BOARD OF UNIVERSITY AND SCHOOL LANDS DECEMBER 12, 2024 8:30 AM



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Meeting Coordinators: Catelin Newell - Dir. Admin Services & IT, Kate Schirado - Exec. Assistant

### = Board Action Requested

#### 1. Call to Order – Chairman Burgum

A. Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

B. Consideration of Approval of Land Board Meeting Minutes by voice vote. October 31, 2024 – minutes available via link

#### 2. **Operations – Joseph Heringer**

A. <u>Fiscal Audit presented by Eide Bailly</u> – Jared Mack and Skye Hertel - full audit report available via link

- B. Commissioner's Report pg. 2
- C. Financial Dashboard pg. 3
- D. Department Information Sheets pg. 12

#### 3. **Division Reports – Joseph Heringer**

- A. Surface pg. 15
  - 1. Surface Auction Summary
  - 2. Right of Way Process
- B. Minerals pg. 24
- C. Unclaimed Property pg. 26

#### 4. Investments – Frank Mihail, CIO

- A. Investment Update pg. 28
- B. Investments Information Sheet pg. 33
- > C. Blackstone Infrastructure presented by Catherine Campbell & Sean Klimczak pg. 35
  - D. Q3 2024 Performance Report presented by RVK pg. 77
  - E. International Exposures presented by RVK pg. 105
- 5. Litigation Joseph Heringer pg. 112
- 6. Governor Burgum Resolution Joseph Heringer pg. 115

#### Next Meeting Date – January 23, 2025



### RE: Commissioner's Report

(No Action Requested)

- <u>Royalty Deductions</u> the Continental Resources litigation (initiated in December 2017) has been settled; court filings to close the case will be finalized within the next few weeks
- <u>Summit Carbon Solutions</u> three trust lands parcels totaling 480 acres will be in the application coming before the Industrial Commission; consistent with precedent, pore space easements will not be signed until the project is approved, but agreement in principle with Summit has been reached
- Incentive Comp Study consultant, CBIZ, was retained through a competitive procurement process; the Commissioner and the Leadership Team have had several meetings with CBIZ and they have already interviewed each team member; goal is to have their report ready for the January board meeting
- <u>State Investment Board Investment Committee</u> attended November 8, 2024, meeting as a voting member
- <u>Lignite Research Council</u> attended November 13, 2024, grant round meeting as a voting member where three proposals were recommended for approval to the Industrial Commission
- <u>State Investment Board</u> attended November 22, 2024, full State Investment Board meeting as a voting member
- <u>Governor's Budget Address</u> attended December 4, 2024, event where Governor Burgum presented his executive budget
- <u>Legislative Session</u> our sole agency bill which clarifies Land Board rulemaking authority was submitted to legislative council by the December 5, 2024, deadline

### Human Resources

- Hosted all staff annual policies training session on November 6, 2024
- Our Investment Operations Officer accepted a job in the private sector so that position has been posted and we are accepting applications
- Our Unclaimed Property Claims processor accepted a job at another state agency. That position has been filled with the new employee starting December 16, 2024

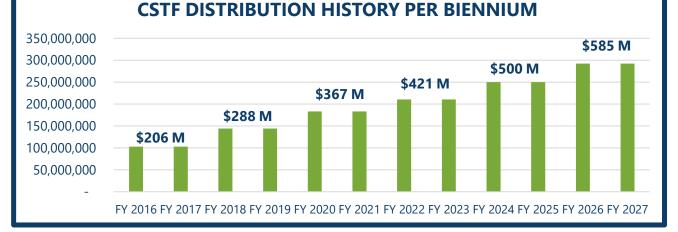
# COMMON SCHOOLS TRUST FUND (CSTF) OVERVIEW



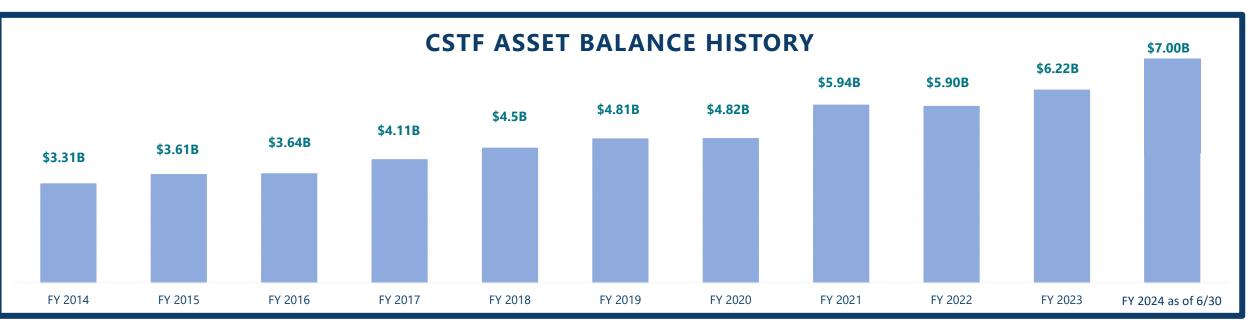
### CSTF ASSET BALANCE as of 6/30/2024 (audited)

## <u>\$6,997,084,865</u>

## +\$781 million year-over-year from 6/30/23 balance of \$6.22 billion



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# COMMON SCHOOLS TRUST FUND 2023-25 (CSTF) DISTRIBUTIONS

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Monthly Distribution to the State Tuition Fund for the 2023-25 Biennium \$27,770,000 Multiplied by 9 months per year =\$250,000,000 Divided by 115,740 students = \$2,160/student per year

North Dakota Cost to Educate Per Student 75.7% State Funding Share \$2,160 CSTF per Student Annual Distribution

\$13,778/year =\$10,430 =**21% of state funding share** 



# COMMON SCHOOLS TRUST FUND 2025-27 (CSTF) DISTRIBUTIONS



Monthly Distribution to the State Tuition Fund for the 2025-27 Biennium \$32,500,000 Multiplied by 9 months per year =\$292,500,000 Divided by 116,598 students = \$2,508/student per year

North Dakota Cost to Educate Per Student 75.7% State Funding Share \$2,508 CSTF per Student Annual Distribution \$13,778/year =\$10,430 =**24% of state funding share** 



COMMON SCHOOLS TRUST FUND 2023-25 (CSTF) DISTRIBUTIONS



# **Current Biennium Distributions to the State Tuition Fund through 11/30/2024**

\$333.31 million of \$500 million total

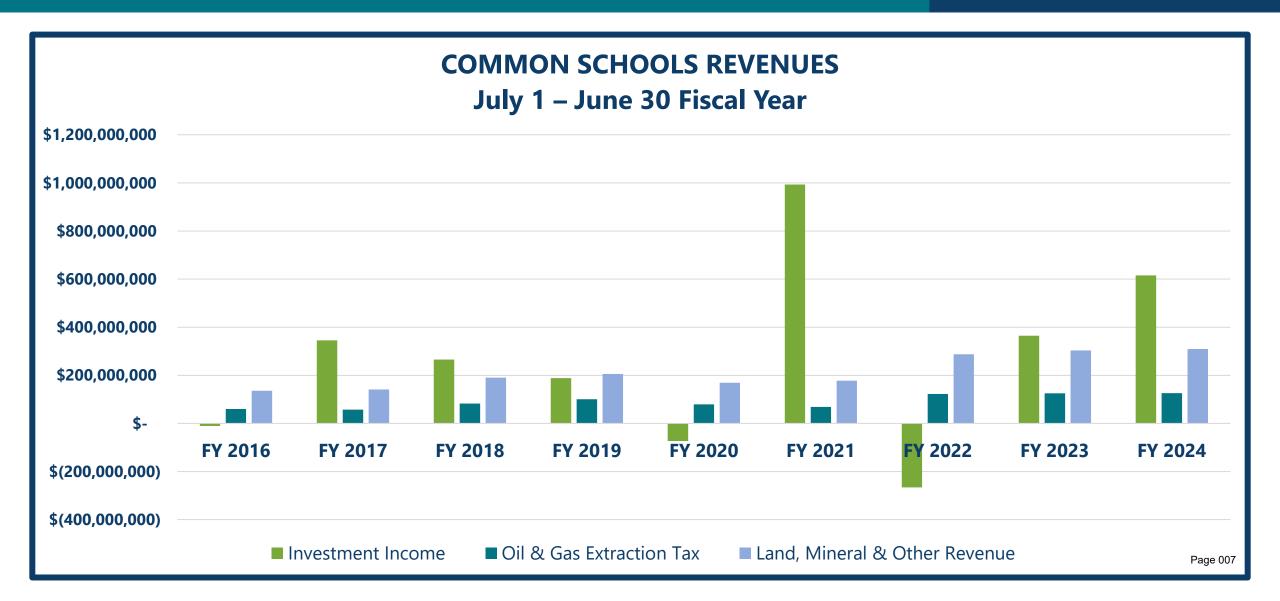
# **CSTF Distributions Since FY 2014**

# **\$2 BILLION OF PROPERTY TAX RELIEF!**



## COMMON SCHOOLS TRUST FUND (CSTF) OVERVIEW





# STRATEGIC INVESTMENT & IMPROVEMENT FUND (SIIF) OVERVIEW

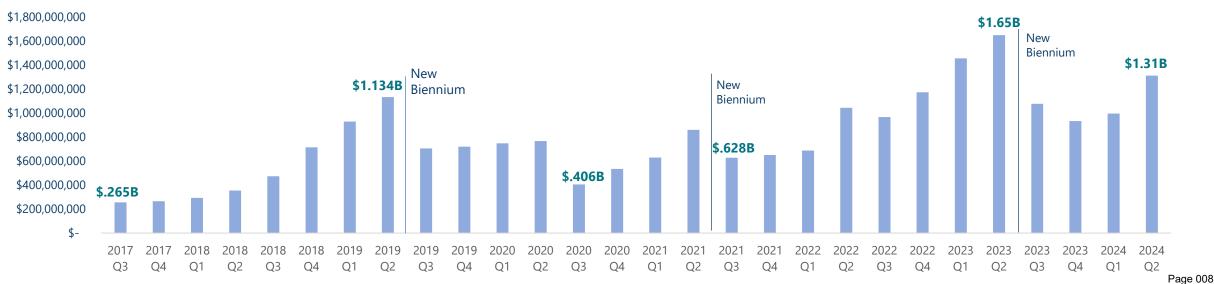


## SIIF BALANCE as of 5/31/2024 (unaudited)

- Total Balance \$1,203,950,371
- Uncommitted Balance \$809,492,447

## SIIF BALANCE as of 6/30/2024 (audited)

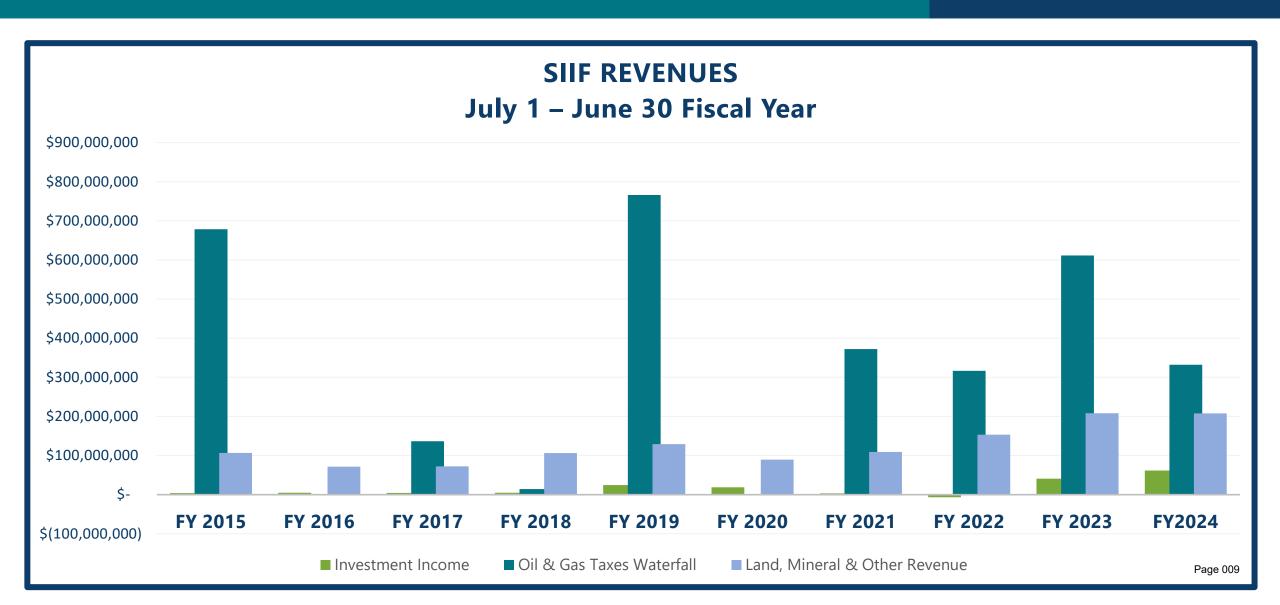
- Total Balance \$1,313,278,883
- Uncommitted Balance <u>\$944,505,315</u>



### **SIIF QUARTERLY BALANCE HISTORY (UNAUDITED)**

# STRATEGIC INVESTMENT & IMPROVEMENT FUND (SIIF) HIGHLIGHTS

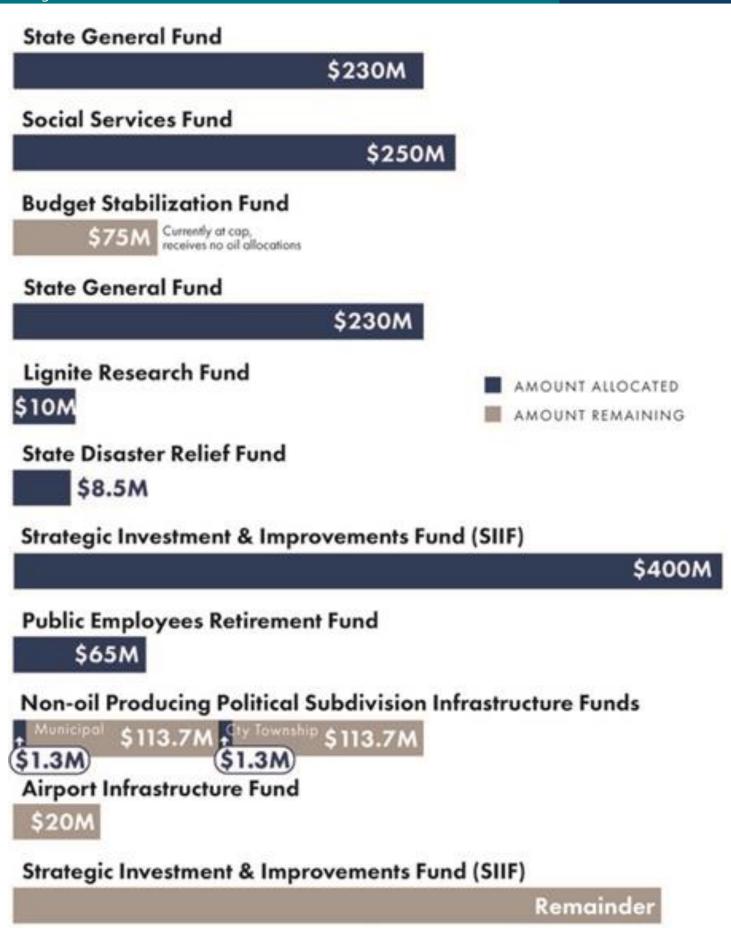




### Allocation of State Share of Oil & Gas Taxes

Based on allocations through October 31, 2024 and 2023 legislative forecast





# ESTIMATED TOTAL NET ASSETS as of 03/31/2024



Mineral Tracker Valuation as of October 31, 2024, on 2.6 million Mineral Acres \$2,461,271,622



**Estimated Total Net Assets\*** 

as of June 30, 2024





\* Total excluding SIIF

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### DEPARTMENT OF TRUST LANDS

The Department of Trust Lands (Department) is a special fund agency not reliant upon the general fund for its operations. Under the guidance of the Board of University & School Lands (Board) the Department oversees 13 permanent trusts: Common Schools, North Dakota State University, School for the Blind, School for the Deaf, State Hospital, Ellendale State College\*, Valley City State University, Mayville State University, Youth Correctional Center, State College of Science, School of Mines (UND), Veterans Home, University of North Dakota.

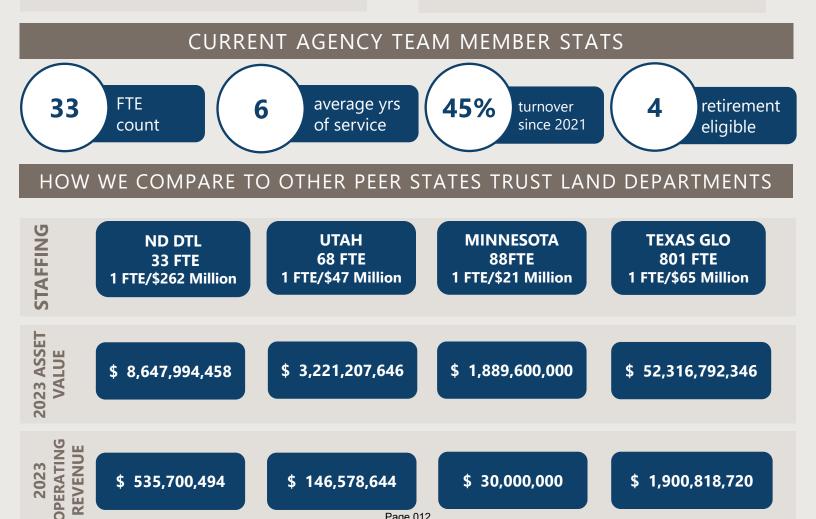
\* Dickinson State University, Minot State University, Dakota College at Bottineau, Veterans Home, School for the Blind, State Hospital, and the State College of Science are current beneficiaries of this trust.

In addition, Department oversees the management of the following funds: Indian Cultural Education Trust, Capitol Building Fund, Strategic Investment and Improvements Fund (SIIF), Coal Development Trust Fund, Theodore Roosevelt **Presidential Library Fund.** 

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

WE MANAGE 2.6 MILLION MINERAL ACRES WITH INTEREST IN MORE THAN 9,700 OF ND'S APPROXIMATELY 19.000 PRODUCING WELLS WITH MORE THAN 8,600 LEASES.

WE MANAGE MORE THAN 700,000 **SURFACE ACRES IN 50 OF NORTH** DAKOTA'S 53 COUNTIES WITH APPROX. 4,400 LEASES.



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### DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

### \$2 BILLION IN ROYALTY REVENUE DEPOSITED INTO DTL TRUSTS AND FUNDS

\$80,000,000.00 \$60,000,000.00 \$40,000,000.00 \$20,000,000.00 ¢



### COMMON SCHOOLS TRUST FUND (CSTF) FUNDING OF K-12 EDUCATION

**\$2,501** CSTF funding per K-12 student The CSTF distributions to the State Tuition Fund total \$2.2 billion over a 10-year span (2018-2027); helping to alleviate the financial responsibility of the General Fund and North Dakota property tax payers.

The 2025-2027 Biennium alone will see an 17% increase in distributions totaling nearly \$585 million translating to approximately \$2,501 in funding per K-12 student. This translates to the Department covering nearly 25% of the State's financial responsibility per student.

CSTF MAIN SOURCES OF REVENUE: 10% OF OIL EXTRACTION TAX, 9,700 BAKKEN WELL ROYALTIES, OIL & GAS LEASE BONUS PAYMENTS, INVESTMENT INCOME, SURFACE RIGHTS OF WAY, SURFACE RENTAL INCOME, AGGREGATE.

\$7 BILLION VALUE AS OF FISCAL YEAR 2025

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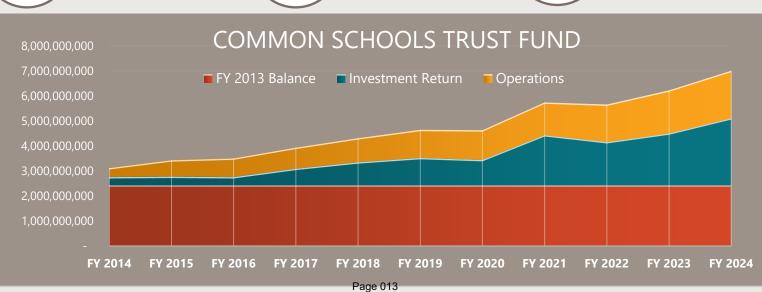
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\$585 MILLION TO BE DISTRIBUTED IN 2025-27 BIENNIUM



17% INCREASE IN DISTRIBUTION OVER LAST BIENNIUM



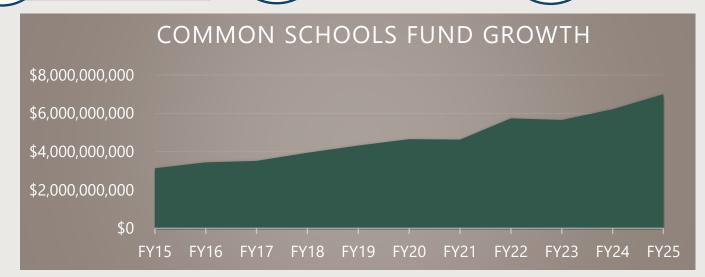


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\$2.2 BILLION IN K-12 DISTRIBUTIONS FROM 2018 - 2027 DIRECTLY OFFSETTING THE LEVEL OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY REQUIRED OF THE GENERAL FUND AND PROPERTY TAXES.

### DEPARTMENT OF TRUST LANDS REVENUE STREAMS CONTRIBUTING TO CSTF

### **MINERALS**

- 10% OF THE OIL EXTRACTION TAX
- MINERAL LEASE BONUSES
- ROYALTY REVENUE

#### SURFACE

- **RIGHTS OF WAY INCOME**
- SURFACE RENTAL INCOME
- AGGREGATE LEASING

### COMMON SCHOOLS TRUST FUND DISTRIBUTION CALCULATION

10% OF FIVE-YEAR AVERAGE VALUE OF TRUST INVESTMENTS (N.D. CONST ART. 9, SEC. 2) 3.17% NET AVERAGE ANNUAL DISTRIBUTION OVER PAST 10 YEARS PERCENTAGE OF ROLLING AVERAGE VALUE FORMULA SMOOTHS DISTRIBUTIONS FOR LONG-TERM GROWTH

\* LOWER FUND VALUES IN THE EARLY YEARS OF THE FORMULA PERIOD RESULTS IN A NET ANNUAL DISTRIBUTION OF LESS THAN 5% Page 014

## SURFACE DIVISION ENCUMBRANCES ISSUED



Encumbrances issued by the Commissioner 33 Right of Way Agreements in October and November generating a total of \$683,194 in income for the Trusts.

Photo: Theodore Roosevelt National Park South Unit

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# SURFACE DIVISION FALL SURFACE LEASE AUCTION SUMMARY



Fall surface lease auctions were held in 34 North Dakota counties in October.

