



#### Public Equity Portfolio Overview May 29, 2013

#### Agenda

- Equity Markets Overview
- Portfolio Profile
- Portfolio Structure
- Activities/Accomplishments
- Global Equity Initiatives
- Hedged Equity Portfolio

#### **General Market Performance Review**



## **US Equity Market Performance Review**



- US stocks shrugged off European debt worries and posted the best returns regionally for the quarter and 1 year.
- Markets reached new highs.
- Strong housing related rebound in retail sales, quantitative easing, and improved employment were contributors to market performance.
- Large cap stocks lagged small and mid cap stocks.
- Value stocks outperformed growth stocks.
- Defensive sectors such as health care, consumer staples, and utilities outperformed the broader market.
- Technology sector generated the weakest returns in part due to Apple's weakness and large benchmark weight.

#### **International Equities Performance Review**



- Mixed returns amongst international markets.
- Cyprus banking crisis and poor economic data suppressed returns in the European regions.
- Emerging markets equities were the weakest due to slower growth rates in some regions, concerns of increased regulation in China, pressures of inflation in Brazil, and lower commodities prices.
- Japanese stocks' strong performance was driven by Bank of Japan policies to hit 2% inflation rate.
- International small cap stocks outperformed international developed large cap stocks.
- Health care, financials, and consumer staples performed strongly during the year. Energy, utilities, and materials sectors were the laggards.

#### **Equity Markets Valuation Review**



## Total Equity Profile – March 31, 2013



Sector Allocation is based on Russell Global Sectors.

#### U.S. Equity Portfolio Profile – March 31, 2013





Sector Allocation

**Portfolio Characteristics** 

	Portfolio	Russell 3000 Index
Price/Earnings	18.1	18.0
DividendYield (%)	1.82	2.00
Price/Book	2.29	2.33
Debt/Equity	1.12	1.20
Market Cap(\$ Weighted Median)	34,254	40,378
Return on Equity – 1 Year	16.2	17.1



Note: Market Capitalization, sector allocation and portfolio characteristics are calculated on Equity Ex-Cash. Sector Allocation is based on Russell Global Sectors.

## Non-U.S. Equity Profile – March 31, 2013



#### **Regional Allocation**



Note: Sector allocation and portfolio characteristics are calculated on Equity Ex-Cash. Sector Allocation is based on Russell Global Sectors.



#### **Portfolio Characteristics**

	Portfolio	MSCI ACWI Ex-US IMI
Price/Earnings	16.80	16.50
DividendYield (%)	2.92	3.06
Price/Book	1.62	1.58
Debt/Equity	0.53	0.54
Market Cap (\$ Weighted Median)	22,952	24,065
Return on Equity –1 Year	14.7	17.1

### Portfolio Structure

#### **Active-Passive Allocation**



#### **#** of Managers in Segments

	Domestic Equity	Foreign Equity	Global Equity
Passive	3	1	0
Active			
Long	10	7	2
Long FoF's	1 (10)	1 (8)	0
Long-Short	1 (2)	0	0

Liquidity of Assets



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- 25 managers/46 strategies
  - 5 Historically Under-utilized Businesses ("HUB")
  - 3 NC based firms

#### Portfolio Risk Profile

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## Portfolio Active Risk Evolution



	September 2005	September 2006	September 2007	May 2008	July 2011	September 2012	February 2013*
Selection risk	0.59%	0.75%	1.13%	1.28%	1.54%	1.35%	1.40%
Misfit risk	0.90%	0.51%	0.49%	0.65%	0.22%	0.06%	0.05%
Active risk	1.08%	0.91%	1.23%	1.43%	1.56%	1.35%	1.40%
% from selection risk	30%	68%	84%	80%	97%	100%	100%

**International Equity** 



	September 2005	September 2006	September 2007	May 2008	July 2011	September 2012	February 2013*
Selection risk	1.87%	1.51%	1.07%	0.91%	1.52%	1.30%	1.40%
Misfit risk	0.66%	0.40%	1.40%	1.12%	0.10%	0.11%	0.19%
Active risk	1.98%	1.56%	1.76%	1.45%	1.52%	1.30%	1.38%
% from selection risk	89%	94%	37%	39%	100%	100%	98%

### **Review of FY2013 Activities**

- Funded Emerging Manager Program
  - Leading Edge (Russell 1000 strategy) \$150 million
  - FIS Group (MSCI ACWI ex-U.S. strategy) \$150 million
- Rebalanced portfolio
  - \$1.0 billion increase in international exposure
  - \$1.8 billion benefits, Emerging Manager and passive funding
    - Included terminating an international portfolio
- SAS implementation
  - Finalized equity reports and performed user acceptance testing
- Continue to renegotiate fees with managers
- Searches: emerging markets, global and international
- Updated portfolio structure review with BlackRock
- Hedged equity discussions with fund of funds providers

