# Global Public Equity Annual Program Review

As of Quarter Ending on June 30, 2025

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## Program Overview

#### Role

- Principal asset class providing growth exposure and liquidity
- Delivers equity beta exposure in a risk and cost aware manner

### Key Metrics<sup>1</sup>

- Total AUM: \$215B (82% Cap Weighted, 18% Factor Weighted)
- Passive Assets: 68%, Active Assets: 32%
- Internally-Managed Assets: 89%, Externally-Managed Assets: 11%

### Investment Beliefs

- A long investment horizon is a responsibility and an advantage. (IB 2)
- Long-term value creation requires effective management of three forms of capital: financial, physical, and human. (IB 4)
- CalPERS will take risk only where we have a strong belief we will be rewarded for it. (IB 7)
- Costs matter and need to be effectively managed. (IB 8)
- Strong processes and teamwork and deep resources are needed to achieve CalPERS goals and objectives. (IB 10)





## Market Environment

### **Current Concerns & Opportunities**

- Market volatility driven by geopolitical and policy uncertainty
- Elevated valuation may limit upside but is not a strong deterrent in isolation
- Persistence of narrow market leadership vs transition to broadening diversification
- Non-US markets may benefit from soft USD backdrop and potential for lower rates
- Bifurcated earnings backdrop favoring large caps in US

#### **Investment Themes**

- Long-term Horizon: Endure short-term volatility while strategically pursuing active risk
- Regional Market Efficiency: Focus on active management in less efficient markets

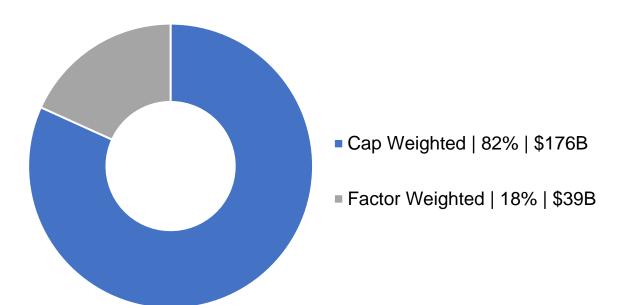




## Strategy and Portfolio Positioning | SAA Segments

#### **GPE Portfolio Positioning as of June 30, 2025**

**Total Market Value: \$215B** 



#### Total Fund Allocation (%) as of June 30, 2025

	% of Total Fund Actual	% of Total Fund Interim Target
Public Equity	39%	40.4 (+/- 7)
Cap Weighted	32%	30.4
Factor Weighted	7%	10.0

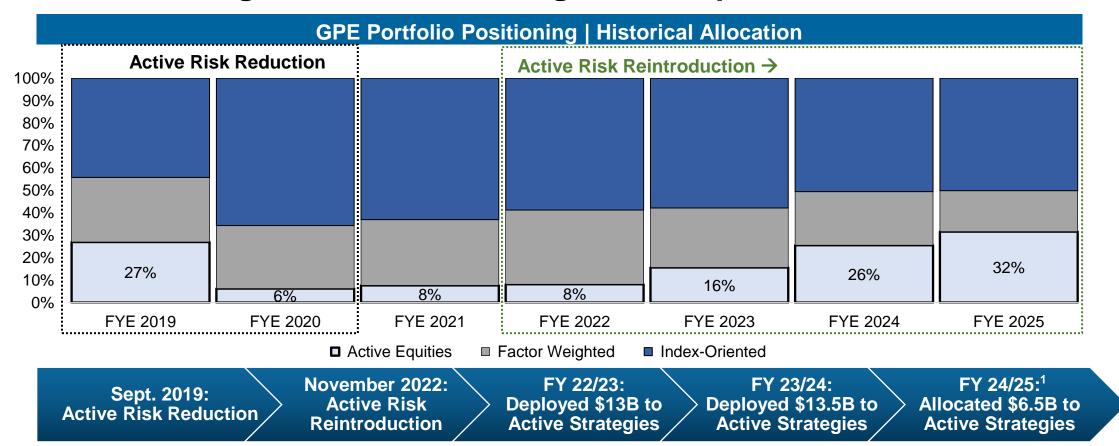
Opportunistically overweighted Cap Weighted Segment within policy band tolerance





