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## FlowStone Opportunity Fund



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## FlowStone Opportunity Fund

FlowStone Opportunity Fund provides highly diversified Private Equity exposure through an investor-friendly structure

Proven and Experienced Team	Multi-Strategy	Intrinsic Value Orientation	Simplified Access to Private Equity
Over 70 years of combined private equity fund investing and management experience at Landmark Partners, Partners Group, MatlinPatterson, and Aberdeen Standard	<ul> <li>Diversified access to:</li> <li>~\$134 billion secondary market<sup>(1)</sup></li> <li>\$475 billion primary market<sup>(2)</sup></li> <li>Direct co-investments sponsored by core private equity managers</li> </ul>	Investment strategies focused on manager quality and acquiring assets at a discount to Intrinsic Value, reducing or eliminating the J-Curve	Low investment minimum, quarterly investment and redemption windows, immediate evergreen allocation, and timely Form 1099 tax and financial reporting

The Fund's investment objective is to generate compelling risk-adjusted long-term returns by continuously building a private equity portfolio through the secondary purchase of mature fund interests, primary commitments to new funds, and direct co-investments alongside trusted private equity managers

(1)Source: Evercore Private Capital Advisory; "Secondary Market Survey Results" – January 2022

(2)Source: Buyouts; Fundraising Report 2021



## FlowStone Opportunity Fund | Summary

### FSOF Performance Data (as of 06/30/2022) (1)

Total Return %*	QTD (Q2) %*	YTD %*	One Year Ended	Annualized Inception to Date ("ITD"**) %	ITD** %
FlowStone Opportunity Fund	3.46%	3.28%	10.05%	23.66%	82.60%
Russell 2000	(17.20%)	(24.43%)	(25.20%)	4.25%	12.52%
S&P 500	(16.10%)	(19.96%)	(10.62%)	10.69%	33.38%
MSCI World	(16.19%)	(20.51%)	(14.34%)	7.23%	21.89%

<sup>\*</sup>Note: Returns are calculated based on a calendar quarter and year. For financial reporting purposes, the FSOF FY ends on March 31<sup>st</sup>, as stated in the prospectus. FSOF returns are a calculated net of all fees and expenses, assuming reinvestment of dividends

<sup>\*\*</sup>Note: "Annualized Inception to date (ITD)" performance metrics represent annualized figures. Inception date of August 31, 2019

Net Assets <sup>(2)</sup> (as of 7/1/2022)	Number of Transactions <sup>(3)</sup>	Investment Value / Fund NAV (4)	Number of Funds	Number of Companies
\$501.4 million	33	78.7%	186	1400+

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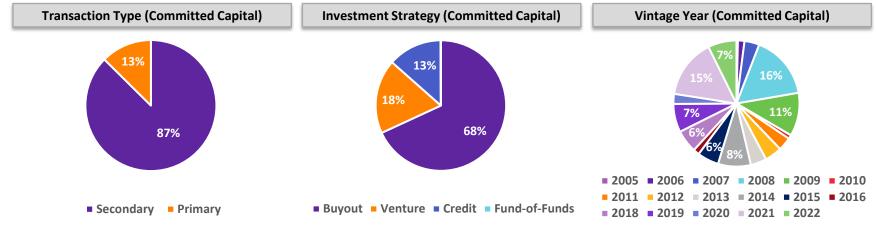
<sup>(1)</sup> See "Important Disclosures | Performance Reporting" on page 2 (2) Fund Net Assets is calculated as the sum of the Fund's Net Asset Value as of 6/30/2022 (\$468.5 million) and the amount of capital received from subscriptions on 7/1/2022 (\$32.9 million); (3) See the Glossary for the definition of "Transaction(s)"; (4) Investment Value reflects the value of the fund's investments Disclosure: Diversification does not ensure a profit or protect against loss.