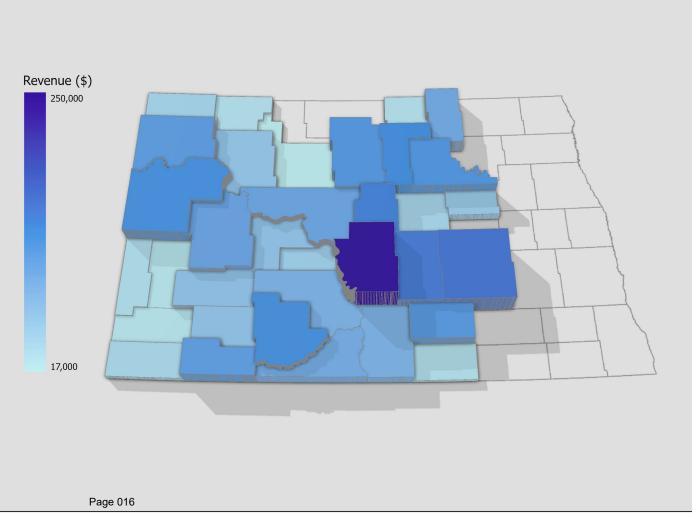
A total of **\$2,900,306** was generated in auction payments.

### **Auction Highlights:**

Highest \$/acre for pasture: \$104/acre in Logan Co.

Highest \$/acre for cropland: \$134/acre in Towner Co.

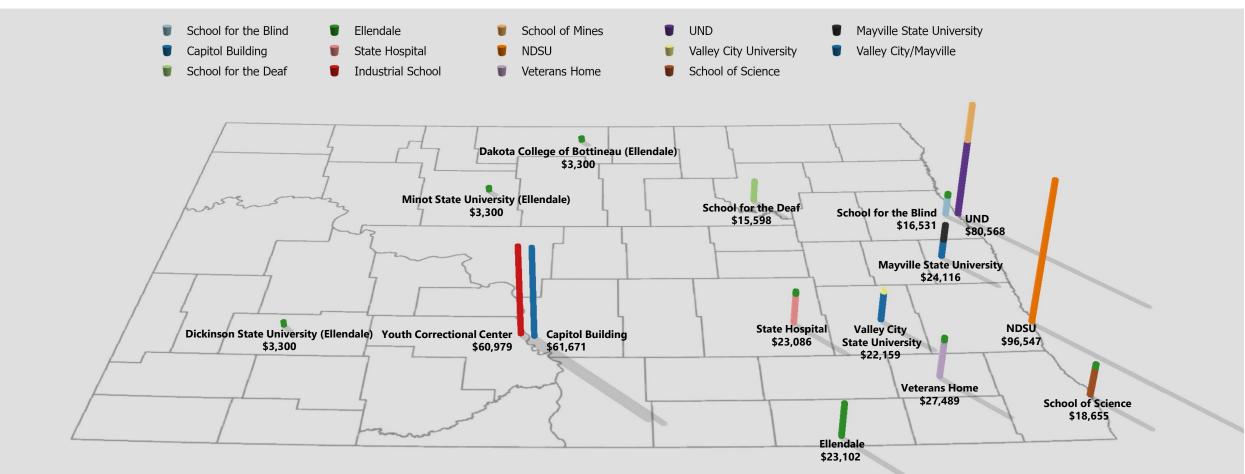
County with most competition: 45% in Pierce Co.



## SURFACE DIVISION FALL SURFACE LEASE AUCTION SUMMARY



Revenue from 2024 Surface Auctions by Trust (excluding Common Schools Trust)



## SURFACE DIVISION FALL SURFACE LEASE AUCTION SUMMARY



The auction season ended with a 94% lease rate. All payments from the fall auctions have cleared with no outstanding issues.

A detailed summary of all auction results as well as unleased tracts available for leasing through the Department is available on the Department's <u>website</u>.

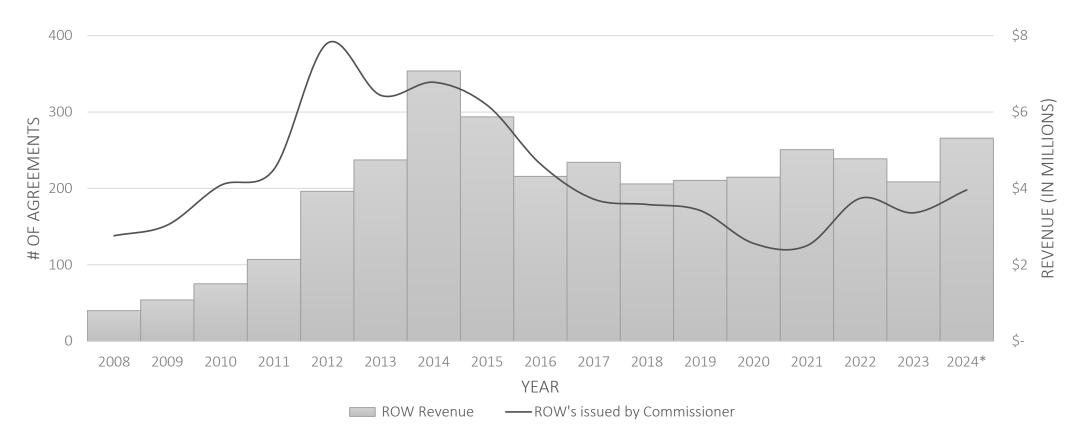
The following table is a snapshot comparing our recent auction season with the previous corresponding auction years.

	2014	2019	2024
Number of Counties	34	34	34
Total Tracts Offered	1136	1146	1137
Number of Tracts left unleased	92 (8%)	78 (7%)	73 (6%)
Number of Tracts bid-up	160 (15%)	146 (14%)	153 (14%)
Total amount of minimum advertised bids	\$1,819,600	\$2,418,748	\$2,535,425
Total amount received	\$2,193,064	\$2,546,925	\$2,900,306
Total amount collected over minimum bid	\$373,464 Page 018	\$128,177	\$364,881



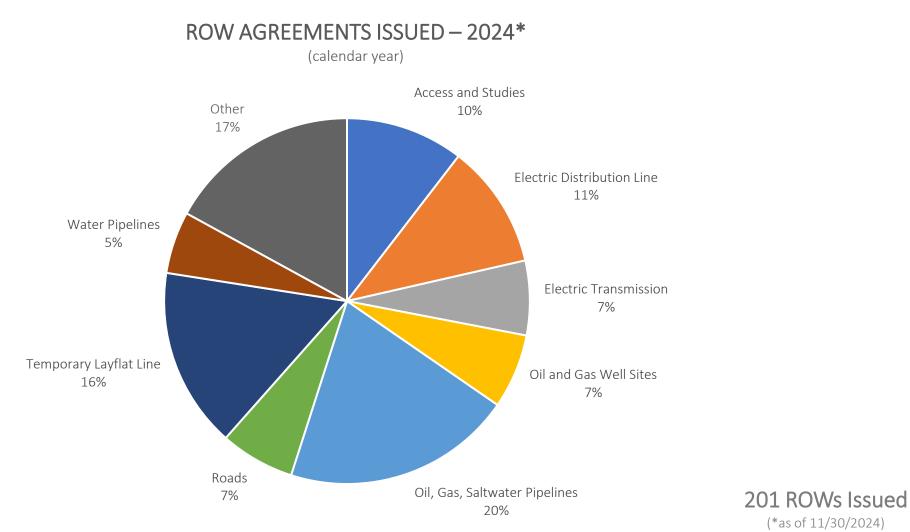
### **RIGHT OF WAY AGREEMENTS**





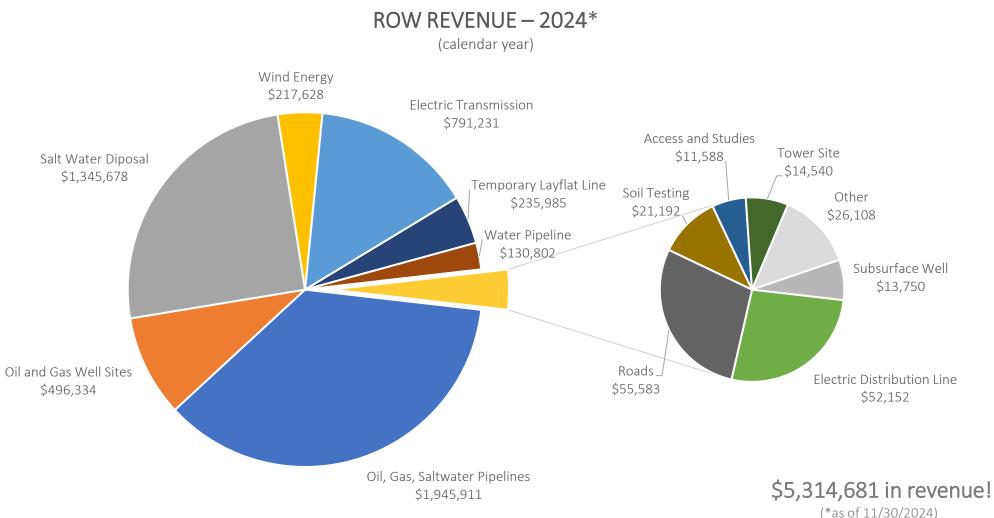


(\*as of 11/30/2024)



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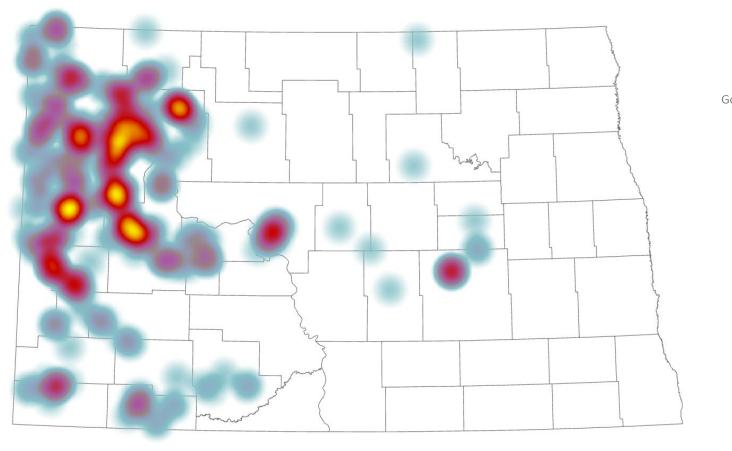


\* Figures are approximate

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LOCATION OF ROWS ISSUED - 2024

(excluding Study Permits)



McKenzie Williams Mountrail Dunn Golden Valley Divide Billings McLean Mercer Adams Bowman Stutsman Burke Grant Stark Slope Sheridan Hettinger Foster Ward Towner Kidder					
Benson	0	20	40	60	80
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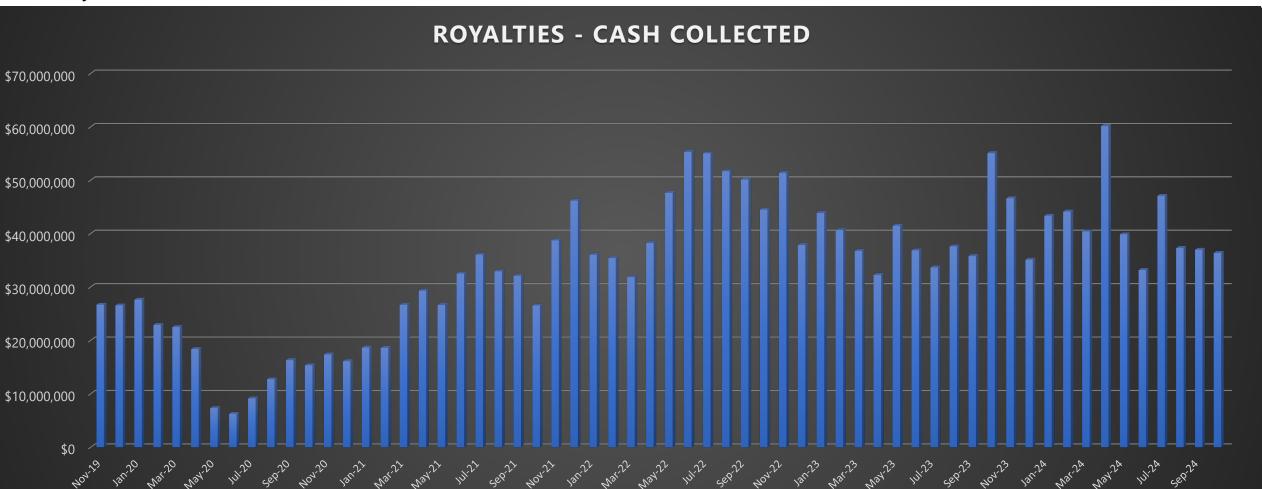


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# MINERALS DIVISION FISCAL YTD O/G ROYALTIES



As of October 31, 2024\*, for fiscal year 2024-25 the Department has received **\$157,746,109** in royalties as compared to **\$162,153,644** last fiscal year at this time.

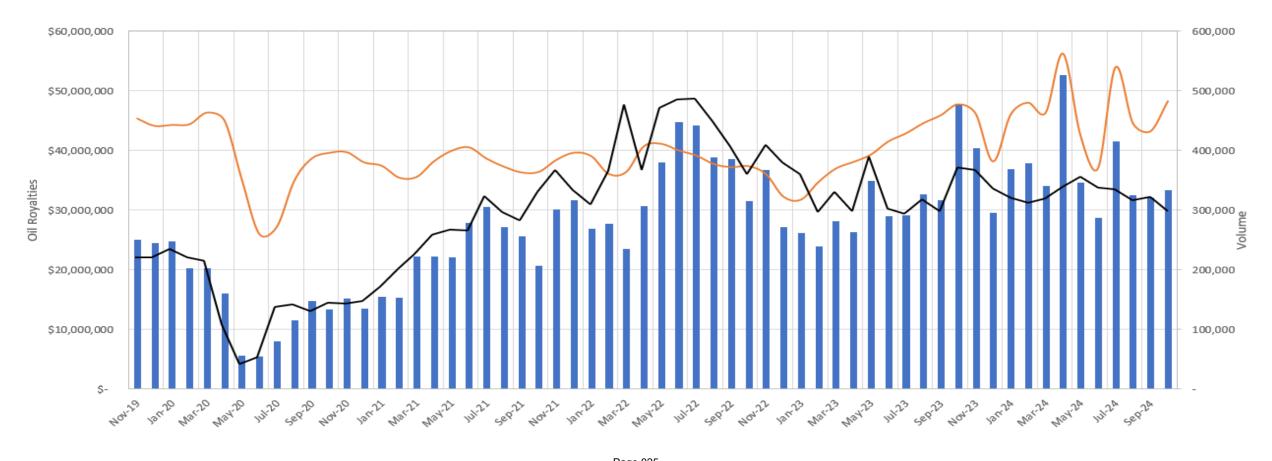


\*October royalty revenue is from August gas production and September oil production.

# PRICE MAIN DRIVER OF O/G ROYALTIES

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In the early years production growth was the driver of the Department's royalty increases. Now that our net monthly production has been more stable, averaging 458,069 barrels per month over the past twelve months, the price of oil & gas is the main driver of monthly royalty variations.



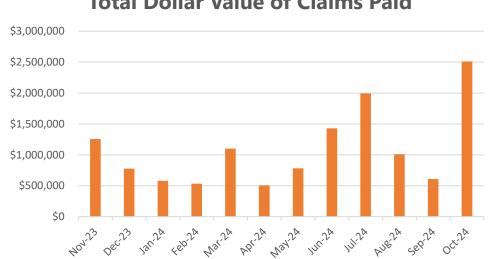
Page 025 Oil Royalties ----- Volume ----- Price

# **UNCLAIMED PROPERTY DIVISION**

https://unclaimedproperty.nd.gov



For the month of October 2024, the Division paid 1263 claims with \$2,512,008 returned to rightful owners. The Division also received 2283 holder reports with a dollar value of \$19,904,026.



## **Total Dollar Value of Claims Paid**



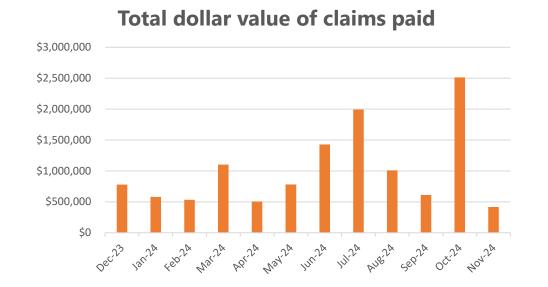
### **Total Value of Property Reported**

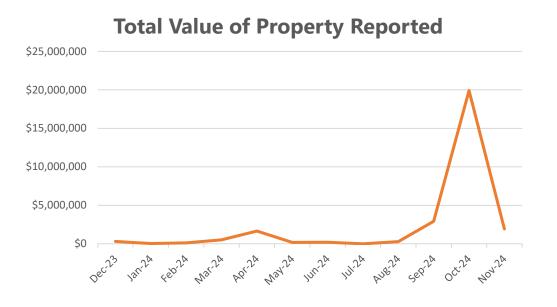
# UNCLAIMED PROPERTY DIVISION

## https://unclaimedproperty.nd.gov



For the month of November 2024, the Division paid 585 claims with \$417,763 returned to rightful owners. The Division also received 354 holder reports with a dollar value of \$1,930,134.

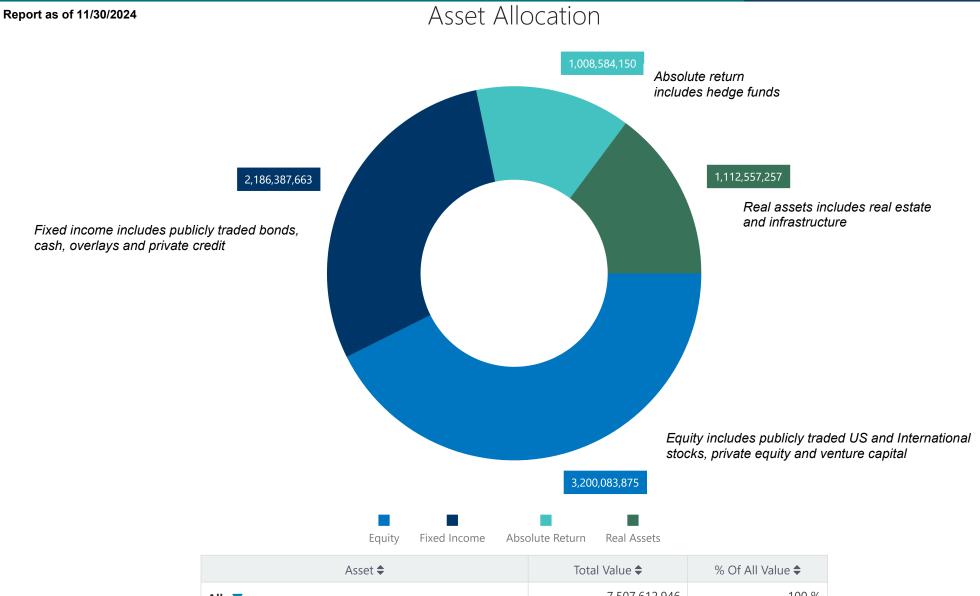




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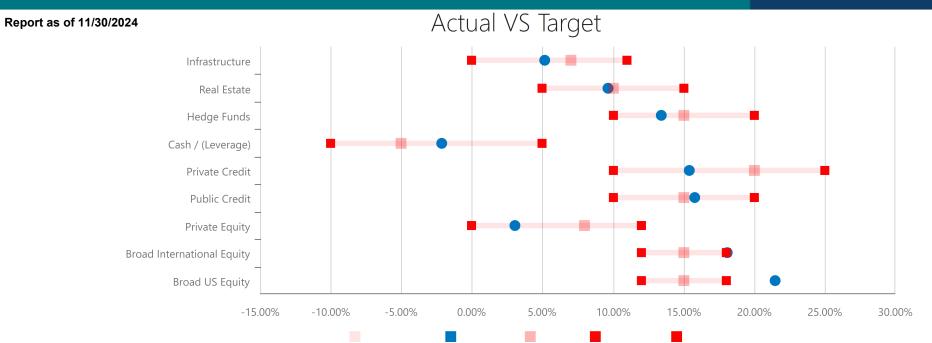




All 🔻	7,507,612,946	100 %
Equity 🕨	3,200,083,875	43 %
Fixed Income	2,186,387,663	29 %
Absolute Return 🕨	1,008,584,150	13 %
Real Assets Page 02	28 1,112,557,257	15 %

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Target Range	Portfolio Allocation	Target	Lower Range	Upper Range	

Asset 🗢	Total Value 🗢	% Of All Value 🖨	Target Weight 🖨	Over/Under % <b>\$</b>	Over/Under \$ 🖨
All (MTD) 🔻	7,507,612,946	100%	100%	0%	
Equity 🔻	3,200,083,875	42.62%	38%	4.62%	347,190,956
Private Equity 🕨	228,081,532	3.04%	8%	-4.96%	-372,527,504
Broad International Equity 🕨	1,359,327,617	18.11%	15%	3.11%	233,185,675
Broad US Equity	1,612,674,726	21.48%	15%	6.48%	486,532,784
Fixed Income 🔻	2,186,387,663	29.12%	30%	-0.88%	-65,896,221
Cash / (Leverage) 🕨	-157,281,853	-2.09%	-5%	2.91%	218,098,794
Private Credit 🕨	1,157,322,056	15.42%	20%	-4.58%	-344,200,533
Public Credit 🕨	1,186,347,460	15.8%	15%	0.8%	60,205,518
Absolute Return 🔻	1,008,584,150	13.43%	15%	-1.57%	-117,557,792
Hedge Funds 🕨	1,008,584,150	13.43%	15%	-1.57%	-117,557,792
Real Assets 🔻	1,112,557,257	14.82%	17%	-2.18%	-163,736,943
Infrastructure	389,438,067	5.19%	7%	-1.81%	-136,094,839
Real Estate 🕨	723,119,191	9.63%	10%	-0.37%	-27,642,104

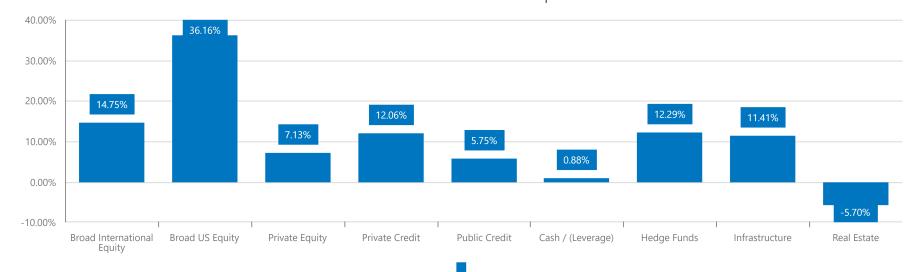
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#### Report as of 11/30/2024

