



Investment Committee Agenda

REGULAR MEETING	Chair:	Sung Won Sohn
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2019	Committee Members:	Elizabeth Lee Nilza R. Serrano
TIME: 10:30 A.M. OR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING ADJOURNMENT	Manager-Secretary:	Neil M. Guglielmo
OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING	Executive Assistant:	Ani Ghoukassian
MEETING LOCATION:	Legal Counselor:	City Attorney's Office
LACERS Ken Spiker Boardroom		
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- I. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON MATTERS WITHIN THE COMMITTEE'S JURISDICTION
- II. <u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE INVESTMENT COMMITTEE MEETING OF JANUARY 8,</u> 2019 AND POSSIBLE COMMITTEE ACTION
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- VII. REPORT ON LACERS COMMISSION RECAPTURE PROGRAM AND SOFT DOLLARS
- VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

- IX. NEXT MEETING: The next Regular Meeting of the Investment Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, March 12, 2019, in the LACERS Ken Spiker Boardroom, 202 West First Street, Suite 500, Los Angeles, CA 90012-4401.
- X. ADJOURNMENT





Board of Administration Agenda

SPECIAL MEETING	President:	Cynthia M. Ruiz
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2019	Vice President:	Elizabeth L. Greenwood
TIME: 10:30 A.M. OR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING	Commissioners:	Elizabeth Lee Sandra Lee Nilza R. Serrano Sung Won Sohn
MEETING LOCATION:		Michael R. Wilkinson
LACERS Ken Spiker Boardroom	Manager-Secretary:	Neil M. Guglielmo
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	MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING INVESTMENT COMMITTEE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION LOS ANGELES CITY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMEN ⁻	G T SYSTEM
	LACERS Ken Spiker Boardroom 202 West First Street, Suite 500 Los Angeles, California January 8, 2019	Agenda of: <u>Feb. 12, 2019</u> Item No: <u>II</u>
	11:37 a.m.	
PRESENT:	Chair:	Sung Won Sohn
	Committee Members:	Elizabeth Lee Nilza R. Serrano
	Commissioner:	Elizabeth L. Greenwood
	Manager-Secretary:	Neil M. Guglielmo
	Executive Assistant:	Ani Ghoukassian
	Legal Counselor:	Anya Freedman

The Items in the Minutes are numbered to correspond with the Agenda.

Commissioner Greenwood was present at the Investment Committee Meeting. Any votes will be taken by Committee Members only.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS ON MATTERS WITHIN THE COMMITTEE'S JURISDICTION – Chair Sohn asked if any persons wished to speak on matters within the Committee's jurisdiction, to which there was no response and no public comment cards received.

II

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE INVESTMENT COMMITTEE MEETING OF DECEMBER 11, 2018 AND POSSIBLE COMMITTEE ACTION – A Motion to approve the minutes of December 11, 2018 was moved by Committee Member Serrano, and adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Committee Members Elizabeth Lee, Serrano, and Chair Sohn –3; Nays, None.

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CHIEF INVESTMENT OFFICER VERBAL REPORT – Rod June, Chief Investment Officer, shared the 12-month Investment Committee Calendar with the Investment Committee. Mr. June also advised the Committee that MFS has reduced their fees after a request from LACERS staff.

INVESTMENT MANAGER CONTRACT WITH LOOMIS, SAYLES & COMPANY, L.P. REGARDING THE MANAGEMENT OF AN ACTIVE CORE DOMESTIC FIXED INCOME PORTFOLIO AND POSSIBLE COMMITTEE ACTION – Bryan Fujita, Chief Operating Officer and Jimmy Wang, Investment Officer I presented this item to the Committee. A motion to approve was moved by Committee Member Serrano and adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Committee Members Elizabeth Lee, Serrano, and Chair Sohn -3; Nays, None.

V

INVESTMENT MANAGER CONTRACT WITH ROBERT W. BAIRD & CO. INCORPORATED REGARDING THE MANAGEMENT OF AN ACTIVE DOMESTIC FIXED INCOME PORTFOLIO AND POSSIBLE COMMITTEE ACTION – Bryan Fujita, Chief Operating Officer and Jimmy Wang, Investment Officer I presented this item to the Committee. A motion to approve was moved by Committee Member Elizabeth Lee and adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Committee Members Elizabeth Lee, Serrano, and Chair Sohn -3; Nays, None.

VI

LACERS INVESTMENT POLICY STATEMENT REVIEW AND POSSIBLE COMMITTEE ACTION – Rod June, Chief Investment Officer, Eduardo Park, Investment Officer I, David Fann with Torrey Cove, and Carolyn Smith with NEPC discussed this item with the Committee. After several recommendations to staff and consultants, the Committee moved the Policy to the Board for consideration subject to education on Tactical Asset Allocation.

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OTHER BUSINESS – There was no other business.

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ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business before the Committee, Chair Sohn adjourned the Meeting at 12:59 p.m.

Sung Won Sohn Chair

Neil M. Guglielmo Manager-Secretary



Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System

TIPS Strategy

February 12, 2019

David Plecha, CFA, Global Head of Fixed Income and Vice President Karen Umland, CFA, Senior Portfolio Manager and Vice President Joe Young, CFA, Vice President

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Relationship Summary

As of December 31, 2018

	Ann	Annualized Excess Return (%) Annualized Excess Return (%)				
Account Value	Account Value	3 Year (net of fee)	Since 1st Full Month (net of fee)	Account 1st Full Month		
LACERS Emerging Markets Value	\$414,737,047	1.45	0.45	08/2014		
LACERS TIPS	\$610,005,940	0.10	0.12	08/2014		
Total	\$1,024,742,987					

Please see appendix for compliant presentation(s).

Performance data shown represents past performance and is no guarantee of future results. Net returns are reported net of all advisory fees and include reinvestment of dividends and other earnings. Current performance may be higher or lower than the performance shown. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost.





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Dimensional Update



Dimensional at a Glance

As of December 31, 2018



Assets in US dollars.

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Assets Under Management

\$517 billion in global AUM as of December 31, 2018



Public Fund Partial List of Clients

City and County of Kalamazoo City of Baton Rouge County of Los Angeles Deferred Compensation Florida State Board of Administration Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund Los Angeles Department of Water & Power System Los Angeles Fire and Police Pensions Maryland State Retirement Agency Mississippi Public Employees **Retirement System Municipal Fire & Police Retirement System of Iowa** Nebraska Investment Council Nova Scotia Health Employees' Pension Plan Teachers' Retirement Allowances Fund **Utah State Retirement Systems**

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The bar for research at Dimensional has been set by the best in the field

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	Co-Chair of the Investment Research Committee, Dimensional, ¹ 2006–present	Resident Scientist, Dimensional Holdings Inc., 2010–present			
	Dimensional Director, 2006–present				

"At Dimensional, we don't jump on every new idea that comes along. We're looking for what will stand up over a long period of time."

Eugene Fama Nobel laureate, 2013



Implementation Requires Expertise

Taking knowledge and information and implementing it in a real test, not in a backtest, is what counts



DAVID BOOTH Executive Chairman and Founder



GERARD K. O'REILLY, PhD Co-Chief Executive Officer and Chief Investment Officer



DAVE BUTLER Co-Chief Executive Officer

Global Research Team





MARLENA LEE, PhDSAVINA RIZOVA, PhDCo-Head of ResearchCo-Head of Research



PETE DILLARD Chief Data Officer and Head of Investment Analytics and Data



Global Portfolio Management and Trading Team



JOSEPH CHI Co-Head of Global Portfolio Management



JED FOGDALL RYAN Co-Head of Global Head o Portfolio Management Global



As of December 31, 2018.



Diversity and Inclusion Overview

Committed to providing a respectful work environment

Dimensional believes that our strength lies in the unique skills, perspectives and attributes each employee brings to the company. Diversity and inclusion efforts begin with the recruitment process and continue throughout an employee's career at Dimensional.

Recruiting and Hiring

Since the firm's beginning in 1981, it has been Dimensional's policy to provide equal opportunity for all employees and applicants.

- <u>Broadening the diversity of our talent pool</u>: Dimensional works closely with diversity-related student groups on campus as well as other organizations, which have included the Robert Toigo Foundation and the Forté Foundation.
- <u>Reducing barriers</u>: Dimensional trains employees on interview best practices for consistent and effective evaluation and techniques to mitigate unconscious bias. We are also careful to use neutral language in job descriptions to make sure applicants from diverse backgrounds are not dissuaded from applying.
- <u>Update calls</u>: For clients with a stated interest in diversity and inclusion efforts related to recruiting and hiring, Dimensional may coordinate annual phone calls to update the client on our diversity recruiting efforts. Generally, these calls are with Dimensional's senior personnel in charge of hiring and talent development.

Talent Development and Career Advancement

Dimensional provides opportunities for learning, growth and advancement so that all employees have the opportunity for challenging, rewarding, and fulfilling careers at Dimensional. We actively participate in professional development initiatives to reach women and minority groups, including the National Association of Securities Professionals.

Vendor Outreach

Dimensional has made a concerted effort to use minority, women, and disabled veterans' business enterprises (M/W/DVBE), including employment agencies and brokerage firms.



Fixed Income Platform Overview



Managing Fixed Income Portfolios to Meet Investor Goals



- Customizing fixed income portfolios is easier than equity portfolios.
- Hedging needs are more easily defined, and risks are easier to manage.
- What can an investor control?

Since 1983, Dimensional has used these investment considerations when managing fixed income portfolios to address investor goals.

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Extensive Fixed Income Capabilities

More than 30 years of experience and \$106.6 billion in global fixed income assets under management¹



- Earliest strategy inception in 1983
- Multidisciplinary franchise with global reach
- Based upon rigorous academic research
- Experienced investment team
- Consistent portfolio management and execution
- Value-added execution
- Competitively priced solutions

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Global Fixed Income Team

Dedicated to consistent implementation of investment strategies

PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

	Years of Exp	erience
Austin	Industry	Firm
Joseph Kolerich, ¹ Senior PM Pamela Noble, CFA Alan Hutchison Lacey Huebel, CFA Aafsar Dhuka	25 26 12 8 3	17 10 12 6 1
Charlotte		
Travis Meldau Jonathon Mershimer, CFA Brett Balasa	15 7 3	7 1 2
Santa Monica		
David Plecha, ^{1,2} CFA, Global Head Alexander Fridman, PhD, CFA, FRM David Shao, CFA Ryan Haselton	31 13 12 10	29 5 12 3
London		
Joel Kim, CFA, Senior PM Kipp Cummins, CFA Sebastian Dudziak	21 12 2	2 6 1
Sydney		
Stephen Garth, PhD Gillian Wilson Timo Zauner, CFA	17 16 11	17 10 1
Tokyo		
Kotaro Hama, CFA, FRM	9	6

TRADING		
	Years of Exp	erience
Austin	Industry	Firm
David LaRusso, Senior Trader Robert Richardson Elizabeth Van Pelt	18 20 9	18 6 8
Charlotte		
Polly Weiss, CFA, FRM, Senior Trader	13	10
Santa Monica		
Claudette Higdon	18	18
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PRODUCT MANAGEMENT AND STR	ATEGY	
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Austin	Industry	Firm
Tom Goodrum, CFA	23	6
Douglas Longo	16	4

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Investment Research Committee

- Long-term, strategic focus
- 15 members, including
 2 Nobel laureates

Investment Committee

- Implementation and daily oversight
- 13 members
- Average 19 years of firm experience

Research

- Synthesis of client needs and financial theory into investment solutions
- 80+ professionals, including 19 PhDs

As of January 1, 2019. Years of experience as of December 31, 2018.

1. Investment Committee member.

2. Investment Research Committee member.



Using Expected Returns Computed from Yield Curve



Hypothetical example, for illustrative purposes only. Expected returns are calculated using the spot yield curve assuming a 1-year holding period. The actual calculation for expected capital appreciation is: Expected Capital Gain (Loss) = Change in Yield x Duration at End of Holding Period. For more information, please see Wei Dai, "Pursuing Higher Expected Returns with Duration Constraints" (white paper, Dimensional Fund Advisors, 3/31/2017).

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US TIPS Portfolio Review



Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System—TIPS

Overview as of December 31, 2018¹

PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW			
Inception Date	July 2014		
Assets Under Management	\$610.0 million (Strategy	AUM \$5.2 billion)	
Eligible Investments ²	TIPS	Cash Equivalents	
Credit Quality Eligibility	US Treasury		
Primary Investment Parameters ²			
Average Duration Benchmark-like duration			
Security Maturity	4–20 years at purchase;	Can hold to maturity	
Derivatives	vatives None		
Leverage None			
Benchmark			
Bloomberg Barclays	US TIPS Index		



Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System—TIPS

Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System—TIPS and Bloomberg Barclays US TIPS Index—NAV Allocation View





Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System—TIPS As of December 31, 2018

	Average Duration (Years)	Average Maturity (Years)	Average Coupon	Yield to Maturity
LOS ANGELES CITY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM—TIPS	7.36	7.78	1.17	1.00
Bloomberg Barclays US TIPS Index	7.32	7.90	0.81	1.11



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Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System—TIPS

Since 8/14 4th Account Quarter 1st Full Annualized Returns¹ (%) 2018 1 Year 3 Years Month 2 21 LOS ANGELES CITY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM—TIPS (net of fees) -0.03 -111 073 -0 42 -1 26 211 0.61 Bloomberg Barclays US TIPS Index 0.39 0 1 6 0 1 0 0 1 2 Excess Return (%)

Account Value

LOS ANGELES CITY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM—TIPS	\$610,005,940

CALENDAR YEAR RETURNS (%)

- Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System—TIPS (net of fees)
- Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System—TIPS (gross of fees)

Bloomberg Barclays US TIPS Index



Please see appendix for compliant presentation(s).

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Bloomberg Barclays data provided by Bloomberg. Indices are not available for direct investment.







Presenters' Biographies



David Plecha, CFA Global Head of Fixed Income and Vice President

Dave Plecha is Dimensional's Global Head of Fixed Income. Dave is an enthusiastic and incisive communicator at the firm's conferences and seminars. A member of the Investment Committee and Investment Research Committee, he not only manages US and global portfolios but also maintains much of the fixed income research and client communications. Dave has been instrumental in the planning and execution of Dimensional's tax-managed separate account strategies in the US.

Dave received his Chartered Financial Analyst® designation in 1996. Prior to joining Dimensional in 1989, he managed stock index futures and options for Leland O'Brien Rubinstein Associates and was an operations planner for Texas Instruments. He holds an MBA from the University of California, Los Angeles, and a BS in industrial and operations engineering from the University of Michigan.



Karen Umland, CFA Senior Portfolio Manager and Vice President

Karen is a Senior Portfolio Manager and a member of the Investment Committee at Dimensional. Her responsibilities include general oversight of portfolios, and she frequently speaks at presentations and meetings with clients, prospects, and consultants.

