

# CALAVERAS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

PARS 115 Trust - OPEB Prefunding Program Review July 10, 2024

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# PARS TRUST TEAM

#### **Trust Administrator & Consultant\***



**PUBLIC AGENCY** RETIREMENT SERVICES

- Serves as record-keeper, consultant, and central point of contact
- Sub-trust accounting
- Coordinates all agency services
- Monitors plan compliance (IRS/GASB/State Government Code)
- Processes contributions/disbursements
- Hands-on, dedicated support teams

2,000+

Years of Experience (1984-2024)

Plans under Administration Public Agency Clients

115 Trust Clients

Plan Participants

Assets under Administration

#### **Trustee**



- 5th largest commercial bank
- Safeguard plan assets
- Oversight protection as plan fiduciary
- Custodian of assets

Years of Experience (1863-2024)

\$10.31

Assets under Administration

#### **Investment Manager**

#### pfm asset management

- Investment sub-advisor to trustee U.S. Bank
- Institutional asset management solutions
- Fixed income and multi asset portfolios
- Active and passive platform options
- Customized portfolios (with minimum asset level)

Years of Experience (As of 3/31/24)

\$244.8<sub>B</sub>\*

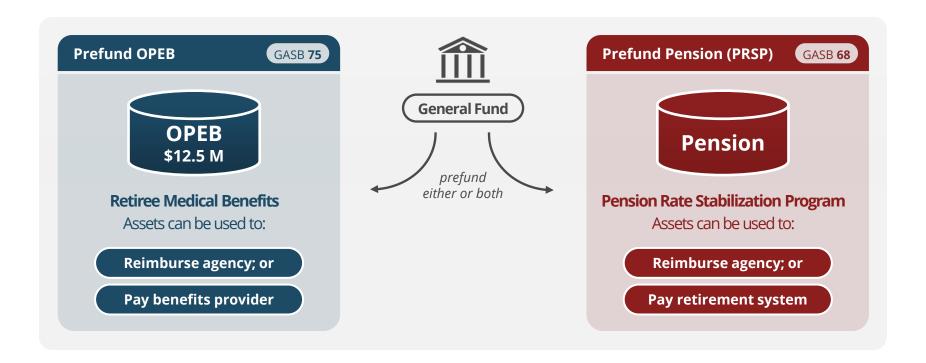
Assets under Management & Advisement

\*Assets under management and advisement as of March 31, 2024, includes fixed income and multi asset class portfolios Investment Management Services by PFM Asset Management as sub-advisor



<sup>\*</sup> See important information regarding PARS in the Disclaimer page at the end of the presentation.

# PARS IRS-APPROVED SECTION 115 TRUST





#### **Subaccounts**

OPEB and pension assets are individually sub-accounted, and can be divided by dept., bargaining group, or cost center.



Trust funds are available anytime; OPEB for OPEB and pension for pension.



#### **Financial Stability**

Assets in the PARS Section 115 Combination Trust can be used to address unfunded liabilities.



#### **Economies-of-Scale**

OPEB and pension assets aggregate and reach lower fees on tiered schedule sooner saving money!



#### **Flexible Investing**

Allows separate investment strategies for OPEB and pension subaccounts.



#### **No Set Up Cost or Minimums**

No set-up costs, no minimum annual contribution amounts, and no fees until assets are added.



# SUMMARY OF AGENCY'S OPEB PLAN

Plan Type: IRC Section 115 Irrevocable Exclusive Benefit Trust

**Trustee Approach:** Discretionary

Plan Effective Date: June 10, 2009

**Co-Plan Administrator:** Director of Administrative Services

**Co-Plan Administrator: General Manager** 

**Current Investment Strategy:** Moderate Strategic Blend (Active) Strategy; Pooled Account

#### AS OF MAY 31, 2024:

**Initial Contribution:** June 2009: \$516,446

**Additional Contributions:** \$7,359,925

**Total Contributions:** \$7,876,371

**Disbursements:** \$551,205

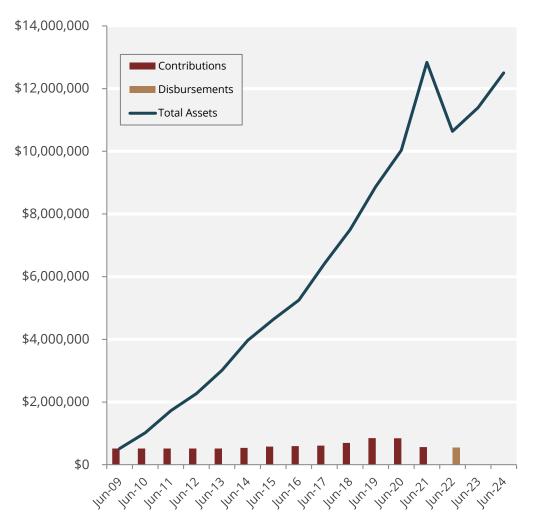
**Net Investment Earnings:** \$5,173,849