## Strategy and Portfolio Positioning | Historical Allocation

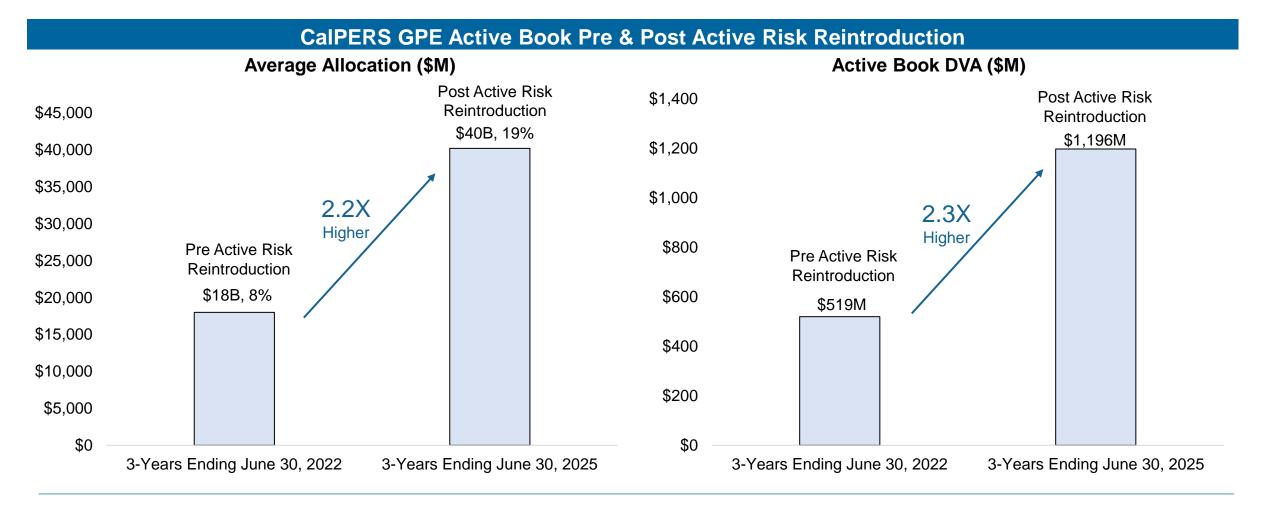
### Strategic Focus: Rebuilding Active Equities Allocation