Karen joined Dimensional in 1993 as a general Portfolio Manager in US equities after beginning her investment career with the Yale University Investment Office in 1988. In 1995, she moved over to the international Portfolio Management group within Dimensional and spent the next 14 years directly involved in the portfolio construction and trading of the non-US developed and emerging markets strategies. A CFA® charterholder, Karen has a BA in economics from Yale University and an MBA from the Anderson School of Management at the University of California, Los Angeles.



Presenters' Biographies



Joseph L. Young, CFA Vice President

Joseph Young is a Vice President responsible for developing and maintaining relationships with public pension funds, foundations, endowments, Taft-Hartley plan sponsors, and corporate pension and defined contribution plans.

Joe began his career with Dimensional in February 2002, focusing on consultant relations. Prior to joining Dimensional, he worked as a project management analyst at Global Crossing. He is an active member of the CFA Society of Austin, National Society of Institutional Investment Professionals, CALAPRS, and the Texas Association of Public Employee Retirement Systems (TEXPERS). He is a guest lecturer for the College of Business at Colorado State University. Joe received a BS in finance from the University of Idaho and is a CFA® charterholder.



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Gerard K. O'Reilly,¹ Co-Chief Executive Officer, Chief Investment Officer, and Dimensional Director

Stephen A. Clark¹ President of Dimensional International

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Marlena Lee Co-Head of Research

Savina Rizova¹ Co-Head of Research

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Robert T. Deere¹ Senior Investment Director

Jed S. Fogdall¹ Co-Head of Portfolio Management

Jason Lapping Head of International Equity Trading

David A. Plecha¹ Global Head of Fixed Income

Bhanu Singh Head of Asia Pacific Portfolio Management and Director

Ryan Wiley¹ Head of Global Equity Trading

As of January 1, 2019.

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Eugene F. Fama, Nobel laureate

David P. Butler¹

and Consultant

John A. McQuown

Kenneth R. French, Consultant

Gerard K. O'Reilly¹

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Mark Gochnour Head of Financial Advisor Services International and Advisor Services

Craig Horvath Global Head of Consultant Relations

David R. Jones Head of Financial Advisor Services, EMEA

Kevin Kandasamy Head of Institutional, Australia

Nathan Krieger Head of Financial Advisor Services, Australia

Bryce Skaff Head of US Financial Advisor Services and Strategic Relationship

Bradley G. Steiman Director and Head of Canadian Financial Advisor Services

Joel Teasdel Head of Financial Advisor Services, Asia ex Japan

Erik van Houwelingen Head of European Sales, Dimensional Fund Advisors Ltd. (DFAL)

Carlo Venes Head of Global Institutional Services

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Gregory K. Hinkle Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

HUMAN RESOURCES Aaron Marcus Head of Global Human Resources

INVESTMENT OPERATIONS

Richard A. Eustice Head of Global Investment Operations

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Karen Dolan Head of Marketing

RISK MANAGEMENT Jeffrey Vernor Head of Risk Management

TECHNOLOGY Michael Holmes Chief Technology Officer

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John S. Romiza Co-CEO

DFA AUSTRALIA LIMITED (SYDNEY) J. Glenn Crane Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

DIMENSIONAL JAPAN LTD. (TOKYO) John R. Alkire Chief Executive Officer

DIMENSIONAL FUND ADVISORS PTE. LTD. (SINGAPORE) Peng Chen Director, Chief Executive Officer, Asia ex Japan

DIMENSIONAL FUND ADVISORS CANADA ULC (VANCOUVER)

Bradley G. Steiman Director and Head of Canadian Financial Advisor Services



Summary of Portfolio Risk Management

Provides diversification and broad oversight with minimal style drift

Emerging Markets Strategies

	Highly diversified across countries
	 Country diversification leads to diversification across multiple currencies
Concentration Risk	 Sector target weights typically capped at their approximate weight in a broadly diversified, sector-neutral universe plus an additional 10%
	 Industry groups generally capped at 25%
	 Guidelines target a maximum 5% per issue at time of purchase
Implementation	• Team managed
Risk	• Approved exchanges only; ongoing evaluation of listing requirements, liquidity, and settlement mechanism
	Charles River customized Order Management System
Operational	 Comprehensive pre- and post-trade compliance
Risk	 Independent accountant, custodian bank, and auditors
	Independent SSAE 16 audit performed annually
Style Risk	• Monitor characteristics of individual securities and overall strategy to prevent style drift

eVestment Universe: TIPS



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Universe: eVestment US TIPS / Inflation Fixed Income

		1 Year			3 Years		Since Inception 4.42 Years ¹	
	VI	км		Rk		Rk		Rk
5th percentile			-0.04		3.14		0.99	
25th percentile			-0.52		2.38		0.78	
Median			-1.18		2.21		0.69	
75th percentile			-1.50		2.00		0.53	
95th percentile			-2.10		1.54		0.02	
# of Observations			47		46		46	
Dimensional: LACERS TIPS	SA	GF	-1.05	43	2.27	39	0.80	23
Bloomberg Barclays Index: Bloomberg Barcl	IX	IX	-1.26	58	2.11	63	0.61	62
Results displayed in USD.							108/2014 -	12/2018

Source: eVestment

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Fixed Income Attribution Analysis by Maturity

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Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System—TIPS (net of fees) vs. Bloomberg Barclays US TIPS Index

1 Year as of December 31, 2018

Maturity (years)	Portfolio Average Weights	Benchmark Average Weights	Portfolio Return	Benchmark Return	Portfolio Allocation	Portfolio Composition	Interaction	Total
1–2		8%	_	0.95%	-0.18%	_	-0.00%	-0.18%
2–3	_	10%	_	0.57%	-0.18%	_	-0.00%	-0.18%
3–4	_	11%	_	0.28%	-0.17%	_	-0.00%	-0.17%
4–5		10%	_	0.10%	-0.14%	_	-0.00%	-0.14%
5–6	8%	8%	-0.23%	-0.12%	0.00%	-0.01%	-0.00%	-0.01%
6–7	23%	10%	-0.57%	-0.54%	0.11%	-0.01%	0.00%	0.10%
7–8	22%	9%	-0.97%	-0.96%	0.03%	-0.00%	0.00%	0.03%
8–9	19%	8%	-1.39%	-1.36%	-0.01%	-0.01%	0.00%	-0.02%
9–10	16%	8%	-1.58%	-1.62%	-0.02%	0.02%	0.00%	0.00%
10–15	12%	5%	-1.54%	-1.59%	-0.04%	0.00%	0.00%	-0.04%
15–20	_	_	_	_	_	—	_	_
20+		13%	_	-7.33%	0.78%	—	0.00%	0.79%
Cash	_	—	_	—	_	—	—	_
Estimated Total	100%	100%	-1.08%	-1.26%	0.19%	-0.01%	0.00%	0.18%
Expenses and Fees			-0.05%	_				-0.05%
Other			0.03%	0.00%				0.03%
Total			-1.11%	-1.26%				0.16%

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In 2018, the portfolio's underweight in short and long ends of the TIPS curve contributed to outperformance

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Attribution constructed using holdings-based information that utilizes an internally developed system. Additional information available upon request.

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Portfolio Holdings

Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System—TIPS, as of December 31, 2018

Security Name	Percent of Portfolio
TSY INFL IX N/B .250000% 01/15/2025	9.04%
TSY INFL IX N/B .375000% 07/15/2025	8.51%
TSY INFL IX N/B .625000% 01/15/2026	8.32%
TSY INFL IX N/B .375000% 01/15/2027	7.53%
TSY INFL IX N/B .125000% 07/15/2026	7.50%
TSY INFL IX N/B .375000% 07/15/2027	7.46%
TSY INFL IX N/B .500000% 01/15/2028	7.43%
TSY INFL IX N/B 2.375000% 01/15/2025	6.64%
TSY INFL IX N/B 2.000000% 01/15/2026	4.88%
TSY INFL IX N/B 3.875000% 04/15/2029	4.80%



Investment Guidelines

As of December 31, 2018

Manager: Dimensional Fund Advisors LP — TIPS Benchmark: Bloomberg Barclays US TIPS Index

GUIDELINE	RANGE	CURRENT	WITHIN RANGE?
Portfolio Effective Duration	Benchmark Effective Duration +/- 0.5 years	7.36 years (+0.4)	Yes
Number of Issuers	Typically only Treasuries	Only Treasuries	Yes
Portfolio Credit Quality	Equal to or greater than the rating of the U.S. Treasury	Equal to or greater than the rating of the U.S. Treasury	Yes
Individual Issue Credit Quality	Equal to or greatere than the U.S. Treasury	Equal to or greatere than the U.S. Treasury	Yes



Diversity – Senior Employees and Executives

Senior Employees and Executives (VP/RD/PM and Above)

Diversity continues to increase based on targeted recruiting and bench strength at junior levels:

- Senior employees (VP/RD/PM levels): 33% of the US employee population with 25% women and 18% minority.
- Executive employees¹ (Executive Committee & Department Heads): 20% women, increased from 13% in 2016.

US Breakdown—Current Dimensional Employees and Prior Year Hiring

	CURRENT EMPLOYEES ²	2017 HIRING
Female (%)	36.1%	40.8%
Male (%)	63.9%	59.2%
Minority (%)	30.0%	29.0%



Internal Training

Investment Professionals

Dimensional recognizes that the recruitment of high-quality investment professionals is a key factor in the firm's long-term success. We use a combination of methods depending on the position. Portfolio managers and traders are generally hired as experienced professionals with prior experience in investment management, engineering, or other quantitative fields. Junior investment staff may be hired upon graduation from college and may have some prior work experience.

Regardless of prior experience, all investment professionals complete an internal training program. Each phase of the program is under the direct supervision of more senior personnel and is designed to integrate strategy and investment knowledge with practical skills involving internal systems, policies, and procedures. Only after appropriate training and testing is an investment associate, portfolio manager, or trader authorized by the Investment Committee to approve trades for client accounts.

Client-facing Professionals

All client-facing professionals are required to participate in Dimensional's Core Curriculum process. During these sessions, subject matter experts ensure that all external-facing team members have a sufficiently deep understanding of Dimensional's investment philosophy and process to adequately explain our approach. This effort, which is repeated every few years, culminates in a Capstone Presentation where they must prove this level of understanding to their peers and senior managers of the firm.


Workplace Composition

		ТОТ	AL COMPO	SITION OF W	ORK FORC	E (UNITED	STATES)			
	African American	Hispanic	Asian or Pacific Islander	American Indian/ Alaskan Native	Caucasian (Non Hispanic)	Two or More	Total Employees	Percent (%) Minority	Ger <u>Male</u>	nder <u>Female</u>
Occupation	<u>Full Time</u>	<u>Full Time</u>	Full Time	<u>Full Time</u>	<u>Full Time</u>	<u>Full Time</u>	<u>Full Time</u>	<u>Full Time</u>	<u>Full</u>	Time
Officials & Managers	3	8	27	0	140	6	184	23.91%	118	66
Professionals	7	39	84	2	250	7	389	35.73%	262	127
Technicians	5	4	1	0	7	1	18	61.11%	15	3
Sales Workers	13	19	24	1	304	13	374	18.72%	260	114
Office/Clerical	7	11	2	1	51	4	76	32.89%	13	63
Semi-Skilled	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0	0
Unskilled	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0	0
Service Workers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0	0
Total	35	81	138	4	752	31	1,041	24.78%	668	373



Index Descriptions

Dimensional US Small Cap Index was created by Dimensional in March 2007 and is compiled by Dimensional. It represents a market-capitalization-weighted index of securities of the smallest US companies whose market capitalization falls in the lowest 8% of the total market capitalization of the eligible market. The eligible market is composed of securities of US companies traded on the NYSE, NYSE MKT (formerly AMEX), and Nasdaq Global Market. Exclusions: Non-US companies, REITs, UITs, and investment companies. From January 1975 to the present, the index also excludes companies with the lowest profitability and highest relative price within the small cap universe. Profitability is measured as operating income before depreciation and amortization minus interest expense scaled by book. Source: CRSP and Compustat. The index monthly returns are computed as the simple average of the monthly returns of 12 sub-indices, each one reconstituted once a year at the end of a different month of the year. The calculation methodology for the Dimensional US Small Cap Index was amended on January 1, 2014, to include profitability as a factor in selecting securities for inclusion in the index.

Dimensional US High Profitability Index was created by Dimensional in January 2014 and represents an index consisting of US companies. It is compiled by Dimensional. Dimensional sorts stocks into three profitability groups from high to low. Each group represents one-third of the market capitalization. Similarly, stocks are sorted into three relative price groups. The intersections of the three profitability groups and the three relative price groups yield nine subgroups formed on profitability and relative price. The index represents the average return of the three high-profitability subgroups. It is rebalanced twice per year. Profitability is measured as operating income before depreciation and amortization minus interest expense scaled by book. Source: CRSP and Compustat.

Dimensional US Low Profitability Index was created by Dimensional in January 2014 and represents an index consisting of US companies. It is compiled by Dimensional. Dimensional sorts stocks into three profitability groups from high to low. Each group represents one-third of the market capitalization. Similarly, stocks are sorted into three relative price groups. The intersections of the three profitability groups and the three relative price groups yield nine subgroups formed on profitability subgroups. It is rebalanced twice per year. Profitability is measured as operating income before depreciation and amortization minus interest expense scaled by book. Source: CRSP and Compustat.

Dimensional International Small Cap Index was created by Dimensional in April 2008 and is compiled by Dimensional. July 1981–December 1993: It Includes non-US developed securities in the bottom 10% of market capitalization in each eligible country. All securities are market capitalization weighted. Each country is capped at 50%. Rebalanced semiannually. January 1994–Present: Market-capitalization-weighted index of small company securities in the eligible markets excluding those with the lowest profitability and highest relative price within the small cap universe. Profitability is measured as operating income before depreciation and amortization minus interest expense scaled by book. The index monthly returns are computed as the simple average of the monthly returns of four sub-indices, each one reconstituted once a year at the end of a different quarter of the year. Prior to July 1981, the index is 50% UK and 50% Japan. The calculation methodology for the Dimensional International Small Cap Index was amended on January 1, 2014, to include profitability as a factor in selecting securities for inclusion in the index.

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Dimensional Emerging Markets Low Profitability Index was created by Dimensional in April 2013 and represents an index consisting of emerging markets companies and is compiled by Dimensional. Dimensional sorts stocks into three profitability groups from high to low. Each group represents one-third of the market capitalization of each eligible country. Similarly, stocks are sorted into three relative price groups. The intersections of the three profitability groups and the three relative price groups yield nine subgroups formed on profitability and relative price. The index represents the average return of the three low-profitability subgroups. The index is rebalanced twice per year. Profitability is measured as operating income before depreciation and amortization minus interest expense scaled by book. Source: Bloomberg. **Dimensional Emerging Markets High Profitability Index** was created by Dimensional in April 2013 and represents an index consisting of emerging markets companies and is compiled by Dimensional. Dimensional sorts stocks into three profitability groups from high to low. Each group represents one-third of the market capitalization of each eligible country. Similarly, stocks are sorted into three relative price groups. The intersections of the three profitability groups and the three relative price groups yield nine subgroups formed on profitability and relative price. The index represents the average return of the three high-profitability subgroups. The index is rebalanced twice per year. Profitability is measured as operating income before depreciation and amortization minus interest expense scaled by book. Source: Bloomberg.

