Global Fixed Income Annual Program Review As of Quarter Ending on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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All performance data is as of June 30, 2024, unless otherwise noted





# **Program Overview**

Role	<ul> <li>Serve as a long-term economic diversifier to equity risk and be a reliable source of income and liquidity</li> </ul>
Key Metrics	<ul> <li>Five Global Fixed Income (GFI) Segments in the Total Fund Strategic Asset Allocation (SAA) totaling \$148.9B in AUM as of June 30, 2024         <ul> <li>Approximately 77.1% internally managed</li> </ul> </li> <li>CalPERS Short Term Investment Fund (STIF) and the Tactical Fixed Income portfolios totaling \$17.6B in AUM as of June 30, 2024</li> </ul>
Investment Beliefs	<ul> <li>A long investment horizon is a responsibility and an advantage (IB 2)</li> <li>CalPERS will take risk only where we have a strong belief we will be rewarded for it (IB 7)</li> <li>Costs matter and need to be effectively managed (IB 8)</li> <li>Strong processes and teamwork and deep resources are needed to achieve CalPERS goals and objectives (IB 10)</li> </ul>



# Strategy and Portfolio Positioning

Segment/Portfolio	% of Total PERF	Market Value	5-Yr Active Dollar Value Added	Managers	Mandate
Treasury (UST) Segment	7.3%	\$36.6B		100% Internally Managed	Passive
Mortgage-Backed Securities (MBS) Segment	5.3%	\$26.7B	\$251.0M	~ 98.5% Internally Managed ~ 1.5% Externally Managed	Active
Investment Grade Credit (IG Credit) Segment	6.4%	\$32.1B	\$240.7M	100% Internally Managed	Active
High Yield (HY) Segment	5.3%	\$26.9B	\$30.6M	~ 90% Externally Managed ~ 10% Internally Managed	Active Passive
Emerging Market Sovereign Bonds (EM Sov) Segment	5.3%	\$26.7B	\$158.5M <sup>1</sup>	~ 64.5% Internally Managed ~ 35.5% Externally Managed	Active
CalPERS-STIF	N/A²	\$16.8B		100% Internally Managed	Active
Tactical Fixed Income	0.2%	\$0.8B	\$840.1M <sup>3</sup>	100% Internally Managed	Active

As of June 2024



<sup>1</sup>Information is from EM Sov's inception of 01/01/2023 <sup>2</sup>CalPERS-STIF is a cash management portfolio held across the PERF <sup>3</sup>Information is from Tactical Fixed Income's inception of 04/01/2020



## **Current Concerns**

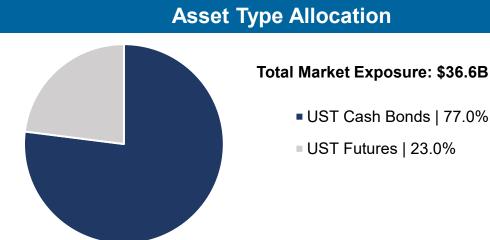
- Can the Fed deliver the soft landing that is priced into markets
- Continue to monitor the Federal Reserve's progress on lowering inflation to its 2% target
- Exercise caution with credit spreads at multi-year tights and forecasted slower nominal GDP growth
- Monitoring the Magnificent Seven and AI stocks to see if any weakness carries over to the economy and fixed income spread products

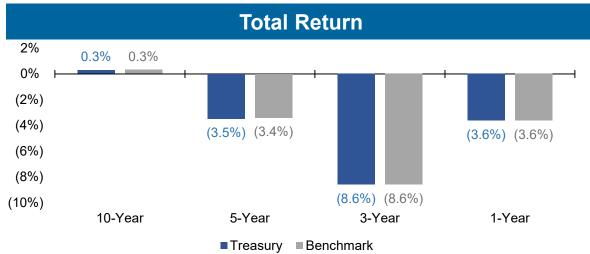
## Investment Themes

- Elevated fixed income yields have resulted in increased market allocations to global fixed income assets
- Will Fiscal policy exert upward pressure on longer maturity U.S. debt yields
- Geopolitics Impact on trade polices and ongoing near-shoring/friend-shoring
- Increased bank regulation will continue to disintermediate lending from bank balance sheets to private and public debt markets
- · Continue to monitor the commercial real estate markets especially the office sector

