# Real Assets Annual Program Review

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### **Program Overview**

Role

- Provide stable and predictable cash yield, diversification of equity risk, and inflation protection
- Returns predominantly derived from income
- Real Estate provides stable cash yield under long term leases with good credit tenants
- Infrastructure focuses on large scale, essential and defensive assets with proven revenue models

**Key Metrics** 

- NAV in billions\*: RA \$66.4, RE \$50.3, Infrastructure \$15.7
- 28 Partners and 68 Partnerships

Investment Beliefs

- A long investment horizon is a responsibility and an advantage (IB 2)
- CalPERS will take risk only where we have a strong belief that we will be rewarded for it (IB 7)
- Costs matter and need to be effectively managed (IB 8)
- Strong processes, teamwork and deep resources are needed to achieve CalPERS goals and objectives (IB 10)

\*As of 3/31/24





### Strategy and Portfolio Positioning

#### Positioning

- Emphasis on Core to fulfill role of Real Assets
  - Real Estate targets Core, well-located assets with strong competitive positions and defensive characteristics
  - Infrastructure targets essential, durable/long-lived assets and interests in portfolio companies
- Enhance returns through expansion of Non-Core strategies

#### **Strategies**

- Increase allocation to Infrastructure portfolio
- Separate accounts maintain focus on Core; expand Non-Core strategies via commingled funds and co-investments utilizing cost-efficient structures
- Maintain disciplined leverage strategy
- Consistent with the Sustainable Investments (SI) 2030 plan, increase focus on sustainable investment opportunities including energy transition, renewables, carbon-neutral and sustainability certified assets
- Pursue exit strategies of non-strategic assets





#### Market Environment

#### **Current Concerns**

- Inflation causing pressure on interest rates
- Rising interest rates putting downward pressure on asset values
- Real Estate transactions market experiencing material decline in volume with wide bid-ask spreads
- Refinancing risk and elevated financing costs
- Softening fundamentals in select Real Estate sectors
- Pricing of high-demand sectors in Infrastructure

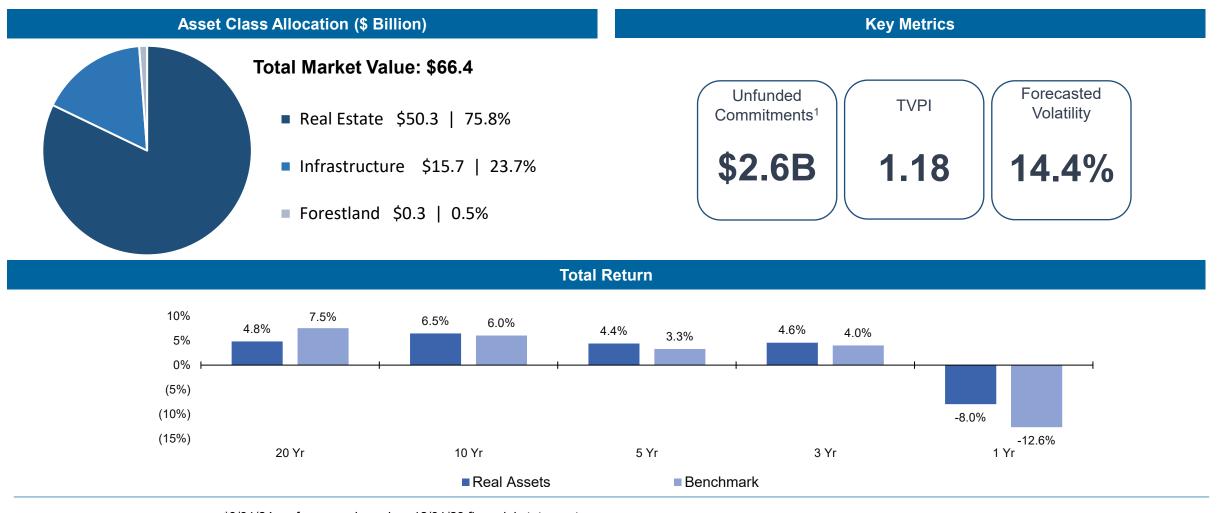
#### **Deployment Themes**

- Increased allocations to private assets leading to high levels of dry powder
- Market participants continue to favor Industrial, Multifamily and select Retail
- Tailwinds exist for Digital assets and Energy Transition assets
- Higher interest rates have sidelined investors that rely on leverage
- Capital market dislocation may present attractive opportunities for well capitalized investors