Dimensional Emerging Markets Small Cap Index was created by Dimensional in April 2008 and is compiled by Dimensional. January 1989–December 1993: Fama/French Emerging Markets Small Cap Index. January 1994–Present: Dimensional Emerging Markets Small Cap Index composition: Market-capitalizationweighted index of small company securities in the eligible markets excluding those with the lowest profitability and highest relative price within the small cap universe. Profitability is measured as operating income before depreciation and amortization minus interest expense scaled by book. The index monthly returns are computed as the simple average of the monthly returns of four sub-indices, each one reconstituted once a year at the end of a different quarter of the year. Source: Bloomberg. The calculation methodology for the Dimensional Emerging Markets Small Cap Index was amended on January 1, 2014, to include profitability as a factor in selecting securities for inclusion in the index.

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Index Descriptions

Fama/French US Value Research Index: Provided by Fama/French from CRSP securities data. Includes the lower 30% in price-to-book of NYSE securities (plus NYSE Amex equivalents since July 1962 and Nasdaq equivalents since 1973).

Fama/French US Growth Research Index: Provided by Fama/French from CRSP securities data. Includes the higher 30% in price-to-book of NYSE securities (plus NYSE Amex equivalents since July 1962 and Nasdaq equivalents since 1973).

Fama/French Total US Market Index: Provided by Fama/French from CRSP securities data. Includes all US operating companies trading on the NYSE, AMEX, or Nasdaq NMS. Excludes ADRs, investment companies, tracking stocks, non-US incorporated companies, closed-end funds, certificates, shares of beneficial interests, and Berkshire Hathaway Inc. (Permco 540).

Fama/French International Value Index: 2008–present: Provided by Fama/French from Bloomberg securities data. Simulated strategy of MSCI EAFE + Canada countries in the lower 30% price-to-book range. 1975–2007: Provided by Fama/French from MSCI securities data.

Fama/French International Growth Index: 2008–present: Provided by Fama/French from Bloomberg securities data. Simulated strategy of MSCI EAFE + Canada countries in the higher 30% price-to-book range. 1975–2007: Provided by Fama/French from MSCI securities data.

Fama/French Emerging Markets Value Index: 2009–present: Provided by Fama/French from Bloomberg securities data. Simulated strategy using IFC investable universe countries. Companies in the lower 30% price-to-book range; companies weighted by float-adjusted market cap; countries weighted by country float-adjusted market cap; rebalanced monthly. 1989–2008: Provided by Fama/French from IFC securities data. IFC data provided by International Finance Corporation.

Fama/French Emerging Markets Growth Index: 2009–present: Provided by Fama/French from Bloomberg securities data. Simulated strategy using IFC investable universe countries. Companies in the higher 30% price-to-book range; companies weighted by float-adjusted market cap; countries weighted by country float-adjusted market cap; rebalanced monthly. 1989–2008: Provided by Fama/French from IFC securities data. IFC data provided by International Finance Corporation.

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US Inflation-Linked Fixed Income Composite

Performance Presented in USD for the Period January 1, 2008 - December 31, 2017 Composite Inception: October 1, 2006

	Composite Gross Return (%)	Composite Net Return (%)	Benchmark Return (%)	Composite 3-Yr Std Dev. (%)	Benchmark 3-Yr Std Dev. (%)	Internal Dispersion (%)	Number of Portfolios	Composite Assets (MM)	Firm AUM (MM)
2017	3.40	3.30	3.01	4.06	3.51	-	≤5	4,675	577,096
2016	4.79	4.69	4.68	4.71	4.14	-	≤5	3,720	460,010
2015	-1.10	-1.20	-1.44	5.76	5.07	-	≤5	3,065	388,263
2014	3.49	3.38	3.64	5.78	5.22	-	≤5	2,737	380,636
2013	-9.16	-9.25	-8.61	5.90	5.43	-	≤5	2,401	337,523
2012	7.58	7.48	6.98	4.53	4.40	-	≤5	2,591	262,095
2011	14.69	14.57	13.56	6.07	5.83	-	≤5	1,934	213,749
2010	6.95	6.84	6.31	9.49	8.86	-	≤5	1,412	206,553
2009	11.19	11.08	11.41	9.50	8.85	-	≤5	834	164,539
2008	-1.27	-1.37	-2.35	-	-	-	≤5	413	110,564

Dimensional Fund Advisors claims compliance with the Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS®) and has prepared and presented this report in compliance with the GIPS standards. Dimensional Fund Advisors has been independently verified for the period January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2017. The verification report is available upon request. Verification assesses whether (1) the firm has complied with all the composite construction requirements of the GIPS standards on a firm-wide basis and (2) the firm's policies and procedures are designed to calculate and present performance in compliance with the GIPS standards. Verification does not ensure the accuracy of any specific composite presentation.

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Composite Description: The US Inflation-Linked Fixed Income Composite includes portfolios that invest in USD-denominated fixed income securities that seek to provide inflation protection and earn current income consistent with inflation-protected securities with a portfolio effective duration similar to the Bloomberg Barclays US TIPS Index. The composite does not have a minimum investment for inclusion and is reported in USD. Prior to January 1, 2018, the minimum investment for inclusion in the composite was \$25MM. Prior to January 1, 2015, the minimum investment for inclusion in the composite holdings may differ significantly from benchmark holdings. The composite was created on June 30, 2012.

Benchmark Description: The benchmark for the US Inflation-Linked Fixed Income Composite is the Bloomberg Barclays U.S. TIPS Index. The index measures the performance of publicly issued, investment-grade U.S. Treasury inflation-protected securities with a remaining maturity of at least one year. It is not possible to invest in an index, which is unmanaged and does not reflect management expenses.

Fees & Performance: Composite returns reflect the deduction of all trading expenses. Gross returns do not reflect the deduction of investment advisory fees or any other expenses that may be incurred in the management of the account. Net of model fee returns are calculated by subtracting the annual model management fee, geometrically averaged over 12 months, from the monthly gross of fee composite return. The model management fee of 0.10% is equivalent to the highest standard fee currently offered to US institutional investors. Fees are described in Part 2A of Form ADV. Fee schedules for non-US Institutional investors may differ and are available upon request. Actual fees may vary. Performance is presented in USD. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. All returns reflect the reinvestment of dividends and other earnings. Composite returns are gross of reclaimable withholding taxes and net of non-reclaimable withholding taxes, where applicable.

Dispersion: The internal dispersion of annual gross returns is measured by the equal weighted standard deviation of portfolio returns included in the composite for the entire year. For those years when less than six portfolios were included in the composite for the full year, no dispersion measure is presented.

Standard Deviation: Three year ex post standard deviation is only presented for those periods that have 36 prior consecutive monthly composite returns. The three year annualized ex post standard deviation measures the variability of composite gross returns and benchmark returns over the preceding 36 months.



Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System

Emerging Markets Value Strategy

February 12, 2019

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Relationship Summary

As of December 31, 2018

	Ann	ualized Excess Return (%) Ar	nualized Excess Return (%)	
Account Value	Account Value	3 Year (net of fee)	Since 1st Full Month (net of fee)	Account 1st Full Month
LACERS Emerging Markets Value	\$414,737,047	1.45	0.45	08/2014
LACERS TIPS	\$610,005,940	0.10	0.12	08/2014
Total	\$1,024,742,987			

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Dimensional Update



Dimensional at a Glance

As of December 31, 2018



Assets in US dollars.

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Assets Under Management

\$517 billion in global AUM as of December 31, 2018



Public Fund Partial List of Clients

City and County of Kalamazoo City of Baton Rouge County of Los Angeles Deferred Compensation Florida State Board of Administration Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund Los Angeles Department of Water & Power System Los Angeles Fire and Police Pensions Maryland State Retirement Agency Mississippi Public Employees **Retirement System Municipal Fire & Police Retirement System of Iowa** Nebraska Investment Council Nova Scotia Health Employees' Pension Plan Teachers' Retirement Allowances Fund Utah State Retirement Systems

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Partial Client List As of January 9, 2019.

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A Heritage of Leading Research

The bar for research at Dimensional has been set by the best in the field

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Dimensional Director and Consultant, Dimensional, ¹ 1981–present	Consultant, Dimensional, ¹ 1986–present	Director, Dimensional US Mutual Funds, 2003–2009	Consultant, Dimensional, ¹ 2014–present	Independent Director, Dimensional US Mutual Funds, 1981–2000	Independent Director, Dimensional US Mutual Funds, 1981–present
	Co-Chair of the Investment Research Committee, Dimensional, ¹ 2006–present	Resident Scientist, Dimensional Holdings Inc., 2010–present			
	Dimensional Director, 2006–present				

"At Dimensional, we don't jump on every new idea that comes along. We're looking for what will stand up over a long period of time."

Eugene Fama Nobel laureate, 2013



Implementation Requires Expertise

Taking knowledge and information and implementing it in a real test, not in a backtest, is what counts



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JED FOGDALL RYAN Co-Head of Global Head o Portfolio Management Global



As of December 31, 2018.



Diversity and Inclusion Overview

Committed to providing a respectful work environment

Dimensional believes that our strength lies in the unique skills, perspectives and attributes each employee brings to the company. Diversity and inclusion efforts begin with the recruitment process and continue throughout an employee's career at Dimensional.

Recruiting and Hiring

Since the firm's beginning in 1981, it has been Dimensional's policy to provide equal opportunity for all employees and applicants.

- <u>Broadening the diversity of our talent pool</u>: Dimensional works closely with diversity-related student groups on campus as well as other organizations, which have included the Robert Toigo Foundation and the Forté Foundation.
- <u>Reducing barriers</u>: Dimensional trains employees on interview best practices for consistent and effective evaluation and techniques to mitigate unconscious bias. We are also careful to use neutral language in job descriptions to make sure applicants from diverse backgrounds are not dissuaded from applying.
- <u>Update calls</u>: For clients with a stated interest in diversity and inclusion efforts related to recruiting and hiring, Dimensional may coordinate annual phone calls to update the client on our diversity recruiting efforts. Generally, these calls are with Dimensional's senior personnel in charge of hiring and talent development.

Talent Development and Career Advancement

Dimensional provides opportunities for learning, growth and advancement so that all employees have the opportunity for challenging, rewarding, and fulfilling careers at Dimensional. We actively participate in professional development initiatives to reach women and minority groups, including the National Association of Securities Professionals.

Vendor Outreach

Dimensional has made a concerted effort to use minority, women, and disabled veterans' business enterprises (M/W/DVBE), including employment agencies and brokerage firms.



Emerging Markets Value Strategy



Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System—EM Value

Using an integrated approach to add value across all aspects of the investment process



- Structured based on systematic expected premiums:
 - Market
 - Company size
 - Relative price (value)
 - Profitability
- Offers broad sector and security diversification
- Balances competing premiums and manages implementation costs by using a disciplined and patient trading strategy



Dimensions of Expected Returns

Expected returns are driven by prices investors pay and cash flows they expect to receive



Profitability² Profitability premium – high vs. low profitability companies To be considered a dimension of expected return, a premium must be:

- Sensible
- Persistent
- Pervasive
- Robust
- Cost-effective

Diversification does not eliminate the risk of market loss.

1. Relative price as measured by the price-to-book ratio; value stocks are those with lower price-to-book ratios.

2. Profitability is a measure of current profitability, based on information from individual companies' income statements.



Dimensions of Expected Returns

Illustrative index performance: Annualized compound returns (%) in US dollars



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Profitability is measured as operating income before depreciation and amortization minus interest expense scaled by book.

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Portfolio Construction: Security Selection and Weighting

Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System—EM Value



- Focus on value securities
- In large caps, increased emphasis on higher expected return securities:
 - Lower relative price, higher profitability, lower market cap
- In small caps, exclude companies with lowest expected returns:
 - Low profitability and higher relative price

	Weighted Average	Aggregate
As of 12/31/2018	Market Cap (millions)	Price-to-Book
os Angeles City Employees'		
Retirement System–EM Value	\$43,829	0.88
MSCI Emerging Markets Value Index	\$52,474	1.07

1. Profitability is measured as operating income before depreciation and amortization minus interest expense scaled by book.

2. Actual size and relative price breaks are determined at the country or region level.

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Managing Momentum

We incorporate momentum when making buy and sell decisions



Delay buys of securities otherwise eligible for purchase.

Delay sells of securities otherwise eligible for sale.

Stock returns may exhibit momentum:

- Stocks with large relative underperformance tend to have negative excess returns in the next period.
- Stocks with large relative outperformance tend to have positive excess returns in the next period.



Demanding Immediacy Can Be Costly

Dimensional's flexible and patient trading approach seeks to provide a relative advantage across markets

Three Years Ending December 31, 2017

Region/Index EMERGING MARKETS (21 r	AVERAGE BID/ASK SPREAD (bps) narkets)	AVERAGE DAILY AGGREGATE TRADED VALUE (millions, USD)	MEDIAN DAILY STOCK TRADED VALUE (millions, USD)	25th Percentile Daily Stock Traded Value (millions, USD)	75th Percentile Daily Stock Traded Value (millions, USD)
Large	18.2	16,544	7.93	3.09	17.03
Small ex Micro	33.3	3,360	2.38	0.85	5.68
Micro	58.7	3,359	0.72	0.25	1.79

Source: Dimensional Fund Advisors LP.

Region/Index buckets are defined by Dimensional, and based on market cap percentages in each region. The market cap percentages for each region are as follows: US—Large (87%), Small ex Micro (7%), Micro (6%), Non-US Dev—Large (89%), Small ex Micro (4%), EM—Large (85%), Small ex Micro (9%), Micro (6%).



Dimensional Implicit Costs Relative to Peers

ITG Post-Trade AnalyticsTM – Peer Trade Cost Analysis



- Trading costs negatively impact returns
- Lower implicit costs contribute to lower total trading costs
- Dimensional uses both third party and internally developed benchmarks to evaluate the implicit costs of trading.

Past performance is not a guarantee of future results. Date range reflects most recent data available.

3. Ranking provided by ITG. Ranking from 1-100% where 1 is lowest implicit cost and 100 is highest implicit cost.

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^{1.} MSCI Developed ex US.

^{2.} MSCI Emerging.



