

Office of the Auditor General  
Report on Internal Control, Compliance, and Other Matters

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**Michigan Strategic Fund**  
(A Discretely Presented Component Unit of the State of Michigan)

Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2023

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## Report Summary

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**Report Number:**  
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Generally accepted government auditing standards require an auditor to report on internal control over financial reporting; compliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, or grant agreements that have a material effect on the financial statements; and other matters coming to the attention of the auditor during the completion of a financial audit. We are issuing this report in conjunction with our independent auditor's report on the Michigan Strategic Fund's financial statements dated February 13, 2024.

| Findings Related to Internal Control,<br>Compliance, and Other Matters | Material<br>Weakness | Significant<br>Deficiency | Agency<br>Preliminary<br>Response |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| None reported.                                                         |                      |                           | Not applicable.                   |

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Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control Over  
Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters

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We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Michigan Strategic Fund (Fund), a discretely presented component unit of the State of Michigan, as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023 and the related notes to the financial statements. We were not engaged to audit the financial statements of the Fund's aggregate discretely presented component units and were not able to obtain sufficient appropriate evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion on them. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the financial statements of the aggregate discretely presented component units. These financial statements collectively comprise the Fund's basic financial statements, and we have issued our report thereon dated February 13, 2024.

**Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund, we considered the Fund's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

**Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Fund's governmental activities and each major fund's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

**Purpose of This Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



Doug Ringler  
Auditor General  
February 13, 2024

Below is the status of the reported finding from the fiscal year 2022 Michigan Strategic Fund report on internal control, compliance, and other matters (186-0401-23):

| Prior Audit<br>Finding<br>Number | Topic Area                                                               | Current<br>Status | Current<br>Finding<br>Number |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| 1                                | Improvements needed in<br>conduit debt identification<br>and disclosure. | Complied          | Not applicable               |





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