



Investment Program

OFFICE OF RETIREMENT SERVICES

Annual Report on Investment Performance

Introduction

The Office of Retirement Services provides an annual report on the performance of the investment program to the Public Safety, Finance & Strategic Support Committee (PSFSS) each year, typically in November/December.

Topics:

1. Plan Objectives
2. Asset Allocation
3. Historical Investment Returns

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Investment Objectives

Simplification

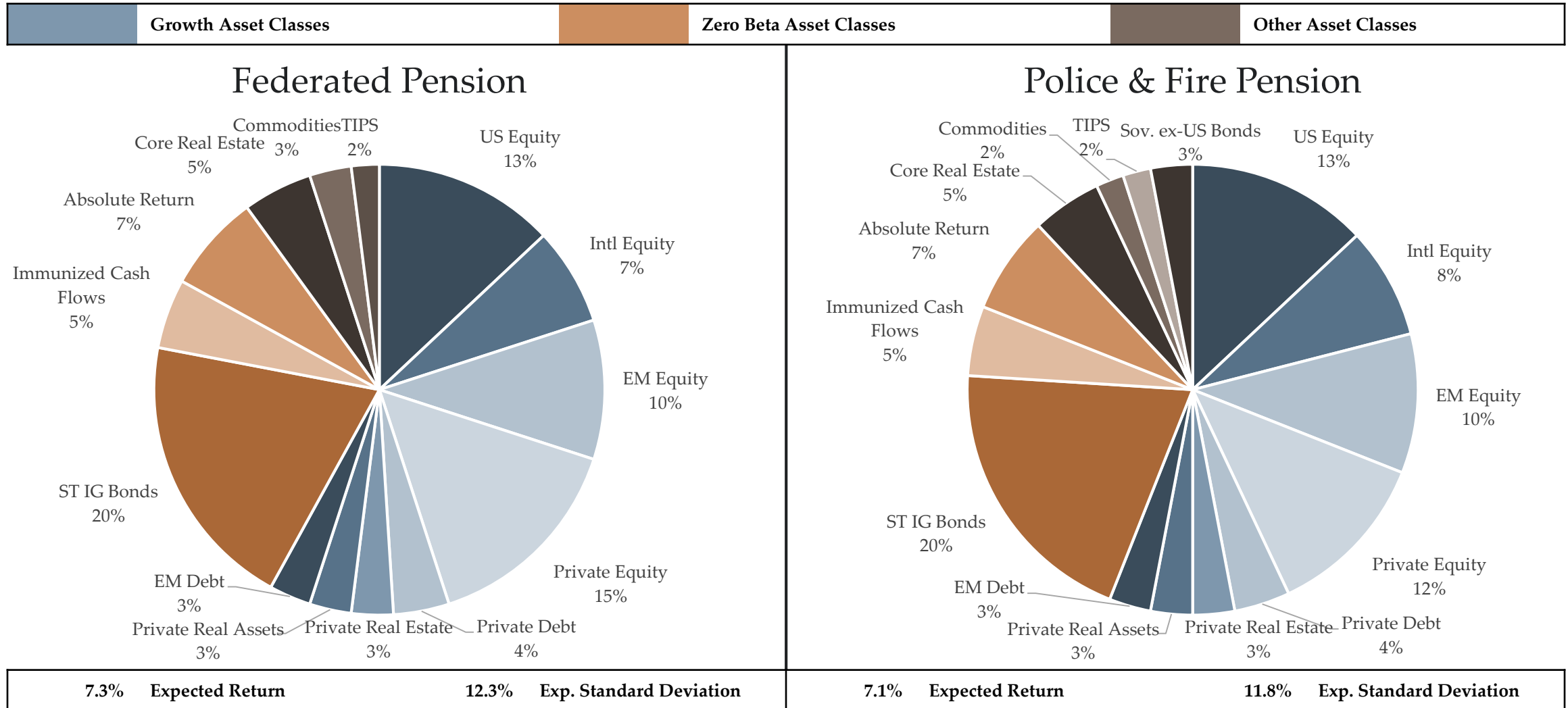
- Artfully balance risk and expected return.
 - The “expected” never exactly happens – that uncertainty is “risk”.
 - Increasing expected return decreases future contributions from the plan sponsor and employees.
 - Taking less risk increases future contributions because less risky investments normally have lower expected returns.



