

# **INVESTMENT COMMITTEE**

# PORTFOLIO RISK REPORT



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# Investment portfolio as of October 31, 2023

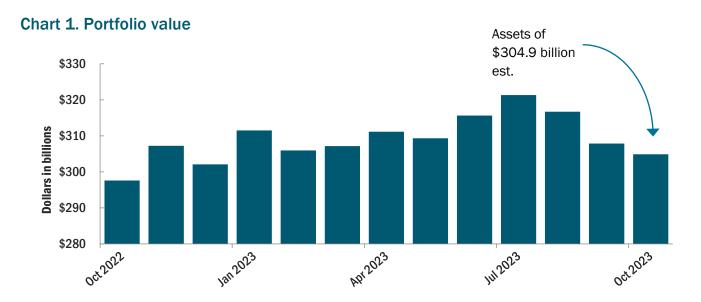


Chart 2. Asset allocation<sup>1</sup>

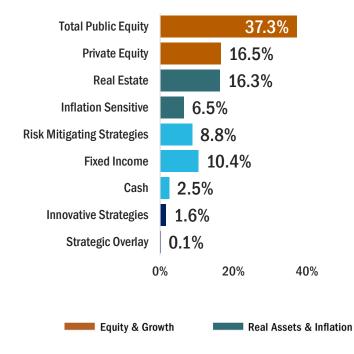
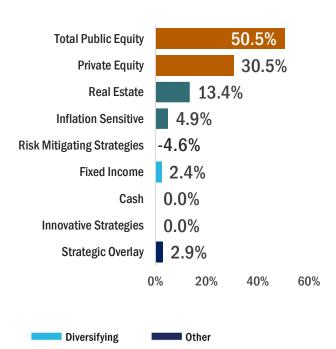


Chart 3. Portfolio risk1



<sup>1</sup> Total Public Equity includes the following sub-units: Global Equity, SISS and Innovation GE. Strategic Overlay includes Currency and Derivatives Overlay.

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### Total Fund risk and asset allocation as of October 31, 2023

The Risk team utilizes the BlackRock Aladdin risk management system for the total plan portfolio. According to the BlackRock risk model, approximately 51% of the total risk in the CalSTRS Investment Portfolio comes from Public Equity, versus an approximately 37% asset weight. Public Equity risk and Private Equity risk combined now comprise about 81% of portfolio risk. Portfolio risk increased significantly due to spiked market volatility in 2020 and it has decreased significantly from its peak.

**Chart 4. Asset allocation over the past three years (monthly)** 

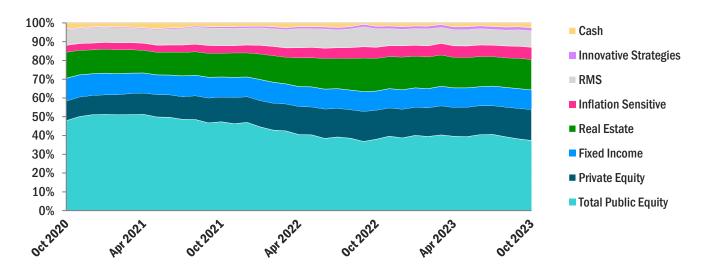
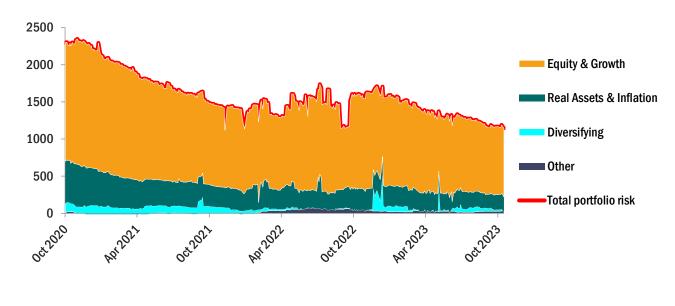


Chart 5. Sources of portfolio risk1



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Equity & Growth includes Total Public Equity and Private Equity. Real Assets & Inflation includes Real Estate and Inflation Sensitive. Diversifying includes Risk Mitigating Strategies, Fixed Income & Cash. Other includes Innovative Strategies and Strategic Overlay.

