#### 2015 ANNUAL PROGRAM REVIEW

#### CalPERS Investment Committee

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#### Section 1: Introduction



#### Historical Context

CalPERS Real Estate Portfolio (\$ Billions)	2004	2008	2015
Core (NAV)	8.7	11.2	15.1
Non-Core (NAV)	3.3	10.7	11.9
Total Real Estate Portfolio	12.1	21.9	27.0
% Non-Core	28%	49%	44%
Total CalPERS Portfolio	166.2	239.2	301.9
Real Estate as a % of the Total Portfolio	7%	<b>9</b> %	<b>9</b> %

As of June 30<sup>th</sup> quarterly reporting figures.

Going into the late stages of the last real estate cycle, CalPERS:

- Almost doubled invested capital and tripled the number of partnerships
- Increased use of leverage, recourse debt, cross-collateralization, etc.
- Invested more heavily in early life cycle assets, namely land and development
- Created high vintage-year concentrations

#### Introduction

#### Observations

- Portfolio has produced strong nominal and relative performance in recent years
- Portfolio is increasingly meeting the role as assigned in the 2011
  Strategic Plan
- > Investment beliefs are being incorporated into RAU decision making
- Strategic portfolio is likely to produce attractive returns over next 12 months
- > Portfolio's risk profile has been substantially reduced
- Staff is proactively improving portfolio management processes
- > Thoughtful, experienced, and energetic new MID



#### Introduction

Observations

- Real estate fundamentals are healthy
- Global capital markets continue to make it difficult to deploy capital and meet CalPERS' underwritten returns established for real estate
- Market conditions will favor investors who can proactively identify and nimbly execute their strategic investment objectives
- Portfolio and team are better positioned to withstand the next correction
- Longer-term performance continues to suffer from investment decisions made during the last cycle



## Meaningful Updates

Over the past year:

- Installed new MID
- Restructured Real Assets Unit human resources
  - Integrating real estate and infrastructure more fully
  - Supporting stronger common systems, processes, and analytics
  - > Now organized by functional group (Risk, New Investments, Portfolio Management, and Analytics)
- Advanced improvements in operational data, governance, and controls
  - Performance reporting
  - Risk assessment systems
- Initiated process to dispose of legacy/non-core holdings
- Continued capital deployment to strong emerging manager program
- Further cost savings

## Meaningful Updates

In Support of Enterprise–Level Initiatives

- Portfolio is increasingly well aligned with role of real estate in overall  $\geq$ portfolio
- $\geq$ Portfolio is producing results that support the CalPERS Strategic Plan
- Business model is embracing Vision 2020 objectives  $\succ$
- Furtherance of Environmental, Social and Governance initiatives  $\geq$
- Investment beliefs now part of decision-making at many levels >
- Increasing alignment of interests with primary stakeholders and business partners



#### **Investment Beliefs**

- 1. Liabilities must influence the asset structure
  - CalPERS invests in real estate to generate income, provide diversification, and as an inflation hedge.
- 2. A long term investment horizon is a responsibility and an advantage. Real estate is a private, illiquid asset class; assets are generally held for longer periods of time.
- 3. CalPERS investment decisions may reflect wider stakeholder views.
  - Targeted investment programs are being used effectively in the RE program.
- 4. Long-term value creation requires effective management of three forms of capital: financial, physical, and human.

The RE Portfolio continues to improve governance and engagement on ESG initiatives.

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

RE contributes to the delivery of the long-term target return of the Fund. Benchmarking remains challenging.

- 6. Strategic asset class allocation is the dominant determinant of portfolio risk and return. RE provides diversification from global equities and other growth assets.
- 7. CalPERS will take risk only where we have a strong belief we will be rewarded. The majority of the RE portfolio is invested in lower risk, lower volatility investments.
- 8. Costs matter and need to be effectively managed. The RE portfolio invests primarily through separate accounts that offer lower fees than funds.
- 9. Risk is multi-faceted and not fully captured through measures such as volatility or tracking error. Staff continues to improve risk management in RE through investment process, analysis and reporting
- 10. Strong processes and team work and deep resources are needed to achieve CalPERS' goals and objectives. RAU brings teamwork and improved processes to bear; staff compensation remains an issue.



#### **Portfolio Characteristics**

Portfolio characteristics are moving towards the objectives of the Strategic Plan and Vision 2020.

