 2022 as the capital markets plummeted, we added 4.8 million jobs



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

Inflation Year-Over-Year



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

during the year, with two monster months in February and July, and an average of 330,000 new jobs in the other 10 months of 2022. On the downside, overall gains in jobs hide the continued mismatch between the supply of jobs from employers and the type of jobs workers are demanding. Many trade and service industries remain woefully understaffed. Personal income surged, first through pandemic support in 2020 and the inability to spend in lockdown, and then as wages and salaries rose when economic growth burst into the open in 2021 and 2022. However, inflation ate into income gains and drove up prices for businesses, crimping real returns and company margins. Now that the Fed Funds rate has reached 5% and mortgage rates are at 7%, is it time for us to tip into recession? Did the Fed do "too much, too late?" 1Q23 GDP grew 1.1%, a definite slowdown from the second half of 2022, and below consensus expectations of 2%. Two culprits for the slower growth were weaker retail sales and a drop in new home construction. Another culprit was inventory reduction—companies worked down their stockpiles. Reducing inventories in anticipation of slower demand can be a self-fulfilling prophecy, as inventory reduction is a negative to GDP, but it can also set the economy up for a stronger 2Q, with the potential to rebuild inventory in the coming months. The consensus among economic forecasters is for substantial slowdown in 2023, to near zero growth in 2Q and 3Q, reaching the soft landing that is the holy grail of central banks.

Over history, however, we have not enjoyed soft landings in recessions; unemployment has spiked far beyond what would be thought of as a soft landing. The data for tracking recessions are all lagged, but the sequence of events in the economy is typically 1) slowing activity that takes a while to show up in the GDP data, then 2) cutting back in the form of spending and hiring, 3) layoffs starting in highflying industries, leading to 4) the multiplier effects of the slowdown snowballing into significant job losses across the broad economy. The stock market usually prices in recession first, often far ahead of the economic data, and then the market begins to advance, pricing in the recovery while the recession is still unfolding.

The bond market has been signaling belief in recession with an inverted yield curve. The market fully believed in the Fed's interest rate plans in March 2022 when inflation took off, and the yield curve shifted up sharply. As the year went on, the bond market then began worrying that the Fed would have to reverse course "soon" and start cutting rates to stave off recession, hence the inversion of the yield curve. The Fed has made it clear that inflation remains concern

#### **Recent Quarterly Economic Indicators**

	1Q23	4Q22	3Q22	2Q22
Employment Cost: Total Compensation Growth	4.8%	5.1%	5.0%	5.1%
Nonfarm Business: Productivity Growth	-2.7%	1.6%	1.2%	-3.7%
GDP Growth	1.1%	2.6%	3.2%	-0.9%
Manufacturing Capacity Utilization	78.3%	78.5%	79.4%	79.6%
Consumer Sentiment Index (1966=100)	64.6	58.8	56.1	57.8

Sources: Bureau of Economic Analysis, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Federal Reserve, IHS Economics, Reuters/University of Michigan

#### The Long-Term View

				Ended	
Index	1Q23	<u>1 Yr</u>	5 Yrs	10 Yrs	25 Yrs
U.S. Equity					
Russell 3000	7.2	-8.6	10.5	11.7	7.4
S&P 500	7.5	-7.7	11.2	12.2	7.4
Russell 2000	2.7	-11.6	4.7	8.0	6.8
Global ex-U.S. Equity					
MSCI EAFE	8.5	-1.4	3.5	5.0	4.3
MSCI ACWI ex USA	6.9	-5.1	2.5	4.2	
MSCI Emerging Markets	4.0	-10.7	-0.9	2.0	
MSCI ACWI ex USA Small Cap	4.7	-10.4	1.7	5.1	6.5
Fixed Income					
Bloomberg Agg	3.0	-4.8	0.9	1.4	4.0
90-Day T-Bill	1.1	2.5	1.4	0.9	1.9
Bloomberg Long G/C	5.8	-13.4	0.6	2.3	5.6
Bloomberg GI Agg ex US	3.1	-10.7	-3.2	-1.0	2.8
Real Estate					
NCREIF Property	-1.8	-1.6	6.7	8.3	8.8
FTSE Nareit Equity	2.7	-19.2	6.0	6.0	8.0
Alternatives					
CS Hedge Fund	0.2	-0.9	4.2	3.9	5.5
Cambridge PE*	0.8	-8.2	16.1	15.1	14.1
Bloomberg Commodity	-5.4	-12.5	5.4	-1.7	1.8
Gold Spot Price	8.8	1.6	8.4	2.2	7.8
Inflation – CPI-U	1.7	5.0	3.9	2.6	2.5

\*Data for most recent period lags. Data as of 9/30/22.

Sources: Bloomberg, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Credit Suisse, FTSE Russell, MSCI, NCREIF, Refinitiv/Cambridge, S&P Dow Jones Indices

No. 1, and the potential to cause a recession has not entered its deliberations. The strong job market in 1Q—almost a million new jobs—gives the Fed cover to continue course. The storm clouds on the horizon are the various measures of inflation: CPI-U and PCE both rose 5% in the first quarter, and the employment cost index for private industry rose 4.8%. While these rates are high relative to longer term history, they are down substantially from the peaks of mid-2022.

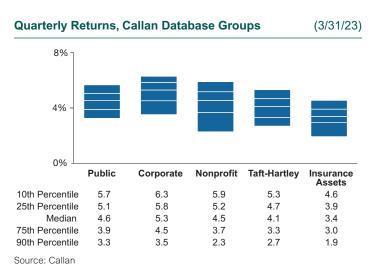
So higher interest rates are working, slowing demand and lessening price pressure, but inflation has a habit of being sticky on the downside. Squeezed margins means pressure to trim costs (and raise prices if possible). Highly visible layoffs in technology may soon expand to the broader economy. The chance of a recession in 2023 remains high.

# Returns Fall for Trailing Year, but 4Q22, 1Q23 Gains Help Ease the Pain

#### INSTITUTIONAL INVESTORS

- Gains for stocks and bonds at the end of 2022 and beginning of 2023 eased the pain of a tough year for all institutional investors in 2022.
- While all investor types saw losses for the trailing one-year ending 1Q23, the declines were less than the double-digit losses they had experienced last year.
- Most investor types topped a 60% S&P 500/40% Bloomberg Aggregate benchmark over the trailing one year, with the exception of corporate plans.
- Results over the last 20 years for all investor types are in line with the stock-bonds benchmark.
- Entering 2023, for all investor types inflation is still an issue, despite recent declines.
  - Even if the rate goes to zero, the level of prices is permanently higher unless we get to deflation. The impact on individual and business real net income is substantial and portends slower growth in 2023 and 2024.
- Rate hikes from the Fed are another key concern.
  - The Fed has increased rates 475 bps since March 2022, from 0.0%-0.25% to 4.75%-5.0% in March 2023.

- While the painful losses across the board for investors in 2022 were a challenge, the silver lining is that higher returns are expected going forward.
  - Return targets are now in sight.
  - Risk reduction is on the table.



#### Callan Database Median and Index Returns\* for Periods Ended 3/31/23

Database Group	Quarter	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	20 Years
Public Database	4.6	-4.8	11.2	6.2	7.2	7.9
Corporate Database	5.3	-7.3	5.5	4.2	5.9	7.3
Nonprofit Database	4.5	-4.7	11.2	5.8	6.7	7.7
Taft-Hartley Database	4.1	-4.0	11.2	6.4	7.3	7.5
Insurance Assets Database	3.4	-3.0	4.4	3.2	3.6	5.1
All Institutional Investors	4.6	-4.9	10.6	5.7	6.8	7.6
Large (>\$1 billion)	4.2	-4.9	11.2	6.5	7.3	8.0
Medium (\$100mm - \$1bn)	4.7	-4.9	10.7	5.8	7.0	7.6
Small (<\$100 million)	4.6	-4.9	10.4	5.5	6.6	7.2
60% S&P 500/40% Bloomberg Agg	5.7	-6.3	9.9	7.5	8.1	7.8

\*Returns less than one year are not annualized.

Source: Callan. Callan's database includes the following groups: public defined benefit (DB) plans, corporate DB plans, nonprofits, insurance assets, and Taft-Hartley plans. Approximately 10% to 15% of the database constituents are Callan's clients. All database group returns presented gross of fees. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Reference to or inclusion in this report of any product, service, or entity should not be construed as a recommendation, approval, affiliation, or endorsement of such product, service, or entity by Callan.

- Private markets are now over target allocations.
  - Downward market valuations are slower in coming, distorting true exposures.
  - Interest remains strong in all private assets.
  - · Sharpened interest in real assets continues.
  - But current real assets exposures did not help, given losses in the asset class.
- Strategic themes in client conversations: How much has the world changed, and does it alter how we should view and implement our portfolio?

#### **Corporated Defined Benefit (DB) Plans**

- Liabilities fell sharply with rising interest rates. Liability-driven investing (LDI) portfolios were hammered by long duration exposure; typical LDI plan treaded water in funded status.
- Plans are questioning what they are doing with LDI, and why.
  Funded status no longer translates directly to contributions, or expense. Funding relief changed views.
- Total return-oriented plans saw funded status improve as equities declined less than liabilities.
- We expect higher interest rates will increase discussions about pension risk transfer. Most of our corporate DB clients are inclined to keep the plan on the balance sheet.

#### **Public DB Plans**

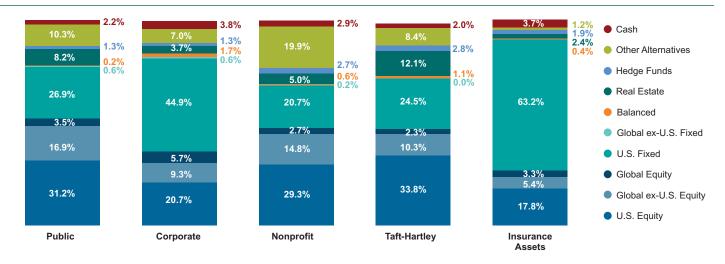
- Downward pressure on actuarial discount rates may now abate as capital markets expectations are higher following the market decline.
- Higher return expectations and lowered discount rates have led to a number of discussions of de-risking, after years of risking-up to chase returns.
- Inflation impacts future liabilities through pressure on salary and hits plans now with COLAs. Political pressures are high on plans with discretionary COLAs. Most COLAs are NOT funded, which is the reason why many plans suspended or eliminated them to address funding shortfalls over the past decade.

#### Nonprofits

- They are expanding the depth and breadth of their private markets allocations to diversify a prior focus on growth.
- Inflation concerns will lead to reconsideration of spending policies in 2023.

#### **Defined Contribution (DC) Plans**

- Pressure on investment management fees shows no signs of abating.
- Plans are also focused on compliance as they digest the implications of SECURE 2.0.



#### Average Asset Allocation, Callan Database Groups

Note: Charts may not sum to 100% due to rounding. Other alternatives include but is not limited to: diversified multi-asset, private credit, private equity, and real assets. Source: Callan

# Equity

#### **U.S. Equities**

#### Markets gain, with exception of small cap value

- The S&P 500 posted a second straight quarter of positive performance, gaining 7.5% in 1Q23; large cap growth led all style and cap indices higher, advancing 14.4%.
- Russell 2000 Value was a notable exception and experienced a slight decline of 0.7% due to greater exposure to Financials, specifically banks.
- During the quarter, three sectors comprising 44% of the S&P 500 (and 63% of the Russell 1000 Growth Index) drove performance: Technology (+21.8%), Communication Services (+20.5%), and Consumer Discretionary (+16.1%).
- Financials, Energy, and Health Care posted negative returns for the quarter but had only a modest impact on total returns given smaller weights in respective benchmarks.
- Small caps (Russell 2000) underperformed large caps (Russell 1000) and growth outperformed value during the quarter, a reversal from 2022. Greater exposure to banks in Russell 2000 (8.3%) versus Russell 1000 (3.3%) was one differentiator for returns; strong returns for mega-cap Technology also increased divergence.

#### Large cap growth outperformance drivers

- The large cap growth outperformance was driven by increased valuations as interest rates declined and expectations of a more dovish Fed emerged.
- Asset managers may take a more cautious approach in equity markets into coming quarters as earnings estimates decline; expect a focus on quality, cash flow, defensive value names, and profitable growth stocks.

- Price multiples continue to be important as elevated valuations may compress if markets anticipate that monetary easing is not on the near-term horizon.
- Analyst estimates for future earnings are diverging, typically a sign of elevated economic turbulence.
- Investors "bought the dip" as stock performance reversed from the prior year; the worst-performing stocks for 2022 became best-performing stocks during 1Q23.

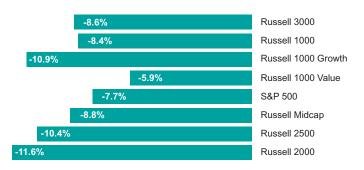
#### Russell 3000 7.2% Russell 1000 7.5% Russell 1000 Growth 14.4% Russell 1000 Value 1.0% S&P 500 7.5% Russell Midcap 4.1% Russell 2500 3.4% Russell 2000 2.7%

#### **U.S. Equity: One-Year Returns**

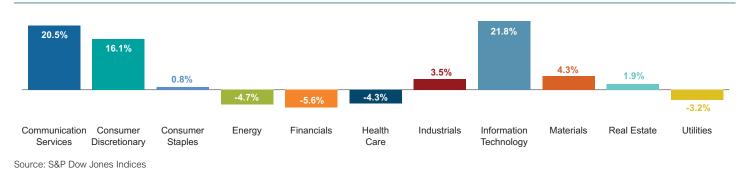
**U.S. Equity: Quarterly Returns** 

(3/31/23)

(3/31/23)



Sources: FTSE Russell and S&P Dow Jones Indices



### Quarterly Performance of Industry Sectors (12/31/22)

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### **Global Equity**

#### 1Q23 brought global equity markets back to black

- Positive results despite hiccups
- 1Q23 was marked by the collapse of Silicon Valley Bank and Credit Suisse, which sent fears of a banking crisis across global markets.
- Despite a Fed hike during the period, investors began to price in lower rate expectations.
- Europe outperformed other regions, making up ground lost in 2022 as inflation eased and recession fears lessened.

#### Growth vs. value

- Growth outpaced value across developed and emerging markets.
- In a reversal from 2022, investors preferred growth alongside a drawdown in banks; Information Technology was the largest outperformer.

#### U.S. dollar vs. other currencies

 After some strength early in the quarter, the U.S. dollar declined 1% as interest rate differentials narrowed globally.

#### Developed markets outpace U.S.

- Outperformance of developed markets over the past year has been driven by Europe.
- Europe beat U.S. as the worst fears in the wake of the Russia-Ukraine War were not realized.
- Europe benefited from falling gas prices and China reopening.
- Value-growth dispersion was impacted less in developed markets relative to U.S. given the composition of the markets.
- EAFE Value outperformed Growth by 2.5 percentage points.
- S&P 500 Value outperformed Growth by 15.2 percentage points.
- Weak dollar in recent quarters helped global ex-U.S. equities.
- Since DXY Index reached a 20-year high in September 2022, it has fallen by 10%.

#### Will Europe continue to be a source of return?

- EPS growth expectations have fallen for both S&P 500 (-7%) and Europe (-9%).
- However, euro zone provides valuation support relative to the U.S.
- Euro zone trades at a 30% discount vs. the U.S.

#### Global ex-U.S. Equity: Quarterly Returns (U.S. Dollar, 3/31/23)



#### Global ex-U.S. Equity: One-Year Returns (U.S. Dollar, 3/31/23)

-1.4	4%	MSCI EAFE
-7.4%		MSCI ACWI
-7.0%	6	MSCI World
-5	.1%	MSCI ACWI ex USA
-2.7%	6	MSCI World ex USA
-10.4%		MSCI ACWI ex USA Small Cap
-10.1%		MSCI World ex USA Small Cap
-11.0%		MSCI EM Small Cap
MSCI Europe e	x UK	2.0%
-0	.8%	MSCI UK
-7.4%		MSCI Pacific ex Japan
-5	5.2%	MSCI Japan
-10.7%		MSCI Emerging Markets
-	4.7%	MSCI China
-17.5%		MSCI Frontier Markets

Source: MSCI

# **Fixed Income**

#### **U.S. Fixed Income**

#### Bloomberg Aggregate was positive in 1Q but mixed

- January: +3.1%
- February: -2.6%
- March: +2.5%

#### U.S. Treasury volatility was pronounced

- 2-year U.S. Treasury yield high was 5.08% on 3/8 and low was 3.77% on 3/24
- MOVE Index highest since 2008

#### Yield curve remained inverted but also volatile

- 2yr/10yr | 3/31: -58 bps; max 3/8: -109; min 3/23: -38
- 1yr/10yr | 3/31: -116 bps

#### Fed raised rates, bringing target to 4.75%-5.00%

- Median expectation from Fed is 5.1% for year-end 2023; market pricing in Fed cuts by year-end
- Inflation moderated but still high and job market tight

#### Sector performance mixed

- Corporate Industrials excess return: +58 bps
- Corporate Financials excess return: -39 bps
- RMBS excess return: -50 bps
- CMBS excess return: -74 bps
- High yield excess return: +123 bps

#### Valuations fair

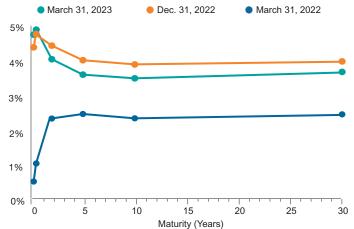
 Credit spreads have not widened materially and are close to historical averages

#### **Municipal Bonds**

#### Indices gained in 1Q23

- Lower quality outperformed (AAA: +2.5%; AA: +2.7%; A: +3.0%; BBB: +3.7%)
- Muni curve inverted but less so than U.S. Treasuries
- 2-year AAA yield: 2.41%; 10-year AAA yield: 2.28%
- Valuations relative to U.S. Treasuries are rich

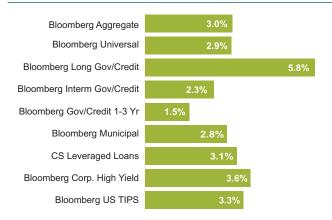
# U.S. Treasury Yield Curves





#### U.S. Fixed Income: Quarterly Returns

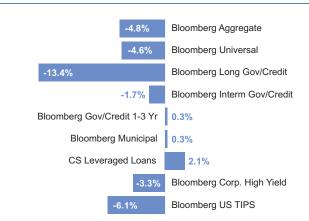
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Sources: Bloomberg and Credit Suisse

#### U.S. Fixed Income: One-Year Returns

(3/31/23)



Sources: Bloomberg and Credit Suisse

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#### FIXED INCOME (Continued)

- 10-year AAA Muni/10-year U.S. Treasury yield ratio 65%; below 10-year average of 88%
- Over the last 10 years, 10-year ratio was richer 4% of the time
- After-tax yield of Muni Bond Index = 5.5%; Bloomberg IG Corporate = 5.2% (Source: Eaton Vance)

#### Supply/demand

- Outflows nearly \$2 billion but lower than the \$22 billion in 1Q22
- Supply about 25% lower year-over-year
- Munis not immune to turmoil in banking, but fundamentals remain sound
- Banks are third largest holder of munis (about 15%) but thus far have not been sellers
- Municipals could be affected by tighter lending standards but likely result would be more public issuance
- "Rainy Day" fund balances and state tax revenues robust

#### **Global Fixed Income**

### Global Aggregate was positive in 1Q but mixed

- January: +3.3%
- February: -3.3%
- March: +3.2%
- ECB and UK hiked rates; Japan held steady

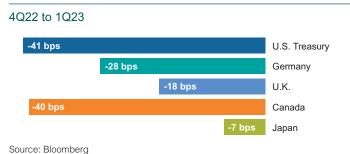
#### U.S. dollar was mixed but mostly lower

- Euro: +2% vs dollar
- British pound: +3% vs dollar
- Japanese yen: -1% vs dollar
- Australian dollar: -1% vs dollar
- Mexican peso: +8% vs dollar
- Brazilian real: +4% vs dollar

#### Emerging market debt delivered solid results

 EM currencies did well versus U.S. dollar, especially in Latin America; Latin America local currency return: +4.1%; unhedged in \$US: +9.8%

#### **Change in 10-Year Global Government Bond Yields**



**Global Fixed Income: Quarterly Returns** 

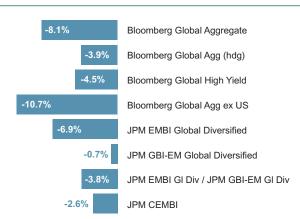
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Sources: Bloomberg and JPMorgan Chase

#### **Global Fixed Income: One-Year Returns**



Sources: Bloomberg and JPMorgan Chase

# Private Real Estate Sees Mixed Results, While REITs Lag Equities

#### REAL ESTATE/REAL ASSETS | Kristin Bradbury, Munir Iman, and Aaron Quach

#### Income returns positive but appreciation negative

- Income returns were positive across all property sectors and regions in the NCREIF Property Index.
- All sectors and regions, except for Hotel, experienced negative appreciation.
- Valuations are reflective of higher interest rates, which have put upward pressure on capitalization rate and discount rate assumptions.
- Return dispersion by manager within the ODCE Index was due to the composition of underlying portfolios.
- Outstanding redemption requests for most large ODCE funds are approximately 8% to 16% of net asset value.
- There is more than \$200 billion of capital waiting to be deployed in North America.
- Majority of dry powder capital in opportunistic, value-add, and debt funds
- Transaction volume continues to decrease on a rolling fourquarter basis and is now below five-year averages.
- The rise in interest rates is the driving force behind the slowdown in transactions. A bid-ask spread remains and price discovery continues to occur among market participants.

#### **REITs Underperform Equity Indices**

 Global REITs underperformed in 1Q23, rising 0.8% compared to a 7.7% rise for global equities (MSCI World).

# Sector Quarterly Returns by Property Type (3/31/23)



Source: NCREIF

- U.S. REITs gained 2.7% in 1Q23, in contrast with the S&P 500 Index, which rose 7.5%.
- REITs are now trading at a discount to NAV (-12%) and offer relative value given the strength of underlying fundamentals.
- Historically, global REITs have traded at a -5.1% discount to NAV.

#### Real assets mixed but lagged global equities

- Real assets were mixed in 1Q but generally underperformed global equities.
- Gold (S&P Gold Spot Price Index: +8.8%), REITs (MSCI US REIT: +2.7%), infrastructure (DJB Global Infrastructure: +2.5%), and TIPS (Bloomberg TIPS: +2.0%) all posted positive returns.
- The S&P GSCI Index fell 4.9% with oil down about 7%. WTI Crude closed the quarter at \$74/barrel, just before OPEC announced its intention to cut production in May.

### Callan Database Median and Index Returns\* for Periods Ended 3/31/23

Private Real Assets	Quarter	Year to Date	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	15 Years
Real Estate ODCE Style	-1.7	-1.7	-2.2	8.4	7.5	9.0	5.1
NFI-ODCE (value-weighted, net)	-3.4	-3.4	-3.9	7.5	6.6	8.5	5.0
NCREIF Property	-1.8	-1.8	-1.6	7.2	6.7	8.3	6.3
NCREIF Farmland	2.1	2.1	8.9	7.5	6.5	8.5	10.2
NCREIF Timberland	1.8	1.7	11.3	8.1	5.5	5.8	4.6
Public Real Estate							
Global Real Estate Style	1.8	1.8	-20.2	7.9	3.3	4.7	4.5
FTSE EPRA Nareit Developed	0.8	0.8	-21.4	6.6	0.9	2.5	2.5
Global ex-U.S. Real Estate Style	0.1	0.0	-21.9	2.8	-0.7	3.4	2.4
FTSE EPRA Nareit Dev ex US	-1.7	-1.6	-23.0	1.1	-3.1	0.3	0.7
U.S. REIT Style	3.1	3.1	-19.0	11.4	7.2	6.9	7.3
FTSE EPRA Nareit Equity REITs	2.7	2.7	-19.2	12.1	6.0	6.0	6.3

\*Returns less than one year are not annualized. Sources: Callan, FTSE Russell, NCREIF

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# Deceleration in 2022, with Trends for 2023 Very Unclear

#### **PRIVATE EQUITY** | Gary Robertson

Private equity continued the trend of slower activity in 1Q23, after the frothy 2021 peak period. Fundraising dollar volume ticked up slightly, but overall combined company-level entry and exit volumes averaged drops of about 34% by count and 54% by dollar volume from 4Q22. Exits continue to suffer more than fund commitments and new investments.

**Fundraising** ► Based on preliminary data, 1Q23 private equity partnerships holding final closes totaled \$188.7 billion, up 20% from 4Q22. New partnerships formed dropped 47% to 339, with the trend continuing of larger funds consolidating most commitments. Secondary funds surged to 17% of commitments, which is an anomaly for the strategy that normally has a low single-digit market share. New buyout funds with 44% of commitments remains low. Venture capital has declined from recent 30%-plus levels but remains significant. (Unless otherwise noted, all data comes from PitchBook.)

**Buyouts** ► Funds closed 2,429 investments with \$123 billion in disclosed deal value, a 21% decline in count and a 53% drop in dollar value from 4Q.

VC Investments ► New investments in venture capital companies totaled 10,271 rounds of financing, down 10%, with \$78 billion of announced value, down 11%. Exits ► There were 462 private M&A exits of private equitybacked companies, a 3% increase. Disclosed values declined 36% to \$89 billion. There were 47 private equity-backed IPOs, down 20%, which raised an aggregate \$5 billion, down 44%.

Venture-backed M&A exits totaled 527 with disclosed value of \$22 billion. The number of sales rose only 1% from 4Q, but announced value jumped 175%. There were 58 VC-backed IPOs, down 51%, and the combined float totaled \$6 billion, a 33% decrease.

**Returns** Preliminary numbers (finals will be published in mid-May) for 4Q22 indicate a modestly up quarter for All Private Equity, with Buyout and Credit-related strategies offsetting continued declines in Venture Capital and Growth Equity.

#### Funds Closed 1/1/23 to 3/31/23

Strategy	No. of Funds	Amt (\$mm)	Share
Venture Capital	200	31,629	17%
Growth Equity	14	15,316	8%
Buyouts	93	83,346	44%
Mezzanine Debt	8	16,012	8%
Distressed/Special Credit	3	10,515	6%
Energy	0	0	0%
Secondary and Other	20	31,608	17%
Fund-of-Funds	1	274	0%
Totals	339	188,700	100%

Source: PitchBook (Figures may not total due to rounding.)

#### Private Equity Performance (%) (Pooled Horizon IRRs through 12/31/22\*)

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Strategy	Quarter	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	15 Years	20 Years	25 Years
All Venture	-5.40	-19.17	24.33	22.38	19.22	13.19	12.60	23.50
Growth Equity	-1.29	-14.64	19.32	18.13	15.85	12.62	14.76	15.15
All Buyouts	4.15	-3.00	17.52	15.75	15.14	10.06	15.01	12.77
Mezzanine	3.82	4.34	11.60	11.04	11.23	10.19	11.19	10.00
Credit Opportunities	2.53	4.37	8.60	7.02	8.24	8.74	9.79	9.54
Control Distressed	1.98	3.91	19.76	13.44	12.29	10.49	11.92	11.71
All Private Equity	0.67	-8.32	18.62	16.60	15.20	10.90	13.83	13.71
S&P 500	7.56	-18.11	7.66	9.42	12.56	8.81	9.80	7.64
Russell 3000	1.87	-13.01	-2.71	0.02	1.06	2.66	3.10	3.97
	1.07	-15.01	-2.71	0.02	1.00	2.00		5.10

Note: Private equity returns are net of fees. Sources: Refinitiv/Cambridge and S&P Dow Jones Indices \*Most recent data available at time of publication

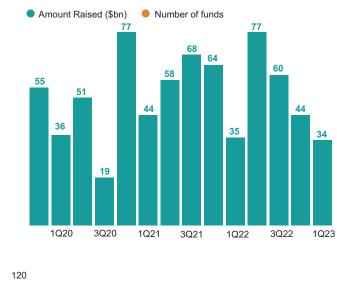
Note: Transaction count and dollar volume figures across all private equity measures are preliminary figures and are subject to update in subsequent versions of the *Capital Markets Review* and other Callan publications.