Reality

- The Investment Policy Statement of each plan is a Board-approved document that guides the investment strategy and the balance between risk and return. Two of the main traits used to balance risk and return are:
 - Long-term investment horizon
 - Diversification of investments
- Both plans currently have an assumed rate of return of 6.75%.
- A comprehensive study of plan sponsor and board risk tolerance suggests an expected standard deviation of ~12% is appropriate.

Current Asset Allocation



Asset Allocation FAQ

1. Why is the asset allocation so complicated?
 - Building a portfolio with the best possible expected return for a specific level of risk takes advantage of diversification. In part, this means using asset classes that are not widely understood by the general public, such as alternative investments.
2. Why are the plans' fees so high?
 - Alternative investments (private funds and hedge funds) are a key part of the portfolio because of they have high expected alpha. Much of the plans' fees are in the form of incentive fees – investment managers share in the profits they create for the plans. While staff attempts to negotiate lower fees whenever possible, the plan is largely a price-taker in respect to investment management services.
3. Why not just build a portfolio of 60% stocks / 40% bonds, use index funds, and eliminate both complexity and fees?
 - The 20-year expected return on a 60/40 portfolio is 6.1%, well below the plans' assumed return of 6.75%.
 - The 20-year expected standard deviation (risk) is 12.4%, which is higher than the current asset allocations.
 - Return expectations are calculated net-of-fees, so this change would result in a higher risk, lower return portfolio.

Historical Performance

Fiscal Year End	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	10 YR
Federated Pension											
Actual Return	-17.0%	13.7%	18.9%	-3.3%	8.0%	14.2%	-1.0%	-0.7%	7.5%	5.9%	4.1%
Benchmark	-15.3%	12.1%	22.0%	-2.4%	8.3%	17.0%	-3.3%	1.3%	8.1%	7.4%	5.0%
Discount Rate	8.25%	7.75%	7.95%	7.50%	7.50%	7.25%	7.00%	6.875%	6.875%	6.875%	-
Police & Fire Pension											
Actual Return	-18.4%	14.0%	18.1%	-0.5%	9.7%	13.5%	-0.8%	-0.6%	9.7%	6.9%	4.6%
Benchmark	-18.6%	12.2%	20.5%	1.3%	8.1%	14.6%	-1.0%	1.0%	9.5%	7.6%	4.9%
Discount Rate	8.00%	8.00%	7.75%	7.50%	7.25%	7.125%	7.00%	6.875%	6.875%	6.875%	-
Health Care Trusts											Since Inception
Federated					9.0%	16.2%	-2.7%	-2.7%	8.7%	4.9%	4.7%
Police & Fire					5.0%	14.5%	-1.7%	0.3%	7.0%	3.6%	4.7%

Investment Performance FAQ

1. Why have the plans underperformed peers, such as CalPERS?
 - 90%+ of investment performance is determined by asset allocation. Since 2009, the plans have had much lower equity market (stock market) exposure than peers, and equity markets have generated higher returns than most other asset classes.
 - In turn, the plans' asset allocations are a function of portfolio size, plan liabilities, plan maturity, and plan sponsor and board risk tolerance. These characteristics may be very different for public pension plans that might otherwise seem similar.
2. If the plans' had paid less in fees, would the returns have been better?
 - Every dollar paid to investment managers is a dollar not kept by the plans, and staff is acutely aware of the importance of minimizing fees. Still, even if the plans had paid absolutely zero fees and expenses, the 3-year return would have only been ~1.25% better. The same effect could have been achieved by having just 13% more stock market exposure.
3. When will investment returns improve?
 - The plans have returned 6.8% (Fed.) and 7.6% (P&F) annually over fiscal year 2010-2018, in-line with long-term expectations. In the short-term, the plans may do significantly worse, or significantly better.
 - On a relative basis, there is an opportunity to improve asset allocation process and implementation. Both boards are working toward heightened accountability in these areas via a complete investment and governance strategy.
 - The ultimate key to success in any investment program is stability in philosophy, process, and people.

