



November 3, 2020

TO: Each Trustee,

Board of Investments

SUBJECT: Board of Investments Meeting on November 5, 2020 – Green Folder Item

Following you will find the Green Folder item for the above mentioned meeting:

Item VI. – Chief Investment Officer Monthly Report

Chief Investment Officer Monthly Report



Board of Investments

November 5, 2020

Jonathan Grabel
Chief Investment Officer

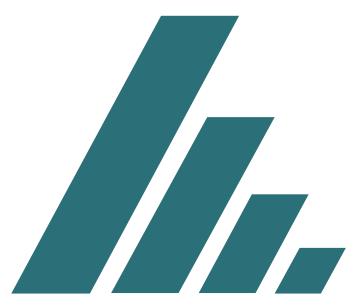
LOS ANGELES COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

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Market Environment



Global Market Performance as of October 31, 2020

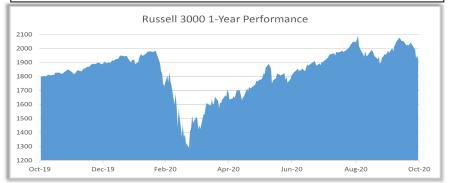
MSCI ACWI Index (Global Equity Market)*

Trailing Returns (%)			Annualized Returns (%)				
1-month	3-month	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	
-2.2	0.5	-1.7	4.3	5.0	7.9	7.9	



Russell 3000 Index (U.S. Equity Market)

Trailing Returns (%)			Annualized Returns (%)				
1-month	3-month	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	
-2.2	1.1	3.1	10.2	10.0	11.5	12.8	



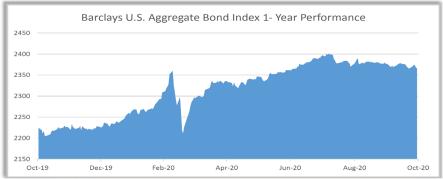
MSCI Emerging Market Index

Trailing Returns (%)			Ar	nualized	Returns (%)	
1-month	3-month	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	
2.1	2.6	0.9	8.3	1.9	7.9	2.4	



Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index**

Trail	Trailing Returns (%)			Annualized Returns (%)			
1-month	3-month	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	
-0.5	-1.3	6.3	6.2	5.1	4.1	3.6	

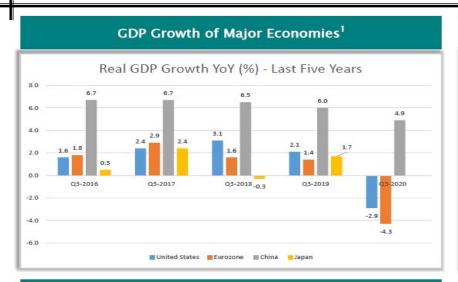


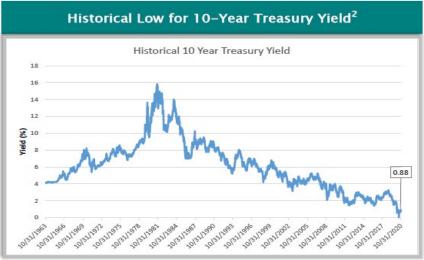
*Global Equity Policy Benchmark - MSCI ACWI IMI Index

**Investment Grade Bonds Policy Benchmark - Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index

Source: Bloomberg

Key Macro Indicators*

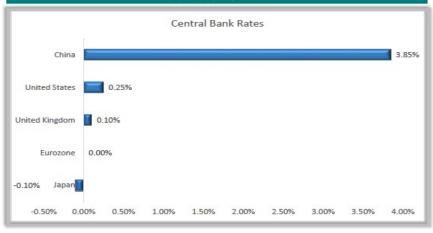




World Equity Valuation³



Central Bank Rates⁴ (as of 10/31/2020)



*The information on the "Key Macro Indicators" charts is the best available data as of 10/31/20 and may not reflect the current market and economic environment. Japan GDP data for 3Q2020 is not yet available.

