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The \$13.6 billion Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (KPERS) has committed \$90 million to two funds.

The first investment is a follow-on commitment to a Harrison Street Real Estate Capital fund series specializing in opportunistic investments in the medical office, student housing, self-storage and senior housing/assisted living sectors. KPERS invested approximately \$40 million in Harrison Street Real Estate Partners IV. The fund was launched in December 2012 with a \$700 million fundraising goal. A final close date was not disclosed.

The Harrison Street Real Estate Partners fund series launched in 2006 with Harrison Street Real Estate Partners I. KPERS previously invested \$30 million in Harrison Street Real Estate Partners III, which closed in 2011 with approximately \$595 million in equity commitments.

KPERS also has made a \$50 million commitment to EnCap Energy Capital Fund IX, a \$4.25 billion private equity oil and gas fund managed by EnCap Investments. EnCap Energy Capital Fund IX will invest in upstream companies, or those focusing on oil and gas exploration and production. KPERS invested \$25 million in EnCap Energy Capital Fund VIII, the fund's predecessor, which raised \$3.6 billion and closed in January 2011.

KPERS has 8.5 percent of its total portfolio invested in real estate with a target allocation to real estate of 12 percent. Infrastructure investments are part of the pension fund's alternative portfolio, which has a target allocation of 5 percent and an actual allocation of approximately 3 percent.

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