

# THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM LONG TERM FUND INVESTMENT POLICY STATEMENT

## **Purpose**

The Long Term Fund (the "LTF"), succeeded the Common Trust Fund in February 1995, and was established by the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System (the "Board of Regents") as a pooled fund for the collective investment of private endowments and other long-term funds supporting various programs of The University of Texas System. The LTF provides for greater diversification of investments than would be possible if each account were managed separately.

## **LTF Organization**

The LTF functions like a mutual fund in which each eligible account purchases and redeems LTF units as provided herein. The ownership of LTF assets shall at all times be vested in the Board of Regents. Such assets shall be deemed to be held by the Board of Regents, as a fiduciary, regardless of the name in which the assets may be registered.

## **LTF Management**

Article VII, Section 11b of the Texas Constitution authorizes the Board of Regents, subject to procedures and restrictions it establishes, to invest the Permanent University Fund (the "PUF") in any kind of investments and in amounts it considers appropriate, provided that it adheres to the prudent investor standard. This standard provides that the Board of Regents, in making investments, may acquire, exchange, sell, supervise, manage, or retain, through procedures and subject to restrictions it establishes and in amounts it considers appropriate, any kind of investment that prudent investors, exercising reasonable care, skill, and caution, would acquire or retain in light of the purposes, terms, distribution requirements, and other circumstances of the fund then prevailing, taking into consideration the investment of all the assets of the fund rather than a single investment. Pursuant to Section 51.0031(c) of the *Texas Education Code*, the Board of Regents has elected the PUF prudent investor standard to govern its management of the LTF.

Ultimate fiduciary responsibility for the LTF rests with the Board of Regents. Section 66.08 of the *Texas Education Code*, as amended, authorizes the Board of Regents, subject to certain conditions, to enter into a contract with a nonprofit corporation to invest funds under the control and management of the Board of Regents.

Pursuant to an Investment Management Services Agreement between the Board of Regents and The University of Texas/Texas A&M Investment Management Company ("UTIMCO"), the LTF shall be managed by UTIMCO, which shall a) recommend investment policy for the LTF, b) recommend specific Asset Class

allocation targets, ranges, and performance benchmarks consistent with LTF objectives, and c) monitor LTF performance against LTF objectives. UTIMCO shall invest the LTF assets in conformity with this Policy Statement. All changes to this Policy Statement or the exhibits to this Policy Statement, including changes to Asset Class allocation targets, ranges and performance benchmarks, are subject to approval by the Board of Regents.

### **LTF Administration**

UTIMCO shall employ an administrative staff to ensure that all transaction and accounting records are complete and prepared on a timely basis. Internal controls shall be emphasized to provide for responsible separation of duties and adequacy of an audit trail. Custody of LTF assets shall comply with applicable law and be structured to provide essential safekeeping and trading efficiency.

### **Funds Eligible to Purchase LTF Units**

No account shall be eligible to purchase units of the LTF unless it is under the sole control, with full discretion as to investments, of the Board of Regents.

Any account whose governing instrument contains provisions which conflict with this Policy Statement, whether initially or as a result of amendments to either document, shall not be eligible to purchase or hold units of the LTF.

### **LTF Investment Objectives**

The primary investment objective shall be to maximize investment returns within the risk parameters specified in this Policy Statement without regard to the distribution rate. Investment returns are expressed net of all investment-related expenses. Additional expenses include U. T. System administrative fees charged to the fund. The LTF's success in meeting its objectives depends upon its ability to generate high returns in periods of low inflation that will offset lower returns generated in years when the capital markets underperform the rate of inflation.

### **Asset Allocation and Policy**

LTF assets shall be allocated among the following investments.

- A. Cash - Cash has the same meaning as given to the term "Cash" in the Liquidity Policy.
- B. U. T. System General Endowment Fund (GEF) - See Exhibit B for the current GEF allocation, which is subject to changes by the Board of Regents. Upon any change to the GEF asset allocation, Exhibit B shall be revised accordingly.