## Strategy and Portfolio Positioning | Active Equities







# Performance and Risk Analysis | SAA Segments

#### **Total Global Public Equity**

\$215B

Assets Under Management

+13.2%

5-Year Total Return

+25 bps

5-Year Excess Return

\$2,392M

5-Year Cumulative Value Added

**Cap Weighted Segment** 

82%

Allocation of Total GPE

18.8%

**Forecasted** Volatility

43 bps

Forecasted **Tracking Error** 

#### **Factor Weighted Segment**

32%

Allocation to **Active Strategies**  +16.8%

FY 24/25 **Total Return**  +45 bps

FY 24/25 Excess Return \$804M

FY 24/25 Value Added 18%

Allocation of Total GPE

**15.7%** 

Forecasted Volatility

29 bps

Forecasted **Tracking Error** 





## Portfolio Performance | Active Management

### **How Staff Decisions Added \$1.5B DVA Over Last 3-Years**

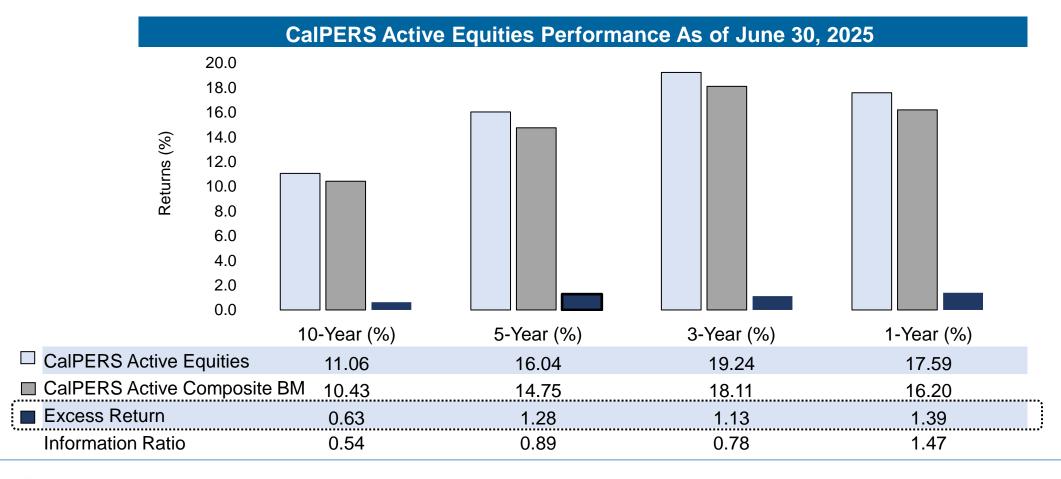






# Performance | CalPERS Active Equities

CalPERS Active Equities Delivered Strong Returns While Maintaining Liquidity and Cost Efficiency





**Top Quartile** 



# Performance | Peer Universe Ranking

**Above Median** 

### **GPE 3-Year Performance Ranks Above Median to Top Quartile**

As of Dec. 2024	CEM Equities Program Net Value Added (%)¹	eVestment Active Equities Excess Return (%)²	eVestment Active Equities Information Ratio <sup>2</sup>
90th Percentile	0.6	3.06	0.93
75th Percentile	0.4	0.91	0.30
Peer Median	-0.3	-0.83	-0.20
25th Percentile	-0.7	-3.62	-0.64
10th Percentile	-1.3	-7.09	-1.06
Average	-0.3	-1.63	-0.08
Count	10	1,762	1,762
CalPERS GPE	0.0	0.97	0.64



CalPERS GPE Rank

**Top Quartile** 



# Looking Back on Business & Key Initiatives

#### What Worked



- Allocated \$6.5B¹ to active strategies in a risk-aware manner
- Advanced automation and development of manager skill assessments
- Advocated for shareholder rights and promoted board accountability
- Collaborated with Sustainable Investments to launch Climate Transition Index
- Staff development and culture promoting a connected, innovative team
- Delivered another year of strong absolute and excess returns

### Areas for Refinement



- Formalize conviction-based capital allocation framework
- Refine analytics suite to augment decision-making capabilities
- Enhance strategy selection and monitoring processes
- Continue to improve data and technology capabilities





# Key Initiatives – Looking Ahead

#### **Support Total Portfolio Approach Efforts:**



Participate in cross-asset forums to support Total Portfolio Approach

#### Continue to Enhance the Active Risk Framework and Portfolio Construction to:



Further diversify sources of alpha potential



Efficiently capture equity risk premia

#### **Support the Data and Technology Modernization Initiative:**



Engage in design and implementation of Total Fund and Capital Markets Platform Project

#### **Progress the Sustainable Investments 2030 Strategy:**



Define framework for identifying and selecting active climate transition strategies





### Integration of Governance and Sustainability

**Proxy Voting** 

Vote all public company proxies in a manner consistent with CalPERS' Governance & Sustainability Principles and CalPERS Investment Beliefs

Engagement

Actively engage portfolio companies on compensation, corporate board diversity, climate change, human capital management, other governance and sustainability considerations to promote long-term value creation

