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## NEW YORK STATE COMMON RETIREMENT FUND Thomas P. DiNapoli New York State Comptroller

# MONTHLY TRANSACTION REPORT March 2019

#### **Global Equity**

The New York State Common Retirement Fund (CRF) invests with external managers to meet its global equity allocation. This report will include additions and terminations of external managers or addition or removal of assets from an existing manager.

The Global Alpha Capital Management Global Equity account was funded with an additional \$215 million in March 2019. The account was funded from cash. No placement agents were involved in this transaction.

#### **Private Equity**

CRF invests in private equity partnerships directly and through separately managed accounts. Significant activity includes new commitments to private equity partnerships, as well as new commitments made through separately managed accounts.

Freeman Spogli & Co. – FS Equity Partners VIII, L. P. - \$150 million commitment. FS VIII will continue to source middle-market, consumer businesses in the US. Capital calls will come from cash. FS is an existing relationship for the CRF. No placement agents were involved in this transaction. This investment closed on March 15, 2019.

Blackstone Group – Blackstone Capital VIII, L. P. - \$500 million commitment. Blackstone intends to invest in varied sectors across North America, Europe and Asia. Capital calls will come from cash. Blackstone is an existing relationship for the CRF. No placement agents were involved in this transaction. This investment closed on March 29, 2019.

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#### **Fixed Income**

The NYS Common Retirement Fund's Fixed Income Portfolio is primarily managed internally. CRF is also adding Fixed Income external managers as a way to gain access to markets that are not traded internally. This report will include additions and terminations of external managers or addition or removal of assets from an existing manager.

There was no external manager activity in CRF's Fixed Income Portfolio in March 2019.

#### **Real Estate**

CRF invests with real estate opportunity funds, affordable housing, mortgages and joint ventures with a property-specific mandate. Significant activity includes new commitments to general partners, investments made through joint ventures and affordable mortgages.

There was no activity in CRF's real estate portfolio for March 2019

#### **Absolute Return Strategies**

CRF invests with general partners directly and through funds-of-funds organized as separate accounts for the CRF. Significant activity includes new and increased commitments to general partners made directly by the CRF, and new and increased commitments through funds-of-funds.

There was no activity in CRF's absolute return strategy portfolio in March 2019.

#### **Opportunistic Alternatives**

CRF invests with general partners and investment managers who invest across asset classes on an opportunistic basis or in direct transactions. Significant activity includes new and increased commitments to general partners or transactions made directly by the CRF, and new and increased commitments through funds-of-funds.

There was no activity in CRF's opportunistic alternatives portfolio in March 2019.

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#### **Real Assets**

CRF invests with external managers to meet its real asset allocation. This report will include new and increased allocations to external managers and terminations and reductions from existing managers.

There was no activity in CRF's real assets portfolio in March 2019.

### **Emerging Manager Program**

The Emerging Manager Program of the CRF was established to invest in newer, smaller and diverse investment management firms. Significant activity includes new and increased commitments to emerging managers or transactions made directly by the CRF, and new and increased commitments through emerging manager funds-of-funds.

There was no activity in CRF's emerging manager program in March 2019.