## **Investment Guidelines**

The LTF must be invested at all times in strict compliance with applicable law. Investment guidelines for the GEF shall be as stated in the GEF Investment Policy Statement.

## **LTF Distributions**

The LTF shall balance the needs and interests of present beneficiaries with those of the future. LTF spending policy objectives shall be to:

- A. provide a predictable, stable stream of distributions over time;
- B. ensure that the inflation-adjusted value of distributions is maintained over the long term; and
- C. ensure that the inflation-adjusted value of LTF assets after distributions is maintained over the long term.

The goal is for the LTF's average spending rate over time not to exceed the LTF's average annual investment return after inflation and expense ratio in order to preserve the purchasing power of LTF distributions and underlying assets.

Generally, pursuant to the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act, Chapter 163, *Texas Property Code*, as amended, subject to the intent of a donor in a gift instrument, the Board of Regents may appropriate for expenditure or accumulate so much of the LTF as it determines is prudent for the uses, benefits, purposes, and duration for which the LTF is established. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, the Board of Regents may not appropriate for expenditure in any year an amount greater than nine percent (9%) of the LTF, calculated on the basis of market values determined at least quarterly and averaged over a period of not less than three years immediately preceding the year in which the appropriation for expenditure was made.

The Board of Regents will annually approve a per unit distribution amount.

Distributions from the LTF to the unit holders shall be made quarterly as soon as practicable on or after the last business day of November, February, May, and August of each fiscal year.

## **LTF Accounting**

The fiscal year of the LTF shall begin on September 1st and end on August 31st. Market value of the LTF shall be maintained on an accrual basis in compliance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP"), Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statements, industry guidelines, or state statutes, whichever is applicable. Significant asset write-offs or write-downs shall be approved by UTIMCO's Chief Investment Officer

and reported to the UTIMCO Board. Assets deemed to be “other than temporarily impaired” as defined by GAAP shall be written off and reported to UTIMCO’s Chief Investment Officer and the UTIMCO Board, when material. The LTF’s financial statements shall be audited each year by an independent accounting firm selected by the Board of Regents.

### **Valuation of Assets**

As of the close of business on the last business day of each month, UTIMCO shall determine the fair market value of all LTF net assets and the net asset value per unit of the LTF. Valuation of LTF assets shall be based on the books and records of the custodian for the valuation date. The final determination of LTF net assets for a month-end close shall normally be completed within eight business days but determination may be longer under certain circumstances.

The fair market value of the LTF’s net assets shall include all related receivables and payables of the LTF on the valuation date, and the value of each unit thereof shall be its proportionate part of such net value. Such valuation shall be final and conclusive.

### **Performance Measurement**

The investment performance of the LTF will be measured by the LTF’s custodian, an unaffiliated organization, with recognized expertise in this field and reporting responsibility to the UTIMCO Board, and compared against the stated Policy Benchmarks of the LTF, as indicated in Exhibits A and B (incorporating the impact of internal derivative positions) and reported to the UTIMCO Board and the Board of Regents at least quarterly. Monthly performance data and net asset values will be available on the UTIMCO website within a reasonable time after each month end.

### **Compliance**

Compliance with this Policy will be monitored by UTIMCO’s Chief Compliance Officer. UTIMCO’s Chief Executive Officer, the UTIMCO Board, and the UTIMCO Audit & Ethics Committee will receive regular reports on UTIMCO’s compliance with this Policy. All material instances of noncompliance, as determined by UTIMCO’s Chief Compliance Officer and the Chair of the UTIMCO Audit & Ethics Committee, will require an action plan proposed by UTIMCO’s Chief Executive Officer and approved by the Chair of the UTIMCO Board with timelines for bringing the noncompliant activity within this Policy.

