

# SEWERAGE & WATER BOARD OF NEW ORLEANS

## PENSION COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2020

**10:45 AM**

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Ralph Johnson • Alejandra Guzman • Dr. Maurice Sholas

• Adam Kay • Christopher Bergeron

• Latressia Matthews • Harold Heller

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### FINAL AGENDA

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#### 1. **ROLL CALL**

#### 2. **PRESENTATION ITEM**

- Raymond James Presentation: United Nations supported Principles for Responsible Investing (UNPRI) - Octave Francis, III

#### 3. **ACTION ITEM**

- Resolution (R-126-2020) Suspension of 2020 Continuing Education Requirements for the Board of Trustees of the Employees' Retirement System of SWBNO

#### 4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comments received until 30 minutes after the presentation of the Agenda will be read into the record.

#### 5. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

- Comparative Performance Analysis Report, August 31, 2020 – Octave Francis, III
- United Nations Principles for Responsible Investment (UNPRI) Blueprint – Octave Francis, III
- SWBNO Investment Policy Statement - October 2020 – Octave Francis, III

#### 6. **ADJOURNMENT**

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# Consultant's Presentation 10/14/2020

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- August 31, 2020 Plan Comparative Performance Analysis Report (*information item*) – *full report with disclosures*
- The United Nations ... A Blueprint for Responsible Investment (*information item*)
- United Nations supported Principles for Responsible Investing (UNPRI) (*discussion item*)
- SWBNO Employees' Pension Trust Fund Investment Policy Statement *draft* "Sustainable Investing Program" language and other amendments. (*discussion item*)



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## Comparative Performance Analysis Report

Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans ERS

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## Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans ERS Total Composite

Market Performance

As of August 31, 2020

Name	Description	Aug-20	Last 3 Months	Fiscal YTD	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	10 Yrs
<b>US Equity</b>								
Russell 3000	Broad	7.24	15.92	9.39	21.44	13.95	13.86	14.94
S&P 500	Large Cap Core	7.19	15.48	9.74	21.94	14.52	14.46	15.16
S&P 500 Equal Weighted TR	Large Cap Core	4.46	11.25	-2.27	8.44	8.44	10.11	13.43
Russell 1000	Large Cap Core	7.34	16.14	10.43	22.50	14.58	14.31	15.19
Russell 1000 Growth	Large Cap Growth	10.32	23.98	30.47	44.34	24.18	20.66	19.02
Russell 1000 Value	Large Cap Value	4.13	7.53	-9.35	0.84	4.50	7.53	11.05
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<b>International Equity</b>								
MSCI ACWI	Global Equity	6.12	15.30	4.75	16.52	8.99	10.21	9.90
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MSCI EAFE	Developed Equity	5.14	11.26	-4.61	6.13	2.34	4.72	5.88
MSCI Emerging Markets	Emerging Equity	2.21	19.53	0.45	14.49	2.83	8.66	3.76
<b>Fixed Income</b>								
91 Day T-Bills	Cash and Cash Equivalents	0.01	0.03	0.42	0.98	1.60	1.13	0.59
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<b>Real Estate</b>								
FTSE NAREIT All REIT	Real Estate	0.33	6.96	-11.52	-9.16	3.42	7.21	9.70
NCREIF Property Index	Real Estate	0.00	-0.99	-0.29	2.69	5.44	6.77	9.70
<b>Alternatives</b>								
HFRI Fund of Funds Composite Index	Hedge Funds	2.23	6.59	2.84	5.53	3.13	2.76	3.15
<b>Inflation</b>								
Consumer Price Index	Inflation	0.32	1.37	1.15	1.31	1.92	1.75	1.76

## Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans ERS Total Composite Investment Analysis

Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans ERS

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<b>Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans ERS Total Composite</b>	<b>222,690,470</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>2.72</b>	<b>8.64</b>	<b>1.49</b>	<b>5.27</b>	<b>6.36</b>	<b>6.53</b>	<b>6.17</b>	<b>7.31</b>	<b>6.04</b>	<b>Jul-02</b>
<i>Strategic Asset Allocation</i>			2.86	8.92	3.37	9.15	7.30	7.13	6.28	7.28	5.96	Jul-02
<b>Equity Composite</b>	<b>106,131,350</b>	<b>47.66</b>	<b>5.69</b>	<b>14.60</b>	<b>6.00</b>	<b>13.63</b>	--	--	--	--	<b>10.12</b>	<b>Jan-18</b>
<i>Equity Balanced Index</i>			5.90	15.61	4.92	16.27	--	--	--	--	8.63	Jan-18
Earnest Partners	40,062,137	17.99	5.19	12.51	-8.07	-6.15	-1.70	3.90	3.03	--	5.26	Oct-11
<i>MSCI ACWI ex USA</i>			4.28	13.85	-3.05	8.31	2.63	5.75	4.55	--	6.15	Oct-11
iShares S&P 500 Growth ETF	27,423,268	12.31	9.42	22.56	26.90	38.12	21.43	--	--	--	19.37	Mar-16
<i>Russell 1000 Growth</i>			10.32	23.98	30.47	44.34	24.18	--	--	--	23.54	Mar-16
NewSouth Capital	25,805,686	11.59	3.32	8.99	-5.47	4.57	9.05	8.85	9.54	--	12.17	Sep-11
<i>Russell 2500 Value</i>			4.54	9.69	-15.12	-4.96	0.16	4.72	5.66	--	10.10	Sep-11
Barrow, Hanley, Mewhinney, & Strauss	12,829,604	5.76	3.91	7.51	-10.65	-1.01	--	--	--	--	--	Aug-06
<i>Russell 1000 Value</i>			4.13	7.53	-9.35	0.84	--	--	--	--	--	Aug-06
Chicago Equity Partners	10,655	0.00	-0.83	2.29	-5.51	3.90	7.33	9.19	10.09	12.89	8.12	Jun-06
<i>Russell 1000</i>			7.34	16.14	10.43	22.50	14.58	14.31	13.70	15.19	9.72	Jun-06
<b>Fixed Income Composite</b>	<b>80,161,163</b>	<b>36.00</b>	<b>-0.16</b>	<b>3.69</b>	<b>7.29</b>	<b>7.84</b>	--	--	--	--	<b>6.36</b>	<b>Jan-18</b>
<i>Fixed Income Balanced Index</i>			-0.57	2.02	6.40	6.43	--	--	--	--	5.72	Jan-18
Pyramis Global Advisors (Fidelity)	80,125,734	35.98	-0.16	3.69	7.29	7.85	5.71	5.33	5.04	4.54	5.20	May-07
<i>BBgBarc US Aggregate TR</i>			-0.81	1.31	6.85	6.47	5.09	4.33	4.12	3.65	4.52	May-07
Zazove Associates, LLC (Residual Asset)	35,429	0.02	10.95	17.23	-0.81	-9.29	--	--	--	--	24.07	Jan-18
<i>ICE BofA Convertibles Securities TR</i>			9.93	25.04	31.20	41.00	--	--	--	--	19.98	Jan-18

## Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans ERS Total Composite

Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans ERS Total  
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As of August 31, 2020

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<b>Real Estate Composite</b>	<b>17,488,322</b>	<b>7.85</b>	<b>0.45</b>	<b>6.63</b>	<b>-10.13</b>	<b>-7.88</b>	--	--	--	--	<b>3.45</b>	<b>Jan-18</b>
Real Estate Balanced Index			0.79	7.85	-15.01	-13.68	--	--	--	--	-0.18	Jan-18
Vanguard Real Estate ETF	17,488,322	7.85	0.45	6.63	-10.13	-7.88	3.45	6.52	8.08	9.32	8.70	May-10
MSCI US REIT			0.79	7.85	-15.01	-13.68	0.09	3.95	5.69	7.40	6.82	May-10
<b>Alternatives Composite</b>	<b>17,120,657</b>	<b>7.69</b>	<b>1.77</b>	<b>7.36</b>	<b>0.20</b>	<b>-0.39</b>	--	--	--	--	<b>0.52</b>	<b>Jan-18</b>
Alternatives Balanced Index			2.21	6.56	2.81	5.51	--	--	--	--	2.55	Jan-18
Prisma Capital Partners LP	17,101,173	7.68	1.77	7.36	0.19	-0.40	1.41	1.09	2.15	2.97	2.71	May-07
HFRI Fund of Funds Composite Index			2.23	6.59	2.84	5.53	3.13	2.76	3.30	3.15	1.70	May-07
Equitas Capital Advisors (Residual Asset)	19,485	0.01	6.52	6.54	5.75	5.08	--	--	--	--	0.68	Jan-18
HFRI Fund of Funds Composite Index			2.23	6.59	2.84	5.53	--	--	--	--	2.56	Jan-18
<b>Cash &amp; Equivalents</b>	<b>1,788,978</b>	<b>0.80</b>										
Cash Account	1,788,978	0.80										

- Strategic Asset Allocation = 27% Russell 3000 / 20% MSCI ACWI ex USA / 35% BBGBarc US Universal TR / 8% HFRI Fund of Funds Composite Index / 9% MSCI US REIT / 1% FTSE T-Bill 1 Month TR

- Equity Balanced Index = Weighted Average of MSCI ACWI ex USA / Russell 2500 / S&amp;P 500 Growth / Russell 1000 / Russell 1000 Value

- Fixed Income Balanced Index = Weighted Average of BBGBarc US Universal TR / ICE BofA All US Convertibles TR

- Real Estate Balanced Index = Weighted Average of MSCI US REIT

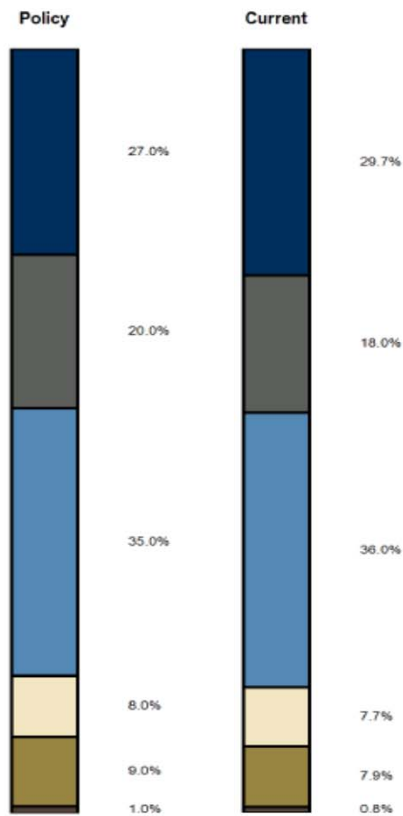
- Alternatives Balanced Index = Weighted Average of HFRI Fund of Funds Composite Index

- Performance for all accounts and composites reported gross of fees unless otherwise indicated. Reported activity, units, unit values, and the resulting performance for commingled fund managers including Earnest Partners, Barrow Hanley, Pyramid/Fidelity and Prisma Capital Partners have a 30 to 45 day period reporting lag with the custodian. Shown values, prices and performance can be reflective of 30-60 days prior.

## Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans ERS Total Composite

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Composite Allocation

As of August 31, 2020



Allocation vs. Targets and Policy						
	Current Balance	Current Allocation	Target	Target Range	Difference*	Within IPS Range?
US Equity	\$66,069,212	29.7%	27.0%	15.0% - 35.0%	2.7%	Yes
iShares S&P 500 Growth ETF	\$27,423,268	12.3%				
NewSouth Capital	\$25,805,686	11.6%				
Barrow, Hanley, Mewhinney, & Strauss	\$12,829,604	5.8%				
Chicago Equity Partners	\$10,655	0.0%				
Non-US Equity	\$40,062,137	18.0%	20.0%	15.0% - 30.0%	-2.0%	Yes
Earnest Partners	\$40,062,137	18.0%				
US Fixed Income	\$80,161,163	36.0%	35.0%	25.0% - 50.0%	1.0%	Yes
Pyramis Global Advisors (Fidelity)	\$80,125,734	36.0%				
Zazove Associates, LLC (Residual Asset)	\$35,429	0.0%				
Alternatives	\$17,120,657	7.7%	8.0%	5.0% - 12.0%	-0.3%	Yes
Prisma Capital Partners LP	\$17,101,173	7.7%				
Equitas Capital Advisors (Residual Asset)	\$19,485	0.0%				
Real Estate	\$17,488,322	7.9%	9.0%	5.0% - 12.0%	-1.1%	Yes
Vanguard Real Estate ETF	\$17,488,322	7.9%				
Cash	\$1,788,978	0.8%	1.0%	0.0% - 1.0%	-0.2%	Yes
Cash Account	\$1,788,978	0.8%				
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$222,690,470</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>			

\*Difference between Target and Current Allocation





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**Principle 1:** We will incorporate ESG issues into investment analysis and decision-making processes.

**Principle 2:** We will be active owners and incorporate ESG issues into our ownership policies and practices.

**Principle 3:** We will seek appropriate disclosure on ESG issues by the entities in which we invest.

**Principle 4:** We will promote acceptance and implementation of the Principles within the investment industry.

**Principle 5:** We will work together to enhance our effectiveness in implementing the Principles.

**Principle 6:** We will each report on our activities and progress towards implementing the Principles.

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## SWBNO SUSTAINABLE INVESTMENTS PROGRAM

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### *Draft Language*

SWBNO Employees' Pension Trust Fund Investment Policy Statement *draft* “Sustainable Investing Program” language and other amendments.

- Appendix C – Sustainable Investments Program Page 29
- Appendix D – Sustainable Investment Practice Guidelines Page 31
- Appendix E – Pension & Investment Beliefs Page 32



**SUSPENSION OF 2020 CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF SWBNO**

**WHEREAS**, on August 21, 2019, the Board of Trustees of the Employees' Retirement System of Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans (the "Board of Trustees") approved Resolution No. 129-2019 that established the total number of hours of continuing education or professional development training that must be completed annually for Board of Trustees members at five (5) hours, consisting of: two (2) hours of investment training, one (1) hour of actuarial science information education, one (1) hour of education regarding the laws, rules, and regulations applicable to his system, and one hour of instruction on fiduciary duty and ethics; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 129-2019 further established that each Trustee member must report their continuing education hours by category to the Chairperson of the Pension Committee who would then report the aggregate hours of each category of education/training to the full Board of Trustees at its October 2019 meeting, and annually thereafter; and

**WHEREAS**, there currently exists throughout the state of Louisiana and the city of New Orleans, a public health emergency due to the COVID-19 coronavirus, declared by official proclamations issued by both the Mayor of New Orleans (Proclamation 2020-02449) and the Governor of the State of Louisiana (Proclamations Nos. 25 JBE 2020, JBE 2020-30, 33 JBE 2020 and extended through the end of the COVID-19 pandemic by Emergency Proclamation 110 JBE 2020 signed by Governor John Bel Edwards August 26, 2020) ; and

**WHEREAS**, this public health emergency and best practices in response to it require all of us to avoid large gatherings and maintain personal distance from one another, and thereby have necessitated major adjustments in work, home and public environments; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the public health emergency, Trustees members have been unable to attend seminars and trainings in order to satisfactorily complete their 2020 continuing education requirements.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Trustees of the Employees' Retirement System of Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans that the 2020 continuing education requirements are hereby waived, and further, henceforth each Trustee member must report their continuing education hours by category to the Chairperson of the Pension Committee who will then report the aggregate hours of each category of education/training to the full Board of Trustees at its December 2021 meeting, and annually thereafter.

This resolution shall be incorporated into the By-Laws of the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans.

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I, Ghassan Korban, Executive Director,  
Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans, do hereby  
certify that the above and foregoing is a true and  
correct copy of a Resolution adopted at the  
Meeting of said Board, duly called and held,  
according to law, on October 21, 2020.

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**GHASSAN KORBAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**  
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<i>Strategic Asset Allocation</i>			2.86	8.92	3.37	9.15	7.30	7.13	6.28	7.28	5.96	Jul-02
<b>Equity Composite</b>	<b>106,131,350</b>	<b>47.66</b>	<b>5.69</b>	<b>14.60</b>	<b>6.00</b>	<b>13.63</b>	--	--	--	--	<b>10.12</b>	<b>Jan-18</b>
<i>Equity Balanced Index</i>			5.90	15.61	4.92	16.27	--	--	--	--	8.63	Jan-18
Earnest Partners	40,062,137	17.99	5.19	12.51	-8.07	-6.15	-1.70	3.90	3.03	--	5.26	Oct-11
<i>MSCI ACWI ex USA</i>			4.28	13.85	-3.05	8.31	2.63	5.75	4.55	--	6.15	Oct-11
iShares S&P 500 Growth ETF	27,423,268	12.31	9.42	22.56	26.90	38.12	21.43	--	--	--	19.37	Mar-16
<i>Russell 1000 Growth</i>			10.32	23.98	30.47	44.34	24.18	--	--	--	23.54	Mar-16
NewSouth Capital	25,805,686	11.59	3.32	8.99	-5.47	4.57	9.05	8.85	9.54	--	12.17	Sep-11
<i>Russell 2500 Value</i>			4.54	9.69	-15.12	-4.96	0.16	4.72	5.66	--	10.10	Sep-11
Barrow, Hanley, Mewhinney, & Strauss	12,829,604	5.76	3.91	7.51	-10.65	-1.01	--	--	--	--	--	Aug-06
<i>Russell 1000 Value</i>			4.13	7.53	-9.35	0.84	--	--	--	--	--	Aug-06
Chicago Equity Partners	10,655	0.00	-0.83	2.29	-5.51	3.90	7.33	9.19	10.09	12.89	8.12	Jun-06
<i>Russell 1000</i>			7.34	16.14	10.43	22.50	14.58	14.31	13.70	15.19	9.72	Jun-06
<b>Fixed Income Composite</b>	<b>80,161,163</b>	<b>36.00</b>	<b>-0.16</b>	<b>3.69</b>	<b>7.29</b>	<b>7.84</b>	--	--	--	--	<b>6.36</b>	<b>Jan-18</b>
<i>Fixed Income Balanced Index</i>			-0.57	2.02	6.40	6.43	--	--	--	--	5.72	Jan-18
Pyramis Global Advisors (Fidelity)	80,125,734	35.98	-0.16	3.69	7.29	7.85	5.71	5.33	5.04	4.54	5.20	May-07
<i>BBgBarc US Aggregate TR</i>			-0.81	1.31	6.85	6.47	5.09	4.33	4.12	3.65	4.52	May-07
Zazove Associates, LLC (Residual Asset)	35,429	0.02	10.95	17.23	-0.81	-9.29	--	--	--	--	24.07	Jan-18
<i>ICE BofA Convertibles Securities TR</i>			9.93	25.04	31.20	41.00	--	--	--	--	19.98	Jan-18

## Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans ERS Total Composite

Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans ERS Total  
Composite Performance

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	Market Value (\$)	% of Portfolio	1 Mo (%)	3 Mo (%)	YTD (%)	1 Yr (%)	3 Yrs (%)	5 Yrs (%)	7 Yrs (%)	10 Yrs (%)	Inception (%)	Inception Date
<b>Real Estate Composite</b>	<b>17,488,322</b>	<b>7.85</b>	<b>0.45</b>	<b>6.63</b>	<b>-10.13</b>	<b>-7.88</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>3.45</b>	<b>Jan-18</b>
Real Estate Balanced Index			0.79	7.85	-15.01	-13.68	--	--	--	--	-0.18	Jan-18
Vanguard Real Estate ETF	17,488,322	7.85	0.45	6.63	-10.13	-7.88	3.45	6.52	8.08	9.32	8.70	May-10
MSCI US REIT			0.79	7.85	-15.01	-13.68	0.09	3.95	5.69	7.40	6.82	May-10
<b>Alternatives Composite</b>	<b>17,120,657</b>	<b>7.69</b>	<b>1.77</b>	<b>7.36</b>	<b>0.20</b>	<b>-0.39</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>0.52</b>	<b>Jan-18</b>
Alternatives Balanced Index			2.21	6.56	2.81	5.51	--	--	--	--	2.55	Jan-18
Prisma Capital Partners LP	17,101,173	7.68	1.77	7.36	0.19	-0.40	1.41	1.09	2.15	2.97	2.71	May-07
HFRI Fund of Funds Composite Index			2.23	6.59	2.84	5.53	3.13	2.76	3.30	3.15	1.70	May-07
Equitas Capital Advisors (Residual Asset)	19,485	0.01	6.52	6.54	5.75	5.08	--	--	--	--	0.68	Jan-18
HFRI Fund of Funds Composite Index			2.23	6.59	2.84	5.53	--	--	--	--	2.56	Jan-18
<b>Cash &amp; Equivalents</b>	<b>1,788,978</b>	<b>0.80</b>										
Cash Account	1,788,978	0.80										

- Strategic Asset Allocation = 27% Russell 3000 / 20% MSCI ACWI ex USA / 35% BBgBarc US Universal TR / 8% HFRI Fund of Funds Composite Index / 9% MSCI US REIT / 1% FTSE T-Bill 1 Month TR

- Equity Balanced Index = Weighted Average of MSCI ACWI ex USA / Russell 2500 / S&P 500 Growth / Russell 1000 / Russell 1000 Value

- Fixed Income Balanced Index = Weighted Average of BBgBarc US Universal TR / ICE BofA All US Convertibles TR

- Real Estate Balanced Index = Weighted Average of MSCI US REIT

- Alternatives Balanced Index = Weighted Average of HFRI Fund of Funds Composite Index

-Performance for all accounts and composites reported gross of fees unless otherwise indicated. Reported activity, units, unit values, and the resulting performance for commingled fund managers including Earnest Partners, Barrow Hanley, Pyramis/Fidelity and Prisma Capital Partners have a 30 to 45 day period reporting lag with the custodian. Shown values, prices and performance can be reflective of 30-60 days prior.



## Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans ERS Total Composite

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## Strategic Asset Allocation Policy

<b>12/31/1989-8/31/1994</b>		<b>3/1/2005-6/30/2007</b>		<b>10/01/2009-3/31/2010</b>		<b>3/1/2016-4/30/2016</b>	
CG Broad Bond	75%	Russell 3000	40.00%	Russell 3000	33.50%	Russell 3000	33.00%
S&P 500	25%	MSCI ACWI exUS	7.75%	MSCI ACWI exUS	8.50%	MSCI ACWI exUS	9.00%
		CG Broad Bond	25.00%	Barclays Agg Bond	28.00%	Barclays Aggregate	37.00%
<b>9/1/1994-8/31/1997</b>		CG World Govt Bond	10.00%	Barclays Global Tips	9.00%	HFRI Fund of Funds	8.75%
CG Broad Bond	55%	CSFB Tremont/Hdge	7.25%	CSFB Tremont/Hdge	8.75%	MSCI REIT	3.25%
Russell 1000 Value	25%	90-Day US T-Bill	10.00%	S&P GSCI	7.25%	30 Day T-Bill	9.00%
Russell 1000 Growth	11%			DJ Wilshire xUS Resi	1.75%		
Russell 2000 Growth	9%			MSCI REIT	3.25%		
		<b>7/1/2007-8/31/2008</b>				<b>5/1/2016 -8/31/2019</b>	
		Russell 3000	40.00%			Russell 3000	40.25%
<b>9/1/1997-2/28/1999</b>		MSCI ACWI exUS	7.75%	<b>4/01/2010-4/30/2014</b>		MSCI ACWI exUS	9.00%
CG Broad Bond	45%	CG Broad Bond	25.00%	Russell 3000	33.50%	Barclays Universal	37.00%
Russell 1000Value	30%	CG World Govt Bond	10.00%	MSCI ACWI exUS	8.50%	HFRI Fund of Funds	8.75%
Russell 1000 Growth	14%	CSFB Tremont/Hdge	7.25%	Barclays Agg Bond	28.00%	MSCI REIT	3.25%
Russell 2000 Growth	11%	DJ Global Index	10.00%	Barclays Global Tips	9.00%	30 Day T-Bill	1.75%
				CSFB Tremont/Hdge	8.75%		
		<b>9/01/2008-11/30/2008</b>		S&P GSCI	7.25%	<b>9/01/2019 - Present</b>	
<b>3/1/1999-8/31/2000</b>		Russell 3000	40.00%	MSCI REIT	3.25%	Russell 3000	27.00%
CG Broad Bond	45%	MSCI ACWI exUS	7.75%	FTSE EPRA/Nareit xUS	1.75%	MSCI ACWI exUS	20.00%
Russell 1000Value	30%	CG Broad Bond	25.00%			Barclays Universal	35.00%
S&P 500	14%	CG World Govt Bond	10.00%	<b>5/01/2014-11/30/2015</b>		HFRI Fund of Funds	8.00%
Russell 2000 Growth	11%	CSFB Tremont/Hdge	7.25%	Russell 3000	33.00%	MSCI REIT	9.00%
		DJ Wilshire xUS Resi	5.00%	MSCI ACWI exUS	9.00%	30 Day T-Bill	1.00%
<b>9/1/2000-8/31/2001</b>		90 Day US T-Bill	5.00%	Barclays Agg Bond	28.00%		
CG Broad Bond	45%			Barclays Global Tips	9.00%		
Russell 1000 Value	30%	<b>12/01/2008-4/30/2009</b>		HFRI Fund of Funds	8.75%		
Russell 1000 Growth	14%	Russell 3000	40.00%	S&P GSCI	7.25%		
Russell 2000 Growth	11%	MSCI ACWI exUS	7.75%	MSCI REIT	3.25%		
		CG Broad Bond	25.00%	FTSE EPRA/Nareit xUS	1.75%		
<b>9/1/2001-1/31/2002</b>		CG World Govt Bond	10.00%			<b>12/01/2015-2/28/2016</b>	
CG Broad Bond	45%	CSFB Tremont/Hdge	7.25%	Russell 3000	33.00%	Russell 3000	33.00%
Russell 1000 Value	30%	DJ Wilshire xUS Resi	5.00%	MSCI ACWI exUS	9.00%	MSCI ACWI exUS	9.00%
Russell 1000 Growth	14%	90 Day US T-Bill	5.00%	Barclays Agg Bond	37.00%	Barclays Agg Bond	37.00%
Russell 2000	11%			HFRI Fund of Funds	8.75%	HFRI Fund of Funds	8.75%
				S&P GSCI	7.25%	S&P GSCI	7.25%
<b>2/01/2002-2/28/2005</b>		<b>5/01/2009-9/30/2009</b>		MSCI REIT	3.25%	MSCI REIT	3.25%
CG Broad Bond	35%	Russell 3000	30.00%	FTSE EPRA/Nareit xUS	1.75%		
Russell 1000 Value	30%	MSCI ACWI exUS	7.75%				
Russell 1000 Growth	14%	Barclays Agg Bond	25.00%				
Russell 2000	11%	Barclays Global Tips	10.00%				
ML IG Conv. Bonds	10%	CSFB Tremont/Hdge	7.25%				
		90 Day US T-Bill	20.00%				

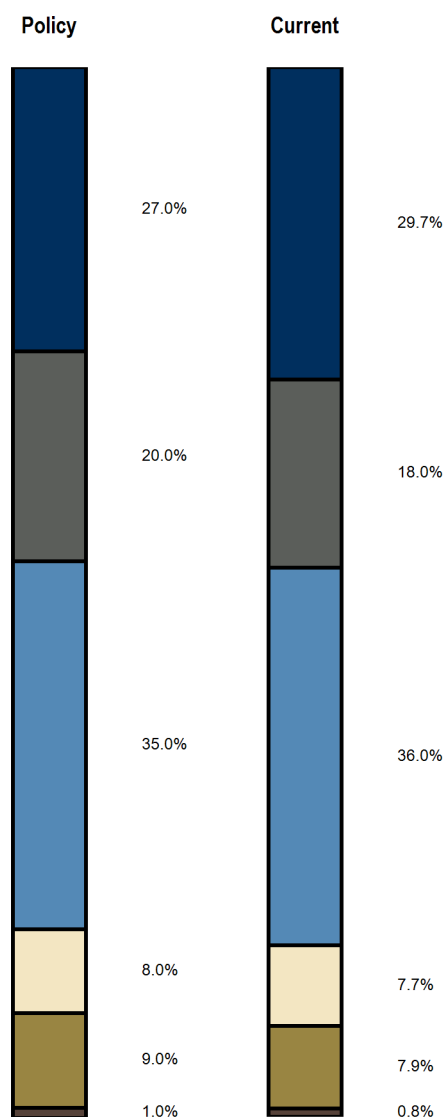
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## Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans ERS Total Composite

Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans ERS Total  
Composite Allocation

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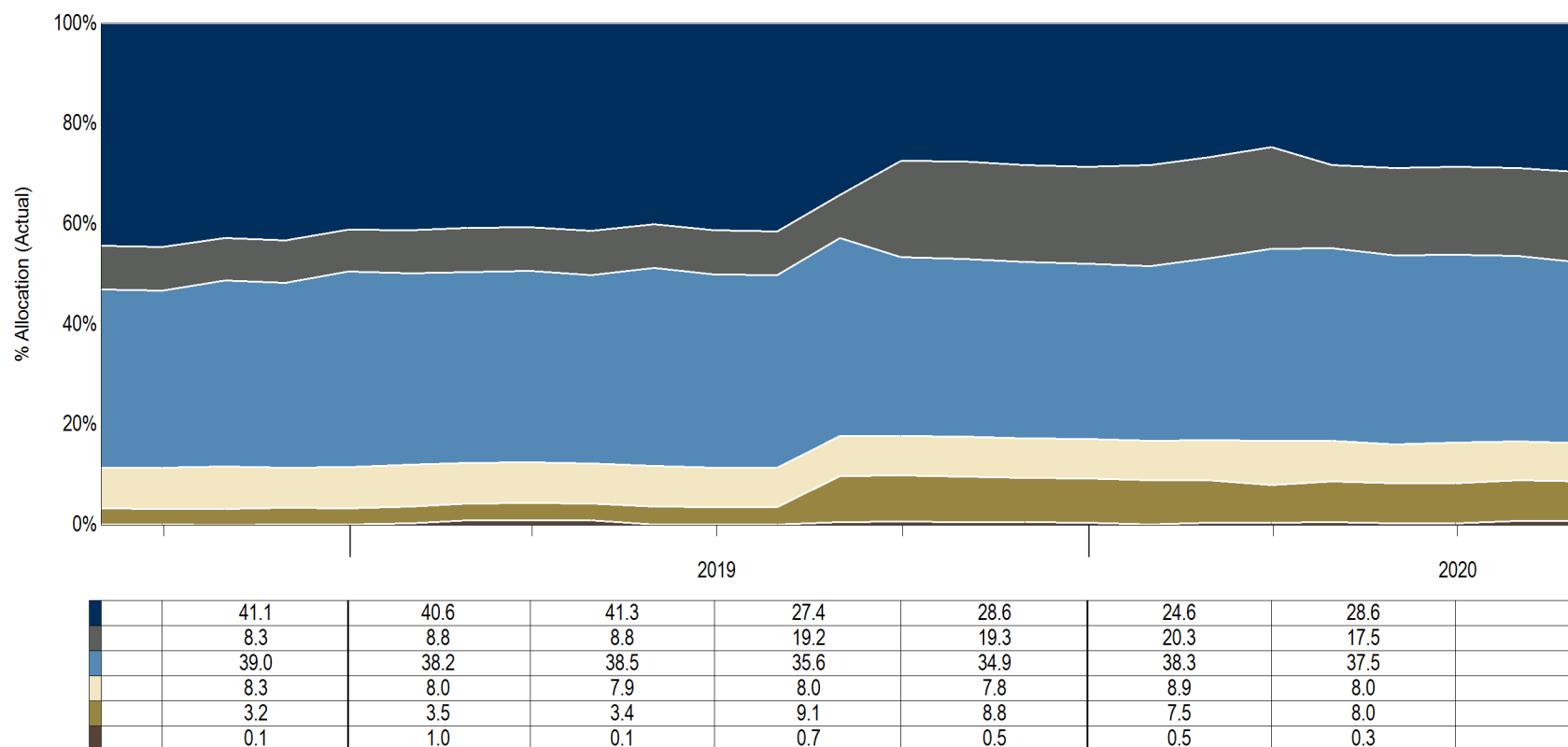
Allocation vs. Targets and Policy							
	Current Balance	Current Allocation	Target	Target Range	Difference*	Within IPS Range?	
<b>US Equity</b>	\$66,069,212	29.7%	27.0%	15.0% - 35.0%	2.7%	Yes	
iShares S&P 500 Growth ETF	\$27,423,268	12.3%					
NewSouth Capital	\$25,805,686	11.6%					
Barrow, Hanley, Mewhinney, & Strauss	\$12,829,604	5.8%					
Chicago Equity Partners	\$10,655	0.0%					
<b>Non-US Equity</b>	\$40,062,137	18.0%	20.0%	15.0% - 30.0%	-2.0%	Yes	
Earnest Partners	\$40,062,137	18.0%					
<b>US Fixed Income</b>	\$80,161,163	36.0%	35.0%	25.0% - 50.0%	1.0%	Yes	
Pyramis Global Advisors (Fidelity)	\$80,125,734	36.0%					
Zazove Associates, LLC (Residual Asset)	\$35,429	0.0%					
<b>Alternatives</b>	\$17,120,657	7.7%	8.0%	5.0% - 12.0%	-0.3%	Yes	
Prisma Capital Partners LP	\$17,101,173	7.7%					
Equitas Capital Advisors (Residual Asset)	\$19,485	0.0%					
<b>Real Estate</b>	\$17,488,322	7.9%	9.0%	5.0% - 12.0%	-1.1%	Yes	
Vanguard Real Estate ETF	\$17,488,322	7.9%					
<b>Cash</b>	\$1,788,978	0.8%	1.0%	0.0% - 1.0%	-0.2%	Yes	
Cash Account	\$1,788,978	0.8%					
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$222,690,470</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>				

\*Difference between Target and Current Allocation

## Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans ERS Total Composite

Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans ERS Total  
Composite Allocation History

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Asset Allocation History  
2 Years Ending August 31, 2020

US Equity

Non-US Equity

US Fixed Income

Alternatives

Real Estate

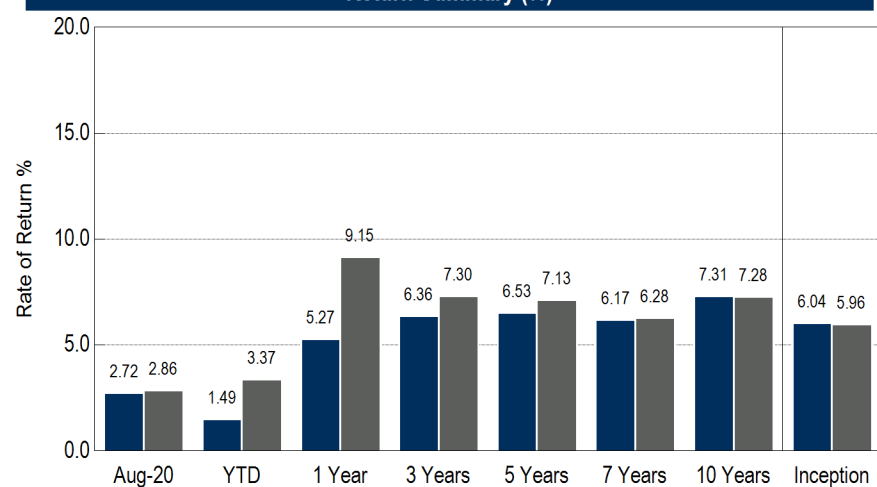
Cash

## Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans ERS Total Composite

Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans ERS Total  
Composite Performance

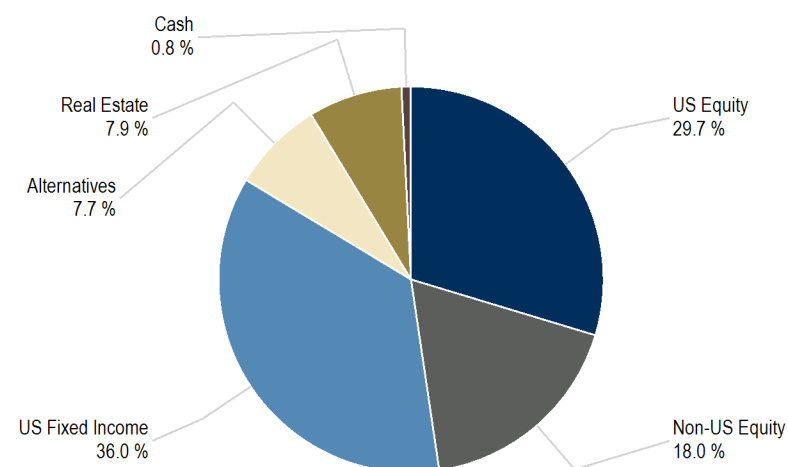
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## Return Summary (%)



■ Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans ERS Total Composite  
 ■ Strategic Asset Allocation

## Current Allocation



## Summary of Cash Flows

	Last Month	Year-To-Date
Beginning Market Value	\$216,816,226	\$225,441,131
Contributions	\$0	\$21,953,673
Withdrawals	-\$28,731	-\$26,249,487
Net Cash Flow	-\$28,731	-\$4,295,815
Net Investment Change	\$5,902,974	\$1,545,153
Ending Market Value	\$222,690,470	\$222,690,470
Net Change	\$5,874,243	-\$2,750,661

## Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans ERS Total Composite







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## Asset Allocation by Manager vs. Difference from Target

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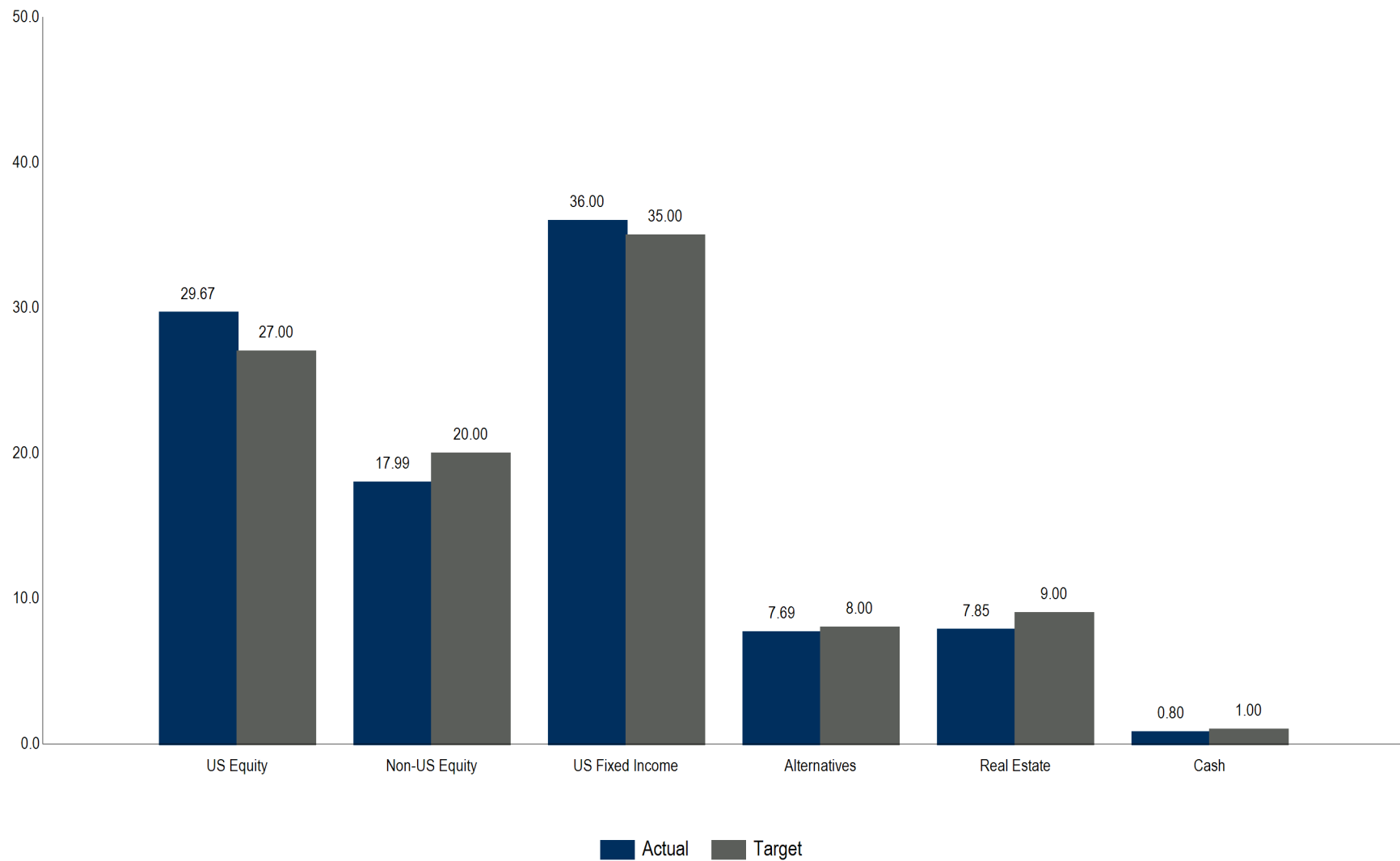
	Total Market Value	% of Portfolio	US Equity	Non-US Equity	US Fixed Income	Alternatives	Real Estate	Cash
<b>US Equity</b>								
iShares S&P 500 Growth ETF	\$27,423,268	12.3%	\$27,423,268					
NewSouth Capital	\$25,805,686	11.6%	\$25,805,686					
Barrow, Hanley, Mewhinney, & Strauss	\$12,829,604	5.8%	\$12,829,604					
Chicago Equity Partners	\$10,655	0.0%	\$10,655					
<b>Non-US Equity</b>								
Earnest Partners	\$40,062,137	18.0%		\$40,062,137				
<b>US Fixed Income</b>								
Pyramis Global Advisors (Fidelity)	\$80,125,734	36.0%			\$80,125,734			
Zazove Associates, LLC (Residual Asset)	\$35,429	0.0%			\$35,429			
<b>Alternatives</b>								
Prisma Capital Partners LP	\$17,101,173	7.7%				\$17,101,173		
Equitas Capital Advisors (Residual Asset)	\$19,485	0.0%				\$19,485		
<b>Real Estate</b>								
Vanguard Real Estate ETF	\$17,488,322	7.9%					\$17,488,322	
<b>Cash</b>								
Cash Account	\$1,788,978	0.8%						\$1,788,978
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$222,690,470</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$66,069,212</b>	<b>\$40,062,137</b>	<b>\$80,161,163</b>	<b>\$17,120,657</b>	<b>\$17,488,322</b>	<b>\$1,788,978</b>
Percent of Total			29.7%	18.0%	36.0%	7.7%	7.9%	0.8%
Difference from Target (%)			2.7%	-2.0%	1.0%	-0.3%	-1.1%	-0.2%
Difference from Target (\$)			\$5,942,785	-\$4,475,956	\$2,219,499	-\$694,580	-\$2,553,820	-\$437,927

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Allocation vs. New Targets and Policy						
	Current Balance	Current Allocation	Target	Difference*	Target Range	Within IPS Range?
 US Equity	\$66,069,212	29.7%	27.0%	\$5,942,785	15.0% - 35.0%	Yes
 Non-US Equity	\$40,062,137	18.0%	20.0%	-\$4,475,956	15.0% - 30.0%	Yes
 US Fixed Income	\$80,161,163	36.0%	35.0%	\$2,219,499	25.0% - 50.0%	Yes
 Alternatives	\$17,120,657	7.7%	8.0%	-\$694,580	5.0% - 12.0%	Yes
 Real Estate	\$17,488,322	7.9%	9.0%	-\$2,553,820	5.0% - 12.0%	Yes
 Cash	\$1,788,978	0.8%	1.0%	-\$437,927	0.0% - 1.0%	Yes
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$222,690,470</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>			

\*Difference between Target and Current Allocation

Actual vs Target Allocation (%)  
As of August 31, 2020



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**31 Day T-Bills** – The average discount rate at which the US government is issuing short term-debt.

