

Annual Review of MTA Sponsored Pension & Retirement Funds

As of December 31, 2023



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Executive Summary

MTA Sponsored Pension Plans had positive performance in 2023

- These are complex Plans that are conservatively administered (i.e. ADC, Return Assumption)
 - MTA Defined Benefit Plan: \$5.4 billion (unaudited): 67.9% Funded (as of 1/1/2023 Valuation)
 - LIRR Additional Plan: \$652.4 million (unaudited): 51.7% Funded (as of 1/1/2023 Valuation)
 - MaBSTOA: \$3.3 billion (unaudited): 72.7% Funded (as of 1/1/2023 Valuation)

Market volatility was low in 2023 which contributed to the strong overall performance

- The Plans' return objective is to outperform its actuarial determined target rate of return of 6.5%
- For 2023:
 - MTA Defined Benefit Plan, LIRR Additional Plan returned 11.8% (net of fees)
 - MaBSTOA returned 12.0% (net of fees)

MTA Deferred Compensation Plan (401(k)/457)

- Ended 2023 at \$9.4 billion in assets and 54,884 active participants
- Year over year, assets under management increased by 14%
- The participation rate of 74.6% is amongst the highest in the public plan peer group
- Plan design and investment line-up are continually re-evaluated to maximize the opportunity for participants



Overview – MTA Sponsored and Multi-Employer Plans

Pension Plan	# of Active Members	2023 Pension Contributions - Actual (\$ million)	2024 Pension Expense - Adopted Budget (\$ million)	Unaudited Assets (as of 12/31/2023)
MTA Sponsored Defined Benefit Plans				
MTA DB Plan	19,071	433	431	\$7.3 billion
MaBSTOA	8,297	181	185	\$3.8 billion
LIRR Additional Plan	14	72	69	\$0.7 billion
Total	27,382	686	685	\$11.8 billion
MTA Sponsored Defined Contribution Plans				
MTA Deferred Compensation Program (401k & 457)	54,266	0	0	\$9.4 billion
MNR 401(k)	342	2	2	
TCU/HQ 401(k)	276	1	1	
Total	54,884	3	3	\$9.4 billion
Other Multi Employer Plans				
NYCERS	36,299	769	818	
NYSLRS	1,717	18	18	
Voluntary Defined Contribution (Tier 6 option)	305	3	3	
Railroad Retirement Board (RRB, Tier II expense only)	N/A	207	219	
Total	N/A	997	1,058	
Total Pension & Retirement Contributions / Expenses		1,686	1,746	



MTA Sponsored Plans - Markets Overview

Most traditional asset classes posted positive returns in 2023, driven by disinflation, stronger than expected global GDP growth, and the AI technological boom

Equities

- World equity markets finished 2023 mainly positive across the board and U.S. markets predominately outperformed global markets
- Across U.S. market capitalizations, Large (S&P 500 Index: 26.3%), Mid (S&P 400 Index: 16.44%) and Small (Russell 2000 Index: 16.9%) all posted double digit positive returns. Across U.S. styles, Growth (Russell 1000 Growth Index: 42.7%) significantly outperformed Value (Russell 1000 Value Index: 11.5%) driven primarily by the Magnificent 7 equities
- International markets posted double digit positive returns in the Large Cap (MSCI EAFE Index: 18.2%) and Small Cap (MSCI EAFE SC Index: 13.2%) universes
- Emerging Markets posted positive returns in the Large Cap (MSCI EM Index: 9.8%) universe, despite underperformance in China (MSCI China: -11.2%). The Small Cap (MSCI EM SC Index: 23.9%) universe posted double digit returns

Fixed Income

- U.S. Treasury yields were volatile in 2023, but largely unchanged while the yield curve remained inverted amid multiple rate hikes
- Diversified fixed income posted positive returns (Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index: 5.5%), with strong performance from US Convertibles (Bloomberg U.S. Convertibles Index: 14.6%) and High Yield (Bloomberg High Yield Index: 13.4%)
- Positive returns were realized in U.S. Treasuries (Bloomberg US Treasury Index: 4.1%) and Treasury Inflation Protected Securities (Bloomberg TIPS Index: 3.9%)
- Emerging Market fixed income posted double digit returns in hard currency (JPM EMBI: 11.1%) and local currency (JPM GBI-EM: 12.7%)