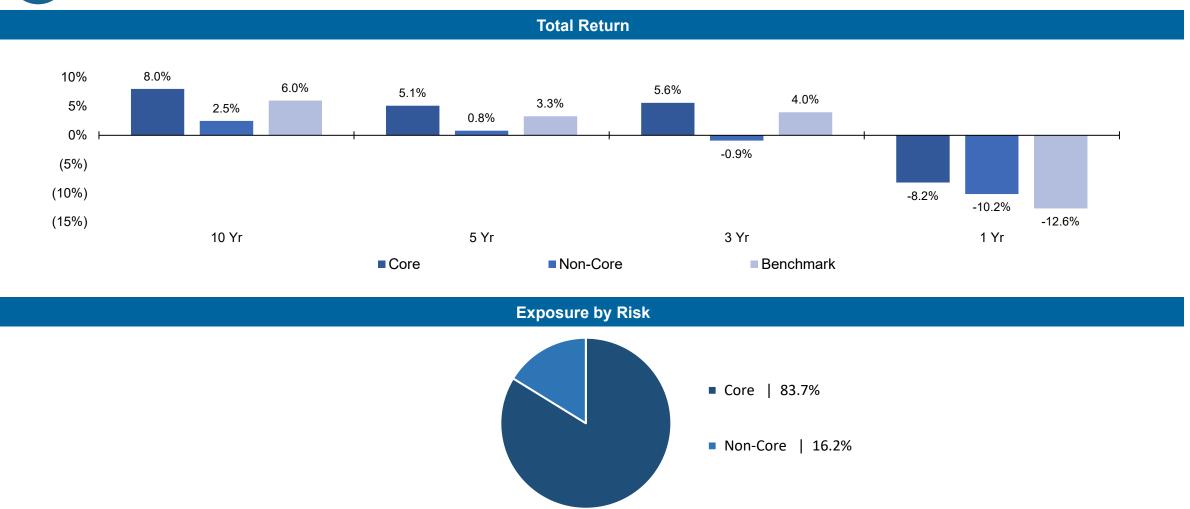
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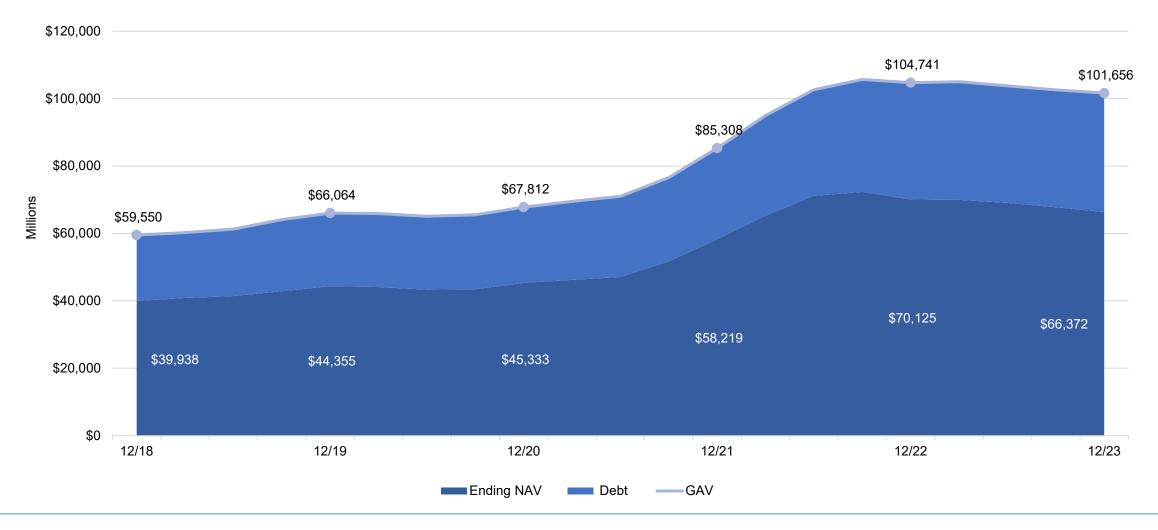
### Performance and Allocation Analysis