### Flash Performance Report

Unaudited preliminary estimates



#### 1Y : Net Of Fee Txs : Cumulative Return

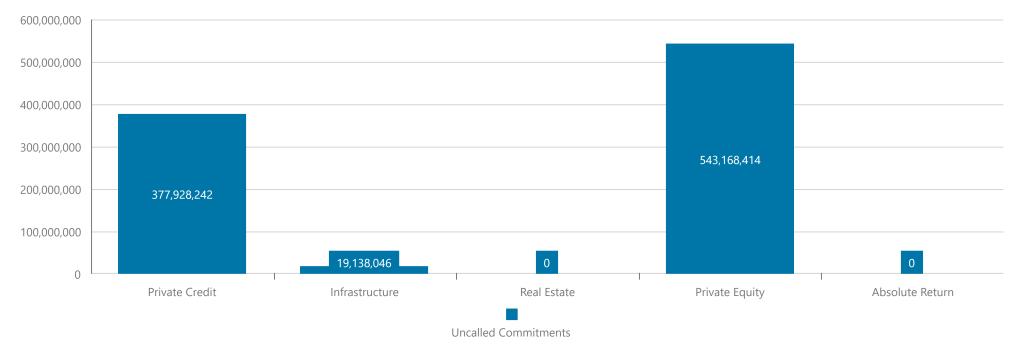
	MTD	QTD	YTD	FYTD	1Y
			Net of Fees Txs		
Asset 🗢	Cumulative Return 🖨				
Total Portfolio 🔻	2.03%	0.86%	10.99%	4.65%	13.56%
Equity 🔻	3.54%	1.34%	18.52%	7.45%	24.41%
Broad International Equity 🕨	-0.64%	-5.01%	9.58%	1.27%	14.75%
Broad US Equity	7.72%	7.4%	29.18%	13.91%	36.16%
Private Equity 🕨	0%	0%	3.89%	1.95%	7.13%
Fixed Income 🔻	0.66%	-0.46%	6.36%	2.81%	8.77%
Private Credit 🕨	0%	0.45%	10.07%	3.82%	12.06%
Public Credit 🕨	1.05%	-1.25%	3.04%	1.81%	5.75%
Cash / (Leverage) 🕨	-1.23%	0.49%	0.88%	0.88%	0.88%
Absolute Return 🔻	2.71%	3.52%	11.53%	4.68%	12.29%
Hedge Funds 🕨	2.71%	3.52%	11.53%	4.68%	12.29%
Real Assets 🔻	0%	-0.06%	1.75%	0.86%	-0.72%
Infrastructure 🕨	0%	-0.16%	7.79%	2.41%	11.41%
Real Estate 🕨	0%	0%	-0.99%	0.08%	-5.7%

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#### Report as of 11/30/2024

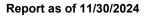
### Uncalled Commitments



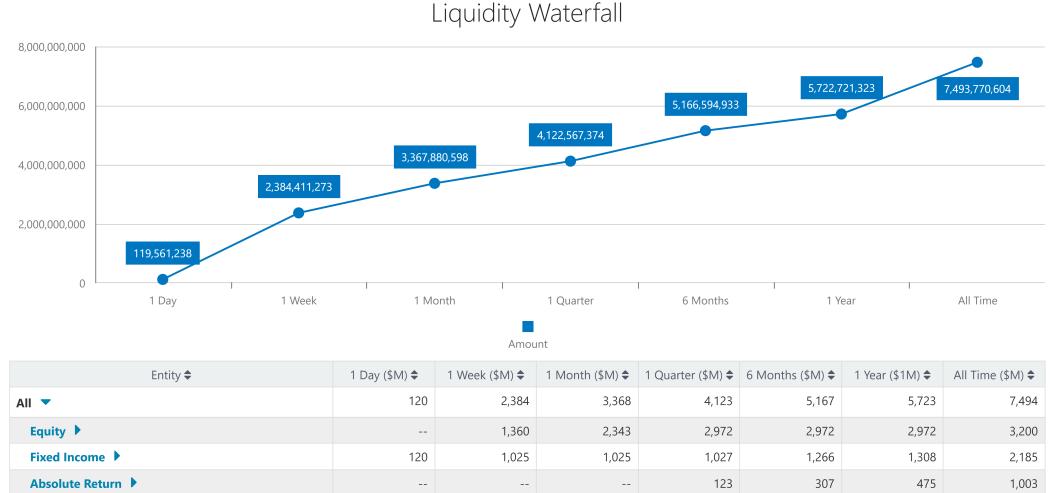
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Asset 🗢	Commitment (\$M) <b>\$</b>	Funded Commitment (\$M) 🖨	Uncalled Commitments (\$M) 🖨
All (MTD) 🔻	3,859	2,918	940
Ares 🕨	300	100	200
GCM Grosvenor 🕨	580	159	421
Hamilton Lane 🕨	50	31	19
Khosla Ventures 🕨	35	14	21
Monarch 🕨	120	73	47
Blue Owl 🕨	125	70	55
a16z 🕨	35	3	32
Industry Ventures 🕨	50	2	48
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Real Assets 🕨



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Measures how long it would take to liquidate the entire portfolio

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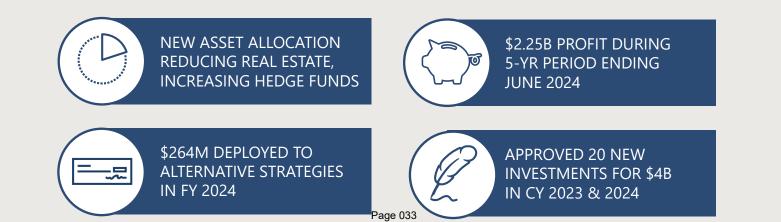
### ND LAND BOARD INVESTMENT PROGRAM

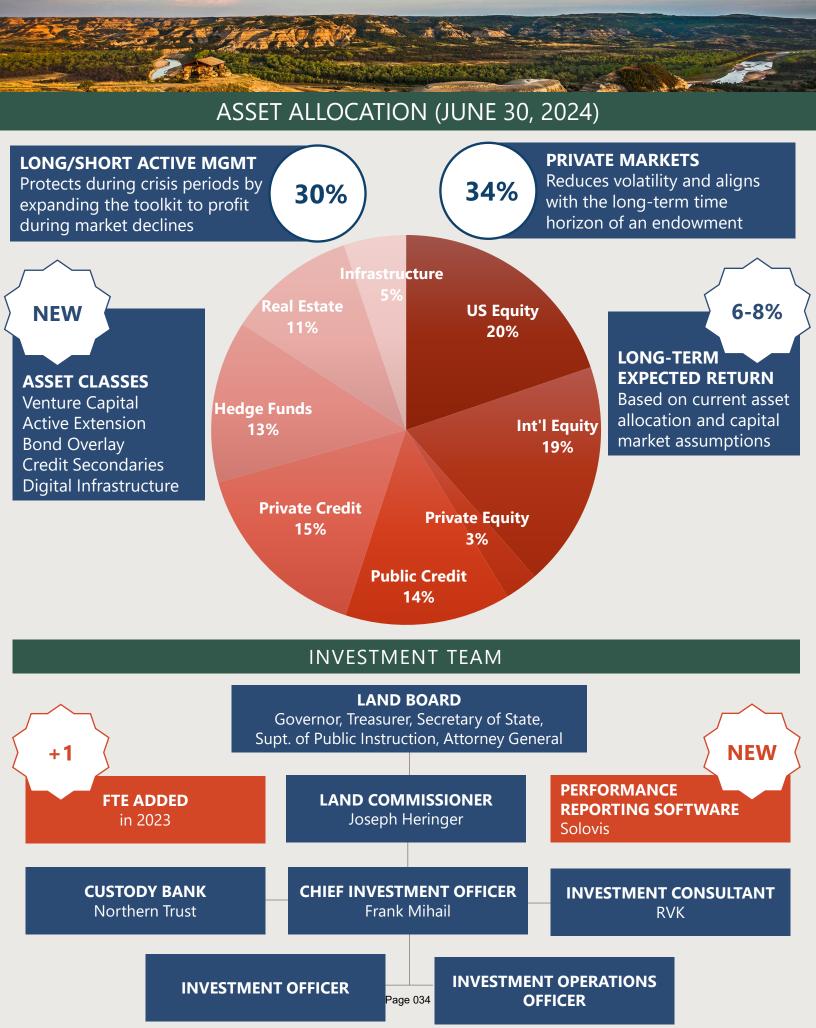


### PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS



### **BOARD ACCOMPLISHMENTS**







#### MEMORANDUM TO THE BOARD OF UNIVERSITY AND SCHOOL LANDS

December 12, 2024

#### **RE: Private Infrastructure**

The current 5.3% infrastructure allocation represents a \$130M underweight to the 7% long term strategic asset allocation target. The goal of this proposal is to increase the infrastructure commitment, consistent with strategic asset allocation targets.

Staff recommends increasing core-plus infrastructure exposure with an emphasis on digital infrastructure. There are four risk segments of the infrastructure investing landscape, categorized as follows: (1) core, (2) core-plus, (3) value-add and (4) opportunistic. Core refers to lower risk, stabilized assets where most of the return is derived from bond-like income generation. Opportunistic refers to higher risk, capex intensive assets where most of the return is derived from equity-like growth. The Land Board infrastructure portfolio is primarily comprised of core and core-plus assets.

Infrastructure asset managers invest across the following sectors: (1) Transportation includes railroads, toll roads, ports, and airports. Transportation assets can exhibit higher volatility as they are sensitive to GDP. (2) Utilities include electric & gas utilities and water & waste companies. Regulated utilities can provide long-term, stable cash flows from assets which hold monopolistic market positions. (3) Energy & Power includes midstream oil & gas, solar and wind farms. Contracted power companies deliver reliable cash flows through long-term fixed-price contracts. (4) Digital infrastructure includes data centers, cell towers and fiber networks. The Land Board portfolio is diversified across all major sectors with a majority of exposure to utilities, energy & power.

Staff and RVK recommend a commitment to Blackstone Infrastructure Partners (BIP). Founded in 1985 and headquartered in New York, Blackstone manages \$1.1T and 70+ strategies in real estate, private equity, credit and multi-asset. Blackstone employes over 4,700 employees across 29 global offices. The infrastructure team has 83 members in New York and London.

BIP manages \$53B in infrastructure asset with 16 portfolio companies. The fund targets geographic allocations of at least 70% North American exposure and no more than 30% Europe / Asia. Current sector exposures include 27% transportation, 34% utilities, energy & power and 38% digital infrastructure. Data centers are the largest subsector, representing approximately 30% of the portfolio.

## Recommendation: The Board approve a \$120M commitment to Blackstone Infrastructure Partners, subject to standard legal review/documentation.

Attachment 1: RVK Memorandum Attachment 2: Blackstone Presentation

Action Record	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Absent
Secretary Howe					
Superintendent Baesler					
Treasurer Beadle					
Attorney General Wrigley					
Governor Burgum					



#### Memorandum

То	North Dakota Board of University and School Lands
From	RVK, Inc. ("RVK") Investment Manager Research
Subject	Blackstone Infrastructure Partners – Recommendation
Date	December 12, 2024

The following is a review of the investment opportunity offered by Blackstone Inc. ("Blackstone" or "the Firm"). The Blackstone Infrastructure Partners ("BIP" or "the Fund") is an open-ended commingled fund investing in infrastructure assets across the energy infrastructure, transportation, and digital infrastructure sectors with a primary focus in North America. The Fund began investing in 2019, making it a relatively newer core/core+ infrastructure fund positioning itself as a strategic that invests not only in more traditional assets but also newer digital infrastructure and energy transition assets. The Fund's net assets have grown to more than \$31 billion, making it one of the largest and most dominant investors in private infrastructure.

BIP's size allows Blackstone to invest at scale to acquire large market leading assets while providing operational expertise utilizing their large network of industry professionals and network of outside advisors. The Fund invests in infrastructure assets across a broad range of sectors including transportation (ports, airports, and toll roads), utilities, energy transmission & distribution, energy transition (renewables and LNG) and digital infrastructure (data centers, cell towers, and fiber). With respect to geography, the Fund focuses on investing in assets located primarily in North America with diversifying exposure to European investments, which currently comprise around 21% of the Fund's assets. The strategy expects to hold assets indefinitely but will exit assets on an opportunistic basis if the returns from sale substantially exceed the Fund's expected returns from holding the asset.

The following is a review based on RVK's diligence, which included: thorough review of the offering and legal documents; analysis of the historical track record; qualitative assessment of the senior investment personnel and their strategy; a review of the market environment and relevant competitors; and multiple conference calls & in-person meetings including an on-site visit to the Firm's New York office.

#### **Recommendation Summary**

RVK believes BIP represents an attractive opportunity with potential benefits that complement the North Dakota Board of University and School Lands current allocation to infrastructure. BIP represents exposure to the growing digital infrastructure sector with a focus on North America, providing differentiated returns from core/core+ infrastructure funds that invest globally and may not allocate to higher growth segments such as digital infrastructure. RVK recommends the North Dakota Board of University and School Lands commit \$120 million to the Blackstone Infrastructure Partners Fund. Approval of this commitment will bring the Plan closer in line with currently established real asset investment policy targets.

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Key considerations of this investment include the Fund's rapid growth becoming one of the largest infrastructure funds since it made its first investments in 2019. Part of this growth includes the Fund's anchor investor which represents just under 50% of the Fund, which includes a potential risk if that investor either decides or needs to redeem or significantly reduce its investment potentially forcing the Fund to look for liquidity at an inopportune time. BIP is one of the largest open-ended core infrastructure funds and primarily focuses on the upper-mid and large end of the infrastructure market. In addition, broader risks to private infrastructure investments include the increased competition creating increases in valuations for infrastructure assets and the potential liquidity constraints exhibited by open-end fund structures as a whole. RVK believes, however, that the positive merits of the opportunity outweigh those and other concerns.

#### Merits

- Open-End Structure Consistent With Long-Term Ownership The perpetual capital vehicle structure provides an investment approach that is best suited for long-term ownership of stable infrastructure assets, which can potentially generate attractive risk-adjusted returns over long-dated hold periods with attractive multiples of invested capital. The open-end perpetual life structure also eliminates the pressure to sell creating unnecessary friction costs. The long-term nature of an open-end infrastructure investment vehicle can position BIP as a stable steward of infrastructure assets and can make BIP an appealing partner for governments and the private sector looking for long-term partners. Investors can also benefit from entering an established portfolio of income producing assets minimizing the time to get dollars invested and avoiding the J-curve of most closed-end funds. Further, BIP's open-ended structure assets while retaining the flexibility to obtain liquidity by redeeming their interests based on the investor's portfolio needs.
- Differentiated Portfolio Exposures The BIP portfolio consists of 35% Energy Transition, 34% Digital Infrastructure and 31% Transportation Infrastructure as of September 30, 2024. The digital exposure is a significant difference from most core/core+ infrastructure managers that RVK follows. Digital Infrastructure including data centers is a growing segment that is currently well positioned to perform well with the growth of the Internet of Things (IoT) and the proliferation of Artificial Intelligence (AI). These trends are driving additional need for data centers and other digital infrastructure sectors. Another significant differentiator in the BIP portfolio compared to peers is the significant weighting to North America compared to most managers more global approach. This weighting helps limits currency fluctuations and geo-political risks that are less present in the United States and North America more broadly.
- Strong Performance History Since BIP's first investments in 2019 the Fund has returned a 16% net internal rate of return ("IRR") to investors. This is on the upper end of BIP's expected return



targets, but shows they have built a solid portfolio of assets that are well positioned to perform as the infrastructure landscape continues to evolve. The Fund's focus on digital infrastructure and energy transition themes has helped drive outsized returns relative to other core/core+ infrastructure funds. Over the last 12 months ending June 30, 2024 BIP returned a 21% IRR. Other core/core+ infrastructure funds that RVK follow have returned in the 6-11% range, which are within the expected range for these assets with a core/core+ risk profile over the long term. Blackstone continues to focus on businesses that are focused on growing their platform and EBITDA to drive returns for investors.

Size and Scale of Blackstone – Blackstone is a premier global investor with more than 4,700 employees across 28 offices. BIP can leverage the broader firm creating sourcing synergies and network advantages compared to smaller industry peers, which RVK views as a positive given the large size of many infrastructure transactions and outsize level of complexity given the regulated nature of the asset class. BIP benefits from other business units knowing BIP is investing in large infrastructure platforms and these individuals can source and share industry contacts when opportunities arise in the market. Blackstone's extensive network of industry advisors, in-house experts and affiliates provides BIP with proprietary deal flow and the ability to add value across the Fund's investments.

#### Considerations

Outsized AUM Growth & Rapid Portfolio Construction – BIP was launched in 2018 and began investing in 2019. Since its launch BIP has grown to more than \$31 billion in net assets. This ranks BIP among the three largest core/core+ infrastructure funds, with the two other largest peers starting their funds in 2004 and 2007. Quick AUM growth creates questions if the manager can appropriately operate and manage the number of assets after launching a platform. Quick growth of a portfolio also brings concerns if the portfolio was acquired at appropriate pricing and constructed for long term performance versus putting money to work quickly to ramp up AUM and a management fee base.

Mitigating Factors – Unlike other segments of private markets, RVK believes that the large transaction size, complex regulatory environment, and lower risk goals of infrastructure result in greater returns to size and scale in core, open-end infrastructure funds. Additionally, RVK has reviewed and analyzed historical performance data for private infrastructure funds and found limited correlation between size and performance, unlike in private equity. Blackstone's growth has quickly made them a dominant player in the infrastructure sector which brings unique opportunities that many smaller funds are unable to acquire and provide necessary capital for



#### growth and performance.

**Stretched Valuations Across Infrastructure Sectors** – While real estate and many interest rate sensitive investment sectors have seen recent corrections, infrastructure and more specifically BIP has seen strong performance and most of the portfolio has exhibited outsize levels of capital appreciation. As an open-end portfolio new investors may be buying into the Fund at a high point of valuations. While RVK does not recommend trying to market time an entry point into an open-end infrastructure fund investors should be aware that early investment returns may be lower than BIP's recent returns due to elevated valuations across growthier infrastructure assets.

Mitigating factors - RVK views investing in open-end infrastructure funds as a long term investment given the strategic nature of client investment policies. Investors will generally be invested through multiple investment cycles, which are difficult to time. By making a long-term investment an early mark down in the portfolio can be weathered as cash yielding nature of infrastructure assets provides income and helps off set early valuation losses. RVK has held discussions with Blackstone about the current valuation of their portfolio and feel Blackstone has taken a prudent approach to company valuations. RVK does not feel the BIP portfolio is inappropriately valued.

Single Investor Risk and Open-End Fund Liquidity Constraints – When BIP launched, there was a large foreign anchor investor that committed to match third-party capital up to \$20 billion. To date that investor has continued to match third party capital excluding Blackstone's GP commitment, making the anchor investor just under 50% of capital commitments. A large significant foreign investor creates risk if that investor decides to liquidate its position or if required to divest by a governmental entity, the Fund would have to be reduced by nearly half creating a pressure to sale assets which may potentially not bring a market price. In addition typical open-ended private markets funds all potentially suffer from constrained liquidity in the event the Fund consistently fails to meet investor expectations. If such that a significant portion of non-anchor investors decide to exit at the same time, whether due to internal fund issues or broader market conditions, this would result in a delay of investor liquidity. BIP is not unique in this regard, but the Fund's larger size could potentially result in a longer realization process if a majority of investors determined the Fund should be wound down. It is also important to note that BIP requires a three year lock-up period where new investors will not be able to redeem from the Fund during the LPs first three years following the purchase of units of the Fund.

Mitigating factors – RVK believes that BIP's size and growth of the investor base provides some insulation to funds with smaller investor bases. BIP has 255 investors in the Fund as of June 30, 2024, so outside of the anchor investor, the individual decisions of the remaining investors are unlikely to substantially affect the Fund. However, RVK would like to see the anchor investor cease



matching new investor capital and become a smaller part of the investor base to provide less single investor risk.

Due to the initial lock-up period for inaugural investors, the Fund had its first window of liquidity of these investors in the second quarter of 2024. There were some small redemption requests and all requests were fulfilled in August of 2024. The current positive fundraising history and the yield characteristics of infrastructure investments provide liquidity that should allow BIP to avoid a redemption queue in the short-term, however investors should monitor how effectively Blackstone is able to manage redemption requests. RVK believes all open-end private fund structures should be viewed with some skepticism by investors, as liquidity will almost certainly be constrained or unavailable in a significant market downturn.

#### **Investment Overview**

Blackstone Infrastructure Partners L.P., a Delaware limited partnership that is structured to operate as an open-end, perpetual life vehicle having as its investment objective the making of control and controloriented infrastructure investments, as well as investments in public-private partnership infrastructure projects. The Fund seeks to deliver attractive risk-adjusted returns by investing in infrastructure assets across the energy transition infrastructure, transportation, digital infrastructure, and water and waste sectors. The primary objective of BIP's strategy is to identify, acquire and operate a diversified portfolio of high quality, long-duration, cash-yielding investments that can compound at attractive risk-adjusted rates of return.

#### Firm and Team Overview

Blackstone Inc. is a global investment firm investing capital on behalf of pension funds, large institutions and individuals. Blackstone seeks to create positive economic impact and long-term value for its investors and the companies and communities in which it invests. The Firm was founded in 1985 by Stephen A. Schwarzman, its current Chairman and Chief Executive Officer ("CEO"), and the late Peter G. Peterson (who retired from the Firm in 2008). Jonathan ("Jon") Gray serves as Blackstone's President and Chief Operating Officer and was formerly Blackstone's Global Head of Real Estate from 2005 to 2018. The Firm is based in New York, with over 4,700 professionals in 28 offices worldwide.

Blackstone's alternative asset management businesses include global investment strategies focused on real estate, private equity, infrastructure, life sciences, growth equity, credit, real assets, secondaries and hedge funds. The Firm continues to build on its track record to innovate into new strategies, drive growth, and serve its investors. Through its different global investment businesses, Blackstone has total assets under management ("AUM") of \$1.1 trillion including \$336 billion of investor capital in real estate funds,



\$331 billion in private equity funds, \$330 billion in credit and insurance businesses, and \$80 billion in multi-asset investing.

In June 2018, Blackstone held the initial closing for Blackstone Infrastructure Partners, the Firm's first investment fund dedicated to infrastructure. As of June 30, 2024, BIP has made investments in portfolio companies that have, in aggregate, a total enterprise value of more than \$172 billion. Blackstone's approach to infrastructure investing is one that puts a focus on responsible stewardship and community engagement. In areas such as clean power, energy transmission, communications technology, and many others, Blackstone has invested in compelling projects that drive local economic growth and job creation and enhance quality of life. In doing so, Blackstone works closely with civic stakeholders to help make sure that critical infrastructure is developed in a responsible manner that is responsive to community needs.

Blackstone Infrastructure is led by Sean Klimczak, Global Head of Infrastructure, and 9 other Senior Managing Directors in key leadership roles. The Blackstone Infrastructure team consists of 58 dedicated professionals across the New York and London offices. Blackstone believes the team's comprehensive knowledge of local markets and relationships, languages, legal and regulatory frameworks, and business approaches provides a distinct competitive edge in sourcing and executing transactions around the world.

BIP's investment decisions are made by an Investment Committee consisting of some of the most experienced investment professionals at Blackstone, bringing a well-defined investment philosophy, including a single global standard by which investments are viewed and consistent calibration of risk and return across diverse industries and geographies. All investment and disposition decisions of BIP are reviewed and approved by the Blackstone Infrastructure Partners Investment Committee. In addition to the investment team and investment committee BIP has a network of 11 industry experts that interact with the deal teams, BIP's senior leadership, and the C-suite of portfolio companies, including serving on the board of directors for some investments. This network of industry experts have served as CEO's, CFO's, CIO's and other senior executive roles across multiple industries such as energy transmission and distribution, infrastructure development, and transportation to name a few.