Sources: 1. Bloomberg

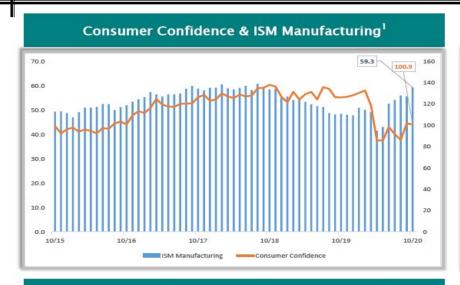
2. St. Louis Federal Reserve

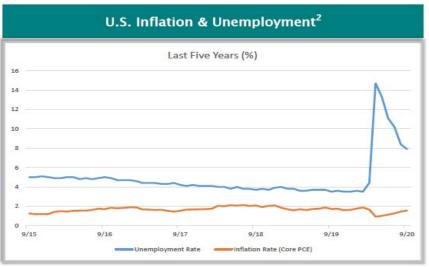
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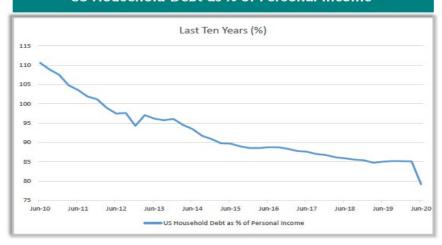


Key Macro Indicators*

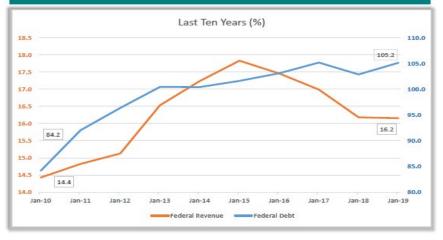




US Household Debt as % of Personal Income³



Federal Revenue and Federal Debt as % of GDP4



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 Bloomberg Sources:

3. Bloomberg

2. Bloomberg





Market Themes and Notable Items to Watch

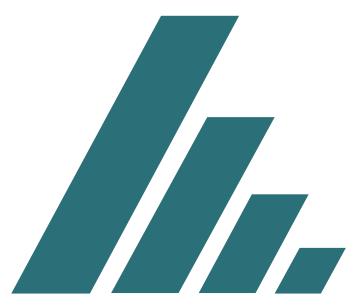
Recent Themes

- COVID-19
 - More than 45 million cases and 1 million deaths worldwide
 - Over 9 million cases in the U.S.
 - Over 13 million cases in Brazil and India
 - Reemergence of lockdowns in Western Europe
 - The U.S. is reporting a record high seven-day average of more than 74,000 new cases per day
- The U.S. economy grew 7.4% in the September ending quarter but remains about 3.5% smaller than at the end of 2019
- The European Central Bank hinted at potential economic stimulus to come in December amid new coronavirus lockdowns
- Oil is at 4-month lows as there are fears the economic recovery will stumble
- Timing of U.S. election results

What to Watch

- COVID-19
 - Global spread
 - Treatment developments
 - Lasting impact
- Social equity and civil rights initiatives
- Unemployment and consumer spending
- Health of corporate balance sheets and credit availability
- Real estate mortgage defaults
- 2020/21 U.S. elections
 - Results and aftermath
 - Potential economic relief bill in U.S. post-election
- Geopolitical risks and trade arrangements

Portfolio Performance Updates



Total Fund Summary as of September 2020



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Final target weights effective as of 10/1/19
 Private Equity market values reflect latest available and are adjusted for cash flows

Real Estate market values reflect a 3-month lag and best available values

Hedge Fund market values reflect a 1-month lag
 Reflects net cash position for overlay investing

Historical Net Performance as of September 2020*

LACERA Pension Fund (net) Market Value (\$ millions) Target1 1 Month 3 Month 100.0% 100.0% 8.0 7.8 **Total Fund Custom BM** -1.1 5.5 5.5 6.4 6.9 8.3 7.8 7% Annual Hurdle Rate 0.57 1.71 7.00 7.00 7.00 7.00 Functional Composites² 1 Month 3 Month FYTD 1 Year GROWTH 29.688 48.9% 47.0% 7.4 Growth Custom BM -1.6 10.3 10.3 9.2 CREDIT 6.430 10.6% 12.0% 0.1 4.8 4.8 1.0 Credit Custom BM 3 3 3 3 3 9 -0.4 **REAL ASSETS & INFLATION HEDGES** 9,709 16.0% 17.0% -1.2 2.2 2.2 -1.3 Real Assets & Inflation Hedges Custom BM 1.0 **RISK REDUCTION & MITIGATION** 14,301 23.5% 24.0% 0.2 6.9 Risk Reduction & Mitigation Custom BM **OVERLAY COMPOSITE** 597 1.0%