**BBgBarc Municipal Bond: 1-10 Year Blend** - A component of the BBgBarc Capital Municipal Bond Index with municipal bonds in the 1-10 year blend (1-12) maturity range.

**BBgBarc 1-5 Government/Credit** - BBgBarc 1-5 Year Government/Credit Index: Includes all medium and larger issues of U.S. government, investment-grade corporate, and investment-grade international dollar-denominated bonds that have maturities of between 1 and 5 years and are publicly issued.

**BBgBarc 1-5 Year Government** - An inclusion of securities within the BBgBarc Government Index that have a maturity range from 1 up to (but not including) 5 years.

**BBgBarc 1-5 Year Treasury** - The 1-5 year component of the BBgBarc Capital U.S. Treasury Index with securities in the maturity range from 1 year up to (but not including) 5 years.

**BBgBarc Credit 1-3 Year** - BBgBarc 1-5 Year Credit Index: Includes all medium and larger issues of U.S. government, investment-grade corporate, and investment-grade international dollar denominated bonds that have maturities of between 1 and 3 years and are publicly issued.

**BBgBarc U.S. Government/Credit (BCGC)** - The Government/Credit component of the U.S. Aggregate. The government portion includes treasuries (public obligations of the U.S. Treasury that have remaining maturities of more than one year) and agencies (publicly issued debt of the U.S. Government agencies, quasi-federal corporations, and corporate or foreign debt guaranteed by the U.S. Government). The credit portion includes publicly issued U.S. corporate and foreign debentures and secured notes that meet specified maturity, liquidity, and quality requirements. Must be a publicly issued, dollar-denominated and non-convertible, U.S. Government or Investment Grade Credit security. Must be rated investment-grade (Baa3/BBB- or higher) by at least two of the following rating agencies: Moody's, S&P, Fitch; regardless of call features, have at least one year to final maturity, and have an outstanding par value amount of at least \$250 million.

**BBgBarc Intermediate U.S. Government/Credit (BCIGC)** - The intermediate component of the BBgBarc Capital Government/Credit Index with securities in the maturity range from 1 up to (but not including) 10 years.

**BBgBarc Global Aggregate** - The index is designed to be a broad based measure of the global investment-grade, fixed rate, fixed income corporate markets. The major components of this index are the US Aggregate, Pan-European Aggregate, and the Asian-Pacific Aggregate Indices. The index also includes Eurodollar and Euro-Yen corporate bonds, Canadian government, agency and corporate securities.

**BBgBarc Global Aggregate Intermediate** - The intermediate component of the BBgBarc Global Aggregate index with securities in the maturity range from 1 up to (but not including) 10 years.

**BBgBarc U.S. Government: Intermediate** - The intermediate component of the BBgBarc Capital U.S. Government Index with securities in the maturity range from 1 up to (but not including) 10 years.

**BBgBarc U.S. Government: Long** - The long component of the BBgBarc Capital U.S. Government Index with securities in the maturity range from 10 years or more.

**BBgBarc LT Muni** - A component of the BBgBarc Capital Municipal Bond Index with municipal bonds with a maturity range greater than 20 years.

**BBgBarc Municipal Bond Index** - A rules-based, market-value weighted index that is engineered for the long-term tax-exempt bond market. Bonds must be rated investment-grade (Baa3/BBB- or higher) by at least two of the following rating agencies: Moody's, S&P, Fitch. The bonds must be fixed rate, have a dated-date after December 31, 1990, have an outstanding par value of at least \$7million, and be issued as part of a transaction of at least \$75 million. The four main sectors of the index are: general obligation bonds, revenue bonds, insured bonds (including all insured bonds with a Aaa/AAA rating), and prefunded bonds. Remarketed issues, taxable municipal bonds, floating rate bonds, and derivatives, are excluded from the benchmark.

**BBgBarc U.S. Treasury** - A component of the U.S. Government Index. Must be publicly issued, dollar-denominated and non-convertible, fixed rate (although it may carry a coupon that steps up or changes according to a predetermined schedule) U.S. Treasury security. Must be rated investment-grade (Baa3/BBB- or higher) by at least two of the following rating agencies: Moody's, S&P, Fitch; regardless of call features, have at least one year to final maturity, and have an outstanding par value amount of at least \$250 million.

**BBgBarc U.S. Treasury: Intermediate (BCIT)** - The intermediate component of the BBgBarc Capital U.S. Treasury Index with securities in the maturity range from 1 year (but not including) 10 years.

**BBgBarc U.S. Treasury: Long** - The long component of the BBgBarc Capital U.S. Treasury Index with securities in the maturity range from 10 years or more.

**BBgBarc U.S. Treasury: U.S. TIPS** - Comprised of Inflation-Protection securities issued by the U.S. Treasury. Must be a fixed rate, publicly issued U.S. Treasury Inflation Note that is dollar-denominated and non-convertible. Must be rated investment-grade (Baa3/BBB- or higher) by at least two of the following rating agencies: Moody's, S&P, Fitch; have at least one year to final maturity, and have an outstanding par value amount of at least \$250 million.

**BBgBarc High Yield Composite BB** - A component of the BBgBarc U.S. Corporate High Yield Bond Index with bonds in the BB or better.

**FTSE 1-3 Year U.S. Treasury** - Component of the FTSE U.S. Treasury that measures total returns for U.S. Treasuries with a maturity between 1-3 years.

**FTSE 3 Month U.S. Treasury Bill** - This index measures monthly return equivalents of yield averages that are not marked to market. The Three-Month Treasury Bill Indices consist of the last three three-month Treasury bill issues.

**FTSE World Government Bond** - FTSE World Government Bond Index (WGBI), includes the most significant and liquid government bond markets globally that carry at least an investment grade rating.

**FTSE World Government Bond ex US** – Similar to the FTSE World Government Bond Index (WGBI), includes the most significant and liquid government bond markets globally that carry at least an investment grade rating but excludes bonds from the United States.

**Consumer Price Index** - All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) - As an economic indicator, and as the most widely used measure of inflation, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) is an indicator of the effectiveness of government policy, and as a guide in making economic decisions for business executives, labor leaders, and other private citizens. Published on a monthly basis by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), the CPI is a measure of the average change in prices over time of goods and services purchased by households. CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) encompasses approximately 87 percent of the total U.S. population which includes, in addition to wage earner and clerical worker households, groups such as professional, managerial, and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force.

**Dow Jones UBS Commodity** - Provides a diversified representation of commodity markets as an asset class. The index is comprised of exchange-traded futures on physical commodities; representing 19 commodities which are weighted for economic significance and market liquidity. To promote diversification, weighting restrictions are placed on individual commodities and commodity groups.

**FTSE NAREIT U.S. Real Estate** - All REITs - The index is designed to represent a comprehensive performance of publicly traded REITs which covers the commercial real estate space across the US economy, offering exposure to all investment and property sectors. It is not free float adjusted, and constituents are not required to meet minimum size and liquidity criteria.

**HFRI Equity Hedge Fund Index** - The index is designed to represent strategies which maintain positions both long and short in primarily equity and equity derivative securities. A wide variety of investment processes can be employed to arrive at an investment decision, including both quantitative and fundamental techniques; strategies can be broadly diversified or narrowly focused on specific sectors and can range broadly in terms of levels of net exposure, leverage employed, holding period, concentrations of market capitalizations and valuation ranges of typical portfolios. Equity Hedge managers would typically maintain at least 50% exposure to, and may in some cases be entirely invested in, equities - both long and short.

**HFRI (Hedge Fund Research, Inc.) Fund of Funds Composite Index (1)** - The index only contains fund of funds, which invest with multiple managers through funds or managed accounts. It is an equalweighted index, which includes over 650 domestic and offshore funds that have at least \$50 Million under management or have been actively trading for at least 12 months. All funds report assets in US Dollar, and Net of All Fees returns which are on a monthly basis.

**MSCI ACWI** - A free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of both developed and emerging markets. This "All Country World Index" reflects performance across the Americas, Europe & the Middle East, Africa, Asia, and the Pacific.

**MSCI EAFE** - A free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed markets, excluding the U.S. and Canada. As of December 31, 2010 the MSCI EAFE Index consists of 22 developed market country indices: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom.

**MSCI EAFE Value -Net Dividend** - A free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed markets, excluding the U.S. and Canada. Value attribute for index construction is defined using: book value to price ratio, 12-months forward earnings to price ratio, and dividend yield. Net total return indices reinvest dividends after the deduction of withholding taxes, using (for international indices) a tax rate applicable to non-resident institutional investors who do not benefit from double taxation treaties.

**MSCI EAFE Growth -Net Dividend** - A free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed markets, excluding the U.S. and Canada. Growth attribute for index construction is defined using: long-term forward earnings per share (EPS) growth rate, short-term forward EPS growth rate, current internal growth rate, long-term historical EPS growth trend, long-term historical sales per share growth trend. Net total return indices reinvest dividends after the deduction of withholding taxes, using (for international indices) a tax rate applicable to non-resident institutional investors who do not benefit from double taxation treaties.

**MSCI Emerging Markets** - A free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure equity market performance of emerging markets. As of December 31, 2010, the MSCI Emerging Markets Index consists of the following 21 emerging market country indices: Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, Czech Republic, Egypt, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Russia, South Africa, Taiwan, Thailand, and Turkey.

**MSCI World** - A free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed markets. As of December 31, 2010, the MSCI World Index consists of the following 24 developed market country indices: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

**NCREIF** - The index is a quarterly time series composite total rate of return measure of investment performance of a very large pool of individual commercial real estate properties acquired in the private market for investment purposes only. Information on this index is available at [ncreif.com](http://ncreif.com).

**Russell 1000** - Based on a combination of their market cap and current index membership, this index is comprised of approximately 1,000 of the largest securities from the Russell 3000. Representing approximately 92% of the Russell 3000, the index is created to provide a full and unbiased indicator of the large cap segment.

**Russell 1000 Growth** - Measures the performance of those Russell 1000 companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values.

**Russell 1000 Value** - Measures the performance of those Russell 1000 companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower expected growth values.

**Russell 2000** - Based on a combination of their market cap and current index membership, this index is comprised of approximately 2,000 of the smaller securities from the Russell 3000. Representing approximately 8% of the Russell 3000, the index is created to provide a full and unbiased indicator of the small cap segment.

**Russell 2000 Growth** - Measures the performance of those Russell 2000 companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values.

**Russell 2000 Value** - Measures the performance of those Russell 2000 companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower expected growth values.

**Russell 2500** - Based on a combination of their market cap and current index membership, this index is comprised of approximately 2,500 of the smallest securities from the Russell 3000. Measures the performance of the small to mid-cap (smid) segment of the U.S. equity universe.

**Russell 2500 Growth** - Measures the performance of those Russell 2500 companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values.

**Russell 2500 Value** - Measures the performance of those Russell 2500 companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower expected growth values.

**Russell 3000** - Representing approximately 98% of the investable U.S. equity market, the Russell 3000 index measures the performance of the largest 3,000 U.S. companies.

**Russell 3000 Growth** - Measures the performance of the broad growth segment of the U.S. equity universe which includes Russell 3000 companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values.

**Russell 3000 Value** - Measures the performance of the broad growth segment of the U.S. equity universe which includes Russell 3000 companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth values.

**Russell Midcap** - A subset of the Russell 1000 index, the Russell Midcap index measures the performance of the mid-cap segment of the U.S. equity universe. Based on a combination of their market cap and current index membership, includes approximately 800 of the smallest securities which represents approximately 27% of the total market capitalization of the Russell 1000 companies. The index is created to provide a full and unbiased indicator of the mid-cap segment.

**Russell Midcap Growth** - Measures the performance of those Russell Mid-cap companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values.

**Russell Midcap Value** - Measures the performance of those Russell Mid-cap companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower expected growth values.

**Standard & Poor's 400 MidCap** - Comprised of 400 domestic stocks that are chosen based upon market capitalization, liquidity and industry representation. The medium size US firms range with a market capitalization between \$2 billion to \$10 billion, and are between the S&P 500 Index and the S&P Smallcap 600 Index. It is a market-weighted index, which represents approximately 7% of the aggregate market value of US companies.

**Standard & Poor's 500** - Representing approximately 75% of the investable US equity market, the S&P 500 measures changes in stock market conditions based on the average performance of 500 widely held common stocks. It is a market-weighted index calculated on a total return basis with dividend reinvested.

**Stark 300 Trader** - The Stark 300 index tracks the performance of the top-300 futures and forex traders. The index is calculated monthly using an equity-weighted formula to determine performance.

## Index Abbreviations

**Bloomberg Barclays** – Abbreviated as BBgBarc and then a descriptor. For example BBgBarc US Aggregate TR is the Bloomberg Barclays United States Aggregate Total Return.

## Statistics and General Definitions

**Alpha** – Measures how well a portfolio performed versus its benchmark after factoring in the amount of risk (as measured by beta) taken. Technically, alpha is the difference between the excess return of a portfolio and the excess return of the benchmark multiplied by beta. Excess return is simply the actual return minus the return of the risk-free asset, U.S. Treasury Bill. A positive alpha indicates the portfolio has performed better than the benchmark on a risk-adjusted basis.

**Allocation Effect** – Attributable to the asset allocation of the portfolio.

**Annual Standard Deviation** – A measure of variability in returns. The annual standard deviation measures the dispersion of annual returns around the average annualized return.

**Annualized Return** – A statistical technique whereby returns covering periods greater than one year are converted to cover a one year period.

**Attribution** – Analytical technique used to evaluate the performance of the portfolio relative to a benchmark. Attribution shows where value was added or subtracted as a result of the investment manager's decisions. The four main attribution effects are: Selection or Manager Effect, Allocation Effect, Currency Effect, and Interaction Effect.

**Beta** – A coefficient measuring a portfolio's relative volatility with respect to its market. Technically, beta is the covariance of a portfolio's return with the benchmark portfolio's return divided by the variance of the benchmark portfolio's return. Thus, a portfolio with a beta greater than 1.00, indicates the portfolio experienced greater volatility than the benchmark, whereas a portfolio with a beta less than 1.00, indicates the portfolio experienced less volatility than the benchmark.

**Commitments** – Also called Committed Capital. The amount an investor has agreed to contribute towards the funding of a venture capital fund. May be paid at one time or over a longer period.

**Consumer Price Index** – Measures the change in consumer prices, as determined by a monthly survey of the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. CPI components include housing costs, food, transportation and electricity.

**Correlation** – Measures the strength of association between two variables. The value ranges between -1 and +1. The strongest linear relationship is indicated by a correlation of -1 or +1. The weakest linear relationship is indicated by a correlation of 0. Positive correlation means if one variable gets bigger, the other variable tends to get bigger. Negative correlation means that if one variable gets bigger, the other variable tends to get smaller.

**Currency Effect** – The effect that changes in currency exchange rates over time affect excess performance

**Downside Capture Ratio** – Measures investment manager's performance in down markets relative to a particular benchmark. A down-market is defined as those periods (months or quarters) in which market return is less than 0%.

**Duration** – A measure of the price sensitivity of a bond or bond portfolio to a change in interest rates.

**Information Ratio** – Describes the risk / reward trade-off of alpha and tracking error. Because the formula for calculating information ratio is Alpha divided by Tracking Error, the larger the information ratio, the more attractive the portfolio is from an overall risk return profile.

**Interaction Effect** – The portion that is not accounted for by the Selection/Manager Effect or Allocation effects.

**R2** – Also called the coefficient of determination. On the detail page, R2 measures how much of the variation in the investment manager's returns can be explained by movements in the market (benchmark).

**Sharpe Ratio** – A risk-adjusted measure calculated using standard deviation and excess return to determine reward per unit of risk. The higher the Sharpe ratio, the better the manager's historical risk-adjusted performance.

**Selection or Manager Effect** – attributable to the investment manager's stock selection decisions

**Tracking Error** – A measure that describes the volatility of the expected excess return (alpha) achieved through active management. Since excess return can only be achieved through a portfolio that actively differs from the benchmark, the level of tracking error is indicative of how different the portfolio will perform relative to any given benchmark.

**Upside Capture Ratio** – Measures investment manager's performance in up markets relative to a particular benchmark. An up-market is defined as those periods (months or quarters) in which market return is greater than 0%.

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# A BLUEPRINT FOR RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT

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SUSTAINABLE MARKETS

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# ABOUT THE PRI

**“Our aim over the next 10 years is to bring responsible investors together to work towards sustainable markets that contribute to a more prosperous world for all.”**



# The PRI is the world's leading proponent of responsible investment

The six Principles for Responsible Investment are a voluntary set of investment principles that offer a menu of possible actions for incorporating environmental, social and governance (ESG) issues into investment practice. The Principles were developed by investors, under the leadership of the United Nations (UN). They have attracted a global signatory base representing a majority of the world's professionally managed investments.

The PRI supports its international network of signatories in implementing the Principles. As long-term investors acting in the best interests of their beneficiaries and clients, our signatories work to understand the contribution that ESG factors make to investment performance, the role that investment plays in broader financial markets and the impact that those investments have on the environment and society as a whole.

Our aim over the next 10 years is to bring responsible investors together to work towards sustainable markets that contribute to a more prosperous world for all.

## The PRI's Mission

"We believe that an economically efficient, sustainable global financial system is a necessity for long-term value creation. Such a system will reward long-term, responsible investment and benefit the environment and society as a whole.

The PRI will work to achieve this sustainable global financial system by encouraging adoption of the Principles and collaboration on their implementation; by fostering good governance, integrity and accountability; and by addressing obstacles to a sustainable financial system that lie within market practices, structures and regulation."

## The six Principles for Responsible Investment

1. We will incorporate ESG issues into investment analysis and decision-making processes.
2. We will be active owners and incorporate ESG issues into our ownership policies and practices.
3. We will seek appropriate disclosure on ESG issues by the entities in which we invest.
4. We will promote acceptance and implementation of the Principles within the investment industry.
5. We will work together to enhance our effectiveness in implementing the Principles.
6. We will each report on our activities and progress towards implementing the Principles.





# THE BLUEPRINT

**responsible**, *adj. and n.* (rɪˈsponsəbl)

Being appointed to look after something. Answerable to another person for something. Morally accountable for one's actions; capable of rational conduct. Deserving of credit (or blame) for something. Capable of fulfilling an obligation or duty; reliable, trustworthy, sensible. Of a practice or activity: carried out in a morally principled or ethical way.

**sustainable**, *adj.* (səˈsteɪnəbl)

Capable of being maintained or continued in the long term. Capable of being upheld or defended as valid, correct, or true.

**prosperous**, *adj.*, ('prɒsp(ə)rəs/

Flourishing, thriving. Consistently successful, esp. economically. Of a person or community; relating to well-being: the state of being healthy, happy.







**Over the next 10 years, the PRI will focus on the following areas of impact:**

## **RESPONSIBLE INVESTORS**

We will strengthen, deepen and expand our core work: to lead responsible investors in their pursuit of long-term value and to enhance alignment throughout the investment chain.

- **EMPOWER ASSET OWNERS**
- **SUPPORT INVESTORS INCORPORATING ESG ISSUES**
- **FOSTER A COMMUNITY OF ACTIVE OWNERS**
- **SHOWCASE LEADERSHIP AND INCREASE ACCOUNTABILITY**
- **CONVENE AND EDUCATE RESPONSIBLE INVESTORS**

## **SUSTAINABLE MARKETS**

We will address unsustainable aspects of the markets that investors operate in, to achieve the economically efficient, sustainable global financial system that responsible investors and beneficiaries need.

- **CHALLENGE BARRIERS TO A SUSTAINABLE FINANCIAL SYSTEM**
- **DRIVE MEANINGFUL DATA THROUGHOUT MARKETS**

## **A PROSPEROUS WORLD FOR ALL**

We will enable signatories to improve the real world – now and in the future – by encouraging investments that contribute to prosperous and inclusive societies for current and future generations.

- **CHAMPION CLIMATE ACTION**
- **ENABLE REAL-WORLD IMPACT ALIGNED WITH THE SDGs**



# TAKING RESPONSIBILITY

A man with short, light-colored hair and a beard, wearing black-rimmed glasses, a dark blue suit, a white shirt, and a blue patterned tie, stands in the foreground. He is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. The background is a large, classical-style building with many columns and windows, slightly out of focus. The top of the image has a dark horizontal band containing the title.

**“The vision set out in this blueprint will ultimately empower our signatories to create long-term value for their beneficiaries, for the societies they inhabit and that future generations inherit.”**



## Martin Skancke

PRI Chair

I am delighted to present our blueprint for the next ten years of responsible investment.

After more than a decade establishing the PRI as the global voice of the responsible investment movement, it is time for us to set out our vision for the direction of the PRI and the wider responsible investment community over the next 10 years.

Our challenge is to focus ever more deeply on what it truly means to be a responsible investor – and to then embed that so fundamentally and comprehensively in how all investors work that responsible investment as a standalone concept melts away.

If we do this well, the power and influence exerted by the collective force of the world's biggest investors will see the effects resonate out beyond the confines of the investment industry, into broader financial markets and on to enrich the world in which we all live.

Investors' responsibility to use beneficiaries' money in line with their best interests extends beyond providing a return on their capital: it includes ensuring that that money is being invested in ways that support sustainable development towards a world in which beneficiaries can live fulfilling lives. And just as responsibility sits with investment organisations towards their beneficiaries today, we are all individually responsible for passing on tomorrow the prosperous and inclusive societies that future generations deserve, set in the thriving natural environment that requires.