Appendix

Long-Term Strategic Transition

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Governance	Cortex I	Ad hoc committees								
				Cortex II						
					Measure G					
	Committee Charters: Audit (2012, 2016), Governance (2013, 2016), Investment (2012, 2015), Joint Personnel (2016)									
	Position Charters: Board of Administration (2012, 2015), Board Chair (2012, 2013, 2016), Vice Chair (2013, 2016), Chief Executive Officer (2012, 2015), Chief Investment Officer (2012, 2015)									
	Policies: Attendance (Fed-2016), Board Communications (2012, 2015), Board Education (2012, 2013, 2016), Board Operations (Fed-2014), Board Performance Assessment (2012), Code of Conduct (2012, 2013, 2016), Monitoring & Reporting (2012, 2015), Personnel Review Policy (2013, 2016), Election of Board Officers (2013, 2016), Strategic Planning (2012), Overpayment/Underpayment of Members’ Retirement Contributions (2015), Overpayment/Underpayment of Benefits Correction (2015), Travel (2015), Vendor Selection (2012, 2015)									
									P&F Cortex III	
Team	see slide #4									
Infrastructure	P&F General Consultant: NEPC								Meketa	
	SIS	Fed General Consultant: Meketa								
				Absolute Return Consultant: Albourne						
							Compliance System: State Street			
							Performance System: State Street			
							Risk System: State Street		MSCI	
									Risk Consultant: Verus	
								Dynamo RMS		
	Albourne Process Review									
Investment Structure & Process	Diversification									
						Investment Process Formalization				

<i>* denotes independent Board trustees</i>	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	
Federated Board	Matt Loesch											
	Ed Overton									Jay Castellano		
	Ash Kalra		Michael Armstrong *								Elaine Orr *	
	Jeffrey Perkins		Martin Dirks *									
		Arn Andrews				L. T.		Udaya Rajbhandari				Qianyu Sun
	David Busse		Lara Druyan *						Anurag Chandra *			
	Pete Constant		Stuart Odell *				Elizabeth Rounds *		P. P. *		Kurt Billick *	
Police & Fire Board	Sam Liccardo		Vincent Sunzeri *									
	Scott Johnson		Richard Santos									
	Rose Herrera		Andrew Lanza *									
	David Bacigalupi				Nick Muyo							
	Bill Brill			Damon Krytzer *				Stephen Brennan *			Vikas Oswal *	
			Sean Bill *					Jeremy Evnine *			Eswar Menon *	
			M.F.*		Elizabeth Rounds *			Ghia Griarte *				
	Keith Keesling	Sean Kaldor						Andrew Gardanier				
	Conrad Taylor				James Mason					Franco Vado		
	Investment Program	Russell Crosby				Roberto Peña						
Carmen Racy-Choy					Arn Andrews				Prabhu Palani			
		Ryan Jusko			M.K.H.		Brian Starr					
		Michael Moehle				Jay Kwon						
Ali Amiry			Daryn Miller								Christina Wang	
		Heidi Poon						Dhinesh Ganapathiappan				
Ron Kumar												
Ceara O’Fallon				Aynur Yeniay							David Aung	
											Arun Nallasivan	
			Tram Doan					Viktoria Tubaltsev		Allain Mallari		
						Sue Griffiths				Marivic Co-Garcia		

Expected Returns vs. Risk-Free Returns

- It used to be possible to meet the plans' return expectations by investing solely in long-term government bonds.
- Interest rates fell faster than the plans' expected rate of return, requiring greater risk-taking to meet that return requirement.

Fiscal Year End	1974	1985	1995	2005	2015	Today
Assumed Rate of Return						
- Federated	7.00%	8.50%	8.25%	8.25%	7.00%	6.75%
- Police & Fire	5.75%	8.00%	8.00%	8.00%	7.00%	6.75%
Yield on 10Y US Treasury Note	7.64%	10.18%	6.20%	3.91%	1.90%	3.01%
Implied Risk Premium						
- Federated	-0.64%	-1.68%	2.05%	4.19%	5.10%	3.74%
- Police & Fire	-1.91%	-2.18%	1.80%	3.94%	5.10%	3.74%

