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### INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY

We believe our rigorous fundamentally driven investment process will produce superior performance over time.

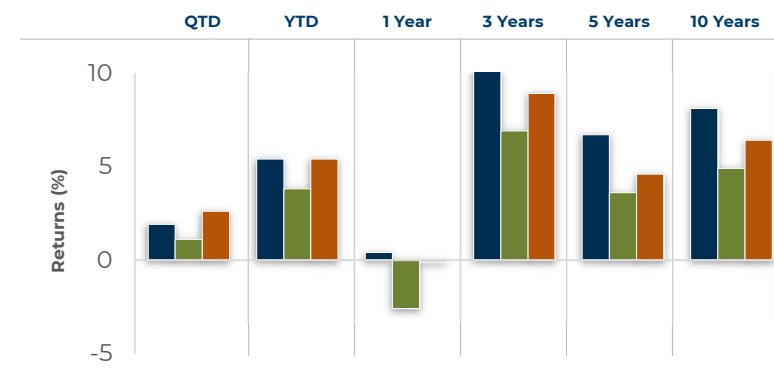
We focus on high quality owner/operators of real estate because our research shows they have offered durable cash flows and attractive risk-adjusted returns.

The value of listed real estate securities is a compilation of not only the underlying asset values but also the value of management's ability to capitalize on opportunities.

We believe successful real estate investing requires active management and patience to take advantage of multi-year value creation opportunities.

Capping AUM at 1% of the investment universe preserves our trading flexibility, liquidity, and potential for repeatable results.

### PERFORMANCE <sup>1</sup>



	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
<b>Composite Gross Return</b>	1.9%	5.4%	0.4%	10.1%	6.7%	8.1%
<b>Composite Net Return</b>	1.1%	3.8%	-2.6%	6.9%	3.6%	4.9%
<b>FTSE Nareit Equity REITs Index</b>	2.6%	5.4%	-0.1%	8.9%	4.6%	6.4%

### PORTFOLIO STRATEGY

Holdings	Typically 25-45 securities
Sector Exposure	Greater of 1.5x benchmark plus or minus, or the benchmark sector weight plus or minus 500
Single Position Limit	Greater of 10% of portfolio or 2% over benchmark
Cash	Typically fully invested
Benchmark	FTSE Nareit Equity REITs Index

### PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

	Portfolio <sup>2</sup>	Benchmark
FFO Multiple (P/E), 2023 est.	18.1x	17.1x
Earnings Growth Rate, 5-year est.	6.6%	5.6%
Dividend Yield	3.8%	4.3%
Dividend Growth, 5-year est.	7.4%	6.2%
Weighted Avg. Market Cap (bn)	\$39.5	\$33.9

Sources: FTSE, Bloomberg Finance L.P., Duff & Phelps

### TOP TEN HOLDINGS<sup>3</sup>

	Portfolio(%) <sup>2</sup>
Prologis Inc.	12.4
Equinix Inc.	7.7
Public Storage	5.4
Welltower Inc.	5.1
Digital Realty Trust Inc.	4.8
Ventas Inc.	4.7
Sun Communities Inc.	4.7
Vici Properties Inc.	4.4
Realty Income Corp.	4.3
American Homes 4 Rent	3.9

### RISK/RETURN (10 YEARS)<sup>2</sup>

	Composite Gross	Composite Net	Benchmark
Alpha	1.7%	-1.3%	-
Total Return Beta	1.0	1.0	1.0
Sharpe Ratio	0.5	0.3	0.4
Standard Deviation	17.0%	17.0%	17.5%
Information Ratio	0.7	-0.7	-
Tracking Error	2.2	2.2	-

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**Past performance is not indicative of future results.** Net of fee performance was calculated monthly using an assumed highest bundled fee of 3.00%.

<sup>1</sup> Inception date is January 1, 1995. Periods over one year are annualized. Please see the GIPS Composite Report on the final page for more information.