# Global Equity – FY2014 Work Plan and Initiatives

- Consolidate passive mandates
  - Leverage economies of scale
  - Mitigate operational risk and transition costs
  - Simplification
- Emphasize high conviction managers
  - Address potential over-diversification
  - Simplification
  - Evaluate Non-US, Global and Emerging Markets short lists currently under review
- Evaluate differentiated active strategies
  - Activists
  - Low volatility
  - Hedged equity

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#### Historical Hedged Equity Risk/Return Profile



## Strategic Hedged Equity Beta Target

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## Historical Hedged Equity Risk

#### Historical Hedged Equity Returns

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## Additional Hedged Equity Goals

- Maximize transparency
- Minimize absolute and relative correlations
- Evaluate monetizing longer investment horizon with lower fees
- Focus on creative fee structures that maximize alignment of interests
- Preference for managed account or fund of one structure

## Hedge Fund Investment Structures

	Fund of Funds	Commingled	Fund of One	Managed Account Infrastructure
Investment Considerations				
Maximum manager universe	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	×	×
Minimum tracking error	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	?	×
Ability to exclude illiquid or undesired exposure	?	×	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Maximum fee/term flexibility	?	×	?	$\checkmark$
Additional fees	+45-100bps	None	+20-40bps	+20-35bps
Risk Considerations				
Treasurer controls assets	×	×	×	$\checkmark$
Reduces hedge fund operational risk	?	×	×	$\checkmark$
Not affected by actions of other LPs	?	×	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Full transparency	?	?	?	$\checkmark$
Minimum investor operational burden	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	?
Maximum loss is invested capital	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	×

$\checkmark$	Yes
?	Uncertain
×	No

## Forms of "Strategic Partnership"

	Customized Fund of Funds	Hybrid (Class A and Class B)	Hybrid (Joint Investment Committee)	Advisory	
Fiduciary liability	Partner	Partner (A)/NCRS (B)	NCRS	NCRS	
Discretionary portfolio	Yes	Yes (A), No (B)	No	No	
Housed in legal entity	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	
NCRS invests directly	No	No (A), Yes (B)	Yes	Yes	
Benefit from partner's scale	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	
Source investments	Partner	Partner (A)/Both (B)	Both	Both	
Portfolio management	Partner	Partner (A)/Both (B)	Both	NCRS	
Manage liquidations	Partner	Partner	Partner	NCRS	
Investment/ODD monitoring	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	
Operational support	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	
Legal support	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	
Portfolio and risk analytics	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	
Reporting	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	
NCRS operational burden	Low	Low	Low	High	
NCRS legal burden	Low	Low	Low	High	
Portability	Low	Low	High	High	
Cost	High	Medium	Medium	Medium	
	<ul> <li>Provided by Strategic Partner</li> </ul>				

Note: Information is indicative and to be confirmed during strategic partner evaluation.

# "Strategic Partner" Considerations

#### Strengths

- Potentially increased odds of selecting top quartile managers and avoiding underperforming managers
- Extension of staff resources
- Access to best practices in portfolio construction, manager selection, ongoing monitoring and operational due diligence
- Access to industry leading portfolio and risk analytics
- Experienced fiduciary
- Access to pre-negotiated fee discounts and advantageous terms for both discretionary and direct portfolios
- Strategic partner portfolio could be complementary to direct portfolio (e.g. emerging, esoteric)

#### **Issues to Consider**

- Double layer of fees
- Overlap in capabilities with Albourne
- Overlap between managers in discretionary and direct portfolios
- Importance of travel budget in achieving knowledge transfer
- Variability in expected vs. realized knowledge transfer
- Uncertain alignment of interests in customized vehicle
- Incremental burden of managing relationship on staff

## Hedge Fund and Fund of Funds Fee Ratios



•Below 6% gross return, underlying fees absorb over 40% of returns and double layer fees absorb over half of returns.

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## Hedged Equity Discussion Topics

- Portfolio goals: Beta, risk, return, transparency, liquidity, etc.
- Pace of implementation: Managing equity market risk versus cost of implementation
- Implementation
  - Direct driven by staff and consultant
  - Strategic Partner versus Traditional Fund of Funds
  - Mix of larger/mature hedge funds versus emerging/smaller/niche managers
  - Preference for managed accounts and funds of one versus commingled