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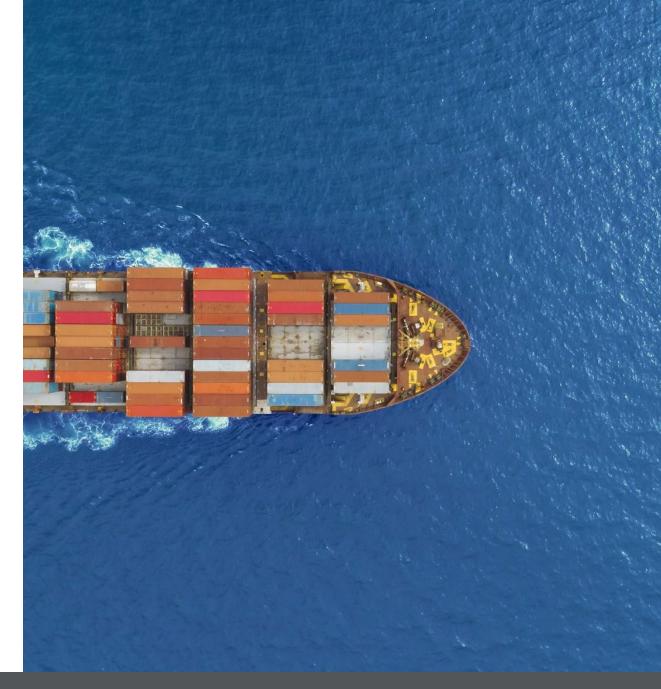
### **CASE FOR PRIVATE EQUITY**

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#### **ABOUT PRIVATE EQUITY**

#### WHY PRIVATE EQUITY

- Access to high growth companies differentiated from what is possible in public markets
- Ability to trade illiquidity for potential earnings premium
- Likelihood of experiencing less volatility because pricing occurs with less frequency and without public market participants driving shortterm price changes
- Sustainable Investments Opportunities in themes such as job creation, education, healthcare, sustainable communities, infrastructure, etc.
- Increased likelihood of meeting low-term growth objectives.

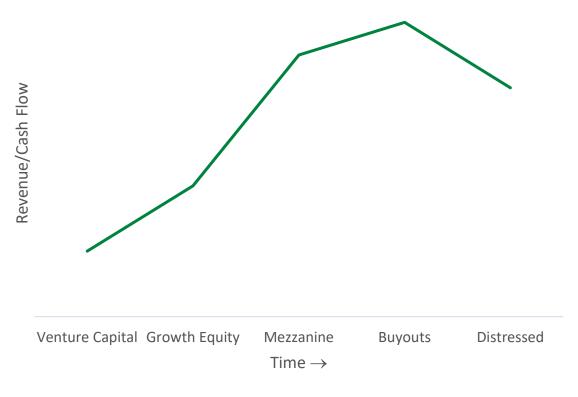
PRIVATE EQUITY INVESTMENT STAGES

Strategies vary depending on the investment stage of a target company.

#### **Primary Investments:**

- Venture Capital: Riskiest stage; can result in large payoffs.
- *Growth Equity*: Young startups in need of managerial expertise and capital for growth.
- *Buyouts*: Mature companies in need of operational or financial improvements.
- *Distressed*: Mature companies in financial difficulty and desperate for a financial or strategic turnaround.
- **Secondaries:** Purchase and sale of preexisting investor commitments to primary investments. Can shorten the length of investment.
- **Co-Investments:** Direct minority investment made into a company, alongside another sponsor or private equity investment. Fees are normally lower.