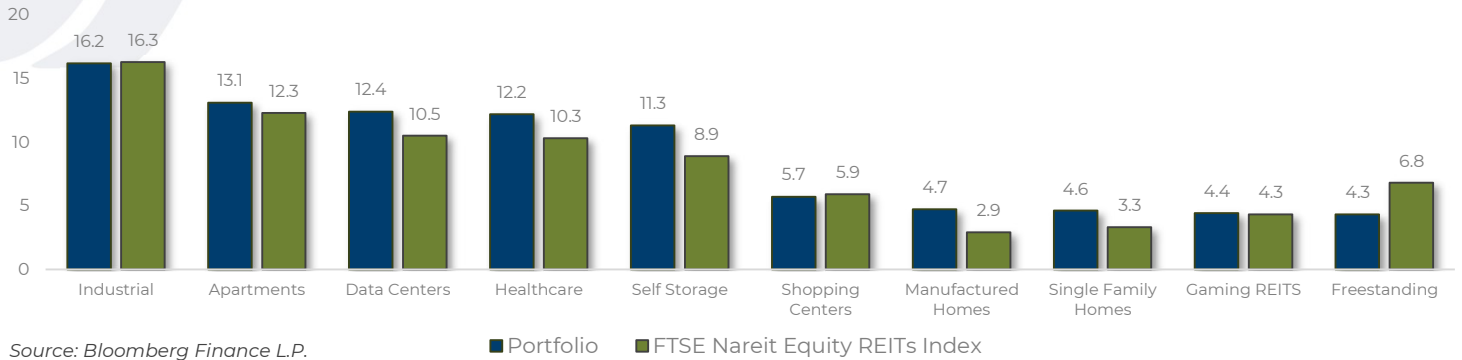
<sup>2</sup> Portfolio information is based on a representative institutional account excluding cash. Holdings are subject to change.

<sup>3</sup> It should not be assumed that securities identified were or will be profitable. The top ten holdings list represents the largest percentage holdings at quarter end of a representative institutional account excluding cash and does not represent all of the securities held in client portfolios. The securities identified may no longer be held in client portfolios and the holdings of any particular client portfolio may vary. The list is provided for illustrative purposes and should not be considered a recommendation to purchase or sell a particular security. **Please see important disclosure information.**



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## TOP TEN PORTFOLIO SECTOR WEIGHTS VS. BENCHMARK(%)<sup>2</sup>



## MARKET REVIEW

During the second quarter of 2023, global financial markets greeted softening inflation, indicated by May's CPI report, and an artificial intelligence boom, highlighted by NVIDIA's strong earnings, with open arms. U.S. stocks broadly performed well, with the S&P 500 index producing a total return of 8.7%, bringing the year-to-date total to 16.9%. This good fortune was mostly centered on large-cap tech stocks, which returned 17.2% and accounted for most of the index return, leaving other sectors and smaller and medium-sized companies lagging by a good margin. In June, the U.S. Federal Reserve (the "Fed") delivered their first pause in 15 months but did telegraph potential future rate hikes. With inflation showing strong signs of moderating, market participants welcomed the move as a clearer sign of future Fed rate activity.

Publicly listed real estate companies within the FTSE NAREIT Equity Index produced a positive return of 2.6%. Despite strong earnings announced during the quarter from solid rental growth and moderated expenses, the sector lagged the broader market, due in part to continued concerns over commercial real estate lending. Within REITs, the top performer was single-family rentals, where we saw rental growth climb as home ownership costs continued to increase, followed by data centers, as the sector benefits directly from increased attention on artificial intelligence computing needs. Multi-family apartments also outperformed, benefiting from drivers similar to those of the single-family subsector. Conversely, diversified, storage, and manufactured housing REITs lagged.

To recap our view on listed real estate, we anticipate good value in the years ahead due to strong fundamentals and stable positive earnings growth. Recent underperformance has increased value across the sector, as it currently trades at a significant discount to net asset value.

## PORTFOLIO REVIEW

The Duff & Phelps U.S. Real Estate Securities strategy underperformed the benchmark during the quarter, as positive sector allocation was offset by selection.

By total attribution, the strategy's underweight allocation to the diversified subsector was the largest contributor, followed by overweight allocations to and security selection within data centers and single-family rental. Selection within industrial was the largest detractor, followed by selection within specialty and apartments.

At the security selection level, our largest positive attribution contributors came from our overweight to Cousins Properties (CUZ) and from not owning Healthcare Realty Trust (HR). Our largest detractors were our positions in Rexford (REXR) and SBA Communications (SBAC).



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## PORTFOLIO REVIEW CONT.

Cousins Properties was one of the strongest performing office REITs, as the company continued to demonstrate better-than-expected occupancy growth over the quarter. With their office footprint focused on the Sun Belt region and their properties being newer than most, they have benefited from companies moving out of coastal areas. Healthcare Realty Trust struggles to get a bid following their merger with Healthcare Trust of America, as management guided earnings below what many expected and missed first quarter earnings expectations.