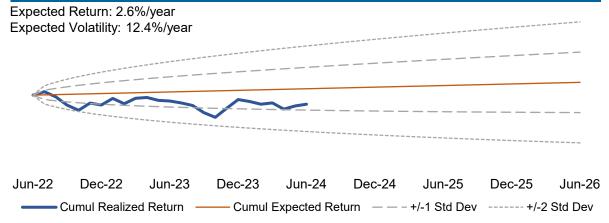


# Performance | Treasury Segment





## Cumulative Total Return vs 2021 SAA Expectations



## **Key Metrics**





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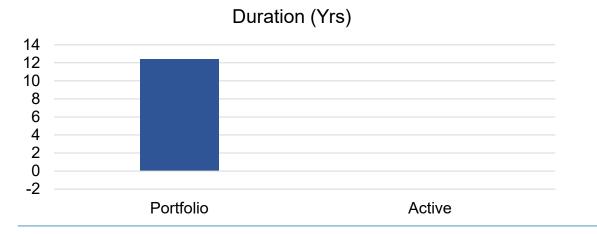
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# Treasury Segment Risk Summary

#### Segment Risk Statistics (Forecasted)

Forecasted Volatility	10.8%
Benchmark Volatility	10.8%
Tracking Error	0.09%

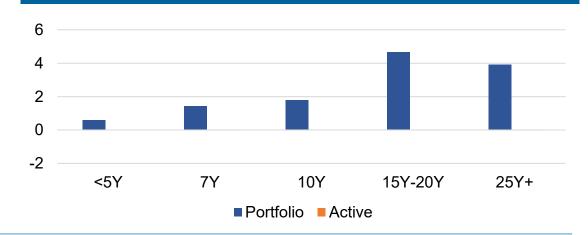
### **Key Portfolio Characteristics**



## **Risk Decomposition (Forecasted)**

	Portfolio Risk Contribution	% Risk	Active Risk Contribution	% Risk
Total Segment Risk	10.8%	100.0%	0.09%	100.0%
US Interest Rates	10.8%	99.9%	0.00%	2.7%
Money Market Factors	0.0%	0.0%	0.00%	5.3%
Convexity	0.0%	0.0%	0.00%	1.3%
Idiosyncratic	0.0%	0.0%	0.09%	90.6%

Key Interest Rate Durations

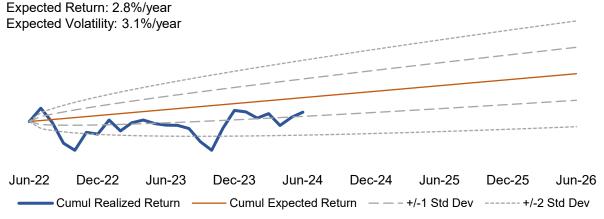






# Performance | MBS Segment

**Asset Type Allocation Total Return** 2.7% 3% 2.4% 1.6% 2% Total Market Exposure: \$26.7B 1.0% 1% Agency MBS | 93.2% 0% CMBS | 3.9% (1%) (0.4%) (0.6%) Non-Agency MBS | 2.1% (2%) (3%) ABS | 0.7% (2.7%) (2.8%) (4%) Cash Securities | 0.1% 10-Year 5-Year 3-Year 1-Year ■ MBS ■ Benchmark **Cumulative Total Return vs 2021 SAA Expectations Key Metrics** 