Country Allocations

As of December 31, 2018

	LOS ANGELES CITY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM—EM VALUE	MSCI Emerging Markets Value Index
PORTFOLIO WEIGHTS (%)		
China	30.1	31.1
Korea	15.5	13.5
Taiwan	13.6	11.3
India	11.5	9.3
Brazil	7.2	7.3
South Africa	5.8	6.2
Mexico	2.8	2.7
Thailand	2.5	2.3
Malaysia	2.1	2.5
Indonesia	1.9	2.3
Russia	1.8	3.7
Poland	1.3	1.3
Chile	1.1	1.1
Philippines	0.9	1.1
Turkey	0.8	0.6
Colombia	0.4	0.5
Hungary	0.3	0.3
Czech Republic	0.2	0.2
Greece	0.0	0.2
Qatar	_	1.2
UAE	_	0.7
Peru	_	0.5
Egypt	_	0.1
Pakistan	_	0.0

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Sector Allocations

As of December 31, 2018

	LOS ANGELES CITY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM—EM VALUE	MSCI Emerging Markets Value Index
PORTFOLIO WEIGHTS (%)		
Financials	30.8	36.9
Materials	14.3	10.0
Energy	11.7	12.1
Industrials	10.6	6.1
Information Technology	7.5	10.0
Consumer Discretionary	7.1	4.7
Communication Services	6.8	7.6
Real Estate	5.9	3.6
Consumer Staples	2.5	3.7
Utilities	1.5	3.5
Health Care	1.4	0.9
REITs	0.0	0.7



Market Segment Returns

Emerging Markets All Cap Value Equity

1 Year as of December 31, 2018

MSCI EMERGING MARKETS IMI SEGMENTED RETURNS (%)



The MSCI Emerging Markets IMI returned –15.0%. Small cap stocks underperformed mid and large cap stocks.



Value stocks outperformed growth stocks in large and small caps, but underperformed in mid caps.



All returns are in USD. All returns (with the exception of the MSCI Emerging Markets IMI) are computed from index published security weights, Dimensional computed security returns, and Dimensional classification of securities based on size, value and profitability parameters. Additional information available upon request. MSCI Emerging Markets IMI return provided by MSCI. Companies are classified as small, mid, and large by computing breakpoints based on total market capitalization. Within emerging markets, large is the largest 70% of market cap, mid is the next 15%, and small is the smallest 15%. Designations between value, neutral, and growth are constructed in each country or region based on price to book ratios. Value is defined as the 33% of market cap with the lowest price to book ratios, neutral is the next 33%, and growth is the highest 34%. Profitability is measured as operating income before depreciation and amortization minus interest expense scaled by book. Designations between high and low profitability are constructed based on profitability within market wide value stocks. High profitability is defined as the 50% of market cap with the highest profitability market segment returns. **Indices are not available for direct investment. Their performance does not reflect the expenses associated with the management of an actual portfolio. Past performance is not a guarantee of future results. MSCI data © MSCI 2019, all rights reserved.**



Performance

As of December 31, 2018

Annualized Returns ¹ (%)	4th Quarter 2018	1 Year	3 Years	Since 8/14 Account 1st Full Month
LOS ANGELES CITY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM—EM VALUE (net of fees)	-6.48	-12.58	10.97	-0.94
MSCI Emerging Markets Value Index (net dividends)	-6.75	-10.74	9.52	-1.39
Excess Return (%)	0.27	-1.84	1.45	0.45

Calendar Year Returns (%)	LOS ANGELES CITY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM—EM VALUE (gross of fees)	LOS ANGELES CITY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM—EM VALUE (net of fees)	MSCI Emerging Markets Value Index (net dividends)	Account Value	
2015	-18.96	-19.40	-18.57	LOS ANGELES CITY	
2016	18.42	17.80	14.90	EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT	\$414,737,047
2017	33.37	32.69	28.07		
2018	-12.13	-12.58	-10.74		

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Returns for periods shorter than one year are not annualized.

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2018 Performance Commentary

LACERS Emerging Markets Value vs. MSCI Emerging Markets Value Index (net dividends)

- The LACERS Emerging Markets Value Fund (net of fees) had a return of -12.6% for the one-year period ending December 31, 2018, underperforming the MSCI Emerging Markets Value Index (net dividends) by 1.8%.
- With small caps underperforming large in emerging markets for the year, the fund's inclusion of small caps was the primary driver of underperformance relative to the index (which is composed primarily of large and mid cap stocks).
- At the country level, the fund's exclusions of Qatar, the UAE, and Peru detracted from relative performance, as those countries outperformed the overall index for the year.







Presenters' Biographies



David Plecha, CFA Global Head of Fixed Income and Vice President

Dave Plecha is Dimensional's Global Head of Fixed Income. Dave is an enthusiastic and incisive communicator at the firm's conferences and seminars. A member of the Investment Committee and Investment Research Committee, he not only manages US and global portfolios but also maintains much of the fixed income research and client communications. Dave has been instrumental in the planning and execution of Dimensional's tax-managed separate account strategies in the US.

Dave received his Chartered Financial Analyst® designation in 1996. Prior to joining Dimensional in 1989, he managed stock index futures and options for Leland O'Brien Rubinstein Associates and was an operations planner for Texas Instruments. He holds an MBA from the University of California, Los Angeles, and a BS in industrial and operations engineering from the University of Michigan.



Karen Umland, CFA Senior Portfolio Manager and Vice President

Karen is a Senior Portfolio Manager and a member of the Investment Committee at Dimensional. Her responsibilities include general oversight of portfolios, and she frequently speaks at presentations and meetings with clients, prospects, and consultants.

Karen joined Dimensional in 1993 as a general Portfolio Manager in US equities after beginning her investment career with the Yale University Investment Office in 1988. In 1995, she moved over to the international Portfolio Management group within Dimensional and spent the next 14 years directly involved in the portfolio construction and trading of the non-US developed and emerging markets strategies. A CFA® charterholder, Karen has a BA in economics from Yale University and an MBA from the Anderson School of Management at the University of California, Los Angeles.



Presenters' Biographies



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Joseph Young is a Vice President responsible for developing and maintaining relationships with public pension funds, foundations, endowments, Taft-Hartley plan sponsors, and corporate pension and defined contribution plans.

Joe began his career with Dimensional in February 2002, focusing on consultant relations. Prior to joining Dimensional, he worked as a project management analyst at Global Crossing. He is an active member of the CFA Society of Austin, National Society of Institutional Investment Professionals, CALAPRS, and the Texas Association of Public Employee Retirement Systems (TEXPERS). He is a guest lecturer for the College of Business at Colorado State University. Joe received a BS in finance from the University of Idaho and is a CFA® charterholder.



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Summary of Portfolio Risk Management

Provides diversification and broad oversight with minimal style drift

Emerging Markets Strategies

	Highly diversified across countries
	 Country diversification leads to diversification across multiple currencies
Concentration Risk	 Sector target weights typically capped at their approximate weight in a broadly diversified, sector-neutral universe plus an additional 10%
	 Industry groups generally capped at 25%
	 Guidelines target a maximum 5% per issue at time of purchase
Implementation	• Team managed
Risk	• Approved exchanges only; ongoing evaluation of listing requirements, liquidity, and settlement mechanism
	Charles River customized Order Management System
Operational	 Highly diversified across countries Country diversification leads to diversification across multiple currencies Country diversification leads to diversification across multiple currencies Sector target weights typically capped at their approximate weight in a broadly diversified, sector-neutral universe plus an additional 10% Industry groups generally capped at 25% Guidelines target a maximum 5% per issue at time of purchase entation Team managed Approved exchanges only; ongoing evaluation of listing requirements, liquidity, and settlement mechanism Charles River customized Order Management System Comprehensive pre- and post-trade compliance Independent accountant, custodian bank, and auditors Independent SSAE 16 audit performed annually Monitor characteristics of individual securities and overall strategy to prevent style drift
Risk	 Independent accountant, custodian bank, and auditors
	Independent SSAE 16 audit performed annually
Style Risk	• Monitor characteristics of individual securities and overall strategy to prevent style drift

eVestment Universe: Emerging Markets Value



Universe: eVestment Global Emerging Mkts All Cap Value Equity

						1 Year		3 Years		Since Inception 4.42 Years ¹	
	VI	КМ		Rk		Rk		Rk			
5th percentile			-8.38		16.87		4.36				
25th percentile			-11.46		12.49		2.07				
Median			-13.32		10.73		0.77				
75th percentile			-15.20		9.02		-0.17				
95th percentile			-18.64		6.37		-1.85				
# of Observations			45		42		39				
Dimensional: LACERS EMV	SA	GF	-12.13	35	11.54	41	-0.42	80			
MSCI Index: MSCI EM Value-ND	IX	IX	-10.74	20	9.52	67	-1.39	87			

Source: eVestment

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Characteristics

As of December 31, 2018

	LOS ANGELES CITY EMPLOYEES	MSCI Emerging						
	RETIREMENT SYSTEM—EM VALUE	Markets Value Index						
MARKET CHARACTERISTICS								
Total Value of Eligible Universe (millions)	\$1,584,180	\$2,425,932						
Number of Holdings	2,080	751						
SIZE CHARACTERISTICS								
Wtd. Average Market Cap (millions)	\$43,829	\$52,474						
Median Market Cap (millions)	\$477	\$5,719						
VALUATION CHARACTERISTICS								
Aggregate Price-to-Book	0.88	1.07						
Wtd. Average Dividend-to-Price	3.39%	3.70%						
PROFITABILITY CHARACTERISTICS								
Wtd. Average Profitability ¹	0.19	0.23						
PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS								
Portfolio Turnover	19%							



Investment Guidelines

As of December 31, 2018

Manager: Dimensional Fund Advisors LP — Emerging Markets Value Benchmark: MSCI Emerging Markets Value Index

GUIDELINE	RANGE	CURRENT	WITHIN RANGE?	
Regional Weightings	+/- 25% of benchmark maximum weight	4.5%	Yes	
Country Weightings	Weighting of individual countries capped at the time of purchase at 5% above benchmark weight	Taiwan - 2.3%	Yes	
Sector Weightings	0% to 40% of total portfolio per sector	All sectors weight between 0% - 40%	Yes	
Number of Holdings range	Generally expected to be over 750	2,080	Yes	
Cash Holding	Up to 5% of the net asset value	0.3%	Yes	



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Attribution Analysis by Size

Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System—EM Value vs. MSCI Emerging Markets Value Index (net dividends)

1 Year as of December 31, 2018

MCap Range	Portfolio Average Weights	Benchmark Average Weights	Portfolio Return	Benchmark Return	Portfolio Allocation	Portfolio Composition	Interaction	Total
Largest	23%	30%	4.14%	-5.56%	-0.57%	2.12%	0.00%	1.55%
2	10%	14%	-15.42%	-10.47%	-0.04%	-0.49%	-0.00%	-0.54%
3	34%	42%	-16.97%	-14.40%	0.38%	-1.01%	0.02%	-0.61%
4	12%	10%	-14.45%	-13.06%	-0.07%	-0.08%	-0.01%	-0.17%
Smallest	22%	3%	-16.46%	-14.86%	-0.93%	-0.39%	-0.01%	-1.32%
Other Country		2%	_	9.49%	-0.40%	—	0.00%	-0.40%
Cash	0%	—	1.96%	—	0.02%	0.01%	_	0.02%
Estimated Total	100%	100%	-12.18%	-10.73%	-1.61%	0.15%	0.01%	-1.45%
Expenses and Fees			-0.45%	—				-0.45%
Other			0.05%	-0.01%				0.06%
Total			-12.58%	-10.74%				-1.84%

The above market cap ranges represent dynamic size ranges from largest to smallest stocks (low est to highest number buckets) and change over time.

The ranges in millions (USD) for the month ending 12/31/2018 are: (Largest) > 50,000, (2) 50,000–26,500, (3) 26,500–5,412, (4) 5,412–2,702, and (Smallest) < 2,702.

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Attribution Analysis by Price-to-Book

Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System—EM Value vs. MSCI Emerging Markets Value Index (net dividends)

1 Year as of December 31, 2018

1 Year as of Decer	mber 31, 2018								
	P/B Percentile	Portfolio Average Weights	Benchmark Average Weights	Portfolio Return	Benchmark Return	Portfolio Allocation	Portfolio Composition	Interaction	Total
Growth	75–100	1%	4%	-15.55%	-15.42%	0.29%	0.12%	0.00%	0.42%
	50–75	2%	12%	-15.53%	-17.06%	0.54%	0.05%	0.01%	0.59%
	25–50	26%	34%	-12.25%	-10.65%	0.04%	-0.31%	0.01%	-0.27%
Value	0–25	71%	47%	-12.44%	-9.50%	0.45%	-2.26%	-0.01%	-1.83%
	Other Country	_	2%	_	9.49%	-0.40%	_	0.00%	-0.40%
Cash		0%	_	1.96%	—	0.02%	0.01%	_	0.02%
Estimated Total		100%	100%	-12.18%	-10.73%	0.93%	-2.39%	0.01%	-1.45%
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Attribution Analysis by Sector (GICS)

Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System—EM Value vs. MSCI Emerging Markets Value Index (net dividends)

1 Year as of December 31, 2018

Sector	Portfolio Average Weights	Benchmark Average Weights	Portfolio Return	Benchmark Return	Portfolio Allocation	Portfolio Composition	Interaction	Total
Communication Services	5%	6%	-16.73%	-10.23%	0.26%	-0.31%	-0.01%	-0.06%
Consumer Discretionary	8%	6%	-25.57%	-25.26%	-0.32%	-0.06%	0.00%	-0.37%
Consumer Staples	3%	3%	-17.13%	-13.07%	0.02%	-0.11%	0.00%	-0.09%
Energy	11%	13%	7.93%	5.22%	-0.34%	0.32%	0.02%	-0.00%
Financials	30%	34%	-12.08%	-11.22%	0.05%	-0.26%	-0.03%	-0.23%
Health Care	1%	1%	-14.36%	-11.33%	-0.05%	-0.03%	0.00%	-0.08%
Industrials	10%	6%	-13.55%	-10.66%	0.04%	-0.30%	-0.01%	-0.26%
Information Technology	9%	11%	-19.49%	-19.90%	0.30%	0.05%	0.02%	0.37%
Materials	16%	10%	-14.76%	-13.81%	-0.11%	-0.21%	0.02%	-0.30%
Real Estate	6%	3%	-6.83%	-2.27%	0.30%	-0.28%	-0.01%	0.01%
REITs	0%	1%	-8.27%	-32.88%	0.24%	0.00%	-0.00%	0.24%
Utilities	1%	4%	-16.43%	-4.91%	-0.12%	-0.17%	-0.00%	-0.30%
Other Country		2%	_	9.49%	-0.40%	_	0.00%	-0.40%
Cash	0%		1.96%	_	0.02%	0.01%	_	0.02%
Estimated Total	100%	100%	-12.18%	-10.73%	-0.11%	-1.36%	0.01%	-1.45%
Expense and Fees			-0.45%	_				-0.45%
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Attribution Analysis by Country

Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System—EM Value vs. MSCI Emerging Markets Value Index (net dividends)

