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# Investment Performance and Policies June 30, 2023

## The Portfolio and its Management

The market value for total investments of the University at Buffalo Foundation and Affiliates (UBF) can be summarized as follows:

Type of fund	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2021
	(in millions)	(in millions)	(in millions)
<b>Endowment Funds</b>	\$971.0	\$907.9	\$1,020.1
Non-Endowed Funds	289.9	266.2	313.7
Total	\$1,260.9	\$1,174.1	\$1,333.8
Portfolio	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2021
	(in millions)	(in millions)	(in millions)
Long Term Portfolio	\$1,227.1	\$1,147.5	\$1,294.7
Other Portfolios	33.8	26.6	39.1
Total	\$1,260.9	\$1,174.1	\$1,333.8

These funds are managed under the supervision of the investment committee of the UBF Board of Trustees.

#### Long-Term Portfolio (LTP) Investment Objective

The primary investment objective is to preserve the inflation-adjusted purchasing power of the LTP, including the endowment. LTP's investment strategy uses the "total return" approach for calculating investment returns. Investment performance is most appropriately reviewed over the longer term, with an expectation that returns will fluctuate over the interim. It is recognized that the investment objective can only be achieved while assuming risk levels commensurate with market volatility.

#### Long-Term Portfolio Performance Compared to Benchmarks for Fiscal Year 2023

Investment performance, on a total return basis net of fees, is most appropriately reviewed over the long-term with benchmarking to proper indices. Policy Benchmark returns are average returns of indices weighted consistent with portfolio allocation.

The total Annualized Return as of June 30, 2023, was as follows:

Total Annualized Return	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
Long Term Portfolio	8.9%	9.4%	6.8%	7.3%
Policy Benchmark <sup>1</sup>	9.3%	6.9%	6.3%	6.8%
$CPI-U^2 + 5\%$	8.0%	10.8%	8.9%	7.1%

<sup>1</sup> Policy Benchmark: (07//01/2021-Present) 40% Morgan Stanley Capital International ACWI (N),10% Bloomberg 3-10 Year Treasury Bond Index,18% Hedge Fund Research Asset Weighted Composite Index, 30% Custom Private Benchmark and 2% BofA ML 91-Day T-Bills

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> CPI-U: Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers

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Total Global Equity Return as of June	e 30, 2023 was as foll	ows:	
	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year
Long Term Portfolio	15.9%	10.7%	7.5%
MSCI ACWI (N)	16.5%	11.0%	8.1%
Fixed Income Return as of June 30, 2	023 was as follows:		
	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year
Long Term Portfolio	-0.5%	-2.3%	1.5%
Bloomberg 3-10 Year Treasury	-1.8%	-4.1%	0.7%
Hedge Funds Return as of June 30, 20	023 was as follows:		
	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year
Long Term Portfolio	7.3%	6.8%	3.5%
HFRI Asset Weighted	0.0%	6.3%	3.4%
Composite Index			
Private Equity*Investment Return as	of June 30, 2023 was	as follows:	
	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year
Long Term Portfolio	5.4%	22.0%	13.7%
mPME <sup>3</sup> Total Portfolio Blend	18.5%	17.7%	11.8%

## **Long Term Portfolio Performance Compared to Benchmarks for Fiscal Years 2014-2023**

The accompanying chart reflects the performance of the LTP in comparison with over 660 other colleges, universities, endowments, and foundations across the country.

## Average Annual Compounded Nominal Return Fiscal Years Ended June 30

Year(s)	LTP Return	NTSE <sup>4</sup> Median	NTSE Rank
2023	8.9%	8.0%	39%
2021-2023	9.4%	9.1%	45%
2019-2023	6.8%	6.8%	50%
2014-2023	7.3%	7.1%	43%

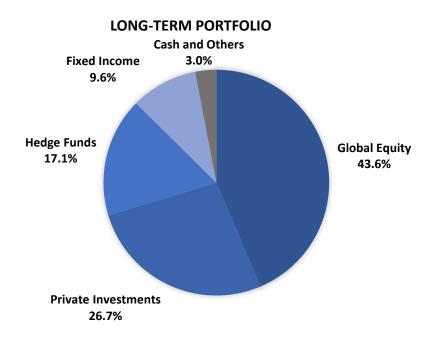
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> mPME: Public Market Equivalent

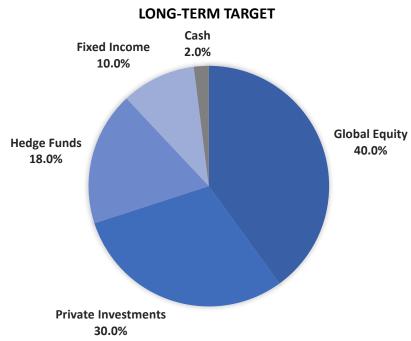
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> NTSE – NACUBO-TIAA Study of Endowments

## **Asset Allocation Policy**

The proper and prudent diversification of investments among various asset classes offers a higher probability of achieving the Foundation's investment objectives commensurate with acceptable risk levels.

Asset allocation as of June 30, 2023 was as follows:





## **Spending Policy**

Spending is defined as funds made available annually from the LTP for university programs and administrative expenses.

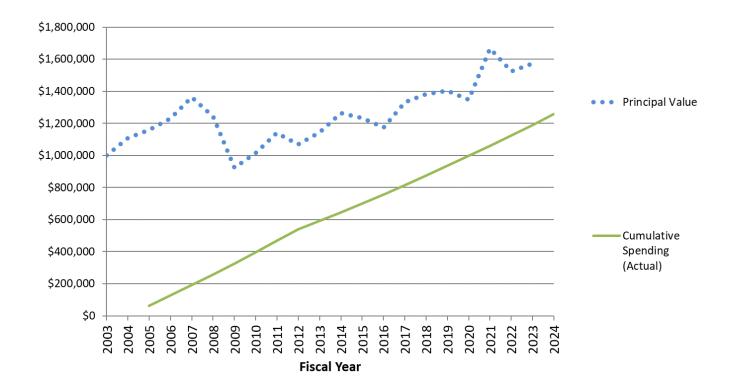
Spending on university programs will be approximately 4% of the donor's entire original contribution after the first full year of participation in the LTP. Afterwards, spending will increase annually at the average rate of inflation, regardless of market performance. This approach provides a stable and predictable annual stream of funds for use that maintains its purchasing power over time.

The Spending Rate will be determined and approved annually by the Investment Committee. The desired result is to achieve a year-to-year spending increase for individual funds that approximates the Inflation Rate<sup>5</sup>, not to exceed an annual increase of 3%.

Total spending dollars are limited to a floor of 4% and a ceiling of 6% of the three-year average market value of the LTP, measured on a quarterly basis. Special spending rules are followed for individual endowments where the value has fallen below the historic dollar value of the original gift.

### Long Term Portfolio Performance and Spending – Fiscal Year 2003 to Fiscal Year 2024

A \$1,000,000 gift on June 30, 2003 invested in the LTP would have been worth \$1,574,733 as of June 30, 2023, prior to the Fiscal Year 2024 distribution. In addition, \$1,257,884 will be cumulatively distributed for spending needs from Fiscal Year 2005 through Fiscal Year 2024, with annual spending growing from \$63,048 in Fiscal Year 2005 to \$67,995 in Fiscal Year 2024.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Inflation Rate is the average of the Higher Education Price Index (HEPI) and the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the most recent three calendar years.