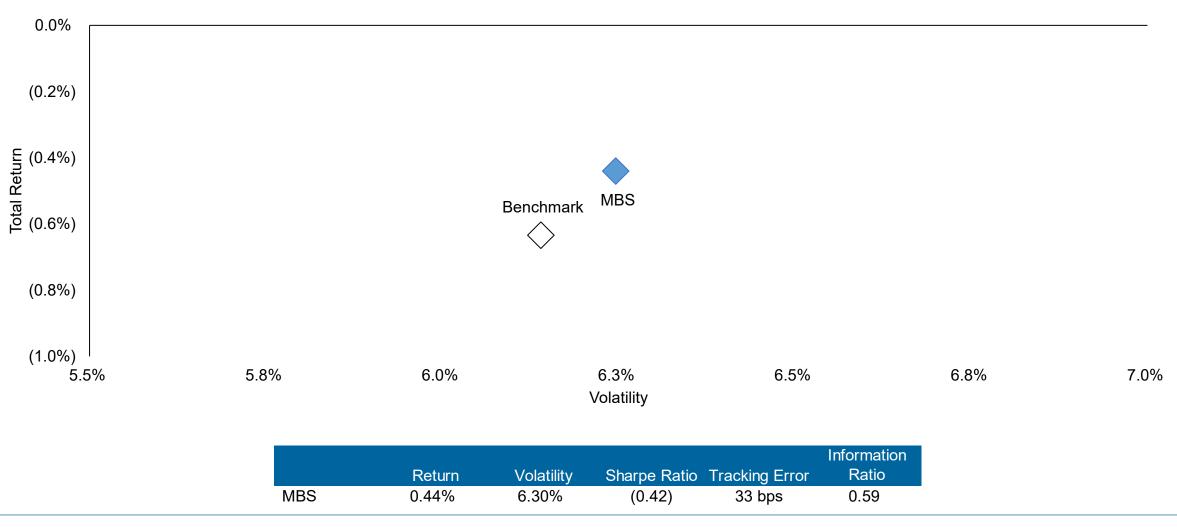






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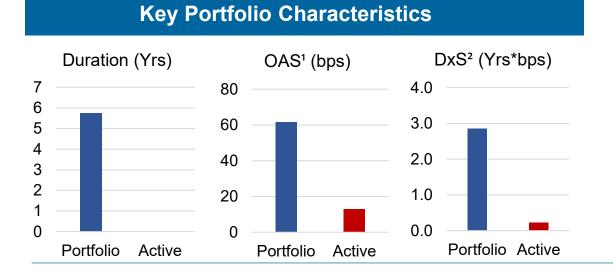


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Segment Risk Statistics	(Forecasted)
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Forecasted Volatility	5.7%
Benchmark Volatility	5.8%
Tracking Error	0.44%



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Risk Decomposition (Forecasted)					
	Portfolio Risk Contribution	% Risk	Active Risk Contribution	% Risk	
Total Segment Risk	5.7%	100.0%	0.44%	100.0%	
US Interest Rates	3.9%	68.6%	0.05%	12.1%	
Mortgage	1.4%	25.2%	0.03%	6.7%	
CMBS	0.1%	2.1%	0.28%	64.5%	
ABS	0.0%	0.1%	0.04%	8.7%	
US Credit	0.0%	0.0%	0.00%	0.0%	
Idiosyncratic	0.0%	0.0%	0.01%	2.0%	

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Key Interest Rate Durations

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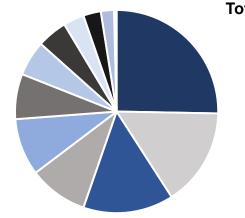
Others



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# Performance | IG Credit Segment

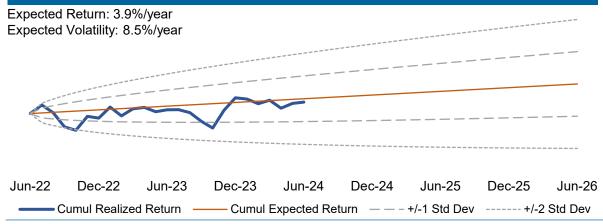
Asset Type Allocation

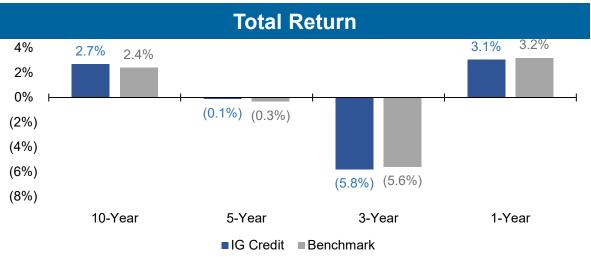


#### Total Market Exposure: \$32.1B

- Financial | 25.3%
- Consumer Non Cyclicals | 15.6%
- Utilities | 14.4%
- Energy | 9.4%
- Communications | 9.1%
- Technology | 7.2%
- Consumer Cyclicals | 5.6%
- Capital Goods | 4.8%
- Cash Securities/UST | 3.3%
- Transportation | 2.8%
- Basic | 2.1%
- Muni | 0.2%
- Other Industrials | 0.2%