**Account Balance:** \$12,499,014



# SUMMARY OF AGENCY'S OPEB PLAN

#### HISTORY OF CONTRIBUTIONS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND TOTAL ASSETS AS OF MAY 31, 2024:



Year	Contributions	Disbursements	Total Assets	
Jun-09*	\$516,446	\$0	\$516,457	
Jun-10	\$520,150	\$0	\$1,018,322	
Jun-11	\$520,150	\$0	\$1,722,545	
Jun-12	\$520,150	\$0	\$2,270,495	
Jun-13	\$520,150	\$0	\$3,016,207	
Jun-14	\$540,230	\$0	\$3,966,537	
Jun-15	\$577,210	\$0	\$4,633,640	
Jun-16	\$594,397	\$0	\$5,253,264	
Jun-17	\$612,008	\$0	\$6,414,366	
Jun-18	\$694,176	\$0	\$7,496,403	
Jun-19	\$851,958	\$0	\$8,869,961	
Jun-20	\$846,133	\$0	\$10,028,887	
Jun-21	\$563,213	\$0	\$12,838,482	
Jun-22	\$0	\$551,205	\$10,639,808	
Jun-23	\$0	\$0	\$11,390,899	
Jun-24**	\$0	\$0	\$12,499,014	

**Plan Year Ending** 

\*Plan Year Ending June 2009 is based on 1 month of activity \*\*Plan Year Ending June 2024 is based on 11 months of activity



# OPEB ACTUARIAL RESULTS

 We have received the actuarial report by GovInvest dated June 14, 2024 with a measurement date as of June 30, 2023. In the table below, we have summarized the results.

Demographic Study	Measurement Date June 30, 2022	Measurement Date June 30, 2023
Actives	67	73
Retirees	61	63
Total	128	136



# OPEB ACTUARIAL RESULTS

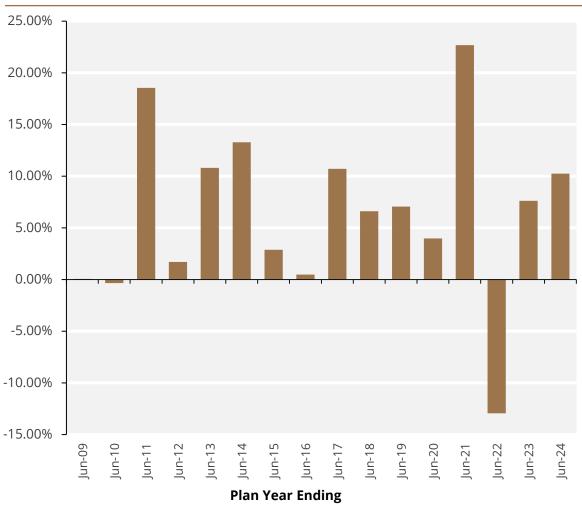
	Measurement Date June 30, 2022 Discount Rate: 6.00%	Measurement Date June 30, 2023 Discount Rate: 6.00%
Total OPEB Liability (TOL)	\$18,814,847	\$17,337,267
Fiduciary Net Position	\$10,639,808	\$11,390,899*
Net OPEB Liability (NOL)	\$8,175,039	\$5,946,368
Funded Ratio (%)	56.6%	65.7%
Actuarially Determined Contribution (ADC)	\$577,267	\$1,365,193
Annual Benefit Payments (Pay-as-you-Go)	\$873,484	\$907,724

\*As of May 31, 2024, assets at \$12,499,014 (approx. ~72.1% funded). Rule of thumb: For every one percent increase in the discount rate, the unfunded liability is lowered by 10-12%.



# OPEB PLAN TOTAL RETURNS

#### AS OF MAY 31, 2024:



Year	Returns
Jun-09*	0.06%
Jun-10	-0.35%
Jun-11	18.54%
Jun-12	1.69%
Jun-13	10.81%
Jun-14	13.27%
Jun-15	2.88%
Jun-16	0.47%
Jun-17	10.70%
Jun-18	6.60%
Jun-19	7.05%
Jun-20	3.97%
Jun-21	22.68%
Jun-22	-12.95%
Jun-23	7.62%
Jun-24**	10.25%

#### Inception to Date (Annualized)

#### 6.56%

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Returns are net of the embedded fund fees and gross of trustee and trust administrator fees

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# **INVESTMENT REVIEW**



# Capital Market Assumptions

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## **What are Capital Market Assumptions?**

- Expected future return, associated risk, and correlation for various asset classes over a specified period
  - Return: Expected average annual growth rate of the asset class for the period
    - 5% annualized over the next 30 years
  - Risk (Standard Deviation): Expected range of annual returns based on a normal distribution
    - 5% expected return with a 10% standard deviation has a 68% certainty of a return between -5% and 15% in any one year