2024 First Quarter Market Update

- Through the first quarter of 2024, equity markets were mostly higher with gains in the low double digits. Growth equities have continued to lead the way, adding on to their 2023 gains. Fixed income markets had a mixed start to 2024, with returns flat to slightly negative for the quarter. Fed speak and economic reports have been mixed, but rate cuts are still expected towards the end of the year and the yield curve remains inverted
- 2024's macroeconomic backdrop will likely be dominated by private consumption, the Fed's willingness to cut rates, geopolitical tensions, tight credit markets, artificial intelligence, and the 2024 U.S. presidential race



MTA Sponsored Plans - Investment Rate of Return Assumptions

Target Investment Return (net of fees)

Pension Plan	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
LIRR - Additional Plan	7.0%	7.0%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%
MaBSTOA	7.0%	7.0%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%
MTA DB Plan	7.0%	7.0%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%
NYSLERS	7.0%	7.0%	6.8%	5.9%	5.9%	5.9%
NYCERS	7.0%	7.0%	7.0%	7.0%	7.0%	7.0%



MTA Sponsored Plans - Funding Status



Date of Valuation

	1/1/2014	1/1/2015	1/1/2016	1/1/2017	1/1/2018	1/1/2019	1/1/2020	1/1/2021	1/1/2022	1/1/2023
LIRR Additional Plan	30.9	48.8	46.0	50.8	64.7	57.6	59.1	55.3	59.7	51.7
MaBSTOA	65.2	69.3	67.3	72.1	79.4	74.4	80.2	78.3	84.4	72.7
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DB	71.6	72.5	68.6	71.1	78.2	72.8	72.5	71.5	77.5	67.9

MTA Sponsored Plans – MWBE Participation

As January 2024





MTA Defined Benefit Pension Plan LIRR Plan for Additional Pensions

Pension Board of Managers

MEMBER	DESIGNEE	MTA TITLE
Chair of the MTA	VACANT	
MTA Labor Relations	Mark Worthington	Labor Cost Analyst
MTA Chief Financial Officer	David Keller	Director, Consolidated Analysis
Metro North	James McGovern	Acting Deputy Chief, Controller's Office
Long Island Rail Road	Michael Reilly	Director, Revenue Management
SIRTOA	Monica Murray	NYCT Chief Admin Officer
MTA Bus	Roy Grey-Stewart	Deputy Chief, Financial Operations
Long Island Bus	Olga Chernat	Deputy Chief Financial Service
TWU Representative	Donald Yates	

MTA Chief Investment Officer (Acting)	Steven Rossiello
Financial Consultant	NEPC, LLC
Actuary	Milliman, USA
Trustee	JPMorgan Chase



MaBSTOA (Manhattan and Bronx Surface Transit Operating Authority) Pension Plan

Investment Committee

MEMBER	DESIGNEE	MTA TITLE
Chair of Employer's (MaBSTOA) Board	William Vazoulas	Director, Payroll Processing
MTA Chief Financial Officer	Joseph Cornwall	Assistant Comptroller, Benefit Plans
President of Transit Authority	VACANT	
TWU Local 100 (2 representatives)	James Whalen	
Two Local too (2 representatives)	Richard Davis	

MTA Chief Investment Officer (Acting)	Steven Rossiello
Financial Consultant	NEPC, LLC
Actuary	Milliman, USA
Trustee	JPMorgan Chase



MTA Retiree Welfare Benefits Plan Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) Board of Managers

MEMBER	DESIGNEE	MTA TITLE
Chair of the MTA	VACANT	
MTA Chief Financial Officer	Kevin Willens, Chair of Welfare Benefits Plan	Chief Financial Officer
MTA Labor Relations	Mark Worthington	Labor Cost Analyst

MTA Chief Investment Officer (Acting)	Steven Rossiello
Financial Consultant	NEPC, LLC
Actuary	Milliman, USA
Trustee	JPMorgan Chase



MTA Deferred Compensation Programs (401(k) and 457)

Deferred Compensation Committee

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MTA Labor Relations	Mark Worthington	Labor Cost Analyst
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TBTA, President	Adam Hartke	B&T Financial Liaison
Metro North	James McGovern	Acting Deputy Chief, Controller's Office
Long Island Rail Road	Michael Reilly	Director, Revenue Management
MTA Bus	Roy Grey-Stewart	Deputy Chief, Financial Operations
MTA Construction & Development	Shawn Moore	C&D Chief Admin Officer

MTA Chief Investment Officer (Acting)	Steven Rossiello
Financial Consultant	Mercer
Recordkeeper/Trustee	Empower