That environmental, social and governance factors each contribute to creating long-term value is a case well-understood by many, but remains new to many others – so it is a case we must continue to make. We must recognise the diverse range of circumstances in which investors operate: markets, jurisdictions and individual styles vary significantly, and our work must support the full spectrum of approaches this necessitates.

We must also identify and address obstacles to the financial system having the structure, regulations and incentives that enable responsible investment to flourish. Without such a system, investors' progress will continue to be frustrated.

Ultimately, the work at the core of our movement must influence sustainable development in the real world that we and future generations share. Our signatories' success at building issues such as energy efficiency, working conditions and board diversity into their investment approach has to be considered not only in terms of its boost to their beneficiaries' returns, but also in terms of its contribution to a more prosperous world for society at large.

The PRI, just over 10 years on from its UN-led launch, is uniquely positioned to drive these changes. Our signatories, controlling the majority of the world's managed assets, bring unparalleled collective value to the PRI, and our work must reflect that by providing value to them. This includes being focused: we will seek to solve problems where we can play to our strengths and bring comparative advantage, we will seek to collaborate, not compete, and we will set out metrics by which our progress can be measured.

The vision set out in this blueprint will ultimately empower our signatories to create long-term value for their beneficiaries, for the societies they inhabit and that future generations inherit. We thank our signatories for the dedicated contribution they've made to shaping this blueprint, we applaud their efforts in driving responsible investment forward and we challenge them to take it to ever greater heights in the years ahead.



# DELIVERING A MORE PROSPEROUS WORLD FOR ALL

**“Now is the time for action: we’re ready, our signatories are ready and the world’s people deserve a response.”**





## Fiona Reynolds

PRI Managing Director

The PRI's Mission is to achieve a sustainable global financial system focused on creating long-term value. This is because we believe that such a system will not only reward its users financially, but also “benefit the environment and society as a whole”. This blueprint lays out how our core work supporting signatories implementing the Principles will lead to that goal.

The work undertaken by responsible investors has come a long way since the Principles were launched in 2006. We know, however, that much more can still be achieved – by reaching new audiences and by enhancing the work already underway.

Over the next decade we will deepen our work producing tools that empower asset owners: to incorporate ESG factors into their investing decisions; to engage with companies, governments, policy makers and other stakeholders; to work with managers and consultants and to embed ESG considerations throughout their organisation. We will continue to push for policies, regulation and industry standards that better enable and reinforce our signatories' responsible investment work. We will continue to develop our ability to benchmark signatories' progress and performance – showcasing leadership and calling out inaction.

Out of this will grow a new, systematic approach to our work towards a sustainable financial system. Responsible investors need a financial system that works with, not against, their pursuit of long-term value: a system that incentivises long-term investment, that takes into account social and environmental impacts beyond the reach of any individual investor and that works in the interests of its ultimate beneficiaries.

Ultimately this work will manifest itself in the societies and environment in which beneficiaries live, and that will be passed on to the next generation. To strengthen the link between the work of responsible investors and sustainable development in the real world, we will connect our work to the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and enable signatories to do the same.

This will allow us to better understand and measure investors' contribution to the kind of world beneficiaries want – one of prosperous and inclusive societies in a healthy natural environment.

There is no one action or outcome to promote – we must work hard to lay out a set of approaches that reflects the diverse global investment community's variety of needs. In our work so far on climate change, for example, we have explored – and supported signatories in implementing – actions that have included divestment, asset reallocation, green bond investing, company engagement, policy engagement and many more. Large, complex problems need a suite of tailored and nuanced solutions from which to choose.

We will continue to pay particular attention to climate change – signatories repeatedly tell us it is the highest priority ESG issue they face. We will champion climate action from governments, companies and investors, and continue to provide signatories with a wide range of tools and approaches so that they are empowered to respond in the way that is most impactful for them.

Across the globe, governments have come together and for the first time achieved meaningful, widespread agreement on a sustainable direction for the world – including ending poverty, improving education and protecting natural resources through the SDGs, and a zero-carbon future through the Paris Agreement. The PRI's role over the next decade is to work with investors on playing their part in delivering this future.

This blueprint will guide our work to do so. Our 10-year anniversary has provided an opportunity to evaluate our impact so far, to consult extensively with signatories on the road ahead and to understand the role that those currently outside the responsible investment community see the PRI as being able to play.

The biggest and most likely risks the world faces cannot be addressed without responsible investment. Now is the time for action: we're ready, our signatories are ready and the world's people deserve a response.



# CREATING THE BLUEPRINT

**HAVING IDENTIFIED INITIATIVES THAT WOULD BE IMPORTANT TO OUR SIGNATORIES, WE CONSIDERED THE COMPARATIVE ADVANTAGES THAT THE PRI AND OUR SIGNATORIES COULD BRING, TO DETERMINE WHETHER WE ARE BEST PLACED TO ACT:**

- Our signatory base is a coalition of asset owners, investment managers and service providers from around the world, in one body. Our investor signatories represent a majority of the world's professionally managed assets.
- We have substantial intellectual capacity, amongst our signatories and our own staff.
- We have a unique convening power to bring together investors, companies, governments and academics. We have strong links with the UN through our two founding partners: UN Global Compact and UNEP Finance Initiative (UNEP FI).

THE PRI CANNOT SOLVE THE CHALLENGES THE WORLD FACES – SUCCESS RELIES ON ENABLING OUR SIGNATORIES TO ACT.



## In deciding which initiatives should be part of our 10-year vision, we asked: Would the initiative address an issue of importance to our signatories?

To mark the PRI's 10-year anniversary in 2016, we undertook a series of initiatives to review progress so far and to create an ambitious and achievable vision for how the PRI and the wider responsible investment community should progress over the next 10 years. This included global signatory and stakeholder surveys, an independent impact evaluation and major signatory consultations. These activities culminated in the launch of this blueprint in 2017, setting the direction of our work for the 10 years ahead.

We are committed to continuing to consult with signatories on the three-year strategies and annual work programmes that will underpin this vision. We will be disciplined, systematic and intensely focused on our Mission in deciding everything we do. We will ensure without exception that our activities bring value to signatories.

NEARLY  
**2,000 INDIVIDUALS**



ATTENDED REGIONAL CONSULTATION WORKSHOPS  
AND WEBINARS, FROM OVER 520 ORGANISATIONS  
(NEARLY 50% OF ALL SIGNATORIES)

OVER  
**500**

WRITTEN RESPONSES TO OUR  
**ACCOUNTABILITY AND DIVERSITY  
CONSULTATION**

NEARLY  
**200**

WRITTEN RESPONSES TO OUR  
**SUSTAINABLE, FINANCIAL SYSTEM, PRINCIPLES,  
IMPACT CONSULTATION**

**STRONG STAKEHOLDER  
ENGAGEMENT**

**120+**

WERE FROM  
**NON-SIGNATORIES**

An [independent evaluation](#) of the PRI's impact over its first decade made the following recommendations for the future:



CLARIFY  
**PURPOSE AND AMBITION**



ENHANCE  
**FOCUS AND ADDED VALUE**



IMPROVE  
**THE ACCOUNTABILITY PROCESS**



MEASURE  
**REAL-WORLD IMPACT**









# OUR ACTIONS



# EMPOWER ASSET OWNERS

## WE WILL:

- champion ESG incorporation throughout organisations, from areas such as strategy, policies and trustee capacity through to portfolio/plan-level decisions including asset allocation;
- enable asset owners to effectively oversee and monitor investment managers, consultants and others in order to meet their responsibilities to beneficiaries;
- demonstrate how long-term global trends will shape the investment environment of tomorrow;
- establish that asset owners' responsibilities to their beneficiaries extend beyond the risk/return profile of their investments to include making decisions that benefit the world beneficiaries live in.

Principle 4

"We will promote acceptance and implementation of the Principles within the investment industry."

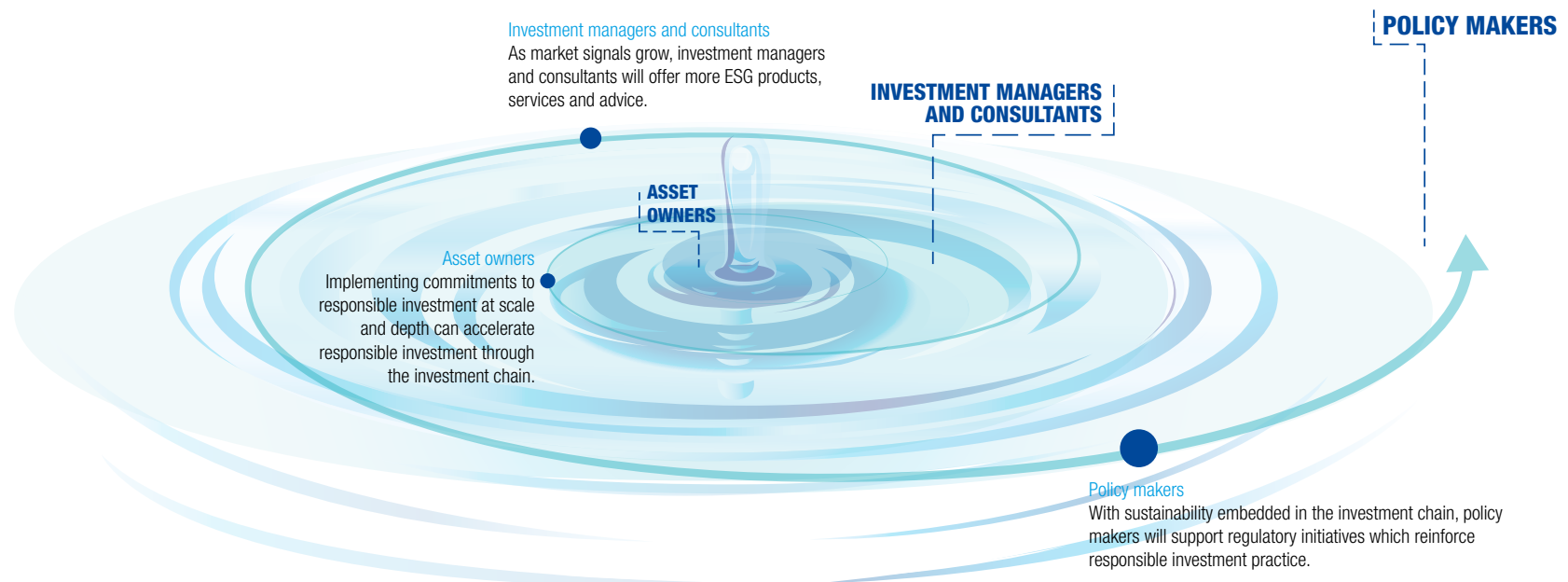


## RESPONSIBLE INVESTORS

# Heading the investment chain, asset owners wield enormous power and influence

Asset owners set the direction of markets: the mandates they award to managers determine the objectives that the world's biggest pools of money are put to. To fulfil their duties to beneficiaries in the 2020s and beyond, asset owners will need robust approaches to investment that acknowledge the effects their investments have on the real economy and the societies in which their beneficiaries live.

### THE MULTIPLIER EFFECT OF ASSET OWNERS' INFLUENCE – ON THEIR MANAGERS, ON POLICY MAKERS AND BEYOND:





# SUPPORT INVESTORS INCORPORATING ESG ISSUES

## WE WILL:

- increase the depth of insight and practice in asset classes where ESG incorporation is mature and penetration high – such as listed equity and corporate and government debt;
- build the foundations for ESG incorporation in asset classes where it is still new – such as commodities, hedge funds and supranational and asset-backed debt;
- lead signatories' awareness and response to existing and emerging ESG issues.

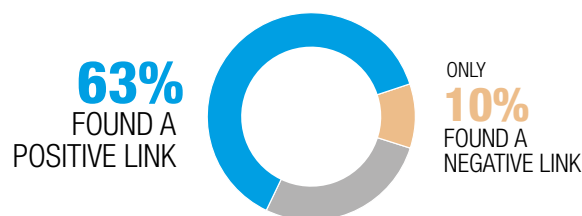
### Principle 1

“We will incorporate ESG issues into investment analysis and decision-making processes.”

## RESPONSIBLE INVESTORS

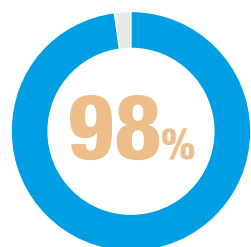
# Environmental, social and governance issues affect investment performance across companies, sectors, regions and asset classes

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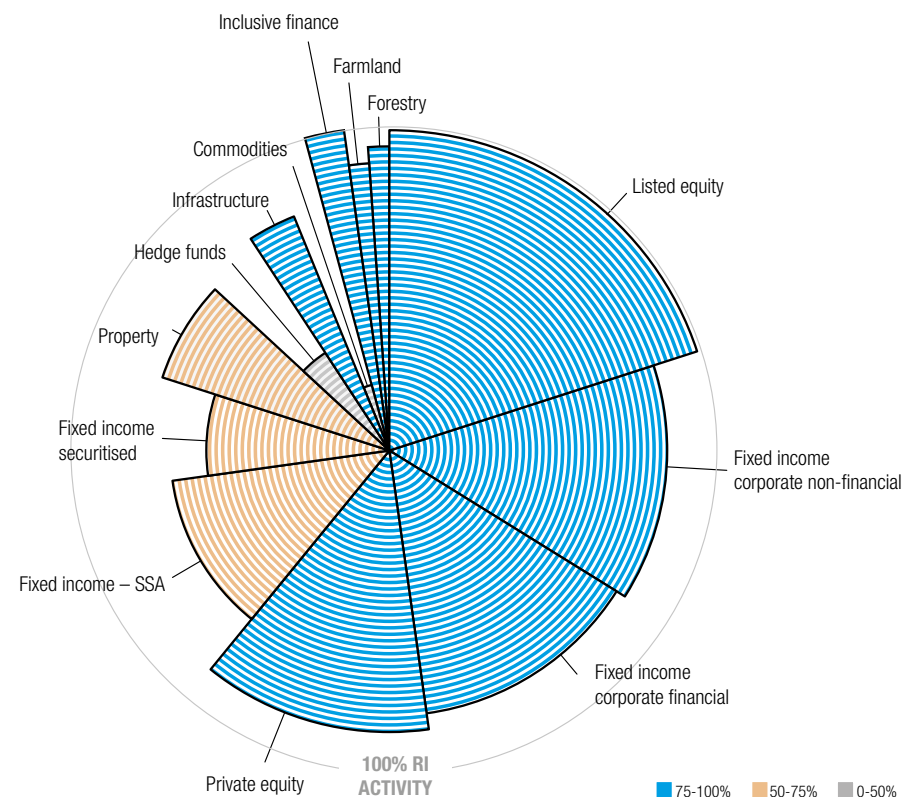
**BETWEEN A COMPANY'S ESG PERFORMANCE  
AND ITS FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE <sup>1</sup>**

Since the launch of the Principles, the investment industry has made great progress in making ESG factors a part of investment decisions. Deep, systemic incorporation of ESG issues across a firm's entire spectrum of assets, however, is rare, and for investors who do not yet address ESG issues, getting started can be challenging.



OF **INVESTMENT MANAGER** SIGNATORIES  
**APPLY RI PRACTICES**  
TO THEIR **LISTED EQUITY** HOLDINGS

The proportion of investment managers directly investing in a given asset class that reported conducting some level of responsible activity on their investments in that asset class in 2016:





# FOSTER A COMMUNITY OF ACTIVE OWNERS



## WE WILL:

- increase signatories' understanding of how to exercise their rights as active owners, across all asset classes;
- continue to coordinate collaborative engagements to maximise investors' collective impact, expanding the coalitions and sharing lessons learnt;
- promote alignment of proxy voting practices with responsible investment beliefs;
- enhance the PRI Collaboration Platform to make it a global hub for active ownership.

### Principle 2

"We will be active owners and incorporate ESG issues into our ownership policies and practices."

## RESPONSIBLE INVESTORS

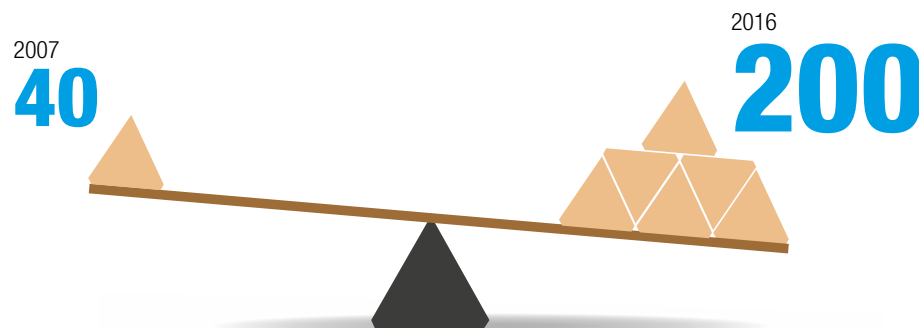
# Engaging companies on ESG issues improves their sustainability, their management and their risk/return profiles

Investors who do not have an active relationship with the companies they are invested in risk holding poorly governed companies that do not perform well over the long term, and risk neglecting beneficiaries' interests.

Effective engagement has clear objectives and milestones, focuses on the quality of dialogue and sees investors following through on their investment strategy and policies in their proxy voting. Crucially, for active ownership to be a success, it relies on the investor fully using the information collected when making portfolio decisions.

Investors have a much bigger influence on companies when acting together than alone, and collective action allows institutional investors to address issues that affect them as universal owners – as owners whose holdings are so large and so diversified that they effectively own a slice of the overall markets and economies in which they operate. These investors' scale means they are affected by, and collectively can affect, aspects of those markets and economies that individual investors targeting individual portfolio companies could not.

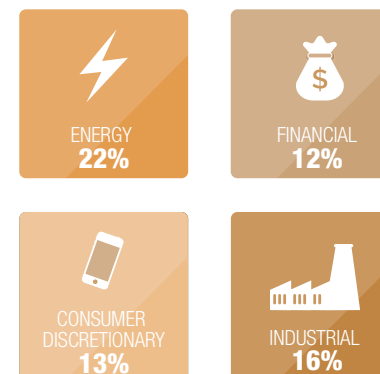
### NUMBER OF ASSET OWNERS WHO REPORTED REGULARLY ENGAGING WITH INVESTEE COMPANIES – DIRECTLY OR THROUGH THEIR MANAGERS



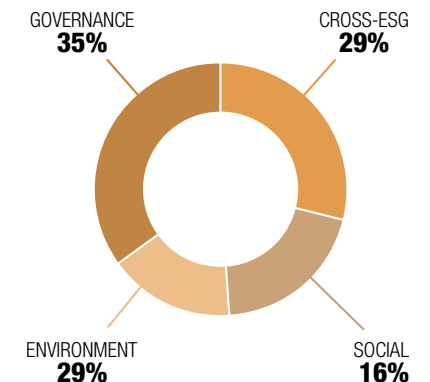
### ENCOURAGING AND ACCELERATING ENGAGEMENT AND PROXY VOTING:



### MOST TARGETED SECTORS ON THE COLLABORATION PLATFORM:



### COLLABORATION PLATFORM ACTIVITY BY THEME:





# SHOWCASE LEADERSHIP AND INCREASE ACCOUNTABILITY

## WE WILL:

- launch a responsible investment leadership table and awards, to reward and highlight top performers;
- share examples of what the best are doing;
- define a minimum standard of activity that signatories must achieve;
- monitor and engage with those that are not meeting this standard and delist any that fail to do so over a two-year period;
- delist signatories that contravene the spirit of the Principles.

### Principle 6

“We will each report on our activities and progress towards implementing the Principles.”



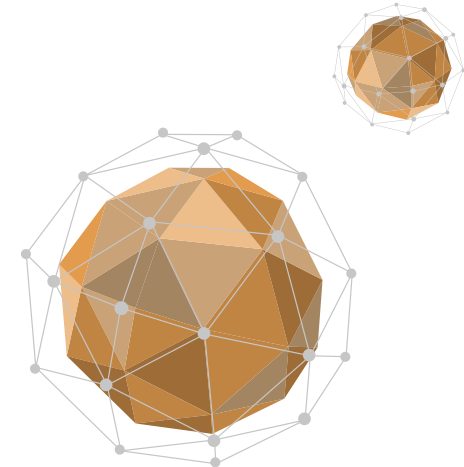
## RESPONSIBLE INVESTORS

# A race to the top and a clear rulebook improve results

We welcome responsible investment new starters, those who have been leading the field for years and everyone in between. In doing so, it is important to celebrate the successes of the best that others can learn from, to highlight the progress made across the spectrum and to guard against complacency, at the top or the bottom.

Signing up to the Principles brings signatories benefits ranging from the reputational (a badge of honour to prove their responsible investment credentials) to the practical (being eligible for signatory-only contracts). Beneficiaries get the reassurance that their money is being managed with a focus on long-term returns, and in ways that support the kind of world they want to live in.

For signatory status to be meaningful, and for beneficiaries to see the benefits they are entitled to, we must ensure that signatories are living up to the commitments they make when signing up to the Principles. Strong accountability processes will identify opportunities for the PRI to engage with struggling signatories and support progress, and will enable us to respond when signatories are not acting in good faith.





# CONVENE AND EDUCATE RESPONSIBLE INVESTORS

A man in a red polo shirt and dark pants is crouching in a grassy field, reaching out towards a soccer ball. A young boy in a white and grey striped shirt and dark pants is standing next to him, looking down at the ball. The background is a blurred green field with trees in the distance.

## WE WILL:

- focus global recruitment on growing the number of asset owner signatories;
- reach new markets and institutions, including establishing a strong Asian signatory base, having more signatories in developing markets and achieving penetration rates in North America never previously seen outside Europe;
- introduce an Associate Member category for asset owners new to responsible investment – with an emphasis on learning, development and education;
- expand the reach of responsible investment training, including the formalised courses provided by the PRI Academy.