Partnerships

Use external and internal partnerships to actively engage global asset owners and managers, companies, data providers, regulators, and standards-setting bodies

Research

Research, develop, and integrate best practices and proxy voting enhancements, while evolving Governance & Sustainability Principles





### Stewardship | 2024-2025 Proxy Voting and Corporate Engagement



>9,800 Meetings Voted & >93,000 Ballot Items



**Opposed 400 Directors for Climate Oversight Concerns** 



Opposed 41% of Say-on-Pay Proposals (U.S)



**402 Company Engagements Representing \$119B AUM** 



Climate Action 100+ Lead 21 Companies



Opposed 1,235 Directors over HCM/Diversity Concerns





### Stewardship | Key Issues and Priorities for FY 2025-26



#### Climate & Sustainability

- Climate Action 100+
- Director Accountability at CalPERS Top Emitters
- Support climate shareowner proposals:
  - Climate Risk
  - Net Zero Target Setting
  - Climate Transition
  - GHG Emissions
  - Pollution Related



#### Governance

- Board Composition and Diversity
- Enhance Disclosures of Director Characteristics
- U.S. State of Reincorporation Requests
- Executive Compensation (Say-on-Pay)
- Support governance shareowner proposals:
  - Independent Board Chair and Severance Agreements



- Support social-related/HCM-related shareowner proposals:
  - Freedom of Association
  - Labor/Human Rights
  - Racial Equity Audits





### Stewardship | Regulatory Environment

#### **Regulatory Developments:**

Updates to Exempt Solicitation Rules (Form PX14A6G)

13D/G guideline changes putting potential constraints on investor dialog with companies

Staff Legal Bulletin 14M (SLB14M) – Rescinded SLB 14L relaxing the process for how companies can seek to exclude shareowner proposals (2025 increase in SEC "no action" relief (23% in 2025 vs. 14% in 2024))

Roundtable on Executive Pay – Discussion to remove pay for performance reporting, claw back, and CEO Pay Ratio

Congressional hearing on proxy advisory firm services

Multiple federal bills proposing regulation of proxy advisory firms

Business Roundtable (BRT) calls for enhanced oversight of proxy advisory firms

Proposals in Congress to dissolve PCAOB

Delaware Senate Bill 21

Texas Legislature passed Senate Bill 2337





## Stewardship | 2024-25 Key Proxy Votes

		Company	Proposal Description
	lance	Walgreens Boots Alliance (WBA)	Withheld vote from board leadership whose tenure overlapped with periods of long-term stock price underperformance
	Governance	Warner Bros Discovery (WBD)	Voted "against" Advisory Vote on Executive Compensation Withheld vote from Compensation Committee members
	ment	BJ's Wholesale Club Holdings Inc. (BJ)	Report on Efforts to Reduce GHG Emissions
	nonironment	Cintas Corporation (CTAS)	Report on Efforts to Reduce GHG Emissions in Alignment with Paris Agreement Goals
_	<del>7</del>	Planet Fitness (PLNT)	Voted "for" shareowner proposal requesting EEO-1 Reporting
Social	Mondelez International Inc. (MDLZ)	Voted "for" shareowner proposal surrounding Freedom of Association and Collective Bargaining	





## Stewardship | Proxy Voting: Climate Risk Oversight



#### Climate Action 100+

#### Goals:

- Improve oversight of climate-related risks and opportunities
- Curb greenhouse gas emissions
- Strengthen climate-related financial disclosures

#### Progress Update:

- Leading engagement at 21 out of 170 focus companies
- 80% of focus companies have set net zero commitment
- 90% have some level of board oversight of material climate-related issues
- 88% working to align with Taskforce on Climate Related Financial Disclosure recommendations



#### **Top GHG Emitters**

#### • Top GHG Emitters:

- Account for 80% of portfolio scope 1 and 2 emissions
- Account for over 70% of portfolio scope 3 emissions