## FSOF Summary of Exposure – June 30, 2022

Transaction <sup>(2)</sup>	Number of Funds	Number of Companies
Pre-4Q 2021 Transactions	131	850+
Primaries	12	80+
Project Barrel	24	175+
Project Sierra	1	1
Project Fusion	1	1
Project Green	1	1
Project Playthrough	1	1
Project Owl	12	125+
Project Flag	3	200+
Total	186	1400+

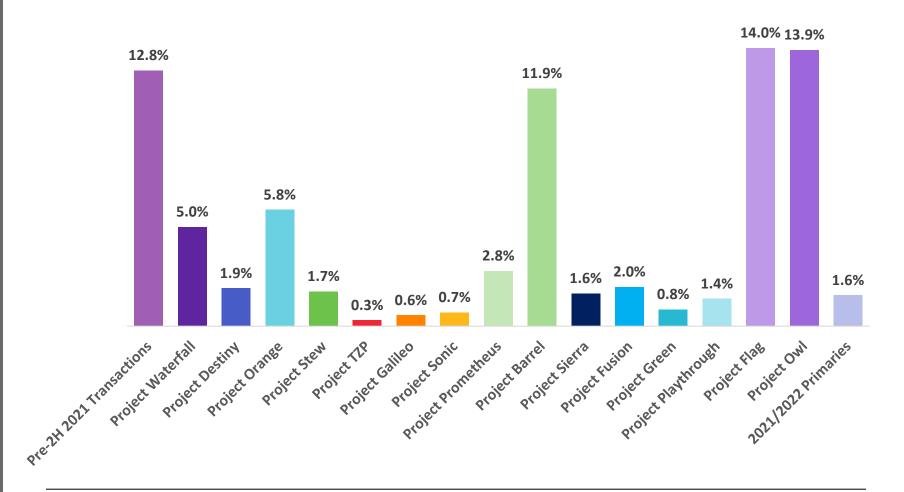
Top 5 Fund Holdings By NAV <sup>(1)</sup>	% of NAV
Project Waterfall	5.0%
WPPE 12	5.0%
WPGG	4.9%
WPFS	4.1%
Peninsula V	3.0%





## **Fund Status**

### Investment Value as a % of Total Fund NAV (\$ millions)



As of June 30, 2022, 78.7% of Total Fund NAV is allocated to Investments

Disclosure: Holdings are subject to change

<sup>(1)</sup>Total Fund NAV is the stated amount of NAV as of 06/30/22. Investment Value reflects the 06/30/22 value of each underlying investment. Total may not sum due to rounding



## Barriers to Investing in Private Equity

Economic Barriers	Operational Barriers	Psychological Barriers
High investment minimums	Limited flexibility in timing and amount of investment	Unfamiliarity with asset class
Capital required to build a diversified portfolio	Access to opportunities	Less regulated funds and managers
J-Curve	Investment expertise	J-Curve
Lack of liquidity	Institutionally oriented marketing, investment structures, and terms	Lack of liquidity
Constant liquidity requirements to meet capital calls	K-1 tax reporting	

Institutions have benefited from Private Equity's potential to generate excess risk-adjusted returns and enhance diversification. Individual investors have largely been excluded from the asset class



## FlowStone Opportunity Fund

## Flexible Private Equity Investment Strategy

- Diversified core private equity allocation with a single investment
- Secondaries
- Primaries
- Co-Investments

### **Highly Experienced Team**

- Nearly 70 years combined of PE secondaries and fund investing experience
- Managed private equity funds on behalf of sophisticated institutional investors

### 1940 Act Registered Fund Structure

- Evergreen fund with immediate exposure
- Quarterly investment and redemption windows
- Low minimums
- Form 1099 tax reporting
- Subject to strict regulation

The FlowStone Opportunity Fund provides diversified Private Equity exposure and lowers the barriers to entry through a closed-end fund structure



## Potential Benefits of a Multi-Strategy Approach

### **Secondary Strategy**

- Acquire mature assets at a discount to intrinsic value
- · Eliminate or mitigate the J-Curve
- Accelerated asset exposure and shorter duration
- · High level of diversification
- Excess risk-adjusted return potential

### **Primary Strategy**

- Commit capital to new funds
- Potential for enhanced ROIs versus secondaries
- Ability to increase exposure to top managers and funds
- Strategic value to being a continuous investor with a manager

### **Co-Investment Strategy**

- Typically no fees at the investment level
- Potential for selective enhancement of program returns
- Increased transparency and the potential for greater control

Dynamic portfolio construction with the potential for Private Equity returns, a reduced J-Curve, and increased diversification