1 Year as of December 31, 2018

	Portfolio	Benchmark						
	Average	Average	Portfolio	Benchmark	Portfolio	Portfolio	1	T
Country	vveignts	vveignts	Return	Return	Allocation	Composition	Interaction	Iotai
Brazil	7%	7%	18.10%	14.29%	0.09%	0.17%	-0.02%	0.24%
Chile	1%	1%	-20.27%	-18.11%	-0.00%	-0.01%	0.00%	-0.02%
China	28%	31%	-8.28%	-9.86%	-0.14%	0.36%	-0.01%	0.21%
Colombia	0%	0%	-22.70%	-11.14%	0.01%	-0.07%	0.00%	-0.05%
Czech Republic	0%	0%	8.20%	2.42%	-0.00%	0.01%	0.00%	0.01%
Egypt	—	0%	_	-11.54%	-0.00%	—	0.00%	0.00%
Greece	0%	0%	-13.96%	-40.69%	0.10%	0.01%	0.00%	0.12%
Hungary	0%	0%	-2.35%	-4.51%	0.01%	0.00%	-0.00%	0.01%
India	11%	9%	-15.54%	-6.27%	-0.07%	-1.14%	-0.01%	-1.23%
Indonesia	2%	2%	-9.20%	-8.95%	-0.05%	0.12%	-0.01%	0.06%
Korea	16%	14%	-21.99%	-23.44%	-0.17%	0.34%	0.01%	0.18%
Malaysia	2%	2%	-22.43%	-10.50%	-0.01%	-0.30%	0.00%	-0.30%
Mexico	3%	3%	-15.48%	-13.11%	0.01%	-0.08%	0.01%	-0.06%
Pakistan		0%	_	-33.55%	0.01%	_	0.00%	0.01%
Peru	—	0%	_	9.21%	-0.08%	—	-0.00%	-0.08%
Philippines	1%	1%	-20.07%	-21.14%	-0.01%	0.02%	-0.00%	0.01%
Poland	1%	1%	-12.08%	-11.25%	-0.03%	-0.01%	-0.00%	-0.04%
Qatar	—	1%	_	27.20%	-0.28%	_	-0.00%	-0.28%
Russia	2%	3%	19.79%	6.91%	-0.30%	0.20%	0.01%	-0.09%
South Africa	6%	7%	-22.91%	-22.10%	0.04%	-0.08%	-0.00%	-0.04%
Taiwan	14%	12%	-9.68%	-9.06%	0.10%	-0.11%	0.03%	0.01%
Thailand	3%	2%	-5.65%	-1.30%	0.00%	-0.10%	0.00%	-0.09%
Turkey	1%	1%	-41.98%	-45.49%	-0.08%	0.09%	-0.00%	0.00%
UAE	_	1%	_	-2.29%	-0.06%	—	0.00%	-0.06%
Cash	0%	_	1.96%	_	0.02%	0.01%	_	0.02%
Estimated Total	100%	100%	-12.18%	-10.73%	-0.88%	-0.58%	0.01%	-1.45%
Expense and Fees			-0.45%	_				-0.45%
Other			0.05%	-0.01%				0.06%
Total			-12.58%	-10.74%				-1.84%

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Portfolio Holdings

Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System—EM Value, as of December 31, 2018

Company Name	Country	Percent of Portfolio
China Construction Bank Corp	China	4.61%
China Mobile Ltd	China	4.09%
Reliance Industries Ltd	India	2.75%
Industrial & Commercial Bank of China Ltd	China	2.71%
Petroleo Brasileiro SA	Brazil	2.66%
Vale SA	Brazil	1.57%
Bank of China Ltd	China	1.55%
LUKOIL PJSC	Russia	1.23%
POSCO	Korea	1.15%
China Overseas Land & Investment Ltd	China	1.15%



Diversity – Senior Employees and Executives

Senior Employees and Executives (VP/RD/PM and Above)

Diversity continues to increase based on targeted recruiting and bench strength at junior levels:

- Senior employees (VP/RD/PM levels): 33% of the US employee population with 25% women and 18% minority.
- Executive employees¹ (Executive Committee & Department Heads): 20% women, increased from 13% in 2016.

US Breakdown—Current Dimensional Employees and Prior Year Hiring

	CURRENT EMPLOYEES ²	2017 HIRING
Female (%)	36.1%	40.8%
Male (%)	63.9%	59.2%
Minority (%)	30.0%	29.0%



Internal Training

Investment Professionals

Dimensional recognizes that the recruitment of high-quality investment professionals is a key factor in the firm's long-term success. We use a combination of methods depending on the position. Portfolio managers and traders are generally hired as experienced professionals with prior experience in investment management, engineering, or other quantitative fields. Junior investment staff may be hired upon graduation from college and may have some prior work experience.

Regardless of prior experience, all investment professionals complete an internal training program. Each phase of the program is under the direct supervision of more senior personnel and is designed to integrate strategy and investment knowledge with practical skills involving internal systems, policies, and procedures. Only after appropriate training and testing is an investment associate, portfolio manager, or trader authorized by the Investment Committee to approve trades for client accounts.

Client-facing Professionals

All client-facing professionals are required to participate in Dimensional's Core Curriculum process. During these sessions, subject matter experts ensure that all external-facing team members have a sufficiently deep understanding of Dimensional's investment philosophy and process to adequately explain our approach. This effort, which is repeated every few years, culminates in a Capstone Presentation where they must prove this level of understanding to their peers and senior managers of the firm.



Workplace Composition

TOTAL COMPOSITION OF WORK FORCE (UNITED STATES)										
	African American	Hispanic	Asian or Pacific Islander	American Indian/ Alaskan Native	Caucasian (Non Hispanic)	Two or More	Total Employees	Percent (%) Minority	Ger Male	nder Female
Occupation	<u>Full Time</u>	Full Time	Full Time	Full Time	Full Time	<u>Full Time</u>	Full Time	Full Time	Full	Time
Officials & Managers	3	8	27	0	140	6	184	23.91%	118	66
Professionals	7	39	84	2	250	7	389	35.73%	262	127
Technicians	5	4	1	0	7	1	18	61.11%	15	3
Sales Workers	13	19	24	1	304	13	374	18.72%	260	114
Office/Clerical	7	11	2	1	51	4	76	32.89%	13	63
Semi-Skilled	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0	0
Unskilled	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0	0
Service Workers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0	0
Total	35	81	138	4	752	31	1,041	24.78%	668	373



Historical Performance of Premiums over Rolling Periods

Emerging Markets

Overlapping Periods: January 1989–December 2017



Market is Fama/French Emerging Markets Index. T-Bills is One-Month US Treasury Bills. There are 229 overlapping 10-year periods, 289 overlapping 5-year periods, and 337 overlapping 1-year periods.

Overlapping Periods: January 1989–December 2017



Small is Dimensional Emerging Markets Small Index.

Large is MSCI Emerging Markets Index (gross div.).

There are 229 overlapping 10-year periods, 289 overlapping 5-year periods, and 337 overlapping 1-year periods.

Overlapping Periods: January 1989–December 2017

VALUE beat GROWTH



Value is Fama/French Emerging Markets Value Index. Growth is Fama/French Emerging Markets Growth Index. There are 229 overlapping 10-year periods, 289 overlapping 5-year periods, and 337 overlapping 1-year periods.

Overlapping Periods: July 1995–December 2017



High is Dimensional Emerging Markets High Profitability Index. Low is Dimensional Emerging Markets Low Profitability Index. There are 151 overlapping 10-year periods, 211 overlapping 5-year periods, and 259 overlapping 1-year periods.

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1. Profitability is measured as operating income before depreciation and amortization minus interest expense, scaled by book.

Based on rolling annualized returns using monthly data. Rolling multiyear periods overlap and are not independent. "One-Month Treasury Bills" is the IA SBBI US 30 Day TBill TR USD, provided by Ibbotson Associates via Morningstar Direct. Dimensional Index data compiled by Dimensional. Fama/French data provided by Fama/French. MSCI data copyright MSCI 2018, all rights reserved. Eugene Fama and Ken French are members of the Board of Directors of the general partner of, and provide consulting services to, Dimensional Fund Advisors LP. Index descriptions available upon request.



Yearly Observations of Premiums

Equity, size, relative price, and profitability: Emerging Markets



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Equity premium: Fama/French Emerging Markets Index minus one-month US Treasury Bills. Size premium: Dimensional Emerging Markets Small Cap Index minus MSCI Emerging Markets Index (gross dividends). Relative price premium: Fama/French Emerging Markets Value Index minus Fama/French Emerging Markets Growth Index. Profitability premium: Dimensional Emerging Markets High Profitability Index minus the Dimensional Emerging Markets Low Profitability Index. Profitability is measured as operating income before depreciation and amortization minus interest expense, scaled by book. Dimensional indices use Bloomberg data. One-Month Treasury Bills is the IA SBBI US 30 Day TBill TR USD, provided by Ibbotson Associates via Morningstar Direct. Fama/French indices provided by Ken French. MSCI data copyright MSCI 2018, all rights reserved. Index descriptions available upon request. Eugene Fama and Ken French are members of the Board of Directors of the general partner of, and provide consulting services to, Dimensional Fund Advisors LP. Indices are not available for direct investment. Their performance does not reflect the expenses associated with the management of an actual portfolio. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.



Historical Observations of 10-Year Premiums

Equity, size, relative price, and profitability: Emerging Markets



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10-year rolling equity premium is computed as the 10-year annualized compound return on the Fama/French Emerging Markets Index minus the 10-year annualized compound return on the Dimensional Emerging Markets Small Cap Index minus the 10-year annualized compound return on the MSCI Emerging Markets Index (gross dividends). 10-year rolling relative price premium is computed as the 10-year annualized compound return on the Fama/French Emerging Markets Value Index minus the 10-year annualized compound return on the Fama/French Emerging Markets Value Index minus the 10-year annualized compound return on the Fama/French Emerging Markets Value Index minus the 10-year annualized compound return on the Dimensional Emerging Markets Value Index minus the 10-year annualized compound return on the Dimensional Emerging Markets Value Index minus the 10-year annualized compound return on the Dimensional Emerging Markets Value Index minus the 10-year annualized compound return on the Dimensional Emerging Markets Low Profitability Index. Profitability Index. Profitability Index. Profitability Index. Profitability Index. Profitability is measured as operating income before depreciation and amortization minus interest expense, scaled by book. One-Month Treasury Bills is the IA SBBI US 30 Day TBill TR USD, provided by Ibbotson Associates via Morningstar Direct. Dimensional indices use Bloomberg data. Fama/French indices provided by Ken French. MSCI data © MSCI 2019, all rights reserved. Index descriptions available upon request. Eugene Fama and Ken French are members of the Board of Directors of the general partner of, and provide consulting services to, Dimensional Fund Advisors LP. **Indices are not available for direct investment. Their performance does not reflect the expenses associated with the management of an actual portfolio. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.**



Index Descriptions

Dimensional US Small Cap Index was created by Dimensional in March 2007 and is compiled by Dimensional. It represents a market-capitalization-weighted index of securities of the smallest US companies whose market capitalization falls in the lowest 8% of the total market capitalization of the eligible market. The eligible market is composed of securities of US companies traded on the NYSE, NYSE MKT (formerly AMEX), and Nasdaq Global Market. Exclusions: Non-US companies, REITs, UITs, and investment companies. From January 1975 to the present, the index also excludes companies with the lowest profitability and highest relative price within the small cap universe. Profitability is measured as operating income before depreciation and amortization minus interest expense scaled by book. Source: CRSP and Compustat. The index monthly returns are computed as the simple average of the monthly returns of 12 sub-indices, each one reconstituted once a year at the end of a different month of the year. The calculation methodology for the Dimensional US Small Cap Index was amended on January 1, 2014, to include profitability as a factor in selecting securities for inclusion in the index.

Dimensional US High Profitability Index was created by Dimensional in January 2014 and represents an index consisting of US companies. It is compiled by Dimensional. Dimensional sorts stocks into three profitability groups from high to low. Each group represents one-third of the market capitalization. Similarly, stocks are sorted into three relative price groups. The intersections of the three profitability groups and the three relative price groups yield nine subgroups formed on profitability and relative price. The index represents the average return of the three high-profitability subgroups. It is rebalanced twice per year. Profitability is measured as operating income before depreciation and amortization minus interest expense scaled by book. Source: CRSP and Compustat.

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Dimensional International Small Cap Index was created by Dimensional in April 2008 and is compiled by Dimensional. July 1981–December 1993: It Includes non-US developed securities in the bottom 10% of market capitalization in each eligible country. All securities are market capitalization weighted. Each country is capped at 50%. Rebalanced semiannually. January 1994–Present: Market-capitalization-weighted index of small company securities in the eligible markets excluding those with the lowest profitability and highest relative price within the small cap universe. Profitability is measured as operating income before depreciation and amortization minus interest expense scaled by book. The index monthly returns are computed as the simple average of the monthly returns of four sub-indices, each one reconstituted once a year at the end of a different quarter of the year. Prior to July 1981, the index is 50% UK and 50% Japan. The calculation methodology for the Dimensional International Small Cap Index was amended on January 1, 2014, to include profitability as a factor in selecting securities for inclusion in the index.

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Fama/French US Value Research Index: Provided by Fama/French from CRSP securities data. Includes the lower 30% in price-to-book of NYSE securities (plus NYSE Amex equivalents since July 1962 and Nasdaq equivalents since 1973).

Fama/French US Growth Research Index: Provided by Fama/French from CRSP securities data. Includes the higher 30% in price-to-book of NYSE securities (plus NYSE Amex equivalents since July 1962 and Nasdaq equivalents since 1973).

Fama/French Total US Market Index: Provided by Fama/French from CRSP securities data. Includes all US operating companies trading on the NYSE, AMEX, or Nasdaq NMS. Excludes ADRs, investment companies, tracking stocks, non-US incorporated companies, closed-end funds, certificates, shares of beneficial interests, and Berkshire Hathaway Inc. (Permco 540).

Fama/French International Value Index: 2008–present: Provided by Fama/French from Bloomberg securities data. Simulated strategy of MSCI EAFE + Canada countries in the lower 30% price-to-book range. 1975–2007: Provided by Fama/French from MSCI securities data.

Fama/French International Growth Index: 2008–present: Provided by Fama/French from Bloomberg securities data. Simulated strategy of MSCI EAFE + Canada countries in the higher 30% price-to-book range. 1975–2007: Provided by Fama/French from MSCI securities data.

Fama/French Emerging Markets Value Index: 2009–present: Provided by Fama/French from Bloomberg securities data. Simulated strategy using IFC investable universe countries. Companies in the lower 30% price-to-book range; companies weighted by float-adjusted market cap; countries weighted by country float-adjusted market cap; rebalanced monthly. 1989–2008: Provided by Fama/French from IFC securities data. IFC data provided by International Finance Corporation.

Fama/French Emerging Markets Growth Index: 2009–present: Provided by Fama/French from Bloomberg securities data. Simulated strategy using IFC investable universe countries. Companies in the higher 30% price-to-book range; companies weighted by float-adjusted market cap; countries weighted by country float-adjusted market cap; rebalanced monthly. 1989–2008: Provided by Fama/French from IFC securities data. IFC data provided by International Finance Corporation.