#### Proxy Voting & Engagement:

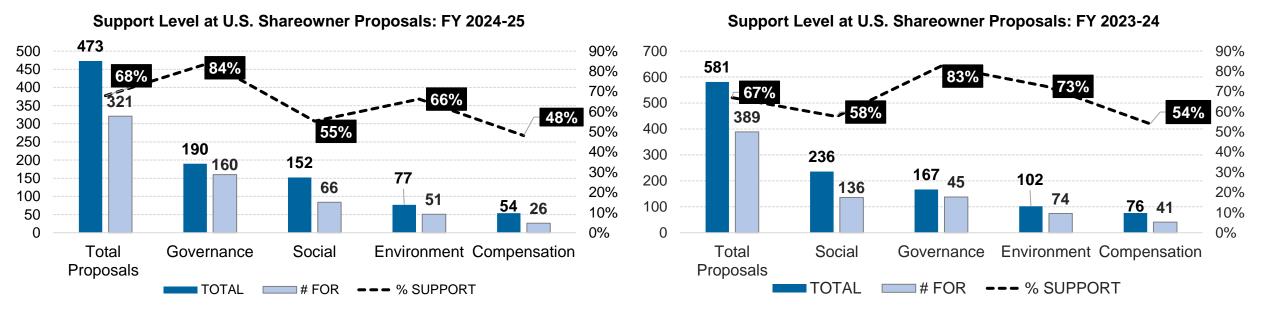
- Held directors accountable at highest 350 emitting companies in the portfolio
- Voted "against" 400 directors at 110 companies
- CalPERS seeks to engage with all companies where directors were voted against