#### **Investment Philosophy and Strategy**

BIP pursues a focused investment mandate in targeted infrastructure sectors that meet its investment objectives, with a flexible mix of Core+, Core and PPP infrastructure investments, and seeks to invest across four primary infrastructure sectors: energy transition infrastructure, transportation, digital infrastructure, and water and waste. The primary objective of BIP's strategy is to identify, acquire and operate a diversified portfolio of high quality, long-duration, cash-yielding investments that can compound at attractive risk-adjusted rates of return.



In order to pursue this strategy, BIP generally focuses on investments with the following characteristics:

- High quality, long-lived assets that are critical to society
- Assets that have significant barriers to entry, often with limited competition
- Assets that have steady, sustainable cash flows, with a high degree of predictability
- Assets that operate in stable regulatory frameworks, often with inflation protection, meaningful downside protection, and/or limited commodity exposure
- Assets that require modest enhancements or assets that could benefit from Blackstone's active approach to asset management and its deep asset management expertise
- Large or complex investments that limit the number of competing buyers, where BIP can benefit from Blackstone's strategic advantages of scale, speed, and certainty of execution

Blackstone believes the perpetual capital vehicle structure is best suited for long-term ownership of stable infrastructure assets, which can potentially generate attractive risk-adjusted returns over long-dated hold periods with attractive multiples of invested capital. In addition to eliminating the pressure to sell and unnecessary friction costs, Blackstone believes that the long-term nature of our infrastructure investment vehicle can position BIP as a stable steward of infrastructure assets and can make BIP an appealing partner for governments and the private sector. Further, BIP's open-ended structure can allow investors to benefit from this buy-and-hold strategy for long-duration infrastructure assets while retaining the flexibility to obtain liquidity by redeeming their interests in the Partnership.

The Fund typically targets investments of at least \$1 billion, and often significantly higher. Target The Fund's primary investment objective is making control and control-oriented infrastructure investments, as well as investments in public-private partnership infrastructure projects, in each case within "Core+" or "Core" space and principally in North America. Blackstone has an active ownership style and seeks board representation for every asset. Through its network of industry contacts and Senior Advisors Blackstone is positioned to improve its companies' operations and growth.

#### **Investment Process**

BIP is constantly leveraging its position as a global leader in the alternative asset space including as one of the largest infrastructure funds in the world. Blackstone Infrastructure believes its access to proprietary information in its own portfolio coupled with the talent, breadth and experience of its team enables Blackstone Infrastructure to source and evaluate investment opportunities that others cannot. The Blackstone investment review process, from initial identification of the investment opportunity to the



final investment decision, is a disciplined approach designed to screen out transactions with excessive risk.

Blackstone is continuously and proactively screening for potential investments across the infrastructure sector. Investment opportunities under active consideration are discussed at a weekly meeting of the entire BIP team. Those opportunities that the senior members of the BIP investment team feel merit closer evaluation are approved to proceed with preliminary due diligence.

The deal team conducts initial due diligence, identifies any differentiated angles and sources of competitive advantage for Blackstone, composes an investment memorandum that summarizes the opportunity—including a preliminary investment thesis, key risks and a simple financial model, and may present the potential investment to the Review Committee. If the investment is approved by the Review Committee a thorough and rigorous due diligence process is conducted leveraging the investment team's industry experience and network of relationships and Senior Advisors.

Blackstone proactively seeks to mitigate downside risk throughout the investment process and during ownership of the investment. In assessing each individual investment opportunity, Blackstone seeks to control risk by placing an intense focus on the in-place visible cash flows they are buying. Blackstone places a premium on assessing the predictability of the cash flows and how they may be able to influence its growth through active management.

The key findings of the team's due diligence, investment thesis, concerns, value-added business plan and the corresponding base case financial estimates and key sensitivities are compiled in a comprehensive memorandum that forms the basis of a discussion by the Investment Committee. The Investment Committee makes the final decision regarding each investment. The Investment Committee focuses on reasonable acquisition pricing, proven operating teams, appropriate capital structure to accomplish the company's business plan and the probability of returns skewing to the right with potential for breakout upside returns.

#### Value Add

Blackstone invests with a long-term buy-and-hold strategy to large-scale infrastructure assets with a focus on delivering stable, long-term capital appreciation together with a predictable annual cash flow yield. Blackstone views themselves as active investors that approach investments with a disciplined due diligence process that measures risk while identifying catalysts for increased value. They only engage in friendly transactions and work with talented management teams to achieve positive results. Blackstone creates value at the portfolio company level by leveraging their in-house capabilities and network of 11 advisors.



BIP focuses its Core+ investments on sectors with strong, durable secular tailwinds that are poised for growth. By investing at scale and with proven companies and management teams Blackstone can provide capital to drive improvements and new investment to further grow investment companies. By investing in growth oriented sectors like digital transmission, data centers, renewable energy and the growth of energy distribution with the digitization of the global economy the BIP portfolio is positioned for growth while remaining diversified to reduce volatility.

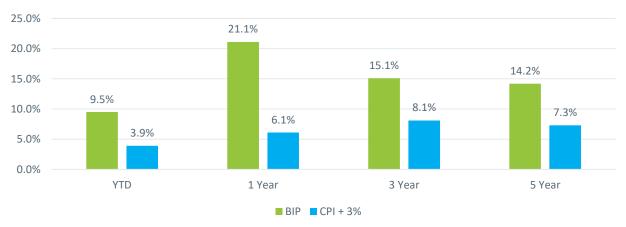
#### **Fund Performance**

Blackstone Infrastructure Partners was incepted in March 2019 when BIP made its first investments. While BIP does not have an explicit target return, it is a Core+ fund which typically seek to achieve a return of 8% to 12% annually on a net basis, depending on the point in the economic cycle. Annual returns are expected to be driven by cash flow and capital appreciation. The Fund achieved a 4% dividend yield in 2023. BIP returns were volatile during the beginning of the Fund as the Fund was purchasing its first assets, with 2 of the early investments being publicly traded companies and the onset of COVID creating stock market volatility. Since this time BIP has produced strong annualized returns, outperforming peers with strong returns driven by its energy and data center exposures.

The Fund has just passed its 5-year performance anniversary. Over this time BIP has outperformed more defensive infrastructure strategies. The comparison below uses a benchmark of CPI + 3% due to the lack of an appropriate private or public benchmark as there is no readily available core, open-end focused benchmark similar to the NCREIF in infrastructure and the available public benchmarks exhibit high tracking error to private infrastructure strategies.



### Figure 1: BIP Net of Fees Performance (as of 6/30/2024)



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### Summary of Key Partnership Terms (As of June 30, 2024)

Net Assets Value	\$31.8 billion
Minimum Commitment	\$10.0 million
Term	Perpetual
Current Entry Queue Estimate	3-6 months
Liquidity Provisions	<ul> <li>Lock-up period through the third anniversary of the date on which a Limited Partner acquires the units. Minimum of \$5 million.</li> <li>Following the lock-up period, quarterly redemptions with 90 days advance notice, subject to available cash and satisfied on a pro rata basis.</li> <li>To the extent BIP does not have sufficient cash available to fully fund redemption requests, redemptions may be partially redeemed on a pro-rata basis based on the number of units held by each withdrawing Limited Partner. To the extent that less than the requested amount of a Limited Partner's units are redeemed, the Limited Partner will be deemed to have made a redemption request at the next scheduled redemption date.</li> <li>In the event any portion of a Combined Limited Partner's units requested by such Combined Limited Partner to be redeemed remain unredeemed following the fifth consecutive redemption date at which such units were eligible to be redeemed, the General Partner agrees that it will not use Aggregate Undrawn Capital Commitments for the purposes of making new investments unless the General Partner has reserved sufficient reserves to satisfy the redemption of all such units at the time of the following redemption date; <i>provided</i> that the foregoing will not prevent the General Partner from drawing down Aggregate Undrawn Capital Commitments for the purpose of closing on any commitments to make investment in, or reasonably relating to, an existing investment</li> </ul>

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	Diversification: No more than 20% of the Fund's NAV may be invested in any one investment (with exceptions for multiple assets (5) in at least 2 different geographies.
Investment Restrictions	Open Market Purchases: No more than 15% of the Fund's NAV may be invested in open market purchases of publicly-traded securities, including preliminary toehold investments made with a view of pursuing acquisitions.
investment restrictions	Blind Pools: No investments will be made in "blind pool" investment funds, but, for the avoidance of doubt, not including any kind of joint venture or any investment in an intermediate entity
	Geographic: No more than 30% of the Fund's NAV determined at the time of acquisition may be invested in investments primarily located outside of North America.
Management Fee	No fees on undrawn capital 1.00% <\$300M 0.95% >\$300M & <\$500M 0.90% >\$500M
Incentive Allocation	12.5%, subject to a 6% hurdle, calculated on an LP by LP basis 80 / 20 GP catch up; Crystalized every three years and calculated separately for each period with losses carried forward.

#### Conclusion

RVK believes BIP represents an attractive opportunity for clients to invest into a large diversified portfolio of established infrastructure assets leveraging Blackstone's broader investment platform to provide scale and operational expertise. BIP provides infrastructure investors an opportunity to invest in a portfolio dominated by North American companies to capitalize on the need and focus on investing in North American infrastructure. BIP also offers unique and significant exposure to digital infrastructure including data centers compared to other infrastructure funds, providing an opportunity to drive returns in a sector with significant growth and tailwinds. BIP has produced double digit returns over its life driven by growing businesses and cash on cash returns, offering investors a cash yield with 75% of portfolio revenues either regulated or tied to long term contracts, providing downside protection. The risks detailed previously are, in RVK's opinion, outweighed by the positive attributes of the Firm and Fund.



# Blackstone Infrastructure Partners

**DECEMBER 12, 2024** 

Platform Overview

All information is as of September 30, 2024, unless otherwise indicated. Prepared at the Request and for the Exclusive Use of North Dakota Department of Trust Lands.

#### SELECT BLACKSTONE INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS

### HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL & TRADE SECRET



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## I. Executive Summary

### World's Largest Alternative Asset Manager<sup>(1)</sup>



assets under management

"We've built trust with investors by delivering outstanding performance through market cycles."

Stephen A. Schwarzman



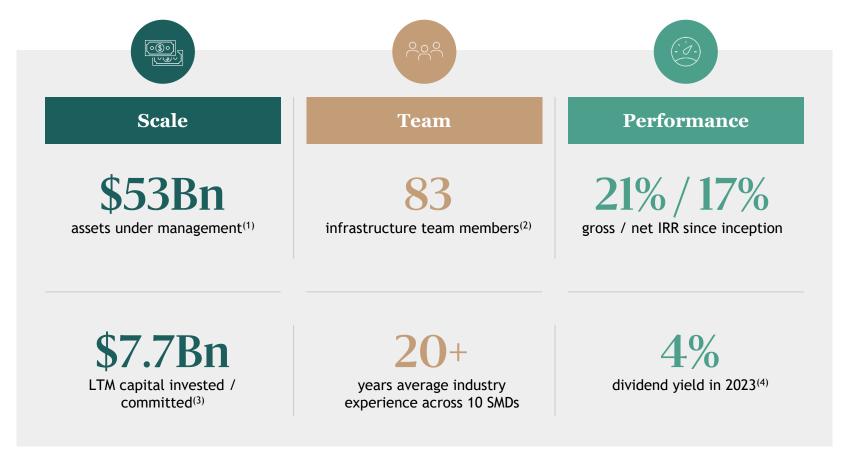
net gains for investors<sup>(2)</sup>

### **70+ Investment Strategies**

<b>Real Estate</b> World's largest owner of commercial real estate <sup>(3)</sup>	<b>Private Equity</b> World's largest private equity platform <sup>(4)</sup>		<b>Credit &amp; Insurance</b> One of the world's largest private credit managers <sup>(5)</sup>		Multi-Asset Investing Largest discretionary allocator to hedge funds globally <sup>(6)</sup>
Opportunistic	Infrastructure		Private Investment Grade		Absolute Return
Core+	Corporate Private Equity		Asset Based Lending		<b>Multi-Strategy</b>
Debt	Life Sciences Growth Equity		Public Investment Grade & High Yield		Total Portfolio Management
	Energy Transition		Sustainable	Resources	
	Tactical Opportunities		Infra Debt	CLOs	
	Secondaries	GP Stakes	Direct Lending	Opportunistic	

Note: Assets under management ("AUM") are estimated and unaudited. "AUM" includes co-investments and Blackstone's GP and side-by-side commitments, as applicable. **Past performance does not predict future returns.** There can be no assurance that any Blackstone fund or investment will achieve its objectives or avoid substantial losses. For more information, please see "Important Disclosure Information". **Please refer to Endnotes in Appendix for disclosures 1-6.** 

# BIP is Blackstone's dedicated infrastructure equity platform



Note: Past performance does not predict future returns. Performance figures as of September 30, 2024. See "Other Risk Factors" and "Important Disclosures", including "Leverage; Borrowings Under a Subscription Facility" and "Performance Calculations". (1) Includes co-investment and fundraising through September 30, 2024. AUM is estimated and unaudited. | (2) As of October 14, 2024. Includes Investment team, ICS, Finance / Operations, Portfolio Operations, and Legal & Compliance, and Administrative Assistants. | (3) Represents both total invested capital and committed, but not yet invested capital, across both the BIP fund and BIP co-invest. Committed, but not invested capital represents binding commitments and excludes IC-approved investments not yet funded. | (4) Dividend yield represents dividends distributed over weighted average NAV over the full year 2023.

# BIP brings a differentiated approach to Core+ / Core investing

Platform <u>scale</u> to help pursue marquee assets and grow them over time



<u>Value creation</u> at the company level, leveraging in-house capabilities and network of advisors



QTS Data Centers



Carrix



<u>Permanent capital base</u> differentiator when partnering with families, founders and governments



High-conviction, thematic investing behind sectors with strong tailwinds

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Invenergy Renewables



Phoenix Tower International

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### **BIP owns a diversified portfolio of industry-leading** platforms that we believe are primed for future growth

Transportation – 27% of BIP Unrealized Value, Proforma for AirTrunk<sup>(1)</sup>

<b>\$8.2Bn</b> TEV <sup>(1)</sup> Largest ports platform in North America <sup>(2)</sup>	<b>\$6Bn</b> TEV at entry Largest North American airport network <sup>(3)</sup>	<b>TEV not</b> pplegreen public <sup>(4)</sup> Largest US, #1 Ireland and #2 UK motorway service area operator <sup>(5)</sup>	<b>≈€19Bn</b> autostradeµper litalia TEV <sup>(6)</sup> Largest European toll road network <sup>(7)</sup>	<b>≈€50Bn</b> provide the second secon	
Energy Transi	tion – 34% of Bl	P Unrealized V	alue, Proforma	for AirTrunk <sup>(1)</sup>	
> <b>\$10Bn</b> Invenergy TEV at entry	\$32Bn TEV at entry	\$12Bn TALLGRASS	\$44Bn FirstEnergy TEV at entry	≈\$14Bn <b>NIPSCO</b> TEV	<b>≈\$1Bn</b> TEV at entry
Largest US private renewables developer <sup>(9)</sup>	Largest US LNG export facility <sup>(10)</sup>	A premier midstream company	Leading US FERC- regulated transmission utility <sup>(11)</sup>	Fastest-growing utility in North America <sup>(12)</sup>	Partnership with the world's largest develo of wind and solar

### Digital Infrastructure – 39% of BIP Unrealized Value, Proforma for AirTrunk<sup>(1)</sup>

\$10Bn TEV at entry	\$7Bn Choenix Tower TEV at entry	\$3.3Bn Hotwire TEV at entry <sup>(16)</sup>	\$7Bn     Joint Venture with       TEV     DIGITAL	\$16Bn AIRTRUNK
Largest US data center platform <sup>(14)</sup>	Largest private cell tower platform in the Americas and Europe <sup>(15)</sup>	Leading US Southeast fiber-to-the-home platform <sup>(17)</sup>	JV partnership with largest global hyperscale data center operator <sup>(18)</sup>	Largest data center platform in Asia- Pacific <sup>(19)</sup>

Note: Diversification does not ensure a profit or protect against losses. The above investments are not representative of all investments of a given type or of all investments generally. There is no assurance that the fund will make comparable investments in the future, that pending or future initiatives or that expectations regarding market trends will occur as expected or at all, or that the fund or any investment will achieve its objectives or avoid substantial losses. Please refer to endnotes for more information. See "Important Disclosures," including "Case Studies," "Logos," "Realized and Unrealized Returns." | (1) Based on FMV as of September 30, 2024, inclusive of capital committed to and pro forma for AirTrunk (signed but not yet closed). AirTrunk equity check represents expected BIP fund commitment and represents ~16% of digital infrastructure. Please note that estimates are subject to change. Includes fund-level financing. Excludes FX. Accordingly, actual realized value by geography may differ materially from that shown above.

#### Blackstone Infrastructure Partners

Partnership with

NEXTera ENERGY 🥢

largest developer

energy<sup>(13)</sup>

### **Experienced team led by an Investment Committee with** strong senior leadership

BIP's Investment Committee has an average tenure of 25+ years at Blackstone and 30+ years in the industry



Stephen Schwarzman Chairman, CEO & Co-Founder of Blackstone





Sean Klimczak Global Head of Infrastructure







Lionel Assant Global Co-CIO of Blackstone



Joseph Baratta Global Head of Private

Blackstone Infrastructure's Global Team of 83 Professionals includes:

33 Investment Team – New York investment professionals 14 Investment Team – London<sup>(1)</sup> Senior Managing Directors 22 Operations & Asset Management<sup>(2)</sup>

### 47 - person infrastructure investment team

Deep and experienced team of 47 dedicated infrastructure

Average years of industry experience for BIP SMDs

Note: As of October 14, 2024. Certain professionals above are not dedicated to BIP and will perform work for other Blackstone business units. The level of involvement and role of the professionals with the fund may vary, including having no involvement or role at all. There can be no assurance that such professionals will continue to be associated with the fund throughout the life of the fund. | (1) London team members also dedicate time to BIP Europe. (2) Includes ICS, Finance, Operations, and Legal and Compliance.

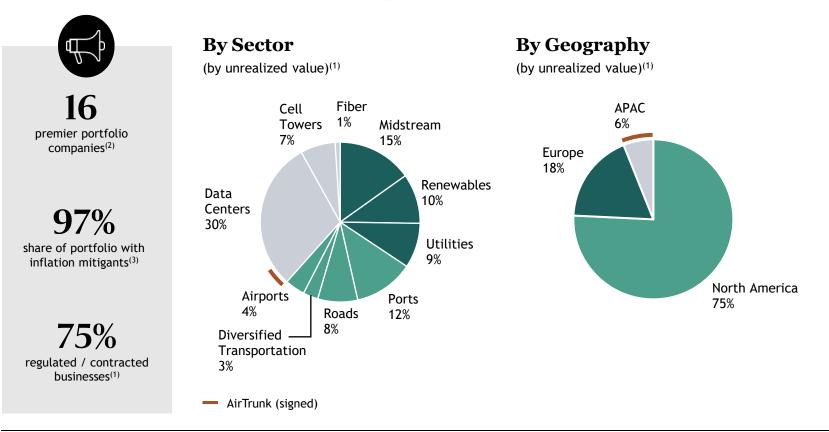
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## II. Appendix

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### A. **BIP Overview**

# Thoughtfully curated portfolio diversified across our target sectors and geographies



Note: Diversification does not ensure a profit or protect against losses. There can be no assurance that pending or future initiatives will occur as expected or at all. Percentages may not total exactly to 100% due to rounding. Actual realized value of currently unrealized investments will depend on a number of factors including future operating results, the value of the assets and market conditions at the time of disposition, transaction costs and the timing and manner of sale, See "Other Risk Factors" and "Important Disclosure Information" including "Estimates/Targets." | (1) Based on FMV as of September 30, 2024, inclusive of capital committed to and *pro forma* for AirTrunk (signed but not yet closed). AirTrunk equity check represents expected BIP fund commitment. Please note that estimates are subject to change. Includes fund-level financing. Excludes FX. Accordingly, actual realized value by geography may differ materially from that shown above. Totals may not sum due to rounding. | (2) Includes AirTrunk (signed but not yet closed). | (3) Based on invested / committed capital as of September 30, 2024, *pro forma* for AirTrunk (signed but not yet closed). | (2) Includes may not sum due to rounding. | (2) Includes as indexed contracts, annual price escalators or other similar mechanisms. There is no assurance that any Blackstone fund or strategy will effectively hedge inflation.

# The BIP portfolio is composed of industry-leading platforms within sectors growing faster than GDP

	Sector	Long-Term Sector Growth <sup>(1)</sup>		Sector	Long-Term Sector Growth <sup>(1)</sup>
Carrix	Ports	6%	CHENIERE	LNG Exports	12%
Pplegreen	MSAs EV charging	6% 35%	(Signed)		22%
	Decarbonization & Midstream	8%	PHOENIX TOWER	Cell Towers	10%
	Fiber	12%	Invenergy Partnership with	Renewables	13%
FirstEnergy NIPSCO	Utilities	8%	<b>autostrade</b> per l'italia	Toll Roads	1%
SIGNAT		5%	mprove moving life	Toll Roads Airports	3% 4%
-	ed basis, we expect BI		Blended Long-Teri	m Growth Rate <sup>(3)</sup>	12%
	han 5x faster than US ( hted average beta of 0		Long-Term US (	2%	

Note: Estimates and other forward-looking information set forth herein are based on assumption that Blackstone believes to be reasonable as of the date hereof. See "Important Disclosures", including "Logos," "Estimates/Targets" and "Case Studies". The above examples may not be representative of all investments of a given type or of investments generally and it should not be assumed that BIP will make comparable or equally successful investments in the future. | (1) Reflects estimated long-term sector growth rates over the next 5-10 years. Please refer to endnotes for more information, including sources. | (2) Weighted average (by FMV) of portfolio company betas as of 3Q'24. Excludes Applegreen PropCo, Digital Realty JV, QTS Europe, NextEra Partnership and public positions. | (3) Weighted average of estimated growth rates based on % of FMV. | (4) 5yr average estimated annual growth rate of real US GDP. Source: Goldman Sachs (Nov. 2023).

