

Quarter Ending December 31, 2023

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.

COMPOSITE PERFORMANCE (%)¹



	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Gross Return	15.6	11.8	11.8	3.1	7.2	7.8
Net Return	15.4	11.0	11.0	2.3	6.1	6.8
FTSE EPRA Nareit Dev Index (Net)	15.3	9.7	9.7	1.2	2.8	3.6

PORTFOLIO STRATEGY

Holdings	Typically 50-70 securities
Single Position Limit	Greater of 5% of the portfolio or 5% over benchmark
Cash Target	Less than 5%
Benchmark	FTSE EPRA Nareit Developed Index (net)

PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

	Portfolio ²	Benchmark
Multiple (P/E), 2024 est.	18.0x	16.8x
Earnings Growth Rate, 2024 est.	5.3%	4.3%
Dividend Yield	3.9%	4.2%
Dividend Growth, 5-year est.	6.2%	4.8%
Median Market Cap (bn)	\$10.4	\$2.2

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

TOP TEN HOLDINGS³

	Portfolio(%) ²
Prologis Inc.	8.0
Equinix Inc.	5.0
Digital Realty Trust Inc.	4.1
Welltower Inc.	4.0
Public Storage	3.3
Sun Communities Inc.	3.2
Realty Income Corp.	3.1
Ventas Inc.	2.9
Vici Properties Inc.	2.8
CubeSmart	2.5

RISK/RETURN (10 YEARS)

	Composite	Benchmark
Alpha	4.1%	-
Total Return Beta	1.0	1.0
Sharpe Ratio	0.4	0.1
Standard Deviation	16.8%	16.6%
Information Ratio	1.7	-
Tracking Error	2.4	-

Calculated using gross performance returns.

CONTACT INFORMATION

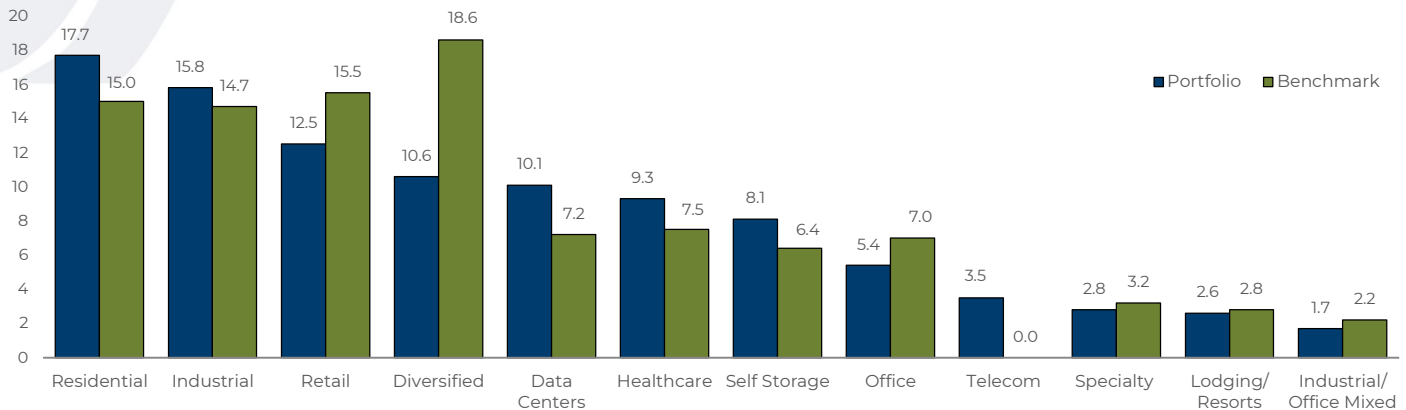
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²Portfolio information is based on a representative institutional account excluding cash. Holdings are subject to change. **Please see important disclosure information.**

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PORTFOLIO SECTOR WEIGHTS VS. BENCHMARK(%)



Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P.

MARKET REVIEW

The global investment landscape throughout 2023 was marked by the undulating trajectory of interest rates. The first three quarters saw interest rates navigating a terrain of heightened volatility as they moved to levels not seen since 2007. This created an environment of uncertainty for investors, primarily in bonds and capital-intensive sectors, such as real estate. However, a pivotal moment occurred in late October, as softer CPI data allowed global central banks some breathing room, which signaled a notable shift in this trend. For context, the yield on the U.S. 10-year Treasury started the year at 3.9% and peaked at 5.0% in late October, before finishing the year at 3.9% for a full round trip.

The notable decline in interest rates, over the last two months, played a big role in propelling global financial markets higher. Amidst the broader market rally, sectors sensitive to interest rate movements, such as technology and longer-maturity bonds, experienced notable gains. However, in the U.S., the S&P real estate sector demonstrated remarkable resilience, coming in as the top-performing S&P sector over the fourth quarter. Performance across real estate was led by sectors that had been primarily out of favor over the year, such as regional malls, cell-tower, and office. Conversely, the property sectors that led real estate for most of the year lagged the broad index, such as healthcare, single-family rentals in the residential category, and data centers. Despite interest rates moving higher over the past two years, global listed real estate has demonstrated operational efficiency through positive earnings and cash flow growth.

PORTFOLIO REVIEW

The Duff & Phelps Global Real Estate Securities strategy outperformed the benchmark during the quarter, with sector allocation as the main driver, which was partially offset by security selection.

Attribution by country was led by our underweights to Hong Kong, overweight to Spain, and underweight to Singapore, along with contribution from selection within each country. Conversely, selection within France and the U.S., as well as an underweight to Germany, negatively impacted alpha.