### Stewardship | CalPERS Votes on U.S Shareowner Proposals

#### **Environmental and Social Proposals Experienced Reduction in Vote "Support" Levels**



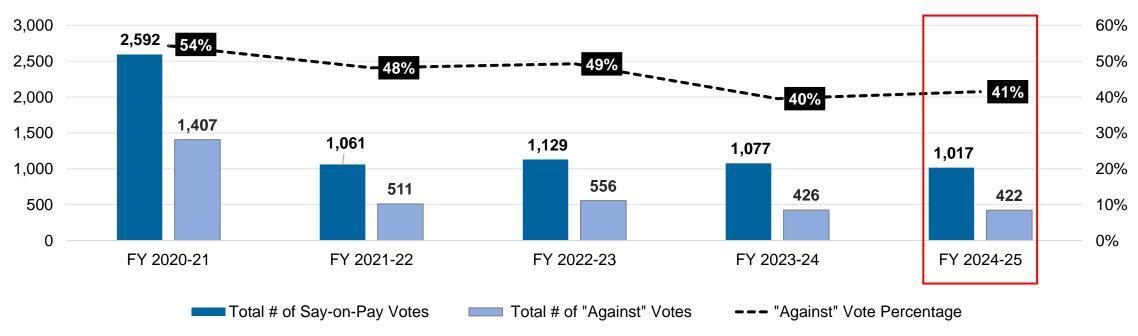




### Stewardship | CalPERS U.S. Executive Compensation Votes

#### Voted "Against" 41% of Say-On-Pay Proposals and 1,037 Compensation Committee Members







# Appendix

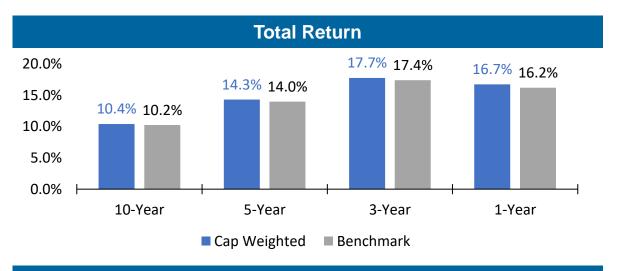




## Cap Weighted Segment

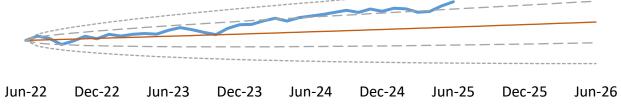
#### **Strategy Allocation (\$ Bil)**





#### **Cumulative Return vs 2021 SAA Expectations**

Expected Return: 6.8%/year Expected Volatility: 17%/year



— — - +/-1 Std Dev

Cumul Realized Return

— Cumul Expected Return

-----+/-2 Std Dev

#### **Key Metrics**

Realized 10 Year Sharpe Ratio

0.6

Realized 5 Year Info Ratio

1.2

Forecasted Volatility

18.8%

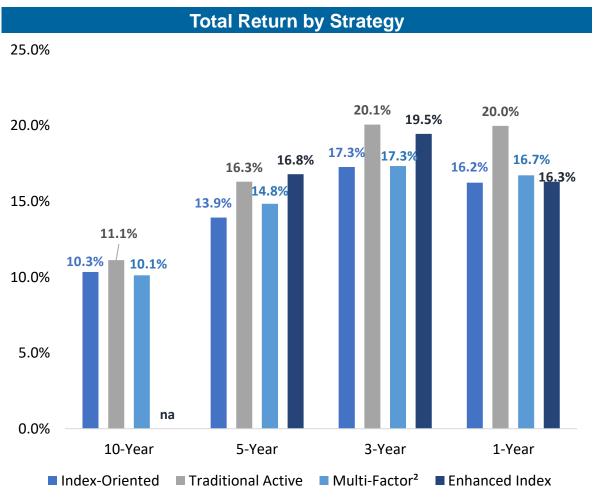
Forecasted Tracking Error

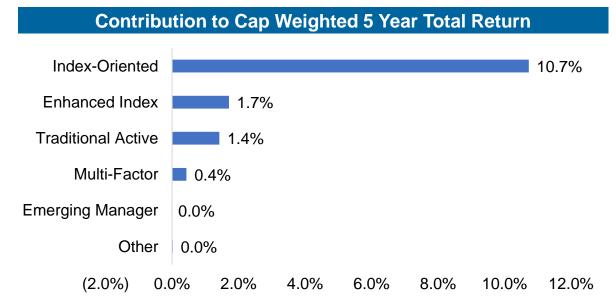
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### Portfolio Performance | Cap Weighted Total Return by Strategy





	Average Allocation	Return	Contribution to Return
Cap Weighted		14.3%	14.3%
Index-Oriented	80.3%	13.9%	10.7%
Enhanced Index	9.5%	16.8%	1.7%
Traditional Active	7.5%	16.3%	1.4%
Multi-Factor <sup>2</sup>	2.4%	14.8%	0.4%
Emerging Manager	0.2%		0.0%
Other <sup>1</sup>	0.2%		0.0%



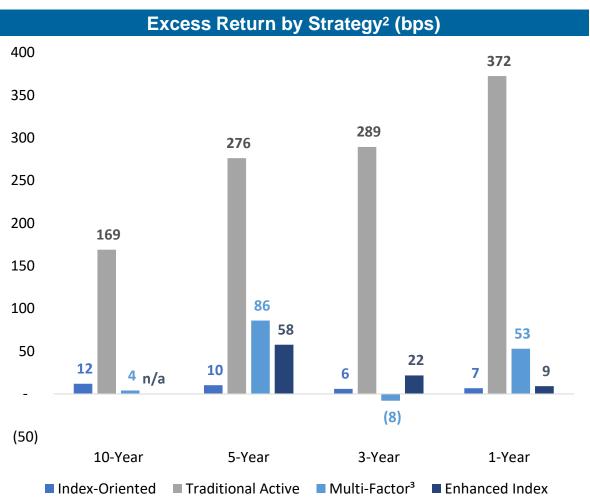
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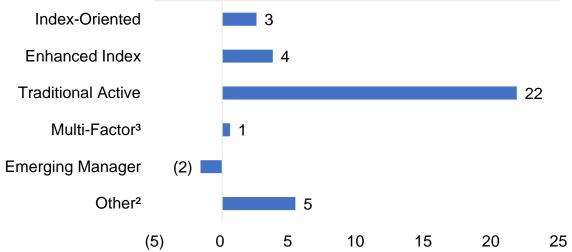
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Multi-Factor strategy transitioned from Alternative Beta in 2019.