Equity: Long-term gains, short-term volatility

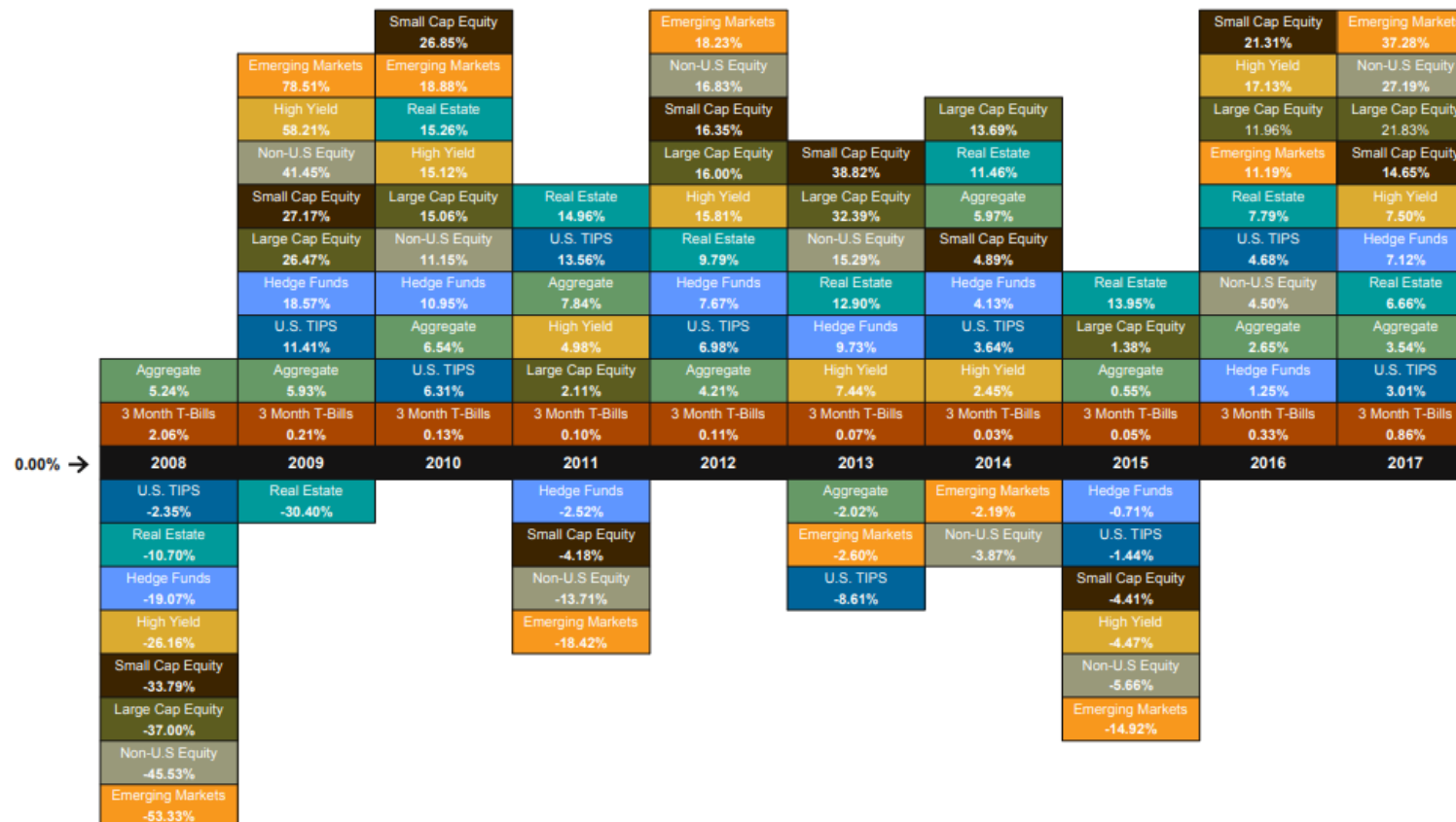
- Public equity (stock market) investments may increase return over the long-run, but can be extremely volatile.
- Volatility can be even more damaging to an investment portfolio in which distributions exceed contributions.



Importance of Diversification

- Buying low and selling high is hard to do; it is rarely clear what investment will offer the best/worst short-term return.
- Diversification helps take advantage of variance in investment returns.