### Principle 5

“We will work together to enhance our effectiveness in implementing the Principles.”



## RESPONSIBLE INVESTORS

## Sharing knowledge, reaching new people and supporting development will benefit everyone

Connecting signatories with each other and reaching out to potential new ones is central to the work of the PRI – many signatories consider meeting their peers to share knowledge to be a primary reason for joining the PRI community. Our regional networks – geographic groups of signatories working together on responsible investment in their region – have been instrumental in promoting and advancing responsible investment around the world, particularly in markets with smaller investment management sectors.

We provide formal training through the PRI Academy, which runs CFA-accredited, interactive online courses on how ESG issues impact company performance, shareholder value and investment decisions.

### PRI ACADEMY

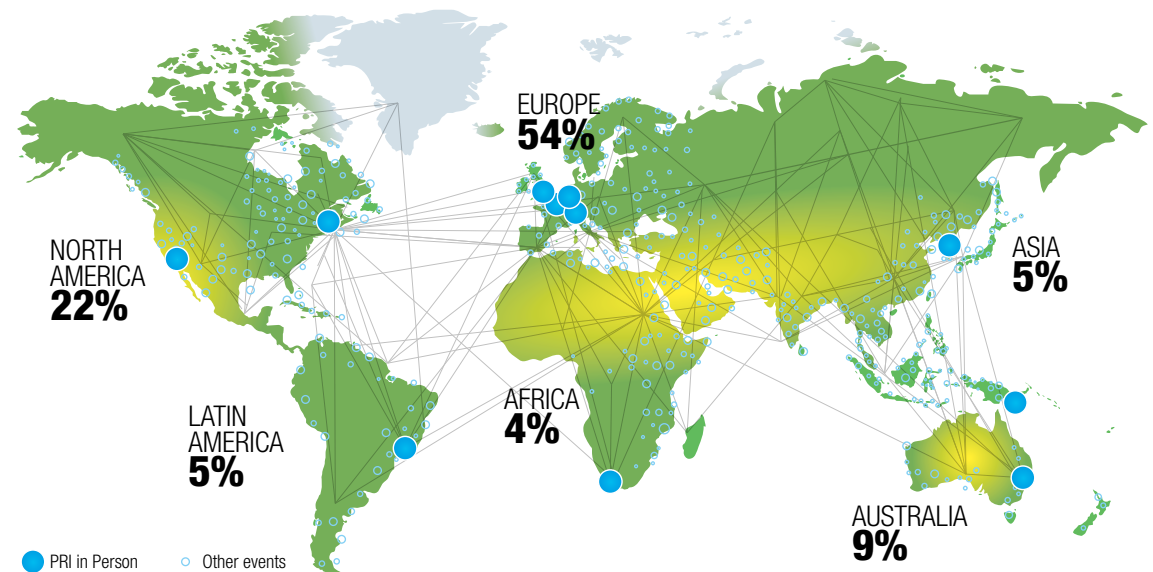
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**1,000+**  
ENROLMENTS

### PRI SIGNATORIES' PRESENCE AND PRI EVENT LOCATIONS

## A GLOBAL NETWORK



### PRI in Person

SINCE  
**2006**  
WE'VE BROUGHT TOGETHER

MORE THAN  
**4,000**  
PARTICIPANTS

FROM OVER  
**50**  
COUNTRIES

REPRESENTING OVER  
**1,000**  
ORGANISATIONS



# CHALLENGE BARRIERS TO A SUSTAINABLE FINANCIAL SYSTEM

## WE WILL:

- address key obstacles to creating the sustainable financial system that long-term investment performance requires;
- champion changes to the financial system's structure that would promote long-term investing;
- target behaviours, practices and incentives within the financial system that create short-termism.

From the PRI Mission:

"We believe that an economically efficient, sustainable global financial system is a necessity for long-term value creation."



## SUSTAINABLE MARKETS

# Creating long-term value requires a sustainable global financial system

For investors to fully pursue responsible investing, they need the global financial system that they operate in to be sustainable. The global financial crisis of 2007–2008 gave dramatic and incontrovertible evidence that investors need to play their role in ensuring the stability and sustainability of the financial system on which they rely. Excessive leverage, dealing in complex derivatives and high-frequency trading may benefit some in the short term, but they undermine the resilience of the system as a whole.

The financial system should enable individuals, organisations and governments to reliably store their assets for future use, and should support sustainable economic development by making those assets available for responsible, productive use by others in the meantime.

We will work on the parts of the system where we can make a difference – beneficiaries; investors; their advisors and service providers; companies and issuers; securities exchanges; regulators – and will monitor environmental, social, technological, economic and political trends that will continue to reshape the financial system as we work.

**WE PUT TO SIGNATORIES MORE THAN 30 ASPECTS OF THE FINANCIAL SYSTEM THAT COULD CONTAIN THREATS TO ITS SUSTAINABILITY, AND THEN PRIORITISED NINE UNDERLYING AREAS THAT WE WILL ADDRESS:**



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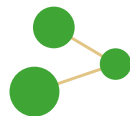
POLICY MAKING



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ROLE OF ADVISORS



PRINCIPAL-AGENT  
RELATIONSHIPS



CULTURE



INCENTIVES



INVESTOR  
PRACTICES

# DRIVE MEANINGFUL DATA THROUGHOUT MARKETS

## WE WILL:

- advocate for meaningful, forward-looking and globally comparable company disclosure and investor reporting;
- promote the inclusion of material ESG information alongside other financial data;
- encourage consolidation of reporting standards and regimes;
- seek to understand and overcome situations where available data is not being used effectively;
- develop the PRI Reporting Framework to measure the contribution that responsible investment makes to tangible ESG improvements in the real world;
- enhance the PRI Data Portal, empowering asset owners to assess investment managers' responsible investment activity.

### Principle 3

"We will seek appropriate disclosure on ESG issues by the entities in which we invest."



## SUSTAINABLE MARKETS

## Good decisions need good data

Reliable, timely information is needed for beneficiaries to understand and influence their investments, for asset owners to monitor their managers and for investment managers to accurately price assets and assess risk. That this includes information on material ESG issues is fundamental to responsible investment, but opinions vary on what ESG data companies should disclose and investors should report and how, making analysis difficult.

As beneficiary and asset owner demands change, investment managers will increasingly have to share information on any screening they have applied to the pool of securities considered and how they are integrating material ESG issues into their analysis. Asset owners and investment managers will both need to better demonstrate what the impact of their investment decisions has been in the real world.

### STOCK EXCHANGES

12	STOCK EXCHANGES INCORPORATE ESG DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS IN THEIR LISTING RULES	▲
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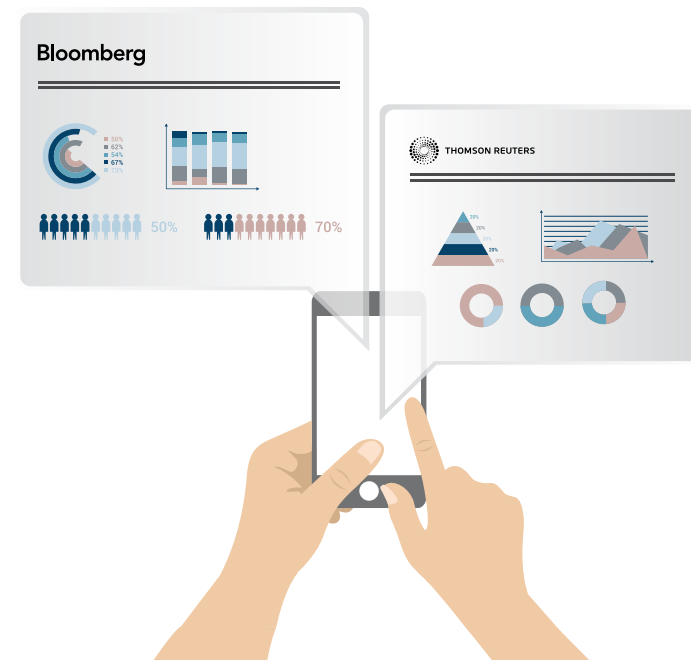
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CLIMATE/SUSTAINABILITY  
REPORTING STANDARDS

IN 2016  
**OVER 1,000  
SIGNATORIES**  
REPORTED PUBLICLY ON  
THEIR PROGRESS TOWARDS  
IMPLEMENTING THE SIX PRINCIPLES



**Almost 13,000 organisations**  
HAVE VOLUNTARILY PRODUCED CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY REPORTS

**MAJOR INFORMATION PROVIDERS TRACK ESG DATA  
ON THOUSANDS OF COMPANIES**





# CHAMPION CLIMATE ACTION

In PRI signatory satisfaction surveys, signatories have repeatedly identified climate change as their highest priority ESG issue.

## WE WILL:

- work with our UN partners to meet the Paris Agreement;
- empower investors to assess how well-positioned companies, issuers and their portfolios are for a just transition to a low-carbon economy;
- align the PRI Reporting Framework with the Financial Stability Board's Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures;
- convene investor engagement with companies on climate risks and opportunities;
- encourage investors to make substantial allocations to clean assets and technologies;
- demonstrate the investment implications of national governments' climate change goals;
- collaborate with policy makers to address the barriers investors face in scaling up clean investments.



A PROSPEROUS  
WORLD FOR ALL

## Climate change is the highest priority ESG issue facing investors

It is in signatories' interests that global warming is limited in line with the Paris Agreement: well within 2°C of pre-industrial levels, with an aim of 1.5°C. Investors' interpretations of what this means for their investment activities will vary, but ambitious action will be required to protect portfolios from risks and to expose them to opportunities in the shift to a low-carbon global economy.

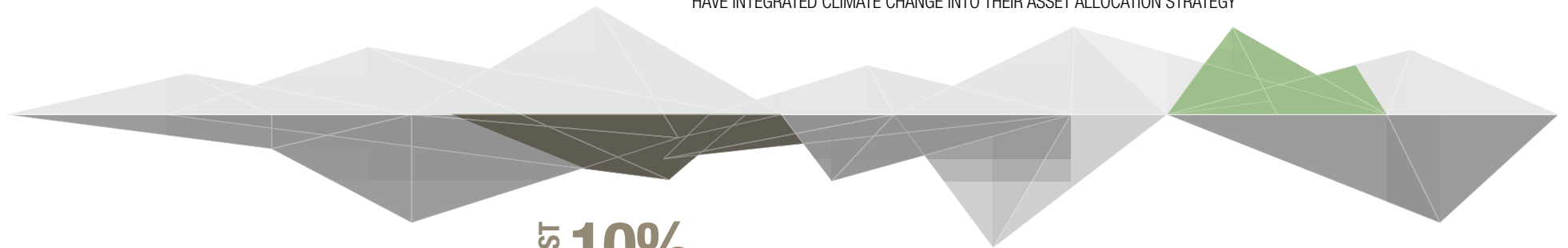
We will continue to collaborate in our climate change work with our UN partners (UNEP FI and the UN Global Compact) and existing investor initiatives and networks such as CDP, the Portfolio Decarbonization Coalition, Ceres/the Investor Network on Climate Risk, the Institutional Investor Group on Climate Change and the Investor Group on Climate Change Australia, New Zealand & Asia.

**ONLY 11%**  
OF ASSET OWNERS

HAVE INTEGRATED CLIMATE CHANGE INTO THEIR ASSET ALLOCATION STRATEGY

**JUST 10%**  
OF INVESTMENT MANAGERS

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# ENABLE REAL-WORLD IMPACT ALIGNED WITH THE SDGs

A close-up photograph of a person's hands nurturing a small green seedling. One hand is positioned above the plant, with a single drop of water falling from the index finger onto the leaves. The other hand is to the right, holding a small pile of white, spherical seeds. The seedling is growing out of dark, rich soil. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green, suggesting an outdoor setting.

## WE WILL:

- work with our UN partners to deliver the SDGs, such as by leveraging UNEP FI's Principles for Positive Impact Finance and the UN Global Compact's Ten Principles;
- set out steps and develop tools for investors to align their investment activities with the SDGs;
- encourage investors to seek, through the full range of active ownership activities, corporate responsibility enhancements that advance the SDGs;
- encourage capital towards projects with positive, real-world impact;
- introduce the SDGs into the PRI Reporting Framework;
- map our work against the SDGs, and report on our contribution towards them;
- engage policy makers to encourage public policy that supports the SDGs.

From the signatory declaration to the Principles:  
“Applying these Principles may better align investors with the broader objectives of society.”

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WORLD FOR ALL

## Driving sustainable development in line with the UN SDGs will create a more prosperous world, to live in today and to pass on tomorrow

For us to fully realise our mission, adoption of the Principles must contribute to a sustainable global financial system and ultimately create prosperous and inclusive societies for current and future generations: for our impact on investors to be meaningful, it needs to be reflected in their impact, through companies, on the real world we all share.

The UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and their targets provide a way for us to measure our real-world impact. They provide an opportunity for responsible investors to demonstrate how their efforts to incorporate issues such as climate change, working conditions and board diversity into their investment approach are contributing to sustainable development.

The SDGs also provide investors with a clear vision of how government decision making and company behaviour will shape how the global economy develops over the next 15 years. By setting policy makers' priorities, the SDGs will be a key driver of global GDP growth and source of investment opportunities.



### WORKING WITH OUR UN PARTNERS

By incorporating the UN Global Compact's Ten Principles, companies meet their fundamental responsibilities in the areas of human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption.

UNEP FI's Principles for Positive Impact Finance provide a framework for the financing of sustainable development.

## MORE THAN 80% OF INSTITUTIONAL INVESTORS



PLAN TO ENGAGE WITH INVESTEE  
COMPANIES ON THE SDGs, AND  
ALLOCATE CAPITAL TO INVESTMENTS  
THAT SUPPORT THE GOALS

“ Investors can  
play a central  
role in achieving  
the Sustainable  
Development Goals ”

ShareAction, March 2016



# MEASURING SUCCESS

## WE WILL:

- be transparent in measuring the implementation of our 10-year ambitions;
- outline, in the three-year strategies that will underpin this vision, the key performance indicators (KPIs) that we will measure our progress against;
- report annually against the KPIs active in any given year, throughout the life of the blueprint;
- monitor developments such as technological disruption, market shocks and changing regulation that could impact our work as the blueprint unfolds;
- report publicly, as our signatories do.



# The PRI will demonstrate measurable progress towards the objectives set out in this blueprint – as our signatories demonstrate measurable progress towards implementing the Principles

Over the 10-year life of this blueprint (2017–2027), responsible investors' actions, the nature of markets and the world we live in will change – with or without our intervention. The most meaningful way to assess our effectiveness will therefore be to create specific and timely measures for the individual projects we initiate within the blueprint programme. We envisage these measures covering areas such as:

## OUR GROWTH AMONGST ASSET OWNERS

AND IN UNDER-REPRESENTED MARKETS, USING PRI SIGNATORY NUMBERS

### OUR WORK TOWARDS THE SDGs

USING NATIONAL AND UN DATA

### ASSET OWNERS' ASSESSMENT

OF INVESTMENT MANAGERS' CAPABILITIES, USING PRI DATA PORTAL DATA

### INVESTOR SUPPORT FOR CLEAN ASSETS AND TECHNOLOGIES

USING CAPITAL FLOW DATA

### SIGNATORIES' CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS THE SDGs

USING CAPITAL FLOW DATA AND CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY DATA

### INVESTORS ENGAGING COMPANIES AND POLICY MAKERS ON CLIMATE CHANGE

USING PRI REPORTING FRAMEWORK DATA

### QUANTITY AND QUALITY OF ESG REPORTING

USING PRI REPORTING FRAMEWORK DATA

### UPTAKE OF RI TRAINING

USING NATIONAL AND UN DATA

### THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE FINANCIAL SYSTEM

USING SYSTEMS ANALYSIS AND SIGNATORY IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

### ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITY

USING PRI REPORTING FRAMEWORK DATA AND PRI COLLABORATION PORTAL DATA

### QUANTITY AND QUALITY OF CORPORATE ESG REPORTING

USING SUSTAINABLE STOCK EXCHANGES DATA AND PUBLICLY AVAILABLE DATA

### THE DEPTH AND BREADTH OF RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT

THROUGHOUT ORGANISATIONS, USING PRI REPORTING FRAMEWORK DATA

### ALIGNMENT OF PROXY VOTING WITH RI POLICIES

USING PRI REPORTING FRAMEWORK DATA AND PUBLICLY AVAILABLE DATA

### QUALITY OF INVESTOR ESG REPORTING

USING PRI REPORTING FRAMEWORK DATA

We welcome continuing input from signatories and beyond to shape the work we start within the blueprint programme, in pursuit of the goals we've laid out. The progress we can make towards those goals will depend on the actions of our signatories.





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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

**Name of Plan:** SWBNO Employees' Retirement Plan ("the Plan")  
**Type of Plan:** Defined Benefit Plan, IRS Qualified  
**Plan Sponsor:** Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans (SWBNO)  
**Time Horizon:** Greater than 10 years (Long Term)  
**Assumed ROR:** 7.00% (Actuarial Assumption<sup>1</sup>)  
**Strategic Allocation:** 47.00% Global Equities / 36.00% Global Fixed Income / 17.00% Alternatives

<i>Mandate</i>	<i>Minimum</i>	<i>Target</i>	<i>Maximum</i>
<b>GLOBAL EQUITY</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>47.00</b>	<b>65.00</b>
<b>U.S. Large Cap Equity</b>	<b>16.47</b>	<b>18.30</b>	<b>20.13</b>
Large Cap Value	3.87	4.30	4.73
Large Cap Enhanced Core	6.075	6.75	7.425
Large Cap Growth	6.525	7.25	7.975
<b>U.S. Small/Mid Cap Equity</b>	<b>7.83</b>	<b>8.70</b>	<b>9.57</b>
SMID Cap Equity	7.83	8.70	9.57
Other Small or MID Cap Equity	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Non US Equity</b>	<b>18.00</b>	<b>20.00</b>	<b>22.00</b>
International Developed Equity	18.00	20.00	22.00
International EM Equity	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>GLOBAL FIXED INCOME</b>	<b>25.00</b>	<b>36.00</b>	<b>100</b>
Core- Plus (Global)	31.50	35.00	38.50
Core	0.00	0.00	0.00
Convertible Bond	0.00	0.00	0.00
High Yield Fixed	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cash & Equivalents	0.00	1.00	5.00
<b>ALTERNATIVES</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>17.00</b>	<b>21.00</b>
Commodities	0.00	0.00	0.00
HFOF-Absolute Return	7.20	8.00	8.80
Private Equity	0.00	0.00	0.00
Real Estate/REITs	8.10	9.00	9.90

<sup>1</sup> Refer to January 1, 2018-2020 Rudd & Coney & Company Wisdom, LLC Inc. Actuarial Valuation.

**The Investment Policy Statement (IPS) should be reviewed and updated at least annually. Any change to this policy should be communicated in writing on a timely basis to all parties of interest.**

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The purpose of this Investment Policy Statement (IPS) is to guide the Board of Trustees (the members of the Sewerage & Water Board and the elected employee members to the Board of Trustees) [ Appendix A] in effectively supervising, monitoring and evaluating the investment of the SWBNO Employees' Retirement System assets. The Plan's investment program is defined in the various sections of the IPS by:

1. Stating in a written document the Board of Trustees' attitudes, expectations, objectives, and guidelines for the investment of all Plan assets.
2. Setting forth an investment structure for managing all Plan assets. This structure includes various asset classes, investment management styles, asset allocation, and acceptable ranges that, in total, are expected to produce a sufficient level of overall diversification and total investment return over the long-term.
3. Providing guidelines for each investment portfolio that when viewed in conjunction with each individual investment manager's contract, control the level of overall risk and liquidity assumed in that portfolio.
4. Providing policy concurrent rate-of-return and risk characteristics for various investment options utilized in developing asset allocation. [Appendix B].
5. Encouraging effective communications between the Board of Trustees, the investment consultant and hired money managers.
6. Establishing formal criteria to monitor, evaluate, and compare the performance results achieved by the money managers on a regular basis.
7. Complying with all fiduciary, prudence and due diligence requirements experienced investment professionals would utilize; and with all applicable laws, rules and regulations from various local, state, federal, and international political entities that may impact Plan assets.

This IPS has been formulated, based upon consideration by the Board of Trustees, of the financial implications of a wide range of policies, and describes the prudent investment process the Board of Trustees deems appropriate.

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## INTRODUCTION

This document establishes the Investment Policy Statement for the SWBNO Employees' Retirement System for the management of the assets held for the benefit of the participants and beneficiaries in the System. The Board of Trustees is responsible for managing the investment process of the Retirement System in a prudent manner with regard to preserving principal while providing reasonable returns.

The Board of Trustees has arrived at this IPS through careful study of the returns and risks associated with various investment strategies in relation to the current and projected liabilities of the Retirement System. This policy has been chosen as the most appropriate policy for achieving the financial objectives of the Retirement System which are described in the Objectives section of this document.

The Board of Trustees has adopted a long-term investment horizon such that the chances and duration of investment losses are carefully weighed against the long term potential for appreciation of assets.

In addition to the policy defined herein, the management of the SWBNO Employees' Retirement System will be in strict compliance with all relevant and applicable legislation.



## STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVES

The assets of the SWBNO Employees' Retirement System shall be invested in accordance with all relevant legislation. Specifically:

1. Investment shall be in accordance with the Louisiana Revised Statutes, R.S. 11:3821.
2. Investments shall be made solely in the interest of the participants and beneficiaries of the pension plan and for the exclusive purpose of providing benefits to such participants and their beneficiaries and defraying the reasonable expenses of administering the plan.
3. The Board of Trustees and its investments advisors shall exercise the judgment and care under the circumstances then prevailing which an institutional investor of ordinary prudence, discretion and intelligence exercises in the management of large investments entrusted to it not in regard to speculation but in regard to the permanent disposition of funds considering probable safety of capital as well as probable income.

