

CalPERS Investment Specific Glossary

Effective Date

This document is effective June 16, 2026, and supersedes the previous CalPERS Investment Specific Glossary.

Table 1 – Investment-related Terms

Term	Definition	Related Policies
<i>Customized Investment Account</i>	An investment structure in which CalPERS partners with a firm that has demonstrated ability and investment expertise with respect to the proposed investment strategy. CalPERS would be the majority investor. This structure may have an individual mandate or may invest alongside other similarly structured funds in the same investments with different terms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PERF Investment Policy
<i>External Manager</i>	An asset management firm that is seeking to be, or has been, retained by CalPERS or by a CalPERS Vehicle to manage a portfolio of assets (including securities) for a fee. The external manager usually has full discretion to manage CalPERS assets, consistent with investment management guidelines provided by CalPERS and fiduciary responsibility.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • California Employers’ Retiree Benefit Trust • California Employers’ Pension Prefunding Trust • Governance & Sustainability Principles • Judges Retirement Fund • Judges Retirement System II Fund • Legislators’ Retirement System Fund • Public Employees’ Health Care Fund • Public Employees’ Long-Term Care Fund • Public Employees’ Retirement Fund • Supplemental Income Plans
<i>General Pension Consultant</i>	An individual or organization that provides specialized professional assistance to the Investment Committee in determining the pension fund's asset allocation model or optimal combination of investments in order to maximize risk-adjusted investment returns in a manner consistent with the State's long- term pension liabilities. (Also, referred to as Primary Board Consultant).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • California Employers’ Retiree Benefit Trust • California Employers’ Pension Prefunding Trust • Judges Retirement Fund • Judges Retirement System II Fund • Legislators’ Retirement System Fund • Public Employees’ Health Care Fund • Public Employees’ Long-Term Care Fund

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Employees’ Retirement Fund • Supplemental Income Plans
<i>Net Committed Capital</i>	Remaining cost plus unfunded commitments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private Equity • Total Fund Investment
<i>Outsourcer</i>	A portfolio company that intends to provide services in a manner that will cause the outsourcing, on more than a de minimis basis, to the private sector of existing U.S. state and local public sector jobs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restricting PE Investments in Public Sector Outsourcers
<i>Private Asset Class Board Investment Consultant</i>	An individual or organization that provides specialized professional assistance to the Investment Committee related to an asset class regarding strategy and policy analysis, performance analysis and monitoring, and independent advisory service to the Investment Committee.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Employees’ Retirement Fund
<i>Prudent Person Opinion</i>	An opinion from a consultant or external resource subject to the Fiduciary Standard of Care that the proposed investment is a prudent investment consistent with Article XVI, Section 17(c) of the California Constitution and Section 20151 (c) of the California Government Code, i.e., made with the care, skill, prudence, and diligence under the circumstances then prevailing that a prudent person acting in a like capacity and familiar with these matters would use in the conduct of an enterprise of a like character and with like aims.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Employees’ Retirement Fund
<i>Vintage Year</i>	The year in which the first capital drawdown of the partnership occurs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Employees’ Retirement Fund
<i>Reference Portfolio</i>		
<i>Active Risk</i>		

Table 2 - CalPERS Investment Glossary Document History

Summary of Change	Approval Date
Administrative Change Document format updated for accessibility compliance. Removed outdated terms no longer used in policy. Updated related policies.	07/25/2023
Administrative Change Updated to reflect changes approved by the Investment Committee in the open session November 14, 2022 meeting, specifically, changes pertaining to the definition of Customized Investment Account . Also included an “Effective Date” to be consistent with other Investment policy documents.	02/29/2024
Updated to reflect 2026 Policy Redesign coincident with PERF adoption of a total portfolio approach.	06/15/2026