# BIP took pre-emptive action to mitigate the impact of interest rate increases across our portfolio

	Debt / Capital	Net Debt / EBITDA <sup>(1)</sup>	Wtd. Avg. Debt Maturity (yrs)	Weighted Average Cost of Capital	% Fixed Rate Debt	100bps Rate Hike Impact to Returns <sup>(2)</sup>
(3) Carrix	24%	3.3x	4.0	5.6%	47%	12 bps
TALLGRASS (9)	55%	5.6x	5.9	6.3%	100%	0 bps
pplegreen	46%	6.0x	5.7	4.6%	90%	6 bps
	57%	15.8x	3.6	4.8%	95%	5 bps
FirstEnergy (5)	51%	5.8x	8.2	3.5%	100%	0 bps
SIGNATURE (6)	34%	4.8x	6.9	5.3%	95%	2 bps
CHENIERE (7)	65%	6.8x	6.6	5.1%	95%	7 bps
	51%	10.5x	3.2	5.8%	<b>79</b> %	17 bps
Europe	0%	0.0x	0.0	0.0%	0%	0 bps
PHOENIX TOWER	37%	8.3x	3.9	6.4%	87%	6 bps
Invenergy (10)	20%	(1.2x)	7.1	5.7%	57%	8 bps
Invenergy YieldCo	55%	5.0x	13.1	5.5%	75%	23 bps
NIPSCO, (11)	45%	6.0x	21.9	5.5%	95%	3 bps
	0%	(0.7x)	0.0	0.0%	0%	0 bps
autostrade per l'italia	62%	5.1x	5.8	3.6%	91%	11 bps
mundys	72%	8.5x	4.3	3.7%	82%	35 bps
Total (FMV-Weighted)	44%	6.4x	6.0	5.4%	<b>79</b> %	11bps

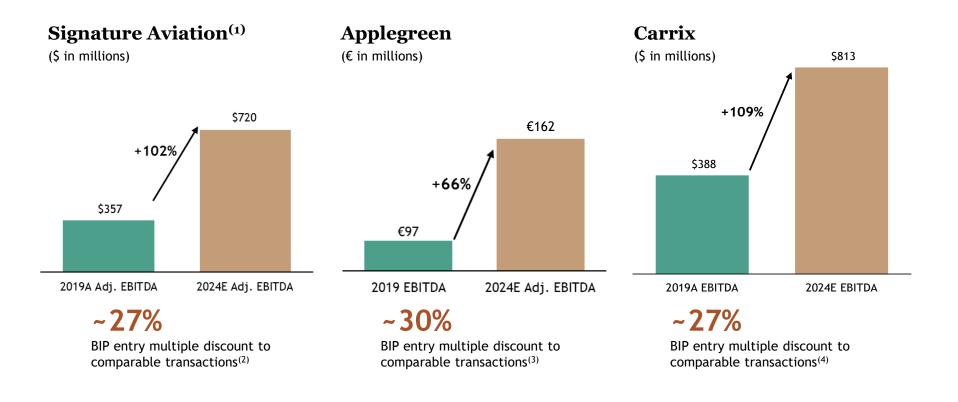
Past performance does not predict future returns. The above examples may not be representative of all investments of a given type or of investments generally, both with respect to operating metrics and performance, and it should not be assumed that BIP will make comparable or equally successful investments in the future. Note: Based on data as of June 30, 2024, unless otherwise noted. Note: See "Other Risk Factors" and "Important Disclosures", including "Case Studies," "Leverage; Borrowings Under a Subscription Facility" and "Performance Calculation". (1) Assumes 4-yr swaps for floating rate debt and 25% long-term effective corporate tax rate. | Please see Endnotes Page for Important Information. | (2) Defined as Tax Effected Incremental Interest Expense / 2Q'24 unrealized value for each portfolio company.

## Value creation across our portfolio is driven, in part, by earnings growth and accretive CapEx and M&A opportunities



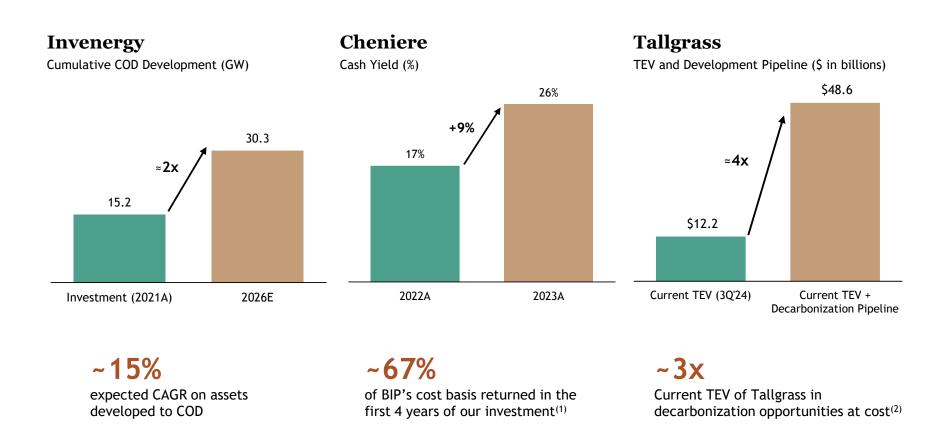
Note: Past performance does not predict future returns. Performance figures as of September 30, 2024. Represents multiples and investments with gains in BIP using June 30, 2024 valuation data with the exception of Invenergy YieldCo and QTS Europe, of which financial information is not available for the quarters analyzed. Excludes fully realized public positions. Certain investment sources of value creation is subject to senior investment professional judgment. See "Other Risk Factors" and "Important Disclosures", including "Leverage; Borrowings Under a Subscription Facility," "Logos," "Estimates/Targets," "Case Studies" and "Performance Calculations". There can be no assurance that any Blackstone fund or investment will achieve its objectives or avoid substantial losses, or that pending or future transactions will occur as expected or at all. The above examples may not be representative of all investments of a given type or of investments generally and it should not be assumed that BIP will make comparable or equally successful investments in the future. | (1) Dividend yield represents dividends distributed over weighted average NAV over the full year 2023. | (2) Gains defined as the sum of cost basis at acquisition for an asset, change in value attributable to EBITDA, multiple expansion / compression and free cash flow. | (3) Represents the three investments with the largest figure of gains to date across the BIP platform.

### **Industry-leading transportation platforms**



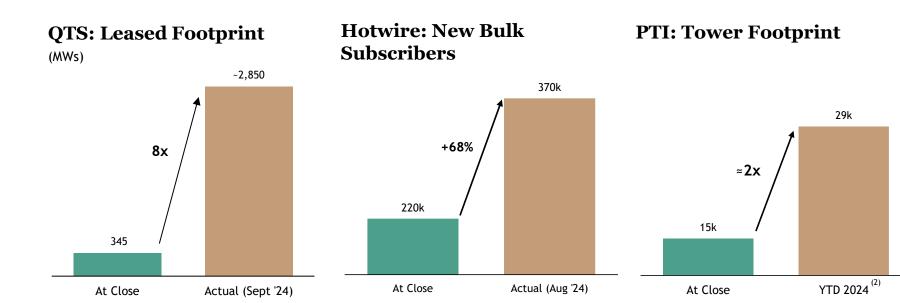
# Note: See "Important Disclosures", including "Case Studies". The above examples may not be representative of all investments of a given type or of investments generally and it should not be assumed that BIP will make comparable or equally successful investments in the future. (1) 2024E Adj. EBITDA includes select Credit Agreement adjustments and is pro forma for all closed acquisitions. | (2) Comparable entry multiple reflects 2014 - June 2021 average of airport precedent transactions. | (3) Applegreen entry multiple based on 2019 EBITDA and does not reflect BIP's November 2021 investment in a portfolio of eight freehold properties that was previously identified as a standalone transaction named Ulysses. Comparison to recent MSA transaction multiples from 2014 through the time of transaction close in March 2021. | (4) Carrix weighted average entry multiple based on 2019 investment transactions and 2021 follow-on transaction. Comparison to recent precedent transaction multiples as of November 2021 for transactions closing since November 2016; excludes transactions in which purchase price is not publicly available.

### **Energy transition**



Note: See "Important Disclosures", including "Estimates/Targets," "Case Studies," and "Trends". (1) Based on total realizations per BIP's 2Q 2024 valuation. | (2) Based on 3Q 2024 Tallgrass implied TEV of \$12.2Bn; project pipeline represents =\$36Bn of incremental capital requirement at cost and 100% basis. Represents potential opportunities which may not all materialize.

### **Digital infrastructure**



Since closing, QTS has outperformed underwritten leasing by ~8x, with 8x the leased footprint at close

Hotwire has grown its subscriber footprint by 68% since closing, outperforming underwritten subscriber growth by 41%<sup>(1)</sup> PTI has nearly doubled its site footprint since closing, driven by outperformance on M&A (PTI has exceeded our M&A underwrite through 2026, with~\$3.8Bn of transactions signed or closed to-date)

Note: See "Important Disclosures", "Estimates/Targets," "Case Studies," and "Trends". The above examples may not be representative of all investments of a given type or of investments generally and it should not be assumed that BIP will make comparable or equally successful investments in the future. (1) Represents subscriber growth since closing through August 2024. Subscribers at closing include near-term pipeline. | (2) Company materials as of August 2024, pro forma for signed M&A.

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### **B.** Our Team

# The Investment Committee includes senior representatives from across the Firm



Stephen A. Schwarzman Chairman, CEO & Co-Founder of Blackstone



Jonathan Gray President & COO of Blackstone



Sean T. Klimczak SMD & Global Head of Infrastructure



Lionel Assant SMD & Global Co-CIO of Blackstone



Joseph Baratta SMD & Global Head of Private Equity



**David Foley** SMD & Global Head of Blackstone Energy Transition Partners



Prakash Melwani SMD & CIO of Private Equity

### **Key Functions**

- Cross-business unit exchange of knowledge and perspectives<sup>(1)</sup>
- Review of investment opportunities / consensus-driven approach
- Value-add insights, relationships and sourcing assistance
- Risk management and guidance on market trends

### Experience

**30+** industry years on average 25+ years at BX on average

Note: As of September 30, 2024. Certain professionals above are not dedicated to BIP and will perform work for other Blackstone business units. The level of involvement and role of the professionals with the fund may vary, including having no involvement or role at all. There can be no assurance that such professionals will continue to be associated with the fund throughout the life of the fund. See "Other Risk Factors" and "Important Disclosures", including "Reliance on Key Management Personnel". | (1) Subject to Blackstone's policies and procedures regarding the management of conflicts of interest and information walls.

## Fit-for-purpose operating executives working with deal teams and CEOs

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Steve Bolze Portfolio Operations / Power Generation Former CEO, GE Power & Water Former CEO, GE Power Generation & Renewables



Guy Buckley Midstream Former Chief Development Officer, Spectra Energy



Sergio Buoncristiano Construction, Energy & Transportation Former Senior Vice President, Bechtel



Energy / Sustainability Former CEO, Centrica

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Transmission & Distribution Former CEO, Edison International



Theo de Wolff Renewables Co-Founder, Virginia Solar Co-Founder, Adger Solar



Kelly MacPherson Information Technology & Shared Services Former CIO.

Information Technology & Shared Services Former CIO, Restaurant Brands International

VIRGINIA



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ADGER

SOLAR



Peder Sondergaard Transportation Former Chief Portfolio Officer,

APM Terminals



Note: Senior advisors are not Blackstone employees. There can be no assurance that such professionals will be associated with the fund throughout the life of the fund. The level of involvement and role of the advisors with each Blackstone portfolio company may vary, including having no involvement or role at all. All individuals are dedicated BIP senior advisors with the exception of Mr. Bolze (BIP Executive Advisor) and Ms. MacPherson (BIP Consultant).

## C. Key Risk Factors & Important Disclosure Information

#### Endnotes for Blackstone Overview (p.4)

- 1. Based on Blackstone analysis of company earnings presentations and calls, as of September 30, 2024 or latest publicly available data.
- 2. Gains figure represents gains (realized and unrealized) LTD as of September 30, 2024. The \$363 Billion Net Capital Gain figure includes realized and unrealized gains from all Blackstone (or its affiliates') funds since the firm's founding but excluding certain legacy funds (particularly those in operation prior to Blackstone's acquisition) for which Blackstone does not track financial information for inclusion. Realized gains represent Limited Partners' share of total realized gains net of fees and expenses. Unrealized gains represent investments mark-to-market net of uncalled fees and expenses. Not all funds advised by Blackstone or its affiliates performed equally well across all time periods, and there can be no assurance that any Blackstone fund will achieve comparable results, achieve its objectives, or avoid substantial losses. Additional information concerning gains for each Blackstone portfolio is available on request.
- 3. Largest owner based on estimated market value per Real Capital Analytics.
- 4. Based on Private Equity International, as of June 2024. Represents amount of capital raised from investors over a rolling five-year period.
- 5. Based on Blackstone Credit and Insurance analysis of company earnings presentations and calls, as of June 30, 2024 and latest publicly available data of Blackstone Credit and Insurance peers.
- 6. With Intelligence FoHF Billion Dollar Club, as of June 30, 2024, based on AUM. Includes AUM from BXMA's non-fund of fund platforms.

#### The BIP Playbook - Investing at Scale

- 1. TEV at Carrix Phase II entry as of Nov'21
- 2. Source: Drewry GCT Operators Annual Review and Forecast 2023/24
- 3. Source: Company information as of May 2024
- 4. Includes NYSTA PPP, acquisition of Autogrill sites in northeastern US, M3 real estate acquisition and Denver PPP
- 5. Source: Company reporting as of June 2024; HMS Host presentation, January 2021; Motorway Services Online, June 2024. Includes New York, Denver sites and the Autogrill service area portfolio acquired in 2021
- 6. Valuation expressed on 100% ASPI basis, including €0.3 billion COVID-19 earn-out
- 7. Source: As of FY23 (latest available full year), based on company filings of European toll road operators
- 8. Source: ASTM website (Mar. 2024)
- 9. Source: BNEF (April 2023). #1 independent renewables developer by total developed capacity
- 10. Source: HIS (January 2024)
- 11. Source: Wolfe Research (Nov. 2021)
- 12. Source: NIPSCO Management's -13.47% Rate Base CAGR through '28E ranks #1 out of -45 publicly traded U.S. utilities (n.b., +80% higher than the U.S. utility average)
- 13. Capital IQ, company filings and information (2023)
- 14. Source: Based on estimated MW leasing per DatacenterHawk (Jan. 2024).
- 15. Blackstone analysis of competitor company websites as of July 2024 (excl. carrier-owned tower companies)
- 16. Includes earnout
- 17. Source: Altman Solon (Jan. 2021); BCG, FTI (Feb 2021). Based on US Southeast regional customer satisfaction, competitive scale and asset quality
- 18. Source: DatacenterHawk (Sept. 2023). A portion of the transaction has not yet closed.
- 19. By contracted capacity and land bank size. Excludes platforms with single market exposure. DC Byte, as of September 2024

#### The BIP Playbook - GDP+ Growing Sectors

- 1. Please see below for more information on growth rate forecasts.
  - Carrix: Based on import volumes to US/Mexico/Panama from 2023 to 2028. Source: IHS Markit (Nov. 2023).

Applegreen: For MSAs, based on global fast food & QSR market size growth from 2022-2030. Source: Custom Market Insights (Aug. 2023); for EV charging, based on BEV car parc from 2023-2030. Source: HSBC (Dec. 2023).

Tallgrass: Represents blended growth rate for decarbonization and midstream sectors. For decarbonization, based on global hydrogen demand from 2023-2032. Source: WoodMackenzie (Nov. 2022); For midstream, based on US natural gas production CAGR from 2023-2032. Source: US EIA (March 2022).

Hotwire: Based on fiber homes passed (US) from 2022-2026. Source: Cowen & Company (Sep. 2023).

FirstEnergy & NIPSCO: Based on US utility rate base from 2022-2027. Source: SSR Research (May. 2023).

Signature: Based on general aviation turbine fixed wing jet fuel gallons, adjusted for inflation from 2023-2028. Source: FAA (May 2023) & IHS Markit (Dec. 2022).

Cheniere: Based on US LNG liquefaction capacity from 2022-2031. Source: IHS (Oct. 2023).

QTS: Based on hyperscale data center revenue growth from 2021-2026. Source: JLL (Apr. 2022)).

PTI: Cell towers growth rate based on cell sites (global) from 2021-2029. Source: CMA Strategy Consulting (Oct. 2021).

Invenergy: Based on US wind & solar development growth from 2022-2027. Source: WoodMackenzie (May 2023).

ASPI: Based on vehicle-kilometers from 2022-2027. Source: BIP analysis based on IHS and RBConsult data (Dec. 2023).

<u>Mundys</u>: For roads based on vehicle-kilometers from 2022-2027. Source: BIP analysis based on IHS and RBConsult data (Dec. 2023); Airports growth rate based on terminal service units from 2022-2026. Source: Eurocontrol (Dec. 2022).

#### The BIP Playbook - Moderate Leverage

- 1. Assumes LTM PF Adj. EBITDA, with some exception: PTI uses Adj. RR TCF; QTS uses RR Adj. EBITDA; Hotwire uses LQA EBITDA incl. Free Period.
- 3. Excludes \$251MM of debt being restructured / refinanced at TPT in Tuxpan, Mexico and CÍCT in Vietnam. Leverage multiple on LTM PF EBITDA (incl. full-year Ceres contribution).
- 4. Metric excludes Ulysses (the fund's Nov. 2021 50% ownership investment in a portfolio of 8 freehold properties) and EV GttA comprised of salaries for the APGN EV development team.
- Assumes share price as of 3/31/2024. Interest rate impact based on HoldCo debt only (OpCo interest is perfect pass through). \$6.6Bn of debt shown in "Total Debt" column shown above reflects only FE HoldCo debt, which is most relevant for purposes of the interest sensitivity analysis.
- 6. Fixed rate debt portion excludes contractual amortization payments and maturity assumes hedges are blended and extended. On a pre-amortization basis, Signature has -90% fixed rate debt and a 100 bps base rate increase would decrease returns by -3 bps. Q1'24 FMV includes realized dividend and unrealized BIP equity.
- 7. Reflects share price as of 3/31/2024 and balance sheet data s of 3/31/2024, pro forma for announced capital structure actions at CQP HoldCo. Reflects CQP HoldCo look-through net leverage.
- 8. % fixed rate debt calculation pro forma for hedges executed through 10/24 as well as a fully drawn RCF (\$3.9Bn) net of minimum liquidity (\$1.5Bn).
- 9. % fixed rate debt calculation pro forma for hedges executed through 1Q'24.
- 10. Invenergy cash & cash equivalents includes cash, equipment on hand and capitalized development expenses.
- 11. % fixed rate debt calculation pro forma for hedges executed for HoldCo Debt; All metrics assume HoldCo net debt grossed up to 100% stake (\$520MM at 19.9% stake); Wtd. avg. debt maturity represents OpCo debt.

#### The BIP Portfolio

- 1.
- Source: Company Reporting (July 2024) Source: Cheniere 2023 Corporate Responsibility Report Source: FirstEnergy 2023 EESG Highlights 2.
- 3.
- 4. Source: Per Company materials; Sierra Club has ranked NiSource (the parent company of NIPSCO) as the #1 U.S. Utility Parent Company the past two years with respect to coal retirement and additional renewable capacity buildout (n.b., in 2022, NIPSCO ranked #3 out of 77 U.S. Utility Operating Subsidiaries).
- Capital IQ, company fillings and information (2023) Source: 2023 QTS Sustainability Report Source: Digital Realty 2023 ESG Report 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8. Source: Company Reporting (October 2024)

Set out below is a summary of the rewards and associated risks of an investment in the Fund. This summary does not purport to be a comprehensive statement. See "Other Risk Factors" and "Important Disclosure Information" for more.

REWARDS	RISKS
Awards. This document includes awards to Blackstone, Blackstone funds/investments and/or investment professionals.	Awards. Any awards or rankings referred to are provided solely for informational purposes and should not be construed as or relied upon as an indication of future performance or activity.
Blackstone's Breadth, Scale and Expertise. Blackstone's brand, operational expertise and position in the market together with BIP's unique investing playbook means that we can be well positioned as a long-term partner of choice and aim to enhance value for our investors through our in-house expertise and network of advisors.	Blackstone's Breadth, Scale and Expertise. There can be no assurance that any Blackstone strategy, product, investment o underlying manager will achieve its objectives or avoid significant losses. The activity of identifying, completing and realizing attractive investments is highly competitive, and involves a high degree of uncertainty. There is no assurance that the Fund wil locate investments, or fully invest its committed capital, that satisfy its objectives.
Case Studies. This document includes case studies demonstrating improved financial performance of companies following their acquisition by a Blackstone fund. BIP believes it can deliver similar types of improvements to future assets.	Case Studies. Case studies may not be representative of all transactions of a given type or of investments generally. There can be no assurance that BIP will be able to make comparable or equally successful investments in the future or obtain comparable returns.
Co – investment. Co-investments may allow for transaction structure risk mitigation. Co-investments may also allow investors to invest in underlying assets without investing in a fund.	<b>Co</b> – <b>investment.</b> Investment in a Blackstone fund, account or strategy does not entitle any limited partner to be presented with or otherwise participate in any co-investment opportunities.
<b>Diversification and Downside Mitigation.</b> BIP is Blackstone's dedicated infrastructure equity platform and its portfolio is diversified primarily across Core / Core+ platform companies across our targeted high-conviction sectors and geographies. Diversification of our portfolio of investments can enhance returns, reduce risk and allow us to capitalize on our deal flow.	Diversification and Downside Mitigation. Diversification does not ensure a profit or protect against a loss in a declining market. There can be no assurance that any downside control feature will be successful, achieve its objectives or avoid substantia losses, or that such mitigating measures will provide protection for any downside potential.
Estimates, Deal Flow Flexibility & Pipeline. BIP provides certain financial estimates and related underlying assumptions, and statements about plans and objectives with respect to future operations and future performance. The material refers to indicative deals in the BIP pipeline, illustrating our outlook on potentially beneficial investment opportunities. Our portfolio is not dependent on federal or local governments for deal flow.	Estimates, Deal Flow Flexibility & Pipeline. Estimates and other forward-looking information set forth herein are based or assumptions that Blackstone believes to be reasonable as of the date hereof. Future results and pipeline estimations are inherently uncertain and subject to many factors, including market and general economic conditions. There can be no assurance that pending but not yet closed transactions will close as expected or at all. Project plans are in varying stages of maturity and associated project metrics shown herein are subject to change due to design, engineering, regulatory approvals, and other external factors.
Indicative Terms. An indicative summary of terms for BIP is included in this document.	Indicative Terms. Summary terms are not complete and are qualified by BIP's governing documents.
Key Personnel. Blackstone believes our ecosystem of talent, sector and functional expertise and networks, assembled over the years, form a strong platform that we mobilize on an integrated basis to grow, optimize and protect our investments. The success of the Fund is related, in large part, to the skill and expertise of certain Blackstone professionals.	Key Personnel. Certain Blackstone professionals will not be dedicated to the management and operation of BIP and/or they may perform work for other Blackstone business units and, therefore, conflicts are expected to arise in their time allocation. The involvement and role of the professionals may vary, including having no involvement at all. There can be no assurance that such professionals will be associated with the Fund throughout its life. In the event of death, disability or departure of key Blackstone professionals, business and Fund performance may be adversely affected.
Returns, Past Performance & Index Comparison. Blackstone Infrastructure Partners has delivered strong returns and has consistently outperformed public indices on key measurements. Blackstone believes BIP can continue to perform to a similar standard.	Returns, Past Performance & Index Comparison. Past performance does not predict future returns. There is no assurance that any Blackstone fund or investment will achieve its objectives or avoid substantial losses. This document may include hypothetica performance, based on assumptions and judgments that Blackstone believes are reasonable but are subject to significant risks and limitations. Indices are not formal benchmarks for the funds but are disclosed for illustrative purposes.
Risk Management. BIP maintains a robust process to manage risk and optimize returns for our limited partners.	Risk Management. Risk management seeks to mitigate risk but does not eliminate risk and does not protect against losses. This product is subject to the risk of capital loss.
Themes and Trends. According to Blackstone, recognizing significant market trends, investment themes and target sectors is essential to finding quality investment opportunities and achieving strong fund performance. This material may highlight operational efficiencies and cost savings sought or achieved by BIP.	Themes and Trends. There is no assurance that Blackstone will find opportunities relating to identified themes or that future initiatives will occur as expected or at all. It should not be assumed that the Fund will make comparable or equally successfu investments in the future. Trends may not continue or may reverse. There is no assurance that the targeted composition will align with the Fund's actual portfolio or that any BIP portfolio company will participate in cost saving initiatives discussed herein.

