



THE COLUMBIA ENDOWMENT  
FISCAL YEAR 2025



## Endowment Performance for Fiscal Year 2025

July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the total value of the endowment was **\$15.9 billion**.

Over the past ten completed fiscal years, the IMC has generated an annualized net return of **7.8%** (after outside manager fees) on the managed assets component of the endowment. This compares to a ten-year annualized return of the MSCI All Country World Equity Index of **10.0%** and **1.8%** for the Barclays Aggregate Bond Index. One common reference point for comparison of long-term performance is a portfolio that reflects a 70%/30% blend of equities and fixed income; using the indices noted above, that weighted portfolio would reflect a **7.7%** annualized rate of return over the last ten years.

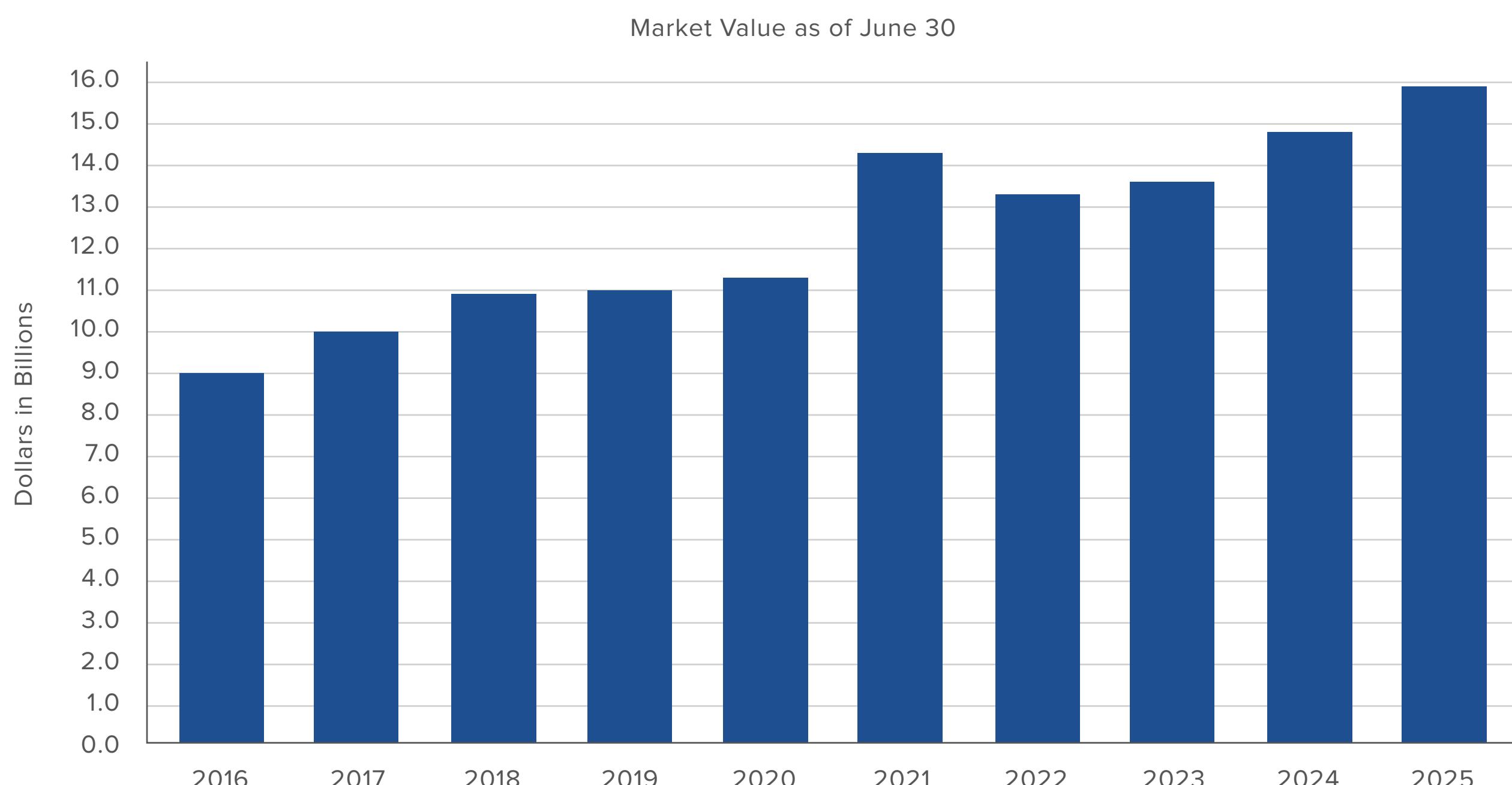
For the five-year period ending June 30, 2025, the total annualized net return (after manager fees) on the managed assets component of the endowment was **9.9%**.

This compares to an annualized **13.7%** return for the MSCI All Country World Equity Index and **-0.7%** for the Barclays Aggregate Bond Index over the same period.

For the one-year period ending June 30, 2025, the total net return (after manager fees) on the managed assets component of the endowment was **12.4%**. This compares to a **16.2%** return for the MSCI All Country World Equity Index and **6.1%** for the Barclays Aggregate Bond Index during the same period. The value of the endowment is affected by returns, spending, and donations. As of June 30, 2025, the value of the endowment stood at **\$15.9 billion**.

The asset allocation as of June 30, 2025 for the managed assets component was: global equities, **35%**; private equity, **26%**; absolute return strategy funds, **26%**; real assets, **9%**; fixed income, **1%**; and cash, **3%**.