- \* Lower volatility, long duration income generation
- \* Repeatable, predictable, scalable

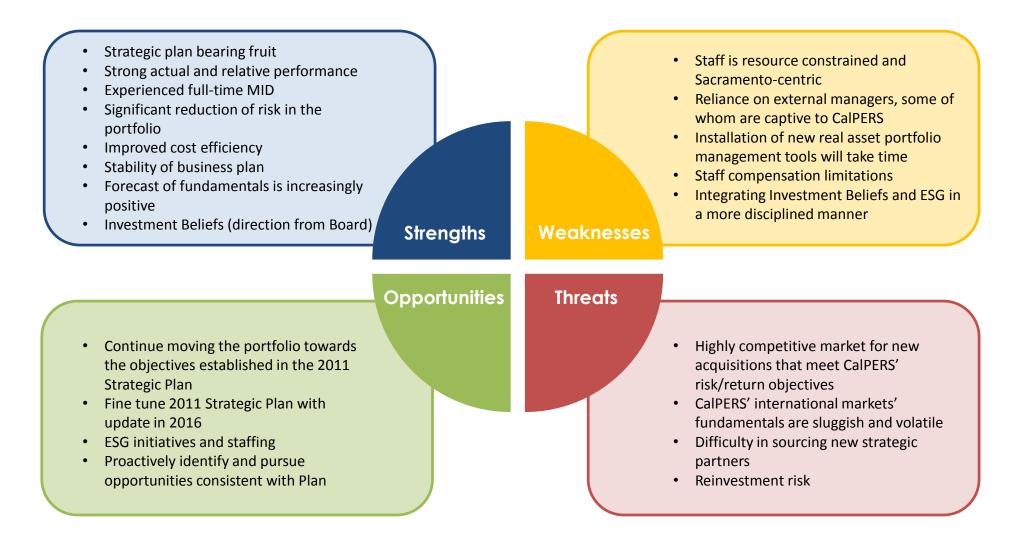
CalPERS Real Estate Portfolio	2009	2015	After Project Knight
Core	\$6.9 billion	\$13.7 billion	\$13.7 billion
LTV	61.9%	32.4%	31.7%
Risk			
Core	33%	51%	56%
Value-Add	21%	24%	23%
Opportunistic	46%	25%	21%
Commingled Funds	74	52	9
Separate Accounts	63	40	40
Recourse Debt	\$4,100 million	\$39.3 million	\$36.0 million

As of June 30th, 2009 and September 30th, 2015 quarterly reporting figures.





#### SWOT Analysis – Real Estate Program





#### **Section 2:** Market Overview



#### **U.S. CRE Indicators**

	Current	2007/2008	20-Year Average
Yield Curve Slope (long less short)	220 bps	-70 bps	150 bps
<b>REIT NAV Premium/Discount</b>	-12%	-18%	+4%
Cap Rate Spread to Treasuries	3.2%	0.8%	2.9%
Construction (% of GDP)	0.7%	1.1%	1.2%
LTV	60%	65%	65%
NCREIF Sales (% of Market Cap)	7%	10%-17%	7%
Cap Rate	5.4%	5.6%	7.2%
<b>REIT Prices (Peak to Current)</b>	-14%	-25%	
Mortgage Debt (% of GDP)	1 <b>9.4</b> %	23.8%	17.1%
Mortgage Spreads to LIBOR 60%	190 bps	119 bps	250 bps

Provided by: Deutsche Asset & Wealth Management

Source: Federal Reserve, NAREIT, NCREIF, American Council of Life Insurance, Bureau of Economic Analysis, and Deutsche Asset & Wealth Management



## Global Capital Flowing to U.S. Property

#### 1H 2015

Origin of Capital	Number of Properties	Total Dollars (millions)
Canada	271	\$12,971
Singapore	647	\$8,430
Norway	230	\$6,745
China	45	\$5,160
Australia	32	\$2,777
Germany	25	\$2,717
Switzerland	36	\$2,208
South Korea	8	\$1,924
UAE	39	\$1,908
<u>Other</u>	<u>215</u>	<u>\$10,294</u>
Total	1,548	\$55,134

2014

Origin of Capital	Number of Properties	Total Dollars (millions)
Canada	706	\$15,951
Norway	74	<b>\$4,357</b>
Japan	42	\$3,578
China	53	\$3,286
Germany	29	\$2,576
Hong Kong	19	\$2,176
Switzerland	38	\$1,969
Singapore	8	\$1,740
Israel	37	\$1,310
<u>Other</u>	<u>232</u>	<u>\$9,312</u>
Total	1,238	\$46,255

Destination of Capital	Number of Properties	Total Dollars (millions)
Manhattan	54	\$13,943
DC	21	\$3,076
Los Angeles	67	\$2,264
Boston	21	\$2,250
Chicago	105	<b>\$2,104</b>
Dallas	91	\$2,062
Atlanta	58	<b>\$1,867</b>
Hawaii	10	\$1,698
Seattle	18	\$1,566
<u>Other</u>	<u>1,103</u>	<u>\$24,303</u>
Total	1,548	\$55,134