A detailed summary of the risks to which the Fund is subject is available in the Fund's Offering Documents. Capitalized terms used herein but not otherwise defined have the meanings set forth in the "Important Disclosure Information" section or in the Fund's Offering Documents.

**Conflicts of Interest.** There may be occasions when the Fund's general partner and/or the investment advisor, and their affiliates will encounter potential conflicts of interest in connection with the Fund's activities including, without limitation, the allocation of investment opportunities, relationships with Blackstone's and its affiliates' investment banking and advisory clients, and the diverse interests of such Fund's limited partner group.

Exchange Rate. Currency fluctuations may have an adverse effect on the value, price, income or costs of the product which may increase or decrease as a result of changes in exchange rates. Forward-Looking Statements. Certain information contained in the Materials constitutes "forward-looking statements," which can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology or the negatives thereof. These may include statements about plans, objectives and expectations with respect to future operations. Such forward-looking statements are inherently uncertain and there are or may be important factors that could cause actual outcomes or results to differ materially from those indicated in such statements. Blackstone believes these factors include, but are not limited to, those described under the section entitled "Risk Factors" in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the most recent fiscal year, and any such updated factors included in its periodic filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, which are accessible on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. These factors should not be construed as exhaustive and should be read in conjunction with the other cautionary statements that are included in the Materials and in the filings. Blackstone undertakes no obligation to publicly update or review any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future developments or otherwise.

**Illiquidity and Variable Valuation.** There is no organized secondary market for investors' interests in the Fund nor is there an organized market for which to sell the Fund's underlying investments, and none is expected to develop. Further, the valuation of the Fund's investments will be difficult, may be based on imperfect information, and is subject to inherent uncertainties. The resulting values may differ from values that would have been determined had a ready market existed for such investments, from values placed on such investments by other investors, and from prices at which such investments may ultimately be sold.

Leverage; Borrowings Under a Subscription Facility. The Fund may use leverage, and the Fund may utilize borrowings from Blackstone Inc. or under its subscription-based credit facility in advance of or in lieu of receiving investors' capital contributions. The use of leverage or borrowings magnifies investment, market and certain other risks and may be significant. The Fund's performance may be affected by the availability and terms of any leverage as such leverage will enhance returns from investments to the extent such returns exceed the costs of borrowings by the Fund. The leveraged capital structure of such assets will increase their exposure to certain factors such as rising interest rates, downturns in the economy, or deterioration in the financial condition of such assets or industry. In the event an investment cannot generate adequate cash flow to meet its debt service, the Fund may suffer a partial or total loss of capital invested in the investment, which may adversely affect the returns of the Fund. In the case of borrowings used in advance of or in lieu of receiving investors' capital contributions, such use will result in higher or lower reported returns than if investors' capital had been contributed at the inception of an investment because calculations of returns to investors are based on the payment date of investors' capital contributions. In addition, because a Fund will pay all expenses, including interest, associated with the use of any leverage or borrowings, investors would indirectly bear such costs.

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# **Investment Performance Analysis** North Dakota Board of University and School Lands

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Period Ended: September 30, 2024

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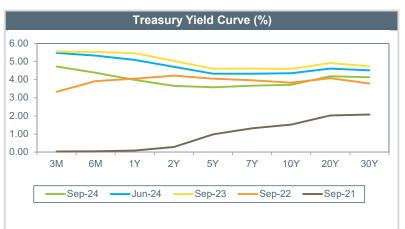
# I. Capital Markets Review

#### **Third Quarter Economic Environment**

#### **Key Economic Indicators**

In Q3, market conditions were characterized by reversals of recent trends in public equity and fixed income. These conditions developed due to heightened expectations that global central banks, including the US Federal Reserve, would reduce their policy rates. Market anticipation of declining interest rates grew with reports showing continued inflation moderation and generally stable economic growth forecasts. Amidst this environment, non-US stocks, value-oriented stocks, and smaller cap stocks were especially strong performers in public equities. Within public fixed income, longer duration and non-US denominated securities outpaced other types of securities. Despite the change in market trends, global economic indicators did not shift meaningfully during the quarter. The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) forecasts for headline inflation in G20 economies for 2024 and 2025 only declined marginally compared to past forecasted levels. The current forecast for global headline inflation is 5.4% by year-end, declining further down to 3.3% by the end of 2025. Recent US data points to stabilizing inflation as well, with the Core Consumer Price Index level finishing Q3 at 3.3%—the same reading as at the end of Q2. In September, the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) announced a 50 basis point reduction to the Federal Funds rate. The Federal Funds rate range is now 4.75–5.00%, and the FOMC has suggested that further rate cuts are anticipated.

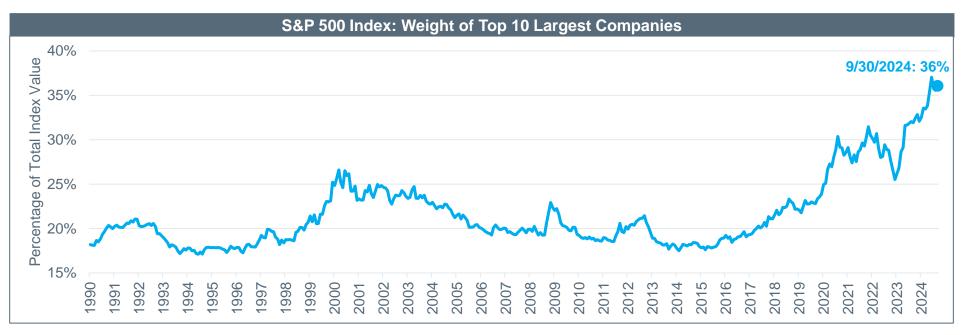
Economic Indicators	Sep-24		Jun-24	Sep-23	Sep-21	20 Yr
Federal Funds Rate (%)	4.83	▼	5.33	5.33	0.06	1.61
10 Year US Treasury Yield	3.72	▼	4.36	4.59	1.52	2.99
30 Year US Treasury Yield	4.14	▼	4.51	4.73	2.08	N/A
Consumer Price Index YoY (Headline) (%)	2.40	▼	3.00	3.70	5.40	2.60
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.10	_	4.10	3.80	4.70	5.81
Real Gross Domestic Product YoY (%)	2.70	▼	3.00	2.90	4.70	2.07
PMI - Manufacturing	47.20	▼	48.50	49.00	60.50	53.26
US Dollar Total Weighted Index	121.53	▼	124.52	122.63	114.67	104.36
WTI Crude Oil per Barrel (\$)	68.17	▼	81.54	90.79	75.03	69.52

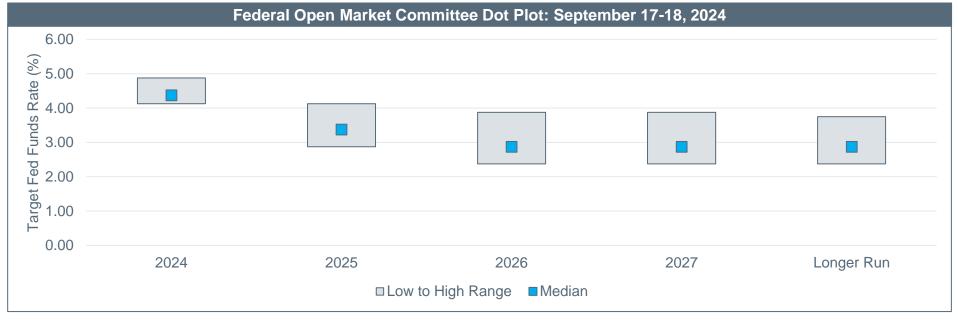


Market Performance (%)	QTD	CYTD	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	15 Yr	20 Yr
US Large Cap Equity	5.89	22.08	36.35	11.91	15.98	13.38	14.15	10.71
US Small Cap Equity	9.27	11.17	26.76	1.84	9.39	8.78	10.59	8.49
Developed International Equity	7.26	12.99	24.77	5.48	8.20	5.71	5.99	6.01
Developed International Small Cap Equity	10.54	11.11	23.48	-0.36	6.40	6.21	7.10	7.14
Emerging Markets Equity	8.72	16.86	26.05	0.40	5.75	4.02	4.16	7.30
US Aggregate Bond	5.20	4.45	11.57	-1.39	0.33	1.84	2.60	3.22
3 Month US Treasury Bill	1.37	4.03	5.46	3.49	2.32	1.65	1.13	1.62
US Real Estate	0.25	-2.56	-7.27	-0.18	2.94	6.10	8.16	6.62
Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs)	16.09	15.93	34.74	5.07	5.46	7.83	10.45	8.11
Commodities	0.68	5.86	0.96	3.66	7.79	0.03	-0.44	-0.51

Treasury data courtesy of the US Department of the Treasury. Economic data courtesy of Bloomberg Professional Service. Real Gross Domestic Product YoY (%) is available quarterly. Real estate is reported quarterly; QTD returns are shown as "0.00" on interim-quarter months and until available. Market performance is representative of broad asset class index returns. Please see the addendum for indices used for each asset class.







Source: FactSet and Federal Reserve



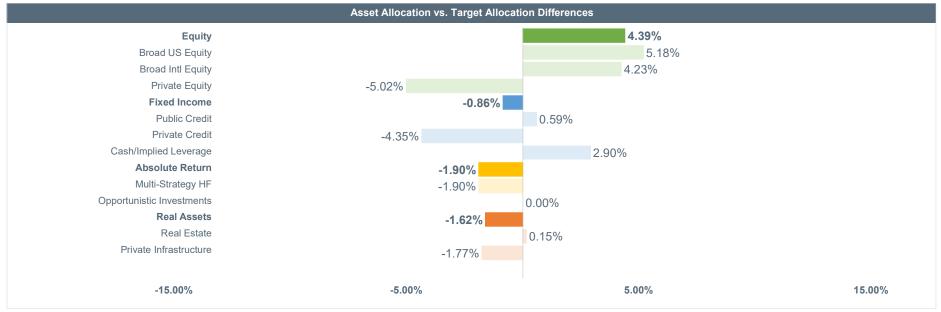
# II. Total Fund

## North Dakota Board of University and School Lands Total Endowments

#### Asset Allocation vs. Long-Term Target Allocation

	Asset Allocation	Asset Allocation (%)	Target Allocation (%)	Minimum Allocation (%)	Maximum Allocation (%)
Equity	3,153,605,356	42.39%	38.00%	28.00%	48.00%
Broad US Equity Broad International Equity Private Equity	1,501,526,735 1,430,521,271 221,557,349	20.18% 19.23% 2.98%	15.00% 15.00% 8.00%	12.00% 12.00% 0.00%	18.00% 18.00% 12.00%
Fixed Income	2,167,839,223	29.14%	30.00%	20.00%	40.00%
Public Credit Private Credit Cash/Implied Leverage	1,159,788,771 1,164,026,013 -155,975,562	15.59% 15.65% -2.10%	15.00% 20.00% -5.00%	10.00% 10.00% -10.00%	20.00% 25.00% 5.00%
Absolute Return	974,313,484	13.10%	15.00%	10.00%	20.00%
Multi-Strategy Hedge Fund Opportunistic Investments	974,313,484 0	13.10% 0.00%	15.00%	10.00%	20.00%
Real Assets	1,144,287,971	15.38%	17.00%	8.00%	26.00%
Real Estate Private Infrastructure	754,996,761 389,291,210	10.15% 5.23%	10.00% 7.00%	5.00% 0.00%	15.00% 11.00%

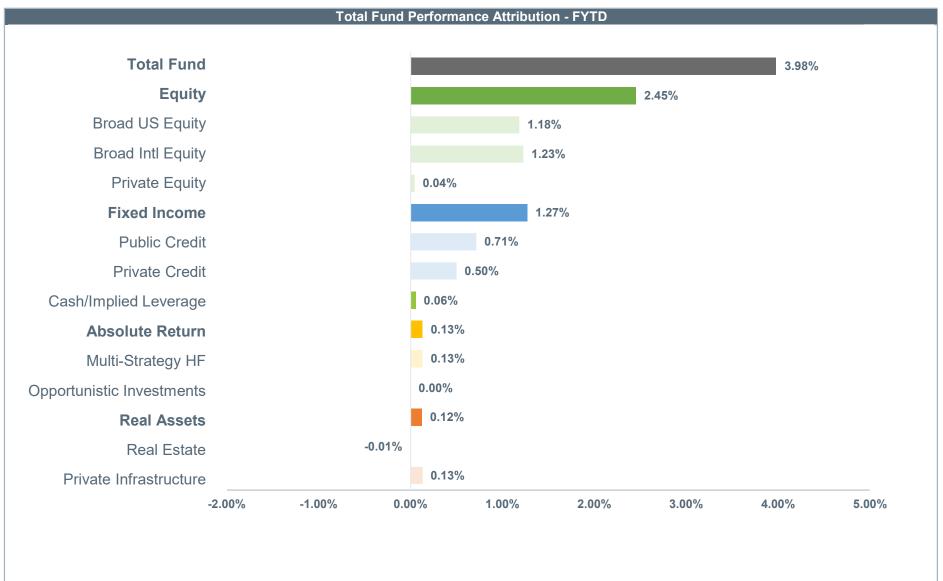




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North Dakota Board of University and School Lands Total Fund Attribution



Performance shown is net of fees. RVK began monitoring the assets of North Dakota Board of University and School Lands in Q3 2014. Allocations shown may not sum up to 100% exactly due to rounding.



#### North Dakota Board of University and School Lands Comparative Performance

	QTD	FYTD	CYTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	7 Years	10 Years	Since Incep.	Inception Date
Total Fund	3.98	3.98	10.07	15.00	4.43	6.56	5.67	5.37	6.53	08/01/1995
Target Allocation Index (Net)	4.75	4.75	9.45	15.74	4.19	7.37	6.59	6.27	N/A	
Difference	-0.77	-0.77	0.62	-0.74	0.24	-0.81	-0.92	-0.90	N/A	
Broad US Equity	6.06	6.06	20.27	34.23	8.92	14.44	13.11	12.45	14.10	07/01/2009
Russell 3000 Index	6.23	6.23	20.63	35.19	10.29	15.26	13.74	12.83	14.69	
Difference	-0.17	-0.17	-0.36	-0.96	-1.37	-0.82	-0.63	-0.38	-0.59	
Broad International Equity	6.61	6.61	15.35	25.82	5.36	8.77	5.84	5.56	6.83	07/01/2009
MSCI ACW Ex US IM Index (USD) (Net)	8.18	8.18	13.90	25.06	3.74	7.66	5.40	5.33	6.83	
Difference	-1.57	-1.57	1.45	0.76	1.62	1.11	0.44	0.23	0.00	
Private Equity	1.74	1.74	4.31	7.99	13.11	N/A	N/A	N/A	13.62	04/01/2021
Cambridge US Prvt Eq Index	0.00	0.00	3.70	6.47	5.54	14.75	14.32	13.30	10.30	
Difference	1.74	1.74	0.61	1.52	7.57	N/A	N/A	N/A	3.32	
Fixed Income	4.06	4.06	7.31	11.15	4.11	4.43	4.09	3.79	5.40	08/01/1995
Global Fixed Income Custom Index	3.90	3.90	5.96	11.25	1.85	2.34	2.94	2.80	N/A	
Difference	0.16	0.16	1.35	-0.10	2.26	2.09	1.15	0.99	N/A	
Public Credit	4.67	4.67	5.27	9.84	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3.41	07/01/2022
Bloomberg US Agg Bond Index	5.20	5.20	4.45	11.57	-1.39	0.33	1.47	1.84	3.03	
Difference	-0.53	-0.53	0.82	-1.73	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.38	
Private Credit	3.36	3.36	9.58	12.19	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	11.78	07/01/2022
CS Lvg'd Loan Index +1.5%	2.43	2.43	7.78	11.27	7.88	7.18	6.82	6.43	11.99	
Difference	0.93	0.93	1.80	0.92	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	-0.21	
Cash/Implied Leverage	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.99	09/01/2024
ICE BofAML 3 Mo US T-Bill Index (Negative)	-1.35	-1.35	-3.89	-5.20	-3.39	-2.28	-2.18	-1.63	-0.43	
Difference	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.42	

Performance shown is net of fees, and annualized for periods greater than one year. Composite inception dates are based on availability of data for each asset class. The Global Fixed Income Custom Index and Absolute Return Custom Index are calculated monthly using beginning of month weights applied to each corresponding primary benchmark return. Please see the Addendum for additional custom index definitions. RVK began monitoring the assets of North Dakota Board of University and School Lands in Q3 2014. Fiscal year ends 06/30. Performance for the Cash/Implied Leverage composite excludes the NISA Offset. Performance for the Cambridge US Prvt Eq Index is unavailable as of 09/30.



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#### North Dakota Board of University and School Lands Comparative Performance

	QTD	FYTD	CYTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	7 Years	10 Years	Since Incep.	Inception Date
Absolute Return	1.12	1.12	7.74	9.13	-0.14	2.54	2.33	2.49	2.21	07/01/2014
Absolute Return Custom Index	2.20	2.20	5.31	8.88	-0.98	4.29	4.48	4.89	4.60	
Difference	-1.08	-1.08	2.43	0.25	0.84	-1.75	-2.15	-2.40	-2.39	
Multi-Strategy Hedge Funds	1.12	1.12	7.74	9.69	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	8.96	07/01/2022
HFRI RV Multi Strat Index	2.20	2.20	5.31	8.16	3.35	5.23	4.36	4.03	5.29	
Difference	-1.08	-1.08	2.43	1.53	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3.67	
Real Estate	0.10	0.10	-1.50	-6.19	-0.20	2.74	4.02	N/A	5.35	07/01/2015
NCREIF ODCE Index (AWA) (Net)	0.02	0.02	-3.20	-8.04	-1.04	2.05	3.21	5.16	4.50	
Difference	0.08	0.08	1.70	1.85	0.84	0.69	0.81	N/A	0.85	
Private Infrastructure	2.62	2.62	7.60	11.23	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	9.99	02/01/2022
MSCI Wrld Infrastructure Index (Net)	15.58	15.58	22.35	34.94	7.76	5.79	5.85	5.17	7.56	
Difference	-12.96	-12.96	-14.75	-23.71	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2.43	

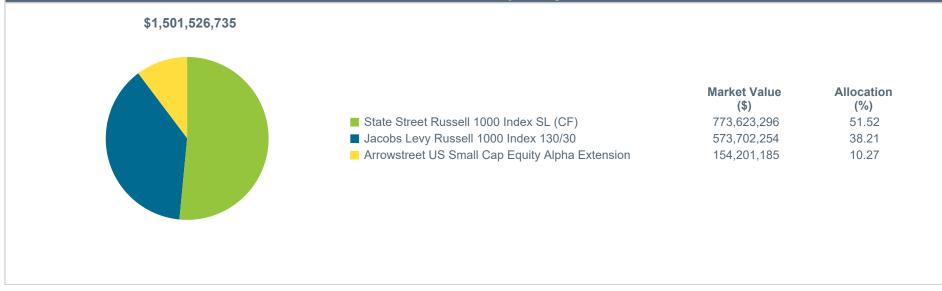
Performance shown is net of fees, and annualized for periods greater than one year. Composite inception dates are based on availability of data for each asset class. The Global Fixed Income Custom Index and Absolute Return Custom Index are calculated monthly using beginning of month weights applied to each corresponding primary benchmark return. Please see the Addendum for additional custom index definitions. RVK began monitoring the assets of North Dakota Board of University and School Lands in Q3 2014. Fiscal year ends 06/30. Performance for the Cash/Implied Leverage composite excludes the NISA Offset. Performance for the Cambridge US Prvt Eq Index is unavailable as of 09/30.