In the event that actual Cash positions move outside the range indicated in Exhibit A due to market forces that shift relative valuations, UTIMCO staff will promptly report this situation to the UTIMCO Board Chair and take steps to rebalance Cash positions back within the policy range in an orderly manner as soon as practicable. Extenuating circumstances that could cause immediate rebalancing to be irrational and detrimental to

the interests of the LTF asset values could warrant requesting approval of the UTIMCO Board Chair to waive immediate remedial action

### **Purchase of LTF Units**

Purchase of LTF units may be made on any quarterly purchase date (September 1, December 1, March 1, and June 1 of each fiscal year or the first business day subsequent thereto) upon payment of cash to the LTF or contribution of assets approved by UTIMCO's Chief Investment Officer, at the net asset value per unit of the LTF as of the most recent quarterly valuation date.

Each account invested in the LTF shall own an undivided interest in the LTF in the proportion that the number of units invested therein bears to the total number of all units comprising the LTF.

### **Redemption of LTF Units**

Redemption of LTF units shall be paid in cash as soon as practicable after the quarterly valuation date of the LTF. If the withdrawal is greater than \$25 million, advance notice of 60 business days shall be required prior to the quarterly valuation date. If the withdrawal is for less than \$25 million, advance notice of five business days shall be required prior to the quarterly valuation date. If the aggregate amount of redemptions requested on any redemption date is equal to or greater than 2.5% of the LTF's net asset value, the Board of Regents may redeem the requested units in installments and on a pro rata basis over a reasonable period of time that takes into consideration the timeframe to liquidate illiquid investments and the best interests of all LTF unit holders. Withdrawals from the LTF shall be at the market value price per unit determined for the period of the withdrawal except as follows: withdrawals to correct administrative errors shall be calculated at the per unit value at the time the error occurred. To be considered an administrative error, the contribution shall have been invested in the LTF for a period less than or equal to one year determined from the date of the contribution to the LTF. Transfer of units between endowment unit holders shall not be considered redemption of units subject to this provision.

### **Investor Responsibility**

As a shareholder, the LTF has the right to a voice in corporate affairs consistent with those of any shareholder. These include the right and obligation to vote proxies in a manner consistent with the unique role and mission of higher education as well as for the economic benefit of the LTF. Notwithstanding the above, the UTIMCO Board shall discharge its fiduciary duties with respect to the LTF solely in the interest of LTF unit holders, in compliance with the Proxy Voting Policy then in effect, and shall not invest the LTF so as to achieve temporal benefits for any purpose including use of its economic power to advance social or political purposes.

**Amendment of Policy Statement**

The Board of Regents reserves the right to amend this Policy Statement as it deems necessary or advisable.

**Effective Date**

The effective date of this Policy shall be September 1, 2024.

**EXHIBIT A**

**LTF ASSET ALLOCATION**

**POLICY TARGETS, RANGES AND PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES  
EFFECTIVE DATE SEPTEMBER 1, 2008**

	<b>Neutral Allocation</b>	<b>Range</b>	<b>Benchmark Return</b>
GEF Commingled Fund	100.0%	95% - 100%	Endowment Policy Portfolio
Cash	0.0%	-1% - 5%	90 day T-Bills
Unencumbered Cash			
Temporary Cash Imbalance*			
Net non-trading receivable			

The endowment policy portfolio is the sum of the neutrally weighted benchmark returns for the GEF.

\*3 trading days or less

**EXHIBIT B - GENERAL ENDOWMENT FUND  
ASSET CLASS TARGETS, RANGES, AND PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES  
EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2024**