## **2024 Capital Market Assumptions**

	Intermediate:	Next 5 Years	Long Term Projections			
	Expected Return	Expected Risk	Expected Return	Expected Risk		
US Equity	7.0%	16%	7.5%	16%		
U.S. Small-Cap	8.7%	19%	8.6%	19%		
Int'l Developed Equity	8.2%	17%	7.1%	17%		
EM Equity	8.6%	20%	7.4%	20%		
Non-US Small-Cap	8.1%	20%	7.9%	20%		
Short-Term Bonds	5.0%	3%	3.7%	3%		
Core Bonds	6.2%	5%	4.7%	5%		
Global Core	5.1%	5%	3.5%	5%		
Int. IG Corp	6.4%	7%	5.4%	7%		
Long IG Corp	7.2%	8%	6.2%	8%		
EM Debt	7.5%	10%	6.0%	10%		
High Yield	8.3%	9%	6.8%	9%		
Bank Loans	7.5%	6%	5.3%	6%		
Private Debt	8.1%	13%	7.1%	13%		
REITs	8.4%	16%	7.0%	16%		
Private Real Estate	6.0%	18%	7.2%	18%		
Listed Infrastructure	6.5%	13%	6.8%	13%		
Private Infrastructure	7.1%	20%	8.0%	20%		
Commodities	5.0%	16%	4.0%	16%		
Hedge Funds	7.9%	16%	7.6%	16%		
Private Equity	9.0%	25%	9.7%	25%		
Cash	3.8%	1%	2.7%	1%		

For the intermediate term (up to 5 years), our capital market assumptions derive from our assessment of current economic conditions, including corporate profits, balance sheets, etc., and current valuations for various asset classes. Our long-term assumptions are derived using an economic building block approach that projects economic and corporate profit growth and takes into consideration the fundamental factors driving long-term real economic growth, our expectation for inflation, productivity and labor force growth.

## What is the Role of Correlation?

- An estimate of how asset classes will behave relative to one another
- ► The measure is standardized and ranges between -1 (perfectly negatively correlated) to +1 (perfectly correlated)
- Considering how asset classes are correlated as part of the portfolio construction process is important to ensure diversification—a fundamental principle of modern portfolio theory

# 2024 Capital Market Assumptions, Cont.

	U.S. Equity	U.S. Small- Cap	Int'l Developed Equity	EM Equity	Non-US Small-Cap	Short Bonds	Core Bonds	Global Core	Intermediate IG Corp	Long IG Corp	EM Debt	High Yield	Bank Loans	Private Debt	REITs	PE RE	Listed Infrastructure	Private Infrastructure	Commodities	Hedge Funds	Private Equity	Cash
U.S. Equity	1.0																					
U.S. Small- Cap	0.9	1.0																				
Int'l Developed Equity	0.8	0.8	1.0																			
EM Equity	0.7	0.7	0.8	1.0																		
Non-US Small-Cap	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.8	1.0																	
Short Bonds	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	1.0																
Core Bonds	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.5	1.0															
Global Core	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.7	1.0														
Intermediate IG Corp	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.7	0.9	0.9	1.0													
Long IG Corp	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.7	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.0												
EM Debt	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	1.0											
High Yield	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.7	0.4	0.8	1.0										
Bank Loans	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.7	0.7	1.0									
Private Debt	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.8	0.7	1.0								
REITs	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.4	1.0							
PE RE	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.4	8.0	1.0						
Listed Infrastructure	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.2	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.7	0.6	1.0					
Private Infrastructure	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.7	1.0				
Commodities	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.5	0.1	1.0			
Hedge Funds	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.2	1.0		
Private Equity	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.5	1.0	
Cash	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	1.0



# Asset Allocation Modeling

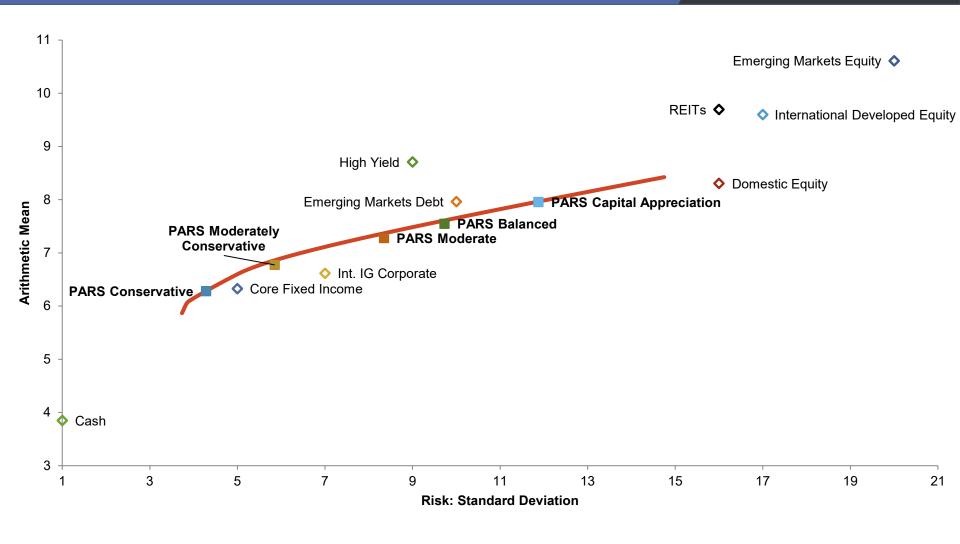
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# **Asset Allocation Summary**