## FlowStone Fund Structure

	FlowStone Fund	Traditional Private Equity Fund of Funds
Investment Objective	The Fund's investment objective is to generate appropriate risk- adjusted long-term returns by assembling a diversified portfolio of private equity investments through secondary acquisition, primary commitments, and co-investments	The Fund's investment objective is to generate appropriate risk- adjusted long-term returns by assembling a diversified portfolio of private equity investments through primary commitments
Investment Timing	Quarterly unit purchases at current NAV allow for investors to participate when it meets <u>their</u> timing, not only when the fund manager is raising capital	
Investment Structure	Investors buy into an existing portfolio, enjoying immediate exposure. Proceeds are reinvested in the vehicle, increasing the potential for continuous capital appreciation and compounded growth	, ,
Regulatory Oversight	Registered investment companies are designed specifically for individual investors and are subject to strict regulation	Limited partnership vehicles are designed for institutional investors and are subject to fewer regulatory obligations regarding valuations and reporting. This may be less suitable for individual investors
Tax and Reporting	Form 1099 tax reporting  Quarterly filings and investor reporting	Limited partnerships issue K-1s, which are seldom available by the April 15 tax filing deadline, requiring an extension with the IRS
Distributions	Registered Investment Companies must distribute income, annually. Distributions are automatically reinvested in the fund unless the investor opts out of the reinvestment plan	Traditional private equity limited partnerships distribute capital and income at the sole discretion of the manager. Funds often make no distributions for the first several years of a fund's life
Redemption Option <sup>(1)</sup>	Redemption feature allows investors to redeem their units at NAV quarterly (subject to a fund-level cap and/or board approval)	Private equity limited partnerships provide no flexibility for the investor to manage liquidity. Investors are locked up until the manager makes its final distribution

<sup>(1)</sup> The Fund is not a liquid investment. No Shareholder will have the right to require the Fund to redeem its Shares. The Fund from time to time may offer to repurchase Shares pursuant to written tenders by the Shareholders

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There is no guarantee that the Fund will achieve its investment objective.



## Private Equity Investment Strategy Comparison

	Secondary Fund Strategy	Private Equity Portfolio Strategy
Portfolio Objective and Strategy	Build a highly diversified portfolio of private equity investments through the acquisition of mature private equity fund interests from motivated sellers, typically at a discount from Net Asset Value ("NAV")	Build a diversified portfolio of private equity assets either through the direct investment in the securities of private companies or the investment in newly formed private equity funds
Capital Deployment Pace	Investor's full capital is at work quickly due to the purchase of portfolios of mature funds and investments	Capital is deployed gradually after the investor's commitment – typically over a five to seven-year horizon as the funds make new company investments
Diversification	Diversification occurs rapidly, as portfolios of multiple funds are acquired  Diversification occurs slowly as the investor if funds over time. Furthermore, each fund's over four years, or more	
Blind Pool Risk	Blind Pool Risk is virtually eliminated, as the acquired funds are substantially invested. In addition, follow-on investments are made in existing, identified assets	New fund investing involves 100% Blind Pool Risk
Historical Return and Risk Profile	Private equity returns with lower observed volatility and lower loss ratios	Comparable returns but historically with higher volatility and loss ratios
Cash Flow Profile	Mature portfolios with assets at or near the Harvest Phase typically generate near-term cash flows from acquisition. Highly diversified portfolios can result in relatively consistent cash yields, even in down-markets  Newly formed funds typically do not generate positive cash flows for the first five to seven years of a fund's cash flows for the first five to seven years of a fund's cash flows for the first five to seven years of a fund's cash flows for the first five to seven years of a fund's cash flows for the first five to seven years of a fund's cash flows for the first five to seven years of a fund's cash flows for the first five to seven years of a fund's cash flows for the first five to seven years of a fund's cash flows for the first five to seven years of a fund's cash flows for the first five to seven years of a fund's cash flows for the first five to seven years of a fund's cash flows for the first five to seven years of a fund's cash flows for the first five to seven years of a fund's cash flows for the first five to seven years of a fund's cash flows for the first five to seven years of a fund's cash flows for the first five to seven years of a fund's cash flows for the first five to seven years of a fund's cash flows for the first five to seven years of a fund's cash flows for the first five to seven years of a fund's cash flows for the first five to seven years of a fund of the first flows for the first flows for the first flows for the first flows flows for the first flows flo	
J-Curve	Mature portfolio acquired at discounts from NAV or intrinsic value effectively eliminate or mitigate the J-Curve	Newly formed funds generally experience a significant J-Curve