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Emerging Markets All Cap Value Equity Composite

Performance Presented in USD for the Period January 1, 2008 - December 31, 2017 Composite Inception: January 1, 2002

	Composite Gross Return (%)	Composite Net Return (%)	Benchmark Return (%)	Composite 3-Yr Std Dev. (%)	Benchmark 3-Yr Std Dev. (%)	Internal Dispersion (%)	Number of Portfolios	Composite Assets (MM)	Firm AUM (MM)
2017	34.11	33.27	28.07	17.29	16.83	1.50	13	27,553	577,096
2016	20.02	19.32	14.90	18.10	17.80	1.11	15	22,761	460,010
2015	-18.41	-18.91	-18.57	15.75	15.38	0.86	18	21,148	388,263
2014	-3.81	-4.39	-4.08	17.21	16.35	1.09	19	26,335	380,636
2013	-2.85	-3.43	-5.11	21.79	19.54	0.70	17	27,863	337,523
2012	19.76	19.06	15.87	24.44	21.79	1.17	16	26,559	262,095
2011	-25.23	-25.69	-17.86	31.05	26.31	0.92	15	19,887	213,749
2010	23.13	22.41	18.41	37.41	32.70	1.33	13	23,032	206,553
2009	95.00	93.89	79.11	36.80	32.56	4.68	11	15,178	164,539
2008	-53.34	-53.63	-50.27	30.61	28.24	1.37	8	6,003	110,564

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Composite Description: The Emerging Markets All Cap Value Equity Composite includes portfolios that invest in a broad group of securities across emerging market countries. Portfolios in the composite target companies of all market capitalizations. Securities are considered value stocks primarily because a company's shares have a low relative price. Portfolios in the composite have a 17.5% country weight cap. The composite does not have a minimum investment for inclusion and is reported in USD. Prior to January 1, 2018, the minimum investment for inclusion in the composite was \$25MM. Composite holdings may differ significantly from benchmark holdings. The composite was created on June 30, 2012.

Benchmark Description: The benchmark for the Emerging Markets All Cap Value Equity Composite is the MSCI Emerging Markets Value Index (net div.). The index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index that measures the performance of large and mid cap equity securities across emerging market countries. The value investment style characteristics for index construction are defined using three variables: book value to price, 12-month forward earnings to price, and dividend yield. It is not possible to invest in an index, which is unmanaged and does not reflect management expenses.

Fees & Performance: Composite returns reflect the deduction of all trading expenses. Gross returns do not reflect the deduction of investment advisory fees or any other expenses that may be incurred in the management of the account. Net of model fee returns are calculated by subtracting the annual model management fee, geometrically averaged over 12 months, from the monthly gross of fee composite return. The model management fee of 0.65% is equivalent to the highest standard fee currently offered to US institutional investors. Fees are described in Part 2A of Form ADV. Fee schedules for non-US Institutional investors may differ and are available upon request. Actual fees may vary. Performance is presented in USD. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. All returns reflect the reinvestment of dividends and other earnings. Composite returns are gross of reclaimable withholding taxes and net of non-reclaimable withholding taxes, where applicable. Prior to January 1, 2017, the model management fee was 0.60%. As of May 1, 2018, the internal dispersion for the 2011 and 2013 calendar year periods were restated.

Dispersion: The internal dispersion of annual gross returns is measured by the equal weighted standard deviation of portfolio returns included in the composite for the entire year. For those years when less than six portfolios were included in the composite for the full year, no dispersion measure is presented.

Standard Deviation: Three year ex post standard deviation is only presented for those periods that have 36 prior consecutive monthly composite returns. The three year annualized ex post standard deviation measures the variability of composite gross returns and benchmark returns over the preceding 36 months.





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A Presentation to:



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FIRM OVERVIEW

- Headquartered in suburban Chicago with over 25 years of history
- Independence: Senior investment professionals, key executives, and their immediate families own 100% of the corporation
- Focused resources

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China Opportunities	Small-Cap Opportunities
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- China Opportunities:
- Global Small-Cap:
- Emerging Markets:
- Custom:

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\$240 million
\$72 million
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\$50 million



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WHO WE ARE

- We employ a disciplined, repeatable investment process that is based on a clearly-defined, <u>empirically-documented</u> and <u>persistent</u> source of alpha
 - The Post-Earnings-Announcement Drift it "is one of the most persistent anomalies"¹ and "The abnormal returns associated with the drift are substantial"²
 - The goal is to generate both high after-fee returns and significant long-term outperformance relative to the benchmark and peer group
- We are passionate, globally-experienced, bottom-up fundamental investors with various native languages (Japanese, German, Chinese)
- We are nimble, and operate in a non-bureaucratic culture that lets us act on important investment decisions promptly
- We are high active share managers
 - Portfolios that make the most active bets have been shown to perform best against their benchmarks³
 - "Long-only funds that at times make large stock bets within a reasonably diversified portfolio are probably the best product for those looking for active alpha"⁴
 - "the typical active mutual fund manager is able to identify stocks that outperform by economically and statistically large amounts."5
 - Moreover, in an overall portfolio context, the addition of unique, idiosyncratic, high active share strategies often have better effects on overall riskadjusted portfolio metrics (such as: Sharpe ratio, information ratio, 12-month rolling batting average, 12-month average excess return) than adding lower tracking error, benchmark-like strategies. This is because the correlation of their excess returns is often lower, or even negative.



INVESTMENT PROCESS OVERVIEW





PREFERRED FUNDAMENTAL INVESTMENT CHARACTERISTICS

The key is to buy good businesses (*solid, improving fundamentals*) with significantly misunderstood future earnings power and cash flows (*thus <u>true valuation is cheap</u>*) at a point when the market is just at the early stages of recognizing this misunderstanding (*catalysts are required in order to avoid value traps*).





SELL DISCIPLINE

As the gap between the market's expectation of a company's earnings power and its true earnings power narrows, positions are reduced and/or sold.

- <u>This can be a function of:</u>
 - No longer misunderstood
 - Market expectations have caught up to our expectations
 - Investment thesis fully played out
 - Replaced by a better idea
 - Most frequent reason for a sale
 - Deterioration of company fundamentals
 - Ongoing position monitoring and research
 - Empirical Research Partners proprietary multi-factor models
 - Eikon proprietary multi-factor models





PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

- To achieve both an annualized outperformance of at least 300 basis points over the MSCI EAFE Small-Cap Index over a full market cycle (5-7 years) with an Information Ratio of at least 0.5; and a top quartile ranking in Total Return, Sharpe Ratio and Sortino Ratio relative to its peer group of diversified international small-cap core, growth and value strategies over a full market cycle (as per eVestment, Inc.).
- To outperform the MSCI EAFE Small-Cap Index in US\$ by 2% per annum (net-of-fees) over a full market cycle (normally 5-7 years)



GENERAL PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

LACERS PORTFOLIO AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2018

Country Weighting Limits:	Investment in any individual country in the index, including Canada, may not exceed the greater of 20% of the portfolio or 20% above the benchmark weight. Hong Kong listed securities are counted as classified as Hong Kong.					
Sector Weighting Limits:	+/- 200% of benchmark weight or up to 30% of portfolio market value					
Number of Issues:	Range is between 50-100 securities; as of 12/31/18 LACERS held 82 securities					
Position Size Exposure Limits:	Maximum asset allocation to a single security shall not exceed 5% at cost and 7% maximum of the portfolio at market value					
• Limits on out-of-BM investments:	N/A					
Cash Holding Range:	0-10%					
Portfolio Turnover:	148.4% annualized as of 12/31/18 (range is 100-200%)					
Tracking Error (3 Year):	7.03% as of 12/31/18 using monthly returns vs. the MSCI EAFE Small-Cap Index (range is 8.0%-15%) 5.68% as of 12/31/18 using monthly returns vs. the MSCI World ex-US Small Cap Growth Index (primary index)					
Market Cap Distribution:	>\$1.0 billion: 14.3% \$1.0-\$2.5 billion: 30.2% \$2.5-\$5.0 billion: 35.3% +\$5.0 billion: 20.3%					



LACERS PORTFOLIO

Top 10 Holdings	<u>% Portfolio Weight</u>
Burford Capital Ltd.	4.0%
Evolution Mining	3.1%
Teleperformance	3.0%
Intermediate Capital Group	2.5%
ASR Nederland	2.4%
Parkland Fuel Corp.	2.3%
Fancl Corp.	2.2%
Systena Corp.	2.2%
Afterpay Touch Group Ltd.	1.9%
Evolution Gaming Group	1.9%



SECTOR WEIGHTINGS: AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2018

LACERS INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES VS. MSCI EAFE SMALL-CAP INDEX



Sector	LACERS International Opportunities	MSCI EAFE Small-Cap Index
Communication Services	2.9%	4.6%
Consumer Discretionary	8.9%	13.1%
Consumer Staples	9.7%	6.9%
Energy	4.9%	2.4%
Financials	13.1%	11.7%
Health Care	6.9%	7.5%
Industrials	19.3%	21.3%
Information Technology	25.2%	9.3%
Materials	4.8%	8.6%
Real Estate	2.7%	12.2%
Utilities	0.0%	2.4%
Cash	<u>1.6%</u>	<u>N/A</u>
Total	100.0%	100.0%



LACERS INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES VS. MSCI EAFE SMALL-CAP INDEX

	LACERS International	MSCI EAFE Small- Cap Index	Over-Under Weight
Country	Opportunities		
Japan	18.5%	31.5%	-13.0%
U.K.	16.7%	18.1%	-1.4%
Australia	11.3%	7.1%	4.2%
Canada	10.9%	0.0%	10.9%
Sweden	7.2%	5.5%	1.7%
China	6.5%	0.0%	6.5%
Germany	6.1%	5.6%	0.5%
France	4.9%	3.3%	1.6%
Netherlands	4.7%	2.6%	2.1%
Denmark	3.2%	1.8%	1.4%
Israel	2.6%	1.8%	0.8%
Norway	2.1%	2.1%	0.0%
Switzerland	1.4%	4.3%	-2.9%
Belgium	1.2%	2.0%	-0.8%
Hong Kong	0.1%	2.0%	-1.9%
Italy	0.0%	3.6%	-3.6%
Spain	0.0%	2.5%	-2.5%
Other Countries	1.0%	6.2%	-5.2%
Cash	1.6%	N/A	
	100.0%	100.0%	
Total Emerging Markets:			
MSCI Classification	6.5%	0.0%	N/A

As a % of Total Net Assets

Country Allocation is defined using MSCI's Country Classification methodology and represents countries whose allocation in the Strategy or Index is 2% or more. Country allocations representing less than 2% are categorized in "Other Countries." Source: Thomson Reuters Eikon



PERFORMANCE

INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES COMPOSITE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2018



	Q418	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since Inception ¹	Cumulative Return Since Inception*
Oberweis International Opportunities (gross of fees)	-21.82%	-23.03%	1.70%	3.61%	17.09%	9.31%	188.84%
MSCI World ex-USA Small-Cap Growth	-17.49%	-17.78%	3.65%	3.10%	10.46%	3.00%	42.16%
MSCI EAFE Small-Cap	-16.05%	-17.89%	3.73%	3.06%	10.51%	3.05%	43.01%

The MSCI World ex-US Small-Cap Growth Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of small cap growth developed markets excluding the US, with dividends reinvested net of withholding tax.

*Inception of the Oberweis International Opportunities Composite is February 1, 2007.



PERFORMANCE

INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES COMPOSITE LAST 10 CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2018



The MSCI World ex-US Small-Cap Growth Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of small cap growth developed markets excluding the US, with dividends reinvested net of withholding tax.

*Inception of the Oberweis International Opportunities Composite is February 1, 2007.



PEER RANKING: AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2018

INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES COMPOSITE PERFORMANCE STATISTICS SINCE INCEPTION



Universe: eVestment EAFE Small Cap Equity

	Returns		Annualized Alpha ¹		Sharpe Ratio ²		Sortino Ratio ²		Information Ratio ¹		Upside Market Capture ¹		Downside Market Capture ¹	
		Rk		Rk		Rk		Rk		Rk		Rk		Rk
5th percentile	7.20		4.73		0.38		0.53		0.84		112.54		80.72	
25th percentile	5.12		2.47		0.23		0.32		0.61		107.38		93.60	
Median	4.31		1.78		0.19		0.26		0.42		103.42		97.80	
75th percentile	3.64		1.00		0.15		0.20		0.27		96.76		99.96	
95th percentile	2.58		0.01		0.09		0.13		-0.03		92.03		101.56	
# of Observations	30		30		30		30		30		30		30	
 Oberweis: International Opportunities 	9.31	1	6.93	1	0.38	1	0.53	1	0.71	13	129.48	1	97.56	44

Results displayed in USD.

¹MSCI World ex-US Small Cap-ND; ²FTSE 3-Month T-Bill



LACERS INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2018



	Q418	1 Year	3 Year	Since Inception ¹	Cumulative Return Since Inception*
LACERS (Net of fees)	-22.16%	-23.79%	0.96%	2.14%	11. 0 6%
MSCI EAFE Small-Cap	<u>-16.05%</u>	<u>-17.89%</u>	<u>3.73%</u>	<u>2.78%</u>	<u>14.58%</u>
Excess Return	-6.11%	-5.90%	-2.77%	-0.64%	-3.52%

The MSCI EAFE Small-Cap Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of small cap growth developed markets excluding the US, with dividends reinvested net of withholding tax. *Inception of the LACERS portfolio is January 14, 2014.



PEER PERFORMANCE

LACERS INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2018



Oberweis International Small Cap: LACERS Performance



	1 Year		5 Years		
		Rk		Rk	
5th percentile	-12.14		6.29		
25th percentile	-17.00		4.65		
Median	-19.23		3.42		
75th percentile	-22.02		2.33		
95th percentile	-25.13		0.31		
# of Observations	89		69		
Oberweis: International Opportunities	-23.03	87	3.61	44	

Results displayed in USD.