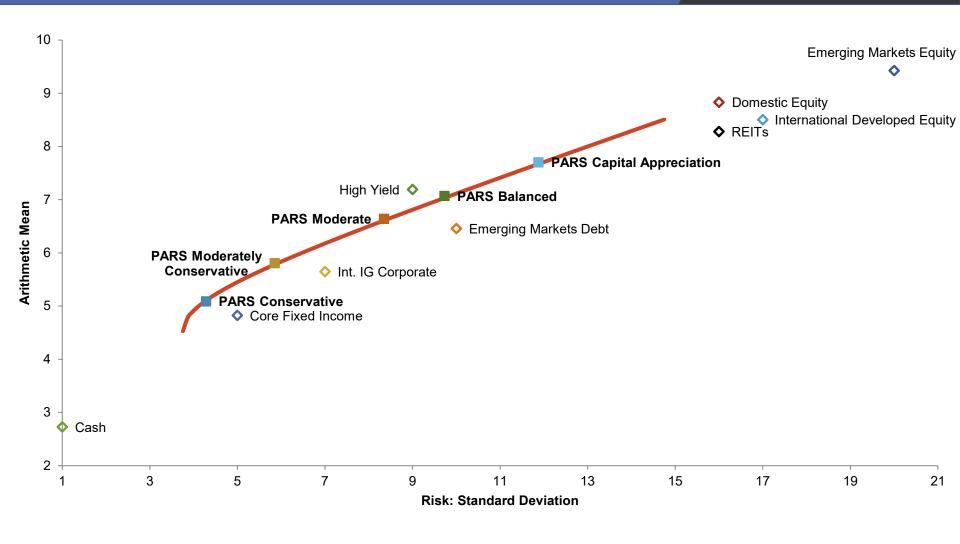
	PARS Conservative	PARS Moderately Conservative	PARS Moderate	PARS Balanced	PARS Capital Appreciation
Equity	15.0%	30.0%	50.0%	60.0%	75.0%
Domestic Equity	11.5%	23.0%	39.0%	47.0%	57.5%
International Developed Equity	2.0%	4.0%	6.0%	7.0%	10.3%
Emerging Markets Equity	1.0%	2.0%	3.3%	4.0%	5.3%
REITs	0.5%	1.0%	1.8%	2.0%	2.0%
Fixed Income	80.0%	65.0%	45.0%	35.0%	20.0%
Short-Term Bonds	25.8%	14.0%	10.0%	6.8%	3.0%
Core Fixed Income	52.3%	49.3%	33.5%	27.0%	16.0%
High Yield	2.0%	1.8%	1.5%	1.3%	1.0%
Cash	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%
Intermediate-Term (5 Years)					
Expected Return	6.2%	6.7%	7.0%	7.2%	7.5%
Standard Deviation	4.3%	5.9%	8.3%	9.7%	11.9%
Return / Standard Deviation	1.44	1.14	0.84	0.74	0.63
Long-Term (30 Years)					
Expected Return	5.0%	5.6%	6.3%	6.6%	7.1%
Standard Deviation	4.3%	5.9%	8.3%	9.7%	11.9%
Return / Standard Deviation	1.17	0.97	0.75	0.68	0.60



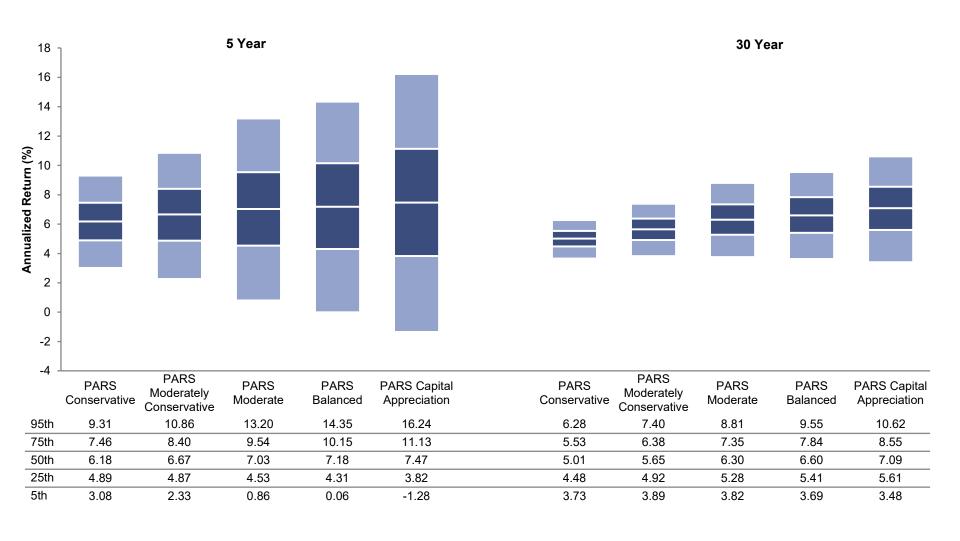
## Efficient Frontier (Intermediate-Term)



## **Efficient Frontier (Long-Term)**



## **Return Projections (Intermediate and Long-Term)**



### **Disclosures**

The returns presented in this simulation are not actual returns experienced by a real investor, but rather simulated returns that we believe could have been achieved under controlled circumstances using a number of assumptions. No representation or warranty is made to the reasonableness of the assumptions made or that all assumptions used in achieving the returns have been stated or fully considered.