From a country allocation perspective, the underweight to Japan, overweight to the U.K., and underweight to Hong Kong were our top contributors to relative performance, while our underweights to Germany and Finland and overweight to India were the largest detractors.

When looking at attribution by property sector, telecommunication REITs was the largest positive contributor, driven by an overweight allocation, followed by selection within the healthcare and industrial sectors. An underweight to retail and selection within that sector was the largest detractor, followed by selection within the self storage and lodging sectors.

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PORTFOLIO REVIEW CONT.

At the security selection level, our largest positive attribution contributors came from our position in American Tower Corporation, an owner and operator of global cell towers, and not owning Equity Residential, a U.S. apartment REIT. American Tower outperformed on better-than-expected earnings and improved sentiment on future potential benefit of lower interest rates. Equity Residential underperformed after cutting their future earnings guidance due to weakness across their Seattle and San Francisco apartment properties.

Our largest detractors came from underweights to Extra Space Storage, a U.S. storage REIT, and Simon Properties Group, a U.S.-based regional mall REIT. Following a period of underperformance for Extra Space Storage due to concerns on its floating rate exposure and execution of its Life Storage merger, the company bounced back after its earnings results suggested that merger synergies were on track, and that the deceleration in pricing trends may have eased. While this is a step in the right direction, we currently prefer those with more primary market exposure and less merger execution risk. Simon, which we added to in October while remaining underweight, outperformed in the last two months on better fundamental optics.

INVESTMENT OUTLOOK

The Duff & Phelps Global Real Estate Securities Team expects global economic growth to slow in response to higher interest rates and quantitative tightening. Unlike last year, in 2024 we expect the Fed to lower rates to curtail hard landing risk surrounding the November presidential election, which in our view will benefit listed real estate.

Naturally, just as we expect global economies to slow, we expect global listed real estate cash flow to remain positive yet decelerate across many property sectors, as companies absorb higher financial and operating costs. Quality and resiliency in the form of well-positioned balance sheets and sustainable growth in cash flow and dividends will likely be preferred by investors as we continue to face an uncertain economic environment.

Fundamentally, secular growth drivers should continue to benefit data centers and logistics. Within the U.S. healthcare property sector, senior housing operating properties, and skilled nursing facilities will continue to see an improvement in occupancy. And pricing power should increase further in senior housing. Self storage has been impacted by the moderation in housing turnover caused by higher interest rates and, in certain markets, a higher level of new supply, which is negatively impacting pricing for new customers. The residential apartments subsector in the U.S. is also in the process of digesting a significant amount of new supply over the next 12 to 18 months. The office property sector will likely remain one of the more challenging and controversial sectors on a global basis.

Given the capital that has been raised by private equity sponsors on a global basis, the new year may see a pick-up in public-to-private M&A activity, particularly if debt availability and pricing improve and global listed real estate continues to trade at discounted valuations.

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INVESTMENT OUTLOOK CONT.

In our view, listed global real estate has shown an ability to outperform following the end of a rising interest rate cycle, and should clearly be a beneficiary of lower rates. With an abundance of private capital on the sidelines and discounted pricing available via listed real estate, arguably at wholesale prices, we see listed real estate as much more attractive than private real estate.

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



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The Benchmark is the FTSE EPRA Nareit Developed Index (net), a free-float market capitalization index measuring developed market global real estate securities engaged in the ownership, trading and development of income-producing real estate that meet minimum size, liquidity and revenue criteria.

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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)
	Gross	Net		Composite	Benchmark				
2022	-26.18	-26.73	-25.09	22.79	22.86	6	n.a.	2,266.4	12.0
2021	32.74	31.74	26.09	18.81	19.75	≤5	n.a.	1,861.3	12.2
2020	-1.28	-3.51	-9.04	18.29	19.46	≤5	n.a.	1,135.9	10.6
2019	31.09	30.04	21.91	9.72	9.75	≤5	n.a.	1,280.7	11.2
2018	-3.67	-4.43	-5.63	11.21	10.82	≤5	n.a.	173.3	9.0
2017	14.29	13.38	10.36	11.41	10.90	≤5	n.a.	208.8	10.2
2016	5.37	4.54	4.06	12.86	12.21	≤5	n.a.	182.6	10.3
2015	3.07	2.25	-0.79	12.46	12.29	≤5	n.a.	94.4	9.2
2014	24.44	23.47	15.02	12.22	12.49	≤5	n.a.	66.4	10.8
2013	2.57	1.75	3.67	15.79	16.45	≤5	n.a.	43.0	9.2

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From September 1, 2014 to June 30, 2016, Composite policy required the creation of a temporary account for a single client initiated inflow or outflow of cash or securities expected to exceed 10% at the time of notification of beginning period assets (a “significant cash flow”). Effective July 1, 2016, Composite policy does not, and prior to September 1, 2014 did not, include the use of temporary accounts or define significant cash flows.

3. Benchmark – The Composite Benchmark is the FTSE EPRA Nareit Developed Index (net), a free-float market capitalization index measuring developed market global real estate securities engaged in the ownership, trading and development of income-producing real estate, which meet minimum size, liquidity and revenue criteria. Prior to September 1, 2017, the Composite Benchmark was the FTSE EPRA Nareit Developed Rental Index (net), a sub-set of the new Benchmark. The former Benchmark focused on companies classified as Rental and excluded companies classified as Non-Rental. The change in Benchmark was made given the widespread use of the new Benchmark in the marketplace. There has been no change to the Composite strategy, which continues to focus primarily on rental companies. The withholding tax rates used in the calculation of the Benchmark are those applied to dividends received by a Luxembourg based UCIT fund; the withholding tax rates used in the calculation of the Composite are those applied to dividends received by account domicile.

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