### Columbia University Endowment Growth 2016 – 2025





## Managing Columbia's Endowment

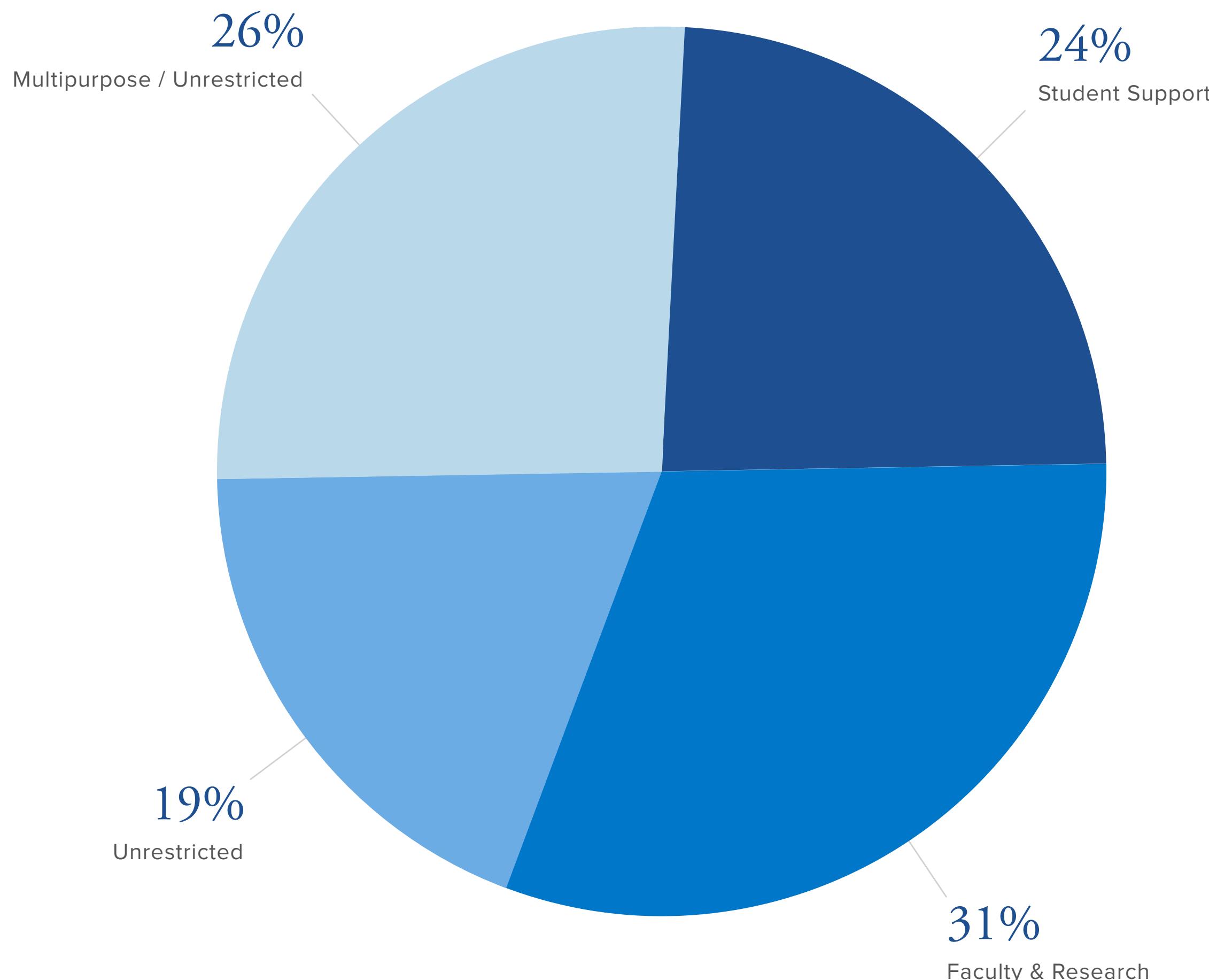
Columbia manages almost 100 percent of its endowment assets through one commingled pool. This pool is governed by investment policies approved by the Board of the Columbia Investment Management Company.

Some **6,700** individual Columbia endowment funds (except those required by law or donor restriction to be maintained separately) are invested by unit and shared in one aggregated body of funds. This enables the University to take advantage of different investment styles and vehicles to provide a higher total return over time while maintaining an acceptable level of risk.

In sum, pooling these funds together spreads the benefits of asset diversification among all appropriate endowment funds.

The income distributed for programmatic spending from endowment funds is determined by the annual spending rate established by the Trustees of the University. In Fiscal Year 2025, the actual distributions from the endowment for ongoing operations, excluding internal management fees, were **\$664.1 million**, effectively **4.9%** of Fiscal Year 2025 beginning market value.

Distributions from the Endowment Pool





## The Columbia Investment Management Company (IMC)

The Columbia Investment Management Company (IMC) is a wholly owned subsidiary of Columbia University. The IMC is charged with managing the bulk of the University's endowment, known as Managed Assets. Managed Assets do not include the University's real estate holdings, certain charitable giving vehicles, or a variety of other gifts that have investment restrictions.

The IMC is governed by a Board consisting of University Trustees, non-Trustee members, the Interim President of the University, the Executive Vice President for Finance, and the President and CEO of the IMC. Both Trustee and non-Trustee members are highly distinguished professionals from a variety of financial backgrounds, including various investment

management arenas, Wall Street, and the corporate sector. On a day-to-day basis, the IMC is run by its management team, headed by its President and CEO.

The goal of the IMC is to generate attractive long-term risk-adjusted returns, subject to the risk and return objectives of the University. The IMC's approach is long term and not based upon quarterly or even annual market movements. Therefore, while the IMC actively manages and evaluates investment strategy and performance on an ongoing basis, meaningful evaluation of its performance and efforts can be made only on a multiyear basis. The IMC believes that such an approach is the most reliable manner of generating strong long-term risk-adjusted returns.

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