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#### PARS DIVERSIFIED PORTFOLIOS **CONSERVATIVE**

Q4 2023

#### WHY THE PARS DIVERSIFIED **CONSERVATIVE PORTFOLIO?**

#### **Comprehensive Investment Solution**

HighMark® Capital Management, Inc.'s (HighMark) diversified investment portfolios are designed to balance return expectations with risk tolerance. Key features include: sophisticated asset allocation and optimization techniques, four layers of diversification (asset class, style, manager, and security), access to rigorously screened, top tier money managers, flexible investment options, and experienced investment management.

#### Rigorous Manager Due Diligence

Our manager review committee utilizes a rigorous screening process that searches for investment managers and styles that have not only produced above-average returns within acceptable risk parameters, but have the resources and commitment to continue to deliver these results. We have set high standards for our investment managers and funds. This is a highly specialized, time consuming approach dedicated to one goal: competitive and consistent performance.

#### **Flexible Investment Options**

In order to meet the unique needs of our clients, we offer access to flexible implementation strategies: HighMark Plus utilizes actively managed mutual funds while Index Plus utilizes index-based securities, including exchange-traded funds. Both investment options leverage HighMark's active asset allocation approach.

#### **Risk Management**

The portfolio is constructed to control risk through four layers of diversification - asset classes (cash, fixed income, equity), investment styles (large cap, small cap, international, value, growth), managers and securities. Disciplined mutual fund selection and monitoring process helps to drive return potential while reducing portfolio risk.

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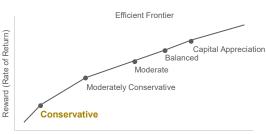
#### PORTFOLIO FACTS

#### HighMark Plus (Active) Composite Inception Date

No of Holdings in Portfolio	19
Index Plus (Passive)	
Composite Inception Date	07/2004
No of Holdings in Portfolio	12

#### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

To provide a consistent level of inflation-protected income over the long-term. The major portion of the assets will be fixed income related. Equity securities are utilized to provide inflation protection.



Risk (Standard Deviation)

#### ASSET ALLOCATION — CONSERVATIVE PORTFOLIO

	Strategic Range	Policy	l actical
Equity	5 – 20%	15%	15%
Fixed Income	60 - 95%	80%	81%
Cash	0 – 20%	5%	4%

## ANNUALIZED TOTAL RETURNS (Gross of Investment Management Fees, but Net of Embedded Fund Fees)

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	Gross	Net		Gross	Net
Current Quarter*	7.47%	7.38%	Current Quarter*	7.24%	7.14
Blended Benchmark*, **	6.27	%	Blended Benchmark*,**	6.27	%
Year To Date*	8.81%	8.42%	Year To Date*	7.63%	7.25
Blended Benchmark*,**	7.85	%	Blended Benchmark*,**	7.85	%
1 Year	8.81%	8.42%	1 Year	7.63%	7.25
Blended Benchmark**	7.85	%	Blended Benchmark**	7.85	%
3 Year	-0.96%	-1.31%	3 Year	-1.17%	-1.53°
Blended Benchmark**	-0.47	7%	Blended Benchmark**	-0.47	7%
5 Year	3.30%	2.93%	5 Year	2.95%	2.58
Blended Benchmark**	3.20	%	Blended Benchmark**	3.20	%
10 Year	3.00%	2.63%	10 Year	2.72%	2.35
Blended Benchmark**	2.95	%	Blended Benchmark**	2.95	%

<sup>\*</sup> Returns less than one year are not annualized. \*\*Breakdown for Blended Benchmark: From 10/1/2012 - Present: 7.5% S&P500, 1.5% Russell Mid Cap, 2.5% Russell 2000, 1% MSCI EM (net), 2% MSCI EAFE (net), 52.25% Bloomberg US Agg, 25.75% ICE BofA 1-3 Yr US Corp/Govt, 2% ICE BofA US High Yield Master II, 0.5% Wilshire REIT, and 5% FTSE 1 Mth US T-Bill. From 4/11/2007 - 9/30/2012, the blended benchmark was 12% S&P 500, 1% Russell 2000, 2% ROIC EAFE (net), 40% ICE BofA 1-3 Year Corp./Govt, 40% Bloomberg US Agg, 5% FTSE 1 Mth US T-Bill. Prior to April 2007: the blended benchmark was 15% S&P 500, 40% ICE BofA 1-3 Yr Corp/Gov, 40% Bloomberg US Agg, and 5% FTSE 1 Mth US T-Bill.

#### (Gross of Investment Management Fees, but Net of Embedded ANNUAL RETURNS Fund Fees)

HighMark Plus Composite (Active)	,	Index Plus Composite (Passive)	
2008	-9.04%	2008	-6.70%
2009	15.59%	2009	10.49%
2010	8.68%	2010	7.67%
2011	2.19%	2011	3.70%
2012	8.45%	2012	6.22%
2013	3.69%	2013	3.40%
2014	3.88%	2014	4.32%
2015	0.29%	2015	0.06%
2016	4.18%	2016	3.75%
2017	6.73%	2017	5.52%
2018	-1.35%	2018	-1.09%
2019	11.05%	2019	10.37%
2020	9.03%	2020	8.56%
2021	2.20%	2021	1.97%
2022	-12.63%	2022	-12.06%
2023	8.81%	2023	7.63%