### Portfolio Performance | Cap Weighted Excess Return by Strategy



### Contribution to Cap Weighted 5Y Excess Return<sup>1</sup> (bps)



	Avg Weight	Return	BM Return	Excess (bps)	Contribution to Excess
Cap Weighted		14.3%	14.0%	33	33
Index-Oriented	80.3%	13.9%	13.8%	10	3
Enhanced Index	9.5%	16.8%	16.2%	58	4
Traditional Active	7.5%	16.3%	13.5%	276	22
Multi-Factor <sup>3</sup>	2.4%	14.8%	14.0%	86	1
<b>Emerging Manager</b>	0.2%				(2)
Other <sup>2</sup>	0.2%				5



Note: All performance reported net of investment expenses and annualized. Public Equity benchmarks are net of taxes.

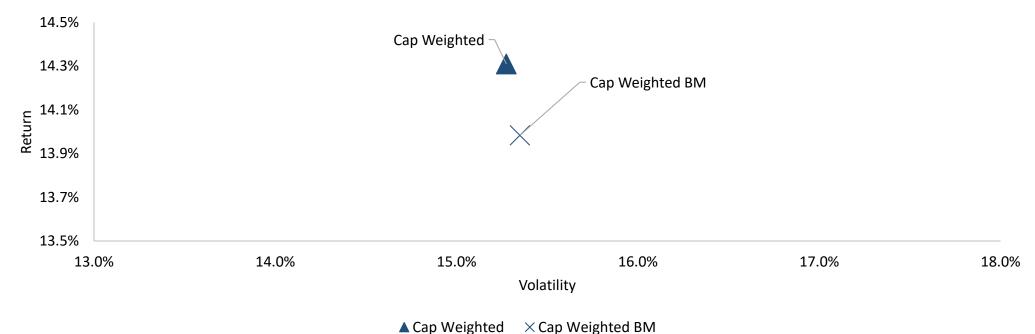
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Strategy contribution to excess excludes the impact of income from securities lending, which is reflected in "Other."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Other includes impact from allocations to defunded strategies, income from securities lending, and allocation management. Excess returns shown include income from securities lending.

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## 5 Year Cap Weighted Risk-Return



Return	Volatility	Sharpe Ratio	Tracking Error (bps)	Information Ratio
14.3%	15.3%	0.76	27	1.20
13.9%	15.4%	0.81	7	1.37
16.8%	16.0%	0.88	63	0.92
16.3%	14.7%	0.92	288 181	0.96 0.47
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Note: All performance reported net of investment expenses and annualized.

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Risk measures are calculated using monthly returns.

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### Cap Weighted Risk Summary

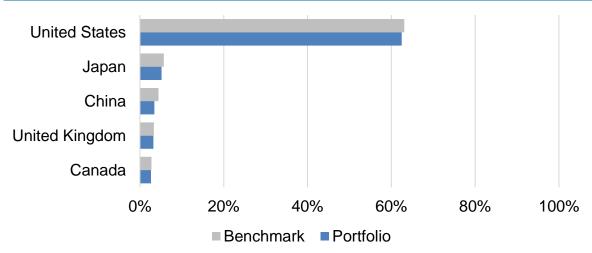
#### **Segment Risk Statistics (Forecasted)**

Forecasted Volatility	18.8%
Benchmark Volatility	19.0%
Tracking Error	0.43%
Portfolio Beta (to Bmk)	1.0