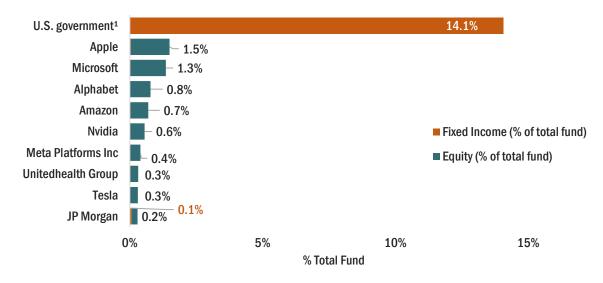
### **CalSTRS** market exposures

Across all asset classes, the fund has significant exposure to the U.S. with 82.6% of the portfolio invested in the U.S. The next largest exposure is 1.7% in Japan. Mexico Korea rounded out the top 10, followed closely by Ireland and South Korea, respectively. China was the 18<sup>th</sup> largest country exposure. Chart 7 shows the top 10 Total Fund portfolio exposures by parent company, as a percentage of the Total Fund portfolio.

Chart 6. Top 10 market value exposures by country as of October 31, 2023



Chart 7. Total Fund top 10 exposures1



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> U.S. government includes U.S. Treasuries, Agency MBS and other government agency debt.

### **CalSTRS** market and sector exposures

Charts 8 and 9 show the top 10 Total Public Equity Portfolio exposures and the top 10 Total Fixed Income exposures, by parent company as a percentage of the respective portfolios.

Chart 8.

Total Public Equity top 10 exposures

Chart 9.

Total Fixed Income top 10 exposures<sup>1</sup>

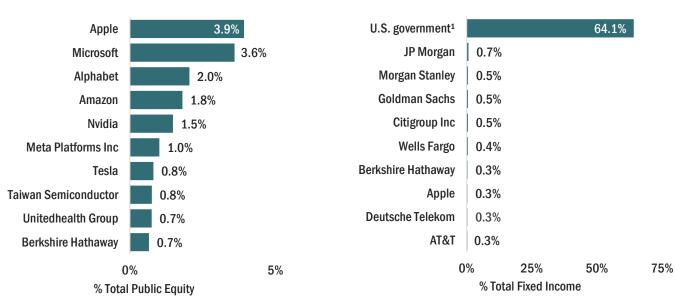
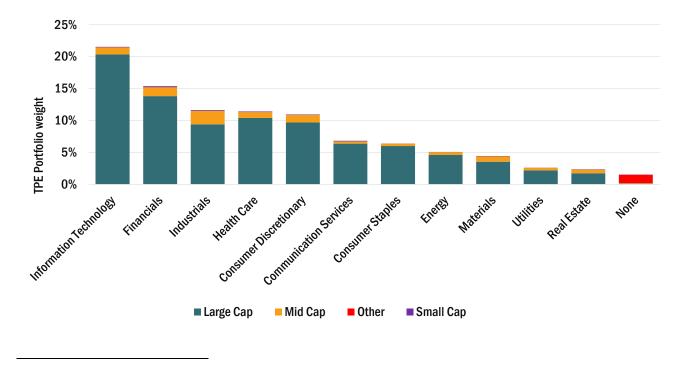


Chart 10. Total Public Equity — Sector portfolio exposures as of October 31, 2023



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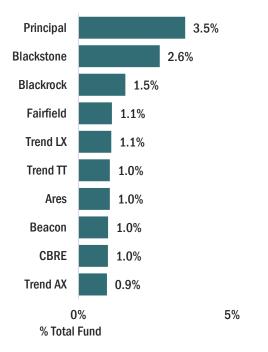
# **CalSTRS** largest manager exposures

Table 1 and Chart 11 summarize the top 10 manager exposures by relationship, aggregated across all asset classes, as a percentage of the CaISTRS Total Fund.

