



Featuring Guest Speaker: Kirk Sims, Head of Emerging Manager Program at Teachers Retirement System (TRS) of Texas



Kirk Sims heads TRS' Emerging Manager Program. Since being established in 2005, TRS has committed \$3.7 billion to one of the largest programs of its kind. An additional \$2 billion has been invested directly with EM Program graduates. Each graduate was selected as a result of consistent outperformance among a group of more than 160 EM managers. Recognizing the Program's success, in early 2019, TRS rolled out a plan to invest another \$3 billion over the next three to five years.

Sims joined the Teacher Retirement System of Texas on March 1, 2019. Before joining Texas Teachers, he was a Senior Investment Officer for the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Illinois. Sims had oversight and management responsibility of TRS's Emerging Manager Program, a \$750 million evergreen pool of capital designed to identify and invest in emerging investment managers across all asset classes.

Prior, Sims worked at Prudential Retirement where he was responsible for a manager of manager's retirement platform as well as an open architecture investment platform. He also has a background in asset management and has held various positions with both large and small asset managers.

Sims is a CFA charter holder and holds a Masters in Business Administration from the Columbia University Graduate School of Business. He received a Bachelor of Business Administration from Howard University in Washington, DC.

Topic: Asset Management, Emerging Managers and Diversity and Inclusion discussion with Kirk Sims, Head of Emerging Manager Program at TRS of Texas

Host: Sylvester McClearn: MD Head of Sales CastleOak Securities

Audience: Institutional, Emerging, and MWBE Asset Managers

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