#### **HOLDINGS**

#### **HighMark Plus (Active)**

Columbia Contrarian Core I3 Vanquard Growth & Income Adm

Dodge & Cox Stock Fund iShares S&P 500 Value ETF

Harbor Capital Appreciation - Retirement

iShares S&P 500 Growth ETF iShares Russell Mid-Cap ETF Vanguard Real Estate ETF

Undiscovered Managers Behavioral Value-R6

Emerald Growth Fund-I

DFA Large Cap International Portfolio

Dodge & Cox International Stock

MFS International Growth - R6

Hartford Schroders Emerging Markets Eq

iShares MBS ETF

Dodge & Cox Income-I

PGIM Total Return Bond - R6

DoubleLine Core Fixed Income - I

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#### **Index Plus (Passive)**

iShares Core S&P 500 ETF iShares S&P 500 Value ETF iShares S&P 500 Growth ETF iShares Russell Mid-Cap ETF Vanguard Real Estate ETF iShares Russell 2000 Value ETF iShares Russell 2000 Growth ETF

iShares Core MSCI EAFE ETF Vanguard FTSE Emerging Markets ETF

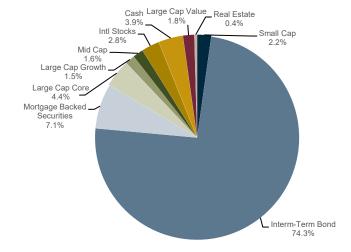
iShares MBS ETF

iShares Core U.S. Aggregate

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Holdings are subject to change at the discretion of the investment manager.

#### STYLE



The performance records shown represent size-weighted composites of tax exempt accounts that meet the following criteria: Accounts are managed by HighMark with full investment authority according to the PARS Conservative active and passive objectives.

objectives.

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#### PARS DIVERSIFIED PORTFOLIOS **MODERATELY CONSERVATIVE**

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#### WHY THE PARS DIVERSIFIED **MODERATELY CONSERVATIVE PORTFOLIO?**

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#### **Rigorous Manager Due Diligence**

Our manager review committee utilizes a rigorous screening process that searches for investment managers and styles that have not only produced above-average returns within acceptable risk parameters, but have the resources and commitment to continue to deliver these results. We have set high standards for our investment managers and funds. This is a highly specialized, time consuming approach dedicated to one goal: competitive and consistent performance.

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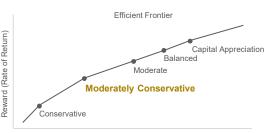
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Index Plus (Passive)	
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#### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

To provide current income, with capital appreciation as a secondary objective. The major portion of the assets is committed to income-producing securities. Market fluctuations should be expected.



#### Risk (Standard Deviation)

#### ASSET ALLOCATION — MODERATELY CONSERVATIVE PORTFOLIO

	Strategic Range	Policy	Tactical
Equity	20 - 40%	30%	29%
Fixed Income	50 - 80%	65%	67%
Cash	0 - 20%	5%	4%

## ANNUALIZED TOTAL RETURNS (Gross of Investment Management Fees, but Net of

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	HighMark Plus Composi	ite (Active	)	Index Plus Composite (F	Passive)
		Gross	Net		Gross
	Current Quarter*	8.24%	8.14%	Current Quarter*	8.02%
	Blended Benchmark*,**	7.52	2%	Blended Benchmark*,**	7.5
	Year To Date*	11.05%	10.66%	Year To Date*	9.89%
	Blended Benchmark*,**	10.3	0%	Blended Benchmark*,**	10.3
	1 Year	11.05%	10.66%	1 Year	9.89%
	Blended Benchmark**	10.3	0%	Blended Benchmark**	10.3
	3 Year	0.35%	-0.01%	3 Year	0.23%
	Blended Benchmark**	0.66	5%	Blended Benchmark**	0.6

5 Year 4.95% Blended Benchmark\*\* 4.94% 10 Year 4.09% 3 72% Blended Benchmark\*\* 4.21%

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	Gross	Net
Current Quarter*	8.02%	7.93%
Blended Benchmark*,**	7.52	%
Year To Date*	9.89%	9.50%
Blended Benchmark*,**	10.30	0%
1 Year	9.89%	9.50%
Blended Benchmark**	10.30	0%
3 Year	0.23%	-0.13%
Blended Benchmark**	0.66	%
5 Year	4.64%	4.27%
Blended Benchmark**	4.94	%
10 Year	3.92%	3.55%
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#### ANNUAL RETURNS

(Gross of Investment Management Fees, but Net of Embedded Fund Fees)

HighMark Plus Composite (Activ	ve)	Index Plus Composite (Passive)	
2008	-15.37%	2008	-12.40%
2009	18.71%	2009	11.92%
2010	10.46%	2010	9.72%
2011	1.75%	2011	3.24%
2012	10.88%	2012	8.24%
2013	7.30%	2013	6.78%
2014	4.41%	2014	5.40%
2015	0.32%	2015	-0.18%
2016	4.94%	2016	5.42%
2017	9.56%	2017	8.08%
2018	-2.60%	2018	-2.33%
2019	13.73%	2019	13.53%
2020	10.76%	2020	9.74%
2021	5.15%	2021	5.33%
2022	-13.46%	2022	-13.00%
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#### **HOLDINGS**

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Columbia Contrarian Core I3 Vanquard Growth & Income Adm

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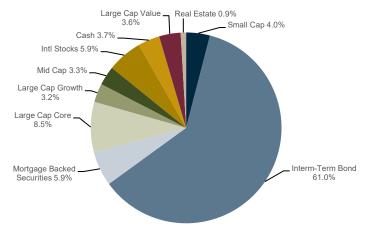
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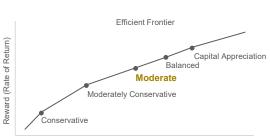
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Index Plus (Passive)	
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No of Holdings in Portfolio	12

#### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

To provide current income and moderate capital appreciation. It is expected that dividend and interest income will comprise a significant portion of total return, although growth through capital appreciation is equally important.