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





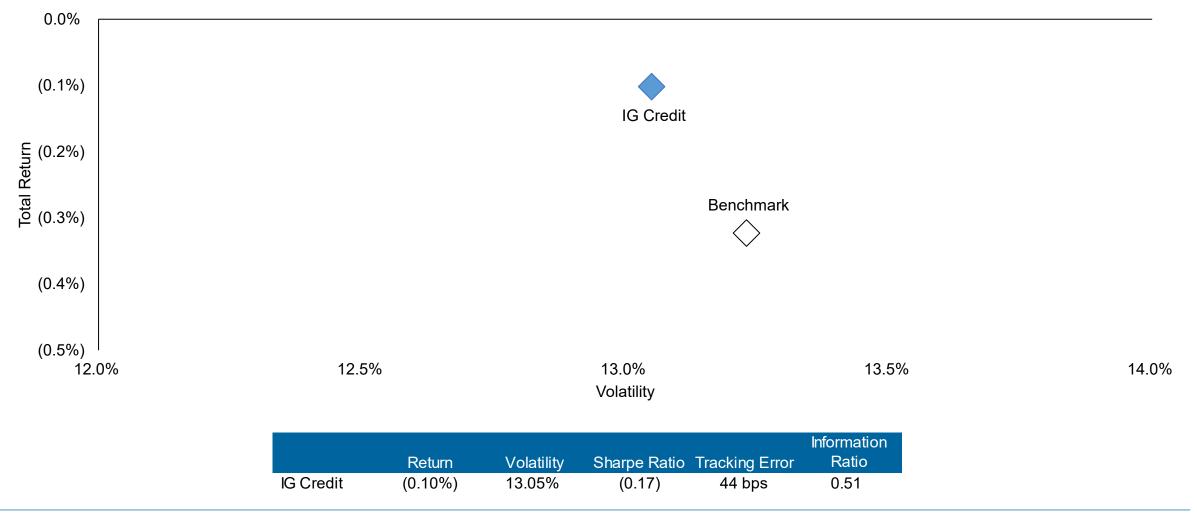
## **Key Metrics**



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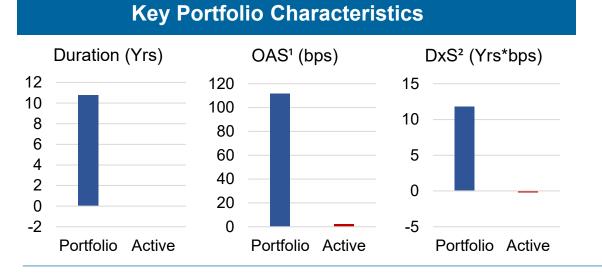




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# IG Credit Segment Risk Summary

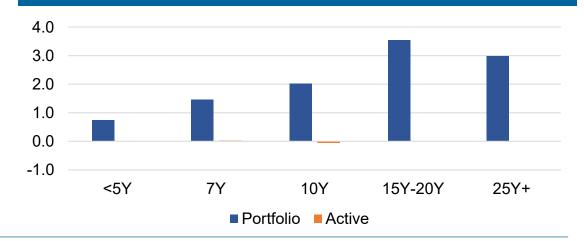
Segment Risk Statistics (Forecasted)				
Forecasted Volatility	9.8%			
Benchmark Volatility	9.8%			
Tracking Error	0.28%			



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

	Portfolio Risk Contribution	% Risk	Active Risk Contribution	% Risk
Total Segment Risk	9.8%	100.0%	0.28%	100.0%
US Interest Rates	7.4%	74.9%	0.01%	1.8%
US Credit	2.4%	24.9%	0.14%	50.3%
Idiosyncratic	0.0%	0.1%	0.09%	30.6%
Others	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	17.4%

**Key Interest Rate Durations** 

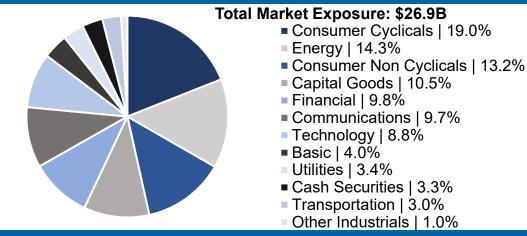


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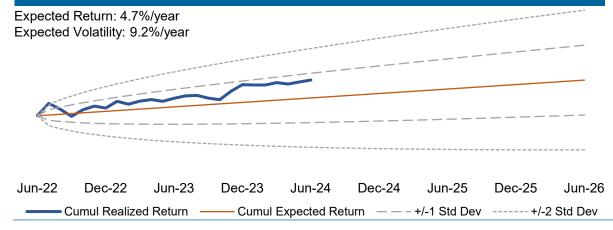