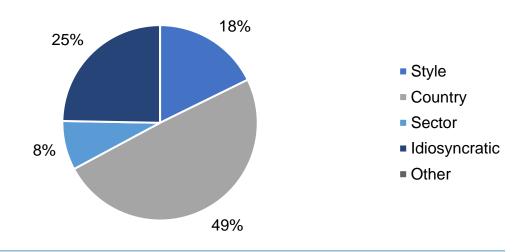
#### **Risk Decomposition (Forecasted)**

	Portfolio Risk Contribution	% Risk	Active Risk Contribution	% Risk
Total Segment Risk	18.8%	100.0%	0.43%	100.0%
Equity	18.0%	95.3%	0.40%	93.1%
Foreign Exchange	0.9%	4.7%	0.03%	6.8%
Rates	0.0%	0.0%	0.00%	0.1%
Spreads	0.0%	0.0%	0.00%	0.0%

#### **Segment Allocation by Country (Top 5)**



#### **Active Risk from Equity Factors**



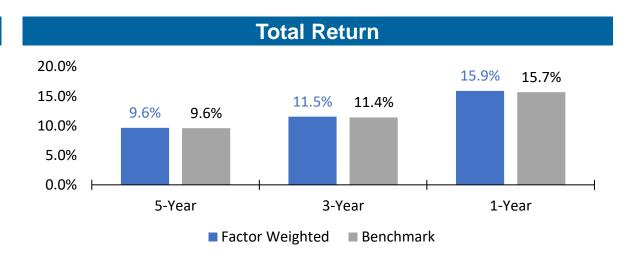




### Factor Weighted Segment

#### Strategy Allocation (\$ Bil)

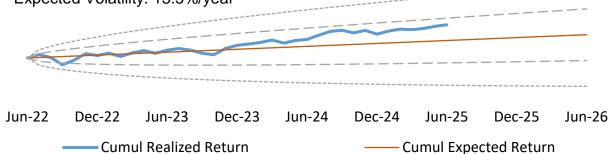




**Key Metrics** 

#### **Cumulative Return vs 2021 SAA Expectations**

Expected Return: 6.1%/year Expected Volatility: 13.5%/year



----+/-2 Std Dev

Realized 5 Year Sharpe Ratio

0.6

Realized 5 Year Info Ratio

0.5

Forecasted Volatility

15.7%

Forecasted Tracking Error

29 bps



——-+/-1 Std Dev



## 5 Year Factor Weighted Risk-Return



	Return	Volatility	Sharpe Ratio	Tracking Error (bps)	Information Ratio
Factor Weighted	9.6%	11.4%	0.60	13	0.48





### Factor Weighted Risk Summary

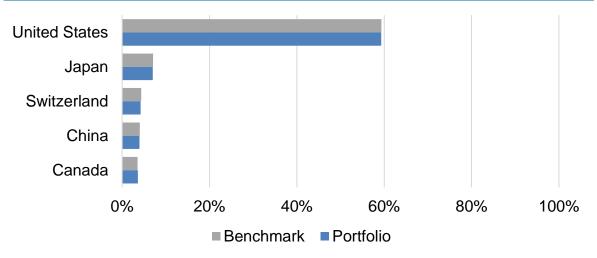
#### **Segment Risk Statistics (Forecasted)**

Forecasted Volatility	15.7%
Benchmark Volatility	15.6%
Tracking Error	0.29%
Portfolio Beta (to Bmk)	1.0

#### **Risk Decomposition (Forecasted)**

	Portfolio Risk Contribution	% Risk	Active Risk Contribution	% Risk
Total Segment Risk	15.7%	100.0%	0.29%	100.0%
Equity	14.9%	94.6%	0.28%	96.2%
Foreign Exchange	0.8%	5.4%	0.01%	3.8%
Rates	0.0%	0.0%	0.00%	0.0%
Spreads	0.0%	0.0%	0.00%	0.0%

#### **Segment Allocation by Country (Top 5)**



#### **Active Risk from Equity Factors**

