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### **PA SERS Board Directs \$200 million to Private Equity**

HARRISBURG – The Pennsylvania State Employees' Retirement System today approved \$200 million in new private equity commitments within the alternative investments asset class.

Allocations included:

- **Up to \$50 million to FSN Capital IV, L.P.** for a private equity buyout mandate, focusing on mid-sized companies operating in the Nordic region, specifically Sweden, Denmark, Norway and Finland;
- **Up to \$50 million to Penn Asia Investors, L.P.** as an additional commitment to an existing mandate, focusing on opportunistic investments in Asia-based private equity funds including the Greater China, Japan, Korea, India, Australia and Southeast Asia markets;
- **Up to \$50 million to GTCR XI, L.P.** as a follow-on commitment to an existing SERS manager with a new fund, focusing on middle-market companies based in North America;
- **An initial investment tranche of up to \$50 million to Bank of America Merrill Lynch Capital Access Funds Management** to establish and manage the **Horizon Impact Fund**, a customized private equity fund of funds with SERS as the sole limited partner, focusing on smaller private equity funds (those with capitalizations of \$500 million or less) in the US lower middle market.

The commitments broaden the geographic diversification of the alternative investments portfolio while moving the buyouts segment (approx. 62 percent as of 6/30/13) closer to the 65 percent target allocation outlined in SERS' *2012-13 Strategic Investment Plan* (pg. 21).

The Horizon Impact Fund provides a custom investment vehicle to gain access to new markets with improved market intelligence and reduced operational complexity as outlined in SERS' *2012-13 Strategic Investment Plan* (pg. 22).

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SERS' *2012-13 Strategic Investment Plan* is available at [www.SERS.state.pa.us](http://www.SERS.state.pa.us), by clicking on "Investments" in the left-hand navigation.

#### **About the Pennsylvania State Employees' Retirement System**

Established in 1923, SERS is one of the nation's oldest and largest retirement plans for public employees, with assets of approximately \$25.7 billion and nearly 230,000 members.

#### **For More Information**

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