OPEB Master Trust Fund Market Value (\$ millions)3 **Sub-Trusts Target** 1 Month 3 Month FYTD 1 Year 3 Year TOTAL OPEB MASTER TRUST 1,653 1,599 Los Angeles County 96.7% -2.0 5.6 5.6 4.5 5.5 8.5 LACERA 6 0.4% -2.0 4.5 5.5 8.5 2.9% Superior Court 48 4.0 5.3 **Functional Composites** 1 Month 3 Month 1 Year 3 Year **OPEB Growth** 825 49.9% 50.0% 8.2 9.9 -3.1 8.2 6.8 Custom OPEB MT Growth Pool -3.1 8.1 8.1 9.6 6.5 **OPEB Credit** 332 20.1% 20.0% -0.5 3.3 3.3 0.6 Custom OPEB MT Credit Pool -0.4 3.6 3.6 12 **OPEB Real Assets & Inflation Hedges** 328 19.8% 20.0% -2.3 3.3 3.3 -9.6 Custom OPEB MT RA & IH Pool 3.1 -10.1 -2.3 **OPEB Risk Reduction & Mitigation** 10.0% 0.6 6.0 Custom OPEB MT RR & M Pool 5.8 0.0 0.5 0.5 5.2



Operating Cash



0.0%

Final target weights effective as of 10/1/19

Functional composites were adopted on 4/1/19

Market value differences between the sub-trusts and functional composites are due to operational cash

Change In Fiduciary Net Position





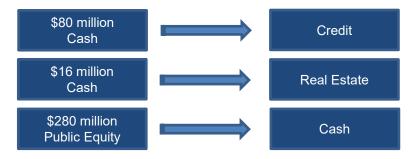
Portfolio Structural Updates



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Portfolio Movements

Rebalancing Activity



Hedges and Overlays

Program	September Return	September Gain/Loss	Inception [*] Gain/Loss
Currency Hedge**	-0.9%	-\$67.9 Million	\$936 Million
Cash/Rebalance Overlay***	-0.9%	-\$9.4 Million	\$22.3 Million

Current Search Activity

Status of Active Searches – Subject to Change

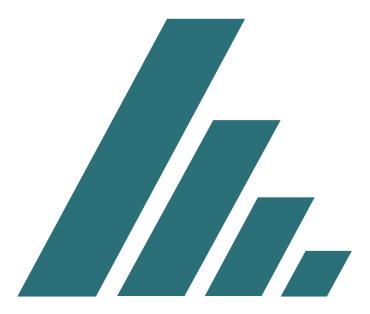
Name	RFP Issued	Due Diligence	BOI Review
Hedge Funds Emerging Manager Program Separate Account Manager	•		Anticipated Late 2020
High Yield Fixed Income Investment Management Services	•		Anticipated Early 2021
Transition Management Services	•		Anticipated Late 2020
Dedicated Managed Account Services	•	-	Anticipated Early 2021
Real Estate Consultant Services	•—		Anticipated Early 2021

Quiet Period for Search Respondents

Please see the Appendix for this month's list of respondents to active searches



Key Initiatives and Operational Updates



Notable Initiatives and Operational Updates

Key Initiative Updates

- Onboarding process of new risk and performance system continues
- Ongoing development of T.I.D.E. initiative
- Development of 2021 Workplan

Completed Actions

- Completed legal contract on Real Estate Administrator
 - Onboarding has commenced
- Completed legal contract on total fund performance provider

Operational Updates

- Investments formed a "Back To Office" working group to develop plans to return to the office
- Financial Analyst II & III searches
 - Public Equity, Real Assets and Portfolio Analytics (Corporate Governance)
- Investments formed an Operational Due Diligence ("ODD") Group to standardize and enhance ODD across the total Fund
- Investments has started preparing the annual AB2833 fee disclosure report

Manager/Consultant Updates

- Vista Equity Partners co-founder, Robert Smith, recently entered a settlement with the Department of Justice to resolve a personal tax matter. The matter did not involve Vista or any funds managed by Vista.
- Meketa Investment Group is a named defendant in a class action complaint that makes breach of fiduciary duty claims against all defendants and was filed by a participant of the New York State Teamsters Conference Pension and Retirement Fund.
- Crescent Capital Group LP ("Crescent") has entered into a transaction agreement with Sun Life Financial Inc. ("Sun Life") which will result in a change in control of Crescent.
- Ashmore Investment Management Corporation announced that that Jan Dehn, Head of Research, will retire at the end of next year. Gustavo Medeiros, Deputy Head of Research, will assume Dehn's role as part of a transition plan.
- Parametric's parent company, Eaton Vance, reached an agreement with Morgan Stanley to acquire 100% of Eaton Vance.