# Net IRRs Range Between 7%-10%; Interest Remains Strong

#### **PRIVATE CREDIT** | Catherine Beard

- Private credit performance varies across sub-asset class and underlying return drivers. On average, the asset class has generated net IRRs of 7% to 10% for trailing periods ended Sept. 30, 2022. Higher-risk strategies performed better than lower-risk strategies.
- As interest rates declined after the Global Financial Crisis (GFC), private credit attracted increased interest from institutional investors.
- Private credit fundraising was robust leading into the COVID dislocation with a particular focus on direct lending, assetbased lending, and distressed strategies.
- In the current rate environment, a renewed focus has been placed on relative value, downside protection, and managers' internal workout resources.
- There is renewed interest in strategies with strong collateral protection such as asset-based lending.
- Larger sponsor-backed lending is seeing a new focus due to the high yield/broadly syndicated loan disintermediation by private debt.
  - U.S. sub-investment grade corporate yields rose dramatically at the beginning of 2022 with yields peaking in September. This was a combination of higher interest rates due to tighter Fed policy and a widening of high yield spreads.
  - Spreads widened during the first half of 2022 due to weaker credit conditions as the U.S. economic outlook worsened. This has since moderated.
  - Default rates for U.S. corporate bonds ticked up in 1Q but remained well below the historical average of 3%-4%. Callan expects defaults to increase somewhat in coming months as economic growth slows and

#### Private Credit Fundraising (\$bn)





Source: Preqin

potentially turns negative.

 The Corporate Bond Market Distress Index (CMDI) rose rapidly during the first nine months of 2022, especially for investment grade bonds, highlighting market volatility and a drying up of liquidity, but has fallen since then. In 2023, as the IG distress index continues to fall, the HY bond indicator is on the rise. The CMDI incorporates a range of indicators, including new issuance and pricing for primary and secondary market bonds and relative pricing between traded and nontraded bonds.

#### Private Credit Performance (%) (Pooled Horizon IRRs through 9/30/22\*)

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Quarter	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	8 Years	10 Years	15 Years	20 Years
-2.4	-3.5	4.6	5.1	5.7	5.9	6.3	6.1
0.2	5.0	11.8	11.1	10.8	11.3	10.5	11.3
0.7	3.9	8.4	7.2	6.6	8.3	8.6	9.7
-0.1	2.6	8.4	7.7	7.4	8.6	8.8	9.7
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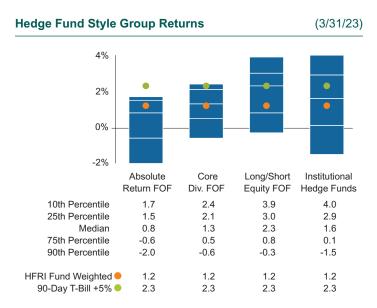
Source: Refinitiv/Cambridge

\*Most recent data available at time of publication

# **Steady Gains Amid Volatile Markets**

#### HEDGE FUNDS/MACs | Joe McGuane

- Equity and credit markets saw volatility spike during 1Q23, as sentiment on inflation and Federal Reserve policy whipsawed in response to signs of persistent inflation following strong economic data on the labor market.
- Both stocks and bonds gained ground, and hedge funds ended the quarter in positive territory, although they underperformed broader equity indices, as the group provided steady performance through a volatile market environment.
- Equity hedge strategies had a strong start to the year, as tech-focused managers saw performance soar.
- Relative value managers also had a nice quarter, as fixed income relative value strategies were able to profit off the move in short-term rates in March.
- Event-driven strategies posted gains, as some managers profited from merger arbitrage exposures as spreads tightened with the completion of several large strategic deals.



Sources: Callan, Credit Suisse, Federal Reserve

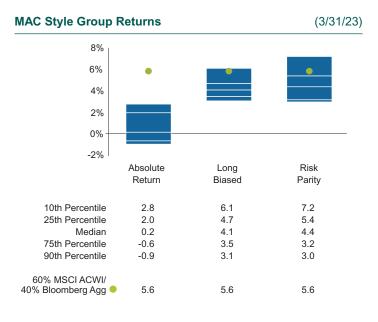
Hedge Fund Universe	Quarter	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	15 Years
Callan Institutional Hedge Fund Peer Group	1.6	2.6	9.2	5.7	5.8	6.1
Callan Fund-of-Funds Peer Group	1.2	0.9	8.1	4.2	4.2	3.7
Callan Absolute Return FOF Style	0.8	2.3	8.8	4.1	4.5	3.6
Callan Core Diversified FOF Style	1.3	1.5	8.1	4.0	4.0	3.4
Callan Long/Short Equity FOF Style	2.3	-2.3	6.6	4.5	4.6	4.1
HFRI Fund-Weighted Index	1.2	-2.1	10.5	4.7	4.4	4.0
HFRI Fixed Convertible Arbitrage	1.4	1.0	9.1	5.3	5.0	5.4
HFRI Distressed/Restructuring	0.9	-4.6	12.2	4.7	4.4	4.5
HFRI Emerging Markets	1.9	-4.9	8.0	1.0	2.8	2.0
HFRI Equity Market Neutral	0.8	2.5	4.1	1.9	2.9	2.0
HFRI Event-Driven	1.4	-2.2	11.7	4.5	4.6	4.5
HFRI Relative Value	1.3	0.0	7.7	3.6	3.9	4.7
HFRI Macro	-2.4	-0.4	7.0	4.6	2.7	2.4
HFRI Equity Hedge	2.5	-3.7	12.4	5.0	5.3	4.2
HFRI Multi-Strategy	1.4	-6.3	7.1	2.4	2.8	3.1
HFRI Merger Arbitrage	-1.8	-0.3	9.7	5.3	4.3	4.0
90-Day T-Bill + 5%	2.3	7.5	5.9	6.4	5.9	5.7

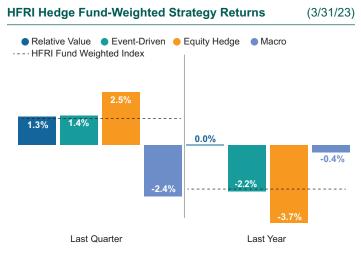
#### Callan Peer Group Median and Index Returns\* for Periods Ended 3/31/23

\*Net of fees. Sources: Callan, Credit Suisse, Hedge Fund Research

- Macro strategies generated negative performance on the quarter, as losses came from short positions in U.S. rates, and short positions in U.S. equity indices detracted from performance.
- The median manager in the Callan Institutional Hedge Fund Peer Group rose 1.6%.
- Within this style group of 50 peers, the average hedged credit manager gained 2.1%, as high yield markets had a strong start to the year as near-term recession risks receded and capital market access improved.
- Hedged rates managers rose 1.5%, as those strategies were able to profit off short-term rates falling in March, as the banking crisis flared up.
- The average hedged equity manager fell 0.3%, as managers with a focus on tech, media, and telecom (TMT) and consumer stocks led the rally after lagging for all of 2022.
- Within the HFRI Indices, the best-performing strategy in 1Q was the equity hedge index (+2.5%), as managers that were focused on growth stocks saw a strong bounce in performance compared to last year.
- Event-driven strategies finished up 1.4%, as hard catalyst situations contributed to performance along with select merger arbitrage exposures as spreads tightened.

- Macro strategies ended the quarter 2.4% lower, primarily due to losses in short fixed income exposures, as banking turmoil abruptly shifted rate expectations.
- Across the Callan Hedge FOF Database, the median Callan Long-Short Equity FOF gained 2.3%, as managers benefited from a strong S&P 500 during 1Q.
- The median Callan Core Diversified FOF rose 1.3%, as equity hedge exposure offset negative performance from macro managers during the quarter.
- Callan Absolute Return FOF was up 0.8%, as multi-strategy and equity hedge exposure was able to offset the underperformance from macro managers in the quarter.
- The median Callan MAC Risk Parity manager gained 4.4%, as equities and fixed income drove performance during the quarter.
- The Callan MAC Long Biased peer group rose 4.1%, as strong equity performance led the group higher.
- The Callan MAC Absolute Return manager finished up 0.2%, as a bias toward value equities caused underperformance relative to the other peer groups, as growth equities had a strong start to the year.





Source: HFRI

Sources: Bloomberg, Callan, Eurekahedge, S&P Dow Jones Indices

# Index Rises After Three Straight Quarters of Losses

#### DEFINED CONTRIBUTION | Scotty Lee

#### Performance: Index gains 6.3%, breaking streak of losses

- The Callan DC Index<sup>™</sup> rose 6.3% in 4Q22 after three previous quarterly declines.
- The Age 45 Target Date Fund gained 8.4%.

#### Growth Sources: Investment gains lead to rise in balances

 Balances rose by 5.8% after a 4.7% decrease the previous quarter, driven by investment gains.

#### Turnover: Net transfers increase slightly

- Turnover (net transfer activity levels within DC plans) slightly increased to 0.18% from the previous quarter's 0.14%.
- Despite the small increase, the Index's historical average (0.56%) remained steady.

#### Net Cash Flow: TDFs remain in top spot

- Target date funds (TDFs) received the largest net inflows in the DC Index, garnering 84.6% of quarterly net flows.
- Investors withdrew assets from U.S. large cap equity (-19.5%) and global ex-U.S. equity (-9.5%).
- Stable value (-34.7%) saw relatively large outflows.

#### **Equity Allocation: Exposure rises**

 The Index's overall allocation to equity (70.1%) rose slightly from the previous quarter's level (69.3%).

#### Asset Allocation: Capital preservation declines

- Global ex-U.S. equity (5.0%) and U.S. large cap (25.2%) were among the asset classes with the largest percentage increases in allocation.
- Stable value (10.0%) had a decrease in allocation from the previous quarter's level (10.5%).

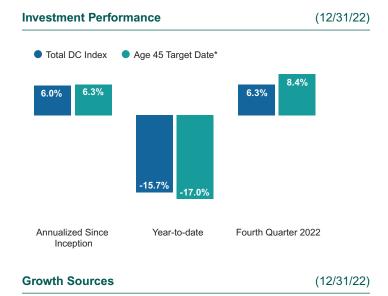
#### Prevalance: Balanced funds dip—again

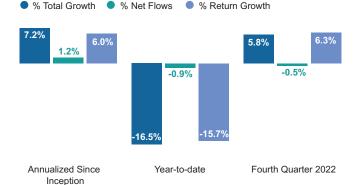
 The prevalence of a balanced fund (40.8%) decreased again to its lowest level since the inception of the Index in 2006.

#### Management Fees: Declines vary by plan size

- Less than \$500 million in assets: fees fell by 1 basis point.
- \$500 million-\$1 billion: -2 bps.
- More than \$1 billion: -4 bps.

Underlying fund performance, asset allocation, and cash flows of more than 100 large defined contribution plans representing approximately \$400 billion in assets are tracked in the Callan DC Index.





#### Net Cash Flow Analysis (4Q22)

(Top Two and Bottom Two Asset Gatherers)

Asset Class	Flows as % of Total Net Flows
Target Date Funds	84.6%
Money Market	8.0%
U.S. Large Cap	-19.5%
Stable Value	-34.7%
Total Turnover**	0.2%

Data provided here is the most recent available at time of publication. Source: Callan DC Index

Note: DC Index inception date is January 2006.

- $^{\ast}$  The Age 45 Fund transitioned from the average 2035 TDF to the 2040 TDF in June 2018.
- \*\* Total Index "turnover" measures the percentage of total invested assets (transfers only, excluding contributions and withdrawals) that moved between asset classes.

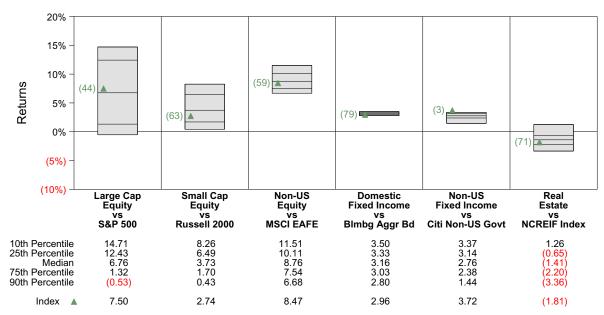
Active Management Overview

### Market Overview Active Management vs Index Returns

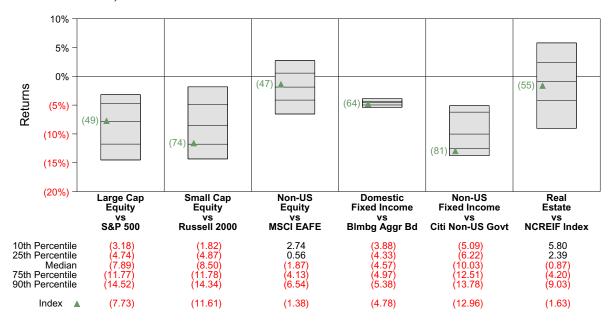
#### Market Overview

The charts below illustrate the range of returns across managers in Callan's Separate Account database over the most recent one quarter and one year time periods. The database is broken down by asset class to illustrate the difference in returns across those asset classes. An appropriate index is also shown for each asset class for comparison purposes. As an example, the first bar in the upper chart illustrates the range of returns for domestic equity managers over the last quarter. The triangle represents the S&P 500 return. The number next to the triangle represents the ranking of the S&P 500 in the Large Cap Equity manager database.

#### Range of Separate Account Manager Returns by Asset Class One Quarter Ended March 31, 2023



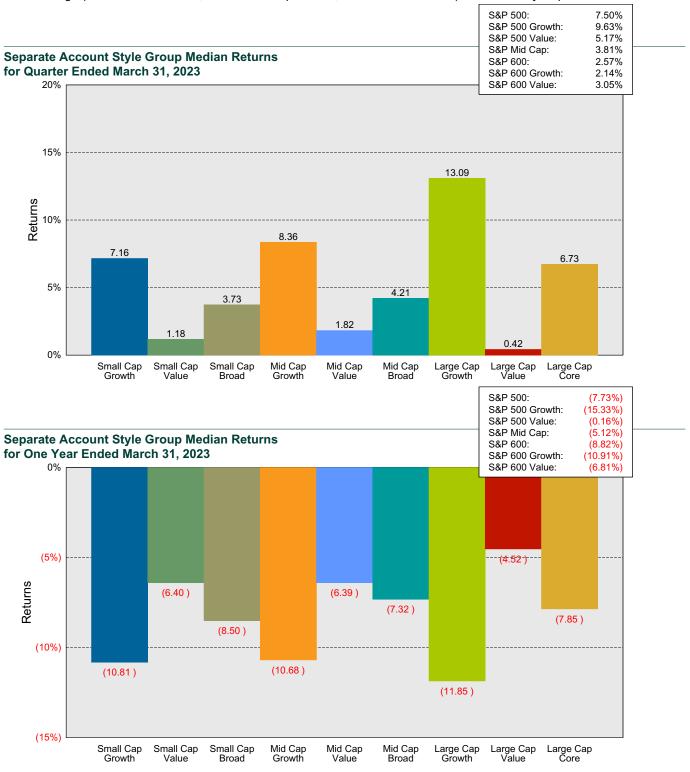
#### Range of Separate Account Manager Returns by Asset Class One Year Ended March 31, 2023





### Domestic Equity Active Management Overview

U.S. stock indices posted positive returns in 1Q but it was not smooth sailing; strong returns in January were followed by negative results in February and mixed performance across sectors and styles in March. The S&P 500 Index rose 7.5% for the quarter and the tech-heavy Nasdaq 100 soared 20.8%. Within the S&P 500, Technology (+22%), Communication Services (+21%), and Consumer Discretionary (+16%) rose sharply while Financials (-6%), Energy (-5%), Health Care (-4%), and Utilities (-3%) fell. Growth stocks trounced value for the quarter (Russell 1000 Growth: +14.4%; Russell 1000 Value: +1.0%) due largely to the sharp outperformance of Technology relative to Financials. Small value (Russell 2000 Value: -0.7%) was the one sector to post negative returns, hurt by its exposure to smaller banks. Small cap stocks underperformed mid and large (Russell 2000: +2.7%; Russell MidCap: +4.1%; Russell 1000: +7.5%) across the style spectrum.



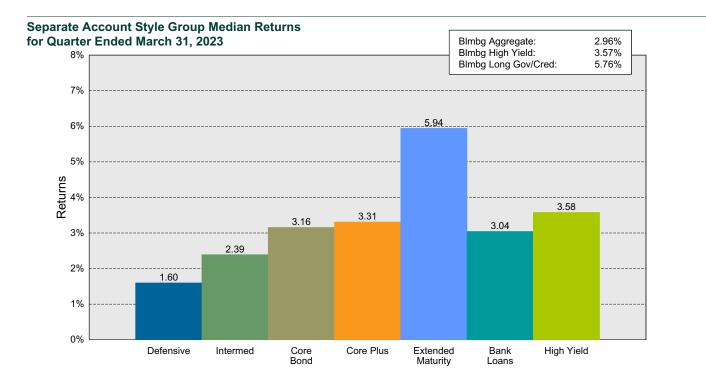
### International Equity Active Management Overview

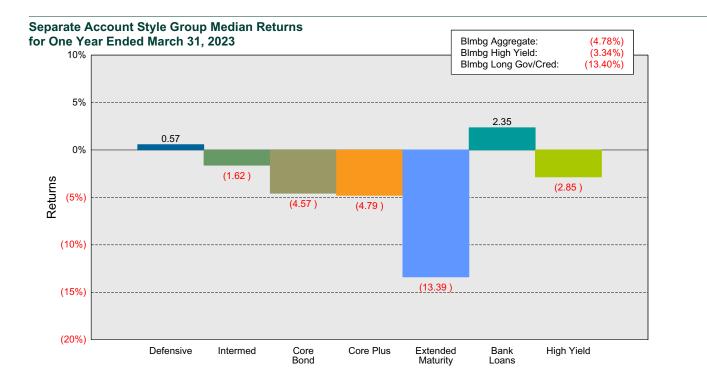
Global ex-U.S. markets posted solid results for the quarter. The MSCI ACWI ex USA Index gained 6.9% (Local: +6.2%). Performance varied across developed market countries but most delivered positive returns. Europe ex-U.K. (+12%) outperformed Japan (+6%), the U.K. (+6%), and Canada (+4%). As in the U.S., growth outperformed value but by smaller margin (MSCI ACWI ex USA Value: +5.2%: MSCI ACWI ex USA Growth: +8.6%). Technology (+17%) was the best performing sector while Energy (-0.3%) was the only sector to post a negative return. Financials (+1%) also lagged. Emerging markets returns (MSCI Emerging Markets: +4.0) were mixed across countries. India (-6%) and Brazil (-3%) weighed on broad market returns while China (+5%) and Korea (+10%) outperformed. Quarterly returns were positive across regions: Latin America (+3.9%), Emerging Europe (+1.5%), and Emerging Asia (+4.8%).



### Domestic Fixed Income Active Management Overview

The Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index rose 3.0% in 1Q. It was a bumpy ride with solid returns in January and March sandwiching a negative February. The yield curve remained inverted as of quarter-end by 58 bps for the 2-year/10-year and 116 bps for the 1-year/10-year. Sector performance was mixed over the quarter with residential and commercial mortgages underperforming U.S Treasuries and corporates outperforming (except Financials). TIPS (Bloomberg TIPS: +3.3%) also did well; 10-year breakeven spreads were 2.3% as of quarter-end. High yield (Bloomberg High Yield Index: +3.6%) outperformed but dispersion within the Index is meaningfully higher than it was two years ago.



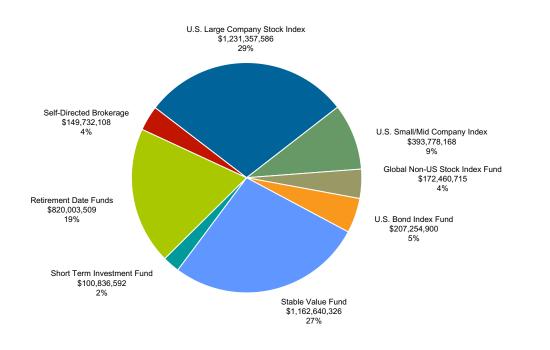


Plan Assets and Performance

### Changes in Investment Fund Balances Period Ended March 31, 2023

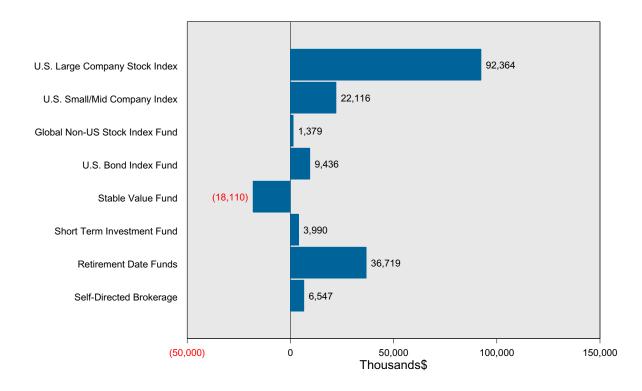
#### **Allocation Across Investment Options**

The chart below illustrates the allocation of the aggregate fund assets across the various investment options for the quarter ended March 31, 2023.



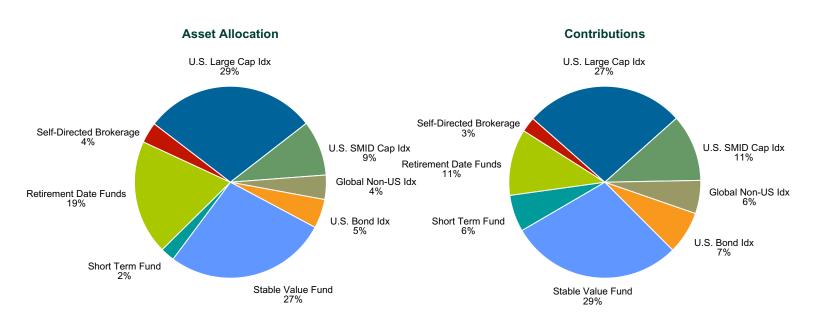
#### **Changes in Fund Values**

The chart below shows the net change in fund values across the various investment options for the quarter ended March 31, 2023. The change in value for each fund is the result of a combination of 3 factors: 1) market movements; 2) contributions or disbursements into or out of the funds by the participants (and any matching done by the company); and 3) transfers between funds by the participants.

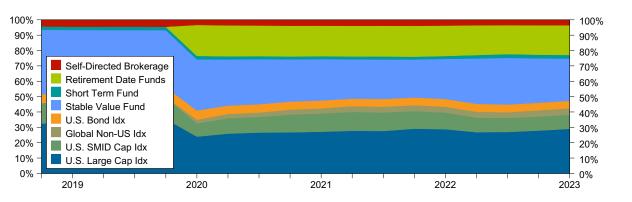


### **Asset Allocation**

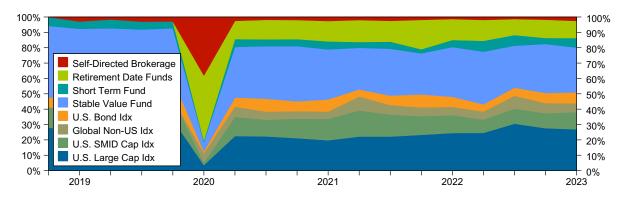
The charts below illustrate the historical asset allocation of the fund as well as the historical allocations of contributions to the fund. The pie charts on the top show the most recent allocations of both assets and contributions which include exchanges and transfers within the plan. The middle chart displays the historical allocation of fund assets. The bottom chart illustrates the historical allocation of contributions.







**Historical Allocation of Contributions** 



# **Investment Manager Asset Allocation**

The table below contrasts the distribution of assets across the Fund's investment managers as of March 31, 2023, with the distribution as of December 31, 2022. The change in asset distribution is broken down into the dollar change due to Net New Investment and the dollar change due to Investment Return.

	March 31,	2023			December 3 <sup>°</sup>	1, 2022
	Market Value	Weight	Net New Inv.	Inv. Return	Market Value	Weight
SERS Retirement Date Funds	\$820,003,509	19.35%	\$(4,576,152)	\$41,294,962	\$783,284,699	19.18%
SERS Post Retirement Fund	216,029,586	5.10%	(3,560,726)	9,173,673	210,416,638	5.15%
SERS 2025 Retirement Fund	138,869,155	3.28%	(2,758,267)	6,289,362	135,338,060	3.31%
SERS 2030 Retirement Fund	135,365,004	3.19%	(438,953)	6,736,405	129,067,552	3.16%
SERS 2035 Retirement Fund	120,507,279	2.84%	(359,710)	6,510,031	114,356,957	2.80%
SERS 2040 Retirement Fund	77,503,027	1.83%	125	4,499,422	73,003,480	1.79%
SERS 2045 Retirement Fund	64,488,486	1.52%	862,574	3,918,984	59,706,928	1.46%
SERS 2050 Retirement Fund	41,695,803	0.98%	1,223,189	2,575,538	37,897,076	0.93%
SERS 2055 Retirement Fund	15,253,787	0.36%	426,606	938,932	13,888,250	0.34%
SERS 2060 Retirement Fund	6,013,889	0.14%	254,100	369,392	5,390,397	0.13%
SERS 2065 Retirement Fund	4,277,493	0.10%	(225,090)	283,223	4,219,359	0.10%
SERS U.S. Equity	\$1,625,135,754	38.35%	\$8,117,355	\$106,362,185	\$1,510,656,214	36.99%
SERS U.S. Large Company Index Fund	1,231,357,586	29.05%	7,457,817	84,906,045	1,138,993,725	27.89%
SERS U.S. SMID Company Index Fund	393,778,168	9.29%	659,539	21,456,140	371,662,489	9.10%
SERS Non-U.S. Equity	\$172,460,715	4.07%	\$(11,066,531)	\$12.445.601	\$171.081.645	4.19%
SERS Global Non-US Index Fund	172,460,715	4.07%	(11,066,531)	12,445,601	171,081,645	4.19%
SERS Fixed Income	\$1,470,731,818	34.70%	\$(18,136,617)	\$13,452,907	\$1,475,415,528	36.13%
SERS Short Term Investment Fund	100,836,592	2.38%	2,983,691	1,006,417	96,846,484	2.37%
SERS Stable Value Fund	1.162.640.326	27.43%	(24.804.153)	6.694.351	1.180.750.128	28.91%
SERS U.S. Bond Index Fund	207,254,900	4.89%	3,683,845	5,752,139	197,818,916	4.84%
Self-Directed Brokerage Account	\$149,732,108	3.53%	\$(852,586)	\$7,399,976	\$143,184,718	3.51%
Total Fund	\$4,238,063,905	100.0%	\$(26,514,530)	\$180,955,631	\$4,083,622,804	100.0%

The table below details the rates of return for the Fund's investment funds over various time periods ended March 31, 2023. Negative returns are shown in red, positive returns in black. Returns for one year or greater are annualized.

		Last	Last	Last
	Last	1	3	5
	Quarter	Year	Years	Years
et Performance				
etirement Date Funds				
SERS Post Retirement Fund	4.42%	(6.05%)	4.98%	3.78%
BlackRock Post Retirement Index	4.28%	(6.11%)	4.96%	3.76%
Callan Tgt Date Ret Inc	3.96%	(5.03%)	4.70%	3.25%
SERS 2025 Retirement Fund	4.71%	(6.44%)	6.96%	4.35%
BlackRock 2025 Index	4.57%	(6.58%)	6.93%	4.32%
Callan Target Date 2025	4.72%	(5.82%)	8.00%	4.56%
SERS 2030 Retirement Fund	5.26%	(6.72%)	9.11%	5.08%
BlackRock 2030 Index	5.13%	(6.92%)	9.08%	5.04%
Callan Target Date 2030	5.30%	(6.19%)	9.67%	5.07%
SERS 2035 Retirement Fund	5.74%	(7.01%)	11.18%	5.76%
BlackRock 2035 Index	5.62%	(7.29%)	11.13%	5.70%
Callan Target Date 2035	5.74%	(6.60%)	11.48%	5.65%
SERS 2040 Retirement Fund	6.21%	(7.26%)	13.06%	6.35%
BlackRock 2040 Index	6.10%	(7.64%)	12.98%	6.27%
Callan Target Date 2040	6.10%	(6.71%)	12.84%	6.06%
SERS 2045 Retirement Fund	6.60%	(7.44%)	14.55%	6.83%
BlackRock 2045 Index	6.49%	(7.88%)	14.44%	6.72%
Callan Target Date 2045	6.33%	(6.93%)	14.08%	6.33%
SERS 2050 Retirement Fund	6.80%	(7.53%)	15.28%	7.06%
BlackRock 2050 Index	6.70%	(8.01%)	15.16%	6.96%
Callan Target Date 2050	6.42%	(6.96%)	14.18%	6.43%
SERS 2055 Retirement Fund	6.85%	(7.55%)	15.39%	7.11%
BlackRock 2055 Index	6.75%	(8.04%)	15.29%	7.01%
Callan Target Date 2055	6.49%	(7.09%)	14.34%	6.46%
SERS 2060 Retirement Fund	6.86%	(7.55%)	15.38%	7.10%
BlackRock 2065 Index	6.75%	(8.04%)	15.29%	7.01%
Callan Target Date 2060	6.51%	(7.05%)	14.38%	6.46%
SERS 2065 Retirement Fund	6.89%	(7.53%)	15.32%	-
BlackRock 2065 Index	6.76%	(8.04%)	15.28%	-
Callan Target Date 2065	6.56%	(7.35%)	14.60%	6.68%

\*Target Date funds replaced risk-based funds in 1Q20.

