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AFHU POOLED ENDOWMENT FUND

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2023 ANNUAL REPORT

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Dear Friend,

I am pleased to provide you with the December 31, 2023 Annual Report for AFHU's Pooled Endowment Fund (PEF).

Your Investment Committee manages and provides oversight for the PEF consistent with the guidelines provided by AFHU's Board of Directors. As part of our responsibilities, we periodically review the PEF's performance and reallocate its assets. For the year ending December 31, 2023, the PEF had a return of 12.07% compared to -16.38% for the year ending December 31, 2022; the PEF's assets totaled \$700 million at December 31, 2023. The annualized returns for the prior five- and ten-year periods were 9.47% and 8.54% respectively, exceeding its benchmark in both periods. For the quarter ending March 31, 2024, the PEF's preliminary assets totaled \$710 million with year-to-date return of 4.36%.

During the fiscal year 2023 the PEF received contributions totaling \$3.6 million and transmitted \$28 million to The Hebrew University of Jerusalem. For the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023, the approved spending rate was 4.00%, which is the same spending rate used in the prior fiscal year.

Thank you very much for your continued interest and support of the American Friends of the Hebrew University.

Sincerely,



**MARC O. MAYER**

Chairman, AFHU Investment Committee





## Endowment Objective

The objective of the Pooled Endowment Fund is to provide a consistent flow of funds to The Hebrew University of Jerusalem for programs and projects that have been endowed by donors and approved by AFHU.

Similar to most university endowments, AFHU has established a spend rule as the basis for transmitting funds to The Hebrew University. Unless an endowment agreement specifies otherwise, we calculate the spend rate on a three year rolling average of market values. In this manner we seek to insure a consistent flow of funds to The Hebrew University in accordance with our donors' intentions.

## Fund Profile

*AFHU has a diversified portfolio of investments. As of December 31, 2023, the allocation of funds by asset class was as follows:*

| ASSET CLASS              | FUNDS (000'S)     |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Cash and Cash Equivalent | \$ 10,146         |
| U.S. Equity              | \$ 229,928        |
| Non-U.S. Equity          | \$ 142,487        |
| Fixed Income             | \$ 30,481         |
| Alternatives             | \$ 240,983        |
| Real Estate Securities   | \$ 46,256         |
| <b>TOTAL FUND</b>        | <b>\$ 700,281</b> |

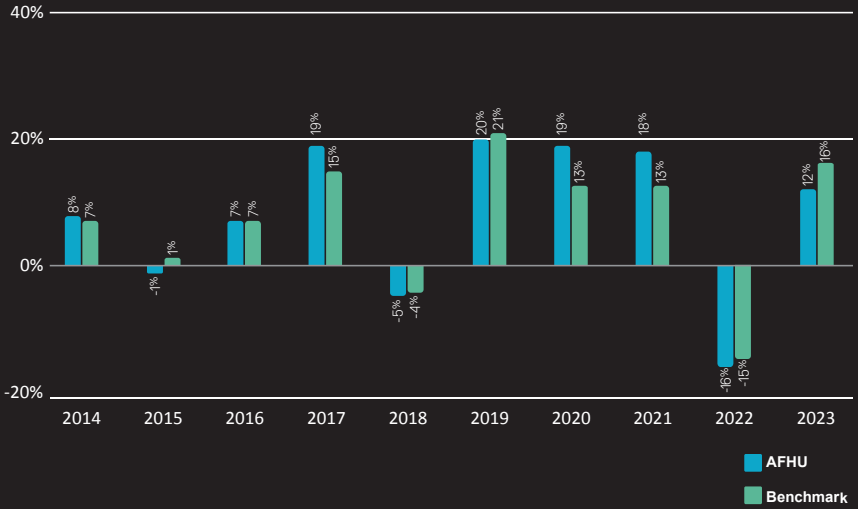
### ASSET ALLOCATION AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023

|                          |     |
|--------------------------|-----|
| Cash and Cash Equivalent | 2%  |
| U.S. Equity              | 33% |
| Non-U.S. Equity          | 20% |
| Fixed Income             | 4%  |
| Alternatives             | 34% |
| Real Estate Securities   | 7%  |

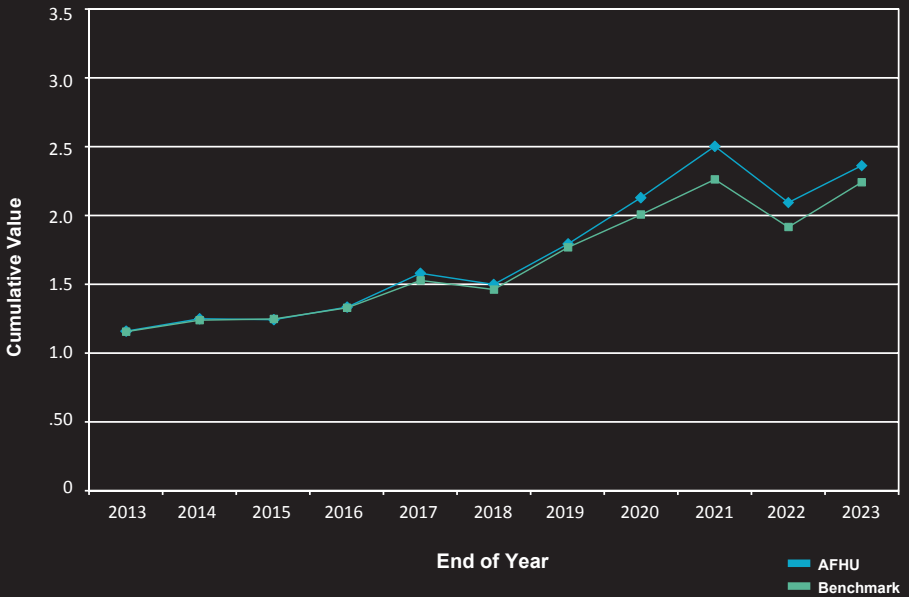
Note: Alternative Investments includes marketable alternatives (hedge funds) and private asset investments (private equity, real estate, and debt).

# AFHU Pooled Endowment Fund

## CALENDAR RETURNS



## Cumulative Investment Growth



Note: AFHU changed its illiquid investment reporting methodology resulting in modest adjustments of 2019 and 2020 performance results.



## General Information

The PEF consists of 1,700 separate endowment funds, the assets of which are pooled so as to permit their collective management and administration. Pooling also facilitates diversification in the investment of assets. There is, however, no assurance that pooling will result in increased investment results. Each fund in the pool has a separate account, holds shares in the pool, and receives distributions of income and gains or losses in accordance with its proportionate interest. Appropriate records are maintained to determine the interest of each fund in the pool.

## Exemption

AFHU's pooled endowment funds are exempt from registration under the Investment Company Act of 1940 and interests in such funds are exempt from registration under the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

## Investment Policy

The AFHU Board of Directors has approved the following policies for the pooled endowment funds:

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### ASSET ALLOCATION

The Investment Committee, at its discretion, may diversify the portfolio subject to overall allocation guidelines. Both the equity and the fixed income allocations may be invested in domestic and international securities.

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### SPENDING RATE

Unless otherwise provided by an individual donor in the governing agreement, AFHU annually approves a spending rate for the calculation of transmissions of funds from the PEF to the University. For fiscal years 2023 and 2024, a spending rate of 4% was approved.

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### COST OF ADMINISTRATION

AFHU assesses a charge of 1% against the PEF representing the overhead associated with the management and stewardship of the PEF.





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