Commentary

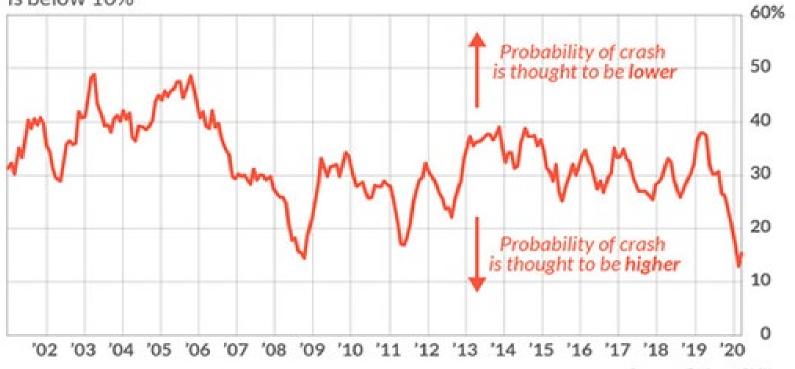


Staff Chart of the Month*

Investor Sentiment A Contrarian Indicator?

Investors have never been this worried about a stock market crash

% of individuals who think probability of a 1929- or 1987-magnitude crash is below 10%



Source: Robert Shiller



Source: Robert Shiller, U.S. Crash Confidence Index (CCI). Data as of September 30, 2020.

Appendix



Quiet Period for Search Respondents

Real Estate Consultant Services

- ✓ Albourne
- ✓ Callan, LLC
- ✓ Cambridge Associates
- ✓ Meketa Investment Group
- ✓ NEPC, LLC
- ✓ RCLCO Fund Advisors
- ✓ Stepstone Real Estate

Dedicated Managed Account Services

- ✓ Blueprint Capital Advisors
- ✓ HedgeMark Advisors LLC
- ✓ HFR Investments LLC
- ✓ Innocap
- ✓ Lighthouse Investment Partners LLC
- ✓ Lyxor Asset Management
- ✓ Man FRM
- ✓ Maples Group
- ✓ Monroe Capital
- ✓ Ultimus LeverPoint Private Fund Solutions
- ✓ Wilshire Associates Inc.

Hedge Funds Emerging Manager Program Separate Account Manager

- ✓ Appomattox Advisory, Inc
- ✓ BlackRock, Inc.
- ✓ Goldman Sachs Asset Management
- ✓ GCM Grosvenor
- ✓ New Alpha Asset Management
- PAAMCO Prisma, LLC
- ✓ The Rock Creek Group, LP
- ✓ Stable Asset Management

Transition Management Bench Service Provider

- ✓ Blackrock Institutional Trust Company, N.A.
- Citigroup Global Markets, Inc.
- ✓ Loop Capital Markets
- ✓ Macquarie Capital (USA) Inc.
- ✓ State Street Bank & Trust

High Yield Fixed Income Investment Management Services

- ✓ Advent Capital
- ✓ Alliance Bernstein
- ✓ Ares
- ✓ AXA
- ✓ Barings
- ✓ BlackRock
- ✓ Columbia Threadneedle
- ✓ Credit Suisse
- ✓ Crescent Capital HY
- ✓ DDJ Capital
- ✓ Eaton Vance
- ✓ Federated Hermes
- ✓ HPS Investment Partners
- ✓ JP Morgan
- ✓ KKR
- ✓ Loomis Sayles
- ✓ Lord Abbett
- ✓ MacKay Shields
- ✓ Mellon
- ✓ Morgan Stanley
- ✓ Muzinich
- Nomura
- ✓ Payden and Rygel
- ✓ PGIM
- ✓ PIMCO
- ✓ PineBridge
- Post Advisory
- Seix Advisors
- Shenkman Capital
- ✓ T. Row Price
- Van Eck Associates
- ✓ Wellington
- ✓ Western Asset
- ✓ Yorkville Asset Management



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As of September 2020*

LACERA PENSION FUND

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	GROWTH				
		Total	l # of Advisory		
GROWTH	Quarterly Review Status	# of Advisory	Notes		
Global Equity					
Asset Allocation Policy Compliance	✓				
Investment Guideline Compliance	\checkmark				
Emerging Manager Program	\checkmark				
# of Sudan/Iran Holdings Held by Managers	\checkmark	12	12 issuers held, totaling \$18.9 mm in market value.		
Private Equity - Growth**					
Asset Allocation Policy Compliance	✓				
Guideline Compliance by Strategy	\checkmark				
Guideline Compliance by Geographic Location	\checkmark				
Investment Exposure Limit	\checkmark				
Opportunistic Real Estate** See Real Assets & Inflation Hedges - Core & Value Added Real Estate section)					
			0		
			CREDIT		
		Total	l # of Advisory		
CREDIT	Quarterly Review Status	# of Advisory	Notes		
High Yield, Bank Loans, EM Debt, Illiquid Credit**					
Asset Allocation Policy Compliance	✓				
Investment Guideline Compliance	\checkmark				
Emerging Manager Program	\checkmark				
# of Sudan/Iran Holdings Held by Managers	\checkmark				