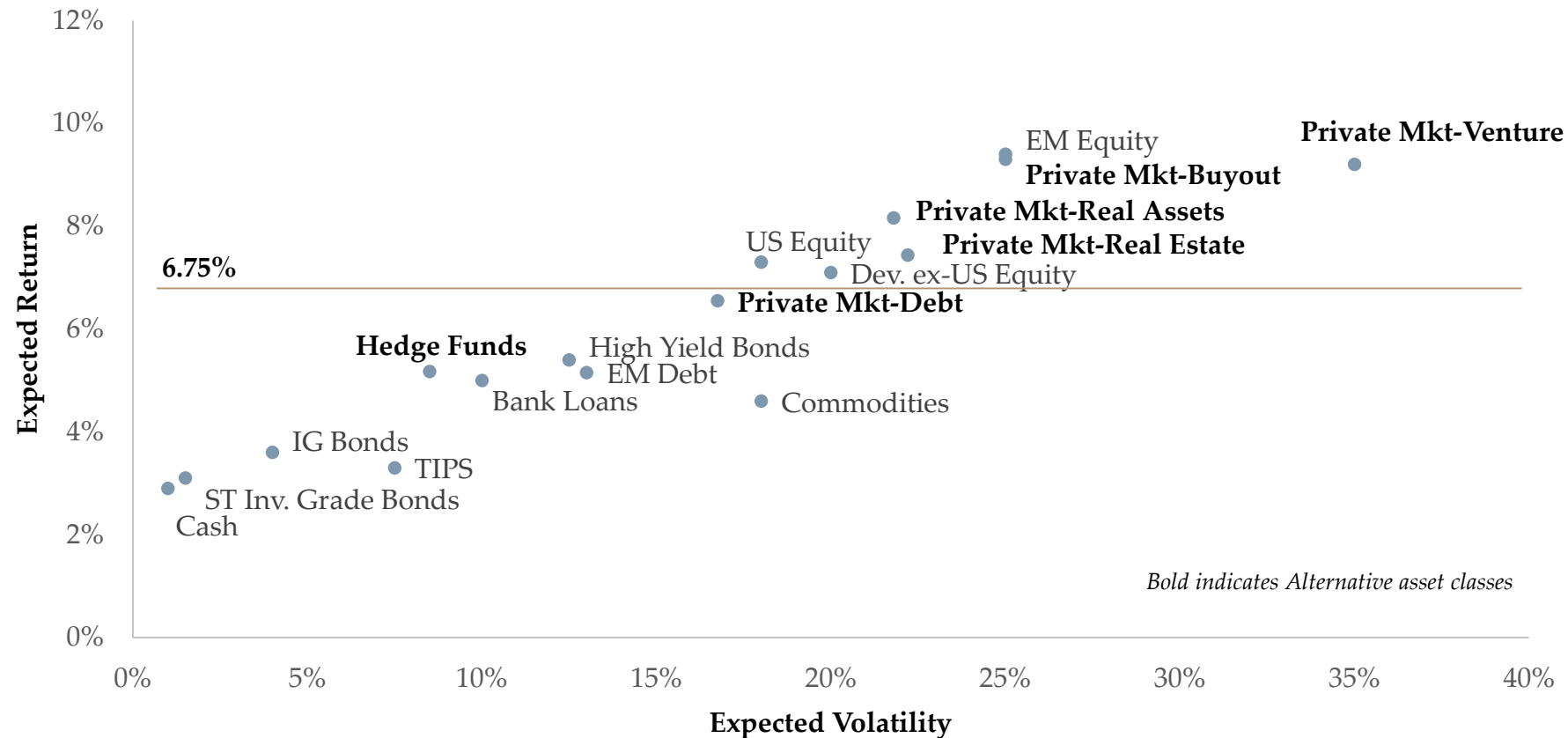
Annual Returns for Key Indices Ranked in Order of Performance (2008–2017)



Capital Market Assumptions 2018

- Forward-looking, long-term asset class-level risk and return expectations guide asset allocation.
- Alternative asset classes, which have high expected alpha and high fees, are essential to meeting the plans' assumed rate of return.

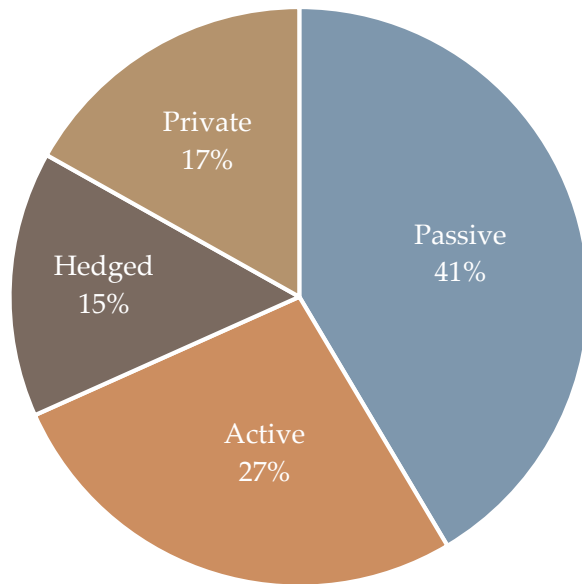
2018 Capital Market Assumptions, 20-Year Horizon