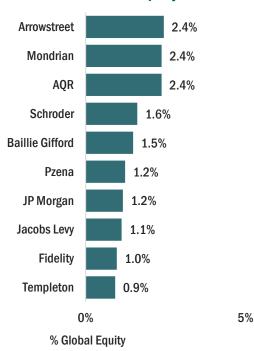
Table 1. CalSTRS Total Fund<sup>1</sup>

Manager	Relationship length (years) <sup>2</sup>	Asset Class	Exposure (million)
Principal	39	Real Estate, Global Equity	\$10,597
Blackstone	30	Private Equity, Real Estate	\$8,065
Blackrock	23	Real Estate, Fixed Income, Inflation Sensitive, Innovative Strategies, SISS	\$4,652
Fairfield	21	Real Estate	\$3,316
Trend LX	7	Risk Mitigating Strategies	\$3,267
Trend TT	5	Risk Mitigating Strategies	\$3,121
Ares	11	Private Equity, Innovative Strategies, Real Estate, SISS, Fixed Income	\$3,112
Beacon	21	Real Estate	\$2,944
CBRE	39	Real Estate	\$2,929
Trend AX	7	Risk Mitigating Strategies	





### Chart 12. Global Equity

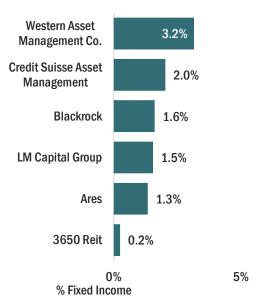


 $<sup>{}^{1}\</sup>text{ Public asset manager exposures reported are as of } 10/31/23. \text{ Private asset manager exposures reported are as of } 9/30/23.$ 

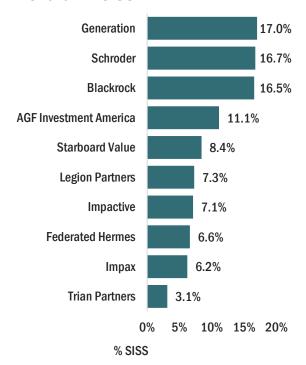
# CalSTRS largest manager exposures

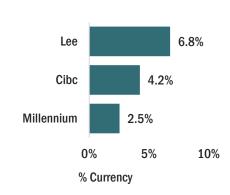
Charts 13 – 16 show the top 10 manager exposures by relationship, as a percentage of each respective asset class portfolio

#### Chart 13. Fixed Income<sup>1</sup>



### Chart 15. SISS<sup>1</sup>





### Chart 16. Risk Mitigating Strategies

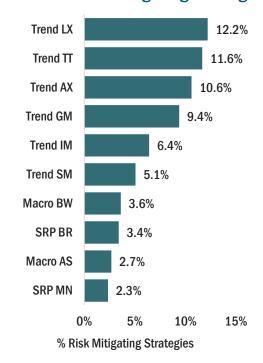


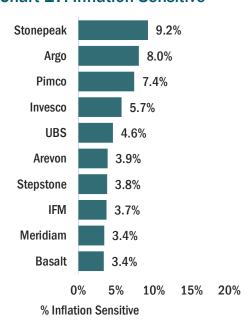
Chart 14. Currency

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Public asset manager exposures reported are as of 10/31/23. Private asset manager exposures reported are as of 9/30/23.

# CalSTRS largest manager exposures

Charts 17 – 20 show the top 10 manager exposures by relationship, as a percentage of each respective asset class portfolio

#### Chart 17. Inflation Sensitive<sup>1</sup>



#### Chart 19. Real Estate<sup>1</sup>

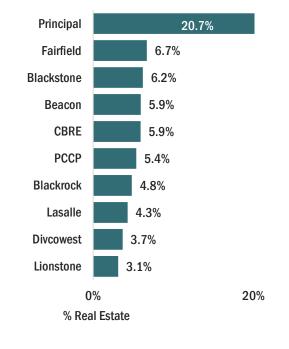
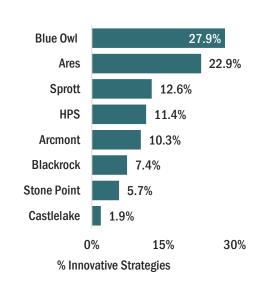
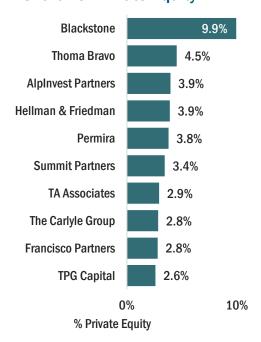