The table below details the rates of return for the Fund's investment funds over various time periods ended March 31, 2023. Negative returns are shown in red, positive returns in black. Returns for one year or greater are annualized.

Returns for Periods Ended March 31, 2023					
	Last	Last	Last	Last	
	7	10	15	20	
	Years	Years	Years	Years	
Net Performance					
Retirement Date Funds	4 = 0.07	4 4 - 04	4 500/		
SERS Post Retirement Fund	4.50%	4.17%	4.59%	-	
BlackRock Post Retirement Index	4.47%	4.14%	4.57%	5.49%	
Callan Tgt Date Ret Inc	3.92%	3.63%	3.99%	4.51%	
SERS 2025 Retirement Fund	5.63%	5.29%	5.08%	-	
BlackRock 2025 Index	5.57%	5.23%	5.03%	6.67%	
Callan Target Date 2025	5.98%	5.79%	5.50%	-	
SERS 2030 Retirement Fund	6.50%	5.99%	5.51%	-	
BlackRock 2030 Index	6.43%	5.92%	5.45%	7.13%	
Callan Target Date 2030	6.78%	6.51%	5.93%	7.44%	
Callari Target Date 2000	0.7070	0.51%	5.95%	7.44 /0	
SERS 2035 Retirement Fund	7.34%	6.66%	5.92%	-	
BlackRock 2035 Index	7.24%	6.56%	5.83%	7.54%	
Callan Target Date 2035	7.48%	7.11%	6.36%	-	
SERS 2040 Retirement Fund	8.07%	7.23%	6.25%	-	
BlackRock 2040 Index	7.94%	7.11%	6.14%	7.89%	
Callan Target Date 2040	8.02%	7.50%	6.69%	8.12%	
Salah Target Date 2040	0.0270	1.0070	0.0070	0.1270	
SERS 2045 Retirement Fund	8.60%	7.68%	6.50%	-	
BlackRock 2045 Index	8.45%	7.54%	6.37%	8.24%	
Callan Target Date 2045	8.37%	7.74%	6.68%	-	
SERS 2050 Retirement Fund	8.83%	7.92%	6.73%	-	
BlackRock 2050 Index	8.68%	7.78%	6.61%	8.60%	
Callan Target Date 2050	8.47%	7.87%	6.87%	-	
Candin Target Date 2000	0.47 /0	1.01/0	0.07 /0	-	
SERS 2055 Retirement Fund	8.86%	8.01%	-	-	
BlackRock 2055 Index	8.72%	7.88%	-	-	
Callan Target Date 2055	8.56%	7.96%	7.42%	-	

\*Funds not listed do not have longer term history. \*Target Date funds replaced risk-based funds in 1Q20.



The table below details the rates of return for the Fund's investment funds over various time periods. Negative returns are shown in red, positive returns in black. Returns for one year or greater are annualized.

	12/2022- 3/2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
let Performance					
letirement Date Funds					
SERS Post Retirement Fund	4.42%	(14.63%)	6.95%	11.97%	15.65%
BlackRock Post Retirement Index	4.28%	(14.54%)	7.02%	11.80%	15.63%
Callan Tgt Date Ret Inc	3.96%	(12.88%)	6.31%	10.02%	13.21%
SERS 2025 Retirement Fund	4.71%	(15.23%)	8.99%	12.19%	18.60%
BlackRock 2025 Index	4.57%	(15.17%)	9.07%	12.01%	18.56%
Callan Target Date 2025	4.72%	(15.14%)	10.04%	12.58%	18.53%
SERS 2030 Retirement Fund	5.26%	(15.97%)	11.43%	12.88%	20.80%
BlackRock 2030 Index	5.13%	(15.92%)	11.50%	12.72%	20.70%
Callan Target Date 2030	5.30%	(16.04%)	11.63%	13.23%	20.43%
SERS 2035 Retirement Fund	5.74%	(16.67%)	13.80%	13.58%	22.84%
BlackRock 2035 Index	5.62%	(16.67%)	13.85%	13.44%	22.72%
Callan Target Date 2035	5.74%	(16.79%)	13.92%	14.28%	22.16%
SERS 2040 Retirement Fund	6.21%	(17.35%)	15.96%	14.14%	24.71%
BlackRock 2040 Index	6.10%	(17.38%)	15.97%	13.98%	24.62%
Callan Target Date 2040	6.10%	(17.40%)	15.85%	14.91%	23.62%
SERS 2045 Retirement Fund	6.60%	(17.89%)	17.72%	14.83%	26.05%
BlackRock 2045 Index	6.49%	(17.96%)	17.70%	14.65%	25.90%
Callan Target Date 2045	6.33%	(17.95%)	16.83%	15.52%	24.60%
SERS 2050 Retirement Fund	6.80%	(18.20%)	18.67%	15.20%	26.60%
BlackRock 2050 Index	6.70%	(18.30%)	18.62%	15.07%	26.48%
Callan Target Date 2050	6.42%	(18.07%)	17.17%	15.73%	24.89%
SERS 2055 Retirement Fund	6.85%	(18.27%)	18.83%	15.32%	26.67%
BlackRock 2055 Index	6.75%	(18.38%)	18.81%	15.18%	26.58%
Callan Target Date 2055	6.49%	(18.21%)	17.27%	15.83%	24.97%
SERS 2060 Retirement Fund	6.86%	(18.28%)	18.82%	15.31%	26.66%
BlackRock 2060 Index	6.75%	(18.39%)	18.81%	15.19%	26.58%
Callan Target Date 2060	6.51%	(18.27%)	17.41%	15.90%	25.08%
SERS 2065 Retirement Fund	6.89%	(18.30%)	18.77%	15.15%	-
BlackRock 2065 Index	6.76%	(18.40%)	18.80%	15.19%	-
Callan Target Date 2065	6.56%	(18.61%)	17.54%	16.46%	25.62%

\*Target Date funds replaced risk-based funds in 1Q20.

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The table below details the rates of return for the Fund's investment funds over various time periods ended March 31, 2023. Negative returns are shown in red, positive returns in black. Returns for one year or greater are annualized.

Ret	Returns for Periods Ended March 31, 2023					
		Last	Last	Last		
	Last	1	3	5		
	Quarter	Year	Years	Years		
Net Performance						
Domestic Equity						
SERS U.S. Large Company Index	7.50%	(7.74%)	18.61%	11.20%		
S&P 500 Index	7.50%	(7.73%)	18.60%	11.19%		
Callan Lg Cap Broad MF	6.72%	(8.41%)	17.50%	9.73%		
SERS U.S. SMID Company Index	5.84%	(13.90%)	17.43%	6.23%		
Dow Jones US Completion	5.82%	(14.26%)	17.04%	5.93%		
Callan SMID Broad MFs	5.32%	<b>`(8.75%</b> )	19.13%	6.85%		
International Equity						
SERS Global Non-US Index	7.37%	(4.28%)	12.41%	2.74%		
MSCI ACWI ex US	6.87%	(5.07%)	11.80%	2.47%		
Callan Non US Equity MFs	9.42%	(0.60%)	13.23%	3.12%		
Domestic Fixed Income						
SERS Short Term Investment Fund	1.10%	2.68%	1.01%	1.48%		
3-month Treasury Bill	1.07%	2.50%	0.89%	1.41%		
Callan Cash Database(1)	1.16%	2.70%	1.12%	1.58%		
SERS Stable Value Fund	0.61%	1.97%	1.89%	2.14%		
3-month Treasury Bill	1.07%	2.50%	0.89%	1.41%		
Callan Stable Value SA	0.64%	2.19%	2.02%	2.24%		
SERS U.S. Bond Index Fund	2.97%	(4.79%)	(2.79%)	0.91%		
Blmbg Aggregate	2.96%	(4.78%)	(2.77%)	0.91%		
Callan Core Bond MFs	3.29%	(5.02%)	(1.79%)	1.17%		

(1) Callan Cash Database includes STIF, enhanced cash, and money market funds. \*The Global Non-U.S. Stock Index Fund replaced the International Company Stock Index Fund in 1Q20.

The table below details the rates of return for the Fund's investment funds over various time periods ended March 31, 2023. Negative returns are shown in red, positive returns in black. Returns for one year or greater are annualized.

Ret	urns for Periods	s Ended March 3	1, 2023		
	Last 7 Years	Last 10 Years	Last 15 Years	Last 20 Years	
Net Performance					
Domestic Equity					
SERS U.S. Large Company Index	12.43%	12.25%	10.09%	10.41%	
S&P 500 Index	12.42%	12.24%	10.06%	10.37%	
Callan Lg Cap Broad MF	11.66%	11.33%	9.55%	10.11%	
SERS U.S. SMID Company Index	9.40%	9.01%	9.07%	10.82%	
Dow Jones US Completion	9.13%	8.77%	8.82%	10.61%	
Callan SMID Broad MFs	9.91%	8.98%	9.11%	10.46%	
International Equity					
SERS Global Non-US Index	6.20%	4.42%	-	-	
MSCI ACWI ex US	5.86%	4.17%	2.62%	7.50%	
Callan Non US Equity MFs	6.17%	4.98%	3.58%	7.71%	
Domestic Fixed Income					
SERS Short Term Investment Fund	1.34%	0.99%	0.88%	-	
3-month Treasury Bill	1.21%	0.87%	0.69%	1.31%	
Callan Cash Database(1)	1.42%	1.14%	1.17%	1.66%	
SERS Stable Value Fund	2.08%	2.14%	2.68%	-	
3-month Treasury Bill	1.21%	0.87%	0.69%	1.31%	
Callan Stable Value SA	2.22%	2.16%	2.59%	3.14%	
SERS U.S. Bond Index Fund	0.87%	1.34%	2.66%	3.14%	
Blmbg Aggregate	0.88%	1.36%	2.71%	3.18%	
Callan Core Bond MFs	1.17%	1.51%	3.06%	3.39%	

(1) Callan Cash Database includes STIF, enhanced cash, and money market funds.

\*Funds not listed do not have longer term history.

\*The Global Non-U.S. Stock Index Fund replaced the International Company Stock Index Fund in 1Q20.

The table below details the rates of return for the Fund's investment funds over various time periods. Negative returns are shown in red, positive returns in black. Returns for one year or greater are annualized.

	12/2022-				
	3/2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Net Performance					
Domestic Equity					
SERS U.S. Large Company Index	7.50%	(18.12%)	28.70%	18.43%	31.51%
S&P 500 Index	7.50%	(18.11%)	28.71%	18.40%	31.49%
Callan Lg Cap Broad MF	6.72%	(18.55%)	25.50%	18.47%	30.14%
SERS U.S. SMID Company Index	5.84%	(26.13%)	12.89%	32.03%	28.20%
Dow Jones US Completion	5.82%	(26.56%)	12.36%	32.17%	27.94%
Callan SMID Broad MFs	5.32%	(21.59%)	19.56%	24.00%	29.40%
International Equity					
SERS Global Non-US Index	7.37%	(15.92%)	7.97%	11.15%	21.77%
MSCI ACWI ex US	6.87%	(16.00%)	7.82%	10.65%	21.51%
Callan Non US Equity MFs	9.42%	(15.77%)	9.47%	11.12%	22.83%
Domestic Fixed Income					
SERS Short Term Investment Fund	1.10%	1.59%	0.07%	0.67%	2.31%
3-month Treasury Bill	1.07%	1.46%	0.05%	0.67%	2.28%
Callan Cash Database(1)	1.16%	1.15%	0.13%	1.05%	2.65%
SERS Stable Value Fund	0.61%	1.73%	1.64%	2.32%	2.59%
3-month Treasury Bill	1.07%	1.46%	0.05%	0.67%	2.28%
Callan Stable Value SA	0.64%	1.94%	1.84%	2.40%	2.62%
SERS U.S. Bond Index Fund	2.97%	(12.94%)	(1.65%)	7.56%	8.69%
Blmbg Aggregate	2.96%	(13.01%)	(1.54%)	7.51%	8.72%
Callan Core Bond MFs	3.29%	(13.47%)	(1.17%)	8.65%	9.17%

(1) Callan Cash Database includes STIF, enhanced cash, and money market funds. \*The Global Non-U.S. Stock Index Fund replaced the International Company Stock Index Fund in 1Q20.

The table below details the rates of return for the Fund's investment funds over various time periods ended March 31, 2023. Negative returns are shown in red, positive returns in black. Returns for one year or greater are annualized.

		Last	Last	Last
	Last	1	3	5
	Quarter	Year	Years	Years
Gross Performance				
Retirement Date Funds				
SERS Post Retirement Fund	4.43%	(5.98%)	5.05%	3.85%
BlackRock Post Retirement Index	4.28%	(6.11%)	4.96%	3.76%
Callan Tgt Date Ret Inc	3.96%	(5.03%)	4.70%	3.25%
SERS 2025 Retirement Fund	4.73%	(6.38%)	7.04%	4.42%
BlackRock 2025 Index	4.57%	(6.58%)	6.93%	4.32%
Callan Target Date 2025	4.72%	(5.82%)	8.00%	4.56%
SERS 2030 Retirement Fund	5.27%	(6.66%)	9.19%	5.15%
BlackRock 2030 Index	5.13%	(6.92%)	9.08%	5.04%
Callan Target Date 2030	5.30%	(6.19%)	9.67%	5.07%
Callan Target Date 2000	0.0070	(0.1370)	9.07 /0	5.07 /0
SERS 2035 Retirement Fund	5.76%	(6.94%)	11.25%	5.83%
BlackRock 2035 Index	5.62%	(7.29%)	11.13%	5.70%
Callan Target Date 2035	5.74%	(6.60%)	11.48%	5.65%
SERS 2040 Retirement Fund	6.23%	(7.19%)	13.14%	6.42%
BlackRock 2040 Index	6.10%	(7.64%)	12.98%	6.27%
Callan Target Date 2040	6.10%	(6.71%)	12.84%	6.06%
SERS 2045 Retirement Fund	6.61%	(7.38%)	14.62%	6.90%
BlackRock 2045 Index	6.49%	(7.88%)	14.44%	6.72%
	6.33%	(6.93%)	14.08%	6.33%
Callan Target Date 2045	0.33%	(6.93%)	14.08%	0.33%
SERS 2050 Retirement Fund	6.82%	(7.47%)	15.36%	7.13%
BlackRock 2050 Index	6.70%	(8.01%)	15.16%	6.96%
Callan Target Date 2050	6.42%	(6.96%)	14.18%	6.43%
SERS 2055 Retirement Fund	6.87%	(7.49%)	15.47%	7.18%
BlackRock 2055 Index	6.75%	(8.04%)	15.29%	7.01%
Callan Target Date 2055	6.49%	(7.09%)	14.34%	6.46%
SERS 2060 Retirement Fund	6.87%	(7.49%)	15.46%	7.17%
BlackRock 2060 Index	6.75%	(8.04%)	15.29%	7.01%
Callan Target Date 2060	6.51%	(7.05%)	14.38%	6.46%
SERS 2065 Retirement Fund	6.91%	(7.47%)	15.40%	-
BlackRock 2065 Index	6.76%	(8.04%)	15.28%	-
Callan Target Date 2065	6.56%	(7.35%)	14.60%	6.68%

\*Target Date funds replaced risk-based funds in 1Q20.

The table below details the rates of return for the Fund's investment funds over various time periods ended March 31, 2023. Negative returns are shown in red, positive returns in black. Returns for one year or greater are annualized.

Returns for Periods Ended March 31, 2023					
	Last 7	Last 10	Last 15	Last 20	
	Years	Years	Years	Years	
Gross Performance					
Retirement Date Funds					
SERS Post Retirement Fund	4.57%	4.24%	4.66%	-	
BlackRock Post Retirement Index	4.47%	4.14%	4.57%	5.49%	
Callan Tgt Date Ret Inc	3.92%	3.63%	3.99%	4.51%	
SERS 2025 Retirement Fund	5.70%	5.36%	5.15%	-	
BlackRock 2025 Index	5.57%	5.23%	5.03%	6.67%	
Callan Target Date 2025	5.98%	5.79%	5.50%	-	
SERS 2030 Retirement Fund	6.58%	6.07%	5.58%	-	
BlackRock 2030 Index	6.43%	5.92%	5.45%	7.13%	
Callan Target Date 2030	6.78%	6.51%	5.93%	7.44%	
SERS 2035 Retirement Fund	7.41%	6.73%	5.99%	-	
BlackRock 2035 Index	7.24%	6.56%	5.83%	7.54%	
Callan Target Date 2035	7.48%	7.11%	6.36%	-	
SERS 2040 Retirement Fund	8.14%	7.30%	6.32%	-	
BlackRock 2040 Index	7.94%	7.11%	6.14%	7.89%	
Callan Target Date 2040	8.02%	7.50%	6.69%	8.12%	
SERS 2045 Retirement Fund	8.67%	7.75%	6.57%	-	
BlackRock 2045 Index	8.45%	7.54%	6.37%	8.24%	
Callan Target Date 2045	8.37%	7.74%	6.68%	-	
SERS 2050 Retirement Fund	8.91%	7.99%	6.80%	-	
BlackRock 2050 Index	8.68%	7.78%	6.61%	8.60%	
Callan Target Date 2050	8.47%	7.87%	6.87%	-	
SERS 2055 Retirement Fund	8.93%	8.08%	-	-	
BlackRock 2055 Index	8.72%	7.88%	-	-	
Callan Target Date 2055	8.56%	7.96%	7.42%	_	

\*Funds not listed do not have longer term history. \*Target Date funds replaced risk-based funds in 1Q20.



The table below details the rates of return for the Fund's investment funds over various time periods. Negative returns are shown in red, positive returns in black. Returns for one year or greater are annualized.

	12/2022- 3/2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Gross Performance					
Retirement Date Funds					
SERS Post Retirement Fund	4.43%	(14.57%)	7.03%	12.04%	15.72%
BlackRock Post Retirement Index	4.28%	(14.54%)	7.02%	11.80%	15.63%
Callan Tgt Date Ret Inc	3.96%	(12.88%)	6.31%	10.02%	13.21%
SERS 2025 Retirement Fund	4.73%	(15.17%)	9.06%	12.26%	18.67%
BlackRock 2025 Index	4.57%	(15.17%)	9.07%	12.01%	18.56%
Callan Target Date 2025	4.72%	(15.14%)	10.04%	12.58%	18.53%
SERS 2030 Retirement Fund	5.27%	(15.91%)	11.50%	12.96%	20.86%
BlackRock 2030 Index	5.13%	(15.92%)	11.50%	12.72%	20.70%
Callan Target Date 2030	5.30%	(16.04%)	11.63%	13.23%	20.43%
SERS 2035 Retirement Fund	5.76%	(16.61%)	13.88%	13.65%	22.93%
BlackRock 2035 Index	5.62%	(16.67%)	13.85%	13.44%	22.72%
Callan Target Date 2035	5.74%	(16.79%)	13.92%	14.28%	22.16%
SERS 2040 Retirement Fund	6.23%	(17.29%)	16.04%	14.22%	24.80%
BlackRock 2040 Index	6.10%	(17.38%)	15.97%	13.98%	24.62%
Callan Target Date 2040	6.10%	(17.40%)	15.85%	14.91%	23.62%
SERS 2045 Retirement Fund	6.61%	(17.84%)	17.79%	14.90%	26.12%
BlackRock 2045 Index	6.49%	(17.96%)	17.70%	14.65%	25.90%
Callan Target Date 2045	6.33%	(17.95%)	16.83%	15.52%	24.60%
SERS 2050 Retirement Fund	6.82%	(18.15%)	18.75%	15.27%	26.70%
BlackRock 2050 Index	6.70%	(18.30%)	18.62%	15.07%	26.48%
Callan Target Date 2050	6.42%	(18.07%)	17.17%	15.73%	24.89%
SERS 2055 Retirement Fund	6.87%	(18.22%)	18.91%	15.40%	26.75%
BlackRock 2055 Index	6.75%	(18.38%)	18.81%	15.18%	26.58%
Callan Target Date 2055	6.49%	(18.21%)	17.27%	15.83%	24.97%
SERS 2060 Retirement Fund	6.87%	(18.23%)	18.90%	15.38%	26.74%
BlackRock 2060 Index	6.75%	(18.39%)	18.81%	15.19%	26.58%
Callan Target Date 2060	6.51%	(18.27%)	17.41%	15.90%	25.08%
SERS 2065 Retirement Fund	6.91%	(18.25%)	18.85%	15.22%	-
BlackRock 2065 Index	6.76%	(18.40%)	18.80%	15.19%	-
Callan Target Date 2065	6.56%	(18.61%)	17.54%	16.46%	25.62%

\*Target Date funds replaced risk-based funds in 1Q20.

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### **Investment Fund Returns**

The table below details the rates of return for the Fund's investment funds over various time periods ended March 31, 2023. Negative returns are shown in red, positive returns in black. Returns for one year or greater are annualized.

Returns for Periods Ended March 31, 2023							
		Last	Last	Last			
	Last	1	3	5			
	Quarter	Year	Years	Years			
Gross Performance							
Domestic Equity							
SERS U.S. Large Company Index	7.50%	(7.73%)	18.61%	11.20%			
S&P 500 Index	7.50%	(7.73%)	18.60%	11.19%			
Callan Lg Cap Broad MF	6.72%	(8.41%)	17.50%	9.73%			
SERS U.S. SMID Company Index	5.84%	(13.89%)	17.43%	6.24%			
Dow Jones US Completion	5.82%	(14.26%)	17.04%	5.93%			
Callan SMID Broad MFs	5.32%	<b>`(8.75%</b> )	19.13%	6.85%			
International Equity							
SERS Global Non-US Index	7.37%	(4.26%)	12.43%	2.76%			
MSCI ACWI ex US	6.87%	(5.07%)	11.80%	2.47%			
Callan Non US Equity MFs	9.42%	(0.60%)	13.23%	3.12%			
Domestic Fixed Income							
SERS Short Term Investment Fund	1.10%	2.68%	1.01%	1.48%			
3-month Treasury Bill	1.07%	2.50%	0.89%	1.41%			
Callan Cash Database(1)	1.16%	2.70%	1.12%	1.58%			
SERS Stable Value Fund	0.62%	2.03%	1.95%	2.21%			
3-month Treasury Bill	1.07%	2.50%	0.89%	1.41%			
Callan Stable Value SA	0.64%	2.19%	2.02%	2.24%			
SERS U.S. Bond Index Fund	2.98%	(4.79%)	(2.79%)	0.92%			
Blmbg Aggregate	2.96%	(4.78%)	(2.77%)	0.91%			
Callan Core Bond MFs	3.29%	(5.02%)	(1.79%)	1.17%			

(1) Callan Cash Database includes STIF, enhanced cash, and money market funds. \*The Global Non-U.S. Stock Index Fund replaced the International Company Stock Index Fund in 1Q20.

### **Investment Fund Returns**

The table below details the rates of return for the Fund's investment funds over various time periods ended March 31, 2023. Negative returns are shown in red, positive returns in black. Returns for one year or greater are annualized.

Returns for Periods Ended March 31, 2023							
	Last 7 Years	Last 10 Years	Last 15 Years	Last 20 Years			
Gross Performance							
Domestic Equity							
SERS U.S. Large Company Index	12.44%	12.26%	10.10%	10.42%			
S&P 500 Index	12.42%	12.24%	10.06%	10.37%			
Callan Lg Cap Broad MF	11.66%	11.33%	9.55%	10.11%			
SERS U.S. SMID Company Index	9.41%	9.02%	9.07%	10.82%			
Dow Jones US Completion	9.13%	8.77%	8.82%	10.61%			
Callan SMID Broad MFs	9.91%	8.98%	9.11%	10.46%			
International Equity							
SERS Global Non-US Index	6.21%	4.43%	-	-			
MSCI ACWI ex US	5.86%	4.17%	2.62%	7.50%			
Callan Non US Equity MFs	6.17%	4.98%	3.58%	7.71%			
Domestic Fixed Income							
SERS Short Term Investment Fund	1.34%	0.99%	0.88%	-			
3-month Treasury Bill	1.21%	0.87%	0.69%	1.31%			
Callan Cash Database(1)	1.42%	1.14%	1.17%	1.66%			
SERS Stable Value Fund	2.21%	2.33%	2.91%	-			
3-month Treasury Bill	1.21%	0.87%	0.69%	1.31%			
Callan Stable Value SA	2.22%	2.16%	2.59%	3.14%			
SERS U.S. Bond Index Fund	0.88%	1.34%	2.66%	3.15%			
Blmbg Aggregate	0.88%	1.36%	2.71%	3.18%			
Callan Core Bond MFs	1.17%	1.51%	3.06%	3.39%			

(1) Callan Cash Database includes STIF, enhanced cash, and money market funds.

\*Funds not listed do not have longer term history.

\*The Global Non-U.S. Stock Index Fund replaced the International Company Stock Index Fund in 1Q20.

### **Investment Fund Returns**

The table below details the rates of return for the Fund's investment funds over various time periods. Negative returns are shown in red, positive returns in black. Returns for one year or greater are annualized.