## North Dakota Board of University and School Lands Broad US Equity

		Comp	arative Pe	rformance						
	QTD	FYTD	CYTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	7 Years	10 Years	Since Incep.	Inception Date
Broad US Equity	6.06	6.06	20.27	34.23	8.92	14.44	13.11	12.45	14.10	07/01/2009
Russell 3000 Index	6.23	6.23	20.63	35.19	10.29	15.26	13.74	12.83	14.69	
Difference	-0.17	-0.17	-0.36	-0.96	-1.37	-0.82	-0.63	-0.38	-0.59	
State Street Russell 1000 Index SL (CF)	6.08	6.08	21.16	35.67	10.80	15.61	14.15	N/A	14.25	06/01/2017
Russell 1000 Index	6.08	6.08	21.18	35.68	10.83	15.64	14.18	13.10	14.28	
Difference	0.00	0.00	-0.02	-0.01	-0.03	-0.03	-0.03	N/A	-0.03	
Jacobs Levy Russell 1000 Index 130/30	5.76	5.76	20.98	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	27.49	12/01/2023
Russell 1000 Index	6.08	6.08	21.18	35.68	10.83	15.64	14.18	13.10	27.16	
Difference	-0.32	-0.32	-0.20	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.33	
Arrowstreet US Small Cap Equity Alpha Extension	7.09	7.09	13.63	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	34.25	11/01/2023
Russell 2000 Index	9.27	9.27	11.17	26.76	1.84	9.39	7.36	8.78	36.04	
Difference	-2.18	-2.18	2.46	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	-1.79	

#### Asset Allocation by Manager



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#### North Dakota Board of University and School Lands Broad International Equity

		Comp	arative Pe	rformance						
	QTD	FYTD	CYTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	7 Years	10 Years	Since Incep.	Inception Date
Broad International Equity	6.61	6.61	15.35	25.82	5.36	8.77	5.84	5.56	6.83	07/01/2009
MSCI ACW Ex US IM Index (USD) (Net)	8.18	8.18	13.90	25.06	3.74	7.66	5.40	5.33	6.83	
Difference	-1.57	-1.57	1.45	0.76	1.62	1.11	0.44	0.23	0.00	
State Street World Ex US Index (CF)	7.74	7.74	13.03	24.89	5.50	8.25	6.05	5.58	4.84	07/01/2014
MSCI Wrld Ex US Index (USD) (Net)	7.76	7.76	13.10	24.98	5.65	8.36	6.16	5.68	4.93	
Difference	-0.02	-0.02	-0.07	-0.09	-0.15	-0.11	-0.11	-0.10	-0.09	
Acadian Non-US Small Cap Equity Extension Fund	9.08	9.08	19.84	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	24.30	12/01/2023
MSCI EAFE Sm Cap Index (USD) (Net)	10.54	10.54	11.11	23.48	-0.36	6.40	4.16	6.21	19.20	
Difference	-1.46	-1.46	8.73	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	5.10	
Arrowstreet Emerging Market Alpha Extension	0.72	0.72	18.41	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	22.64	12/01/2023
MSCI Emg Mkts Index (USD) (Net)	8.72	8.72	16.86	26.05	0.40	5.75	3.65	4.02	21.43	
Difference	-8.00	-8.00	1.55	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.21	

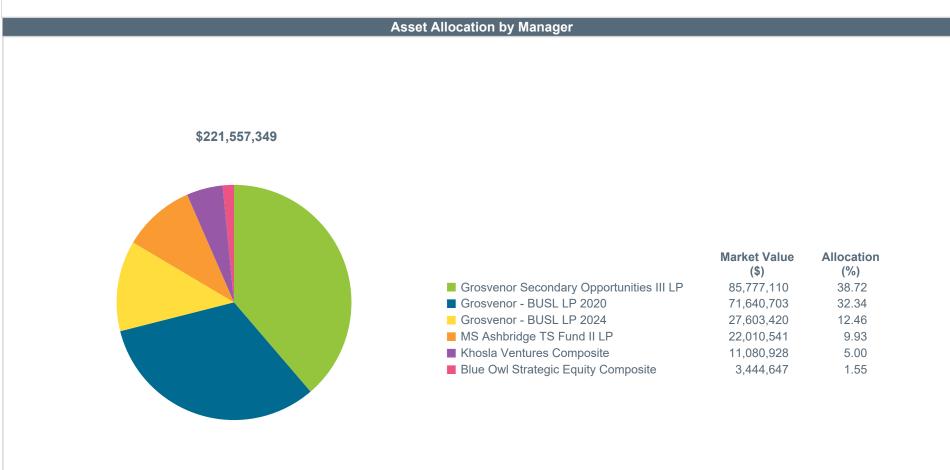
#### Asset Allocation by Manager



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	Comparative Performance													
	QTD	FYTD	CYTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	7 Years	10 Years	Since Incep.	Inception Date				
Private Equity	1.74	1.74	4.31	7.99	13.11	N/A	N/A	N/A	13.62	04/01/2021				
Cambridge US Prvt Eq Index	0.00	0.00	3.70	6.47	5.54	14.75	14.32	13.30	10.30					
Difference	1.74	1.74	0.61	1.52	7.57	N/A	N/A	N/A	3.32					



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## North Dakota Board of University and School Lands Fixed Income

			Comparat	ive Perform	nance					
	QTD	FYTD	CYTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	7 Years	10 Years	Since Incep.	Inception Date
Fixed Income	4.06	4.06	7.31	11.15	4.11	4.43	4.09	3.79	5.40	08/01/199
Global Fixed Income Custom Index	3.90	3.90	5.96	11.25	1.85	2.34	2.94	2.80	N/A	
Difference	0.16	0.16	1.35	-0.10	2.26	2.09	1.15	0.99	N/A	
Public Credit	4.67	4.67	5.27	9.84	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3.41	07/01/2022
Bloomberg US Agg Bond Index	5.20	5.20	4.45	11.57	-1.39	0.33	1.47	1.84	3.03	
Difference	-0.53	-0.53	0.82	-1.73	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.38	
State Street US Agg Bond Index SL (CF)	5.20	5.20	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	6.20	06/01/2024
Bloomberg US Agg Bond Index	5.20	5.20	4.45	11.57	-1.39	0.33	1.47	1.84	6.19	
Difference	0.00	0.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.01	
NISA US Agg Bond Overlay (SA)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.34	09/01/2024
Bloomberg US Agg Bond Index	5.20	5.20	4.45	11.57	-1.39	0.33	1.47	1.84	1.34	
Difference	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.00	
FLP (Loans)	1.51	1.51	4.58	6.07	5.48	4.97	5.18	5.45	6.79	08/01/1995
ND Land - PTF Cash (SA)	1.28	1.28	3.93	5.27	3.42	2.21	2.16	N/A	2.14	07/01/2017
ICE BofAML 3 Mo US T-Bill Index	1.37	1.37	4.03	5.46	3.49	2.32	2.22	1.65	2.18	
Difference	-0.09	-0.09	-0.10	-0.19	-0.07	-0.11	-0.06	N/A	-0.04	
Transition Account (SA)	2.05	2.05	6.50	7.88	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	7.51	08/01/2023
Private Credit	3.36	3.36	9.58	12.19	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	11.78	07/01/2022
CS Lvg'd Loan Index +1.5%	2.43	2.43	7.78	11.27	7.88	7.18	6.82	6.43	11.99	
Difference	0.93	0.93	1.80	0.92	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	-0.21	
AG Direct Lending III LP	1.41	1.41	5.98	8.53	9.69	10.03	N/A	N/A	9.88	09/01/2018
CS Lvg'd Loan Index +1.5%	2.43	2.43	7.78	11.27	7.88	7.18	6.82	6.43	6.80	
Difference	-1.02	-1.02	-1.80	-2.74	1.81	2.85	N/A	N/A	3.08	
AG Direct Lending IV LP	2.62	2.62	7.13	10.05	11.37	N/A	N/A	N/A	13.28	06/01/2021
CS Lvg'd Loan Index +1.5%	2.43	2.43	7.78	11.27	7.88	7.18	6.82	6.43	7.72	
Difference	0.19	0.19	-0.65	-1.22	3.49	N/A	N/A	N/A	5.56	

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## North Dakota Board of University and School Lands Fixed Income

		C	omparative	e Performa	nce					
	QTD	FYTD	CYTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	7 Years	10 Years	Since Incep.	Inception Date
AG Direct Lending BUSL LP	3.12	3.12	9.88	13.17	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	12.48	06/01/2022
CS Lvg'd Loan Index +1.5%	2.43	2.43	7.78	11.27	7.88	7.18	6.82	6.43	10.61	
Difference	0.69	0.69	2.10	1.90	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.87	
Blue Owl Diversified Lending	2.57	2.57	11.22	10.61	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	10.13	11/01/2021
CS Lvg'd Loan Index +1.5%	2.43	2.43	7.78	11.27	7.88	7.18	6.82	6.43	7.98	
Difference	0.14	0.14	3.44	-0.66	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2.15	
Apollo Credit Strategies Absolute Return LP	5.18	5.18	12.57	16.98	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	13.36	04/01/2022
CS Lvg'd Loan Index +2%	2.56	2.56	8.18	11.82	8.41	7.71	7.34	6.95	9.47	
Difference	2.62	2.62	4.39	5.16	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3.89	
Ares Pathfinder LP	1.68	1.68	5.14	5.63	7.64	N/A	N/A	N/A	26.61	03/01/2021
Schroders Flexible Secured Income (SA)	2.45	2.45	7.74	9.67	5.70	N/A	N/A	N/A	5.60	09/01/2021
3 Month LIBOR Index (USD)+1.75%	1.91	1.91	5.56	7.49	5.33	4.25	4.18	3.63	5.23	
Difference	0.54	0.54	2.18	2.18	0.37	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.37	
Varde Dislocation LP	3.03	3.03	9.09	11.89	7.78	N/A	N/A	N/A	14.87	07/01/2020
Monarch Capital Partners VI LP	6.63	6.63	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	17.92	03/01/2024
CS Lvg'd Loan Index +2%	2.56	2.56	8.18	11.82	8.41	7.71	7.34	6.95	6.04	
Difference	4.07	4.07	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	11.88	
Cash/Implied Leverage	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.99	09/01/2024
ICE BofAML 3 Mo US T-Bill Index (Negative)	-1.35	-1.35	-3.89	-5.20	-3.39	-2.28	-2.18	-1.63	-0.43	
Difference	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.42	
NISA Cash/Implied Leverage	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.99	09/01/2024
ICE BofAML 3 Mo US T-Bill Index (Negative)	-1.35	-1.35	-3.89	-5.20	-3.39	-2.28	-2.18	-1.63	-0.43	
Difference	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.42	

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#### Asset Allocation by Manager \$2,167,839,223 **Market Value** Allocation (\$) (%) State Street US Agg Bond Index SL (CF) 916.984.287 42.30 Apollo Credit Strategies Absolute Return LP 273,632,201 12.62 Schroders Flexible Secured Income (SA) 236,719,497 10.92 8.16 NISA US Agg Bond Overlay (SA) 176,823,744 AG Direct Lending BUSL LP 148,442,939 6.85 AG Direct Lending IV LP 4.70 101,816,183 Ares Pathfinder LP 96,491,777 4.45 Monarch Capital Partners VI LP 84,284,172 3.89 AG Direct Lending III LP 83,360,191 3.85 Blue Owl Diversified Lending 77,993,789 3.60 ND Land - PTF Cash (SA) 63,003,033 2.91 Varde Dislocation LP 61.285.264 2.83 NISA Cash/Implied Leverage 19,935,549 0.92 FLP (Loans) 2,642,531 0.12 Loomis Sayles Credit Asset (SA) 316,629 0.01 Payden & Rygel Long Term (SA) 13.597 0.00 Transition Account (SA) 4,950 0.00 NISA Offset -175,911,111 -8.11

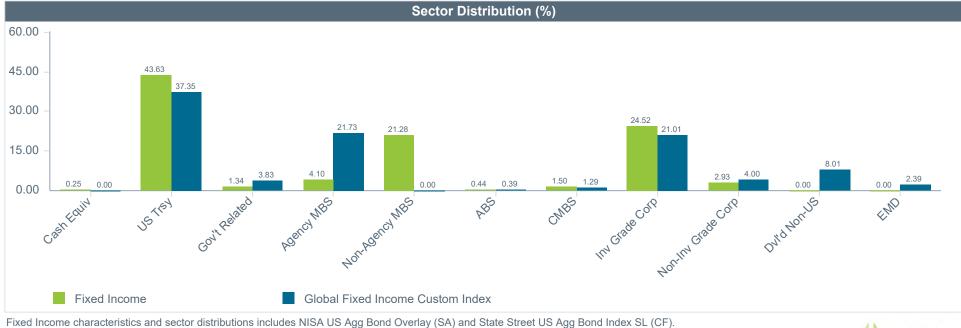
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#### North Dakota Board of University and School Lands Fixed Income vs. Global Fixed Income Custom Index Portfolio Characteristics

Portfolio Characteristics										
	Portfolio	Benchmark								
Effective Duration	6.18	5.96								
Avg. Maturity	8.41	8.17								
Avg. Quality	Aa3	N/A								
Coupon Rate (%)	3.51	3.61								
Yield To Worst (%)	4.24	4.48								
Current Yield (%)	3.64	N/A								



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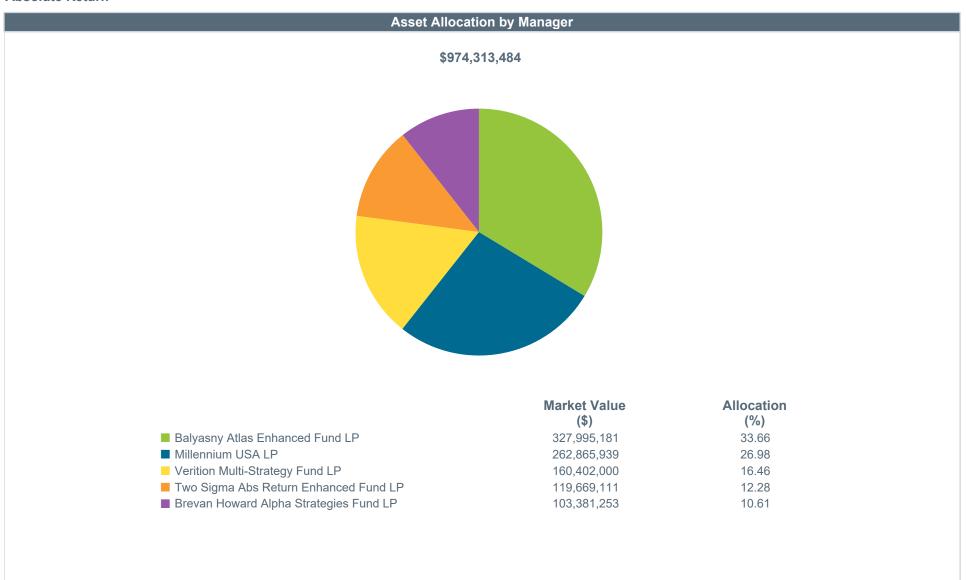
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## North Dakota Board of University and School Lands Absolute Return

			Comparativ	e Performa	ince					
	QTD	FYTD	CYTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	7 Years	10 Years	Since Incep.	Inception Date
Absolute Return	1.12	1.12	7.74	9.13	-0.14	2.54	2.33	2.49	2.21	07/01/2014
Absolute Return Custom Index	2.20	2.20	5.31	8.88	-0.98	4.29	4.48	4.89	4.60	
Difference	-1.08	-1.08	2.43	0.25	0.84	-1.75	-2.15	-2.40	-2.39	
Multi-Strategy Hedge Funds	1.12	1.12	7.74	9.69	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	8.96	07/01/2022
HFRI RV Multi Strat Index	2.20	2.20	5.31	8.16	3.35	5.23	4.36	4.03	5.29	
Difference	-1.08	-1.08	2.43	1.53	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3.67	
Millennium USA LP	2.37	2.37	9.53	11.91	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	11.67	01/01/2022
HFRI RV Multi Strat Index	2.20	2.20	5.31	8.16	3.35	5.23	4.36	4.03	3.91	
Difference	0.17	0.17	4.22	3.75	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	7.76	
Balyasny Atlas Enhanced Fund LP	0.53	0.53	6.21	6.47	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	6.12	03/01/2023
HFRI RV Multi Strat Index	2.20	2.20	5.31	8.16	3.35	5.23	4.36	4.03	5.56	
Difference	-1.67	-1.67	0.90	-1.69	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.56	
Brevan Howard Alpha Strategies Fund LP	3.41	3.41	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2.44	08/01/2024
HFRI RV Multi Strat Index	2.20	2.20	5.31	8.16	3.35	5.23	4.36	4.03	1.35	
Difference	1.21	1.21	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.09	
Two Sigma Abs Return Enhanced Fund LP	-2.75	-2.75	7.54	13.80	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	13.51	05/01/2023
HFRI RV Multi Strat Index	2.20	2.20	5.31	8.16	3.35	5.23	4.36	4.03	6.96	
Difference	-4.95	-4.95	2.23	5.64	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	6.55	
Verition Multi-Strategy Fund LP	1.90	1.90	6.93	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	6.93	01/01/2024
HFRI RV Multi Strat Index	2.20	2.20	5.31	8.16	3.35	5.23	4.36	4.03	5.31	
Difference	-0.30	-0.30	1.62	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.62	

Performance shown is net of fees. The Absolute Return Custom Index consists of 60% MSCI ACW IM Index (USD) (Net) and 40% Bloomberg US Agg Bond Index. RVK began monitoring the assets of North Dakota Board of University and School Lands in Q3 2014. Allocations shown may not sum up to 100% exactly due to rounding. In Q3, Brevan Howard Alpha Strategies Fund LP was funded.





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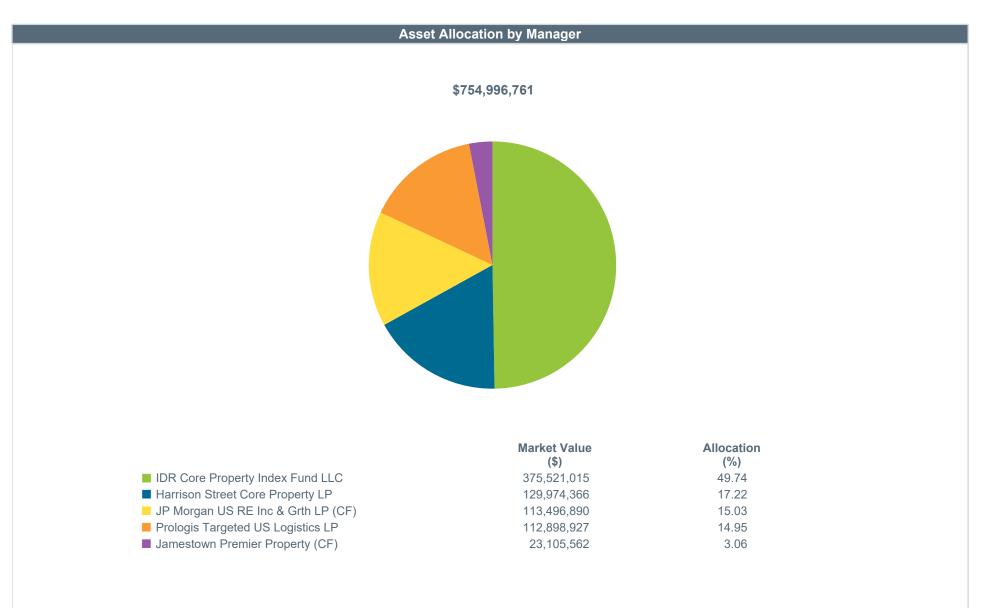


## North Dakota Board of University and School Lands Real Estate

			Compar	ative Perfor	mance					
	QTD	FYTD	CYTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	7 Years	10 Years	Since Incep.	Inception Date
Real Estate	0.10	0.10	-1.50	-6.19	-0.20	2.74	4.02	N/A	5.35	07/01/2015
NCREIF ODCE Index (AWA) (Net)	0.02	0.02	-3.20	-8.04	-1.04	2.05	3.21	5.16	4.50	
Difference	0.08	0.08	1.70	1.85	0.84	0.69	0.81	N/A	0.85	
Jamestown Premier Property (CF)	-4.98	-4.98	-15.71	-25.39	-28.49	-20.36	-12.81	N/A	-8.17	07/01/2015
NCREIF ODCE Index (AWA) (Net)	0.02	0.02	-3.20	-8.04	-1.04	2.05	3.21	5.16	4.50	
Difference	-5.00	-5.00	-12.51	-17.35	-27.45	-22.41	-16.02	N/A	-12.67	
Prologis Targeted US Logistics LP	1.48	1.48	4.90	-2.54	5.19	11.78	13.16	N/A	14.05	04/01/2016
NCREIF ODCE Index (AWA) (Net)	0.02	0.02	-3.20	-8.04	-1.04	2.05	3.21	5.16	3.87	
Difference	1.46	1.46	8.10	5.50	6.23	9.73	9.95	N/A	10.18	
JP Morgan US RE Inc & Grth LP (CF)	0.09	0.09	-2.41	-10.02	-2.05	0.97	1.88	N/A	2.79	07/01/2016
NCREIF ODCE Index (AWA) (Net)	0.02	0.02	-3.20	-8.04	-1.04	2.05	3.21	5.16	3.76	
Difference	0.07	0.07	0.79	-1.98	-1.01	-1.08	-1.33	N/A	-0.97	
Harrison Street Core Property LP	0.16	0.16	-1.20	-4.61	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.98	02/01/2022
NCREIF ODCE Index (AWA) (Net)	0.02	0.02	-3.20	-8.04	-1.04	2.05	3.21	5.16	-3.87	
Difference	0.14	0.14	2.00	3.43	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	4.85	
IDR Core Property Index Fund LLC	0.00	0.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	-0.54	04/01/2024
NCREIF ODCE Index (AWA) (Net)	0.02	0.02	-3.20	-8.04	-1.04	2.05	3.21	5.16	-0.64	
Difference	-0.02	-0.02	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.10	

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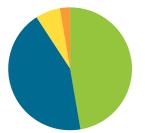


## North Dakota Board of University and School Lands Private Infrastructure

Comparative Performance										
	QTD	FYTD	CYTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	7 Years	10 Years	Since Incep.	Inception Date
Private Infrastructure	2.62	2.62	7.60	11.23	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	9.99	02/01/2022
MSCI Wrld Infrastructure Index	15.58	15.58	22.35	34.94	7.76	5.79	5.85	5.17	7.56	
Difference	-12.96	-12.96	-14.75	-23.71	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2.43	
JP Morgan Infrastructure Investments	2.40	2.40	7.62	11.18	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	10.74	02/01/2022
MSCI Wrld Infrastructure Index	15.58	15.58	22.35	34.94	7.76	5.79	5.85	5.17	7.56	
Difference	-13.18	-13.18	-14.73	-23.76	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3.18	
First Sentier GDIF US HFF	3.35	3.35	7.73	11.19	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	9.10	05/01/2022
MSCI Wrld Infrastructure Index	15.58	15.58	22.35	34.94	7.76	5.79	5.85	5.17	8.12	
Difference	-12.23	-12.23	-14.62	-23.75	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.98	
Hamilton Lane Infrastructure Opportunities LP	-0.09	-0.09	7.66	13.10	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	17.55	08/01/2022
MSCI Wrld Infrastructure Index	0.00	0.00	5.85	16.74	2.68	2.77	3.68	3.66	1.92	
Difference	-0.09	-0.09	1.81	-3.64	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	15.63	
Hamilton Lane Infrastructure Opportunities II LP	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.00	09/01/2024
MSCI Wrld Infrastructure Index	0.00	0.00	5.85	16.74	2.68	2.77	3.68	3.66	0.00	
Difference	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.00	

Asset Allocation By Manager

\$389,291,210



	Market Value (\$)	Allocation (%)
First Sentier GDIF US HFF	184,187,656	47.31
JP Morgan Infrastructure Investments	169,493,977	43.54
Hamilton Lane Infrastructure Opportunities LP	25,186,923	6.47
Hamilton Lane Infrastructure Opportunities II LP	10,422,655	2.68

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#### North Dakota Board of University and School Lands Alternative Investment Private Credit Fund Performance Listing

Fund Name	Vintage	Asset Class	Commitment (\$)	Paid In Capital (\$)	Distributions (\$)	Valuation (\$)	Fund IRR (%)	Quartile	Index IRR (%)	Fund Multiple
AG Direct Lending III LP	2018	Private Credit - Direct Lending	150,000,000	138,000,000	119,710,255	83,360,191	10.40	N/A	0.74	1.47
AG Direct Lending IV LP	2020	Private Credit - Direct Lending	100,000,000	95,648,632	26,744,720	101,816,183	12.50	N/A	-1.56	1.34
Ares Pathfinder LP	2020	Private Credit - Specialty Finance	100,000,000	86,189,042	11,677,654	96,491,777	11.42	N/A	1.51	1.26
Varde Dislocation LP	2020	Private Credit - Distressed/Special Situations	100,000,000	79,500,000	41,146,682	61,285,264	9.37	N/A	-2.08	1.29
Monarch Capital Partners VI LP	2023	Private Credit - Distressed/Special Situations	120,000,000	73,200,000	0	84,284,172	N/M	N/A	N/M	1.15
			570,000,000	472,537,674	199,279,311	427,237,587	11.18		0.23	1.33

Certain valuations (marked with a '\*') are preliminary estimates of valuation as of the date of reporting and reflect the estimated impact of subsequent net cash contributions/distributions. These figures may be used in calculations contained in this report. Index IRR represents the dollar-weighted returns calculated using the Barclays US Agg Bond Index assuming an index investment with the same cash flow timing. IRRs are shown only for investments with one year or more of cash flows and for which an accurate IRR could be calculated. Applicable IRRs are marked with 'N/M' for not material. Fund IRR is the annualized since-inception net internal rate for the indicated fund or composite. Fund Multiple is the since inception sum of distributions and valuation divided by paid in capital. Quartile data is based on information provided by Preqin.