# Performance | HY Segment





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



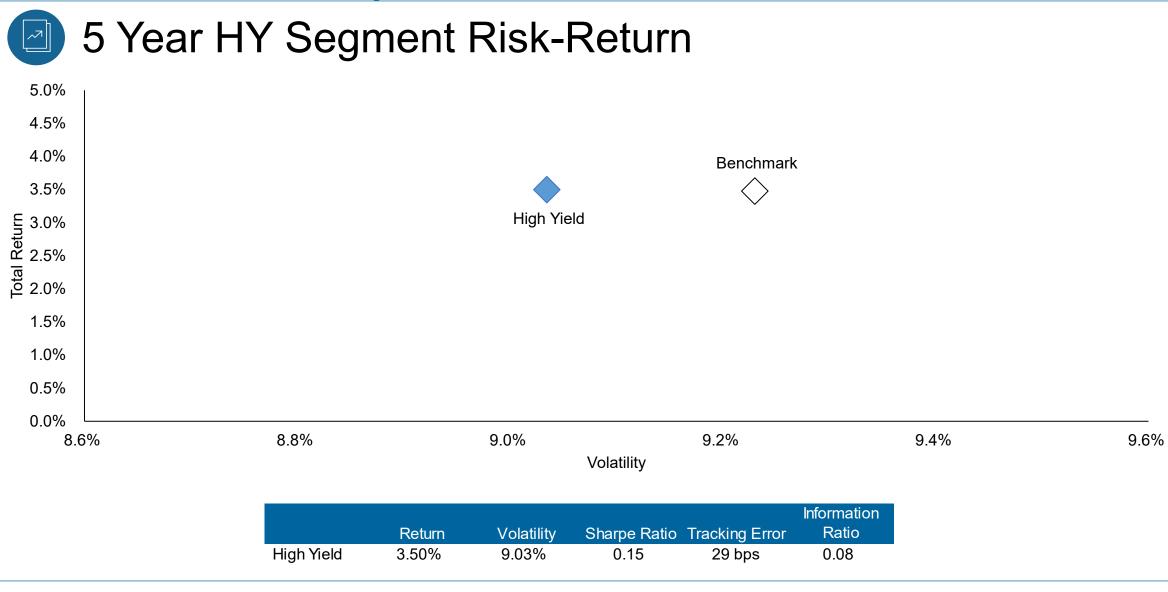


## **Key Metrics**





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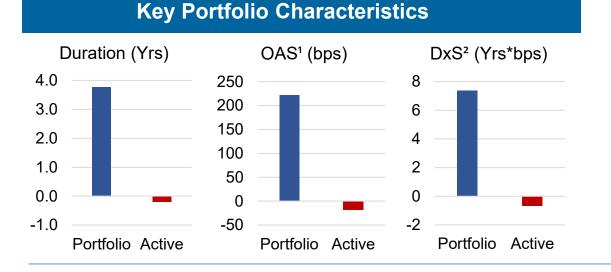


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#### Segment Risk Statistics (Forecasted)