	12/2022-				
	3/2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Gross Performance					
Domestic Equity					
SERS U.S. Large Company Index	7.50%	(18.11%)	28.71%	18.44%	31.51%
S&P 500 Index	7.50%	(18.11%)	28.71%	18.40%	31.49%
Callan Lg Cap Broad MF	6.72%	(18.55%)	25.50%	18.47%	30.14%
SERS U.S. SMID Company Index	5.84%	(26.12%)	12.90%	32.04%	28.21%
Dow Jones US Completion	5.82%	(26.56%)	12.36%	32.17%	27.94%
Callan SMID Broad MFs	5.32%	(21.59%)	19.56%	24.00%	29.40%
International Equity					
SERS Global Non-US Index	7.37%	(15.91%)	7.98%	11.17%	21.79%
MSCI ACWI ex US	6.87%	(16.00%)	7.82%	10.65%	21.51%
Callan Non US Equity MFs	9.42%	(15.77%)	9.47%	11.12%	22.83%
Domestic Fixed Income					
SERS Short Term Investment Fund	1.10%	1.59%	0.07%	0.67%	2.31%
3-month Treasury Bill	1.07%	1.46%	0.05%	0.67%	2.28%
Callan Cash Database(1)	1.16%	1.15%	0.13%	1.05%	2.65%
SERS Stable Value Fund	0.62%	1.79%	1.72%	2.38%	2.66%
3-month Treasury Bill	1.07%	1.46%	0.05%	0.67%	2.28%
Callan Stable Value SA	0.64%	1.94%	1.84%	2.40%	2.62%
SERS U.S. Bond Index Fund	2.98%	(12.93%)	(1.64%)	7.56%	8.69%
Blmbg Aggregate	2.96%	(13.01%)	(1.54%)	7.51%	8.72%
Callan Core Bond MFs	3.29%	(13.47%)	(1.17%)	8.65%	9.17%

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## Pennsylvania SERS 457(b) Investment Manager Performance Monitoring Summary Report March 31, 2023

Investment Manager	Last Quarter Return	Last Year Return	3 Year Return	5 Year Return	7 Year Return	10 Year Return	5 Yea Returi Consiste	 Expense Ratio
Net of Fee Performance								
Retirement Date Funds								
SERS Post Retirement Fund	<b>4.4</b> 26	<b>-6.0</b> 82	<b>5.0</b> 39	<b>3.8</b> 25	<b>4.5</b> 19	<b>4.2</b> 20		<b>0.08</b> 74
Callan Tgt Date Ret Inc BlackRock Post Retirement Index	4.3 37	-6.1 85	5.0 40	3.8 26	4.5 20	4.1 2 <sup>.</sup>		
SERS 2025 Retirement Fund	<b>4.7</b> 51	<b>-6.4</b> 72	<b>7.0</b> 81	<b>4.4</b> 61	<b>5.6</b> 72	<b>5.3</b> 70	3	<b>0.08</b> 72
Callan Target Date 2025 BlackRock 2025 Index	4.6 62	-6.6 80	6.9 81	4.3 63	5.6 74	5.2 78	3	
SERS 2030 Retirement Fund Callan Target Date 2030	<b>5.3</b> 52	<b>-6.7</b> 66	<b>9.1</b> 72	<b>5.1</b> 49	<b>6.5</b> 68	<b>6.0</b> 80		<b>0.08</b> 70
BlackRock 2030 Index	5.1 56	<b>-6.9</b> 81	9.1 73	5.0 52	6.4 72	5.9 82	2	
SERS 2035 Retirement Fund Callan Target Date 2035	<b>5.7</b> 48	<b>-7.0</b> 66	<b>11.2</b> 58	<b>5.8</b> 41	<b>7.3</b> 59	<b>6.7</b> 74		0.08 72
BlackRock 2035 Index	5.6 56	-7.3 83	11.1 58	5.7 45	7.2 69	6.6 82	2	
SERS 2040 Retirement Fund Callan Target Date 2040	<b>6.2</b> 38	<b>-7.3</b> 69	<b>13.1</b> 43	<b>6.3</b> 27	<b>8.1</b> 43	<b>7.2</b> 73	3	<b>0.08</b> 68
BlackRock 2040 Index	<b>6.1</b> 51	-7.6 85	13.0 45	6.3 32	7.9 58	7.1 7	,	
SERS 2045 Retirement Fund Callan Target Date 2045	<b>6.6</b> 26	<b>-7.4</b> 71	<b>14.5</b> 26	<b>6.8</b> 22	<b>8.6</b> 32	<b>7.7</b> 58	3	<b>0.08</b> 72
BlackRock 2045 Index	6.5 38	-7.9 89	14.4 29	6.7 26	8.4 45	7.5 69	9	
SERS 2050 Retirement Fund Callan Target Date 2050	<b>6.8</b> 21	<b>-7.5</b> 70	<b>15.3</b> 8	<b>7.1</b> 13	<b>8.8</b> 21	<b>7.9</b> 4	5	<b>0.08</b> 68
BlackRock 2050 Index	6.7 30	-8.0 88	15.2 10	7.0 18	8.7 32	7.8 58	3	
SERS 2055 Retirement Fund Callan Target Date 2055	<b>6.8</b> 18	<b>-7.6</b> 67	<b>15.4</b> 7	<b>7.1</b> 13	<b>8.9</b> 18	<b>8.0</b> 4	l III	<b>0.08</b> 76
BlackRock 2055 Index	6.7 30	<b>-8.0</b> 91	15.3 10	7.0 14	8.7 35	7.9 59	)	
SERS 2060 Retirement Fund Callan Target Date 2060	<b>6.9</b> 23	<b>-7.5</b> 64	<b>15.4</b> 12	<b>7.1</b> 12	<b>8.8</b> 31			<b>0.08</b> 75
BlackRock 2060 Index	6.8 35	<b>-8.0</b> 88	15.3 14	7.0 16	8.7 45			

Returns:

above median

third quartile

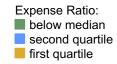
fourth quartile

Return Consistency: above median third quartile





Risk



## Pennsylvania SERS 457(b) Investment Manager Performance Monitoring Summary Report March 31, 2023

Investment Manager	Last Quarter Return	Last Year Return	3 Year Return	5 Year Return	7 Year Return	10 Year Return	5 Year 5 Year Return Risk ConsistencyQuadrant	Expense Ratio
SERS 2065 Retirement Fund Callan Target Date 2065	<b>6.9</b> 23	<b>-7.5</b> 55	<b>15.3</b> 17					<b>0.08</b> 56
BlackRock 2065 Index	6.8 33	-8.0 84	15.3 18					
Domestic Equity								
SERS U.S. Large Company Index Callan Lg Cap Broad MF	<b>7.5</b> 46	<b>-7.7</b> 46	<b>18.6</b> 30	<b>11.2</b> 27	<b>12.4</b> 37	<b>12.3</b> 30	6	<b>0.02</b> 100
S&P 500 Index	7.5 46	-7.7 46	18.6 30	11.2 27	12.4 37	12.2 3 <sup>-</sup>	7	
SERS U.S. Small/Mid Company Index Callan SMID Broad MFs	<b>5.8</b> 41	<b>-13.9</b> 82	<b>17.4</b> 57	<b>6.2</b> 61	<b>9.4</b> 57	<b>9.0</b> 4	9	<b>0.03</b> 98
Dow Jones US Completion	5.8 42	-14.3 85	17.0 59	5.9 72	9.1 59	8.8 5	6	
International Equity								
SERS Global Non-U.S. Index Fund Callan Non US Equity MFs	<b>7.4</b> 79	<b>-4.3</b> 74	<b>12.4</b> 60	<b>2.7</b> 63	<b>6.2</b> 49	<b>4.4</b> 7	1	0.05 99
MSCI ACWI ex US	6.9 84	-5.1 77	11.8 69	2.5 67	5.9 54	4.2 7	8	
Domestic Fixed Income								
SERS Short Term Investment Fund Callan Cash Database	<b>1.1</b> 85	<b>2.7</b> 52	<b>1.0</b> 75	<b>1.5</b> 71	<b>1.3</b> 73	<b>1.0</b> 79	9	<b>0.00</b> 100
3-month Treasury Bill	1.1 88	2.5 57	0.9 80	1.4 89	1.2 92	0.9 9	3	
Comments: Callan Cash Database includes STIF, e	Comments: Callan Cash Database includes STIF, enhanced cash, and money market funds.							
SERS Stable Value Fund Callan Stable Value SA	<b>0.6</b> 80	<b>2.0</b> 78	<b>1.9</b> 72	<b>2.1</b> 63	<b>2.1</b> 68	<b>2.1</b> 63	2	<b>0.29</b> 42
3-month Treasury Bill	1.1 1	2.5 13	0.9 96	1.4 94	1.2 96	0.9 9	7	
SERS U.S. Bond Index Fund Callan Core Bond MFs	<b>3.0</b> 78	<b>-4.8</b> 36	<b>-2.8</b> 98	<b>0.9</b> 70	<b>0.9</b> 91	<b>1.3</b> 8	1	0.02 98
Blmbg Aggregate	3.0 79	-4.8 35	-2.8 98	0.9 71	0.9 91	1.4 7	5	

#### Returns:

above median

third quartile

fourth quartile

Return Consistency: above median third quartile

fourth quartile



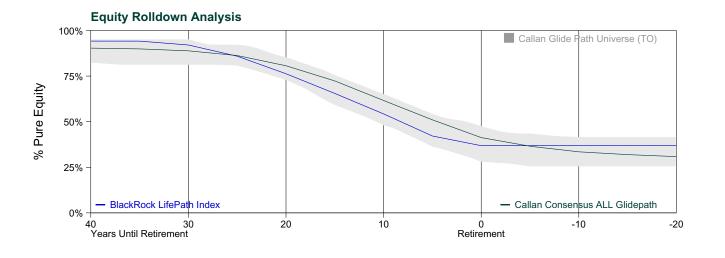


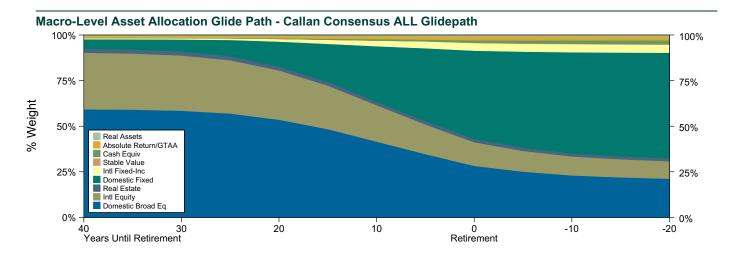
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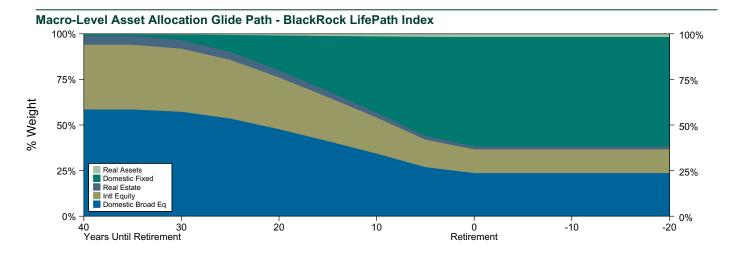
**Risk-Based Funds** 

### Callan Consensus ALL Glidepath Target Date Glide Path Analysis as of March 31, 2023

The following charts illustrate the asset allocation "glide path" underlying the relevant suite of target date funds. This analysis covers forty years of investor wealth accumulation up to retirement, as well as twenty years of wealth decumulation following retirement. The top chart shows the "pure" equity exposure (public equities excluding REITs) versus the peer group and index. The subsequent charts show more asset allocation detail at the high "macro" level.

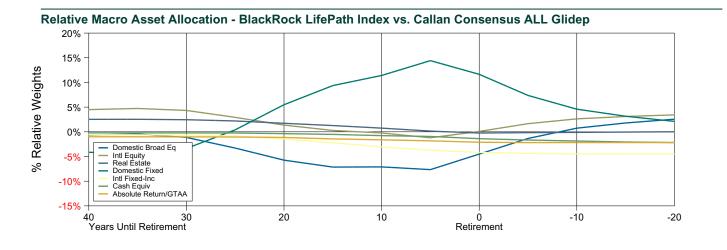




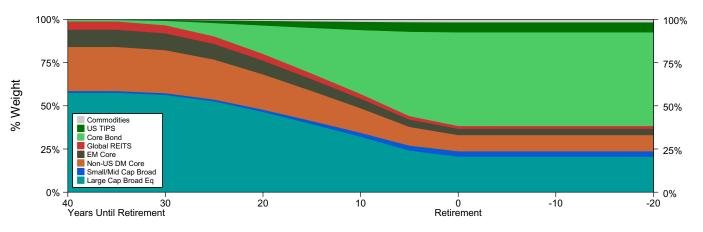


### BlackRock LifePath Index Target Date Glide Path Analysis as of March 31, 2023

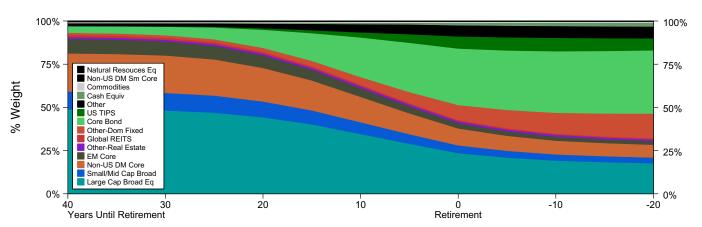
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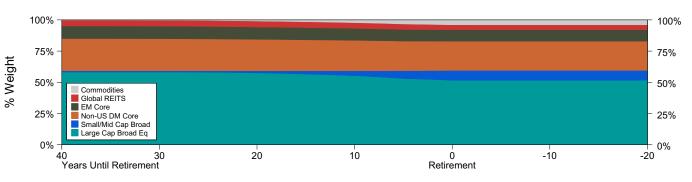






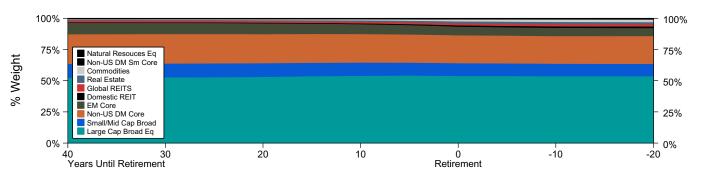
### BlackRock LifePath Index Target Date Glide Path Analysis as of March 31, 2023

The first two charts below illustrate the detailed composition over time of the "risky", or "growth" portion of the glide paths for both the manager and index, defined to be all public equity and real estate asset classes. These charts highlight both the levels of diversification and aggressiveness within the wealth creation portion of the glide paths. The last two charts serve a similar purpose but focus on the composition over time of the remaining wealth preservation portion (non-equity) of the manager and index glide paths.

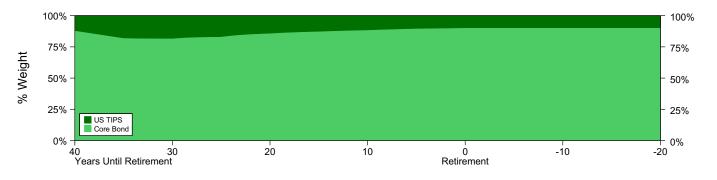


### Micro-Level Equity Allocation Glide Path - BlackRock LifePath Index

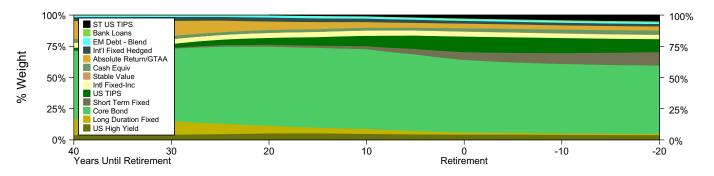




#### Micro-Level Non-Equity Allocation Glide Path - BlackRock LifePath Index



### Micro-Level Non-Equity Asset Allocation Glide Path - Callan Consensus ALL Glidep



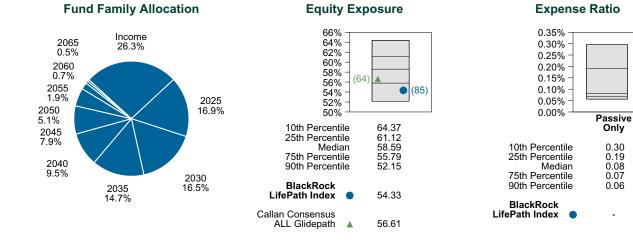
### Pennsylvania SERS 457(b) - BlackRock LifePath Index Target Date Fund Family Analysis as of March 31, 2023

The following is an analysis of the client's suite of target date funds as an aggregated portfolio using actual proportions held by the client's participants. The upper-left pie chart shows the current client weights across target dates. The rest of the charts compare different attributes of the aggregated client target date portfolio to a peer group of target date fund families, as well as target date indices, by mimicking the client target date weights using these alternatives. The first two charts evaluate the aggregate client equity exposure and expense ratio via target date funds. The last two charts analyze aggregate client target date performance on both an actual return basis as well as a "glide path return" basis (simulated returns using each funds' asset allocation "glide path" weights and index returns).



**Passive and Non-Passive** 

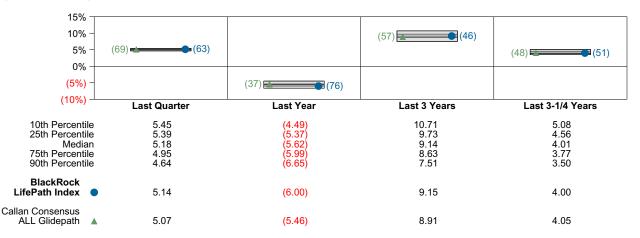
### Fee/Return Type: Gross



#### **Target Date Family Performance vs Peer Families**

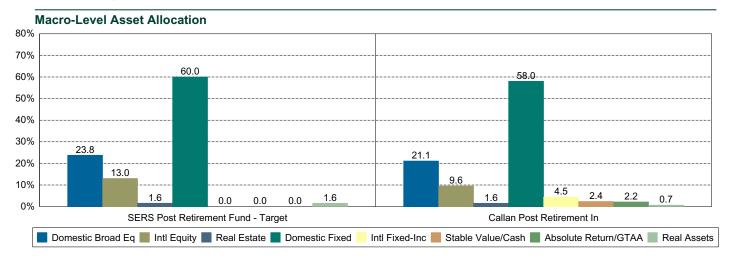
15%	(67)		(76) <b>(76)</b>	(50)
(5%) -		(44)		
(10%) —	Last Quarter	Last Year	Last 3 Years	Last 3-1/4 Years
10th Percentile 25th Percentile Median 75th Percentile 90th Percentile	5.65 5.57 5.39 4.92 4.34	(4.93) (5.14) (5.63) (6.15) (7.40)	10.51 9.97 9.50 8.93 8.02	4.69 4.39 4.07 3.56 3.27
BlackRock LifePath Index	5.36	(6.48)	8.91	3.60
Callan Consensus ALL Glidepath	5.07	(5.45)	8.92	4.06

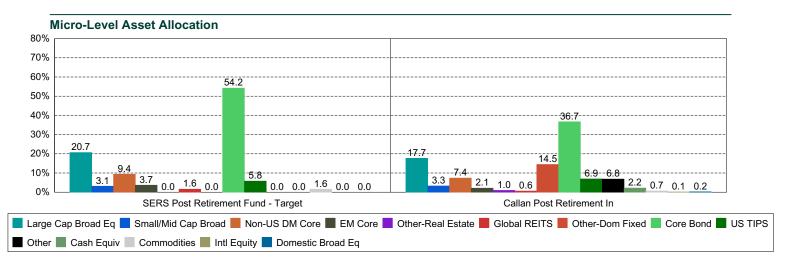
### Target Date Family Glide Path Returns vs Peer Families

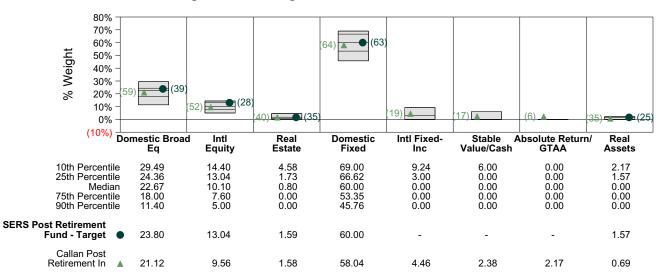


### SERS Post Retirement Fund Target Date Fund Asset Allocation as of March 31, 2023

The charts below illustrate the current target asset allocation of the relevant target date fund based on its underlying glide path and compares it to an index. The top charts compare target asset allocation at a high "macro" asset class level, while the middle charts show a more detailed "micro" level view. The bottom chart compares the current "macro" level target asset allocation, and index, to a relevant peer group of target date funds by ranking the various target asset class weights versus those peer target date funds.







#### Macro Asset Allocation Rankings vs. Callan Target Date Retirement Income

### SERS Post Retirement Fund Period Ended March 31, 2023

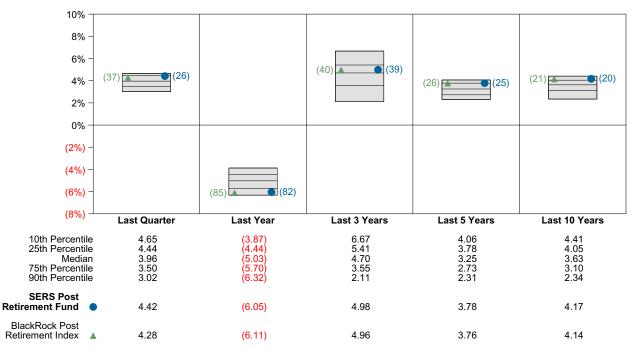
#### **Investment Philosophy**

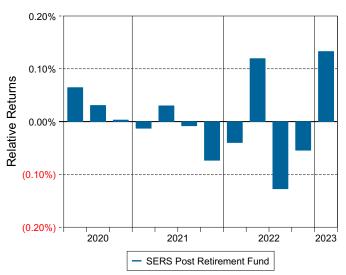
The BlackRock LifePath(R) Index Retirement Fund (the "Fund") seeks to provide for retirement outcomes consistent with investor preferences throughout the savings and drawdown phase based on quantitatively measured risk that investors, on average, may be willing to accept. The Fund will be diversified across global asset classes, with allocations changing over the investment horizon to become more heavily oriented toward debt and debt-like securities, on the premise that individuals investing for retirement desire to reduce investment risk in their retirement accounts as their retirement date approaches.Target Date funds replaced risk-based funds in 1Q20.

#### **Quarterly Summary and Highlights**

- SERS Post Retirement Fund's portfolio posted a 4.42% return for the quarter placing it in the 26 percentile of the Callan Target Date Retirement Income group for the quarter and in the 82 percentile for the last year.
- SERS Post Retirement Fund's portfolio outperformed the BlackRock Post Retirement Index by 0.14% for the quarter and outperformed the BlackRock Post Retirement Index for the year by 0.07%.

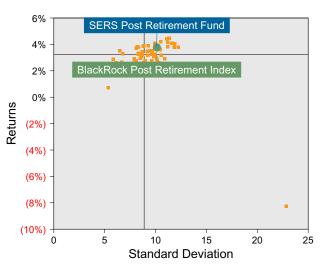






Relative Returns vs BlackRock Post Retirement Index

Callan Target Date Retirement Income (Net) Annualized Five Year Risk vs Return

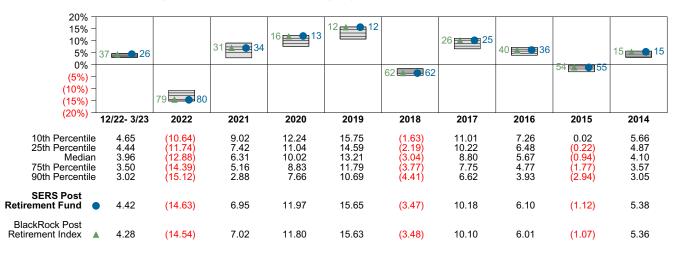


### SERS Post Retirement Fund Return Analysis Summary

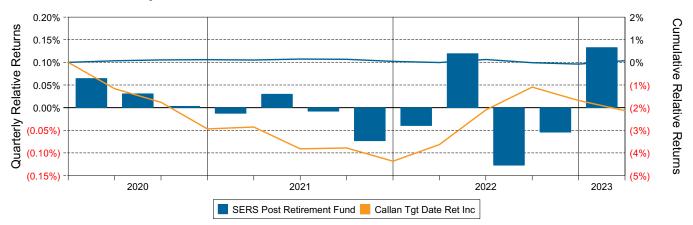
#### **Return Analysis**

The graphs below analyze the manager's return on both a risk-adjusted and unadjusted basis. The first chart illustrates the manager's ranking over different periods versus the appropriate style group. The second chart shows the historical quarterly and cumulative manager returns versus the appropriate market benchmark. The last chart illustrates the manager's ranking relative to their style using various risk-adjusted return measures.

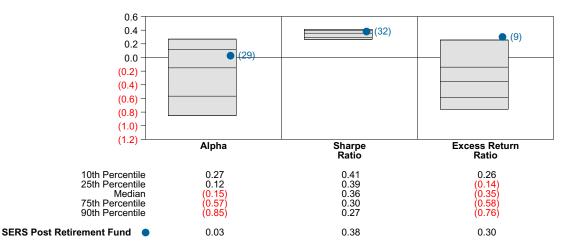
#### Performance vs Callan Target Date Retirement Income (Net)



Cumulative and Quarterly Relative Returns vs BlackRock Post Retirement Index



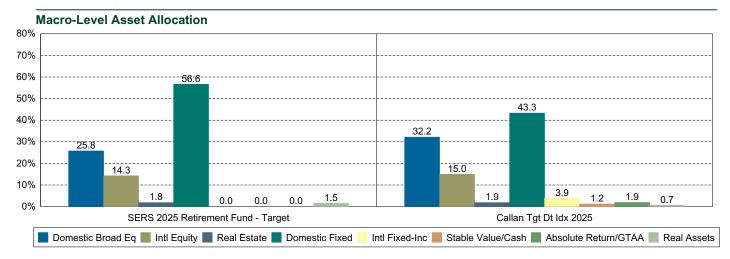
Risk Adjusted Return Measures vs BlackRock Post Retirement Index Rankings Against Callan Target Date Retirement Income (Net) Seven Years Ended March 31, 2023

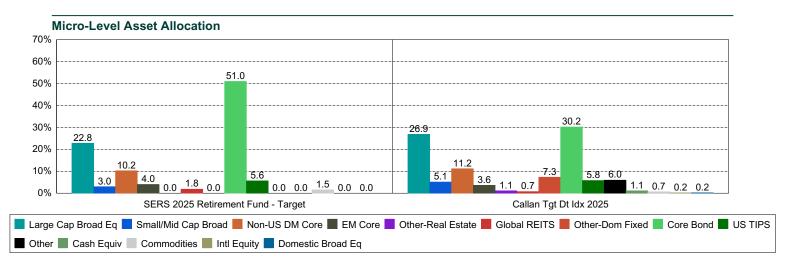


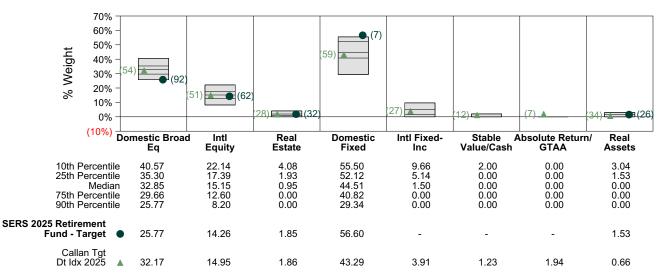


### SERS 2025 Retirement Fund Target Date Fund Asset Allocation as of March 31, 2023

The charts below illustrate the current target asset allocation of the relevant target date fund based on its underlying glide path and compares it to an index. The top charts compare target asset allocation at a high "macro" asset class level, while the middle charts show a more detailed "micro" level view. The bottom chart compares the current "macro" level target asset allocation, and index, to a relevant peer group of target date funds by ranking the various target asset class weights versus those peer target date funds.







#### Macro Asset Allocation Rankings vs. Callan Target Date 2025

### SERS 2025 Retirement Fund Period Ended March 31, 2023

#### **Investment Philosophy**

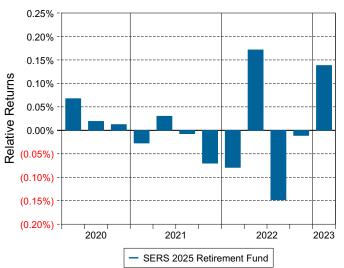
The BlackRock LifePath(R) Index 2025 Fund (the "Fund") seeks to provide for retirement outcomes consistent with investor preferences throughout the savings and drawdown phase based on quantitatively measured risk that investors, on average, may be willing to accept. The Fund will be diversified across global asset classes, with allocations changing over the investment horizon to become more heavily oriented toward debt and debt-like securities, on the premise that individuals investing for retirement desire to reduce investment risk in their retirement accounts as their retirement date approaches. Target Date funds replaced risk-based funds in 1Q20.

#### **Quarterly Summary and Highlights**

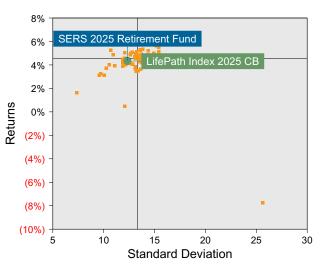
- SERS 2025 Retirement Fund's portfolio posted a 4.71% return for the quarter placing it in the 51 percentile of the Callan Target Date 2025 group for the quarter and in the 72 percentile for the last year.
- SERS 2025 Retirement Fund's portfolio outperformed the LifePath Index 2025 CB by 0.14% for the quarter and outperformed the LifePath Index 2025 CB for the year by 0.14%.



Relative Return vs LifePath Index 2025 CB





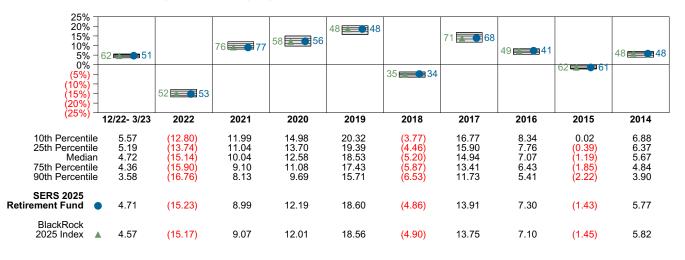


### SERS 2025 Retirement Fund Return Analysis Summary

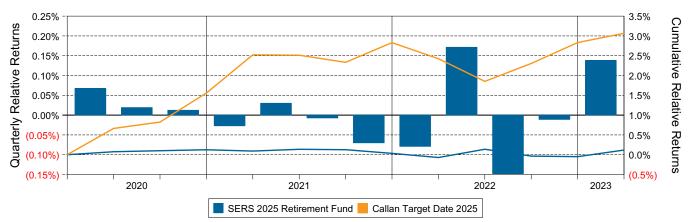
#### **Return Analysis**

The graphs below analyze the manager's return on both a risk-adjusted and unadjusted basis. The first chart illustrates the manager's ranking over different periods versus the appropriate style group. The second chart shows the historical quarterly and cumulative manager returns versus the appropriate market benchmark. The last chart illustrates the manager's ranking relative to their style using various risk-adjusted return measures.