Our allocation to Rexford detracted due to skepticism over continued rental growth across Southern California industrial, where they are focused. Additionally, our overweight allocation to SBA Communications broadly remained under pressure on concerns of earnings growth. However, SBAC's earnings came in above expectations for the first quarter and were guided higher for the year. We continue to see value in the subsector as a defensive holding with stable earnings.

## INVESTMENT OUTLOOK

Our outlook remains positive for listed real estate, marked by overall solid fundamentals and attractive valuations. The potential for a hard landing and further stress in the global banking system remain key risks to stability across the equity markets. We expect this will challenge the central banks and keep volatility elevated through the year. In our view, listed real estate has shown an ability to outperform when central banks are pursuing a more reasonable path of increasing interest rates, in terms of both magnitude and frequency. Moreover, the abundance of private capital on the sidelines and the discounted pricing available via listed real estate, which we see as more attractive than private real estate, are tailwinds.

Stock selection remains key in the current market, as active managers can capitalize on the disconnect between property fundamentals and stock prices. We believe the Duff & Phelps U.S. Real Estate Strategy is well suited to capitalize on these opportunities due to our focus on high-quality owner-operators of enduring commercial real estate.

As always, thank you for your continued support of our team and investment strategy.



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**Industry/Sector Concentration:** A portfolio that focuses its investments in a particular industry or sector will be more sensitive to conditions that affect that industry or sector than a non-concentrated portfolio.

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# U. S. REIT STRATEGY MANAGED ACCOUNTS

## FACT SHEET & COMMENTARY

### GIPS COMPOSITE REPORT

Year-end (12/31)	Annual Composite Return (%)		Annual Benchmark Return (%)	3-Year Annualized Standard Deviation (%)		Number of Accounts	Asset- weighted Dispersion (%)	Composite Assets (US \$M)	Firm Total Assets (US \$B)	% of Bundled Fee Accounts in Composite
	Gross	Net		Composite	Benchmark					
2022	-25.38	-27.59	-24.37	22.52	23.46	11	0.1	1,213	12.0	0%
2021	48.38	43.99	43.24	18.39	19.81	11	0.4	2,032	12.2	0%
2020	-1.12	-4.04	-8.00	18.34	20.02	11	0.6	1,489	10.6	0%
2019	28.72	24.91	26.00	11.57	12.04	10	0.1	1,480	11.2	0%
2018	-5.32	-8.12	-4.62	13.35	13.38	10	0.1	1,274	9.0	0%
2017	7.28	4.13	5.23	13.03	13.11	11	0.1	1,679	10.2	0%
2016	8.00	4.82	8.52	14.92	14.80	10	0.2	1,814	10.3	0%
2015	3.63	0.57	3.20	14.30	14.37	10	0.1	1,757	9.2	0%
2014	33.08	29.23	30.14	13.27	13.08	10	0.0	2,088	10.8	0%
2013	1.76	-1.25	2.47	16.92	16.51	8	0.1	1,648	9.2	0%

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Composite policy requires the temporary removal of any account incurring a significant cash flow. Effective July 1, 2016, a significant cash flow is defined as a client-initiated inflow or outflow of cash or securities of 25% or more of beginning period assets. From April 1, 2014 through June 30, 2016, temporary accounts were utilized to remove the impact of significant cash flows of 10% or more. From August 1, 2009 through March 31, 2014, Composite policy required the temporary removal of any account incurring a significant cash flow of 10% or more.

**3. Benchmark** – The Composite Benchmark is the FTSE Nareit Equity REITs Index, a free-float market capitalization-weighted index measuring U.S. publicly listed equity real estate investment trusts (REITs) not designated as timber or infrastructure REITs, which meet minimum size and liquidity criteria.

**3. Calculations** - Returns are total, time-weighted rates of return expressed in U.S. dollars and include accrued income. The Composite and Benchmark results reflect the reinvestment of dividends and other earnings. The annual dispersion is asset-weighted and measures the deviation of individual portfolio gross returns around gross Composite returns for portfolios in the Composite for the entire year. The 3-year annualized ex-post standard deviation measures the variability of gross Composite returns and the Benchmark returns over the preceding 36-month time period.

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