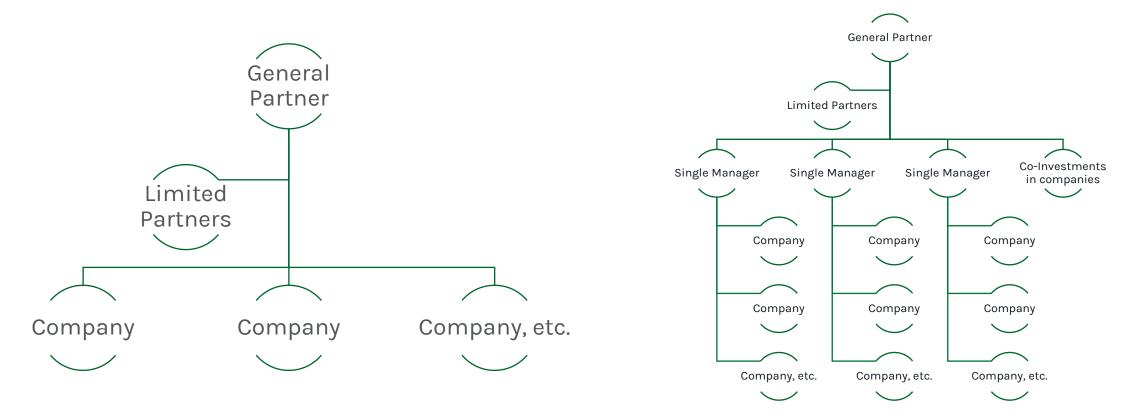
### PRIVATE EQUITY SIMPLIFIED

#### SINGLE MANAGER FUNDS

Invest in a portfolio of companies per the desired sectors, size, regions, and other factors.

#### **FUND OF FUNDS**

Assemble multiple single manager funds in one investment vehicle, while leaving room to make co-investments.



### SUSTAINABLE INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES



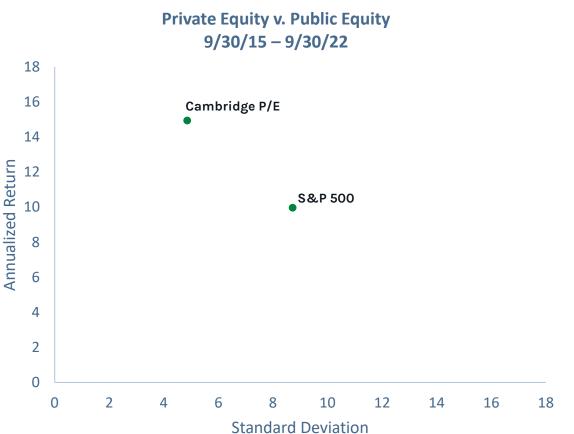
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Private investments make it possible to incorporate thematic investments that align with the investor's mission and values. Some common themes that can be addressed by private equity are outlined to the left.

## ANNUALIZED RETURNS (3Q15 – 3Q22)

	Annualized Return	Standard Deviation
Cambridge US P/E	14.94%	4.86%
Standard & Poor's 500	9.97%	8.72%

From 3Q 2015 through early 2022, low interest rates supported a high-risk appetite. In that environment, both private equity and public equity earned well above expectations and historic averages. During that period, private equity materially outperformed public market equity.



# ROLLING 3 YR RETURNS (3Q15 – 3Q22)

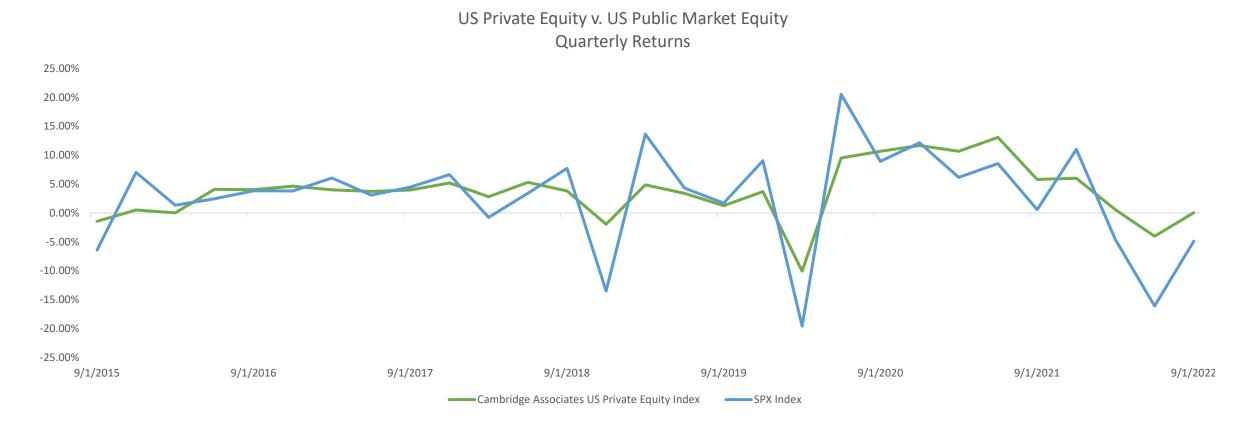
During the period in question, private equity outperformed public market equity over all but four of the 18 rolling three-year periods (78%).