# Gross Asset Value & Net Asset Value Trends







# Portfolio Analysis

#### Real Estate



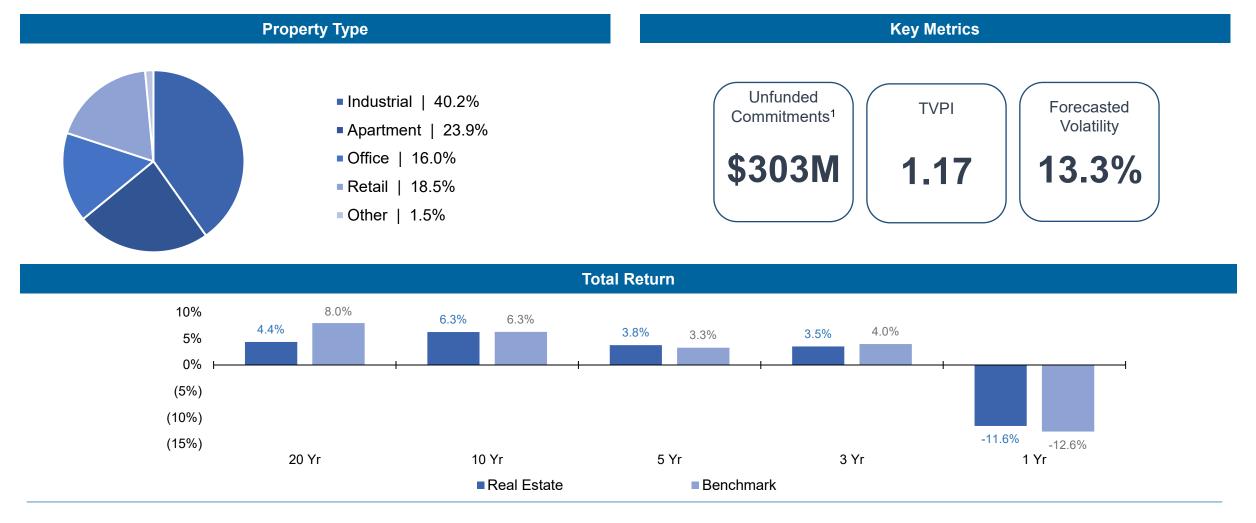








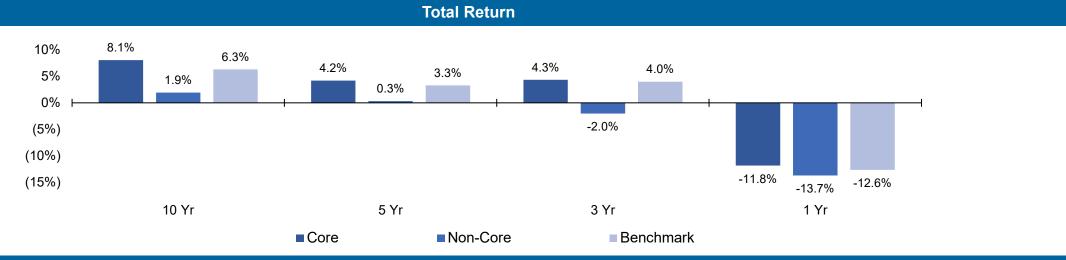
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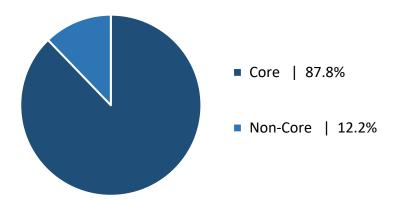