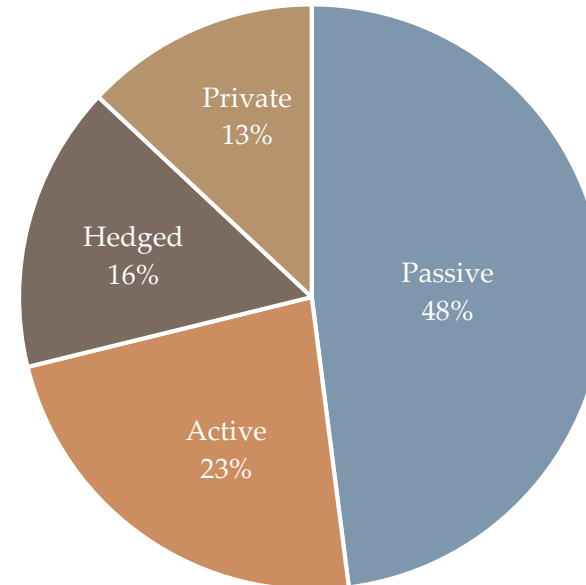
Allocation to investment fund types

As of June 30, 2018

Federated Pension



Police & Fire Pension



Calendar Year 2017 Fees

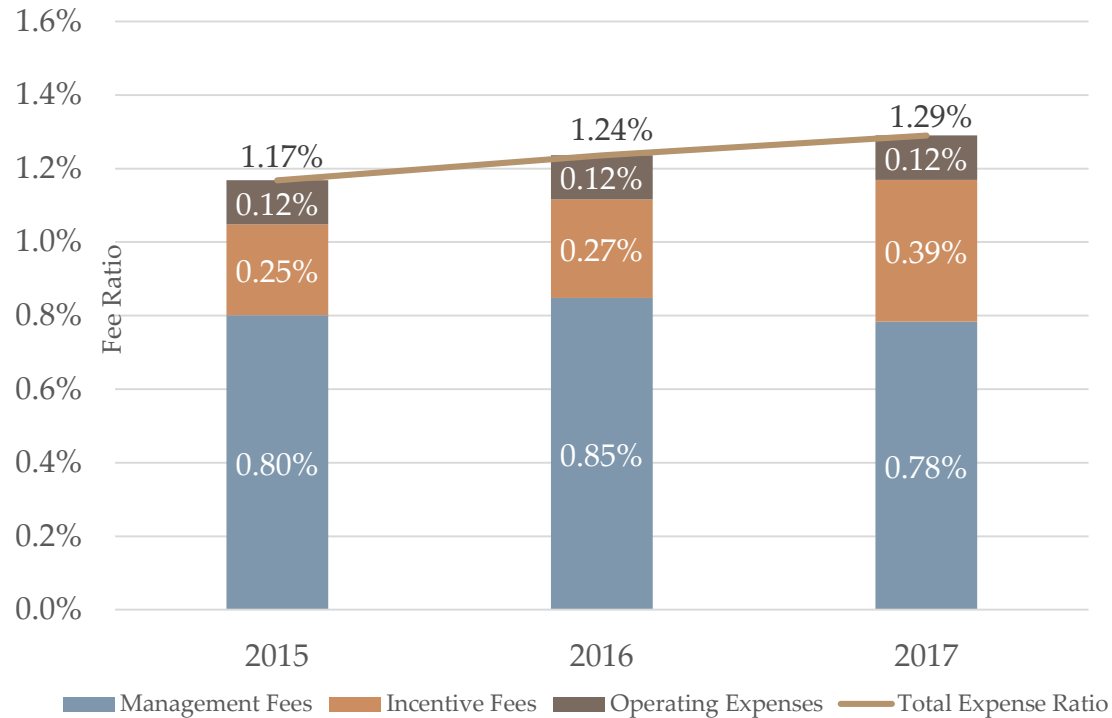
Plan	Management Fees	Incentive Fees	Operating Expenses	Mgmt, Incent, and Op Exp	Average Balance	Fee Ratio
Federated Pension	16.2	8.0	2.4	26.6	2,102	1.26%
Police & Fire Pension	28.8	14.6	4.6	48.1	3,425	1.40%
Federated Health Care	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.8	228	0.34%
Police & Fire Health Care	0.3	-	0.0	0.3	112	0.26%
All 4 ORS Plans	46.0	22.6	7.0	75.7	5,866	1.29%