Rolling Three Year	6/30/2018	9/30/2018 12	2/31/2018	3/31/2019 6	6/30/2019	9/30/2019 12				9/30/2020 12	2/31/2020	3/31/2021	6/30/2021	9/30/2021 12	2/31/2021	3/31/2022	6/30/2022	/30/2022
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Cambridge Associates US																		
Private Equity Index	12.78%	14.75%	13.80%	15.62%	15.36%	14.32%	13.98%	8.59%	10.58%	12.91%	15.18%	18.04%	20.89%	21.66%	24.87%	23.14%	20.12%	19.64%
SPX Index	11.92%	17.30%	9.25%	13.50%	14.18%	13.39%	15.27%	5.10%	10.72%	12.27%	14.17%	16.77%	18.66%	15.98%	26.05%	18.91%	10.59%	8.15%
SIXINGEX	11.9270	17.5070	5.2570	13.3070	14.10/0	13.3370	15.2770	5.10%	10.7270	12.2770	14.1770	10.7770	10.0070	13.3070	20.0570	10.91/0	10.5570	0.1370
Difference	0.85%	-2.55%	4.55%	2.11%	1.17%	0.93%	-1.29%	3.50%	-0.14%	0.64%	1.01%	1.28%	2.23%	5.68%	-1.19%	4.23%	9.53%	11.49%

## HIGH CORRELATIONS: QUARTERLY

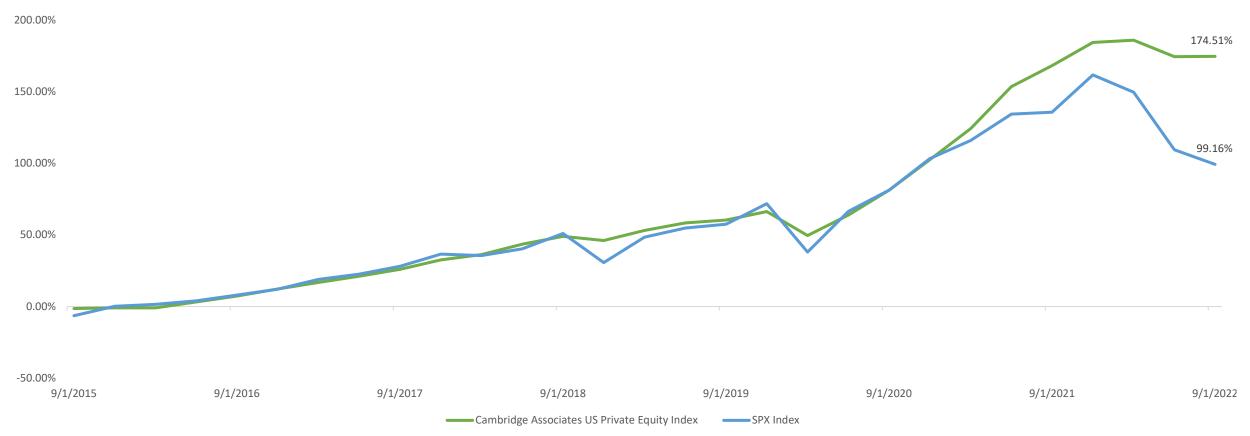
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During this period private equity and public equity have moved in similar directions though private equity has experienced less extreme highs and lows.



#### CUMULATIVE

US Private Equity v. US Public Market Equity Cumulative



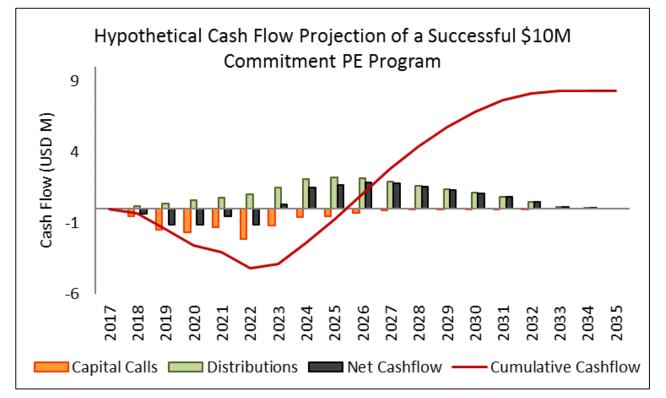
### PRIVATE EQUITY CHARACTERISTICS

**Private Structure:** Investors gain access through a limited partnership that requires investor qualification (\$25m) due to increased complexity and risks.