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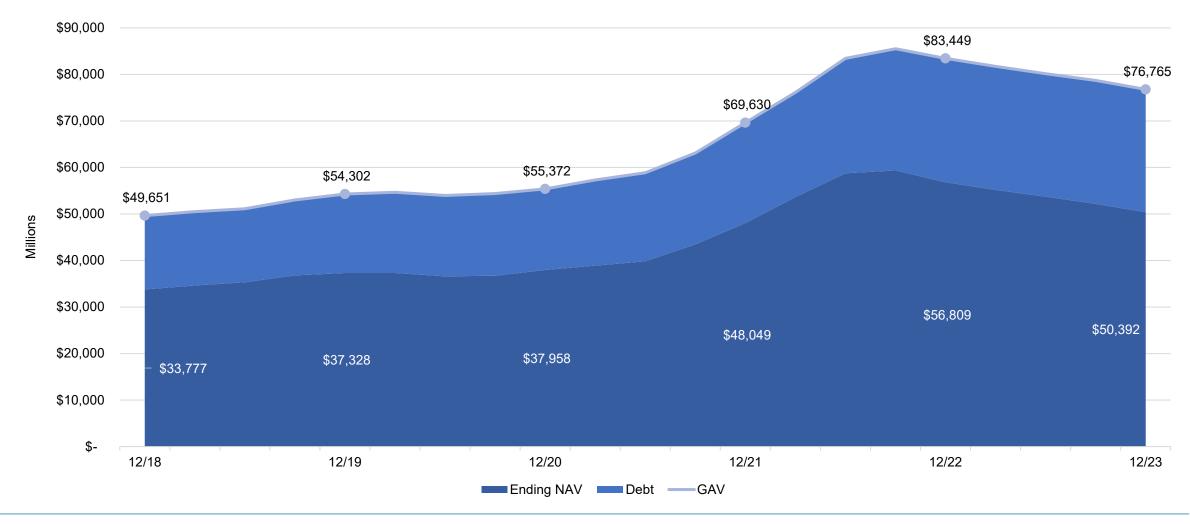
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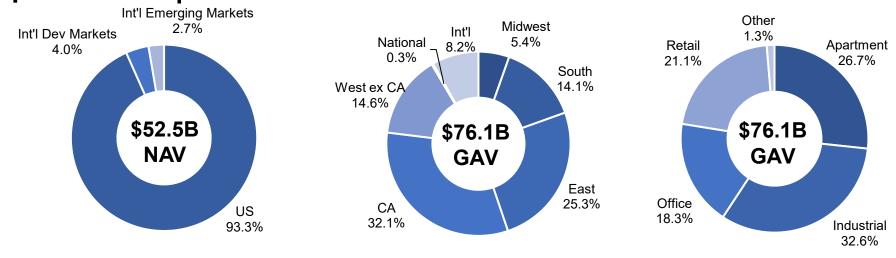
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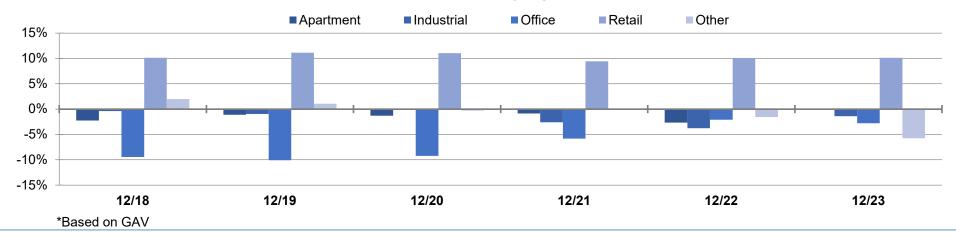




