2020 Endowment Pool Report

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS FOUNDATION

CALENDAR YEAR 2020 (JANUARY 1, 2020–DECEMBER 31, 2020)

Preliminary as of 12.31.2020

PERFORMANCE *Preliminary as of 12.31.2020*	QTR	FYTD	1 YEAR	3 YEAR	5 YEAR
Total UIF Endowment Pool[1]	12.39%	17.04%	9.93%	6.21%	8.78%
UIF Endowment Pool (ex Legacy Assets & Mission Related Investments)[1,2]	12.90%	17.49%	10.32%	6.31%	9.12%
Policy Benchmark	8.91%	14.49%	9.28%	6.02%	8.18%

Returns for periods greater than one year are annualized returns expressed in percent per year.
[1] Preliminary Performance is presented net of external investment management and incentive fees.
[2] Legacy Assets represent assets no longer relevant to the ongoing strategic management of the pool.

MESSAGE FROM THE CIO

Preliminary as of 12.31.2020

No one was sad to say goodbye to 2020. Although it was in the end a strong year for many financial markets, it was a terrible year for the economy, politics and most of the world's population thanks to COVID19. The pace of the U.S. economic recovery moderated in the 4th quarter, and, at the same time, Congress passed (in lame duck session) a $900 billion stimulus package. Vaccination roll-outs began around the world with varying degrees of success. While we patiently wait out the last few months before enough Americans can be vaccinated to create herd immunity, we think that a K-Shaped recovery is in progress. Those fortunate enough to have jobs that can be done remotely are on the upward sloping part of the "K." The pent up demand to spend money should drive a very strong second half of 2021 and the endowment is well-positioned to perform well in a higher growth environment. In the meantime, the outlook today for the bottom part of the "K" among service sector workers is less hopeful, especially for the 10 million who have long-term unemployed status. More stimulus and vaccines are the two most important drivers in the markets. On a preliminary basis, the Total UIF Endowment Pool ended Q4 2020 at $2.211 billion in assets, representing an increase of +12.39% (+12.90% ex Legacy Assets & Mission Related Investments).

ASSET ALLOCATION

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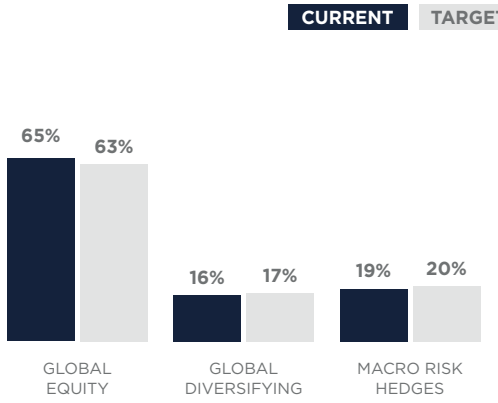

TOTAL UIF ENDOWMENT POOL ASSETS UNDER MANAGEMENT HISTORY

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