Forecasted Volatility	5.1%
Benchmark Volatility	5.6%
Tracking Error	0.54%

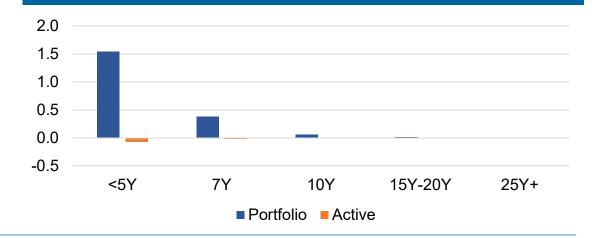


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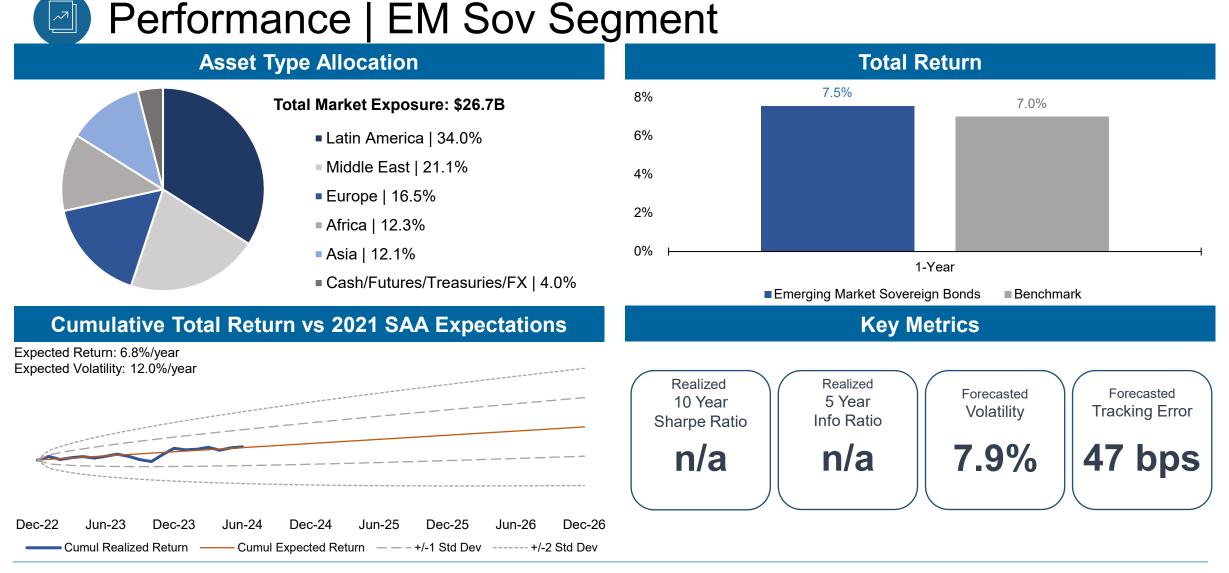
#### **Risk Decomposition (Forecasted)**

	Portfolio Risk Contribution	% Risk	Active Risk Contribution	% Risk
Total Segment Risk	5.1%	100.0%	0.54%	100.0%
US High Yield	4.9%	96.6%	0.54%	99.9%
US Interest Rates	0.1%	1.1%	-0.02%	-4.5%
Idiosyncratic	0.0%	0.7%	0.05%	9.3%
Others	0.1%	1.6%	-0.03%	-4.6%

Key Interest Rate Durations



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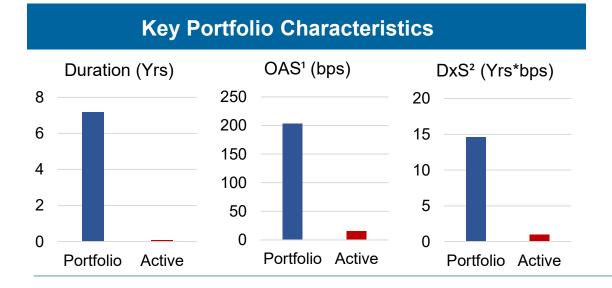


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# EM Sov Segment Risk Summary

#### Segment Risk Statistics (Forecasted)

Forecasted Volatility	7.9%
Benchmark Volatility	7.6%
Tracking Error	0.47%



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

	Portfolio Risk Contribution	% Risk	Active Risk Contribution	% Risk
Total Segment Risk	7.9%	100.0%	0.47%	100.0%
EM Sovereigns	6.1%	77.2%	0.34%	70.9%
US Interest Rates	1.8%	22.6%	-0.01%	-3.0%
Idiosyncratic	0.0%	0.2%	0.14%	30.1%
Others	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.0%

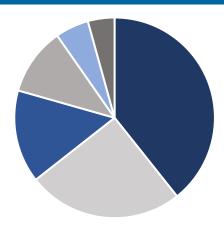
#### Key Interest Rate Durations



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# Performance | CalPERS STIF

#### Asset Type Allocation



#### Total Market Exposure: \$16.8B

- SSgA STIF | 39.3%
- Repo | 25.1%
- Time Deposit | 15.0%
- = CD A1/P1 | 10.9%
- CP A1/P1 | 5.4%
- Foreign Bills | 4.3%