**Illiquidity + Fees:** Investment time horizons extend over 10-15 years. Fees are substantially higher than public markets.

**Commitments:** Capital is called as investments are identified while distributions occur as investments are restructured/sold, creating uncertain timing of cash flows.

**Internal Rate of Return (IRR):** The nature of P/E cash flows calls for use of IRR to measure performance. The early years of a fund generally see net negative cash flows.



*This illustration for educational purposes only. Actual calls, distributions, and net results will vary.* 

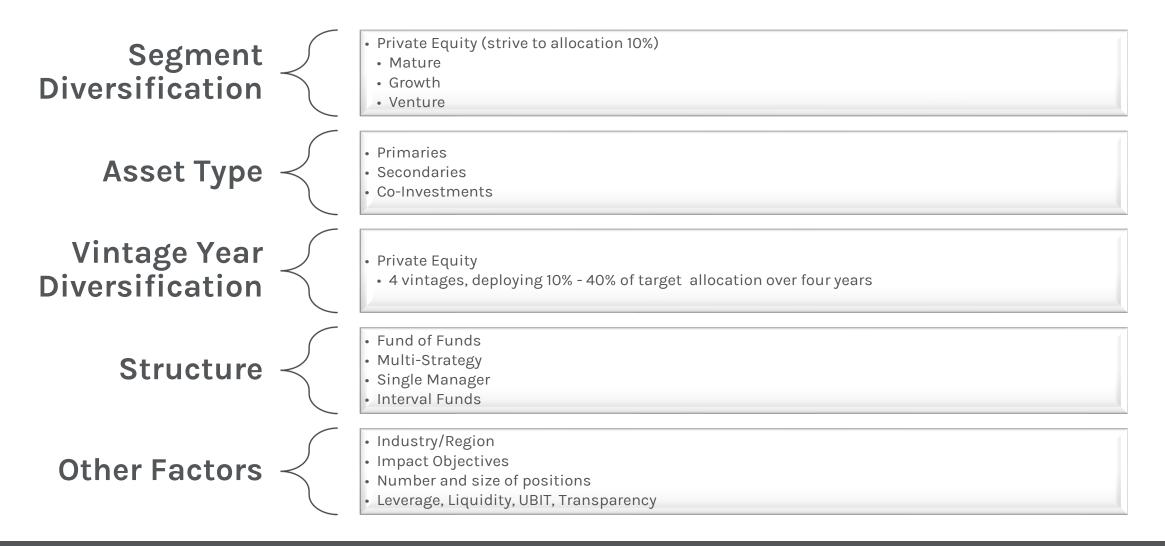
# PRIVATE EQUITY RISKS + CONCERNS

Despite attractive average returns for the private equity asset class over public equities, there is wide P/E fund and manager performance dispersion in any given vintage year. For smaller PE investors, multiple managers can help mitigate that single-manager risk, making a fund-of-funds approach or a secondaries strategy worth considering.

Private Equity has high sensitivity to the dynamic nature of macroeconomic/market environments, increasing the value of broad vintage year diversification. Funds putting capital to work in 2007-08, for example, were at a tremendous disadvantage compared to funds deploying capital in 2009-10.

Given these characteristics, skilled manager due diligence and vintage year diversification are critical to increase the likelihood of achieving the potential return premium inherent in Private Equity.

#### PRIVATE EQUITY PROGRAM



#### EXAMPLES

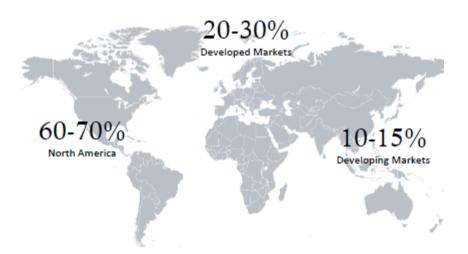
## ADAMS STREET – FUND OF FUNDS

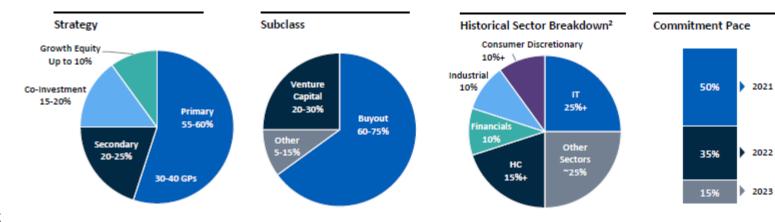
Adams Street's Global Private Equity Program is an actively managed, diversified, private equity fund-of-funds strategy. The strategy strives to select a diversified group of highquality private equity managers that demonstrate sustainable competitive advantages, consistent longterm performance, and organizational stability. Limited co-investments reduce the cost of the fund.

