

### Historic & Current Market Volatility – What Are Implications to Investors?

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### Investors Struggle to Identify the Best Asset Allocation

Where to invest to provide risk-adjusted returns for pensioners?



Source: MoneyLens



## PUBLIC PENSION BACKGROUND



### Public Pension Plan Importance

- 13.8% of US workforce consists of state and local employees
- 25% of these employees are not covered by Social Security
  - 66% of firefighters and police officers do not receive Social Security
  - 50% of teachers do not receive Social Security
- Life expectancy has increased from 70 years in 1960 to 79 years in 2019
- By 2060, Bureau of Labor & Statistics expects life expectancy will rise to 85 years

#### Public pension plans provide critical financial security to many hard-working Americans, and they face the challenge of increasing unfunded obligations due to rising life expectancy.

Source: US Census, World Bank, & Public Plans Data





### Public Pension Investment Scale

### State and Local Pension Plan Year-End Assets (\$ in Trillions)



Source: Public Plans Data





### Public Pension Investments Asset Mix



as of 2021

Asset Allocation of State and Local Pensions

Source: Public Plans Data





### Public Pension Investments Search for More Stability



Source: Public Plans Data



### Public Pension Investment Cash Flow



### CaISTRS Pension Return Example

- Return for year ended 6/30/22 -1.3%
  - Return from public equities -16.6%
  - Return from fixed-income -10.3%
  - Return from real estate +26.2%
  - Return from private equity +23.7%

#### <u>CalSTRS pension plan is real-world case study that illustrates the need for pension</u> plans to reevaluate their asset allocations to include a heavier weighting in <u>alternatives.</u>

Source: Findaily





### VOLATILITY



### External Influences Driving Market Volatility

- Government Regulation
- Inflation
- Interest Rate Increases by Federal Reserve & Other Central Banks
- Foreign Affairs Relationship with China & Others
- War in Ukraine
- Supply Chain Challenges
- COVID-19
- Single-Company Performance Affects Entire Sector in Public Markets
- Social Media
- High Frequency Trading
- Consumer Trends



### Bond Yields are Low





### Constant Volatility in Equities Markets



### Real Estate Returns are Historically Less Volatile



NCREIF Property Index (Unlevered) - YoY Change through Q1 2022

Source: NCREIF & AEGON Asset Management



### REAL ESTATE





### Real Estate Market



Source: YouTube



### Real Estate Returns - Apartment



<u>Apartment Performance - NCREIF Property Index (Unlevered)</u>

Source: NCREIF & AEGON Asset Management

### Real Estate Returns - Industrial



Source: NCREIF & AEGON Asset Management

### Real Estate Value Drivers

- Backed by Contract Law
- Provide Stable Cash Flows
- Tangible Assets
- Provide Basic Necessities
- Land is a Finite Resource
- Construction Costs Rise Over Time
- Low Correlation to Values of Other Asset Classes

# Real estate in the United States is considered a safe haven to investors around the world due to the historical returns/appreciation achieved and the political and legal stability compared to other countries.

### Private Equity Real Estate vs. Public REITs

- Private markets vs. public markets in real estate have significant differences
- Value-add time horizon: 3 to 5 years to implement business plan
- Private markets have ability to withstand temporary market adjustments
- Public REITs focus on short-term results due to short-sighted Wall Street expectations
- Private investors have the ability to be more nimble to win the best deals

#### Even within a specific asset class like real estate, there are significant differences between public and private markets.



### PRIVATE EQUITY





### Private Equity Returns



Source: McKinsey & Company; Burgiss



### WHERE TO INVEST





### Where to Invest

• Market volatility has made asset allocation a challenge for pension funds

It is important to maintain a diversified portfolio, but search for more stable yields

 Privately-held assets allow investors to benefit from implementing long-term plans that are not interrupted by short-term Wall Street expectations

 Alternatives, including real estate and private equity business can offer investors the opportunity to hire experienced investment managers to implement proven business plans to generate superior risk-adjusted returns



### THANK YOU





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