#### CalPERS STIF Benchmark

# Maturity Schedule 120.0% 100.0% 80.0% 60.0% 0.0% 1 7 14 30 60 90 120 100.0% 0.0% 1 7 14 30 60 90 120.0% 14 30 60 90 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 11 120.0% 11 120.0% 11 120.0% 120.0% 120.0% 120.0% 120.0% 120.0% 120.0% 14 150.0% 150.0% 120.0% 120.0% 14 150.0% 14 150.0% 14 14 14 150.0% 150.0%

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## Portfolio Characteristics

Weighted Ave Days to Maturity (2A7)	12.25
Weighted Ave Life (2A7)	24.61
Overnight Liquidity	39.4%
7 Day Liquidity	69.2%
30 Day Liquidity	74.5%
Net Yield	5.45%



# Business Updates and Key Initiatives | Evaluation

### What Worked



- Made an allocation to the Tactical Fixed Income portfolio in Q4 of 2023 which has added ~115 bps of cumulative outperformance resulting in ~\$31 million in active dollar value added since trade inception
- Implemented the Strategic Asset Allocation mid-cycle adjustments that resulted in approximately \$20 billion of allocation changes across the five GFI Segments
- In collaboration with the Liquidity Management Group, re-designed Treasury segment portfolio architecture to increase Total Fund collateral availability, reduce operational risk, enhance transparency, and improve portfolio management efficiency
- Continued the value add efforts by moving 90% of the High Yield Segment from Internally-Managed Passive Mandate to Externally-Managed Active Mandate
- Hired four Investment Managers on the Investment Grade Credit and Structured Products teams

#### Areas for Refinement



- Continue to explore additional value-add products and mandates in all areas of GFI
- Improve Data and Tech Capabilities
- Continue to collaborate with the Liquidity Management Group to optimize reliability and cost of Total Fund leverage implementation across GFI segment portfolios
- Continue to collaborate with the Sustainable Investments team to assess and evaluate investment opportunities to support the CaIPERS Sustainable Investments 2030 goals to provide portfolio resilience and climate-related alpha opportunities





- Conduct due diligence on potential external manager relationships/contracts in the Investment Grade Credit, Mortgage-Backed Securities, and Emerging Markets Sovereign Bonds Segments to improve portfolio allocation options and increase knowledge transfer
- Continue to leverage our existing External Partners to increase alpha potential and knowledge transfer
- Continue ongoing evaluation of opportunistic fixed income allocation options
- Collaborate with other asset class teams in supporting the Capital Markets and Total Fund Technology Modernization
- Collaborate with the Sustainable Investments team to help meet the CalPERS Sustainable Investments
   2030 goals to provide portfolio resilience and climate-related alpha opportunities





# Key Initiatives | Integration of Governance and Sustainability

Sustainable Investment Activities	Description / Status
EM Sov Segment	<ul> <li>Participated, when offered, in benchmark sustainable and ESG bond new issuance provided reasonable valuation (Status: Ongoing).</li> <li>Leveraged our relationship with our EM Sov external managers to learn about their ESG and sustainability portfolio framework (Status: Ongoing).</li> <li>Sourced ESG &amp; World Bank Governance Indicator data at country level to determine active ESG contribution on country and portfolio levels. Developed an in-house country-level ESG scoring system model for benchmark countries (Status: Ongoing).</li> <li>Participated on Credit Roundtable ESG committee, training/conferences that address the topics of EM ESG and sustainability investing (Status: As available)</li> </ul>
IG Credit & HY Segments	<ul> <li>Invested in select new issues of green, sustainability and sustainability-linked bonds (Status: Ongoing)</li> <li>Utilized internal ESG risk screen based on rating agency scores (Status: Ongoing)</li> <li>Collaborated with Corporate Governance on engagements in the energy sector (Status: As applicable)</li> <li>Distributed ESG questionnaire to external high yield managers for review (Status: Ongoing)</li> <li>Worked with Sustainable Investments to evaluate several 3rd party ESG analytics services (Status: Ongoing)</li> </ul>
MBS Segment	<ul> <li>Continued collaboration with Sustainable Investments team to highlight developments, trends and opportunities in environmental, social and governance related investment themes across securitized sectors (Status: Ongoing)</li> </ul>