ATTRIBUTION ANALYSIS BY SECTOR

LACERS INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES PORTFOLIO VS. MSCI EAFE SMALL-CAP INDEX AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2018

ATTRIBUTION ANALYSIS

Portfolio Name : Benchmark Name :	Los Angeles City Emplo MSCI Small Cap EAFE	yees' Retirement S	System		Time P Curren	eriod: cy:	12/31/2013 U S Dollar	12/31/2017-12/31/2018 U S Dollar			
		AVERAGE WEIGHTS			RETURNS				ATTRIBUTION	I	
	Portfolio	Benchmark	Active	Portfolio	Benchmark	Active	Allocation	Selection	Total		•
Universe Tot&Ave	100.00 %	100.00 %	0.00 %	-22.82	-17.54	-5.28	-1.73	-3.56	-5.28	-5.28	
Financials	11.74 %	5 11.70 %	0.04 %	-13.73	-20.34	6.61	-0.08	0.63	0.55	-	
Cash & Equivalents	5.90 %	0.00 %	5.90 %	2.02	0.00	2.02	0.41	0.00	0.41	-	
Materials	5.47 %	9.05 %	-3.58 %	-19.87	-23.22	3.35	0.22	-0.09	0.13	•	
Consumer Discretionary	11.13 %	o 14.86 %	-3.73 %	-25.95	-21.87	-4.09	0.12	-0.24	-0.12	•	
Communication Services	2.28 %	2.18 %	0.10 %	-15.86	-17.49	1.62	-0.06	-0.15	-0.21	-	
Energy	3.74 %	2.70 %	1.05 %	-21.28	-18.90	-2.38	-0.39	-0.02	-0.41	_	
Utilities	1.05 %	2.09 %	-1.05 %	-26.26	-3.00	-23.25	-0.23	-0.26	-0.49		
Consumer Staples	5.77 %	6.78 %	-1.01 %	-22.60	-11.89	-10.70	0.09	-0.74	-0.65	_	
Information Technology	23.52 %	5 11.01 %	12.51 %	-22.64	-20.35	-2.29	-0.47	-0.35	-0.82		
Industrials	21.18 %	21.47 %	-0.29 %	-27.11	-22.40	-4.71	-0.09	-0.78	-0.87		
Real Estate	2.79 %	10.83 %	-8.04 %	-20.03	-4.97	-15.06	-0.94	-0.44	-1.38		
Health Care	5.42 %	7.33 %	-1.91 %	-21.81	-5.35	-16.45	-0.30	-1.13	-1.42		



ATTRIBUTION ANALYSIS BY SECTOR

LACERS INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES PORTFOLIO VS. MSCI EAFE SMALL-CAP INDEX AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2018

CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY

Portfolio Name : Benchmark Name :	Los Angeles City Employees MSCI Small Cap EAFE	s' Retirement S	ystem		Time Period : 12/31/2017-12/31/2018 Currency : U S Dollar							
Top Contributors by	y Holding			Bottom Contributors by Holding	Bottom Contributors by Holding							
		Avg Wt	Return	Contrib		Avg Wt	Return	Contrib				
Top 10 T	Totals & Averages	10.98 %		3.96	Bottom 10 Totals & Averages	8.61 %		-6.32				
BURFORD CAPITAL LT	D	2.67 %	36.08	0.65	JAPAN INVESTMENT ADVISER CO LTD	0.98 %	-36.36	-0.85				
UBISOFT ENTERTAINM	MENT SA	1.25 %	35.12	0.61	KEYWORDS STUDIOS PLC	1.74 %	-36.98	-0.69				
DA CONSORTIUM HOL	DINGS INC	0.79 %	69.29	0.60	AURELIUS EQUITY OPPORTUNITIES SE & CO KGAA	1.64 %	-42.13	-0.69				
EVOLUTION MINING L	TD	2.02 %	28.70	0.54	OUTSOURCING INC	1.38 %	-46.07	-0.65				
SODASTREAM INTERN	NATIONAL LTD	0.70 %	30.26	0.36	CANADA GOOSE HOLDINGS INC	0.21 %	-32.16	-0.65				
TAIYO YUDEN CO LTD		0.49 %	-13.49	0.32	AFTERPAY TOUCH GROUP LTD	0.53 %	-43.76	-0.65				
V TECHNOLOGY CO L	TD	0.50 %	15.87	0.27	LEARNING TECHNOLOGIES GROUP PLC	0.22 %	-55.18	-0.63				
SYSTENA CORP		1.45 %	46.82	0.25	AMG ADVANCED METALLURGICAL GROUP NV	0.68 %	-38.64	-0.53				
TEMENOS AG		0.50 %	11.37	0.20	ATS AUTOMATION TOOLING SYSTEMS INC	0.36 %	-33.90	-0.50				
AIXTRON SE		0.63 %	-14.97	0.17	AUSTRIAMICROSYSTEMS AG (DUPLICATE)	0.87 %	-69.63	-0.48				

Contribution by Sector

	Avg Wt	Return	Contrib
Top 5 Totals & Averages	17.49 %		-2.33
Cash & Equivalents	5.90 %	2.02	0.10
Utilities	1.05 %	-26.26	-0.30
Communication Services	2.28 %	-15.86	-0.40
Real Estate	2.79 %	-20.03	-0.62
Materials	5.47 %	-19.87	-1.12
Bottom 5 Totals & Averages	73.35 %		-17.34
Industrials	21.18 %	-27.11	-5.80
Information Technology	23.52 %	-22.64	-5.37
Consumer Discretionary	11.13 %	-25.95	-2.36
Financials	11.74 %	-13.73	-1.96
Consumer Staples	5.77 %	-22.60	-1.85





ATTRIBUTION ANALYSIS BY COUNTRY

LACERS INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES PORTFOLIO VS. MSCI EAFE SMALL-CAP INDEX AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2018

ATTRIBUTION ANALYSIS

Portfolio Name :	Los Ange	eles City Employe	es' Retirement S	ystem		Time P	eriod :	12/31/2017	-12/31/2018		
Benchmark Name :	MSCI Sm	nall Cap EAFE				Curren	cy :	U S Dollar			
		AV	ERAGE WEIGHTS			RETURNS				ATTRIBUTION	
		Portfolio	Benchmark	Active	Portfolio	Benchmark	Active	Allocation	Selection	Total	•
Universe Tot&Av	e	100.00 %	100.00 %	0.00 %	-22.82	-17.54	-5.28	-1.64	-3.65	-5.28	-5.28
France		5.86 %	3.70 %	2.16 %	6.85	-29.82	36.67	-0.23	1.93	1.70	
Cash & Equivalents		5.90 %	0.00 %	5.90 %	2.02	0.00	2.02	0.41	0.00	0.41	•
Denmark		2.54 %	1.73 %	0.81 %	-9.08	-10.93	1.85	-0.21	0.42	0.21	•
Israel		0.83 %	1.73 %	-0.90 %	9.92	0.42	9.50	-0.04	0.22	0.19	•
Finland		0.71 %	1.49 %	-0.78 %	7.69	-18.15	25.83	0.00	0.09	0.08	
Italy		0.00 %	3.80 %	-3.80 %	0.00	-19.07	19.07	0.07	0.00	0.07	
Hong Kong		0.33 %	1.96 %	-1.63 %	-71.18	-26.87	-44.31	0.15	-0.12	0.03	
N/A		0.00 %	0.12 %	-0.12 %	0.00	-29.70	29.70	0.01	0.00	0.01	
Switzerland		5.18 %	4.53 %	0.65 %	-37.08	-26.02	-11.06	0.09	-0.08	0.01	
Portugal		0.00 %	0.39 %	-0.39 %	0.00	-15.39	15.39	-0.01	0.00	-0.01	
Ireland		0.92 %	0.91 %	0.01 %	-5.42	-6.18	0.76	-0.07	0.05	-0.01	
Austria		0.00 %	0.95 %	-0.95 %	3.54	-15.22	18.76	-0.02	0.00	-0.02	
Belgium		0.13 %	1.81 %	-1.68 %	-1.88	-13.67	11.79	-0.04	0.00	-0.04	
China		4.78 %	0.07 %	4.71 %	-11.21	-9.24	-1.98	0.56	-0.62	-0.06	
Australia		7.01 %	6.80 %	0.21 %	-18.80	-16.38	-2.43	0.08	-0.18	-0.10	1
Sweden		4.64 %	5.18 %	-0.54 %	-15.04	-11.55	-3.49	0.01	-0.15	-0.13	1
Netherlands		3.84 %	2.59 %	1.25 %	-21.97	-20.98	-1.00	-0.06	-0.11	-0.17	1
New Zealand		0.00 %	0.95 %	-0.95 %	0.00	4.98	-4.98	-0.18	0.00	-0.18	1
Singapore		0.96 %	1.63 %	-0.68 %	-18.87	-8.87	-10.00	-0.19	0.00	-0.19	•
U.K.		15.59 %	18.35 %	-2.76 %	-22.91	-19.86	-3.05	0.09	-0.30	-0.21	
Germany		6.03 %	5.84 %	0.20 %	-24.79	-23.50	-1.28	-0.07	-0.17	-0.25	•
Norway		1.53 %	1.89 %	-0.36 %	-35.91	-8.01	-27.90	-0.11	-0.44	-0.55	•
Spain		1.23 %	2.58 %	-1.35 %	-32.58	-17.81	-14.77	-0.09	-0.46	-0.55	-
Canada		6.87 %	0.00 %	6.87 %	-30.44	0.00	-30.44	-1.46	0.00	-1.46	
Japan		25.10 %	30.99 %	-5.89 %	-33.08	-15.75	-17.34	-0.30	-3.74	-4.04	


ATTRIBUTION ANALYSIS BY COUNTRY

LACERS INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES PORTFOLIO VS. MSCI EAFE SMALL-CAP INDEX AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2018

CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY

Portfolio Name : Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System Benchmark Name : MSCI Small Cap EAFE

Top Contributors by Holding

	Avg Wt	Return	Contrib
Top 10 Totals & Averages	10.98 %		3.96
BURFORD CAPITAL LTD	2.67 %	36.08	0.65
UBISOFT ENTERTAINMENT SA	1.25 %	35.12	0.61
DA CONSORTIUM HOLDINGS INC	0.79 %	69.29	0.60
EVOLUTION MINING LTD	2.02 %	28.70	0.54
SODASTREAM INTERNATIONAL LTD	0.70 %	30.26	0.36
TAIYO YUDEN CO LTD	0.49 %	-13.49	0.32
V TECHNOLOGY CO LTD	0.50 %	15.87	0.27
SYSTENA CORP	1.45 %	46.82	0.25
TEMENOS AG	0.50 %	11.37	0.20
AIXTRON SE	0.63 %	-14.97	0.17

 Time Period :
 12/31/2017-12/31/2018

 Currency :
 U S Dollar

Bottom Contributors by Holding

	Avg Wt	Return	Contrib
Bottom 10 Totals & Averages	8.61 %		-6.32
JAPAN INVESTMENT ADVISER CO LTD	0.98 %	-36.36	-0.85
KEYWORDS STUDIOS PLC	1.74 %	-36.98	-0.69
AURELIUS EQUITY OPPORTUNITIES SE & CO KGAA	1.64 %	-42.13	-0.69
OUTSOURCING INC	1.38 %	-46.07	-0.65
CANADA GOOSE HOLDINGS INC	0.21 %	-32.16	-0.65
AFTERPAY TOUCH GROUP LTD	0.53 %	-43.76	-0.65
LEARNING TECHNOLOGIES GROUP PLC	0.22 %	-55.18	-0.63
AMG ADVANCED METALLURGICAL GROUP NV	0.68 %	-38.64	-0.53
ATS AUTOMATION TOOLING SYSTEMS INC	0.36 %	-33.90	-0.50
AUSTRIAMICROSYSTEMS AG (DUPLICATE)	0.87 %	-69.63	-0.48

Top Contributors by Sector

	Avg Wt	Return	Contrib
Top 5 Totals & Averages	13.31 %		0.83
France	5.86 %	6.85	0.48
Israel	0.83 %	9.92	0.22
Cash & Equivalents	5.90 %	2.02	0.10
Finland	0.71 %	7.69	0.03
Austria	0.00 %	3.54	0.00

Bottom Contributors by Sector

	Avg Wt	Return	Contrib
Bottom 5 Totals & Averages	60.61 %		-17.59
Japan	25.10 %	-33.08	-7.77
U.K.	15.59 %	-22.91	-3.24
Canada	6.87 %	-30.44	-3.15
Germany	6.03 %	-24.79	-1.72
Australia	7.01 %	-18.80	-1.70



ATTRIBUTION OF PERFORMANCE

- At the Sector level, YTD performance was driven by -356 bps in stock selection and -173 bps impact from allocation effect.
- Stock selection was particularly strong in Financials (+63 bps), offset by poor selections in Health Care (-113 bps) and Industrials (-78 bps).
- At the Country level, YTD performance was driven by -365 bps in stock selection and -164 bps impact from allocation effect.
- Stock selection was particularly strong in France (+193 bps) and Denmark (+42 bps), offset by poor selections in Japan (-374 bps) and Spain (-46 bps).



INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES COMPOSITE ANNUAL GIPS REPORT

					Asset-	Composite 3-Year	Benchmark 3-Year		
Year	Gross Total Return (%)	Net Total Return (%)	Benchmark Return (%)	Number of Accounts	Weighted St Dev (%)	Annualized St Dev (%)	Annualized St Dev (%)	Composite Assets (\$ mm)	Percent of Firm Assets Managed
2017	42.30	41.14	34.27	15	0.14	11.01	11.90	3,426.1	85.4%
2016	-3.97	-4.99	0.86	15	0.19	11.81	12.57	2,390.8	86.0%
2015	16.96	15.87	9.92	16	0.35	12.43	11.34	2,047.0	81.6%
2014	-2.92	-3.95	-4.84	11	0.76	15.61	12.95	1,008.9	68.7%
2013	59.13	57.91	23.32	6	N/A	19.35	16.03	478.5	43.8%
2012	33.53	32.23	15.42	2	N/A	22.65	19.96	114.9	16.3%
2011	-13.03	-13.95	-14.79	2	N/A	24.55	22.37	88.3	15.1%
2010	33.30	31.96	28.47	2	N/A			108.8	12.8%
2009	64.61	63.01	49.03	2	N/A			85.7	9.2%
2008	-58.28	-59.00	-50.08	2	N/A			56.9	9.3%

Notes to Performance

Oberweis Asset Management, Inc. (OAM) claims compliance with the Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS[®]) and has prepared and presented this report in compliance with the GIPS standards. OAM has been independently verified for the periods January 1, 1993 through December 31, 2017.

Verification assesses whether (1) the firm has complied with the composite construction requirements of the GIPS standards on a firm-wide basis and (2) the firm's policies and procedures are designed to calculate and present performance in compliance with the GIPS standards. The International Opportunities Composite has been examined for the periods February 1, 2007 through December 31, 2017. The verification and performance examination reports are available upon request.