Source: Syntrinsic, Adams Street - actively fundraising

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Access to best-in-class private equity opportunities
  - Focus on dislocation, innovation, and rapidly growing sectors
  - Targeting technology and healthcare globally
- Primary partnerships
  - Mix of established and spin-out funds
  - Underweight mega buyouts
- Co-invest and secondary exposure to capitalize on market inefficiencies and mitigate the j-curve





#### LEXINGTON PARTNERS

Lexington Capital Partners Fund X is a private equity fund that invests in secondary acquisition funds that have historically achieved attractive riskadjusted returns throughout varying economic cycles. It is a global private equity strategy with negotiated deals across buyout, venture capital, and growth strategies and diversified across vintage years.

	16 Partners Averaging 19 Years Together at Lexington									
GLOBAL PLATFORM & TEAM	63 Investment Professionals Averaging 11 Years of PE Experience									
	150 Employees Across 8 Global Offices									
	1,000+ Investors in 40+ Countries									
EXTENSIVE MARKET EXPERIENCE	21 Secondary Funds / 10 Co-Investment Pools									
	\$70 Billion in Total / Target Capitalization									
	600+	3,500+	600+	1,800+	800+					
	Secondary	Secondary	Primary	Funds	Sponsor					
	Transactions	Interests	Commitments	Invested	Relationships					
		\$39 Billion Inve	ested \$44	Billion Distributed	a					
SECONDARY PERFORMANCE	\$24 Bill	ion	\$8.5 Billion	<b>\$18</b> Billion						
	Reported V		Purchase Discount	Syndicated to Co-Investors						
	/	21.2% / 17.2	2%	1.8x / 1.6x						
		Gross / Net II	RR Gro	oss / Net Multiple						

Source: Syntrinsic, Lexington Partners - actively fundraising

#### KKR GLOBAL IMPACT FUND **IMPACT FOCUS**

KKR's Global Impact Fund seeks to create value by improving businesses that provide commercial solutions to key challenges facing the world. The Fund activities fall within a Solutions Focused responsible investment strategy by investing in business models, products, or services that provide a solution to Environmental, Social, or Governance (ESG) related challenges.

Source: Syntrinsic, KKR - not actively fundraising

#### Investment Strategy

#1: Business Models that Promote #2: Markets with Secular a Solution to an Identified Growth Trends **Global Challenge**  Conviction on thematic view Scalable markets solving fundamental problems Stable regulatory frameworks / market structures Common #6: Ability for KKR to Elements to #3: Differentiation Enhance the KKR's Impact-Outcome Businesses with leadership positions Levers that KKR can help pull to Related Novel solutions potentially impact a company's Differentiated business models vs. performance Investments competitors **#5: Strong Leadership with Economics #4: Optionality Within a Business** Alignment · Established operators with a history of positive outcomes Multiple end-markets to sell into

- Adequate capabilities to execute against the opportunity set
- Alignment of interests through roll-over equity and broadly distributed equity plan

- Innovation alternatives that can move the needle
- Multiple opportunities for potential monetization exits

# KAPOR CAPITAL

Kapor Capital Fund III is an early-stage venture capital strategy targeting pre-seed, seed, and Series A companies in healthtech, edtech, and fintech. The strategy targets **BIPOC** and female entrepreneurs and companies that serve communities of color and low-income communities. This targeting is motivated by both social and financial objectives.

#### HealthTech

- Medical conditions disproportionately impacting communities of color (e.g. diabetes, asthma, heart failure)
- Culturally sensitive care
  (e.g. mental health)
- Intersectional healthcare (e.g. women's health)

- EdTech
  - Create opportunities for upward financial mobility through workforce development and re-training
  - Increase quality of education through remote learning, content, and online communities
  - Improve educational outcomes by increasing access to affordable childcare

- FinTech
- Increase access to nonpredatory financial products through no to low cost credit building programs
- Free banking, savings, and related solutions
- Alternative lending models such as ISA's and the use of alternative credit data

#### Emerging Sectors

- Sustainability
- People Ops Tech
- Future of Work
- Justice

Source: Syntrinsic, Kapor Capital - fundraising for Kapor Capital Opportunity Fund

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