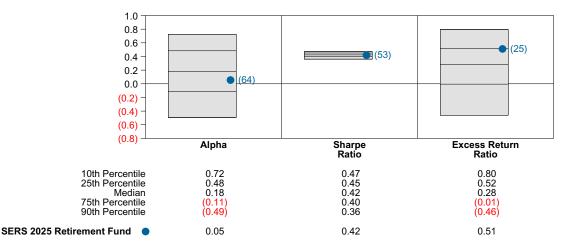
#### Performance vs Callan Target Date 2025 (Net)



Cumulative and Quarterly Relative Returns vs BlackRock 2025 Index



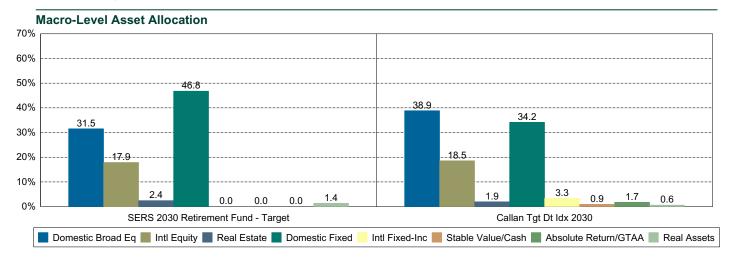


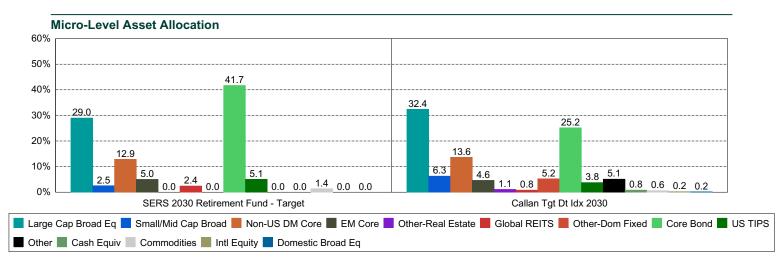


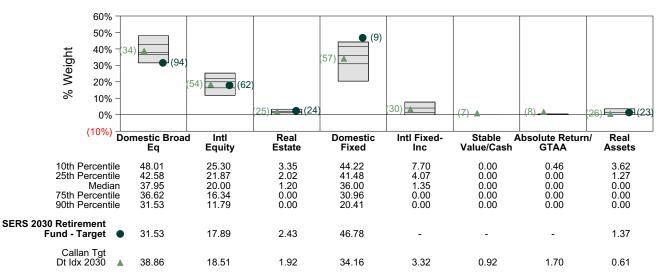


### SERS 2030 Retirement Fund Target Date Fund Asset Allocation as of March 31, 2023

The charts below illustrate the current target asset allocation of the relevant target date fund based on its underlying glide path and compares it to an index. The top charts compare target asset allocation at a high "macro" asset class level, while the middle charts show a more detailed "micro" level view. The bottom chart compares the current "macro" level target asset allocation, and index, to a relevant peer group of target date funds by ranking the various target asset class weights versus those peer target date funds.







#### Macro Asset Allocation Rankings vs. Callan Target Date 2030

### SERS 2030 Retirement Fund Period Ended March 31, 2023

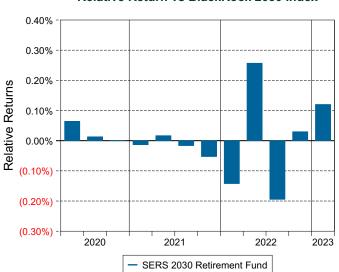
#### **Investment Philosophy**

The BlackRock LifePath(R) Index 2030 Fund (the "Fund") seeks to provide for retirement outcomes consistent with investor preferences throughout the savings and drawdown phase based on quantitatively measured risk that investors, on average, may be willing to accept. The Fund will be diversified across global asset classes, with allocations changing over the investment horizon to become more heavily oriented toward debt and debt-like securities, on the premise that individuals investing for retirement desire to reduce investment risk in their retirement accounts as their retirement date approaches. Target Date funds replaced risk-based funds in 1Q20.

#### **Quarterly Summary and Highlights**

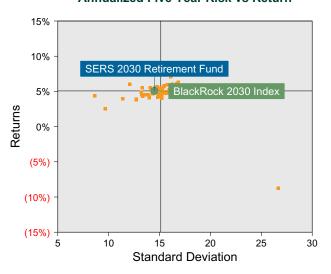
- SERS 2030 Retirement Fund's portfolio posted a 5.26% return for the quarter placing it in the 52 percentile of the Callan Target Date 2030 group for the quarter and in the 66 percentile for the last year.
- SERS 2030 Retirement Fund's portfolio outperformed the BlackRock 2030 Index by 0.13% for the quarter and outperformed the BlackRock 2030 Index for the year by 0.20%.





**Relative Return vs BlackRock 2030 Index** 

Callan Target Date 2030 (Net) Annualized Five Year Risk vs Return

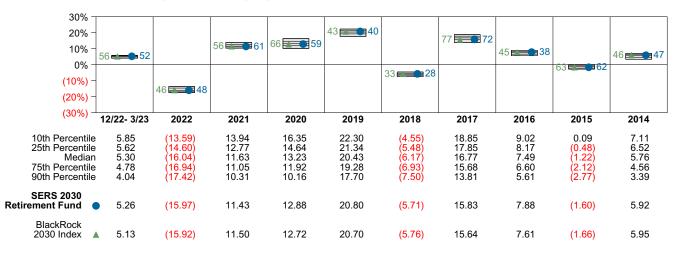


### SERS 2030 Retirement Fund Return Analysis Summary

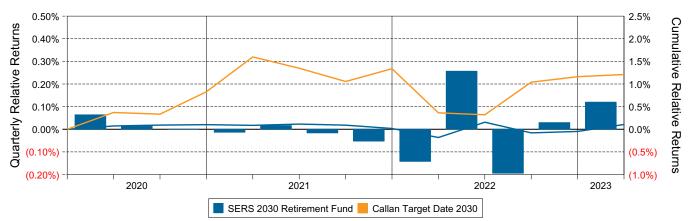
#### **Return Analysis**

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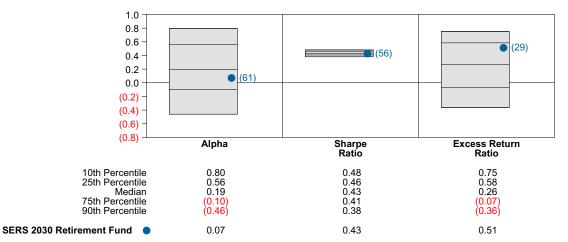
#### Performance vs Callan Target Date 2030 (Net)



Cumulative and Quarterly Relative Returns vs BlackRock 2030 Index



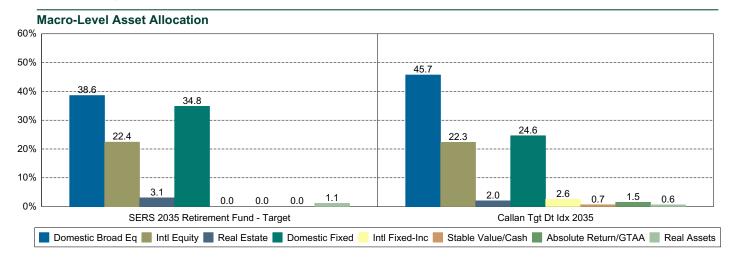


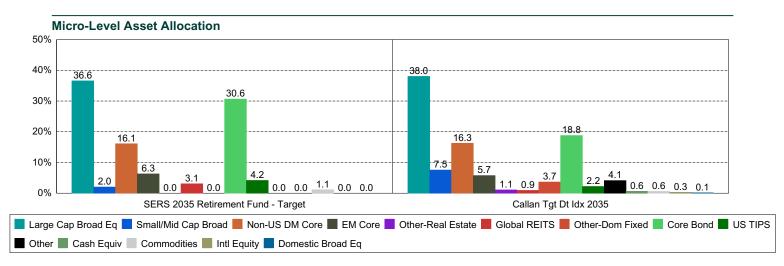


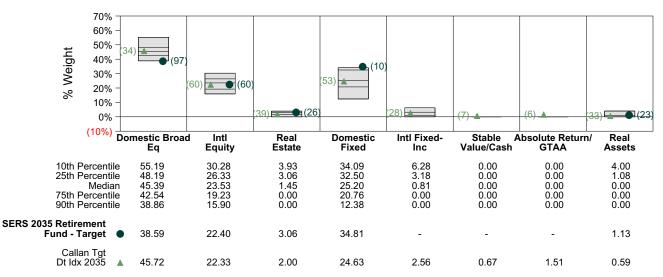


### SERS 2035 Retirement Fund Target Date Fund Asset Allocation as of March 31, 2023

The charts below illustrate the current target asset allocation of the relevant target date fund based on its underlying glide path and compares it to an index. The top charts compare target asset allocation at a high "macro" asset class level, while the middle charts show a more detailed "micro" level view. The bottom chart compares the current "macro" level target asset allocation, and index, to a relevant peer group of target date funds by ranking the various target asset class weights versus those peer target date funds.







#### Macro Asset Allocation Rankings vs. Callan Target Date 2035

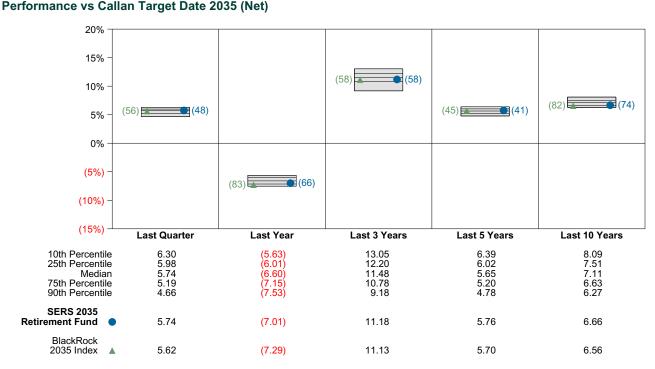
### SERS 2035 Retirement Fund Period Ended March 31, 2023

#### **Investment Philosophy**

The BlackRock LifePath(R) Index 2035 Fund (the "Fund") seeks to provide for retirement outcomes consistent with investor preferences throughout the savings and drawdown phase based on quantitatively measured risk that investors, on average, may be willing to accept. The Fund will be diversified across global asset classes, with allocations changing over the investment horizon to become more heavily oriented toward debt and debt-like securities, on the premise that individuals investing for retirement desire to reduce investment risk in their retirement accounts as their retirement date approaches. Target Date funds replaced risk-based funds in 1Q20.

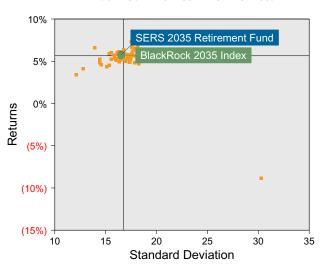
#### **Quarterly Summary and Highlights**

- SERS 2035 Retirement Fund's portfolio posted a 5.74% return for the quarter placing it in the 48 percentile of the Callan Target Date 2035 group for the quarter and in the 66 percentile for the last year.
- SERS 2035 Retirement Fund's portfolio outperformed the BlackRock 2035 Index by 0.12% for the quarter and outperformed the BlackRock 2035 Index for the year by 0.29%.



**Relative Return vs BlackRock 2035 Index** 0.50% 0.40% 0.30% **Relative Returns** 0.20% 0.10% 0.00% (0.10%)(0.20%) (0.30%) (0.40%) 2020 2021 2022 2023 SERS 2035 Retirement Fund

Callan Target Date 2035 (Net) Annualized Five Year Risk vs Return

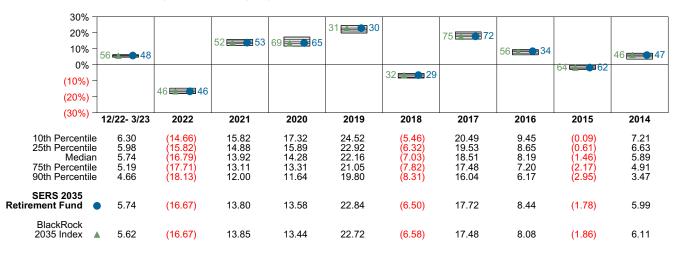


### SERS 2035 Retirement Fund Return Analysis Summary

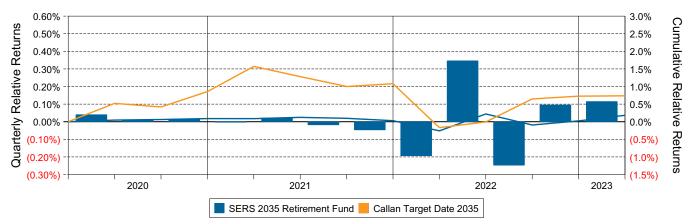
#### **Return Analysis**

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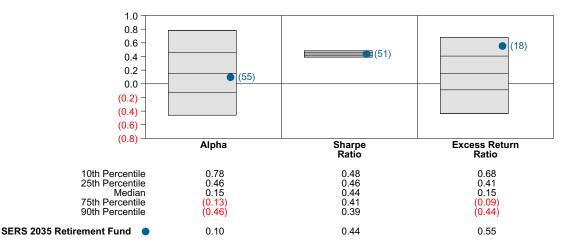
#### Performance vs Callan Target Date 2035 (Net)



Cumulative and Quarterly Relative Returns vs BlackRock 2035 Index



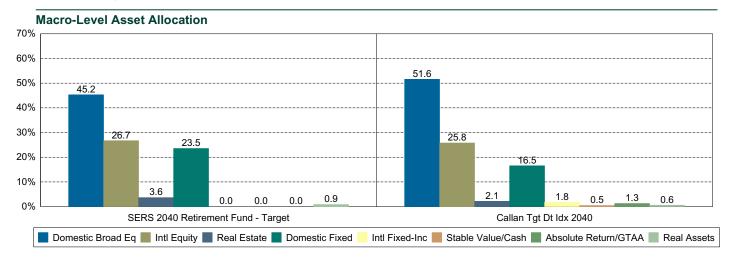


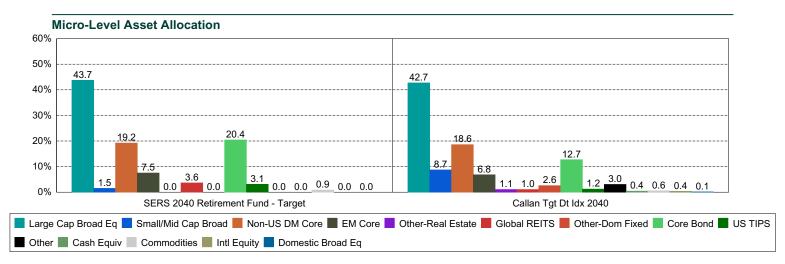


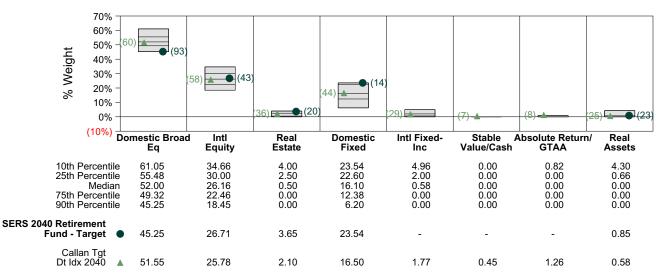


### SERS 2040 Retirement Fund Target Date Fund Asset Allocation as of March 31, 2023

The charts below illustrate the current target asset allocation of the relevant target date fund based on its underlying glide path and compares it to an index. The top charts compare target asset allocation at a high "macro" asset class level, while the middle charts show a more detailed "micro" level view. The bottom chart compares the current "macro" level target asset allocation, and index, to a relevant peer group of target date funds by ranking the various target asset class weights versus those peer target date funds.







#### Macro Asset Allocation Rankings vs. Callan Target Date 2040

### SERS 2040 Retirement Fund Period Ended March 31, 2023

#### **Investment Philosophy**

The BlackRock LifePath(R) Index 2040 Fund (the "Fund") seeks to provide for retirement outcomes consistent with investor preferences throughout the savings and drawdown phase based on quantitatively measured risk that investors, on average, may be willing to accept. The Fund will be diversified across global asset classes, with allocations changing over the investment horizon to become more heavily oriented toward debt and debt-like securities, on the premise that individuals investing for retirement desire to reduce investment risk in their retirement accounts as their retirement date approaches. Target Date funds replaced risk-based funds in 1Q20.

#### **Quarterly Summary and Highlights**

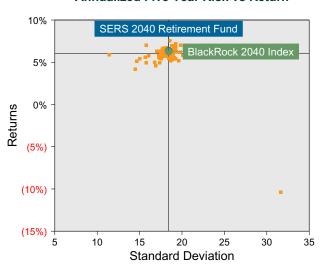
- SERS 2040 Retirement Fund's portfolio posted a 6.21% return for the quarter placing it in the 38 percentile of the Callan Target Date 2040 group for the quarter and in the 69 percentile for the last year.
- SERS 2040 Retirement Fund's portfolio outperformed the BlackRock 2040 Index by 0.12% for the quarter and outperformed the BlackRock 2040 Index for the year by 0.38%.



0.60% 0.50% 0.40% 0.30% **Relative Returns** 0.20% 0.10% 0.00% (0.10%) (0.20%)(0.30%)(0.40%) 2022 2020 2021 2023 SERS 2040 Retirement Fund

Relative Return vs BlackRock 2040 Index A



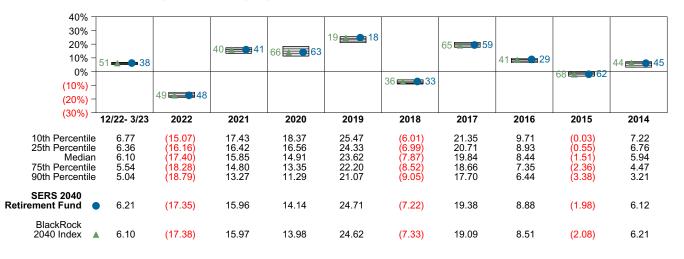


### SERS 2040 Retirement Fund Return Analysis Summary

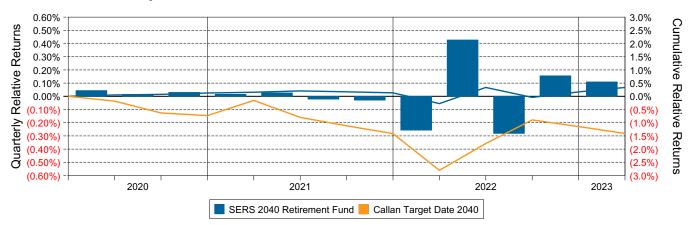
#### **Return Analysis**

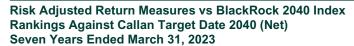
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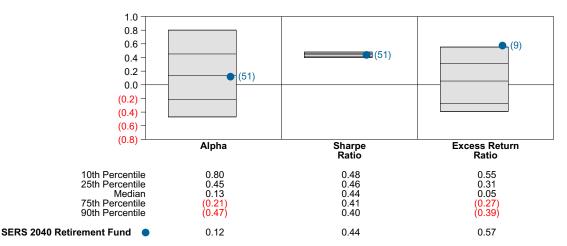
#### Performance vs Callan Target Date 2040 (Net)



Cumulative and Quarterly Relative Returns vs BlackRock 2040 Index



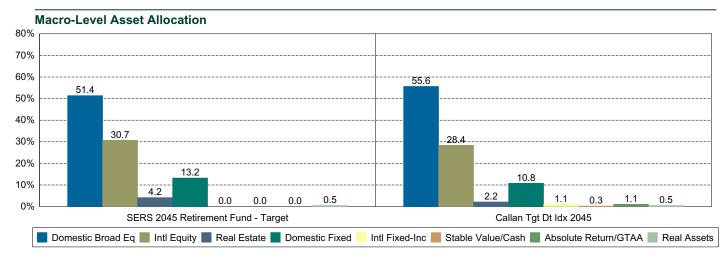


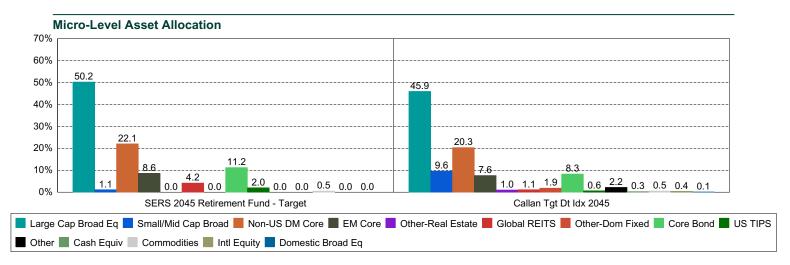


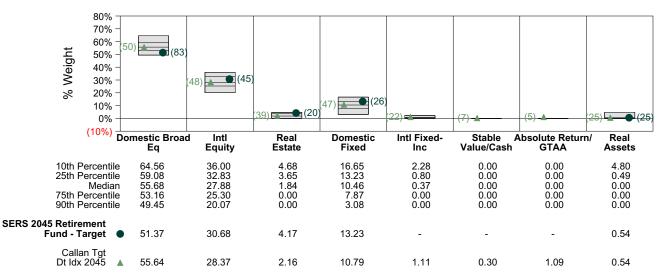


### SERS 2045 Retirement Fund Target Date Fund Asset Allocation as of March 31, 2023

The charts below illustrate the current target asset allocation of the relevant target date fund based on its underlying glide path and compares it to an index. The top charts compare target asset allocation at a high "macro" asset class level, while the middle charts show a more detailed "micro" level view. The bottom chart compares the current "macro" level target asset allocation, and index, to a relevant peer group of target date funds by ranking the various target asset class weights versus those peer target date funds.







#### Macro Asset Allocation Rankings vs. Callan Target Date 2045

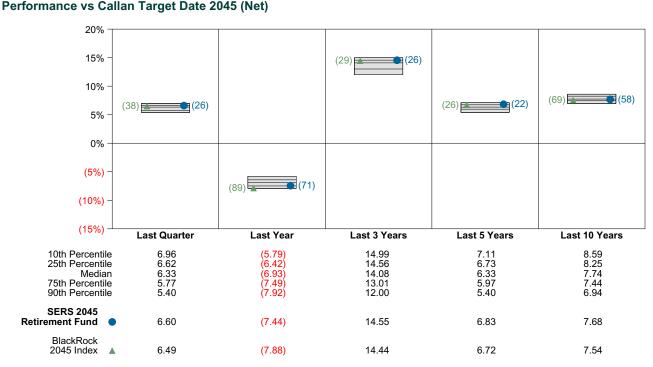
### SERS 2045 Retirement Fund Period Ended March 31, 2023

#### **Investment Philosophy**

The BlackRock LifePath(R) Index 2045 Fund (the "Fund") seeks to provide for retirement outcomes consistent with investor preferences throughout the savings and drawdown phase based on quantitatively measured risk that investors, on average, may be willing to accept. The Fund will be diversified across global asset classes, with allocations changing over the investment horizon to become more heavily oriented toward debt and debt-like securities, on the premise that individuals investing for retirement desire to reduce investment risk in their retirement accounts as their retirement date approaches. Target Date funds replaced risk-based funds in 1Q20.

#### **Quarterly Summary and Highlights**

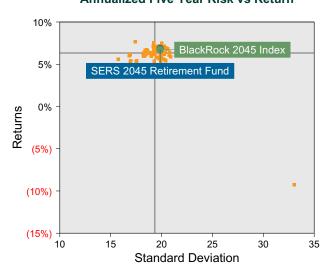
- SERS 2045 Retirement Fund's portfolio posted a 6.60% return for the quarter placing it in the 26 percentile of the Callan Target Date 2045 group for the quarter and in the 71 percentile for the last year.
- SERS 2045 Retirement Fund's portfolio outperformed the BlackRock 2045 Index by 0.10% for the quarter and outperformed the BlackRock 2045 Index for the year by 0.43%.



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**Relative Return vs BlackRock 2045 Index** 

Callan Target Date 2045 (Net) Annualized Five Year Risk vs Return

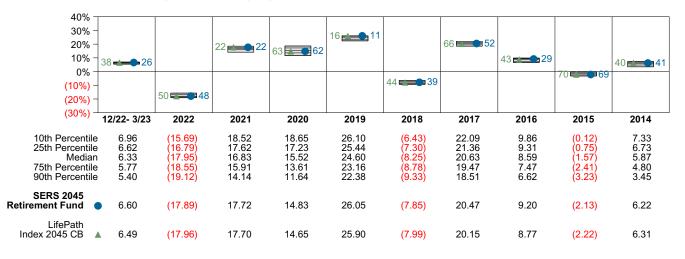


### SERS 2045 Retirement Fund Return Analysis Summary

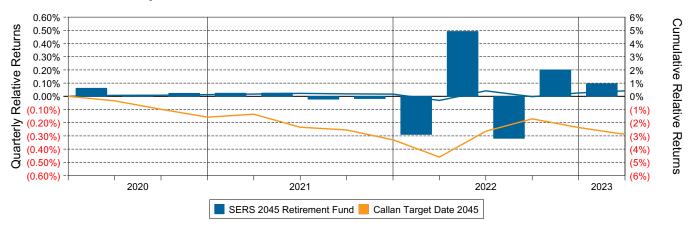
#### **Return Analysis**

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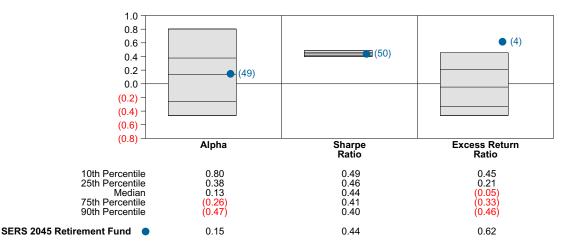
#### Performance vs Callan Target Date 2045 (Net)



Cumulative and Quarterly Relative Returns vs LifePath Index 2045 CB

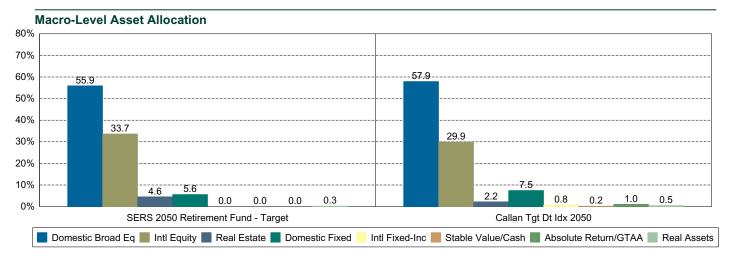


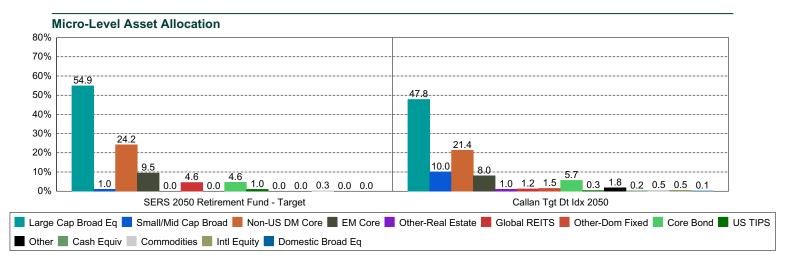


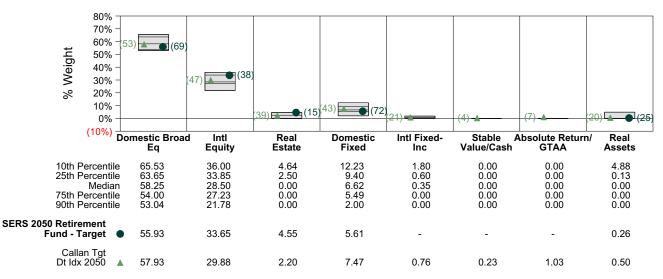


### SERS 2050 Retirement Fund Target Date Fund Asset Allocation as of March 31, 2023

The charts below illustrate the current target asset allocation of the relevant target date fund based on its underlying glide path and compares it to an index. The top charts compare target asset allocation at a high "macro" asset class level, while the middle charts show a more detailed "micro" level view. The bottom chart compares the current "macro" level target asset allocation, and index, to a relevant peer group of target date funds by ranking the various target asset class weights versus those peer target date funds.