- II. OAM is an independent investment management firm registered under the Investment Advisor Act of 1940, founded in 1989, that invests in high growth companies around the world. The firm specializes in Small and Mid-Capitalization growth strategies globally for institutional investors and its own proprietary mutual fund family. Registration does not imply a certain level of skill or training. Firm assets presented represent all accounts where OAM has been engaged as investment adviser. A complete list and description of firm composites is available upon request.
- III. The following standards describe performance presented herein:

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- A. The International Opportunities Composite was created in February 2007. The reporting currency is U.S. Dollar. Policies for valuing portfolios, calculating performance, and preparing compliant presentations are available upon request.
- B. Gross performance is computed before deducting advisory fees. Generally, the advisory fees for separate accounts are 1.00% on the first \$50 million, 0.90% on the next \$50 million and 0.80% on all additional assets. Actual fees are used in the net return calculation.
- C. The composite returns disclosed were derived solely from the performance of a registered open-end investment company for the period February 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.
- D. The International Opportunities Composite includes all fully discretionary accounts in excess of \$5 million invested in the International Opportunities strategy, which primarily invests in the securities of non-U.S. companies with a market capitalization of less than \$5 billion at the time of investment. Observeis does not use derivatives in any account in the composite except the use of foreign currency contracts in conjunction with the normal settlement of security trades in currencies other than the base currency of the composite accounts. Effective January 1, 2013 the equity segment was increased to 90% from 70%.
- E. Mutual funds included in the International Opportunities Composite are valued in accordance with regulatory fair value requirements to prevent market timing. The same investments held by other portfolios in the composite are valued using closing prices in local markets as well as different exchange rates. While these differences are not expected to be material, at any given point in time the different sources could result in materially different returns.
- IV. The standard deviation of portfolio returns has not been presented for the years 2008-2013 as the composite consisted of five or less accounts during these years. For accounts managed all months in the presentation year, the asset-weighted standard deviation of account returns within the composite is presented as a measure of internal dispersion. The three-year annualized ex-post standard deviation measures the variability of the composite and the benchmark returns over the preceding 36-month period. The annualized standard deviation is not presented for 2008 through 2010 because it was not required for periods prior to 2011.
- V. Consultants and investors supplied with these performance results are advised to use this data in accordance with guidelines issued by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. The performance presented is inclusive of commissions and transaction costs and assumes reinvestment of any dividends, capital gains, or other earnings. The client's return will be reduced by the advisory fees and other expenses it may incur in the management of its account. The investment advisory fees are described in Part II of the Form ADV. The advisory fee, compounded over a period of years, will have an adverse effect on the value of the client's portfolio.
- VI. The benchmark for this composite is the MSCI World Ex-US Small-Cap Growth Index (Net). The MSCI World Ex-US Small-Cap Growth Index (Net) is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of small cap growth developed markets excluding the US, with minimum dividends reinvested net of withholding tax. Benchmark returns are not covered by the report of independent verifiers.



IMPORTANT DISCLOSURES

This presentation is for one-on-one presentations only and not for public dissemination.

Composite Returns presented are historical and include the reinvestment of dividends and other income. Past results are not indicative of future performance.

All composite returns are dollar weighted gross of fees. The performance results do not reflect the deduction of investment advisory fees. Client investment returns will be reduced by advisory fees and other expenses incurred in the management of their account. OAM's investment advisory fees are described in Part II of its Form ADV. The advisory fee, compounded over a period of years, will have an adverse effect on the value of the client's portfolio.



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QUARTER & YEAR IN REVIEW

Equity trends for our portfolio and universe in 2018 centered around the following:

- Japan was our worst performing country given a negative style headwind where companies with negative earnings revisions outperformed companies with positive earnings revisions. Our strategy is naturally exposed to companies with positive earnings revisions.
- France was our most positive contributing country driven entirely by positive stock selection.
- Canada appears to be a negative detractor given the stated LACERS benchmark (MSCI Small Cap EAFE) doesn't include Canada while our benchmark (MSCI World Ex-USA Small Cap Growth Index) does include Canada.
- Negative stock selection in Healthcare and negative allocation in Real Estate (the Real Estate sector outperformed for the year and an underweight allocation negatively impacted returns) hurt performance.
- Positive stock selection in Financials helped performance.
- A good portion of our underperformance in 2018 was due to the market's increased focused on short-term earnings over long-term earnings causing many of our companies to decline substantially despite continued strong fundamentals. As a result, the portfolio experienced a period of valuation contraction due to negative sentiment as risk was reduced given fears of uncertainty around trade, slowing global growth and changes in central bank policy. When the market focuses too much on near-term earnings rather than long-term earnings, our strategy faces short-term headwinds. We expect these difficult periods to occur occasionally, but fortunately, they are the exception rather than the rule. As fear spread during the fourth quarter, valuations within our asset class contracted. The average P/E of our benchmark index dropped from 20.0x at the end of 2017 to 16.1x at the end of 2018. During times of fear and volatility, it is not unusual for the market to over-discount risk for international small cap growth stocks. These broadly lower valuations have allowed us to buy companies with higher average growth rates without having to pay higher P/E ratios. In our experience, out-of-favor periods for our process often lead to attractive valuations, which can set the stage for unusually favorable purchase opportunities, potentially yielding above-average returns once the headwinds subside.



QUARTER & YEAR IN REVIEW

Outlook: One of the 3 best buying opportunities since the strategies inception are based on the following 5 pillars:

- 1. Our universe (developed world ex-US small cap equities) is trading at attractive valuations. Our universe is trading nearly 30% below long term average multiples and the lowest level since year end 2011.
- 2. Our benchmark valuations declined by 20% over the course of 2018. The benchmark is a more refined and likely applicable universe for our investments and suggests that valuations for the types of companies we would be interested in also saw valuation contraction.
- 3. In 2 out of the last 3 calendar years, our style has been out of favor. The strategy has been around for 12 calendar years outperforming in 9 out of the 12. We have underperformed in 2 years out of the last 3. However, both the 2016 and 2018 underperformance was impacted by negative style headwinds. In 2016, across our universe of countries, companies with the fewest positive revisions outperformed companies with the most positive revisions by some 600bps for the year. In 2018 in Japan, companies with negative earnings revisions did better than companies with positive earnings revisions. Such adverse style environments will occur from time to time, however, happening 2 out of the last 3 years is unusual. Moreover, while such periods can be difficult in the short run, as long as portfolio holding companies fundamentals continue to match our philosophy and process (reporting better than expected earnings results and seeing their future earnings estimates be revised higher) we will continue to hold those positions. It is our experience that when our style is out of favor, 'value' gets built into the portfolio, then it's a matter of when not if that value gets recognized. We believe value has been built in the portfolio given the style headwind of 2018.
- 4. The 10 largest detractors to our performance in 2018 were still in the portfolio at the end of 2018, a first for the strategy in its 12 year history. On average each calendar year, when looking at the top detractors, we generally have 8 companies that miss earnings expectations, negatively impacting performance, resulting in a sale from the portfolio. However in 2018 all of the top 10 detractors continued to beat earnings expectations but simply saw their valuations contract. This was therefore a sentiment based contraction not a fundamental contraction. We will be well positioned when the market inevitably returns to valuing businesses on fundamentals.
- 5. Over the full year 2018, the strategy's price-to-earnings-to-growth (PEG) ratio declined by over 20%. This reading is one of the lowest PEG's ratios that we've seen coming into a year.



COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES

- Disciplined, rational investment philosophy based on hard facts an empirically proven, clearly documented, and persistent source of alpha. Ample research supports this investment philosophy with strong empirical evidence, all of which is available on request.
- Proven, unique, effective and efficient investment research process specifically designed to exploit this persistent source of alpha
- Specialized investment team, focused on small/mid-cap stocks only
- Globally-experienced investment team with cultural and language understanding
- Focused, boutique nature of all firm resources
- Capacity to be nimble due to firm culture and team structure
- Non-bureaucratic decision making process
- Strong fundamental research supported by a strong network of business contacts (incl. Harvard, Kellogg and Chicago business schools alumni networks)
- Proprietary and extensive position and portfolio monitoring process
- Extensive risk management and portfolio optimization supported by peer-leading quantitative research firms Empirical Research Partners, LLC and Northfield Information Services, Inc.
- Strong sell discipline (supported by shorting expertise)
- Committed to style consistency, even in times when style is temporarily out of favor (in fact, those usually are the best times to invest in the strategy)



APPENDIX



Jeff Papp, CFA Assistant Portfolio Manager Principal

Jeff joined Oberweis Asset Management in 2004 and is the Assistant Portfolio Manager for the International Opportunities team. Jeff began his career working on the U.S. team at Oberweis, and was later a founding team member of OAM's China Opportunities strategy. While simultaneously working on the China strategy, Jeff helped launch the International Opportunities strategy and worked as an Analyst on the International Opportunities team from November 2006 through March 2008. From October 2005 to August 2013, he worked as a Senior Analyst on the China Opportunities strategy and continued to collaborate with the International Opportunities team on Asian equities. He rejoined the International Opportunities team full-time in August 2013 as a Senior Analyst and was promoted to Assistant Portfolio Manager in September 2014. Jeff is a holder of the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation and is a member of the Investment Analysts Society of Chicago and the CFA Institute. He earned a BS in Finance with high honors from the University of Illinois. Jeff has been a frequent guest on CNBC, Bloomberg Television and Fox Business. He has also provided commentary on various investment issues to Bloomberg News, Investor's Business Daily, and TheStreet.com.



Brian K. Lee

Director of Marketing & Client Service Principal

Brian joined Oberweis Asset Management in April of 2002 to establish and lead the firm's institutional marketing and client service efforts. Brian earned an MBA from Loyola Marymount University and a BA in Finance from Loyola Marymount University. Previously, he was employed by Delaware Investments/Lincoln Financial Distributors, where he served as a Director of Marketing. Prior to that, he worked for Wilshire Associates in both marketing and client service roles.



WORKFORCE COMPOSITION REPORT

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TOTAL COMPOSITION OF WORK FORCE

	African		Asian or	American Indian/	Caucasian	Total	Percent (%)	Ge	nder
	American	Hispanic	Pacific Islander	Alaskan Native	(Non Hispanic)	Employees	Minority	Male	<u>Female</u>
Occupation	Full Time	Full Time	<u>Full Time</u>	<u>Full Time</u>	Full Time	<u>Full Time</u>	Full Time	<u>Full</u>	Time
Officials & Managers	0	0	1	0	8	9	11.11%	9	0
Professionals	0	0	6	0	5	11	54.55%	9	2
Technicians	0	0	0	0	1	1	0.00%	1	0
Sales Workers	0	0	1	0	2	3	33.33%	2	1
Office/Clerical	0	2	0	0	5	7	28.57%	4	3
Semi-Skilled	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0	0
Unskilled	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0	0
Service Workers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0	0
Total	0	2	8	0	21	31	32.26%	25	6







Report to Investment Committee

From: Neil M. Guglielmo, Général Manager

Agenda of: FEBRUARY 12, 2019

ITEM: VII

SUBJECT: REPORT ON LACERS COMMISSION RECAPTURE PROGRAM AND SOFT DOLLARS

Recommendation

That the Committee receive and file this report.

Discussion

At its meeting of October 9, 2018, during the discussion of the Brokerage Activity Report for fiscal year ending 2018, the Committee requested additional information on commission recapture and soft dollar usage at LACERS. This report provides an overview of how LACERS commission recapture program and the use of soft dollars have evolved over time.

LACERS Commission Recapture Program

Brokerage commissions are paid to execute purchases and sales of publicly traded equities. Commissions typically comprise of costs for two services from a broker: (1) the cost of execution for completing a securities trade; and (2) the cost of investment research and services provided to the investment manager. A commission recapture program may enable a pension plan to unbundle commissions and pay only for execution, recovering a portion of commission costs via rebates from participating brokers. These rebates may subsequently be used to defray expenses associated with the overall administration of the plan. In a commission recapture program, the plan informs its investment managers of an agreement with a participating broker or brokers to recapture a mutually agreed upon percentage of brokerage costs incurred with making securities trades. Investment managers are encouraged to contact the plan's commission recapture brokers when searching for best execution of security transactions.

LACERS has engaged in commission recapture since the early 1990s. Historically, rebates were received in two forms: (1) cash, which would be wired from the commission recapture broker to LACERS custodian bank on a routine basis; and (2) credits, which were held on account with the commission recapture broker (formerly referred to as soft dollars in LACERS Investment Policy as these credits were not redeemed for cash). Credits were used to supplement LACERS annual budget by defraying certain unbudgeted expenses such as Bloomberg licenses, proxy voting services, CEM Benchmarking studies, and computer hardware. Invoices for these expenses were submitted to the commission recapture broker for payment (rather paying invoices through LACERS usual accounting



process). LACERS halted the practice of using credits to pay for expenses in 2010, in favor of appropriating funds for these expenses in LACERS annual budget to enhance transparency and accounting practices. This approach was consistent with a 2010 best practice recommendation from the Government Finance Officers Association stating that pension plans should receive all recaptured commissions in hard dollars (as opposed to soft dollars) to use towards reducing overall administrative expense. In December 2015, the Board approved an Investment Policy revision to remove references to LACERS use of commission recapture credits (or soft dollars as they were referred to in the Policy).

LACERS commission recapture program continues to generate cash rebates through its sole commission recapture broker, Cowen Inc. As discussed in the Brokerage Activity Report for fiscal year ending 2018 presented to the Investment Committee on October 9, 2018, LACERS recaptured at total of \$9,220 in fiscal year 2018. Over the last several years, the total amount of cash rebates received on a fiscal year basis has been minimal, averaging 0.33% of total commissions paid, as presented in the table below. Consistent with industry trends following the 2008 Global Financial Crisis, the cash flow potential from commission recapture programs has decreased due to commission compression, increased use of electronic trading platforms, lower trading turnover, and greater use of passive investing.

Fiscal Year Ending	Public Equities Value	Total Commissions Paid	Commissions Recaptured*	% Recaptured
2011	\$6,340,847,652	\$6,262,746	\$28,602	0.46%
2012	\$5,954,823,717	\$5,453,043	\$9,711	0.18%
2013	\$7,154,797,093	\$4,040,522	\$12,025	0.30%
2014	\$8,734,913,150	\$4,769,240	\$13,767	0.29%
2015	\$8,140,041,867	\$4,716,725	\$4,210	0.09%
2016	\$7,526,252,028	\$3,256,840	\$19,969	0.61%
2017	\$9,026,771,428	\$3,161,510	\$14,634	0.46%
2018	\$9,788,168,707	\$3,808,796	\$9,220	0.24%

NEPC, LLC, LACERS General Fund Consultant, surveyed its public fund clients and found that a majority do not have active commission recapture programs. Trading costs have decreased and more execution-only commission trades are being transacted; therefore, revenue expectations have declined significantly in recent years, consistent with LACERS experience.

Investment Manager Soft Dollar Usage

Within the investment industry, soft dollars most commonly refers to an investment manager's practice of using client brokerage commissions to purchase investment research and services that help the manager make investment decisions. LACERS investment managers may use soft dollars pursuant to Section 28(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Section 28(e) provides a safe harbor to investment managers using soft dollars from liability for breach of best execution standards and fiduciary duty, subject to certain conditions. The investment manager may pay a commission that exceeds the commission another broker would have charged if the manager determines in good faith that the amount of commission charged was reasonable in relation to the value of brokerage and/or research services provided. LACERS investment managers are required by contract to disclose soft dollar usage and maintain appropriate records of services received.

The following flow chart provides a depiction of current commission recapture program and investment manager soft dollar practices:



Flow of Commission Recapture Rebates and Soft Dollars

Staff will continue to provide the Committee with an annual report on brokerage activity pursuant to the Brokerage Policy section of the Investment Policy (section V.C). The next report will be presented within four months of fiscal year ending June 30, 2019.

Strategic Plan Impact Statement

A review of LACERS Commission Recapture Program is consistent with Goal V (uphold good governance practices which affirm transparency, accountability, and fiduciary duty).

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