Risk (Standard Deviation)

#### ASSET ALLOCATION — MODERATE PORTFOLIO

	Strategic Range	Policy	Tactical
Equity	40 - 60%	50%	49%
Fixed Income	40 - 60%	45%	48%
Cash	0 - 20%	5%	3%

### ANNUALIZED TOTAL RETURNS (Gross of Investment Management Fees, but Net of Index Plus Composite (Passive)

Gross

9.01%

8.72%

13.56%

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2.58%

7.31%

6.85%

5.34%

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Net

8.91%

6.47%

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#### HighMark Plus Composite (Active)

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	Gross	Net	
Current Quarter*	9.28%	9.18%	Current Quarter*
Blended Benchmark*,**	8.72	2%	Blended Benchmark*,
Year To Date*	13.98%	13.57%	Year To Date*
Blended Benchmark*,**	13.5	6%	Blended Benchmark*,
1 Year	13.98%	13.57%	1 Year
Blended Benchmark**	13.5	6%	Blended Benchmark*
3 Year	2.08%	1.71%	3 Year
Blended Benchmark**	2.58	3%	Blended Benchmark*
5 Year	7.17%	6.79%	5 Year
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HighMark Plus Composite (Active	·)	Index Plus Composite (Passive)
2008	-22 88%	2008

2008	-22.88%	2008	-18.14%
2009	21.47%	2009	16.05%
2010	12.42%	2010	11.77%
2011	0.55%	2011	2.29%
2012	12.25%	2012	10.91%
2013	13.06%	2013	12.79%
2014	4.84%	2014	5.72%
2015	0.14%	2015	-0.52%
2016	6.45%	2016	7.23%
2017	13.19%	2017	11.59%
2018	-4.03%	2018	-4.03%
2019	17.71%	2019	17.52%
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2021	9.31%	2021	10.18%
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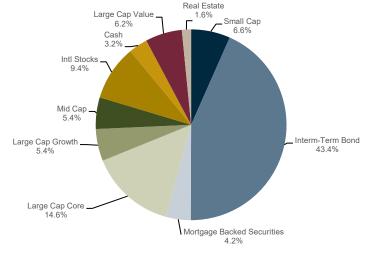
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#### PARS DIVERSIFIED PORTFOLIOS **BALANCED**

Q4 2023

#### WHY THE PARS DIVERSIFIED **BALANCED PORTFOLIO?**

#### **Comprehensive Investment Solution**

HighMark® Capital Management, Inc.'s (HighMark) diversified investment portfolios are designed to balance return expectations with risk tolerance. Key features include: sophisticated asset allocation and optimization techniques, four layers of diversification (asset class, style, manager, and security), access to rigorously screened, top tier money managers, flexible investment options, and experienced investment management.

#### Rigorous Manager Due Diligence

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#### **Flexible Investment Options**

In order to meet the unique needs of our clients, we offer access to flexible implementation strategies: HighMark Plus utilizes actively managed mutual funds while Index Plus utilizes index-based securities, including exchange-traded funds. Both investment options leverage HighMark's active asset allocation approach.

#### **Risk Management**

The portfolio is constructed to control risk through four layers of diversification - asset classes (cash, fixed income, equity), investment styles (large cap, small cap, international, value, growth), managers and securities. Disciplined mutual fund selection and monitoring process helps to drive return potential while reducing portfolio risk.

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#### HighMark Plus (Active)

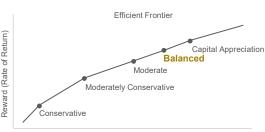
Composite Inception Date	10/2006
No of Holdings in Portfolio	19

#### Index Plus (Passive)

Composite Inception Date	10/2007
No of Holdings in Portfolio	12

#### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

To provide growth of principal and income. While dividend and interest income are an important component of the objective's total return, it is expected that capital appreciation will comprise a larger portion of the total return.