#### Macro Asset Allocation Rankings vs. Callan Target Date 2050

### SERS 2050 Retirement Fund Period Ended March 31, 2023

#### **Investment Philosophy**

The BlackRock LifePath(R) Index 2050 Fund (the "Fund") seeks to provide for retirement outcomes consistent with investor preferences throughout the savings and drawdown phase based on quantitatively measured risk that investors, on average, may be willing to accept. The Fund will be diversified across global asset classes, with allocations changing over the investment horizon to become more heavily oriented toward debt and debt-like securities, on the premise that individuals investing for retirement desire to reduce investment risk in their retirement accounts as their retirement date approaches. Target Date funds replaced risk-based funds in 1Q20.

#### **Quarterly Summary and Highlights**

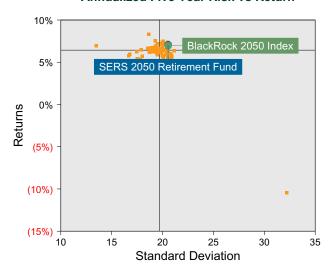
- SERS 2050 Retirement Fund's portfolio posted a 6.80% return for the quarter placing it in the 21 percentile of the Callan Target Date 2050 group for the quarter and in the 70 percentile for the last year.
- SERS 2050 Retirement Fund's portfolio outperformed the BlackRock 2050 Index by 0.10% for the quarter and outperformed the BlackRock 2050 Index for the year by 0.48%.



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Relative Return vs BlackRock 2050 Index

Callan Target Date 2050 (Net) Annualized Five Year Risk vs Return

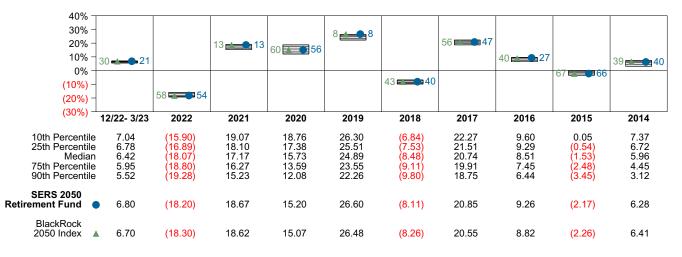


### SERS 2050 Retirement Fund Return Analysis Summary

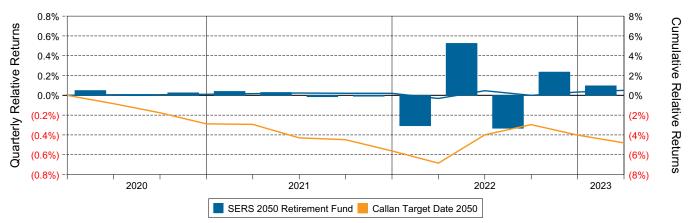
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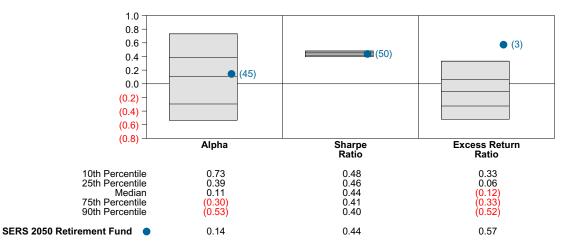
#### Performance vs Callan Target Date 2050 (Net)



Cumulative and Quarterly Relative Returns vs BlackRock 2050 Index



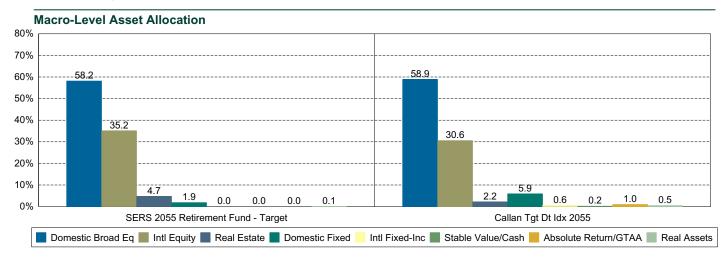


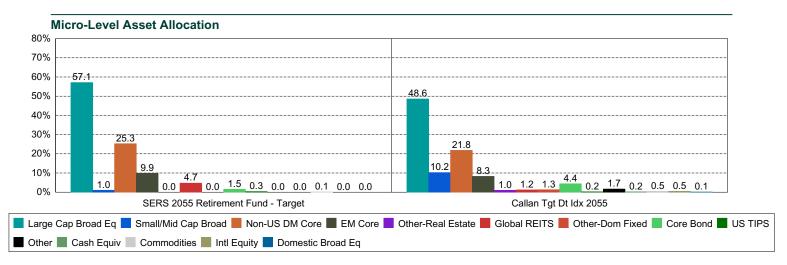


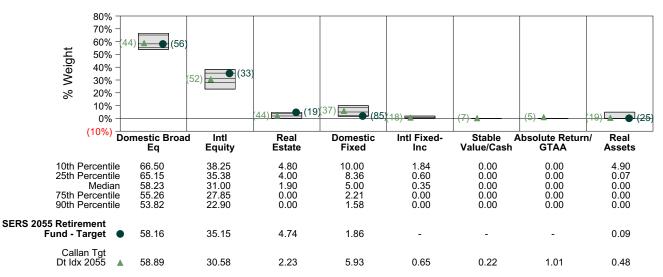


### SERS 2055 Retirement Fund Target Date Fund Asset Allocation as of March 31, 2023

The charts below illustrate the current target asset allocation of the relevant target date fund based on its underlying glide path and compares it to an index. The top charts compare target asset allocation at a high "macro" asset class level, while the middle charts show a more detailed "micro" level view. The bottom chart compares the current "macro" level target asset allocation, and index, to a relevant peer group of target date funds by ranking the various target asset class weights versus those peer target date funds.







#### Macro Asset Allocation Rankings vs. Callan Target Date 2055

### SERS 2055 Retirement Fund Period Ended March 31, 2023

#### **Investment Philosophy**

The BlackRock LifePath(R) Index 2055 Fund (the "Fund") seeks to provide for retirement outcomes consistent with investor preferences throughout the savings and drawdown phase based on quantitatively measured risk that investors, on average, may be willing to accept. The Fund will be diversified across global asset classes, with allocations changing over the investment horizon to become more heavily oriented toward debt and debt-like securities, on the premise that individuals investing for retirement desire to reduce investment risk in their retirement accounts as their retirement date approaches.Target Date funds replaced risk-based funds in 1Q20.

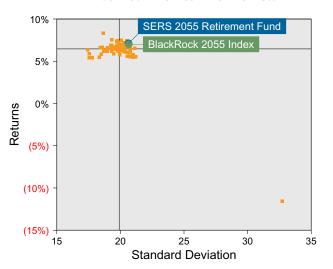
#### **Quarterly Summary and Highlights**

- SERS 2055 Retirement Fund's portfolio posted a 6.85% return for the quarter placing it in the 18 percentile of the Callan Target Date 2055 group for the quarter and in the 67 percentile for the last year.
- SERS 2055 Retirement Fund's portfolio outperformed the BlackRock 2055 Index by 0.10% for the quarter and outperformed the BlackRock 2055 Index for the year by 0.49%.



Relative Return vs BlackRock 2055 Index

Callan Target Date 2055 (Net) Annualized Five Year Risk vs Return

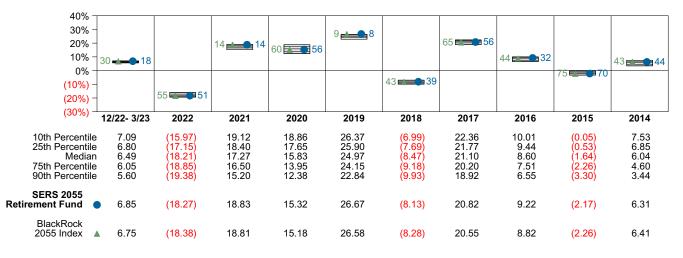


### SERS 2055 Retirement Fund Return Analysis Summary

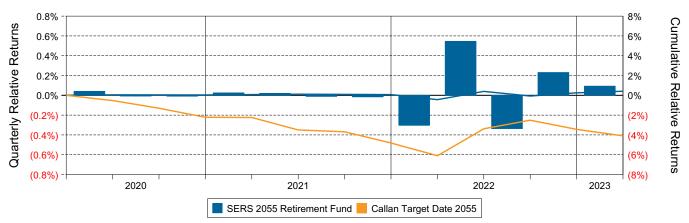
#### **Return Analysis**

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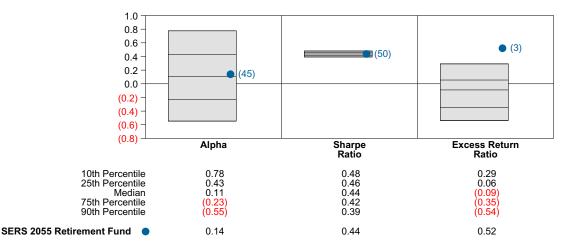
#### Performance vs Callan Target Date 2055 (Net)



Cumulative and Quarterly Relative Returns vs BlackRock 2055 Index









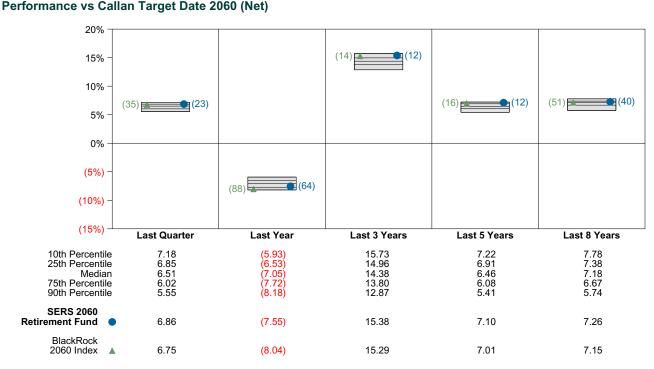
### SERS 2060 Retirement Fund Period Ended March 31, 2023

#### **Investment Philosophy**

The BlackRock LifePath(R) Index 2060 Fund (the "Fund") seeks to provide for retirement outcomes consistent with investor preferences throughout the savings and drawdown phase based on quantitatively measured risk that investors, on average, may be willing to accept. The Fund will be diversified across global asset classes, with allocations changing over the investment horizon to become more heavily oriented toward debt and debt-like securities, on the premise that individuals investing for retirement desire to reduce investment risk in their retirement accounts as their retirement date approaches. Target Date funds replaced risk-based funds in 1Q20.

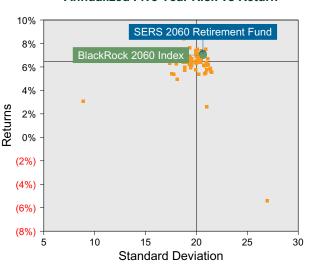
#### **Quarterly Summary and Highlights**

- SERS 2060 Retirement Fund's portfolio posted a 6.86% return for the quarter placing it in the 23 percentile of the Callan Target Date 2060 group for the quarter and in the 64 percentile for the last year.
- SERS 2060 Retirement Fund's portfolio outperformed the BlackRock 2060 Index by 0.10% for the quarter and outperformed the BlackRock 2060 Index for the year by 0.49%.



Relative Return vs BlackRock 2060 Index

Callan Target Date 2060 (Net) Annualized Five Year Risk vs Return

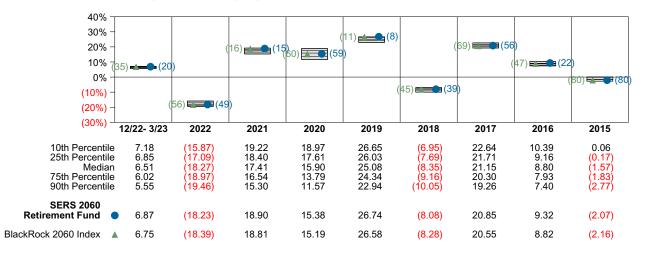


### SERS 2060 Retirement Fund Return Analysis Summary

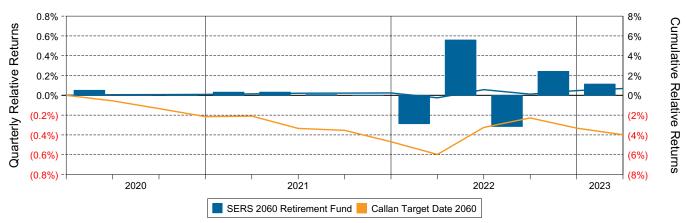
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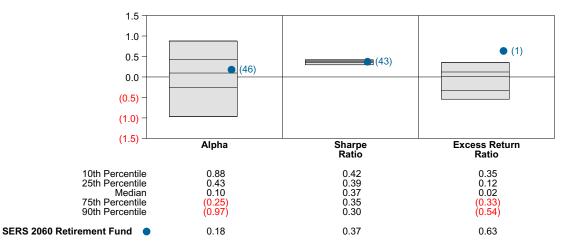
#### Performance vs Callan Target Date 2060 (Net)



Cumulative and Quarterly Relative Returns vs BlackRock 2060 Index









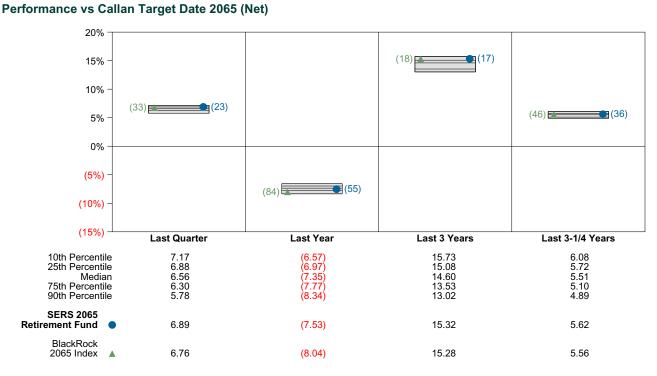
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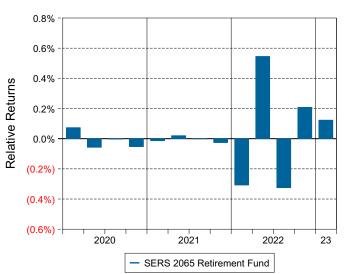
#### **Investment Philosophy**

The BlackRock LifePath(R) Index 2065 Fund (the "Fund") seeks to provide for retirement outcomes consistent with investor preferences throughout the savings and drawdown phase based on quantitatively measured risk that investors, on average, may be willing to accept. The Fund will be diversified across global asset classes, with allocations changing over the investment horizon to become more heavily oriented toward debt and debt-like securities, on the premise that individuals investing for retirement desire to reduce investment risk in their retirement accounts as their retirement date approaches. Target Date funds replaced risk-based funds in 1Q20.

#### **Quarterly Summary and Highlights**

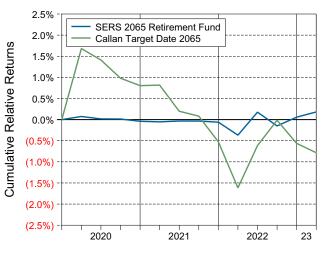
- SERS 2065 Retirement Fund's portfolio posted a 6.89% return for the quarter placing it in the 23 percentile of the Callan Target Date 2065 group for the quarter and in the 55 percentile for the last year.
- SERS 2065 Retirement Fund's portfolio outperformed the BlackRock 2065 Index by 0.13% for the quarter and outperformed the BlackRock 2065 Index for the year by 0.51%.





#### **Relative Return vs BlackRock 2065 Index**

#### Cumulative Returns vs BlackRock 2065 Index



## SERS U.S. Large Company Index Fund Period Ended March 31, 2023

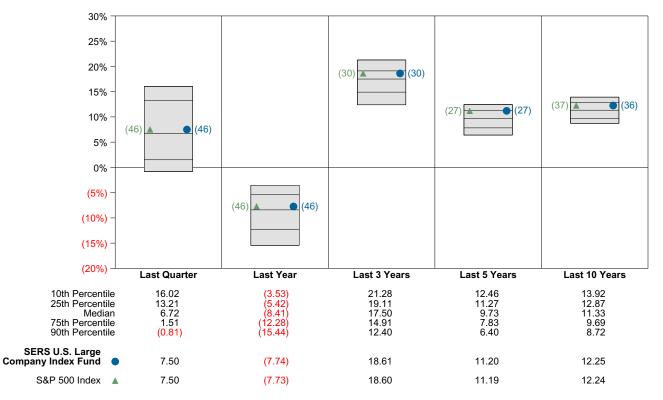
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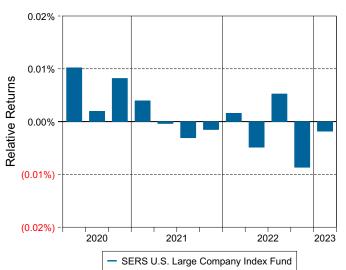
The strategy seeks to replicate the performance and characteristics of the S&P 500 Index with minimal tracking error. Mellon Capital uses full replication to construct the portfolio, holding each security in the index in its proportionate weight. This fund is managed by Mellon Capital Management.

#### **Quarterly Summary and Highlights**

- SERS U.S. Large Company Index Fund's portfolio posted a 7.50% return for the quarter placing it in the 46 percentile of the Callan Large Cap Broad Equity Mut Funds group for the quarter and in the 46 percentile for the last year.
- SERS U.S. Large Company Index Fund's portfolio underperformed the S&P 500 Index by 0.00% for the quarter and underperformed the S&P 500 Index for the year by 0.01%.

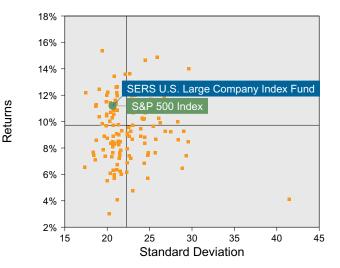
#### Performance vs Callan Large Cap Broad Equity Mut Funds (Institutional Net)





#### **Relative Return vs S&P 500 Index**

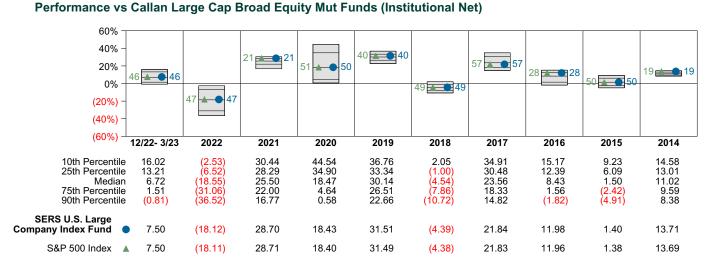
#### Callan Large Cap Broad Equity Mut Funds (Institutional Net) Annualized Five Year Risk vs Return



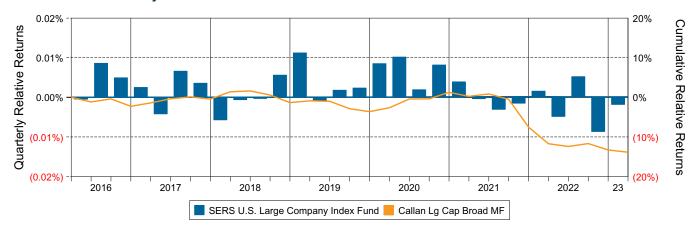
## SERS U.S. Large Company Index Fund Return Analysis Summary

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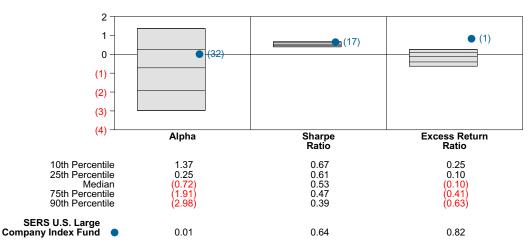
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#### Cumulative and Quarterly Relative Returns vs S&P 500 Index



Risk Adjusted Return Measures vs S&P 500 Index Rankings Against Callan Large Cap Broad Equity Mut Funds (Institutional Net) Seven Years Ended March 31, 2023

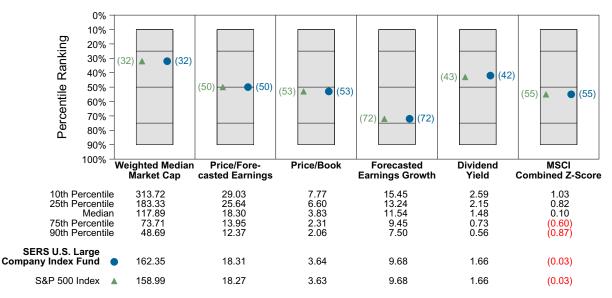


## SERS U.S. Large Company Index Fund Equity Characteristics Analysis Summary

#### **Portfolio Characteristics**

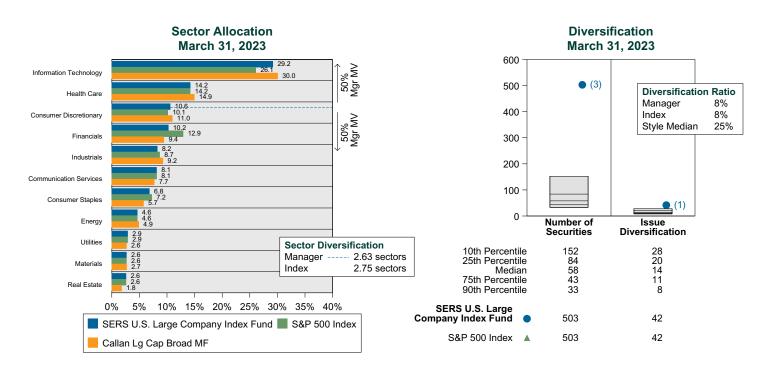
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#### Portfolio Characteristics Percentile Rankings Rankings Against Callan Large Cap Broad Equity Mut Funds as of March 31, 2023



#### **Sector Weights**

The graph below contrasts the manager's sector weights with those of the benchmark and median sector weights across the members of the peer group. The magnitude of sector weight differences from the index and the manager's sector diversification are also shown. Diversification by number and concentration of holdings are also compared to the benchmark and peer group. Issue Diversification represents by count, and Diversification Ratio by percent, the number of holdings that account for half of the portfolio's market value.



## SERS U.S. Large Company Index Fund Top 10 Portfolio Holdings Characteristics as of March 31, 2023

## 10 Largest Holdings

		Ending	Percent			Price/ Forecasted		Forecasted
		Market	of	Qtrly	Market	Earnings	Dividend	Growth in
Stock	Sector	Value	Portfolio	Return	Capital	Ratio	Yield	Earnings
Apple Inc	Information Technology	\$87,880,476	7.1%	27.11%	2609.04	26.25	0.56%	7.15%
Microsoft Corp	Information Technology	\$76,885,529	6.2%	20.52%	2146.05	27.71	0.94%	11.96%
Amazon.Com	Consumer Discretionary	\$32,979,005	2.7%	22.96%	1058.44	61.01	0.00%	9.44%
Nvidia Corp	Information Technology	\$24,481,157	2.0%	90.10%	686.09	58.42	0.06%	21.20%
Alphabet Inc CI A	Communication Services	\$22,116,144	1.8%	17.57%	617.82	19.52	0.00%	15.23%
Tesla Mtrs Inc	Consumer Discretionary	\$19,988,904	1.6%	68.42%	656.42	48.34	0.00%	11.80%
Berkshire Hathaway Inc Del CI B New	Financials	\$19,923,243	1.6%	(0.04)%	400.84	18.98	0.00%	11.56%
Alphabet Inc CI C	Communication Services	\$19,372,399	1.6%	17.21%	620.67	19.70	0.00%	15.23%
Meta Platforms Inc	Communication Services	\$16,902,643	1.4%	76.12%	471.73	20.44	0.00%	13.20%
Exxon Mobil Corp	Energy	\$16,164,738	1.3%	0.19%	446.42	10.71	3.32%	26.96%

#### **10 Best Performers**

		Ending	Percent			Price/ Forecasted		Forecasted
Stock	Sector	Market Value	of Portfolio	Qtrly Return	Market Capital	Earnings	Dividend Yield	Growth in Earnings
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Tesla Mtrs Inc	Consumer Discretionary	\$19,988,904	1.6%	68.42%	656.42	48.34	0.00%	11.80%
Warner Bros Discovery Inc	Communication Services	\$1,194,014	0.1%	59.28%	36.78	75.88	0.00%	(5.29)%
Align Technology Inc	Health Care	\$871,232	0.1%	58.44%	25.60	39.51	0.00%	16.90%
Advanced Micro Devices Inc	Information Technology	\$5,671,159	0.5%	51.32%	157.74	29.07	0.00%	9.52%
Salesforce Com Inc	Information Technology	\$7,163,489	0.6%	50.68%	199.78	26.93	0.00%	16.84%
West Pharmaceutical Svsc Inc	Health Care	\$940,104	0.1%	47.32%	25.73	45.32	0.22%	33.66%
General Electric Co	Industrials	\$3,736,729	0.3%	46.35%	104.23	39.07	0.33%	44.50%
Catalent Inc	Health Care	\$424,812	0.0%	45.99%	11.83	19.16	0.00%	9.10%

#### **10 Worst Performers**

					Price/	Price/		
		Ending	Percent			Forecasted		Forecasted
		Market	of	Qtrly	Market	Earnings	Dividend	Growth in
Stock	Sector	Value	Portfolio	Return	Capital	Ratio	Yield	Earnings
First Rep Bk San Francisco C	Financials	\$91,547	0.0%	(88.50)%	2.56	3.76	7.72%	(15.79)%
Zion Bancorporation Na	Financials	\$161,453	0.0%	(38.64)%	4.43	4.74	5.48%	14.48%
Schwab Charles Corp New	Financials	\$2,874,573	0.2%	(36.89)%	92.60	12.53	1.91%	14.67%
Comerica	Financials	\$206,577	0.0%	(33.99)%	5.71	4.57	6.54%	5.81%
Dish Network Corp CI A	Communication Services	\$82,639	0.0%	(33.55)%	2.73	8.28	0.00%	(29.05)%
Keycorp	Financials	\$417,968	0.0%	(27.31)%	11.58	6.38	6.55%	6.00%
Lincoln National Corp	Financials	\$123,291	0.0%	(25.78)%	3.80	2.57	8.01%	4.50%
Centene Corp Del	Health Care	\$1,251,988	0.1%	(22.92)%	34.81	9.61	0.00%	12.19%
Cigna Corp New	Health Care	\$2,748,044	0.2%	(22.54)%	75.90	9.98	1.93%	11.30%
Apa Corp	Energy	\$412,103	0.0%	(22.32)%	11.21	5.85	2.77%	14.07%

## Historical Holdings Based Style Analysis SERS U.S. Large Company Index Fund For Three Years Ended March 31, 2023

This page analyzes the historical investment style of a portfolio utilizing a detailed holdings-based style analysis to determine average actual exposures to various market capitalization and style segments of the domestic equity market. The market is segmented quarterly by capitalization and style. The capitalization segments are dictated by capitalization decile breakpoints. The style segments are determined using the "Combined Z Score", based on the eight fundamental factors used in the MSCI stock style scoring system. The upper-left style map illustrates the average historical market capitalization and style score of the portfolio relative to indices and/or peers. The upper-right style exposure matrix displays the average historical portfolio and index weights and stock counts (in parentheses) in each capitalization/style segment of the market. The next two style exposure charts illustrate the actual quarterly cap/style and style only segment exposures of the portfolio through history.