### Exposures | Real Estate



#### **Difference versus Property Type Benchmarks\***







# Portfolio Analysis

#### Infrastructure



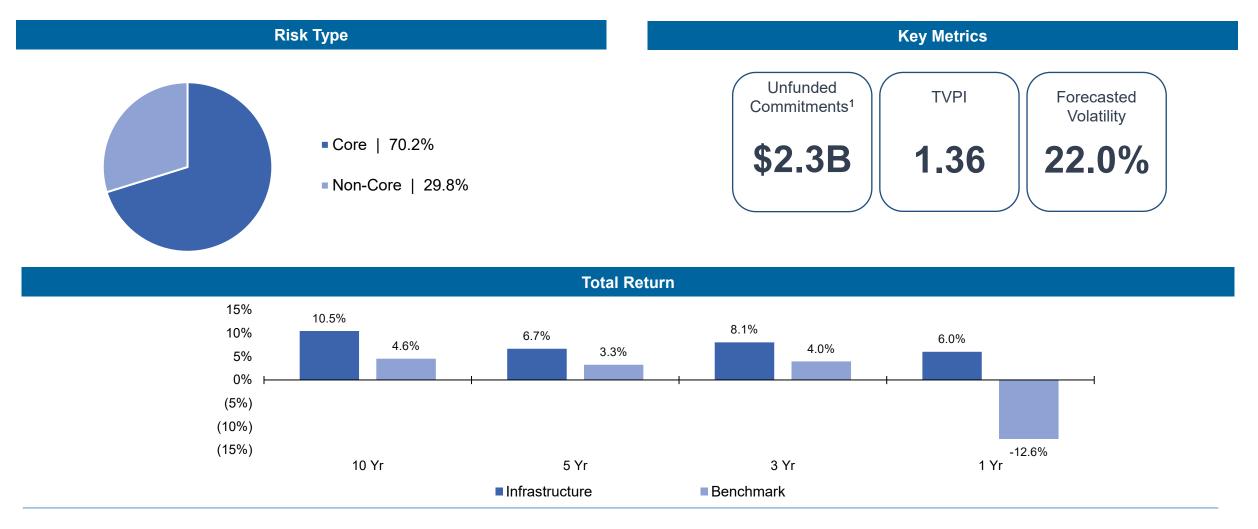








### Portfolio Performance | Infrastructure







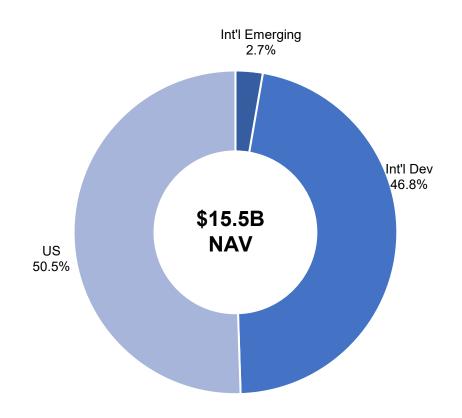
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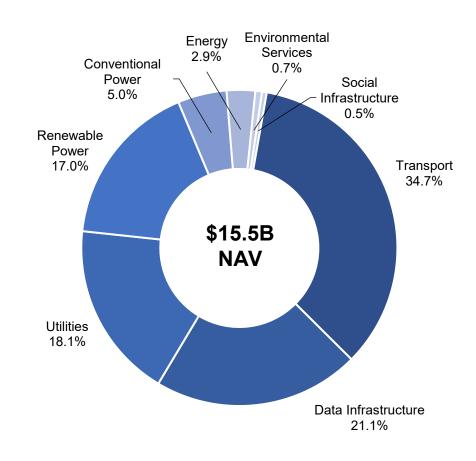






# Geography & Asset Sector\* | Infrastructure









### Business Updates and Key Initiatives | Evaluation

- Real Assets outperformed the policy benchmark over the 1, 3, 5, and 10-year periods
- Real Estate near-tearm performance challenged by higher interest rates and corresponding capital market adjustments
- Infrastructure stability dampening Real Estate return volatility
- Deepening existing relationships with strategic partners
- Progress being made towards SI 2030 Plan goals





# **Key Initiatives**

- Structure new relationships with best-in-class managers, increasing allocation to Non-Core strategies
- Increase allocation to Infrastructure, prioritizing cost-efficient co-investment vehicles
- Align with Total Fund objectives to grow sustainable investment exposure, encompassing energy transition, renewables, carbon neutral and sustainably certified assets consistent with the Total Fund's 2030 plan
- Continue liquidation of Non-Strategic assets





# Key Initiatives | Integration of Governance and Sustainability

Sustainable Investment Activities	Description / Status
Global Real Estate Sustainability Benchmark (GRESB)	85% of the portfolio submitted into GRESB Assessment in 2023
Energy Optimization (EO) Initiative for Real Estate	<ul> <li>Ongoing identification of accretive EO opportunities, reducing carbon intensity and generating cost savings over time</li> <li>In 2023, enhanced reporting to include asset level GHG emissions</li> </ul>
Climate Risk & Energy Transition Research	<ul> <li>Collaborated with SI to develop 2030 SI Business Plans for Real Estate and Infrastructure</li> </ul>
National Council of Real Estate Investment Fiduciaries (NCREIF) Pension Real Estate Association (PREA) Reporting Standards	<ul> <li>CalPERS represented on NCREIF PREA's Reporting Standards         Council</li> <li>Contributed to the development of "ESG Principles of Reporting for         Private Real Estate" and ESG Committee review of KPIs</li> </ul>