Chart 18. Innovative Strategies<sup>1</sup>



### Chart 20. Private Equity<sup>1</sup>

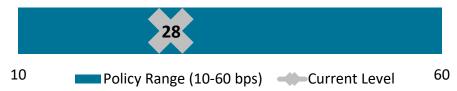


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## **Total Public Equity — Active risk summary**

### Chart 21. Current active risk (bps)1

At the May 2023 Investment Committee meeting, the committee approved a new governance policy for Total Public Equity, establishing an active risk budget range of 10 to 60 basis points. As of October 31, 2023, the expected active risk of the Total Public Equity portfolio is 28 basis points.



#### Historical active risk (bps)

Chart 22. Forecasted<sup>2</sup>

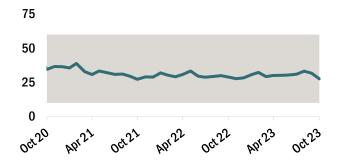
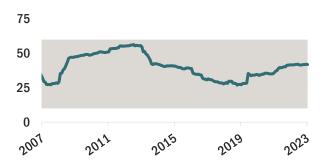


Chart 23. Realized<sup>3</sup>



#### Exposures vs. benchmark (market value %)

Chart 24. Geographic active exposures

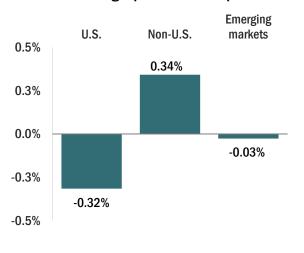
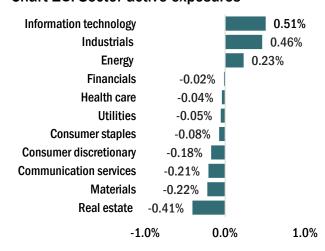


Chart 25. Sector active exposures



 $<sup>{\</sup>ensuremath{^{1}}}$  Forecasted active risk based on BlackRock Aladdin model calculation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Forecasted active risk based on the Total Public Equity Portfolio and market conditions over time.

<sup>3</sup> Based on a rolling 60-month period of realized returns through October 31, 2023

# Fixed Income — Active risk summary

### Chart 26. Current active risk (bps)<sup>1</sup>

At the September 2021 Investment Committee meeting, the committee approved a new governance policy for Fixed Income, establishing an active risk budget range of 10 to 60 basis points. As of October 31, 2023, the expected active risk of the Fixed Income Portfolio is 15 basis points.



### Historical active risk (bps)

Chart 27. Forecasted<sup>2</sup>

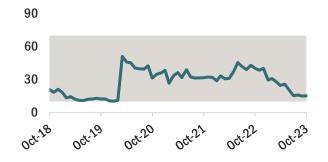
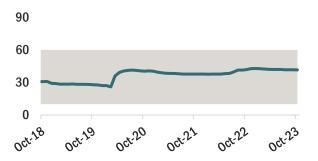


Chart 28. Realized3



#### Fixed Income exposures vs. benchmark (market value %)

Chart 29. Geographic active exposures

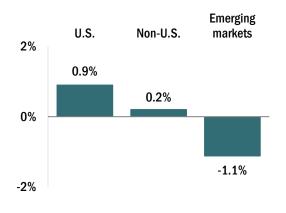
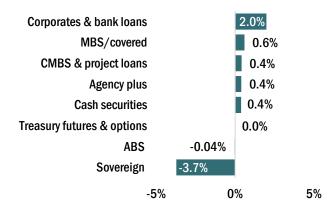


Chart 30. Sector active exposures



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Forecasted active risk based on BlackRock Aladdin model calculation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Forecasted active risk based on the Fixed Income Portfolio and market conditions over time.

### **Real Estate**

At the July 2021 Investment Committee meeting, the committee approved a new CalSTRS Real Estate Investment Policy. The policy sets limits on Real Estate leverage depending on CalSTRS' level of control. Controlled structures have a leverage limit of 50% and are typically separate accounts and joint ventures where CalSTRS is the majority investor. Non-controlled structures have a leverage limit of 65% and are typically commingled funds where CalSTRS is a minority partner with typical limited-partner rights.