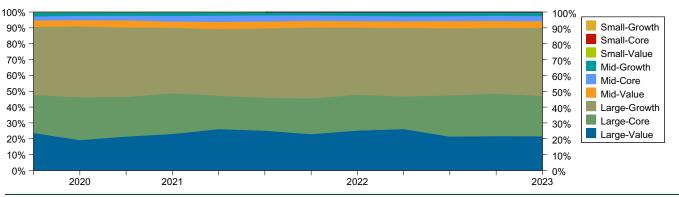


#### Average Style Map vs Callan Lg Cap Broad MF Holdings for Three Years Ended March 31, 2023

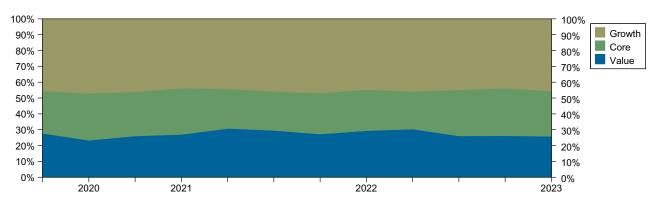
#### Average Style Exposure Matrix Holdings for Three Years Ended March 31, 2023

Large	23.2% (96)	23.9% (94)	43.1% (84)	<b>90.2%</b> (274)
		( )		( )
Mid	4.3% (102)	3.2% (75)	2.3% (47)	9.8% (224)
	4.2% (102)	3.2% (75)	2.3% (47)	<b>9.7%</b> (224)
	0.0% (4)	0.0% (2)	0.0% (1)	0.1% (7)
Small				
	0.0% (4)	0.0% (2)	0.0% (1)	<b>0.1%</b> (7)
	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)
Micro				
	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	<b>0.0%</b> (0)
	27.5% (203)	27.2% (171)	45.3% (132)	100.0% (506)
Total				
	27.5% (202)	27.2% (171)	45.3% (132)	<b>100.0%</b> (505)
	Value	Core	Growth	Total

SERS U.S. Large Company Index Fund Historical Cap/Style Exposures







## SERS U.S. SMID Company Stock Idx Period Ended March 31, 2023

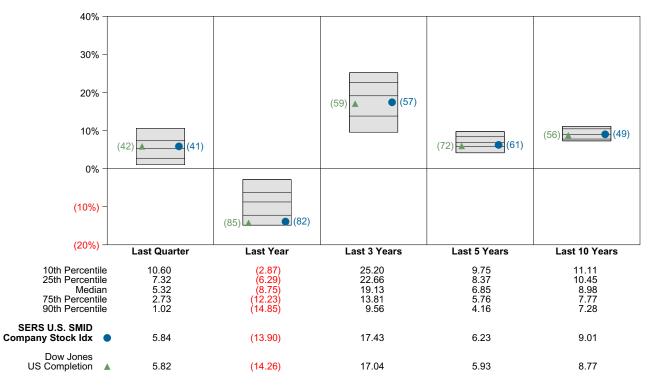
#### **Investment Philosophy**

The U.S. Small/Mid Company Stock Index Fund seeks to match the performance and overall characteristics of the Dow Jones U.S. Completion Total Stock Market Index in a risk-controlled, cost-effective manner. The Fund's approach to quality indexing aims to minimize tracking error, manage transaction costs and replicate the majority of the index and sample from the remaining smaller securities. This fund is managed by Mellon Capital Management.

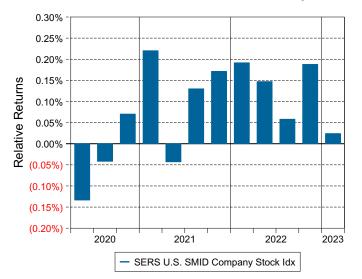
#### **Quarterly Summary and Highlights**

- SERS U.S. SMID Company Stock Idx's portfolio posted a 5.84% return for the quarter placing it in the 41 percentile of the Callan Small/MidCap Broad Mutual Funds group for the quarter and in the 82 percentile for the last year.
- SERS U.S. SMID Company Stock Idx's portfolio outperformed the Dow Jones US Completion by 0.03% for the quarter and outperformed the Dow Jones US Completion for the year by 0.36%.

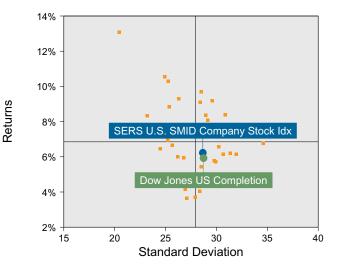




Relative Return vs Dow Jones US Completion



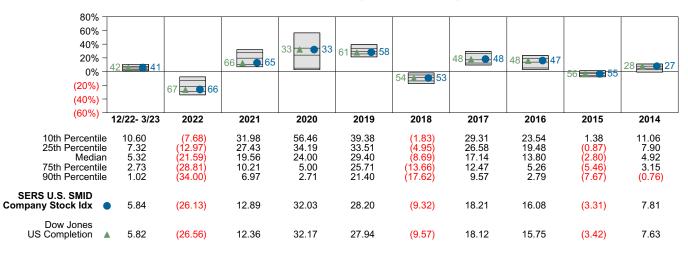
#### Callan Small/MidCap Broad Mutual Funds (Institutional Net) Annualized Five Year Risk vs Return



## SERS U.S. SMID Company Stock Idx Return Analysis Summary

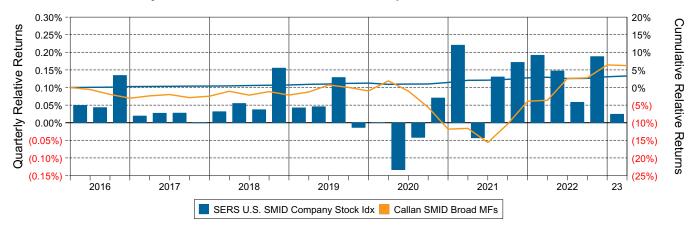
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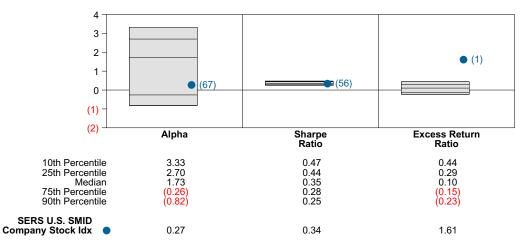


#### Performance vs Callan Small/MidCap Broad Mutual Funds (Institutional Net)

Cumulative and Quarterly Relative Returns vs Dow Jones US Completion



Risk Adjusted Return Measures vs Dow Jones US Completion Rankings Against Callan Small/MidCap Broad Mutual Funds (Institutional Net) Seven Years Ended March 31, 2023

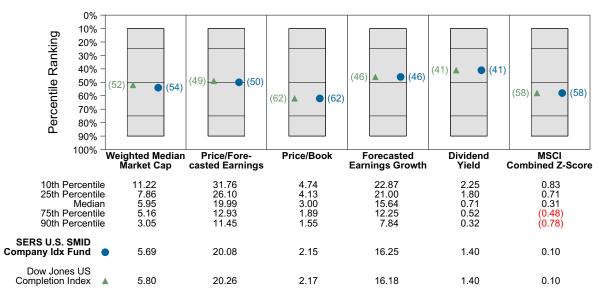


## SERS U.S. SMID Company Idx Fund Equity Characteristics Analysis Summary

#### **Portfolio Characteristics**

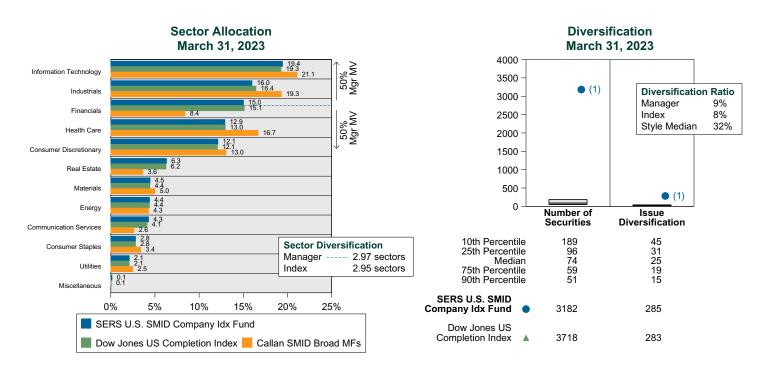
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#### Portfolio Characteristics Percentile Rankings Rankings Against Callan Small/MidCap Broad Mutual Funds as of March 31, 2023



#### **Sector Weights**

The graph below contrasts the manager's sector weights with those of the benchmark and median sector weights across the members of the peer group. The magnitude of sector weight differences from the index and the manager's sector diversification are also shown. Diversification by number and concentration of holdings are also compared to the benchmark and peer group. Issue Diversification represents by count, and Diversification Ratio by percent, the number of holdings that account for half of the portfolio's market value.



## SERS U.S. SMID Company Idx Fund Top 10 Portfolio Holdings Characteristics as of March 31, 2023

## 10 Largest Holdings

						Price/		
		Ending	Percent			Forecasted		Forecasted
		Market	of	Qtrly	Market	Earnings	Dividend	Growth in
Stock	Sector	Value	Portfolio	Return	Capital	Ratio	Yield	Earnings
Uber Technologies Inc	Industrials	\$4,166,364	1.1%	28.19%	63.84	386.59	0.00%	-
Blackstone Group Inc Com CI A	Financials	\$4,101,755	1.0%	19.51%	62.05	16.94	6.66%	9.70%
Palo Alto Networks Inc	Information Technology	\$3,970,416	1.0%	43.14%	60.44	44.78	0.00%	31.40%
Airbnb Inc CI A Com Usd0.0001 CI A	Consumer Discretionary	\$3,257,046	0.8%	45.51%	50.87	35.68	0.00%	-
Snowflake Inc CI A	Information Technology	\$2,914,157	0.7%	7.48%	50.14	229.60	0.00%	-
Lululemon Athletica Inc	Consumer Discretionary	\$2,778,335	0.7%	13.67%	44.45	30.90	0.00%	17.30%
Workday Inc Cl A	Information Technology	\$2,742,875	0.7%	23.43%	42.13	38.07	0.00%	27.10%
Cheniere Energy Inc	Energy	\$2,576,392	0.7%	5.37%	38.41	9.96	1.00%	75.68%
Marvell Technology Group Ltd	Information Technology	\$2,428,781	0.6%	17.10%	36.94	26.32	0.55%	18.65%
Square Inc CI A	Information Technology	\$2,425,513	0.6%	9.25%	37.17	35.89	0.00%	29.30%

#### **10 Best Performers**

		Ending	Percent		Price/ Forecasted				
Stock	Sector	Market Value	of Portfolio	Qtrly Return	Market Capital	Earnings Ratio	Dividend Yield	Forecasted Growth in Earnings	
Bellerophon Therapeutics Inc	Health Care	\$6,843	0.0%	784.87%	0.08	(6.31)	0.00%	-	
Inozyme Pharma Inc	Health Care	\$6,098	0.0%	445.41%	0.25	(3.20)	0.00%	-	
Ibio Inc	Health Care	\$1,622	0.0%	363.16%	0.03	(1.03)	0.00%	-	
Cipher Mining Inc	Information Technology	\$4,734	0.0%	316.46%	0.58	(70.61)	0.00%	-	
Jasper Therapeutics Inc	Health Care	\$11,989	0.0%	280.73%	0.20	(3.09)	0.00%	-	
Cid Created On Bank Faith For Id 090	Health Care	\$36,196	0.0%	267.87%	1.07	(10.70)	0.00%	-	
Perma-Fix Environmental Svcs	Industrials	\$14,033	0.0%	233.79%	0.16	(62.99)	0.00%	-	
Us Xpress Enterprises Inc Com CI A	Industrials	\$17,409	0.0%	228.13%	0.22	(16.01)	0.00%	(40.86)%	
Selectquote Inc Issuer_code 30	Financials	\$16,559	0.0%	222.89%	0.36	(7.67)	0.00%	- 1	
Neuropace Inc	Health Care	\$2,480	0.0%	210.75%	0.12	(2.57)	0.00%	-	

#### **10 Worst Performers**

						Price/		
		Ending	Percent			Forecasted		Forecasted
		Market	t of	of Qtrly	Market	Earnings	Dividend	Growth in
Stock	Sector	Value	Portfolio	Return	Capital	Ratio	Yield	Earnings
Brickell Biotech Inc	Health Care	\$138	0.0%	-	0.00	(0.26)	0.00%	-
Sintx Technologies Inc	Health Care	\$94	0.0%	-	0.01	(0.20)	0.00%	-
Biocept Inc	Health Care	\$120	0.0%	-	0.01	(0.35)	0.00%	-
Opgen Inc	Health Care	\$275	0.0%	-	0.01	(0.16)	0.00%	-
Jaguar Health Inc	Health Care	\$35	0.0%	(90.38)%	0.01	(0.03)	0.00%	-
Evelo Biosciences Inc	Health Care	\$354	0.0%	(88.80)%	0.02	(0.27)	0.00%	-
Remark Hldgs Inc	Information Technology	\$919	0.0%	(88.64)%	0.02	(0.67)	0.00%	-
Frequency Therapeutics	Health Care	\$1,188	0.0%	(86.94)%	0.02	(0.38)	0.00%	-
Cerberus Cybel Sentinel	Information Technology	\$1,191	0.0%	(86.75)%	0.05	(2.01)	0.00%	-
Cyxtera Technologies Inc Com CI A	Information Technology	\$1,411	0.0%	(84.12)%	0.05	(0.29)	0.00%	-

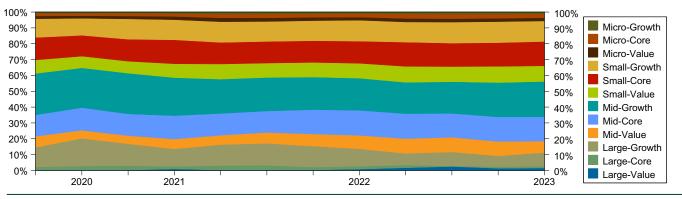
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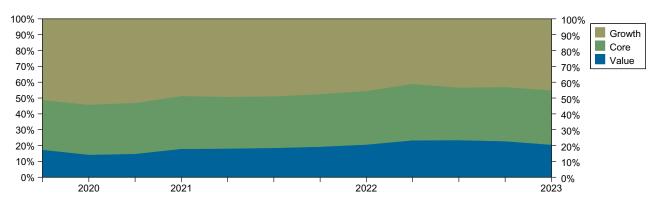


#### Average Style Map vs Callan SMID Broad MFs Holdings for Three Years Ended March 31, 2023

#### SERS U.S. SMID Company Idx Fund Historical Cap/Style Exposures







#### Average Style Exposure Matrix oldings for Three Years Ended March 31, 202

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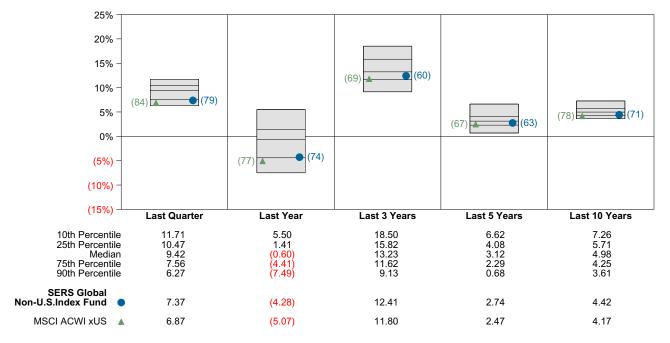
## SERS Global Non-U.S.Index Fund Period Ended March 31, 2023

#### **Investment Philosophy**

The Global Non-U.S. Stock Index Fund Fund seeks to track the performance of the MSCI All Country World Index (ACWI) ex-U.S. Index. In meeting this objective, the assets of the Fund may be invested in securities, and a combination of other collective funds that are designed to track the performance of such Index. The Fund will principally invest in a combination of other affiliated bank collective funds, equity securities and derivatives, including common stock of foreign companies, depository receipts, financial futures and over-the-counter derivatives that represent developed and emerging market equity securities. This fund is managed by Mellon Capital Management. The Global Non-U.S. Stock Index Fund replaced the International Company Stock Index Fund in 1Q20.

#### **Quarterly Summary and Highlights**

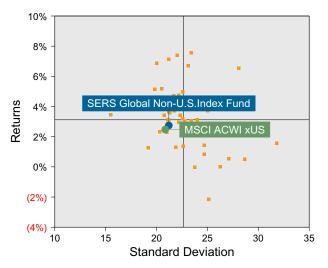
- SERS Global Non-U.S.Index Fund's portfolio posted a 7.37% return for the quarter placing it in the 79 percentile of the Callan Non US Equity Mutual Funds group for the quarter and in the 74 percentile for the last year.
- SERS Global Non-U.S.Index Fund's portfolio outperformed the MSCI ACWI xUS by 0.50% for the quarter and outperformed the MSCI ACWI xUS for the year by 0.79%.



#### Performance vs Callan Non US Equity Mutual Funds (Institutional Net)



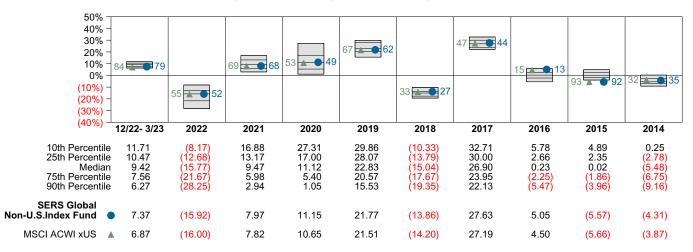
Callan Non US Equity Mutual Funds (Institutional Net) Annualized Five Year Risk vs Return



## SERS Global Non-U.S.Index Fund Return Analysis Summary

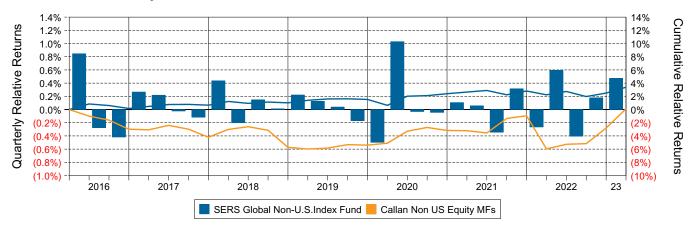
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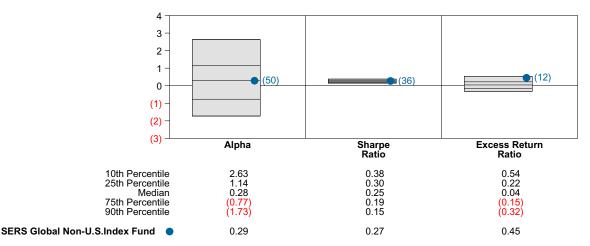


#### Performance vs Callan Non US Equity Mutual Funds (Institutional Net)

Cumulative and Quarterly Relative Returns vs MSCI ACWI xUS



Risk Adjusted Return Measures vs MSCI ACWI xUS Rankings Against Callan Non US Equity Mutual Funds (Institutional Net) Seven Years Ended March 31, 2023

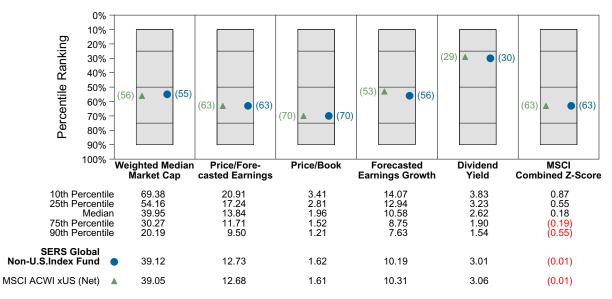


## SERS Global Non-U.S.Index Fund Equity Characteristics Analysis Summary

#### **Portfolio Characteristics**

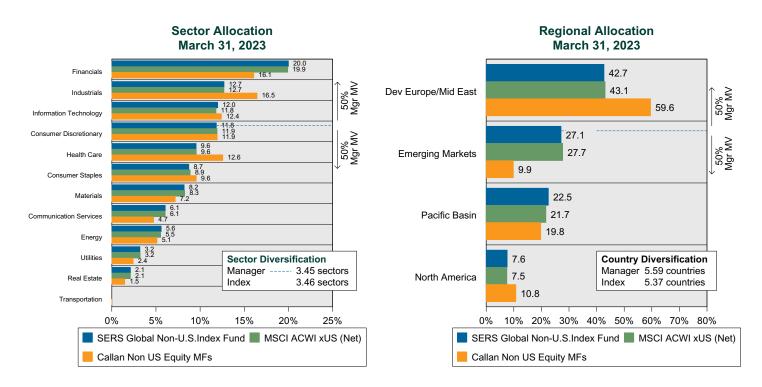
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#### Portfolio Characteristics Percentile Rankings Rankings Against Callan Non US Equity Mutual Funds as of March 31, 2023



#### **Sector Weights**

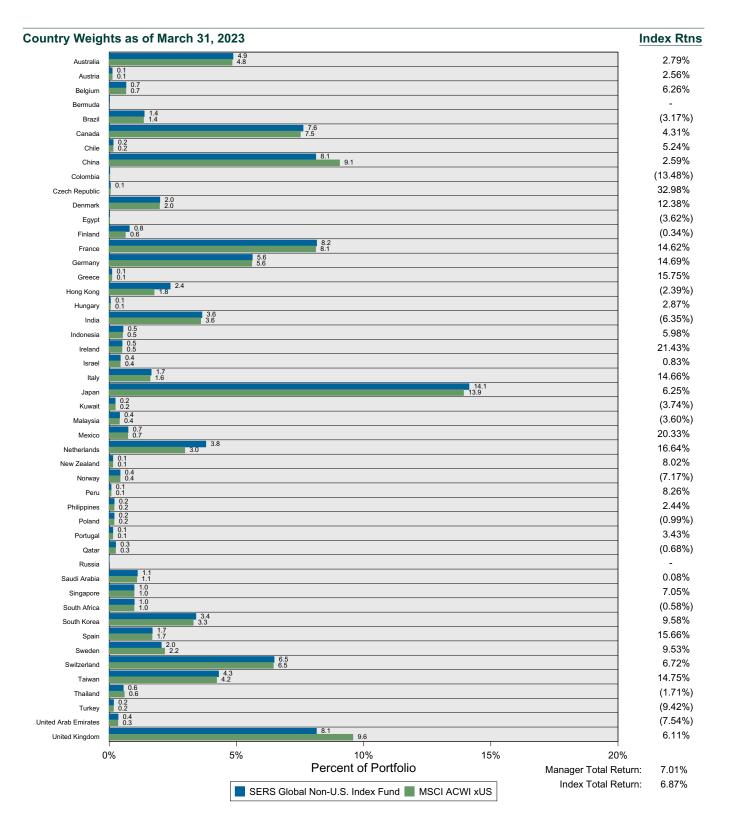
The graph below contrasts the manager's sector weights with those of the benchmark and median sector weights across the members of the peer group. The magnitude of sector weight differences from the index and the manager's sector diversification are also shown. The regional allocation chart compares the manager's geographical region weights with those of the benchmark as well as the median region weights of the peer group.



## Country Allocation SERS Global Non-U.S. Index Fund VS MSCI ACWI xUS (Net)

#### **Country Allocation**

The chart below contrasts the portfolio's country allocation with that of the index as of March 31, 2023. This chart is useful because large deviations in country allocation relative to the index are often good predictors of tracking error in the subsequent quarter. To the extent that the portfolio allocation is similar to the index, the portfolio should experience more "index-like" performance. In order to illustrate the performance effect on the portfolio and index of these country allocations, the individual index country returns are also shown.



## SERS Global Non-U.S. Index Fund Top 10 Portfolio Holdings Characteristics as of March 31, 2023

## 10 Largest Holdings

		<b>-</b>				Price/		
		Ending Market	Percent of	Qtrlv	Market	Forecasted Earnings	Dividend	Forecasted Growth in
Stock	Sector	Value	Portfolio	Return	Capital	Ratio	Yield	Earnings
Taiwan Semicond Manufac Co L Shs	Information Technology	\$3,203,395	1.9%	20.62%	453.96	15.21	2.06%	3.12%
Nestle S A Shs Nom New	Consumer Staples	\$2,451,772	1.4%	5.36%	335.52	21.82	2.65%	7.74%
Tencent Holdings Limited Shs Par Hkd	Communication Services	\$2,262,122	1.3%	22.53%	470.26	22.08	0.62%	9.36%
Asml Holding N V Asml Rev Stk Spl	Information Technology	\$2,002,263	1.2%	26.61%	273.84	31.88	0.95%	27.25%
Novo Nordisk B	Health Care	\$1,916,896	1.1%	18.55%	275.95	32.63	1.14%	21.10%
Lvmh Moet Hennessy Lou Vuitt Ord	Consumer Discretionary	\$1,857,025	1.1%	26.43%	460.59	25.79	1.42%	12.81%
Samsung Electronics Co Ltd Ord	Information Technology	\$1,754,919	1.0%	13.13%	293.48	25.81	2.26%	(5.00)%
Astrazeneca Plc Ord	Health Care	\$1,570,339	0.9%	4.41%	215.24	18.51	1.87%	14.88%
Roche Hldgs Ag Basel Div Rts Ctf	Health Care	\$1,463,644	0.8%	(5.72)%	200.68	13.04	3.64%	5.20%
Novartis	Health Care	\$1,451,646	0.8%	5.78%	208.82	13.62	3.82%	6.35%

#### **10 Best Performers**

		Ending	Percent			Price/ Forecasted		Forecasted
Stock	Sector	Market Value	of Portfolio	Qtrly Return	Market Capital	Earnings Ratio	Dividend Yield	Growth in Earnings
Siec 'a'	Information Technology	\$2.294	0.0%	168.82%	18.14	115.45	0.57%	(6.24)%
Ecopro Bm	Industrials	\$2,294 \$62,598	0.0%	136.76%	16.87	49.78	0.37%	92.27%
Hexin Flush Info.Net.'a'	Financials	\$2,453	0.0%	111.72%	15.98	48.18	1.22%	5.93%
Zhejiang Dahua Tech.'a'	Information Technology	\$1,294	0.0%	101.41%	9.98	20.06	1.19%	16.06%
Anhui Ustc Iflytek	Information Technology	\$3,006	0.0%	95.43%	21.53	69.70	0.16%	21.16%
Foxconn Industrial Internet A	Information Technology	\$3,873	0.0%	88.97%	49.77	14.51	2.90%	2.60%
Wus Printed Circuit (Kunshan) 'a'	Information Technology	\$603	0.0%	81.95%	5.93	22.52	0.70%	18.62%
Beijing Kingsoft Office Software A	Information Technology	\$4,734	0.0%	80.18%	31.75	128.18	0.15%	14.73%
L&F	Information Technology	\$41,661	0.0%	76.02%	8.67	30.31	0.16%	(0.57)%
Beijing Shiji Info.Tech. 'a'	Information Technology	\$1,270	0.0%	72.47%	7.84	219.41	0.08%	0.79%

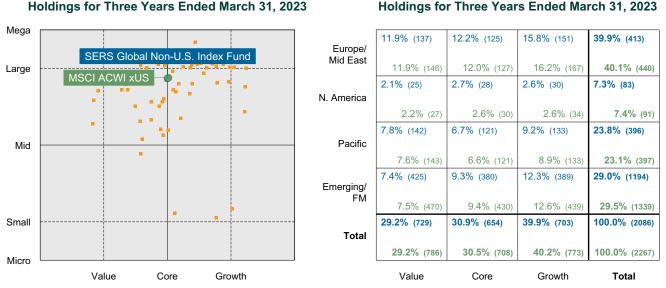
#### **10 Worst Performers**

					Price/		
	Ending	Percent			Forecasted		Forecasted
	Market	of	Qtrly	Market	Earnings	Dividend	Growth in
Sector	Value	Portfolio	Return	Capital	Ratio	Yield	Earnings
Consumer Discretionary	\$15,474	0.0%	-	10.69	8.10	2.44%	41.96%
Utilities	\$21,180	0.0%	(76.35)%	11.61	257.56	0.03%	-
Financials	\$23,898	0.0%	(69.86)%	3.60	(2.39)	0.00%	22.40%
Utilities	\$24,600	0.0%	(61.39)%	13.48	73.21	0.00%	74.89%
Industrials	\$26,691	0.0%	(54.33)%	24.28	65.74	0.06%	(18.45)%
Utilities	\$24,838	0.0%	(54.08)%	16.98	178.67	0.00%	
Health Care	\$17,983	0.0%	(46.29)%	3.69	173.33	1.66%	21.33%
Industrials	\$16,361	0.0%	(39.38)%	2.49	23.46	1.93%	16.90%
Health Care	\$6,175	0.0%	(38.69)%	0.84	13.81	1.07%	16.11%
Real Estate	\$10,246	0.0%	(37.80)%	2.24	3.79	0.00%	5.25%
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## Historical Holdings Based Style Analysis SERS Global Non-U.S. Index Fund For Three Years Ended March 31, 2023

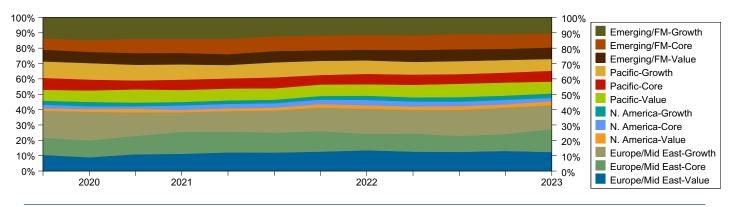
This page analyzes the historical investment style of a portfolio utilizing a detailed holdings-based style analysis to determine average actual exposures to various region and style segments of the international/global equity market. The market is segmented quarterly by region and style. The style segments are determined using the "Combined Z Score", based on the eight fundamental factors used in the MSCI stock style scoring system. The upper-left style map illustrates the average historical market capitalization and style score of the portfolio relative to indices and/or peers. The upper-right style exposure matrix displays the average historical portfolio and index weights and stock counts (in parentheses) in each region/style segment of the market. The next two style exposure charts illustrate the actual quarterly region/style and style only segment exposures of the portfolio through history.