Asset Class	Min v Target <sup>(1)</sup>	Target <sup>(2)(3)</sup>	Max v Target <sup>(1)</sup>	Benchmark
<b>Global Equity:</b>				
Developed Public Equity	-5.0%	20.0%	+15.0%	MSCI World Index with Net Dividends Blended 67% MSCI Emerging Markets with China All Shares and 33% MSCI Emerging Markets ex-China
Emerging Markets Public Equity	-5.0%	6.4%	+5.0%	
<i>Total Public Equity</i>	-5.0%	26.4%	+15.0%	HFRI Fund of Funds Composite Blended Median Cambridge Buyouts, Emerging Markets Private Equity and Venture Capital, Credit Opportunities, and Venture Capital
Directional Hedge Funds	-5.0%	6.0%	+5.0%	
Private Equity <sup>(3)</sup>	17.5%	27.5%	37.5%	
<b>Total Global Equity</b>	<b>-7.0%</b>	<b>59.9%</b>	<b>+15%</b>	
<b>Stable Value:</b>				
Investment Grade Fixed Income	-5.0%	0.0%	+5.0%	Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index x-CNY - Hedged Bloomberg US Treasury Long Index Bloomberg Capital Global High Yield Index
Long Treasuries	-5.0%	5.1%	+5.0%	
Credit-Related Fixed Income	-5.0%	0.0%	+5.0%	3 month T-Bills HFRI Fund of Funds Conservative
<i>Total Fixed Income</i>	-5.0%	5.1%	+5.0%	
Cash	-5.0%	2.0%	+5.0%	
Stable Value Hedge Funds	-5.0%	10.5%	+5.0%	
<b>Total Stable Value</b>	<b>-10.0%</b>	<b>17.6%</b>	<b>+6.0%</b>	
<b>Real Return:</b>				
Inflation Linked Bonds	-5.0%	0.0%	+5.0%	Bloomberg Global Inflation-Linked: U.S. TIPS Index Gold Spot Price (XAU) Bloomberg Commodity TRI
Gold	-5.0%	0.0%	+5.0%	
Commodities	-5.0%	0.0%	+5.0%	Blended Median Cambridge PE Energy and Upstream & Royalty (ex Mining), PE Energy (Mining) and Timber Median Cambridge Infrastructure Blended MSCI US REIT Gross Total Return Index (RMSG) and Median Cambridge Total Real Estate
<i>Total Commodities</i>	-5.0%	0.0%	+5.0%	
Natural Resources <sup>(3)</sup>	0.0%	3.3%	8.0%	
Infrastructure <sup>(3)</sup>	0.0%	4.5%	10.0%	
Real Estate <sup>(3)</sup>	5.0%	9.7%	15.0%	
<b>Total Real Return</b>	<b>-6.0%</b>	<b>17.5%</b>	<b>+6.0%</b>	
<b>Strategic Partnerships</b>	<b>-5.0%</b>	<b>5.0%</b>	<b>+5.0%</b>	Blended Bloomberg US Treasury Long Index, MSCI World Index with Net Dividends, MSCI Emerging Markets Index with Net Dividends, and HFRI Macro
<b>Innovation &amp; Disruption</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>5.0%</b>	Aggregate Policy Portfolio Benchmark before returns from Innovation & Disruption portfolio
<b>Total All Asset Classes</b>		<b>100.0%</b>	<b>110.0%</b>	

<b>POLICY/TARGET RETURN/RISKS<sup>(2)</sup></b>	
Expected 10-Year Annual Real Return (Policy Portfolio Beta)	5.19%
Expected 10-Year Annual Real Return (Policy Portfolio Total Return)	6.43%
One Year Downside Volatility	8.24%
Risk Bounds	
Lower: 1 Year Downside Volatility	75.00%
Upper: 1 Year Downside Volatility	115.00%

(1) When preceded by a "-" or "+", in relation to the Asset Class Target; with the exception of Cash, "Min" will not be below zero.

(2) Asset Class Targets and Policy/Target Return/Risks reset monthly.

(3) The Adjusted Target weight of each of Private Equity, Real Estate, Natural Resources and Infrastructure will be set each month as the average ending actual weight of the combined PUF and GEF from the prior month. Any difference in the calculated Private Equity, Real Estate, Natural Resources, and Infrastructure Adjusted Target weights from the original Target weights derived from this table will be offset using 100% Developed Public Equity.