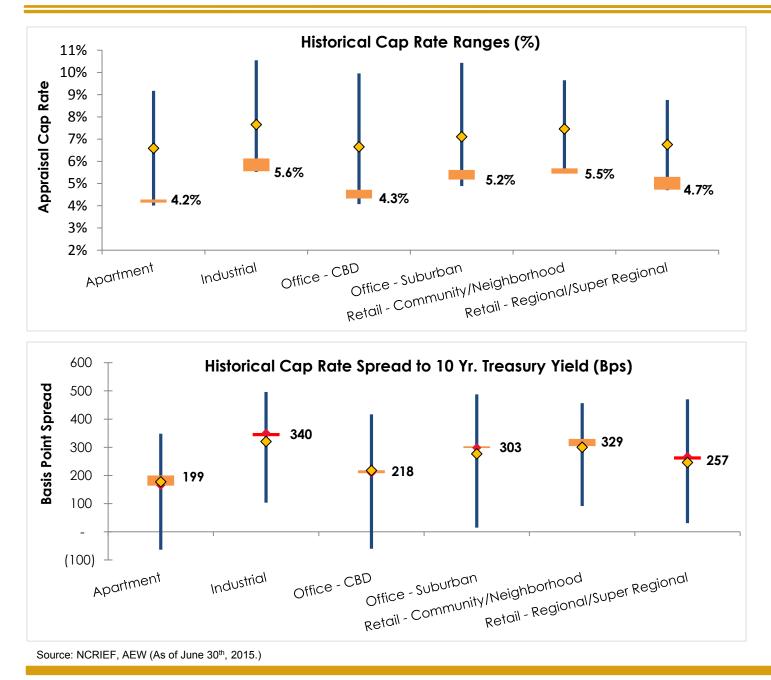
The competition to CalPERS' investment managers includes diverse international investors who view U.S. commercial properties as attractive safe havens.

Source: Real Capital Analytics, AEW





## **Pricing Dynamics**



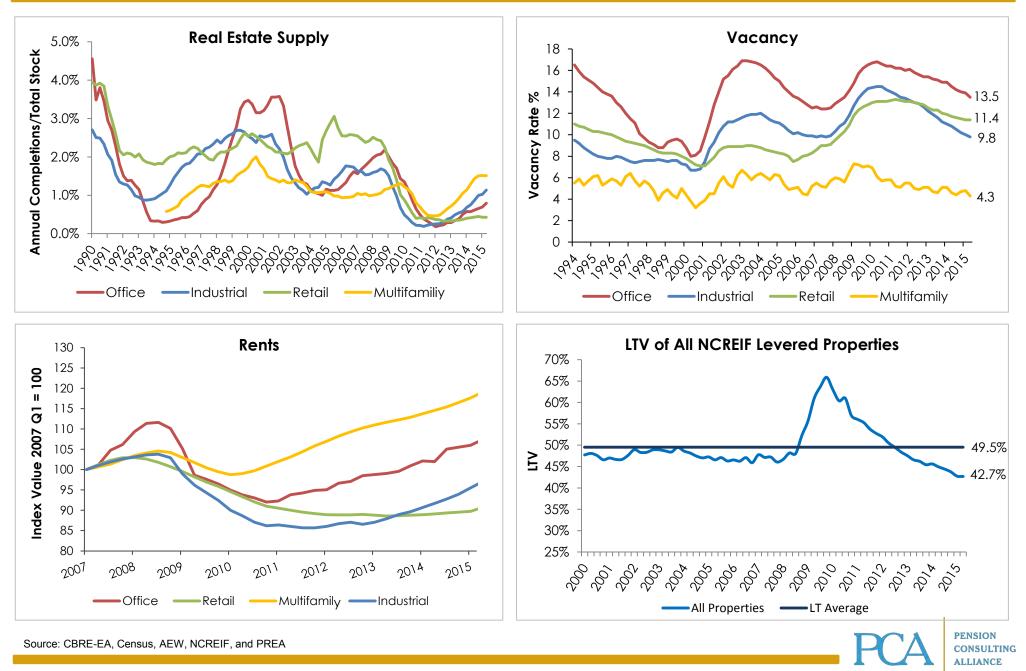
Current cap rates are nearing historic lows...

...and cap rate spreads over treasuries are near the longterm average spread.

Core real estate prices may be able to withstand a moderate increase in interest rates.



#### **Real Estate Recovery and Fundamentals**



#### Section 3: Conclusion



#### Conclusion

- Continued progress on 2011 Strategic Plan objectives, portfolio management initiatives, and Real Asset Unit operational efficiency
- Portfolio generating positive performance, with significant market tailwinds and favorable leverage compared to the Benchmark
- Returns are unlikely to continue same pace over medium term
- Pricing is acting as a governor on acquisition pacing
- Reaching target allocation should be a deliberate process
- > Portfolio and team making meaningful contributions to plan level initiatives.



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