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Maryland State Retirement & Pension System Earns 10.02% on Investments in FY 2017 *Exceeds 7.55% assumed rate of return*

Baltimore, MD (July 27, 2017) — The Board of Trustees of the Maryland State Retirement and Pension System today announced that its portfolio returned 10.02 percent on investments for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2017—exceeding the 7.55 percent assumed actuarial return rate and the plan’s policy benchmark of 9.90 percent. The fund’s performance raised the assets of the system to \$49.1 billion, an increase of \$3.6 billion over last year.

In making the announcement today, Andrew C. Palmer, Chief Investment Officer said, “Stable and improving economic growth across the globe, along with stabilization in energy markets, supported significant growth in our equity and credit valuations over the past year. While these returns are welcome, as long-term investors, we expect some volatility in meeting the assumed rate of return, which has been and will continue to be our long-term expectation for the system.”

Asset Class	Asset Allocation	Return
Public Equity	38.7%	19.0%
Private Equity	10.3%	16.4%
Rate Sensitive	21.0	-2.11
Credit	9.5	10.0
Real Assets	12.1	4.7
Absolute return	7.2	3.3
Cash	1.2	5.1
Total	100.0%	10.02%

“The Board is pleased with the fund’s performance, thanks to the diligent oversight of the System’s Investment Division and to the prudently diversified asset allocation that they manage,” said State Treasurer Nancy K. Kopp, Chair of the Maryland State Retirement and Pension System Board of Trustees. “We certainly appreciate this year’s outcome, which keeps the System on track toward full funding and meeting our obligation to our members to pay them their pension benefits in full and on time.”

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