Real Estate data is based on CalSTRS' share of gross asset value as of June 30, 2023.

#### Real Estate leverage

Chart 31. Leverage and limits

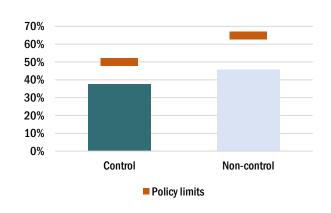
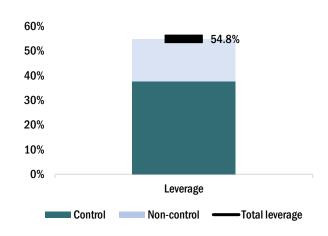


Chart 32. Total leverage

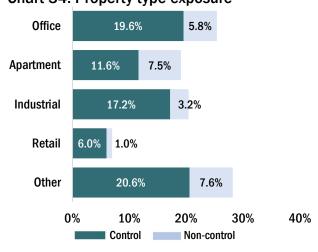


### Real Estate Portfolio exposure

Chart 33. Geographic exposure<sup>1</sup>



Chart 34. Property type exposure<sup>2</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Various investments have properties in multiple countries that could be in multiple regions.

<sup>2</sup> Other property type includes diversified investments that include multiple property types and all other property types (for example, hotels or land).

# **Private Equity**

Private Equity Portfolio company level data as of June 30, 2023.

### Chart 35. Sector exposure

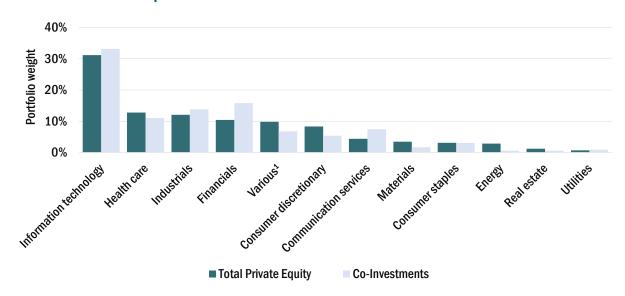
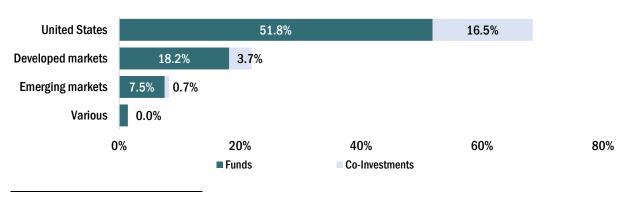


Table 2. Top 10 portfolio company exposure

Company	Investment vehicle	Market value (millions)	% of Private Equity
1	Co-Investments & funds	\$526	1.01%
2	Co-Investments & funds	\$406	0.78%
3	Co-Investments	\$352	0.68%
4	Co-Investments	\$337	0.65%
5	Co-Investments & funds	\$312	0.60%
6	Funds	\$301	0.58%
7	Co-Investments & funds	\$279	0.54%
8	Co-Investments & funds	\$263	0.50%
9	Co-Investments & funds	\$263	0.50%
10	Co-Investments & funds	\$255	0.49%

### Chart 36. Geographic exposure<sup>1</sup>



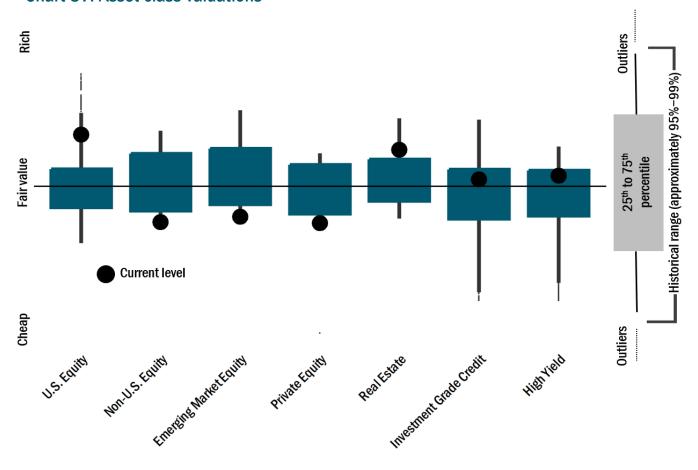
<sup>1</sup> Various includes investments in which the sector or geography data is not available at the level of detail of the data set.