#### North Dakota Board of University and School Lands Alternative Investment Private Equity Fund Performance Listing

Fund Name	Vintage	Asset Class	Commitment (\$)	Paid In Capital (\$)	Distributions (\$)	Valuation (\$)	Fund IRR (%)	Quartile	Index IRR (%)	Fund Multiple
Ashbridge Transformational Secondarie II LP	s 2021	Private Equity - Secondaries	25,000,000	16,673,294	0	22,010,541 *	16.57	N/A	21.66	1.32
Grosvenor - BUSL LP 2020-1 Investmer Series	nt 2021	Private Equity - Multi- Stage	130,000,000	63,109,783	3,553,549	71,640,703	10.83	N/A	14.55	1.19
Grosvenor Secondary Opportunities III L	P 2021	Private Equity - Fund of Funds	150,000,000	69,440,755	0	85,777,110 *	14.21	N/A	15.88	1.24
Khosla Ventures Fund VII Composite	2023	Private Equity - Venture	35,000,000	11,795,000	0	11,080,928	N/M	N/A	N/M	0.94
Grosvenor - BUSL LP 2024-1 Investmer Series	nt 2024	Private Equity - Multi- Stage	300,000,000	26,298,641	19,388	27,603,420	N/M	N/A	N/M	1.05
			640,000,000	187,317,474	3,572,937	218,112,702	12.62		16.67	1.18

Certain valuations (marked with a '\*') are preliminary estimates of valuation as of the date of reporting and reflect the estimated impact of subsequent net cash contributions/distributions. These figures may be used in calculations contained in this report. Index IRR represents the dollar-weighted returns calculated using the Russell 3000 Index assuming an index investment with the same cash flow timing. IRRs are shown only for investments with one year or more of cash flows and for which an accurate IRR could be calculated. Applicable IRRs are marked with 'N/M' for not material. Fund IRR is the annualized since-inception net internal rate for the indicated fund or composite. Fund Multiple is the since inception sum of distributions and valuation divided by paid in capital. Quartile data is based on information provided by Preqin.



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#### North Dakota Board of University and School Lands Alternative Investment Real Assets Fund Performance Listing

Fund Name Vintage	Asset Class	Commitment (\$)	Paid In Capital (\$)	Distributions (\$)	Valuation (\$)	Fund IRR (%)	Quartile	Index IRR (%)	Fund Multiple
Hamilton Lane Infrastructure Opportunities 2019 LP	Real Assets - Core Infrastructure	25,000,000	21,722,683	1,973,050	25,186,923 *	14.53	N/A	8.34	1.25
Hamilton Lane Infrastructure Opportunities 2023 Fund II LP	Real Assets - Core Infrastructure	25,000,000	10,422,655	0	11,642,272 *	N/M	N/A	N/M	1.12
		50,000,000	32,145,338	1,973,050	36,829,195	17.22		9.05	1.21

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#### Performance Related Comments

- Manager inception dates shown represent the first full month following initial funding.
- RVK began monitoring the assets of North Dakota Board of University and School Lands in Q3 2014. Prior historical data was provided by North Dakota Board of University and School Lands.
- Real Estate composite, manager, and index performance are available on a quarterly basis. Market values are as of the most recent quarter-end and adjusted for subsequent cash flows. Interim period performance assumes a 0.00% return.
- Indices show N/A for since inception returns when the fund contains more history than the corresponding benchmark.
- As of 07/2014, composite and manager performance is provided and calculated by RVK.
- Net performance for FLP bank loans represent Fees Payable.
- During 03/2021, JPM FI Intermediate Bond transitioned from intermediate duration to full duration core mandate.
- During 08/2021, Schroders Securitized Credit transitioned into Schroders Flexible Secured Income.
- During 12/2022, Varde Dislocation LP was moved from the Opportunistic Investments composite into the Private Credit composite.
- RVK cautions that the interpretation of time-weighted returns on non-marketable investments such as Private Equity, Private Real Estate, and Private Credit is imperfect at best, and can potentially be misleading.

#### Index Comments

- The Target Allocation Index (Net) is a static custom index that is calculated monthly and consists of:
  - From 07/2023 through present: 15% Russell 3000 Index, 15% MSCI ACWI Ex USA IMI, 15% Barclays US Aggregate Index, 20% CS Leveraged Loans Index +1.5%, 15% HFRI RV Multi-Strategy Index, 10% NCREIF ODCE Index (AWA) (Net), 8% Cambridge US Private Equity Index, 7% MSCI World Infrastructure Index, and -5% ICE BofAML 3 Month US Treasury Bill Index.
  - From 07/2022 through 06/2023: 15% Russell 3000 Index, 15% MSCI ACWI Ex USA IMI, 5% Barclays US Universal Index, 20% CS Leveraged Loans Index +1.5%, 5% Global 60/40 (60% MSCI All Country World IMI, 40% Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index), 10% HFRI RV Multi-Strategy Index, 15% NCREIF ODCE Index, 8% Cambridge US Private Equity Index, and 7% MSCI World Infrastructure Index.
  - From 05/2020 through 06/2022: 19% Russell 3000 Index, 19% MSCI ACW Ex US Index (USD) (Net), 22% Global Fixed Income Custom Index, 15% NCREIF ODCE Index (AWA) (Net), 15% Absolute Return Index, 5% Cambridge US Private Equity Index, and 5% MSCI World Infrastructure Index.
  - From 07/2019 through 04/2020: 18.5% Russell 3000 Index, 18.5% MSCI ACW Ex US Index (USD) (Net), 23% Global Fixed Income Custom Index, 15% NCREIF ODCE Index (AWA) (Net), 15% Absolute Return Custom Index, and 10% DIS Custom Index.
  - From 02/2018 through 06/2019: 17% Russell 3000 Index, 17% MSCI ACW Ex US Index (USD) (Net), 21% Global Fixed Income Custom Index, 15% NCREIF ODCE Index (AWA) (Net), 20% Absolute Return Custom Index, and 10% DIS Custom Index.
  - From 07/2016 through 01/2018: 17% Russell 3000 Index, 15% MSCI ACW Ex US Index (USD) (Net), 23% Global Fixed Income Custom Index, 15% NCREIF ODCE Index (AWA) (Net), 20% Absolute Return Custom Index, and 10% DIS Custom Index.
  - From 04/2016 through 06/2016: 17.6% Russell 3000 Index, 15.5% MSCI ACW Ex US Index (USD) (Net), 23.8% Global Fixed Income Custom Index, 12% NCREIF ODCE Index (AWA) (Net), 20.7% Absolute Return Custom Index, and 10.4% DIS Custom Index.
  - From 01/2016 through 03/2016: 17.7% Russell 3000 Index, 15.6% MSCI ACW Ex US Index (USD) (Net), 25.3% Global Fixed Income Custom Index, 10% NCREIF ODCE Index (AWA) (Net), 21% Absolute Return Custom Index, and 10.4% DIS Custom Index.
  - From 10/2015 through 12/2015: 17.9% Russell 3000 Index, 15.9% MSCI ACW Ex US Index (USD) (Net), 25.5% Global Fixed Income Custom Index, 9% NCREIF ODCE Index (AWA) (Net), 21.1% Absolute Return Custom Index, and 10.6% DIS Custom Index.
  - From 07/2015 through 09/2015: 19.5% Russell 3000 Index, 17.4% MSCI ACW Ex US Index (USD) (Net), 26.2% Global Fixed Income Custom Index, 4.1% NCREIF ODCE Index (AWA) (Net), 22% Absolute Return Custom Index, and 10.8% DIS Custom Index.
  - From 07/2014 through 06/2015: The index was calculated monthly using beginning of month asset class weights applied to each corresponding primary benchmark return.
  - From 01/2013 through 06/2014: 18.7% Russell 1000 Index, 12.4% Russell 2500 Index, 7.5% FTSE EPRA/NAREIT US Index, 12.4% MSCI EAFE Index (USD) (Net), 33.3% Bloomberg US Agg Bond Index, 0.70% CS Lvg'd Loan Index, 10% Bloomberg US Corp Hi Yld Index, and 5% Bloomberg Gbl Agg Ex USD Index (Hedged).
  - From 07/2009 through 12/2012: 15% Russell 1000 Index, 10% Russell 2500 Index, 6% FTSE EPRA/NAREIT US Index, 10% MSCI EAFE Index (USD) (Net), 32.3% Bloomberg US Agg Bond Index, 1.70% CS Lvg'd Loan Index, 10% Bloomberg US Corp Hi Yld Index, 5% Bloomberg Gbl Agg Ex USD Index (Hedged), and 10% ICE BofAML Cnvrt Bonds Index (All Qual).



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#### Cont.

- The Global Fixed Income Custom Index is calculated monthly using beginning of month weights applied to each corresponding primary benchmark return. From 04/2019 through 06/2022, the index consisted of the Bloomberg US Unv Bond Index. Prior to 03/2019, the index consisted of 75% Bloomberg US Unv Bond Index and 25% Bloomberg Multi-Universe Index.
- The Absolute Return Custom Index is calculated monthly using beginning of month weights applied to each corresponding primary benchmark return. Prior to 07/2022, the index consisted of 60% MSCI ACW IM Index (USD) (Net) and 40% Bloomberg US Agg Bond Index.

The asset class market performance is represented by the respective indices:

- US Large Cap Equity = S&P 500 Index (Cap weighted)
- US Small Cap Equity = Russell 2000 Index
- Developed International Equity = MSCI EAFE Index (USD) (Net)
- Developed International Small Cap Equity = MSCI EAFE Small Cap Index (USD) (Net)
- Emerging Markets Equity = MSCI Emerging Markets Index (USD) (Net)
- US Aggregate Bond = Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index
- 3 Month US Treasury Bill = ICE BofAML 3 Month US T-Bill Index
- US Real Estate = NCREIF ODCE Index (AWA) (Gross)
- Real Estate Investment Trust (REITs) = FTSE NAREIT Equity REITs Index (TR)
- Commodities = Bloomberg Commodities Index (TR)



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# North Dakota Board of University and School Lands

China Equity Discussion December 2024



**China Equities** 

## Summary

- Given geopolitical events and government policy responses, many investors have been reviewing their current exposure to investments within China and seeking an understanding of the merits and risks associated with those investments.
- Based on forward looking assumptions, the potential for attractive returns is present within Chinese equities (as shown in the following figure), however this presentation will walk through the threats to achieving these forecasted results.

# Long-Term Return Assumptions (as of 09/2024)



• A summary of perceived pros and of exposure to Chinese equities is provided below.

**EM Equities** 

- Pros:
  - As a very large component of the global economy with higher projected rates of economic growth than much of the developed world, there is upside return potential.

Europe/EAFE Equities

- Diversification benefits to a globally diversified portfolio, as the Chinese economy operates much differently than much of the developed world.
- Cons:
  - Exposure to risk created by an authoritarian regime with a history of sudden interventions in capital markets to the detriment of shareholders.
  - Direct exposure to risk of escalated conflict between the US and China

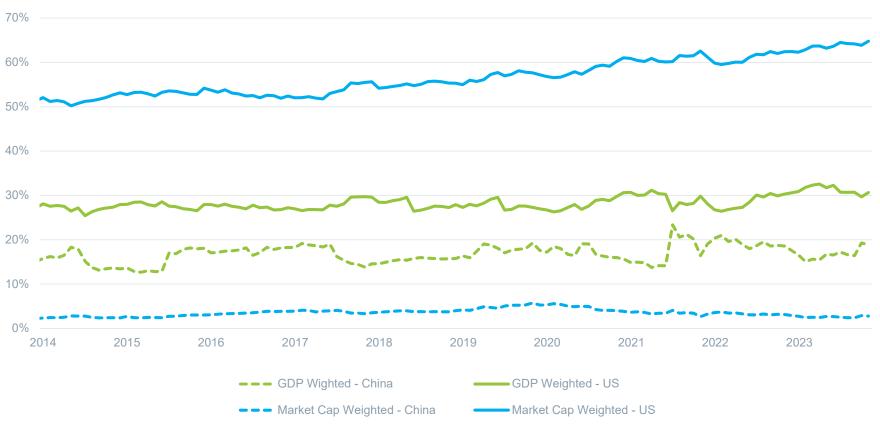


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**US** Equities

## Market Capitalization versus Economy Size

- China has grown to become the second-largest economy in the world. It is expected to become the largest economy by 2027-28 given current GDP growth projections.
- At the end of 2023, China accounted for less than 3% of MSCI ACWI Index, which uses a capweighted methodology, compared to a 17% allocation in the MSCI ACWI GDP-weighted Index.

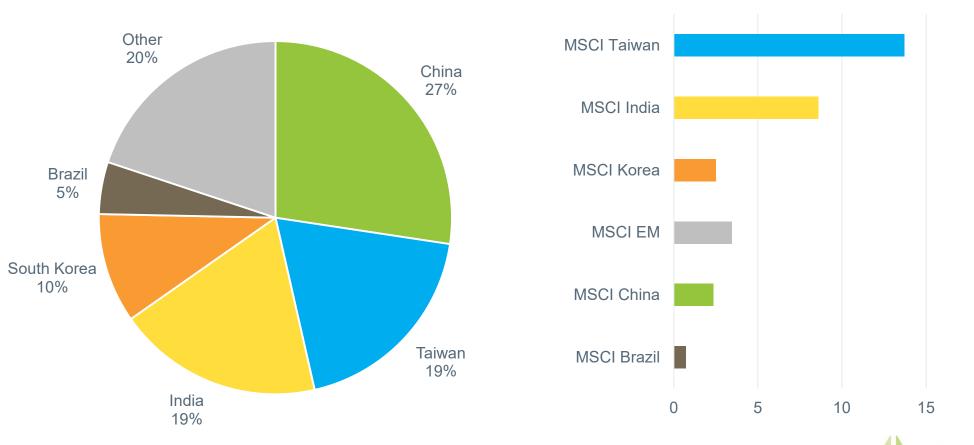


China & US Allocations within MSCI Indices<sup>1</sup>



## **China Within Emerging Markets**

- The allocation to China within emerging markets has grown over time due to the introduction of A-shares exposure to market indexes however it has declined over the past two years due to market depreciation.
- The weight of China within passive indexes should be expected to grow should providers expand the inclusion of A-shares (below allocations reflect a 20% inclusion used by MSCI).
- As a result, the country drives an increasing amount of risk and return for the Emerging Markets Index.



MSCI EM Index - Country Allocations, %



## **Investment Restrictions**

- Executive Order 13959 was signed on November 12, 2020 prohibiting domestic investors from direct or indirect investment in companies tied to the Chinese military.
- Initially, 31 companies were listed. These companies are, according to the US government, providing direct or indirect support to the Chinese military. It was later clarified that this also includes subsidiaries of the prohibited companies. The order took effect on January 11 and divestment needed to take place by November 11, 2021.
- The list of prohibited securities has been expanded. It now includes a total of 44 Chinese companies. Of note, China Mobile and China National Offshore Corporation (CNOOC) are both prohibited.
- Both the investment industry and index providers have stated their willingness to comply. For instance, MSCI delisted seven Chinese companies on January 5, 2021 with FTSE and S&P taking similar action.
- RVK has also been in contact with active managers regarding compliance with the order. This has not affected the industry broadly, most managers we have spoken to have no exposure or the exposure is de minimis. However, China Mobile had been an area of contention for some.
- Effective August 2, 2021, Executive Order 14032, "Addressing the Threat From Securities Investments That Finance Certain Companies of the People's Republic of China" has since expanded the scope of Executive Order 13959 prohibiting U.S. persons from investing in Chinese companies identified by the U.S. government as having ties to China's military or surveillance industry.



## **Portfolio Exposures**

		% of Exposure	% of Exposure	
	Market Value (\$)	to China	to Taiwan	% Total Exposure
Total Fund	\$7,423,035,868.91	1.43%	0.75%	2.17%
Total Fund Benchmark		0.98%	0.81%	1.79%
Broad International Equity	\$1,430,521,271.48	7.41%	3.87%	11.28%
Acadian Non-US Small Cap Equity Extension Fund	\$290,461,381.16	6.96%	4.73%	11.70%
Arrowstreet Emerging Market Alpha Extension	\$269,806,797.00	31.69%	15.41%	47.10%
SSGA World ex US Index (CF)	\$870,253,093.32	0.03%	0.00%	0.03%
Broad International Equity Benchmark		6.54%	5.38%	11.91%

- Acadian Non-US Small Cap Equity Extension Fund is being replaced with the non-US equity portfolio by Acadian EAFE 130/30 strategy, which does not have any exposure to China.
- After this transition is completed, it is expected that the exposure to China will shrink to approximately 1.1% of the total portfolio and approximately 6% of the non-US equity portfolio.

Data shown is as of 09/30/2024. The % shown are estimated based on a review of the underlying fund holdings and/or data provided by the investment managers. The Broad International Equity benchmark exposure is estimated based on a review of the holdings for the MSCI ACW Ex US IM Index (USD) (Net). The Total Fund Benchmark exposure is calculated using the Target Allocation Index's 15% weighting of the Broad International Equity composite benchmark.



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RE: Litigation Update

(No Action Requested)

## • Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation v. United States Department of the Interior

<u>Case Summary:</u> Missouri riverbed ownership – Quiet title action brought by the federal government is proceeding with a discovery completion deadline of January 10, 2025; in the meantime, MHA Nation filed a Motion for Judgment on the Pleadings (similar to a summary judgment motion) that is currently being briefed.

Commencement:	July 2020
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- ND Assigned Attorneys: James Auslander, Kathryn Tipple, Peter Schaumberg, and Nessa Coppinger (Beveridge & Diamond, Washington, D.C.) Matthew Sagsveen, AG Dir. of Natural Resources and Native American Affairs
- Counsel for MHA: Steven D. Gordon (Holland & Knight's Washington, D.C.) Philip Merle Baker-Shenk (Holland & Knight's Washington, D.C.) Timothy Purdon (Robins Kaplan, Bismarck, ND) Timothy Billion (Robins Kaplan, Minneapolis, MN)

Counsel for United States Department of Interior:	Reuben S. Schifman (Washington, D.C.)
Court:	United States District Court for the District of Columbia
Judge:	Honorable Amy Berman Jackson

Win = North Dakota owns historical Missouri Riverbed (mineral rights) through Fort Berthold Indian Reservation resulting in release to state of tens of millions of dollars in withheld oil & gas royalties.

Lose = U.S. owns the riverbed in trust for MHA Nation so royalties are released to the tribe

## • State of North Dakota, ex. rel. v Virginia Leland, et.al.

**Case Summary:** OHWM river island ownership; trial was held September 12-16, 2022; Judge Schmidt issued a Phase I Memorandum Decision on April 30, 2024, finding 1) the at issue Yellowstone River segment was navigable at statehood; 2) the at issue west bank of the river is owned by the state; 3) the at issue north island is not owned by the state; 4) the at issue south island is owned by the state; and 5) the state's claim is not barred by laches. The remaining issues of conveyances, mineral acreage calculations, etc. are now being determined in Phase II proceedings. A hearing on opposing parties' motion for summary judgment was held on November 8, 2024, and we await the Court's decision. If needed, a bench trial is scheduled for January 29-31, 2024.



Commencement:	January 2016
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Counsel for Whiting Oil and Gas Corp:	Paul Forster (Crowley Fleck, PLLP, Bismarck, ND) Shane Hanson (Crowley Fleck, PLLP, Bismarck, ND)
Counsel for Defendant(s):	Kevin Chapman (Chapman Law Firm, P.C., Williston, ND) Ariston Johnson (Johnson & Sundeen, Watford City, ND) and Others
Court:	State District Court, McKenzie County
Judge:	Honorable Robin Schmidt

Win = State owns at issue Yellowstone River islands and related mineral interests

Lose = Plaintiffs owns at issue Yellowstone River islands and related mineral interests

## <u>Continental Resources, Inc. v. North Dakota Board of University & School Lands and</u> <u>North Dakota Department of Trust Lands</u>

• **Case Summary:** Continental Oil Royalty Deductions – This case has been settled by the parties and will be removed from this report!

Commencement: December 2017

ND Assigned Attorney(s): David Garner, Assistant Attorney General

Counsel for

Continental Resources, Inc.: Jeffrey King (K&L Gates, Fort Worth, TX)

Court: State District Court, McKenzie County

Judge: Honorable Robin Schmidt

Win = Clarity that Land Board oil & gas lease does not allow for deductions from oil royalties resulting in tens of millions of dollars in deductions being repaid to the state.

Lose = Deductions from oil royalties are allowed under the lease, requiring additional administrative rules/case law to clarify extent



- <u>Continental Resources. Inc.. v. North Dakota Board of University</u> and School Lands and the United States of America (Interpleader)
  - Case Summary: OHWM fed/state dispute ND Federal District Court issued opinion March 21, 2023, granting Board's motion for partial summary judgment on "Acquired Federal Lands" issue; this means the Wenck survey controls for establishing the historical ordinary high-water mark of the Missouri River in areas where the uplands were acquired by the federal government, and not original "public domain lands"; federal government appealed and we filed a cross appeal; 8<sup>th</sup> Circuit oral arguments on the appeals were held October 22, 2024, and we now await the Court's decision.

Commencement:	December 2016
ND Assigned Attorneys:	Philip Axt, ND Solicitor General
Counsel for Continental:	Lawrence Bender (Fredrikson & Byron P.A., Bismarck, ND) Spencer Ptacek (Fredrikson & Byron P.A., Bismarck, ND)
Counsel for USA:	Shaun Pettigrew (Environment and Natural Resources Division (ENRD)) of the U.S. Department of Justice
Court:	United States District Court, District of North Dakota
Judge:	Magistrate Judge Clare R. Hochhalter

Win = State survey controls where U.S. lands abut the Wenck line resulting in retention of 2,500 mineral acres

Lose = Federal surveys control resulting in net loss of approximately 2,500 mineral acres

## NORTH DAKOTA BOARD OF UNIVERSITY AND SCHOOL LANDS RESOLUTION



ADOPTED December 12, 2024

## Resolution Honoring Governor Doug Burgum for His Service on the North Dakota Board of University and School Lands

WHEREAS, Governor Doug Burgum has served with distinction as Chair of the North Dakota Board of University and School Lands for eight years; and

WHEREAS, under Governor Burgum's leadership, the value of the Common Schools Trust Fund has doubled, growing from \$3.5 billion to \$7 billion, supporting the future of North Dakota's schoolchildren; and

WHEREAS, the biennial Common Schools Trust Fund distribution has increased by 135%, from \$250 million to \$585 million, strengthening K-12 public education funding while reducing property tax burdens across the state; and

WHEREAS, the Common Schools Trust Fund has distributed a total of \$2 billion and generated \$3 billion in oil and gas revenues, contributing to North Dakota's prosperity and educational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Governor Burgum spearheaded a comprehensive software system overhaul, along with a red tape reduction effort, within the Department of Trust Lands, optimizing efficiency and service; and

WHEREAS, his tenure includes the successful completion of the ordinary high water mark acreage adjustment project, on-time and under budget; and

WHEREAS, significant litigation reduction was achieved, along with numerous royalty settlements totaling tens of millions of dollars; and

WHEREAS, record-breaking unclaimed property receipts and payouts were achieved; and

WHEREAS, the Board's investment program was extensively built out under Governor Burgum's leadership, establishing a more diversified and sophisticated institutional portfolio for future beneficiaries;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of University and School Lands expresses its deepest gratitude to Governor Doug Burgum for his exemplary leadership, dedicated service, and substantial contributions to the people of North Dakota. His chairmanship has set a strong foundation for future growth and will benefit North Dakota's education system and its citizens for years to come.

Michael Howe, Secretary of State

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