The primary investment objective shall be to achieve full funding of the actuarial accrued liability so that such assets are preserved for the providing of benefits to participants and their beneficiaries and such long-term return (either in the form of income or capital appreciation or both) may without undue risk maximize the amounts available to provide such benefits. These objectives have been established in conjunction with a comprehensive review of both the current and projected financial requirements and investment returns by asset class.

While there cannot be complete assurance that these objectives will be realized, it is believed that the likelihood of their realization is reasonably high based upon this Investment Policy and historical performance of the asset classes discussed herein. The objectives have been based on a five-year investment horizon, so that short-term fluctuation should be viewed secondary to long-term investment results.

Relative performance benchmarks for the System's investment managers are set forth in the Control Procedures section of this document.

This IPS has been arrived at upon consideration by the Board by a wide range of policies, and describes the prudent investment process the Board deems appropriate. This process includes seeking various asset classes and investment management styles that, in total, are expected to offer participants a sufficient level of overall diversification and total investment return over the long-term. The objectives are:

1. Have the ability to pay all benefit and expense obligations when due;
2. Achieve a fully funded status with regard to the Accumulated Benefit Obligation and 100% of the Projected Benefit Obligation;
3. Maintain the purchasing power of the current assets and all future contributions by producing positive real rates of return on Plan asset;

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4. Maximize returns within reasonable and prudent levels of risk in order to minimize contribution;
5. Control costs of administering the plan and managing the investments.; and
6. Maintain flexibility in determining the future level of contributions

Keys to achieving objectives include maximizing investment returns within prudent levels of risk, while minimizing the Plan's reliance on contributions.

#### **Time Horizon**

The investment guidelines are based upon the Plan's investment time horizon of (>5) greater than five years. Interim fluctuations should be viewed with appropriate perspective. Similarly, the Plan's, strategic asset allocation is based on this long-term perspective. Short-term liquidity requirements are anticipated to be non-existent, or at least should be covered by the annual contribution.

#### **Risk Tolerances**

The Board recognizes the difficulty of achieving the Plan's investment objectives in light of the uncertainties and complexities of contemporary investment markets. The Board also recognizes some risk must be assumed to achieve the Plan's long-term investment objectives. In establishing the risk tolerances of the IPS, the ability to withstand short- and intermediate-term variability were considered. These factors were:

1. The SWBNO Employees' Retirement System's strong financial condition enables the Board to adopt a long-term investment perspective, allowing for a less aggressive risk tolerance.
2. Demographic characteristics of participants suggest an average risk tolerance due to the moderate to aging work force.

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In summary, the SWBNO Employees' Retirement System's prospects for the future, current financial condition and several other factors suggest collectively the Plan can tolerate some interim fluctuations in market value and rates of return in order to achieve long-term objectives.

#### **Performance Target**

The desired investment objective is a long-term rate of return on assets that is at least 7.00%, as defined by current<sup>2</sup> actuarial assumptions. Annually, the Plan's overall total return, after deducting for advisory, money management, and custodial fees, as well as total transaction costs; should perform above a customized index comprised of market indices weighted by the strategic asset allocation of the Plan.

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<sup>2</sup> Refer to January 1, 2018-2020 ~~Conefray & Company, LLC~~Rudd & Wisdom, Inc. Actuarial Valuation.

## ASSET ALLOCATION POLICY

### Targets and Ranges

It shall be the policy of the SWBNO Employees' Retirement System to invest in each style based asset class ranging between a minimum and a maximum of total plan assets as indicated below:

Stated Ranges are as a Percent of Total Plan Assets

<i>Mandate</i>	<i>Minimum</i>	<i>Target</i>	<i>Maximum</i>
<b>GLOBAL EQUITY</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>47.00</b>	<b>65</b>
<i>U.S. Large Cap Equity</i>	16.47	18.30	20.13
<i>Large Cap Value</i>	3.87	4.30	4.73
<i>Large Cap Enhanced Core</i>	6.075	6.75	7.425
<i>Large Cap Growth</i>	6.525	7.25	7.975
<i>U.S. Small/Mid Cap Equity</i>	7.83	8.70	9.57
<i>SMID Cap Equity</i>	7.83	8.70	9.57
<i>Other Small or MID Cap Equity</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Non US Stocks</b>	<b>18.00</b>	<b>20.00</b>	<b>22.00</b>
<i>International Developed Equity</i>	18.00	20.00	22.00
<i>International EM Equity</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>GLOBAL FIXED INCOME</b>	<b>25.00</b>	<b>36.00</b>	<b>100</b>
<i>Core-Plus (Global)</i>	31.50	35.00	38.50
<i>Core</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00
<i>Convertible Bond</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00
<i>High Yield Fixed</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00
<i>Cash &amp; Equivalents</i>	0.00	1.00	2.00
<b>ALTERNATIVES</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>17.00</b>	<b>21.00</b>
<i>Commodities</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00
<i>HFOF- Absolute Return</i>	7.20	8.00	8.80
<i>Private Equity</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00
<i>Real Estate/REITs</i>	8.10	9.00	9.90



During the investment manager selection process, the Board of Trustees will communicate specific manager guidelines regarding capitalization and stylistic characteristics such that the total portfolio conforms to policy. It is expected that these guidelines will be strategic in nature and not change frequently.

### **Asset Class Guidelines**

The Board of Trustees believes long-term investment performance, in large part, is primarily a function of asset class mix. The Board of Trustees has reviewed the long-term performance characteristics of the broad asset classes, focusing on balancing the risks and rewards.

History suggest, that while interest-generating investments, such as bond portfolios, have the advantage of relative stability of principal value; they provide little opportunity for real long- term capital growth due to their susceptibility to inflation. On the other hand, equity investments, such as common stocks, clearly have a significantly higher expected return but have the disadvantage of much greater year-by-year variability of return. From an investment decision-making point of view, this year-by-year variability may be worth accepting, provided the time horizon for the equity portion of the portfolio is sufficiently long (greater than five years).

### **Adherence to Policy**

The Board of Trustees is guided by the philosophy that asset allocation is the most significant determinant of long term investment return. The Retirement System asset allocation will be maintained as close to the target allocations as reasonably possible. Contributions to the Plan and withdrawals to pay benefits and expenses shall be allocated across portfolios to bring the asset mix as close to the target allocation as possible.

Rapid, substantive and unanticipated market shifts or changes in economic conditions may cause the asset mix to fall outside of the policy range. Any divergence caused by these factors should be of a short-term nature.

The Board of Trustees or its designee will review the Plan's allocation status at least quarterly. It is anticipated that active rebalancing will occur at least annually.

### **Cash Holdings**

It shall be the policy of The Employees' Retirement System of The Sewerage & Water Board of New Orleans to be fully invested to the maximum extent possible. Any cash holdings in separate short term accounts should be kept as small as possible.

However, the Board of Trustees may from time to time authorize the use of cash equivalent(s)<sup>3</sup> and or money market fund(s)<sup>4</sup> as interim investment vehicle(s) for assets being transitioned from one manager/product to another.

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<sup>3</sup> Fixed Income instrument maturing in 360 days or less

<sup>4</sup> Very liquid mutual fund that invests solely in cash equivalents

For equity and fixed income portfolios, cash and short term instruments maturing in less than 360 days shall be restricted to a maximum of 5% of each portfolio except for brief periods or when building liquidity in anticipation of a large withdrawal.

Cash equivalent reserves shall consist of cash instruments having a quality rating by at least two rating agencies<sup>5</sup> of A-2, P-2, F-2, or higher.

Investment managers shall have discretion to invest up to 5% of assets under management in cash reserves when they deem it appropriate. However, the Investment Managers will be evaluated against their peers on the performance of the total funds under their direct management.

### **Non-Individual Securities**

The Board of Trustees may authorize the use of non-individual securities such as indexed instruments<sup>6</sup> (interchangeably referred to as passive instruments), mutual funds, and other pooled (interchangeably referred to as commingled) investment vehicles.

### **Rebalancing**

The percentage allocation to each asset class may vary as much as plus or minus 10% from the strategic allocation (policy) on a relative basis, depending upon market conditions.

Board staff routinely administers withdrawal requests to facilitate expense and benefit payments on behalf of the Plan. To accomplish these funding objectives, available Plan cash-flows (i.e. interest and dividend income) will be supplemented by distributions taken from Plan managers on a basis consistent with the strategic asset allocation of the Plan.

If there are no cash flows or if cash flows are insufficient to reasonably maintain the Plan's strategic allocation in accordance with policy constraints, the need for rebalancing will be reviewed quarterly.

Upon review, for any period, if the Board of Trustees judges the organic cash flows of the Plan and the distribution methods described above to be insufficient to bring the Plan within acceptable strategic allocation ranges, the Board of Trustees shall decide whether to effect transactions to bring the strategic allocation within the defined threshold ranges.

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<sup>5</sup> Standard & Poor's, Moody's and or Fitch

<sup>6</sup> Also commonly referred to index funds, exchange traded products or ETPs including ETFs, ETNs and UITs.

### GUIDELINES FOR INDIVIDUAL SECURITY HOLDINGS

	Equities	Fixed Income & Cash	Alternatives
<b>Minimum Diversification Standards:</b>			
Single Investment	(a) Maximum 6% * $\phi$	(a) Maximum 10% * $\phi$ except U.S. Treasury Notes and Bonds	Not Applicable
	(b) Maximum of 5% of outstanding shares of any company		
Single Industry	(c) Maximum 25% *	(b) Maximum 25% *	
Single Sector	(d) Maximum of 2 times the appropriate style index	(c) Maximum of 2 times the appropriate style index. *	
<b>Minimum Liquidity Standards</b>	(a) Readily marketable securities of U.S. corporations, foreign securities or ADRs	(a) Readily marketable U.S. Corporate and Government debt obligations, including mortgage pass-through, CMOs, convertible bonds and foreign securities.	Not Applicable
	(b) Traded on one or more domestic or international exchanges.	(b) Remaining outstanding principal value of the issue must be (and remain) at least \$100 million unless Plan Trustees approve.	
<b>Minimum Quality Standards</b>	(a) At least 3 years of earnings history **	Minimum Quality Ratings: Cash & Equivalents – S&P A-2, Moody's P-2, Fitch F-2 S&P – BBB-** Moody's – Baa3** Only Core Plus portfolio is allowed to buy and/or hold bonds rated below BBB-/Baa.	Not Applicable
	(b) Profitable (from continuing operations) in at least 3 of the last 5 years	BBB-/Baa3 bonds not to exceed 15% of portfolio*, † For Core Plus only, bonds rated below BBB-/Baa3 are not to exceed 15% of portfolio; non-rated bonds are not to exceed 1% of portfolio *	
<b>Bond Maturities</b>		(a) Minimum (single issue) maturity: None, but maturities under 12 months will be viewed as "cash" under this policy  (b) Maximum remaining, term to maturity (single issue) at purchase: 30 years	Not Applicable



	<b>Equities</b>	<b>Fixed Income &amp; Cash</b>	<b>Alternatives</b>
<b>Foreign Securities</b>	(a) Foreign securities to a maximum of 5%*	Foreign debt issues to a maximum of 5%*†  Foreign debt issues to a maximum of 15% for Core Plus portfolio	Foreign debt issues to a maximum of 5%
<b>Prohibited Categories</b>	(a) Preferred stock (b) Lettered stock and other unregistered equity securities (c) Margin purchases (d) Short sales or warrants (e) Issuer related to the investment manager (f) Options, except as noted below (g) Commodity contracts, except stock index futures	(a) issuer related to the investment manager (b) Issues traded flat (not currently accruing interest) (c) Debt obligations of either the Sewerage & Water Board of New Orleans or the City of New Orleans (d) Commodity contracts, except bond futures	(a) Direct Investments
<b>Portfolio Turnover</b> (maximum expected in one quarter without prior consultation)	35%	35%	Not Applicable
<b>Reports to the Pension Committee</b>	At least quarterly	At least quarterly	At least quarterly
<b>Written Reports to the Committee</b>	Monthly	Monthly	Quarterly

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\* Percentages refer to the market value of any single investment manager's portfolio, not the total fund. Small/Mid Cap Manager(s) is allowed a maximum of 10% in a single position. Foreign securities limitations do not apply to International Equity Manager(s) or Core-Plus Bond Manager(s).

\*\* Either as a stand-alone company or as a separately identifiable subsidiary, division or line of business. Does not apply to Core Plus (Global) Bond, Private Equity, Real Estate/REIT, or Absolute Return. Refer to individual manager guidelines.

φ Exception given for indexed or exchange-traded funds and notes (ETF's and ETN's).

†With the exception of Convertible Bonds and Core Bond Plus. Refer to individual manager guidelines.

## DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Board of Trustees is responsible for overseeing the Retirement Systems' investments. This includes, but is not limited to, the selection of acceptable asset classes, allowable ranges of holdings between asset classes and individual investment managers as a percent of assets, the definition of acceptable securities within each asset class, investment performance expectations, and monitoring compliance with state investment regulations.

The Board of Trustees selects, retains and replaces investment managers and custodians, and controls the asset allocation within policy limits.

The Board of Trustees will communicate the policy and performance expectations to the Investment Managers. The Board of Trustees will also review investment performance regularly to assure the policy is being followed and progress is being made toward achieving the objectives.

### **Board of Trustees**

As fiduciaries under the Plan, the primary responsibilities of the Board of Trustees are:

1. Prepare and maintain this investment policy statement;
2. Prudently diversify the Plan's assets to meet an agreed upon risk/return profile;
3. Prudently select both actively managed and indexed (passive) investment products;
4. Control and account for all investment, record keeping, and administrative expenses associated with the Plan;
5. Monitor and supervise all service vendors and investment options; and
6. Avoid prohibited transactions and conflicts of interest.

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### **Pension Consultant**

The Board of Trustees will retain a (one or more) third-party Consultant(s) or Investment Advisor(s) to assist the Board of Trustees in managing the overall investment process. The Consultant(s) and or Advisor(s) will be responsible for guiding the Board of Trustees through a disciplined and rigorous investment process to enable the Board of Trustees to meet the fiduciary responsibilities outlined herein.

### **Investment Managers**

Distinguishable from the Board of Trustees and Pension Consultant, who are responsible for managing the investment process, investment managers are responsible for making investment decisions (security selection and price decisions). The Investment Managers shall be responsible for determining investment strategy and implementing security selection and the timing of purchases and sales within the policy guidelines set forth in this statement and as otherwise provided by the Board of Trustees. The specific duties and responsibilities of each investment manager are:

1. Manage the assets under their supervision in accordance with the guidelines and objectives outlined in their respective contracts, prospectus, or trust agreement.

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2. Exercise full investment discretion with regards to buying, managing, and selling assets held in the portfolios.
3. If managing a separate account (as opposed to a mutual fund or a commingled account), seek approval from the Board of Trustees prior to purchasing and/or implementing the following securities and transactions, unless otherwise stated in manager's contract with Board of Trustees:
  - a. Letter stock and other unregistered securities; commodities or other commodity contracts; and short sales or margin transactions. Securities lending; pledging or hypothecating securities.
  - b. Investments in the equity securities of any company with a record of less than three years continuous operation, including the operation of any predecessor
  - c. Investments for the purpose of exercising control of management,
4. Vote promptly all proxies and related actions in a manner consistent with the long-term interest and objectives of the Plan as described in this IPS. Each investment manager shall keep detailed records of the voting of proxies and related actions and will comply with all applicable regulatory obligations.
5. Communicate with the Board of Trustees all significant changes pertaining to the fund it manages or the firm itself. Changes in ownership, organizational structure, financial condition, and professional staff are examples of changes to the firm in which the Board is interested.
6. Effect all transactions for the Plan subject to best price and execution. If a manager utilizes brokerage commission generated from Plan assets to effect soft-dollar transactions, records detailing all activity (brokerage and soft-dollar use) will be kept and communicated to the Board of Trustees on a monthly basis.
7. If applicable (i.e. for active equity managers), to direct its trading to designated commission recapture broker(s) at or near target level of 35% of total trades placed on behalf of Plan. Again, records detailing the level of participation will be kept and communicated to the Board of Trustees on a monthly basis.
8. Use the same care, skill, prudence, and due diligence under the circumstances then prevailing that experienced investment professionals, acting in a like capacity and fully familiar with such matters, would use in like activities for like retirement Plans with like aims in accordance and compliance with ERISA and all applicable laws, rules, and regulations.
9. If managing a separate account<sup>7</sup> (as opposed to an indexed product, mutual fund or commingled account), **acknowledge co-fiduciary responsibility by signing and returning a copy of this IPS.**

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<sup>7</sup> Also referred to as SMA or separately managed account



### **Custodian**

Custodians are responsible for the safekeeping of the Plan's assets. The specific duties and responsibilities of the custodian are:

1. Maintain separate accounts by legal registration
2. Value the holdings
3. Collect all income and dividends owed to the Plan
4. Settle all transactions (buy-sell orders) initiated by the Investment Manager
5. Provide monthly reports that detail transactions, cash flows, securities held and their current value, and change in value of each security and the overall portfolio since the previous report.

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### **INVESTMENT PRODUCT AND MANAGER SELECTION**

The process for selecting both indexed strategy products, as well as alternative strategy managers will consist of the Consultant's pre-search development of criterion which consider both quantitative and qualitative characteristics for the specific class and style of indexed or alternative strategy. The Board of Trustees will adopt and diligently apply this criterion in its selection of each passive product or alternative strategy manager.

With exception given to indexed products, for example an iShares or SPDR S&P 500 ETF, as well as alternative strategy managers, for example Private Equity, Absolute Return/HFOFs and/or Real Estate/REIT managers, the Board of Trustees will apply the following due diligence criteria in selecting each (active) equity and fixed income manager.

1. Regulatory oversight: Each investment manager should be a regulated bank, an insurance company, a mutual fund organization, or an SEC registered investment adviser.
2. Correlation to style or peer group: The product should be highly correlated to the asset class of the investment option. This is one of the most critical parts of the analysis, since most of the remaining due diligence involves comparisons of the manager to the appropriate peer group.
3. Performance relative to a peer group: The product's performance should be evaluated against the peer group's median manager return, for 1-, 3-, and 5-year cumulative periods.
4. Performance relative to assumed risk: The product's risk-adjusted performance (standard deviation, alpha and/or Sharpe Ratio) should be evaluated against the peer group's median manager's risk-adjusted performance.
5. Minimum track record: The product's inception date should be greater than three years.
6. Assets under management: The product should have at least \$75 million under management.

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7. Holdings consistent with style: The screened product should have no more than 20% of the portfolio invested in "unrelated" asset class securities.
8. Stability of the organization: i.e. *Manager Tenure* - no material organizational or investment team changes in the past two years.

### **Volatility**

Consistent with the desire for adequate diversification, the investment policy is based on the assumption that the volatility of the combined portfolios will be similar to that of the market opportunity available to institutional investors with similar return objectives.

The volatility of each investment managers' portfolio will be compared to the volatility of appropriate market indices and peer groups. Above median volatility is acceptable only so long as performance is commensurately above median.

### **Liquidity**

Based on current actuarial assumptions, it is expected that contributions will exceed benefit payments for the foreseeable future. Therefore, there is no need for Investment Managers to maintain liquid reserves for payment of pension benefits.

If benefit payments are projected to exceed contributions in some future period, the Board of Trustees or its designee will notify the investment managers well in advance of any withdrawal orders to allow them sufficient time to build up necessary liquid reserves. The managers will be expected to review the cash flow requirements with the Pension Committee at least annually.

### **Voting of Proxies**

Voting of proxy ballots shall be for the exclusive benefits of the participants and beneficiaries of the Retirement System. Unless the Board of Trustees provides information on how to vote a proxy, the investment managers shall vote the proxies in accordance with its own policy for shareholder issues. Managers will communicate their proxy voting record to the Board of Trustees in writing every quarter and will provide a written summary of all proxies voted on an annual basis.

### **Execution of Security Trades**

The Board of Trustees expects the purchase and sale of securities to be made in a manner designed to receive the combination of best price and execution. The Board of Trustees may implement a Directed Brokerage Program in the future. In June of 2001, the Board of Trustees implemented a Commission Recapture Program.

### **Securities Lending Guidelines**

The Plan may engage in the lending of securities subject to the following guidelines:

- (a)1. Collateral on loans is set at 102% of the market value of the security plus accrued interest.
- (b)2. Collateral should be marked to market daily.
- (c)3. Securities of the System are not released until the custodian bank receives payment for the book entry withdrawal of the loaned security.

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- (4)4. Eligible securities can include the lending of all U.S. Treasury and other government guaranteed securities, corporate securities, and common stock.

## CONTROL PROCEDURES

### Conflicts of Interest

The Investment Manager (and any persons acting on its behalf) who enters into a contract with the Plan must reasonably believe, immediately prior to entering into the contract, that the contract represents an arm's length arrangement between the parties and that the Board of Trustees, alone or together with the Board of Trustee's independent agents, understands the proposed method of compensation and its risks. In addition to the requirements of Form ADV, the Investment Manager shall disclose to the Board of Trustees, or to the Board of Trustee's independent agent, prior to entering into an advisory contract, all material information concerning the proposed advisory arrangement including the following:

1. The periods which will be used to measure investment performance throughout the contract and their significance in the computation of the manager's fee.
2. The nature of any index which will be used as a comparative measure of investment performance, the significance of the index, and the reason the Investment Manager believes the index is appropriate.
3. How the securities will be valued and the extent to which the valuation will be determined independently where the Investment Manager's compensation is based in part on the unrealized appreciation of securities for which market quotations are not readily available.