### **Valuations**

For most of the larger asset classes in the portfolio, the price of the asset at any given time is an important component of expected return, particularly over the medium term (three to five years). Higher prices tend to precede periods of lower returns, an important consideration for the risk-return opportunities across the portfolio.

Chart 37 shows several common measures of valuation converted to a common scale for comparability. U.S. equity persistently has higher valuations than non-U.S. developed and emerging market equity. In the past few months, the valuations for developed market equity, emerging market equity and private equity have decreased, while the valuations for real estate, investment grade credit and high yield credit have increased.

Chart 37. Asset class valuations<sup>1</sup>



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Valuation metrics: Long-Term P/E Ratio for Public Equity; Total Value/EBITDA for Private Equity; Transaction Cap Rate for Real Estate; Credit spreads for Investment Grade and High Yield Credit.

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# **Market volatility**

The volatility index presented in Chart 38 and Chart 39 is an indicator of general market turbulence. The red lines provide a threshold by which to judge whether a day is an outlier or not. The long-term chart shows that, historically, periods of higher turbulence tend to cluster in time. The clustering of turbulent periods means that if a particular day is an outlier, the following day is much more likely to be an outlier. Several days in a row of outliers are a strong indicator that market turbulence could persist for many weeks or months. Recent turbulence has been relatively mild since economic concerns over the rate of inflation and the remaining interest rate hikes in the United States have subsided.

Chart 38. Market turbulence—long term

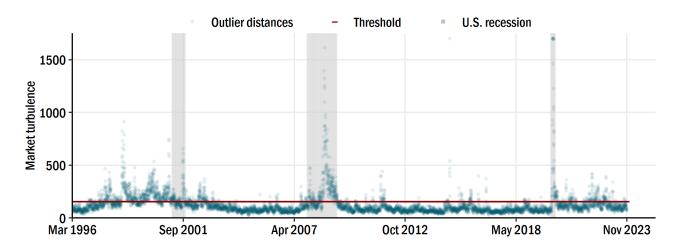
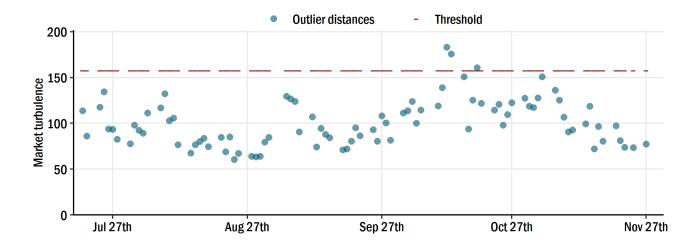


Chart 39. Market turbulence-recent



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## **Fund liquidity**

Providing for present and future benefit payments is a key objective that requires an appropriate level of cash or liquid assets that can be readily converted to cash. To ensure the fund has an appropriate level of liquidity, the Investment Policy specifies that no more than 55% of the CalSTRS Investment Portfolio shall be invested in instruments not regularly publicly traded on a daily basis. In addition to required policies, the Risk Allocation Committee manages portfolio rebalancing and regularly monitors liquidity to ensure cash is available when needed. A convenient framework for measuring how much liquidity is available is to break down the assets into multiple tiers:

- Cash.
- Tier 1 assets: Securities that trade frequently and can be readily converted to cash.
- Tier 2 assets: Generally liquid securities that can still trade at prevailing price levels even in periods of modest market stress.
- Less liquid assets: Securities that are by their nature illiquid, such as Private Equity Portfolio partnerships and otherwise liquid assets that become illiquid in periods of stress.

Table 3 shows the liquidity profile of the total portfolio. The combination of cash and Tier 1 assets provide a substantial cushion to ensure timely benefit payments, even in periods of extended market stress.

Table 3. Fund liquidity

Asset	Portfolio value (billions)	Months of benefit payments
Cash	\$7.1	4.5
Tier 1 assets	\$186.4	117.7
Tier 2 assets	\$8.7	5.5
Less liquid assets	\$121.3	76.6