**Average Style Exposure Matrix** 

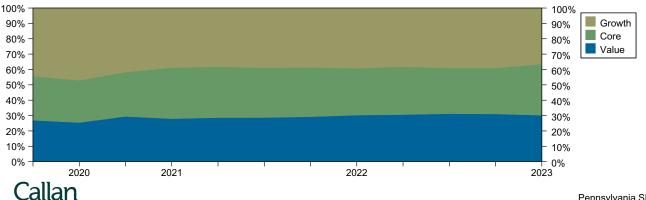












**Domestic Fixed Income** 

## SERS Short Term Investment Fund Period Ended March 31, 2023

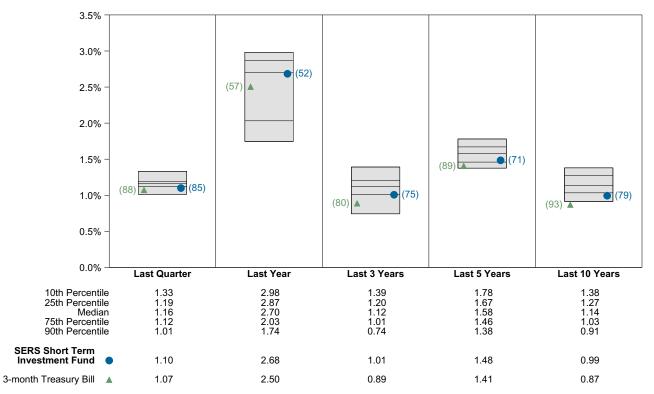
#### **Investment Philosophy**

The Short Term Investment Fund seeks to achieve the highest current income consistent with maintaining liquidity and safety of principal. This fund is managed by the Pennsylvania State Treasurer. It is compared against the Callan Cash database: a group that contains STIF, enhanced cash, and money market funds.

#### **Quarterly Summary and Highlights**

- SERS Short Term Investment Fund's portfolio posted a 1.10% return for the quarter placing it in the 85 percentile of the Callan Cash Database group for the quarter and in the 52 percentile for the last year.
- SERS Short Term Investment Fund's portfolio outperformed the 3-month Treasury Bill by 0.03% for the quarter and outperformed the 3-month Treasury Bill for the year by 0.18%.

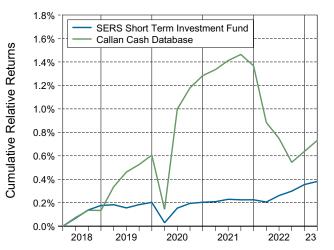




0.16% 0.14% 0.12% 0.10% **Relative Returns** 0.08% 0.06% 0.04% 0.02% 0.00% (0.02%)(0.04%) 2020 2021 2022 2023 SERS Short Term Investment Fund

**Relative Return vs 3-month Treasury Bill** 

#### Cumulative Returns vs 3-month Treasury Bill

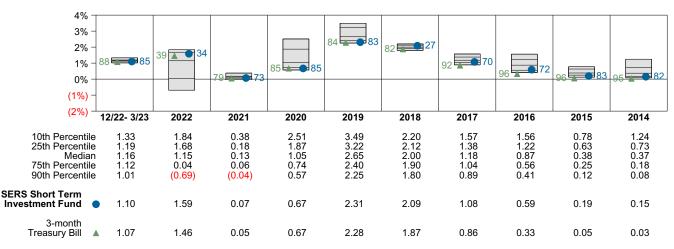


## SERS Short Term Investment Fund Return Analysis Summary

#### **Return Analysis**

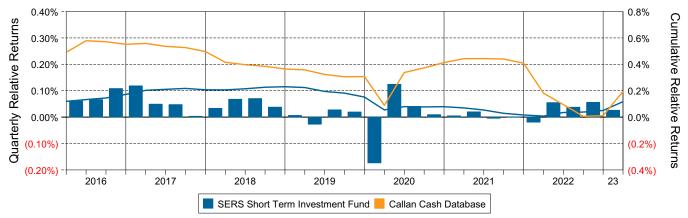
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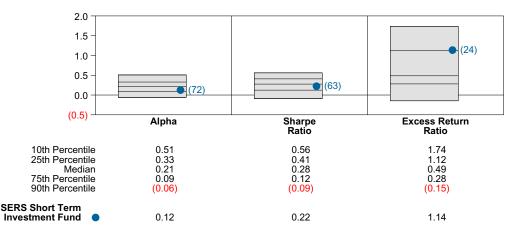








Risk Adjusted Return Measures vs 3-month Treasury Bill Rankings Against Callan Cash Database (Gross) Seven Years Ended March 31, 2023





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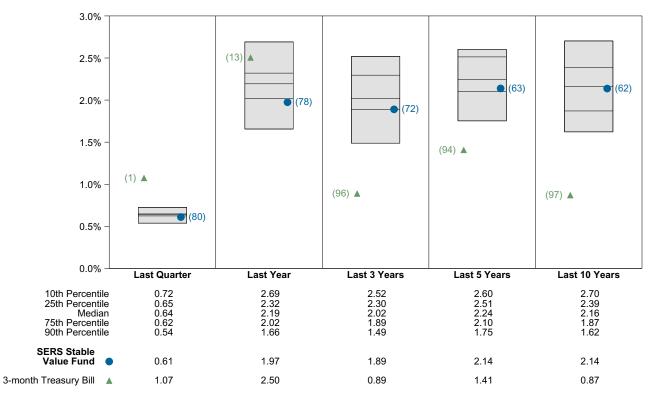
#### **Investment Philosophy**

The Stable Value Fund seeks to provide safety of principal and a stable yield consistent with that of a high-quality blend of short and intermediate fixed income securities, with the flexibility to move to cash equivalents to preserve principal. This fund is managed by Invesco.

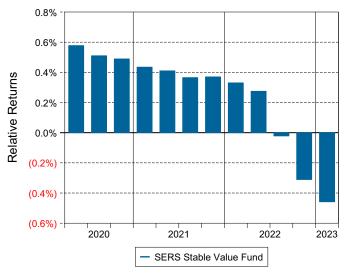
#### **Quarterly Summary and Highlights**

- SERS Stable Value Fund's portfolio posted a 0.61% return for the quarter placing it in the 80 percentile of the Callan Stable Value SA group for the quarter and in the 78 percentile for the last year.
- SERS Stable Value Fund's portfolio underperformed the 3-month Treasury Bill by 0.46% for the quarter and underperformed the 3-month Treasury Bill for the year by 0.53%.

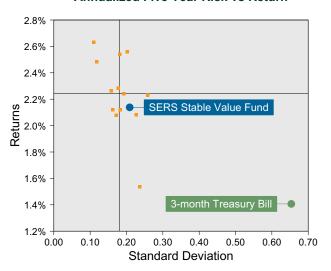
#### Performance vs Callan Stable Value SA (Gross)



Relative Return vs 3-month Treasury Bill



#### Callan Stable Value SA (Gross) Annualized Five Year Risk vs Return

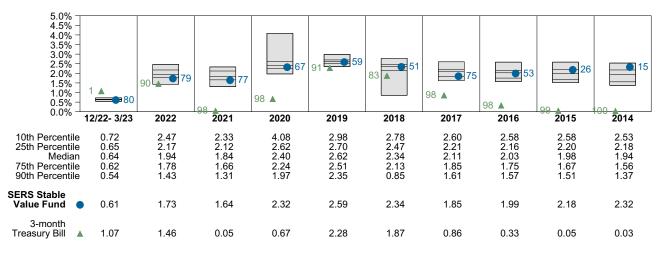


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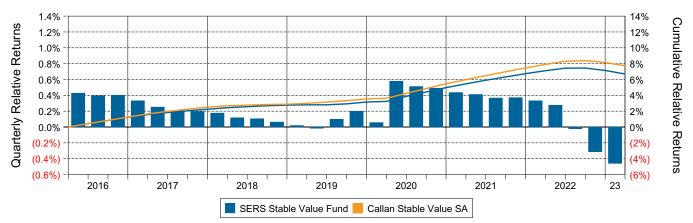
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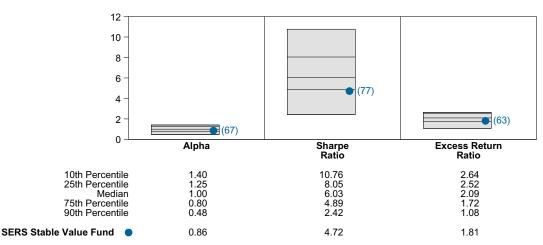
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Cumulative and Quarterly Relative Returns vs 3-month Treasury Bill



Risk Adjusted Return Measures vs 3-month Treasury Bill Rankings Against Callan Stable Value SA (Gross) Seven Years Ended March 31, 2023





## SERS U.S. Bond Index Fund Period Ended March 31, 2023

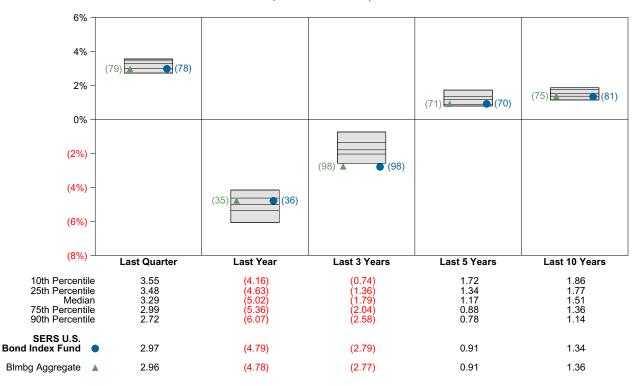
#### **Investment Philosophy**

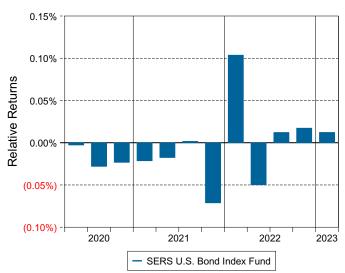
The objective of the Fund is to track the performance of the Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index. In meeting this objective, the Fund may invest in securities (including those issued through private placements) and a combination of other collective funds that together are designed to track the performance of the Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index. This fund is managed by Mellon Capital Management.

#### **Quarterly Summary and Highlights**

- SERS U.S. Bond Index Fund's portfolio posted a 2.97% return for the quarter placing it in the 78 percentile of the Callan Core Bond Mutual Funds group for the quarter and in the 36 percentile for the last year.
- SERS U.S. Bond Index Fund's portfolio outperformed the Blmbg Aggregate by 0.01% for the quarter and underperformed the Blmbg Aggregate for the year by 0.01%.

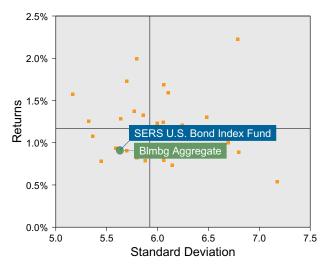
#### Performance vs Callan Core Bond Mutual Funds (Institutional Net)





#### **Relative Return vs Blmbg Aggregate**

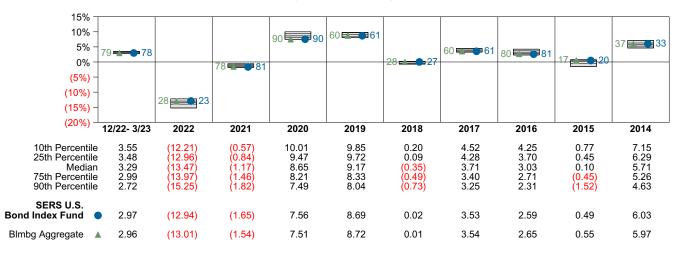
#### Callan Core Bond Mutual Funds (Institutional Net) Annualized Five Year Risk vs Return



## SERS U.S. Bond Index Fund Return Analysis Summary

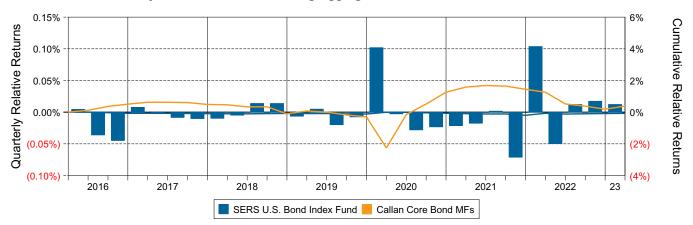
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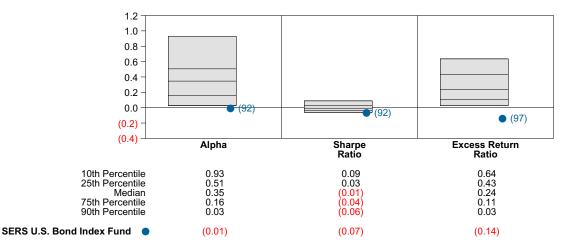


Performance vs Callan Core Bond Mutual Funds (Institutional Net)

Cumulative and Quarterly Relative Returns vs Blmbg Aggregate



Risk Adjusted Return Measures vs Blmbg Aggregate Rankings Against Callan Core Bond Mutual Funds (Institutional Net) Seven Years Ended March 31, 2023

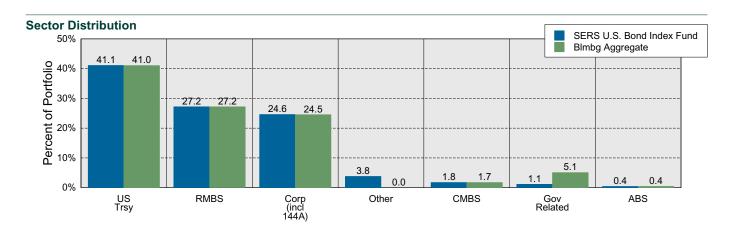


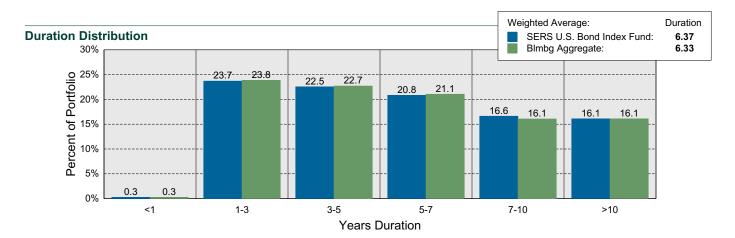


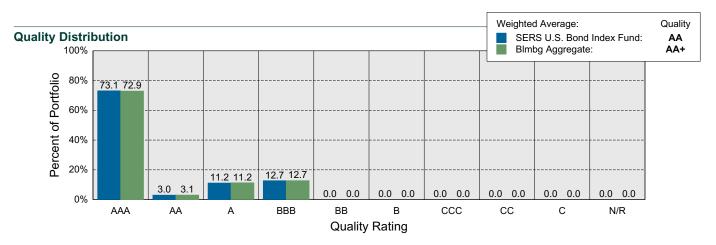
## SERS U.S. Bond Index Fund Portfolio Characteristics Summary As of March 31, 2023

## Portfolio Structure Comparison

The charts below compare the structure of the portfolio to that of the index from the three perspectives that have the greatest influence on return. The first chart compares the two portfolios across sectors. The second chart compares the duration distribution. The last chart compares the distribution across quality ratings.





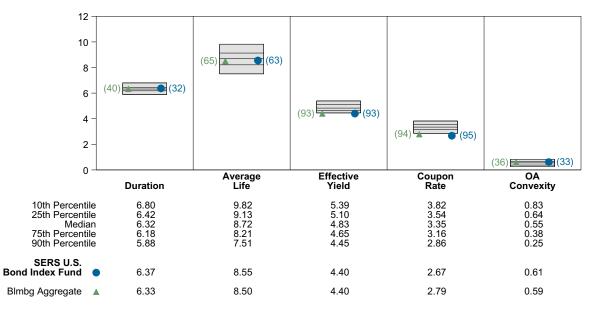


## SERS U.S. Bond Index Fund Bond Characteristics Analysis Summary

#### **Portfolio Characteristics**

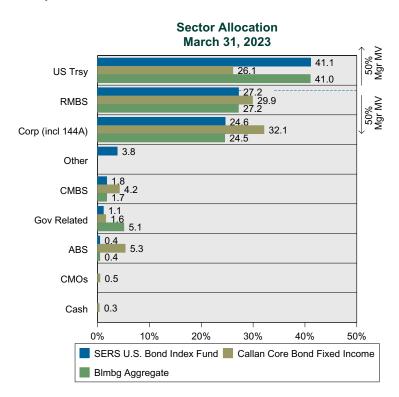
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#### Fixed Income Portfolio Characteristics Rankings Against Callan Core Bond Fixed Income as of March 31, 2023

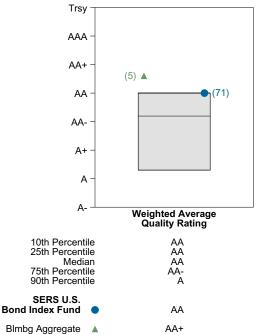


#### Sector Allocation and Quality Ratings

The first graph compares the manager's sector allocation with the average allocation across all the members of the manager's style. The second graph compares the manager's weighted average quality rating with the range of quality ratings for the style.



## Quality Ratings vs Callan Core Bond Fixed Income



Definitions

## **Equity Market Indicators**

The market indicators included in this report are regarded as measures of equity or fixed income performance results. The returns shown reflect both income and capital appreciation.

**Standard & Poor's 500 Index** is designed to measure performance of the broad domestic economy through changes in the aggregate market value of 500 stocks representing all major industries. The index is capitalization-weighted, with each stock weighted by its proportion of the total market value of all 500 issues. Thus, larger companies have a greater effect on the index.

## **Fixed Income Market Indicators**

**90-Day U.S. Treasury Bills** provide a measure of riskless return. The rate of return is the average interest rate available on the beginning of each month for a Treasury Bill maturing in ninety days.

**Bloomberg Aggregate** is a combination of the Mortgage Backed Securities Index and the intermediate and long-term components of the Government/Credit Bond Index.

## **International Equity Market Indicators**

**Morgan Stanley Capital International (MSCI) EAFE Index** is composed of approximately 1000 equity securities representing the stock exchanges of Europe, Australia, New Zealand and the Far East. The index is capitalization-weighted and is expressed in terms of U.S. dollars.

## **Callan Databases**

In order to provide comparative investment results for use in evaluating a fund's performance, Callan gathers rate of return data from investment managers. These data are then grouped by type of assets managed and by the type of investment manager. Except for mutual funds, the results are for tax-exempt fund assets. The databases, excluding mutual funds, represent investment managers who handle over 80% of all tax-exempt fund assets.

#### **Equity Funds**

Equity funds concentrate their investments in common stocks and convertible securities. The funds included maintain well-diversified portfolios.

**Middle Capitalization** - Mutual Funds who invest primarily in mid-range companies with market capitalizations between core equity companies and small capitalization companies. The average market capitalization is approximately \$7 billion. Invests in securities with greater volatility than the broader market as measured by the risk statistics Beta and Standard Deviation. The Middle Capitalization Style Group consists of the Middle Capitalization Growth Equity and the Middle Capitalization Value Equity Style Groups.

#### **Fixed Income Funds**

Fixed Income funds concentrate their investments in bonds, preferred stocks, and money market securities. The funds included maintain well-diversified portfolios.

**Core Bond** - Mutual Funds that construct portfolios to approximate the investment results of the Bloomberg Barclays Capital Government/Credit Bond Index or the Bloomberg Barclays Capital Aggregate Bond Index with a modest amount of variability in duration around the index. The objective is to achieve value added from sector and/or issue selection.

#### **Balanced Funds**

Balanced funds diversify their investments among common stocks, bonds, preferred stocks and money market securities. The funds included maintain well-diversified equity and fixed income portfolios.

**Mutual Fund Balanced Funds** - The Mutual Fund Balanced Fund Database consists of open-end mutual fund balanced products.



#### **Risk/Reward Statistics**

The risk statistics used in this report examine performance characteristics of a manager or a portfolio relative to a benchmark (market indicator) which assumes to represent overall movements in the asset class being considered. The main unit of analysis is the excess return, which is the portfolio return minus the return on a risk free asset (3 month T-Bill).

**Alpha** measures a portfolio's return in excess of the market return adjusted for risk. It is a measure of the manager's contribution to performance with reference to security selection. A positive alpha indicates that a portfolio was positively rewarded for the residual risk which was taken for that level of market exposure.

**Beta** measures the sensitivity of rates of portfolio returns to movements in the market index. A portfolio's beta measures the expected change in return per 1% change in the return on the market. If a beta of a portfolio is 1.5, a 1 percent increase in the return on the market will result, on average, in a 1.5 percent increase in the return on the portfolio. The converse would also be true.

**Downside Risk** stems from the desire to differentiate between "good risk" (upside volatility) and "bad risk" (downside volatility). Whereas standard deviation punishes both upside and downside volatility, downside risk measures only the standard deviation of returns below the target. Returns above the target are assigned a deviation of zero. Both the frequency and magnitude of underperformance affect the amount of downside risk.

**Excess Return Ratio** is a measure of risk adjusted relative return. This ratio captures the amount of active management performance (value added relative to an index) per unit of active management risk (tracking error against the index.) It is calculated by dividing the manager's annualized cumulative excess return relative to the index by the standard deviation of the individual quarterly excess returns. The Excess Return Ratio can be interpreted as the manager's active risk/reward tradeoff for diverging from the index when the index is mandated to be the "riskless" market position.

**Information Ratio** measures the manager's market risk-adjusted excess return per unit of residual risk relative to a benchmark. It is computed by dividing alpha by the residual risk over a given time period. Assuming all other factors being equal, managers with lower residual risk achieve higher values in the information ratio. Managers with higher information ratios will add value relative to the benchmark more reliably and consistently.

**R-Squared** indicates the extent to which the variability of the portfolio returns are explained by market action. It can also be thought of as measuring the diversification relative to the appropriate benchmark. An r-squared value of .75 indicates that 75% of the fluctuation in a portfolio return is explained by market action. An r-squared of 1.0 indicates that a portfolio's returns are entirely related to the market and it is not influenced by other factors. An r-squared of zero indicates that no relationship exists between the portfolio's return and the market.

**Relative Standard Deviation** is a simple measure of a manager's risk (volatility) relative to a benchmark. It is calculated by dividing the manager's standard deviation of returns by the benchmark's standard deviation of returns. A relative standard deviation of 1.20, for example, means the manager has exhibited 20% more risk than the benchmark over that time period. A ratio of .80 would imply 20% less risk. This ratio is especially useful when analyzing the risk of investment grade fixed-income products where actual historical durations are not available. By using this relative risk measure over rolling time periods one can illustrate the "implied" historical duration patterns of the portfolio versus the benchmark.

**Residual Portfolio Risk** is the unsystematic risk of a fund, the portion of the total risk unique to the fund (manager) itself and not related to the overall market. This reflects the "bets" which the manager places in that particular asset market. These bets may reflect emphasis in particular sectors, maturities (for bonds), or other issue specific factors which the manager considers a good investment opportunity. Diversification of the portfolio will reduce or eliminate the residual risk of that portfolio.

#### **Risk/Reward Statistics**

**Rising Declining Periods** refer to the sub-asset class cycles vis-a-vis the broader asset class. This is determined by evaluating the cumulative relative sub-asset class index performance to that of the broader asset class index. For example, to determine the Growth Style cycle, the S&P 500 Growth Index (sub-asset class) performance is compared to that of the S&P 500 Index (broader asset class).

**Sharpe Ratio** is a commonly used measure of risk-adjusted return. It is calculated by subtracting the "risk-free" return (usually 3 Month Treasury Bill) from the portfolio return and dividing the resulting "excess return" by the portfolio's risk level (standard deviation). The result is a measure of return gained per unit of risk taken.

**Sortino Ratio** is a downside risk-adjusted measure of value-added. It measures excess return over a benchmark divided by downside risk. The natural appeal is that it identifies value-added per unit of truly bad risk. The danger of interpretation, however, lies in these two areas: (1) the statistical significance of the denominator, and (2) its reliance on the persistence of skewness in return distributions.

**Standard Deviation** is a statistical measure of portfolio risk. It reflects the average deviation of the observations from their sample mean. Standard deviation is used as an estimate of risk since it measures how wide the range of returns typically is. The wider the typical range of returns, the higher the standard deviation of returns, and the higher the portfolio risk. If returns are normally distributed (ie. has a bell shaped curve distribution) then approximately 2/3 of the returns would occur within plus or minus one standard deviation from the sample mean.

**Total Portfolio Risk** is a measure of the volatility of the quarterly excess returns of an asset. Total risk is composed of two measures of risk: market (non-diversifiable or systematic) risk and residual (diversifiable or unsystematic) risk. The purpose of portfolio diversification is to reduce the residual risk of the portfolio.

**Tracking Error** is a statistical measure of a portfolio's risk relative to an index. It reflects the standard deviation of a portfolio's individual quarterly or monthly returns from the index's returns. Typically, the lower the Tracking Error, the more "index-like" the portfolio.

**Treynor Ratio** represents the portfolio's average excess return over a specified period divided by the beta relative to its benchmark over that same period. This measure reflects the reward over the risk-free rate relative to the systematic risk assumed.

Note: Alpha, Total Risk, and Residual Risk are annualized.

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## **Quarterly Highlights**

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## New Research from Callan's Experts

**<u>2023 DC Trends Survey</u>** | Callan's 16th annual DC Trends Survey now covers SECURE 2.0 (pre-passage) and diversity topics, along with the key tenets of DC plan management, governance, and financial wellness.

**2023-2032 Capital Markets Assumptions** | A white paper detailing the process involved in creating our 2023-2032 capital markets assumptions and the reasoning behind them.

**1Q23 Real Assets Reporter: Energy Transition** | Jan Mende describes energy-transition investments and the role they can play in institutional protfolios.

**The Periodic Table of Investment Returns** | A visual representation of annual returns for key asset classes, ranked from best to worst performance for each calendar year.

#### **Blog Highlights**

The PRT Decision: What Plan Sponsors Need to Know | Despite the turbulence of 2022, many corporate defined benefit (DB) plan sponsors are considering pension risk transfers (PRTs).

Can Institutional Investors Target 'Food Deserts' for Investment? | While food desert investments have not been prevalent in institutional real estate portfolios, increasing government incentives and additional sources of financing may help support these opportunities in the future.

Putting 2022 Public DB Plan Performance into Perspective | While 2022 was indeed challenging, viewing plan returns over the long-term shows results that are favorable when stacked up against actuarial discount rates.

#### Webinar Replays

Callan's 2023 DC Survey Results Webinar | This webinar focuses on the results of Callan's 2023 DC Trends Survey, including fiduciary positioning, investments, retirement solutions, fees, and more.

**Research Cafe: ESG Interview Series** | During this interview, Tom Shingler of Callan discusses with Richard Ashley, partner and cochair of US Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation practice at DLA Piper, key features of the new ESG and proxy voting rule.

#### **Quarterly Periodicals**

**Private Equity Update**, **4Q22** | A high-level summary of private equity activity in the quarter through all the investment stages

Active vs. Passive Charts, 4Q22 | A comparison of active managers alongside relevant benchmarks over the long term

Market Pulse, 4Q22 | A quarterly market reference guide covering trends in the U.S. economy, developments for institutional investors, and the latest data on the capital markets

**Capital Markets Review, 4Q22** | Analysis and a broad overview of the economy and public and private markets activity each quarter across a wide range of asset classes

Hedge Fund Update, 4Q22 | Commentary on developments for hedge funds and multi-asset class (MAC) strategies

**Real Assets Update, 4Q22** | A summary of market activity for real assets and private real estate during the quarter

Private Credit Update, 4Q22 | A review of performance and fundraising activity for private credit during the quarter

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Please mark your calendar and look forward to upcoming invitations:

#### 2023 June Workshops

June 27, 2023 – New York June 29, 2023 – Chicago

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### **Education: By the Numbers**

50+	Unique pieces of research the Institute generates each year
525	Attendees (on average) of the Institute's annual National Conference

**3,700** Total attendees of the "Callan College" since 1994



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Greg Allen, CEO and Chief Research Officer

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