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### Review of Liabilities

All major liability assumptions regarding number of participants, compensation, benefit levels, and actuarial assumptions will be subject to an annual review by the Board. This review will focus on an analysis of major differences between the Retirement System's assumptions and actual experience.

### Review of Investment Policy Statement

The IPS will be reviewed annually and updated with pertinent or substantive changes as frequent as necessary.

### Review of Investment Objectives

Investment performance will be reviewed annually to determine the continued feasibility of achieving the investment objectives and the appropriateness of the investment policy for achieving these objectives.

It is not expected that the investment policy will change frequently. In particular, short-term changes in the financial markets should not require an adjustment in the investment policy.



### **Review of Investments**

The Board will review in addition to the total fund; each active manager's and indexed product's performance at least quarterly with its Consultant. The total fund will be measured against a composite index of asset class proxies or benchmarks blended in the same percentages as the IPS asset allocation targets contained herein. Each active investment manager will be measured against an appropriate benchmark(s) as stated in their respective contract(s). Each indexed product will be measured against its appropriate tracking index.

### **Market Indices**

Available benchmarking opportunities for the capital markets include the Dow Jones 30 Industrial Average, S&P 500, Russell 1000 Indexes for large cap equities, the Russell 2000 Index for small cap equities, the MSCI ACWI Index for global equities, the MSCI ACWI ex-U.S. Index for international equities, the Barclays Aggregate Bond Index for investment grade fixed income securities, Venture Economics Index for Private Equity, HFRI Fund-of-Funds Index for Absolute Return and/or other comparable indices appropriate for monitoring individual portfolio investment strategies. Some of the other comparable indices include style indices such as the Russell 1000 Growth or Value Index for large cap growth or value, and the Russell 2000 Growth or Value Index for small cap growth or value.

Performance reviews will focus on:

1. Total Retirement System and investment manager compliance with the IPS guidelines and stated investment regulations.
2. Material changes in the manager organizations, such as in investment philosophy, personnel, acquisitions or losses of major accounts, etc.
3. Comparison of managers' results to a universe of funds using a similar investment style and similar asset classes.
4. Comparison of managers' results to style specific benchmarks established for each individual manager's portfolio. Where multiple asset classes are employed in a portfolio, a customized benchmark index may be developed to mirror the asset classes utilized by the manager.
5. The appropriate market index will be stated in each investment manager's contract.

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### **Compliance**

On an ongoing basis, the Board of Trustees and its Consultant will review each investment manager's relative compliance with, and adherence to the principles, guidelines and benchmarks established in this IPS. Annually, each investment manager will be formally examined and graded individually. If, in the opinion of the Board of Trustees, there is concern for remedial action to be taken by the investment manager, it will be expressed and communicated by the Board of Trustees to the Investment Manager at that time.

The investment managers will be responsible for keeping the Board of Trustees advised of any material changes in personnel, investment strategy, or other pertinent information potentially affecting performance of all managers. The investment managers will be responsible for reconciliation with Custodian Bank.

### **Performance Expectations**

The Board of Trustees recognizes that real return objectives may not be meaningful during some time periods. In order to ensure that investment opportunities available over a specific time period are fairly evaluated, the Board of Trustees will use comparative performance statistics to evaluate investment results. Each investment manager (whether equity, fixed income or alternative manager) and the total Retirement System, will be expected to achieve minimum performance standards as follows:

1. Rank in the top forty percent (40%) of an appropriate style peer group of actively managed portfolios over rolling three-year periods.
2. Exceed an appropriate benchmark index, net of management fees over rolling three-year periods.

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The Board of Trustees is keenly aware that ongoing review and analysis of the Plan's investment products and managers is just as important as the due diligence implemented during the selection process. The net performance of all indexed products and investment managers will be monitored on an ongoing basis; and at the sole discretion of the Board of Trustees, corrective (probation, termination) or progressive (new hire, add funds) action may be taken if it is deemed appropriate at any time.

On a timely basis, but not less than quarterly, the Board of Trustees will meet to review whether or not individual active investment managers as well as indexed products achieve and maintain the Board's performance expectations as outlined above; specifically:

1. The manager's adherence to the Plan's investment guidelines
2. Material changes in the manager's organization, investment philosophy, and/or personnel
3. Any legal, SEC, and/or other regulatory agency proceedings affecting the manager.

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While these performance standards should be achieved over a three to five year period complete market cycle, the Board of Trustees will also monitor performance on a shorter-term basis.

The Investment Managers are requested to be aware at all times of the pension plan's actuarial assumption of seven percent (7%) overall annual return.

### **Probationary Period**

Investment managers should be advised that the Board of Trustees intends to track interim progress toward multi-year (3 to 5-year) goals. However, if in the opinion of the Board of Trustees an investment manager's performance is deemed to be deficient, the Board of Trustees will inform the investment manager in writing that the firm has been placed on probation (*Watch List*). The length of an investment manager's probation

period will be determined by the Board of Trustees on a case-by-case basis. If the Board of Trustees' concerns are not sufficiently addressed during this probationary period, or if the investment manager is unable to remedy deficiencies in performance, this would constitute grounds for termination of the investment manager.

An Investment Manager may be removed from probation if, in the opinion of the Board of Trustees, the factors which caused the probationary review have been eliminated, mitigated or otherwise appropriately and sufficiently addressed to the complete and total satisfaction of the Board of Trustees.

Specifically, a manager may be placed on the *Watch List* and a thorough review and analysis of the investment manager may be conducted, when:

1. A manager performs below median for their peer group over 1, 3, and/or 5 year cumulative period(s); or over any period deemed relevant by the Board of Trustees.
2. A manager's 1 to 3 year risk adjusted return (alpha and/or Sharpe) falls below the peer group's median risk adjusted return.
3. There is a change in the professionals managing the portfolio.
4. There is a significant decrease in the product's assets.
5. There is an indication the manager is deviating from his/her stated style and/or strategy.
6. There is an increase in the product's fees and expenses.
7. Any extraordinary event such as a substantive change in firm ownership occurs that may interfere with the manager's ability to fulfill their role in the future.

The Board of Trustees has determined it is in the best interest of the Plan's participants that performance objectives be established for each investment manager. Manager performance will be evaluated in terms of an appropriate market index (e.g. the S&P 500 stock index for large cap domestic equity manager) and the relevant peer group (e.g. the Morningstar<sup>8</sup> Large Blend category, universe or peer group for large cap domestic managers).

A manager evaluation may include the following steps:

1. A letter to the manager asking for an analysis/explanation of their performance (underperformance) for the period(s) under review.
2. An analysis of recent transactions, holdings, and portfolio characteristics to determine the cause for underperformance or to check for a change in style.
3. A meeting with the manager, which may be conducted on-site, to gain insight into organizational changes and any changes in strategy or discipline.

<sup>8</sup> The Morningstar Category classifications bifurcates portfolios into peer groups based on their holdings. The categories help investors identify the top-performing funds, assess potential risk, and build well-diversified portfolios. Morningstar regularly reviews the category structure and the portfolios within each category to ensure that the system meets the needs of investors. Morningstar assigns categories to all types of portfolios, such as mutual funds, variable annuities, and separate accounts. Portfolios are placed in a given category based on their average holdings statistics over the past three years.

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### **Style Benchmarks**

<b><u>Style Based Asset Class</u></b>	<b><u>Index/Benchmark</u></b>	<b><u>Morningstar Category</u></b>
<b><i>Global Equity</i></b>	<b><i>Russell 3000 Index</i></b>	
Large Cap Value	Russell 1000 Value Index	Large Value
LC Enhanced Core	Russell 1000 Index	Large Blend
Large Cap Growth	Russell 1000 Growth Index	Large Growth
Mid Cap Equity	Russell Mid Cap Index	Mid-Cap Blend
SMID Cap Equity	Russell 2500 Index	Mid-Cap Blend
Small Cap Equity	Russell 2000 Index	Small Blend
International Equity	MSCI ACWI-EX US Index	Foreign Large Blend
International EM Equity	MSCI Emerging Markets Index	Diversified EM
<b><i>Global Fixed Income</i></b>	<b><i>Bloomberg Barclays Aggregate Bond</i></b>	
U.S. Core	Bloomberg Barclays Aggregate Bond Index	Intermediate-Term Bond
High Yield	Bloomberg Barclays HY US Index	High Yield Bond
Core-Plus (Global) (constrained)	1) Bloomberg Barclays Universal Bond Index 2) Bloomberg Barclays Aggregate Bond Index	Multi-Sector Bond
Global TIPS	Bloomberg Barclays World Inflation Linked Bond Index	Inflation Protected Bond
Convertible Bonds	BofA ML Inv. Grade Convertible Bond Index	TBD
<b><i>Alternative Investments</i></b>	<b><i>Custom Blended Index</i></b>	
Multi-Strat/Multi-Manager HFOFs/Absolute Return	HFRI Fund-of-Funds Index	TBD
Domestic REITs	MSCI REIT	Sector Real Estate
International REITs	FTSE/EPRA NAREIT ex US	
Commodities	S&P GSCI	Commodities Broad Basket
Private Equity	Cambridge Private Equity	TBD

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### **Cause for Termination**

While the Board of Trustees intends to fairly evaluate both indexed (passive) products and active investment managers over time; the Board reserves the right to terminate its relationship with a product sponsor or investment manager at any time without a probationary period if there is:

- 1. Failure to meet the Board of Trustees' communication and reporting requirements.
- 2. A significant change in the personnel managing the investment decisions of the Fund, or a change in the ownership of the Investment Manager that could be deemed to adversely impact the management of Fund assets.
- 3. A lack of confidence that the Investment Manager or his organization can produce acceptable results in the future.
- 4. Unacceptable justification for poor performance results.
- 5. Lack of responsiveness to the Board of Trustees.
- 6. A change in asset allocation which may result in the termination of an Investment Manager for reasons other than for cause.
- 7. In the Board of Trustees' opinion, a change of Investment Manager would be beneficial to the Plan.

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There is no implied contract for a fixed time period, or otherwise, between the SWBNO Employees' Retirement System and any of its Investment Managers, and the relationship between the parties may be terminated at any time for any reason with prior written notification.

### **Measuring Costs**

The Board of Trustees will review, at least annually, all costs associated with the management of the Plan's investments including:

1. Fees and expense reimbursements of pension consultant
2. Fees and expense ratios of each active investment manager and passive investment product
3. Custody Fees: Encompassing the holding of the assets, the collection of income and disbursement of payments.
4. Trading Costs: Evaluating whether or not the manager is demonstrating attention to best execution efforts, commission recapture program targets<sup>9</sup>, and other efficiencies in trading securities.

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<sup>9</sup> Refer to Page 15; Item numbers 6 and 7 of this IPS for details

## POLICY ADOPTION STATEMENT

This Investment Policy document is hereby adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans on December 19, 2018.

Adopted by: **The Board of Trustees of Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans**

\_\_\_\_\_, Trustee  
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\_\_\_\_\_, Trustee  
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Elected Employee Representative

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Elected Employee Representative

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Elected Employee Representative (~~Retired~~)

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### CO-FIDUCIARY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The undersigned hereby acknowledges fiduciary capacity as defined by the Employee Retirement Investment Security Act (ERISA) of 1974.

The undersigned hereby acknowledges that it has read this Investment Policy Statement document and further will comply with the procedural and reporting requirements contained herein; and as amended by the Board of Trustees from time to time.

Acknowledged by:

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## APPENDIX A

### Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans Board Officers

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Tamika Duplessis, PhD., President Pro-Tem

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~~Chante' Powell-Pierre, Pension Committee Member~~

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### Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans Management

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## APPENDIX B

### 2018-2027

#### Capital Market Expectations

Asset Class	Index	Projected Return*	Projected Risk
<b><u>Equities</u></b>			
Broad Domestic Equity	Russell 3000	6.85%	18.25%
Large Cap	S&P 500	6.75%	17.40%
Small/Mid Cap	Russell 2500	7.00%	22.60%
Global ex-US Equity	MSCI ACWI ex USA	7.00%	21.00%
International Equity	MSCI World ex USA	6.75%	19.70%
Emerging Markets Equity	MSCI EM	7.00%	27.45%
<b><u>Fixed Income</u></b>			
Short Duration	BB Barclays 1-3 Yr G/C	2.60%	2.10%
Domestic Fixed	BB Barclays Aggregate	3.00%	3.75%
Long Duration	BB Barclays Long G/C	3.00%	10.95%
TIPS	BB Barclays TIPS	3.00%	5.25%
High Yield	BB Barclays High Yield	4.75%	10.35%
Non-US Fixed	BB Barclays Gbl Agg xUSD	1.40%	9.20%
Emerging Market Debt	EMBI Global Diversified	4.50%	9.60%
<b><u>Other</u></b>			
Real Estate	Callan Real Estate	5.75%	16.35%
Private Equity TR	Post Venture Capital	7.35%	32.90%
Hedge Funds	Callan Hedge FoF	5.05%	9.15%
Commodities	Bloomberg Commodity	2.65%	18.30%
Cash Equivalents	90-Day T-Bill	2.25%	0.90%
Inflation	CPI-U	2.25%	1.50%

\* Geometric returns are derived from arithmetic returns and the associated risk (standard deviation).

The above table is an excerpt from the Callan Asset Liability Study; the study was developed and submitted by Callan & Associates in July 2018. The SWBNO Board commissioned, reviewed and adopted the above expectations or capital market assumptions together with associated asset allocation recommendations in September 2018, as part of a complete Plan asset liability and funding analysis.

Neither forecasts nor past performance are indicative of future results; therefore there is no implied assurance of any individual asset class or proxy index as represented, realizing the referenced expected return or risk characteristics.

## APPENDIX C

### SUSTAINABLE INVESTMENTS PROGRAM

#### Overview

As of October 2020, the Board's contemplated Sustainable Investments Program (SIP) is being designed as a "total fund" resource, with an initial minimum impact target (AUM) of 50% of the Plan, and remains a work in progress. The Board intends to work to address short, and long-term risks and opportunities that can impact the Plan's overall performance.

The Board will work across all Asset Classes to provide centralized leadership and strategy related to sustainable investment topics. Across the total fund, we intend to:

1. Review available research on emerging sustainable investment issues and opportunities, prioritizing topics with the highest potential financial value to the fund;
2. Support sustainable investment practices and environmental, social, and governance (ESG) factor integration into investment decision-making processes
3. Conduct engagements with external managers, and stakeholders, prioritizing resources toward topics with the highest potential financial value

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Our members rely on our investments to sustainably deliver financial results to support their promised retirement and health benefits, not just for today, but for decades to come.

#### Climate Change

As an investor in the global economy, the scale and multi-faceted nature of climate change presents a systemic risk to our portfolio. Climate change impacts investors like us in two main ways:

- Physical impacts (e.g. wildfires, extreme weather, sea-level rise, and drought) can affect our fixed assets (e.g. real estate) and disrupt portfolio companies' supply chains and operations. Climate Change has acute and chronic physical impacts that can affect people's health, food security, migration, water supply, and other ecosystem services in ways that could bring heightened volatility to financial markets and harm economic growth.
- Transition risks, or shifts in policies, technologies, industries, and customers, due to changed climate norms or movement toward a lower-carbon economy can affect the financial success of existing business models and industries. Our

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portfolio companies' long-term success depends on the degree to which they can successfully navigate the transition.

Through our planned engagement efforts we're working to minimize the absolute risk from climate change to the Plan's portfolio. Through our planned research and integration efforts we are working to understand the financial risks to our portfolio and prepare for the long-term changes that will accompany climate change.

Our Sustainable Investments Program should leverage the best available science and tools to inform investment decisions with key insights into the highest-value climate change-related risks and opportunities.

### **Environmental, Social & Governance Integration**

The Plan Consultant is expected to support SWBNO staff and the Pension Committee by providing expertise and support for significant environmental, social & governance (ESG) risks and opportunities that can affect Plan investments.

The Plan Consultant will work with the Plan's external managers over all asset classes and the Board leadership to:

1. Assess and manage high-value ESG risks and opportunities alongside traditional factors in the investment process.
2. Review, pilot, procure, and/or create useful tools to facilitate integration of high-value ESG topics into investment processes.
3. Recognize profitable opportunities based on ESG characteristics and those considered most at risk from shifts toward more sustainable products and services.
4. Identify ways to generate positive social and environmental impact with strong financial returns. We call these "Why Wouldn't You?" or "If all things are equal" opportunities.

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### **Sustainable Investment Practice Guidelines**

Acknowledging sustainability issues can impact all areas of the portfolio, we will use, and continually refine resources and practices to help our external managers utilize sustainable investment considerations throughout the life cycle of the investments. This includes investment selection, and contracting and monitoring processes, which are subject to fiduciary principles.

The guidelines will integrate existing beliefs, principles, and policies related to ESG considerations, including our Pension & Investment Beliefs; and United Nations-supported Six Principles for Responsible Investment ([www.unpri.org](http://www.unpri.org)).

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These guidelines are intended to evolve and adapt with industry best practices and as data and tools emerge and improve: See Appendix D.

**APPENDIX D**

**SUSTAINABLE INVESTMENT PRACTICE GUIDELINES**

- Global Equity Sustainable Investment Practice Guidelines (TBD)
- Global Fixed Income Sustainable Investment Practice Guidelines (TBD)
- Private Equity Sustainable Investment Practice Guidelines (TBD)
- Real Assets Sustainable Investment Practice Guidelines (TBD)

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## APPENDIX E

### PRINCIPLES & BELIEFS

As of October 2020, the Board intends to develop a set of sustainable investment practice guidelines for each asset class that reflects the needs and objectives of the Plan.

The guidelines will integrate beliefs, principles, and policies related to ESG considerations, including SWBNO Pension & Investment Beliefs, and United Nations-supported Six Principles for Responsible Investment ([www.unpri.org](http://www.unpri.org)).

#### SWBNO Pension Beliefs

In \_\_\_\_\_, the SWBNO adopted a set of ten (10) *Pension Beliefs* that articulate the pension fund's views on public pension design, funding, and administration.

These beliefs offer SWBNO views on the importance of retirement security, defined benefit plans, fiduciary duty, and the need to ensure long-term pension sustainability.

1. A retirement system must meet the needs of members and employers to be successful.
2. Plan design should ensure that lifetime retirement benefits reflect each employee's years of service, age and earnings and are adequate for full-career employees.
3. Inadequate financial preparation for retirement is a growing national concern; therefore, all employees should have effective means to pursue retirement security.
4. A retirement plan should include a defined benefit component, have professionally managed funds with a long-term horizon, and incorporate pooled investments and pooled risks.
5. Funding policies should be applied in a fair, consistent manner, accommodate investment return fluctuations and support rate stability.
6. Pension benefits are deferred compensation and the responsibility for appropriate funding should be shared between employers and employees.
7. Retirement system decisions must give precedence to the fiduciary duty owed to members but should also consider the interests of other stakeholders.
8. Trustees, administrators and all other fiduciaries are accountable for their actions, and must transparently perform their duties to the highest ethical standards.

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9. Sound understanding and deployment of enterprise-wide risk management is essential to the ongoing success of a retirement system.
10. A retirement system should offer innovative and flexible financial education that meets the needs of members and employers.

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## **SWBNO Investment Beliefs**

In \_\_\_\_\_, the SWBNO adopted a set of ten (10) *Investment Beliefs* intended to provide a basis for strategic management of the investment portfolio, and to inform organizational priorities.

The Investment Beliefs are not a checklist to be applied to every decision. They are a guide for making decisions that often require balancing multiple, inter-related decision factors. They provide context for SWBNO actions, reflect SWBNO values, and acknowledge SWBNO responsibility to sustain its ability to pay benefits for generations.

Each Investment Belief also contains several sub-beliefs that are actionable statements that provide insight as to how the Investment Beliefs should be implemented.

### **1. Liabilities must influence the asset structure.**

- o Ensuring the ability to pay promised benefits by maintaining an adequate funding status is the primary measure of success for SWBNO
- o SWBNO has a large and growing cash requirement and inflation sensitive liabilities; assets that generate cash and hedge inflation should be an important part of the SWBNO investment strategy
- o SWBNO cares about both the income and appreciation components of total return
- o Concentrations of illiquid assets must be managed to ensure sufficient availability of cash to meet obligations to beneficiaries

### **2. A long time investment horizon is a responsibility and an advantage.**

- o Long-time horizon requires that SWBNO:
  - Consider the impact of its actions on future generations of members and taxpayers
  - Encourage external managers to consider the long-term impact of their actions
  - Favor investment strategies that create long-term, sustainable value and recognize the critical importance of a strong and durable economy in the attainment of funding objectives
- o Long-time horizon enables SWBNO to:
  - Invest in certain illiquid assets, provided an appropriate premium is earned for illiquidity risk
  - Invest in opportunistic strategies, providing liquidity when the market is short of it
  - Take advantage of factors that materialize slowly such as demographic trends
  - Tolerate some volatility in asset values and returns, as long as sufficient liquidity is available

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**3. SWBNO investment decisions may reflect wider stakeholder views, provided they are consistent with its fiduciary duty to members and beneficiaries.**

- o As a public agency, SWBNO has many stakeholders who express opinions on many issues, including investment strategy. SWBNO's preferred means of responding to issues raised by stakeholders is engagement
- o SWBNO primary stakeholders are members/beneficiaries, employers, rate payers and Louisiana taxpayers as these stakeholders bear the economic consequences of SWBNO investment decisions
- o In considering whether to engage on issues raised by stakeholders, SWBNO will use the following prioritization framework:

- Principles and Policy - to what extent is the issue supported by SWBNO Investment Beliefs, adopted principles and or Investment Policy?
- Materiality - does the issue have the potential for an impact on portfolio risk or return?
- Definition and Likelihood of Success - is success likely, in that SWBNO action will influence an outcome which can be measured? Can we partner with others to achieve success or would someone else be more suited to carry the issue?
- Capacity - does SWBNO have the expertise, resources, and standing to influence an outcome?