Source: ORS 2017 Fee Report
Values shown are in \$ millions

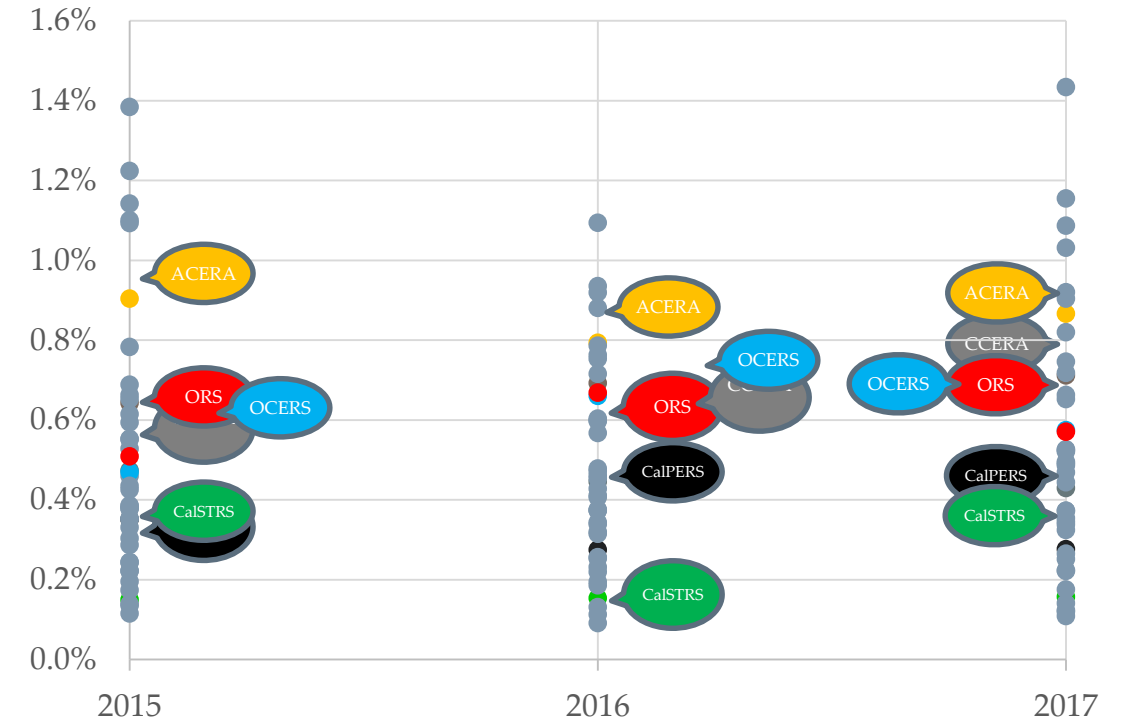
Plan	Investment Staff Salary and Benefits	Consultants	Custodian	Other Third Party Vendors	Total Other Costs	Fee Ratio
All 4 ORS Plans	1.4	1.5	0.8	1.0	4.7	0.08%