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LACERA PENSION FUND

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REAL ASSETS & INFLATION HEDGES Total # of Advisory

REAL ASSETS & INFLATION HEDGES	Quarterly Review Status	# of Advisory	Notes
Core & Value Added Real Estate**			
Asset Allocation Policy Compliance	\checkmark		
Guideline Compliance by Strategy (Core/Non-Core)	\checkmark		
Guideline Compliance by Manager	\checkmark		
Guideline Compliance by Property Type	\checkmark	1	Core-Office slighltly outside of the +/- 10% range.
Guideline Compliance by Geographic Location	\checkmark		
Guideline Compliance by Leverage	\checkmark	1	One manager above 65% limit for value-add
Natural Resources & Commodities***			
Asset Allocation Policy Compliance	\checkmark		
Investment Guideline Compliance	\checkmark		
# of Sudan/Iran Holdings Held by Managers	\checkmark		
Infrastructure			
Asset Allocation Policy Compliance	\checkmark		
Investment Guideline Compliance	\checkmark		
# of Sudan/Iran Holdings Held by Managers	\checkmark		
TIPS			
Asset Allocation Policy Compliance	\checkmark		
Investment Guideline Compliance	\checkmark		
# of Sudan/Iran Holdings Held by Managers	\checkmark		

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LACERA PENSION FUND

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RISK REDUCTION & MITIGATION Total # of Advisory

RISK REDUCTION & MITIGATION	Quarterly Review Status	# of Advisory	Notes
Investment Grade Bonds			
Asset Allocation Policy Compliance	✓		
Investment Guideline Compliance	\checkmark		
Emerging Manager Program	\checkmark		
# of Sudan/Iran Holdings Held by Managers	\checkmark	1	1 issuer held, totaling \$4.6 mm in market value.
Diversified Hedge Funds**			
Asset Allocation Policy Compliance	\checkmark		
Portfolio Level Compliance	\checkmark		
HFOF Manager Guideline Compliance	\checkmark		N/A as the GSAM & GCM diversified HF portfolios are currently winding down
Direct Portfolio Manager Guideline Compliance	\checkmark		
Cash			
Asset Allocation Policy Compliance	\checkmark		
Investment Guideline Compliance	\checkmark		
# of Sudan/Iran Holdings Held by Managers	\checkmark		

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INVESTMENT OPERATIONS

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INVESTMENT OPERATIONS Total # of Advisory

INVESTMENT OPERATIONS	Quarterly Review Status	# Advisory	Notes
Securities Lending			
Investment Guideline Compliance	\checkmark		
\$ Value on Loan	\checkmark	1	GSAL \$647.6 mm; State Street \$805.8 mm
\$ Value of Cash Collateral	\checkmark	1	GSAL \$663.2 mm; State Street \$850.8 mm
Total Income - Calendar YTD	\checkmark	1	GSAL \$1.2 mm; State Street \$3.0 mm
Total Fund Overlay			
Investment Guideline Compliance	\checkmark		
Proxy Voting			
Number of Meetings Voted	\checkmark	1	975 meetings voted
Tax Reclaims			
Total Paid Reclaims - Calendar YTD	\checkmark	1	\$369,991
Total Pending Reclaims	\checkmark	1	\$10.2 mm
Fee Validation			
Fee Reconciliation Project	\checkmark		
AB 2833	\checkmark		Standard report will be provided to the BOI in December
Investment Manager Meetings****			
Manager Meeting Requests	\checkmark		

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OPEB MASTER TRUST

	Quarterly Review Status	# Advisory	Notes
Functional Asset Categories			
(Growth, Credit, Inflation Hedges, Risk Reduction & Mitigation)			
Asset Allocation Policy Compliance	\checkmark		
Investment Guideline Compliance	\checkmark		
# of Sudan/Iran Holdings Held by Managers	\checkmark		

This list is not exhaustive as various compliance processes are completed throughout the year. Each quarter, different items may appear on the compliance monitor.

^{**} Represents the comprehensive Private Equity (3-month lag), Real Estate (3-month lag), Illiquid Credit (1- and 3-month lags), and Hedge Funds (1-month lag) programs across the total plan.

^{***} Investment guideline compliance based on public market exposure

^{****} Advisory noted if the CEO or a Board member recommends staff to meet with a specific manager three or more times in a year. The purpose of notifying the activity is to promote transparency and governance best practices designed to preserve the integrity of the decision-making process.