Risk (Standard Deviation)

#### ASSET ALLOCATION — BALANCED PORTFOLIO

	Strategic Range	Policy	Tactical
Equity	50 – 70%	60%	59%
Fixed Income	30 - 50%	35%	38%
Cash	0 – 20%	5%	3%

#### ANNUALIZED TOTAL RETURNS [mbedded Fund Fees]

(Gross of Investment Management Fees, but Net of

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15.19%

Net

9.50%

#### HighMark Plus Composite (Active)

HighMark Plus Composite (Active)			Index Plus Composite (Passive)		
	Gross	Net			Gross
Current Quarter*	9.84%	9.75%	Current	Quarter*	9.60%
Blended Benchmark*,**	9.36%		Blended	Benchmark*,**	9.3
Year To Date*	15.39%	14.98%	Year To	Date*	14.31%
Blended Benchmark*,**	15.19%		Blended	Benchmark*,**	15.1
1 Year	15.39%	14.98%	1 Year		14.31%
Blended Benchmark**	15.1	9%	Blended	Benchmark**	15.1
3 Year	2.89%	2.53%	3 Year		3.06%
Blended Benchmark**	3.46	5%	Blended	Benchmark**	3.4
5 Year	8.25%	7.86%	5 Year		7.97%
Blended Benchmark**	8.45%		Blended	Benchmark**	8.4
10 Year	6.21%	5.83%	10 Year		6.05%
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Returns less than one year are not annualized. \*\*Breakdown for Blended Benchmark: From 10/1/2012 - Present: 32% S&P500, 6% Returns less than one year are not annualized. "Breakdown for Blended Benchmark: From 10/1/2012 – Present: 32% S&F500, 6% Russell Mid Cap, 9% Russell 2000, 4% MSCI EM (net), 7% MSCI EAFE (net), 27% Bloomberg US Agg, 6.75% ICE B67A 1.3 Yr US Corp/Gov't, 1.25% ICE B67A US High Yield Master II, 2% Wilshire REIT, and 5% FTSE 1 Mth US T-Bill. From 4/1/2007 – 9/30/2012: the blended benchmark was 51% S&P 500; 3% Russell 2000, 6% MSCI EAFE (net), 5% ICE B67A 1.3 Year Corp./Govt, 30% Bloomberg US Agg, 5% FTSE 1 Mth US T-Bill. From 6 Agril 2007: the blended benchmark was 60% S&P 500, 5% ICE B67A 1-3Yr Corp/Gov, 30% Bloomberg US Agg, and 5% FTSE 1 Mth US T-Bill.

#### ANNUAL RETURNS

(Gross of Investment Management Fees, but Net of Embedded Fund Fees)

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2008	-25.72%	2008	-23.22%
2009	21.36%	2009	17.62%
2010	14.11%	2010	12.76%
2011	-0.46%	2011	1.60%
2012	13.25%	2012	11.93%
2013	16.61%	2013	15.63%
2014	4.70%	2014	6.08%
2015	0.04%	2015	-0.81%
2016	6.81%	2016	8.26%
2017	15.46%	2017	13.39%
2018	-4.88%	2018	-5.05%
2019	19.85%	2019	19.59%
2020	13.85%	2020	12.07%
2021	11.44%	2021	12.63%
2022	-15.28%	2022	-14.97%
2023	15.39%	2023	14.31%

#### **HOLDINGS**

#### **HighMark Plus (Active)**

Columbia Contrarian Core I3 Vanquard Growth & Income Adm

Dodge & Cox Stock Fund iShares S&P 500 Value ETF

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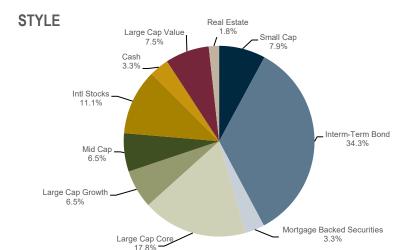
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# PARS DIVERSIFIED PORTFOLIOS CAPITAL APPRECIATION

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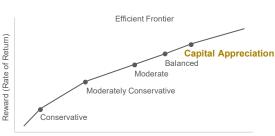
#### PORTFOLIO FACTS

#### Consolidated Composite

Composite Inception Date 01/2009
No of Holdings in Portfolio 19

#### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

To provide growth of principal. The major portion of the assets are invested in equity securities and market fluctuations are expected.



Risk (Standard Deviation)

#### ASSET ALLOCATION — CAPITAL APPRECIATION PORTFOLIO

	Strategic Range	Policy	Tactical
Equity	65 - 85%	75%	74%
Fixed Income	10 - 30%	20%	22%
Cash	0 - 20%	5%	4%

#### ANNUALIZED TOTAL RETURNS Embedded Fund Fees)

(Gross of Investment Management Fees, but Net of Embedded Fund Fees)

#### Consolidated Composite

	Gross	Net	
Current Quarter*	10.40%	10.30%	
Blended Benchmark*, **	10.22%		
Year To Date*	17.32%	16.91%	
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1 Year	17.32%	16.91%	
Blended Benchmark**	17.62%		
3 Year	4.22%	3.84%	
Blended Benchmark**	4.74%		
5 Year	9.71%	9.32%	
Blended Benchmark**	10.05%		
10 Year	7.23%	6.85%	
Blended Benchmark**	7.64	1%	

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#### **ANNUAL RETURNS**

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#### Consolidated Composite

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2008	N/A
2009	23.77%
2010	12.95%
2011	-1.35%
2012	13.87%
2013	20.33%
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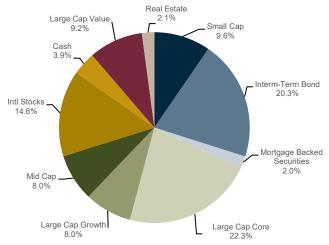
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