**4. Long-term value creation requires effective management of three forms of capital: financial, physical, and human.**

- o Governance is the primary tool to align interests between SWBNO and managers of its capital, including consultants, custodians, and external managers
- o Strong governance, along with effective management of environmental and human capital factors, increases in the likelihood that companies will perform over the long-term and manage risk effectively
- o SWBNO may engage external managers on their governance and sustainability issues, including:
  - Governance practices, including but not limited to alignment of interests
  - Risk management practices
  - Human capital practices, including but not limited to fair labor practices, health and safety, responsible contracting and diversity & inclusion
  - Environmental practices, including but not limited to climate change and natural resource availability

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**5. SWBNO must articulate its investment goals and performance measures and ensure clear accountability for their execution.**

- o A key success measure for the SWBNO investment program is delivery of the long-term target return for the fund
- o The long-term horizon of the fund poses challenges in aligning interests of the fund with staff and external managers
- o Managers can be measured on returns relative to an appropriate benchmark, but manager performance should include additional objectives or key performance indicators to align external managers with the fund's long-term goals
- o Each asset class should have explicit alignment of interest principles for its external managers

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**6. Strategic asset allocation is the dominant determinant of portfolio risk and return.**

- o SWBNO strategic asset allocation process transforms the fund's required rate of return to the market exposures that staff will manage
- o SWBNO will aim to diversify its overall portfolio across distinct risk factors return drivers
- o SWBNO will seek to add value with disciplined, dynamic asset allocation processes, such as mean reversion. The processes must reflect SWBNO characteristics such as time horizon and size of assets
- o SWBNO will consider investment strategies if they have the potential to have a material impact on portfolio risk and return

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**7. SWBNO will take risk only where we have a strong belief we will be rewarded for it.**

- o An expectation of a return premium is required to take risk; SWBNO aims to maximize return for the risk taken
- o Markets are not perfectly efficient, but inefficiencies are difficult to exploit after costs
- o SWBNO will use index tracking strategies where we lack conviction or demonstrable evidence that we can add value through active management
- o SWBNO should measure its investment performance relative to reference portfolio of public, passively managed assets to ensure that active risk is being compensated at the Total Fund level over the long-term

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#### **8. Costs matter and need to be effectively managed.**

- o SWBNO will balance risk, return and cost when choosing and evaluating investment managers and investment strategies
- o Transparency of the total costs to manage the SWBNO portfolio is required of SWBNO business partners and itself
- o Performance fee arrangements and incentive compensation plans should align the interests of the fund, external managers and stakeholders
- o SWBNO should seek to capture a larger share of economic returns by using our size to the extent possible, to maximize our negotiating leverage. We will also seek to reduce cost, risk, and complexity related to manager selection and oversight
- o When deciding how to implement an investment strategy, SWBNO will implement in the most cost-effective manner including investing in low cost exchange traded products

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#### **9. Risk to SWBNO is multi-faceted and not fully captured through measures such as volatility or tracking error.**

- o SWBNO shall develop a broad set of investment and actuarial risk measures and clear processes for managing risk
- o The path of returns matters, because highly volatile returns can have unexpected impacts on contribution rates and funding status
- o As a long-term investor, SWBNO must consider risk factors, for example climate change and natural resource availability that emerge slowly over long time periods, but could have a material impact on company or portfolio returns.

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#### **10. Strong processes and teamwork and deep resources are needed to achieve SWBNO goals and objectives.**

- o Diversity of talent (including a broad range of education, experience, perspectives, and skills) at all levels (board, staff, external managers, corporate boards) is important
- o SWBNO must consider the government agency constraints under which it operates (e.g., compensation, civil service rules, contracting, transparency) when choosing its strategic asset allocation and investment strategies
- o SWBNO will be best positioned for success if it:
  - Has strong governance
  - Operates with effective, clear processes
  - Focuses resources on highest value activities
  - Aligns interests through well designed compensation structures
  - Employs professionals who have intellectual rigor, deep domain knowledge, a broad range of experience, and a commitment to implement SWBNO Investment Beliefs

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**APPENDIX C**

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**GLOSSARY OF TERMS**

**Absolute Return Strategies:** Strategies that are developed by private investment firms that seek to generate high absolute returns taking active positions in a variety of markets employing different financial instruments.

**Active Management:** (also called *active investing*) refers to a portfolio management strategy wherein the manager makes specific investments with the goal of outperforming an investment benchmark index. Investors or mutual funds that do not aspire to create a return in excess of the market benchmark index will often invest in an index fund that replicates as closely as possible the investment weighting and returns of that index. This is called passive management. Active management is the opposite of passive management, because the manager of a passive management fund does *not* seek to outperform the benchmark index.

**Accumulated Benefit Obligation:** ABO is an approximate measure of the liability of a pension plan in the event of a termination at the date the calculation is performed.

**Alpha:** This statistic 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.

**Asset Allocation:** The process of determining the optimal allocation of a fund's portfolio among broad asset classes.

**AROR:** Annualized rate of return.

**Basis Point:** 100 bps (basis points) equals 1%.

**Best Execution:** This is formally defined as the difference between the strike price (the price at which a security is actually bought or sold) and the "fair market price", which involves calculating opportunity costs by examining the security price immediately after the trade is placed. Best execution occurs when the trade involves no lost opportunity cost, for example, when there is no increase in the price of a security shortly after it is sold.

**Beta:** A statistical measure of the volatility or sensitivity, of rates of return on a portfolio or security in comparison to a market index. The beta value measures the expected change in return per one percent change in the return on the market. Thus, a portfolio with a beta of 1.1 would move 10% more than the market.

**Commingled Fund:** This is a type of investment fund that is similar to a mutual fund in that investors purchase and redeem units that represent ownership in a pool of securities. Commingled funds usually are offered through a bank- administered plan allowing for broader and more efficient investing.



**Commission Recapture:** An agreement by which a plan Fiduciary earns credits based upon the amount of brokerage commissions paid. These credits can be used for services that will benefit the plan such as consulting services, custodian fees, or hardware and software expenses.

**Convertible Bonds:** Securities, usually bonds or preferred shares that can be converted into common stock.

**Core Fixed Income** - A fixed income approach that applies 90% or more of the securities available in the Lehman Brothers Aggregate Index. MBS issues should be the major component of the portfolio in a core product.

**Core Fixed Plus:** A debt investment with which the investor loans money to an entity (company or government) that borrows the funds for a defined period of time at a specified interest rate. This fixed-income style permits managers to add instruments with greater risk and greater potential return, such as high yield, global and emerging market debt, to their core portfolios of investment-grade bonds.

**Correlation Coefficient:** Correlation measures the degree to which two variables are associated with one another. Correlation is a commonly used tool for constructing a well-diversified portfolio. Traditionally, equities and fixed-income asset returns have not moved closely together. The asset returns are not strongly correlated. A balanced fund with equities and fixed-income assets represents a diversified portfolio that attempts to take advantage of the low Correlation between the two asset classes.

**Defined Benefit Plan:** A DB plan is a type of employee benefit plan in which employees know (through a formula) what they receive upon retirement or after a specified number of years of employment with an employer. The employer is obligated to contribute funds into the defined benefit plan based on an actuarially determined obligation that takes into consideration the age of the workforce, their length of service and the investment earnings that are projected to be achieved from the funds contributed. Defined Benefit Plans are over funded if the present value of the future payment obligations to employees is less than the current value of the assets in the Plan. It is under funded if the obligations exceed the current value of these Plan assets.

**Direct Investment:** (1). Also referred to as **Direct Stock Plans** are offered by companies that allow you to purchase or sell stock directly through them without your having to engage an investment advisor or pay commissions to a broker. But you may have to pay a fee for using the plan's services. Some companies require that you already own stock in the company or are employed by the company before you may participate in their direct stock plans. You may be able to buy stock by investing a specific dollar amount rather than having to pay for an entire share. DSPs usually will not allow you to buy or sell your securities at a specific market price or at a specific time. Rather, the company will purchase or sell shares for the plan at established times — for example, on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis — and at an average market price. You can find when the company will buy and sell shares and how it determines the price by reading the company's disclosure documents. Depending on the plan, you may be able to have your shares transferred to your broker to have them sold, but the plan may charge you a fee to

do so. (2.) Also refers to the prohibited process or transaction type as it relates to alternatives. For this purpose, Direct Investment is defined as an investment made directly by an investor with a private company as it relates to a Private Equity or Absolute Return transaction; without the benefit and discretion of a third party investment manager or advisor.

**Directed Brokerage:** Circumstances in which a board of trustees or other fiduciary requests that the investment to a particular broker so that the commissions generated can be used for specific services or resources. See *Soft Dollars*.

**Dollar-Weighted Rate of Return:** Method of performance measurement that calculates returns based on the cash flows of a security or portfolio. A dollar-weighted return applies a discounted cash flow approach to obtain the return for a period. The discount rate that equates the cash inflow at the end of the period plus any net cash flows within the period with the initial outflow is the dollar-weighted rate of return. This return also is referred to as the internal rate of return (IRR).

**Economically-Targeted Investment (ETI):** Investments where the goal is to target a certain economic activity, sector, or area in order to produce corollary benefits in addition to the main objective of earning a competitive risk-adjusted rate of return.

**Equal Weighted:** In a portfolio setting, this is a composite of a manager's return for accounts managed that gives equal consideration to each portfolio's return without regard to size of the portfolio. Compare to *Size-Weighted Return*. In index context, equal weighted means each stock is given equal consideration to the index return without regard to market capitalization. The Value Line Index is an example of an equal weighted index.

**ERISA:** Employee Retirement Income Security Act is a 1974 law governing the operation of most private pension and benefit plans. The law eased pension eligibility rules, set up the *Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation*, and established guidelines for the management of pension funds.

**Fiduciary:** Indicates the relationship of trust and confidence where one person (the Fiduciary) holds or controls property for the benefit of another person.

Any person who (1) exercises any discretionary authority or control over the management of a plan or the management or disposition of its assets, (2) renders investment advice for a fee or other compensation with respect to the funds or property of a plan, or has the authority to do so, or (3) has any discretionary authority or responsibility in the administration of a plan.

**Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)** is defined as a company from one country making a physical investment into building or factory in another country. Its definition can be extended to include investments made to acquire lasting interest in enterprises operating outside of the economy of the investor.

**Fund-of-Funds:** A fund-of-funds (**FoF**) is an investment fund that uses an investment strategy of holding a portfolio of other investment funds rather than investing directly in shares, bonds or other securities. This type of investing is often referred to as multi-manager investment.

There are different types of 'fund of funds', each investing in a different type of collective investment scheme (typically one type per FoF), eg. Mutual Fund FoF, Hedge Fund FoF, Private Equity FoF or Investment Trust FoF.

**Geometric Return:** A method of calculating returns which links portfolio results on a quarterly or monthly basis. This method is best illustrated by an example, and a comparison to Arithmetic Returns, which does not utilize a time link. Suppose a \$100 portfolio returned +25% in the first quarter (ending value is \$125) but lost 20% in the second quarter (ending value is \$100). Over the two quarters the return was 0% - this is the geometric return. However, the arithmetic calculation would simply average the two returns:  $(+25\%)(.5) + (-20\%)(.5) + 2.5\%$ .

**Global:** This term commonly refers to all countries including the United States. Common benchmarks include the MSCI All Country World Index (ACWI).

**Hedge Fund:** A hedge fund is a private investment fund open to a limited range of investors that is permitted by regulators to undertake a wider range of activities than other investment funds and also pays a performance fee to its investment manager. Although each fund will have its own strategy which determines the type of investments and the methods of investment it undertakes, hedge funds as a class invest in a broad range of investments, from shares, debt and commodities to works of art.

As the name implies, hedge funds often seek to offset potential losses in the principal markets they invest in by hedging their investments using a variety of methods, most notably short selling. However, the term "hedge fund" has come to be applied to many funds that do not actually hedge their investments, and in particular to funds using short selling and other "hedging" methods to increase rather than reduce risk, with the expectation of increasing return.

**Hedge Fund Fund-of-Funds (HFOFs)** An investment fund consisting of multiple hedge funds. HFOFs can be made up of several hedge funds with similar strategic focus or several hedge funds with varying or multiple strategies. The latter would be referred to as a multi-strategy HFOF.

**International:** This term commonly refers to all countries excluding the United States. Common benchmarks include the MSCI All Country World Index (ACWI) ex US and the MSCI EAFE Index.

**Large Cap (LC) Enhanced Core:** An investment seeking to provide a total return that exceeds that of typically the S&P 500 index. The fund normally invests at least 80% of net assets in common stocks that comprise the S&P 500 Index, convertible securities that are convertible into stocks included in that index, and derivatives whose returns are closely equivalent to the returns of the S&P 500 Index or its components. It generally holds fewer stocks than the index and may hold securities that are not in the index.

**Large Cap Growth:** Large-Cap Growth funds seek to invest in large companies with good growth prospects. According to Morningstar, large-cap funds invest in companies with market capitalizations of more than \$11 billion. Other organizations may use different definitions. Large-cap funds typically are less volatile than mid-cap and small-

cap funds because large companies are more established and more predictably successful than smaller companies. Large companies also are more likely to pay dividends. Growth funds often have high P/E ratios because managers are willing to pay a premium for stocks of fast-growing companies.

**Large Cap Value:** Large-Cap Value funds seek capital appreciation by investing primarily in large companies with market capitalizations of \$5 billion or more. In selecting stocks, managers of value funds target companies that appear undervalued in terms of price-earnings ratios, price-to-book ratios or other such measures. Large-cap funds tend to be less volatile than those that invest in smaller companies.

**Liquidity Risk:** The risk that there will be insufficient cash to meet the fund's disbursement and expense requirements.

**Market Capitalization:** The market cap of a stock is its current price multiplied by the number of shares outstanding. It is the measure of a company's total value on a stock exchange.

**Market Timing:** A form of *Active Management* that moves funds between asset classes based on short-term expectations of movements in the capital markets. (Not recommended as a prudent process). It is very difficult to improve investment performance by attempting to forecast market peaks and troughs. A forecasting accuracy of at least 71% is required to outperform a buy and hold strategy.

**Market-Weighted:** Typically used in an index composite. The stocks in the index are weighted based on the total *Market Capitalization* of the issue. Thus, more consideration is given to the index's return for higher market capitalized issues than smaller market capitalized issues.

**Money Markets:** Financial markets in which financial assets with a maturity of less than one year are traded. Money market funds also. Refer to open-end mutual funds that invest in low-risk, highly liquid, short-term financial instruments and whose net asset value is kept stable at \$1 per share. The average portfolio maturity is 30 to 60 days.

**Passive Management:** (also called **passive investing**) is a financial strategy in which a fund manager makes as few portfolio decisions as possible, in order to minimize transaction costs, including the incidence of capital gains tax. One popular method is to mimic the performance of an externally specified index—called an 'index funds'. Passive management is most common in the equity markets, where index funds track a stock market index, but it is becoming more common in other investment types, including bonds, commodities, and hedge funds.

**Private Equity:** Equity capital made available to companies or investors, but not quoted on a stock market. The funds raised through private equity can be used to develop new products and technologies, to expand working capital, to make acquisitions, or to strengthen a company's balance sheet.

**Profit Sharing Plan:** Retirement plan that receives contributions as a percentage of the company's profits.



**Projected Benefit Obligation:** PBO is a measure of a pension plan's liability at the calculation date assuming that the plan is ongoing and will not terminate in the foreseeable future.

**Proxy Voting:** A written authorization given by a shareholder to someone else to vote his or her shares at a stockholders annual or special meeting called to elect directors or for some other corporate purpose.

**REIT (Real Estate Investment Trust):** An investment fund whose objective is to hold real estate-related assets, either through mortgages, construction and development loans, or equity interests.

**Responsible:** Being appointed to look after something. Answerable to another person for something. Morally accountable for one's actions; capable of rational conduct. Deserving of credit (or blame) for something. Capable of fulfilling an obligation or duty; reliable, trustworthy, sensible. Of a practice or activity: carried out in a morally principled or ethical way.

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**Residual Risk:** Residual risk is the unsystematic, firm-specific, or diversifiable risk of a security or portfolio. It is the portion of the total risk of a security or portfolio that is unique to the security or portfolio itself and is not related to the overall market. The residual risk in a portfolio can be decreased by including assets that do not have similar unique risk.

For example, a company that relies heavily on oil would have the unique risk associated with a sudden cut in the supply of oil. A company that supplies oil would benefit from a cut in another company's supply of oil. A combination of the two assets helps to cancel out the unique risk of the supply of oil. The level of residual risk in a portfolio is a reflection of the "bets" which the manager places in a particular asset class or sector. Diversification of a portfolio can reduce or eliminate the residual risk of a portfolio.

**Risk-Adjusted Return:** The return on an asset or portfolio, modified to explicitly account for the risk of the asset or portfolio.

**Risk-Free Rate-of-Return ( $R_f$ ):** This rate is widely accepted as the return on a 90-day T-Bill. This is used as a proxy for no risk due to its US Government issuance and short-term maturity. The term is really a misnomer since nothing is free of risk. It is utilized since certain economic models require a "risk free" point of departure. See *Sharpe Ratio*.

**R-squared ( $R^2$ ):** Formally called the coefficient of determination, this measures the overall strength or "explanatory power" of a statistical relationship. In general, a higher  $R^2$  means a stronger statistical relationship between the variables that have been estimated, and therefore more confidence in using the estimation for decision-making.

**SWBNO:** Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans (Plan Sponsor)

**Safe Harbor Rules:** A series of guidelines which when in full compliance may limit a fiduciary's liabilities.

**Sharpe Ratio:** This statistic is a commonly used measure of risk-adjusted return. It is calculated by subtracting the *Risk-free Return* (usually the then current 3-Month T-Bill rate) from the portfolio return and dividing the resulting "excess return" by the portfolio's

total risk level (standard deviation). The result is a measure of return gained per unit of total risk taken. The Sharpe ratio can be used to compare the relative performance of managers. If two managers have the same level of risk but different levels of excess return, the manager with the higher Sharpe ratio would be preferable. The Sharpe ratio is most helpful when comparing managers with both different returns and different levels of risk. In this case, the Sharpe ratio provides a per-unit measure of the two managers that enables a comparison.

**Socially-Targeted Investment:** An investment that is undertaken based upon social, rather than purely financial, guidelines. See also *Economically-Targeted Investment*.

**Soft-Dollars:** The portion of a plan's commission expense incurred in the buying and selling of securities that is allocated through a *Directed Brokerage* arrangement for the purpose of acquiring goods or services for the benefit of the plan. In many soft dollar arrangements, the payment scheme is affected through a brokerage affiliate of the consultant. Broker-consultants servicing smaller plans receive commissions directly from the counseled account. Other soft dollar schemes are effected through brokerages that, while acting as the clearing/transfer agent, also serve as the conduit for the payment of fees between the primary parties to the directed fee arrangement.

**Standard Deviation (Risk):** 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 were normally distributed (i.e., 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.

**Strategic Asset Allocation:** Rebalancing back to the normal mix at specified time intervals (quarterly) or when established tolerance bands are violated ( $\pm 5\%$ ).

**Sustainable:** Capable of being maintained or continued in the long term. Capable of being upheld or defended as valid, correct, or true.

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**Tactical Asset Allocation:** The "first cousin" to *Market Timing* because it uses certain "indicators" to make adjustments in the proportions of portfolio invested in three asset classes - stocks, bonds, and cash.

**Time Horizon:** *The Plan* or portfolio's investment time horizon is defined as the point in time when disbursements in a given year exceed the sum of contributions, and increase in assets as a result of investment performance. In other words, *the Plan's* time Horizon is the point in time when there is more money going out than there is coming in.

It can also be described as the primary variable in determining the allocation between equities and fixed income. An investment time horizon of less than five years is considered *short*, while five years or more is considered *long*.

**Time-Weighted Rate of Return:** Method of performance measurement that strips the effect of cash flows on investment performance by calculating sub period returns before and after a cash flow and averaging these sub period returns. Because dollars invested do

not depend on the investment manager's choice, it is inappropriate to weight returns within a period by dollars.

**Treasury Inflation Protected Securities (TIPS):** A special type of Treasury note or bond that offers protection from inflation. As with other Treasuries, when you buy an inflation-indexed security you receive interest payments every six months and a payment of principal when the security matures. The difference is that the coupon payments and underlying principal are automatically increased to compensate for inflation by tracking the consumer price index (CPI).

**Trading Costs:** Behind investment management fees, trading accounts for the second highest cost of plan administration. Trading costs usually are usually quoted in cents per share. Median institutional trading costs range around 5 to 7 cents per share.

**(U.S.) 90-Day T-Bill:** The 90-Day or 3-Month T-Bill provides a measure of riskless return. The rate of return is the average interest rate available in the beginning of each month for a T-Bill maturing in 90 days.

**(U.S.) Large Cap:** Companies based in the United States referred to as domestic companies having market capitalizations between \$10 billion and \$200 billion.

**(U.S.) Mid Cap:** Companies based in the United States referred to as domestic companies having a market capitalization of between \$2 billion and \$10 billion.

**(U.S.) SMID Cap:** Companies based in the United States referred to as domestic companies having a market capitalization of between \$300 million and \$10 billion. A term commonly used to refer to an equity style of management which combines both Small Cap and Mid Cap disciplines. A term used to acknowledge both Small and Mid-Cap Stocks collectively.

**(U.S.) Small Cap:** The definition of (U.S.) small-cap can vary throughout the investment industry, but generally a company based in the United States with a market capitalization between \$300 million to \$2 billion.

**Variance:** The Variance is a statistical measure that indicates the spread of values within a set of values. For example, the range of daily prices for a stock will have a variance over a time period that reflects the amount that the stock price varies from the average, or mean price of the stock over the time period. Variance is useful as a risk statistic because it gives an indication of how much the value of a portfolio might fluctuate up or down from the average value over a given time.

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