Source: ORS 2017 Fee Report
Values shown are in \$ millions

Total Expense Ratio



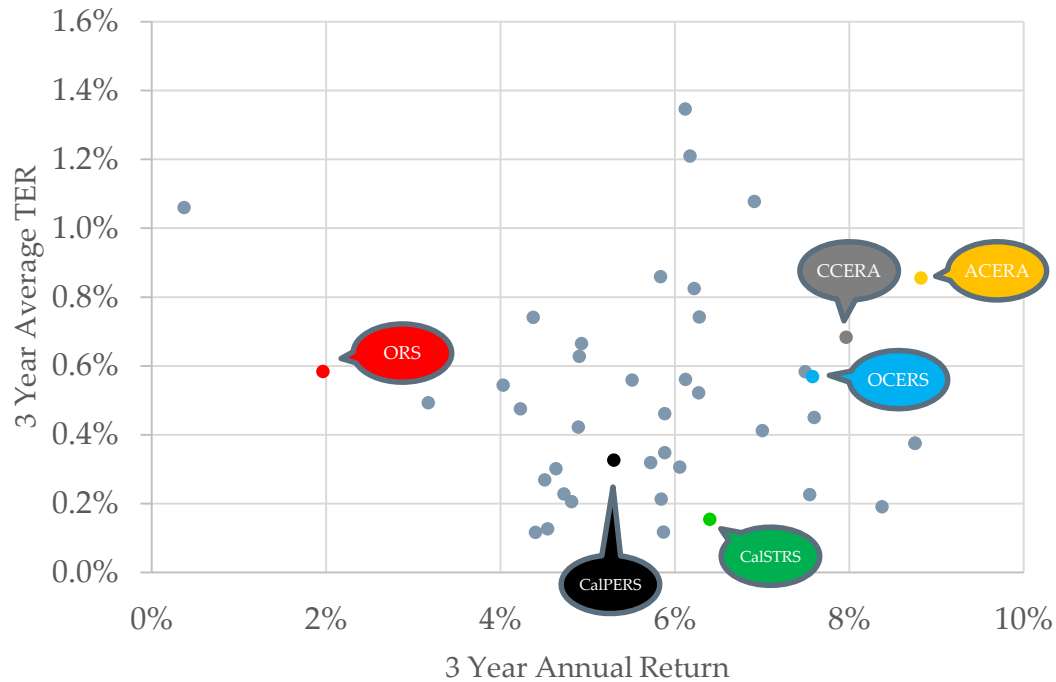
Peer Comparison



-2.0% (2015)	6.4% (2016)	11.6% (2017)	Plan Return	-1.0% (2015)	-0.7% (2016)	7.9% (2017)
ORS Annual Fee Reports			Source	Public Plans Database (from CAFRs)		
Calendar year basis			Time Periods	Fiscal year basis		
All 4 ORS plans aggregated (Federated and Police & Fire pension and health care trusts)			Data points	43 U.S. Public Plans \$3-10 billion, CA Public Plans All 4 ORS plans aggregated		

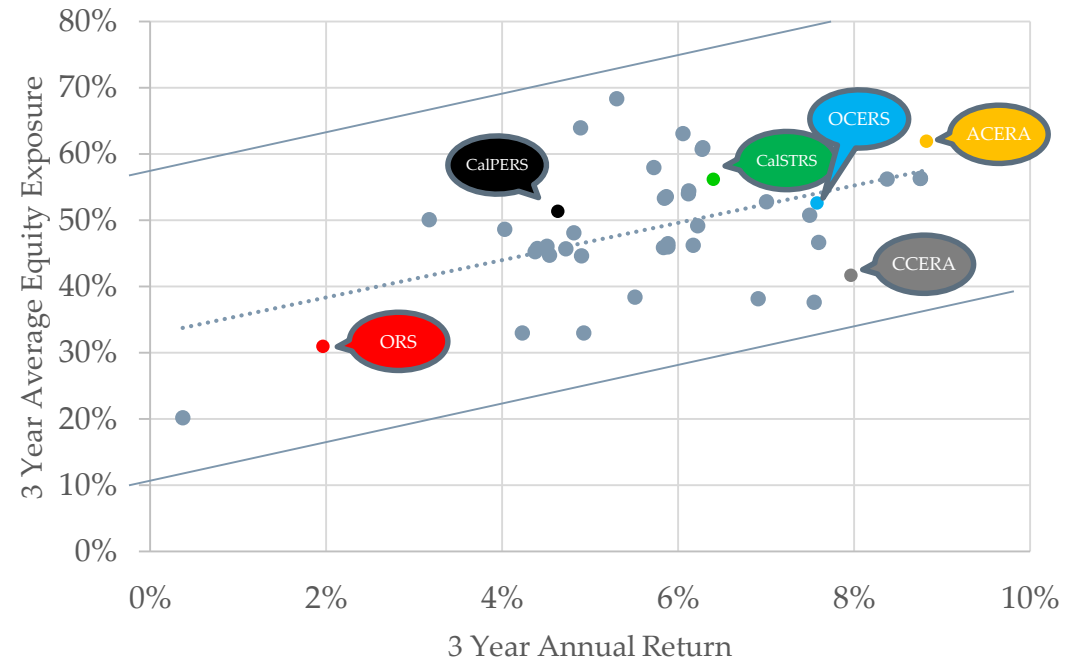
Returns/Expense Ratios

Higher returns not correlated to higher expenses



Returns/Public Equity Exposure

Higher returns correlated to higher public equity exposure



Source	Public Plans Database (from CAFRs)
Time Periods	Fiscal year basis, ending June 30, 2017
Data points	43 diversified U.S. Public Plans \$3-10 billion, CA Public Plans All 4 ORS plans aggregated