The Secondary strategy is ideal for investors building exposure to the excess return potential of private equity on a highly diversified basis and with an appropriate risk profile

## FlowStone Secondary Investment Philosophy

## Solution Provider

- More than capital
- Sophisticated structuring
- Transaction creativity

## Seek Quality and Value

- Higher quality managers and assets tend to outperform
- Focus on intrinsic value
- Macro foundation
- Price matters

### **Mature Assets**

- Typically 3-8 years old and substantially funded
- Visibility on near to mid-term liquidity
- Increased transparency
- Shorter hold period

### Rigorous Diligence

- Granular, bottomup approach combined with deep manager evaluation
- Both asset valuation and capitalization matter
- Sensitivity analysis

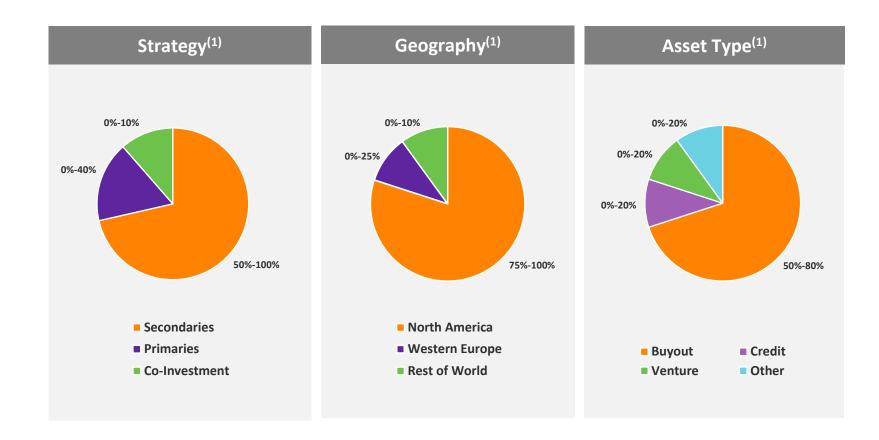
## Risk Mitigation

- Diversification by asset type, manager, geography, and vintage year<sup>(1)</sup>
- Active cash management and liquidity
- Active portfolio management
- Limited leverage

A systematic approach to sourcing and rigorous asset-level diligence are instrumental in generating excess risk-adjusted returns



## Portfolio Construction Targets



FlowStone Opportunity Fund will provide diversified exposure primarily to cash flow positive businesses in developed markets



## Secondary Transaction Types

Traditional	Structured	Fund Restructuring	Direct Secondary	Stapled Secondary
<ul> <li>Portfolio acquisitions</li> <li>Cash-for-title exchange</li> <li>Generally brokered</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Portfolio acquisitions</li> <li>Tools range from deferred purchase price to highly structured preferred securities</li> <li>Potential downside management</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Single fund</li> <li>Provides liquidity for LPs or recapitalizes an existing fund</li> <li>Asset concentration</li> <li>Generally involves preferred structure</li> <li>Potential for increased upside</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Purchase of company investments from a fund or direct owner</li> <li>Assets held by buyer directly</li> <li>Some active management, but generally minority stakes</li> <li>Asset quality can be an issue</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Generally, a single-fund transaction that requires a primary commitment</li> <li>Focus on manager quality</li> <li>Often brokered</li> </ul>

Transaction types perform differently depending on market conditions. A manager with the experience and sophistication to successfully execute all types has a competitive advantage



# II. FlowStone Partners



## FlowStone Partners







## **Experienced**

Nearly 70 years of secondary and primary investing

### Over 70 years of private equity investing

Over 25 years of fund management experience

\$12BN of invested capital

>100 completed transactions

# **Complete**

Established by experienced private equity investors from Landmark Partners, Partners Group, MatlinPatterson, and Aberdeen Standard

Leveraging its prior experience, the Adviser has developed a full suite of quantitative and qualitative analytical tools

The Adviser has engaged with leading third-party service providers to provide accounting, administrative, compliance, and legal support

## **Cohesive**

Two of the four Managing Directors worked together at the same firm for over 15 years

Team-oriented investment approach based on two decades of transaction experience

Our sole mandate is to design and manage institutional-grade alternative asset investment products specifically for High Net Worth and smaller institutional investors



## FlowStone Partners

## **Investor Relations**



**Transparency** 



**Support** 

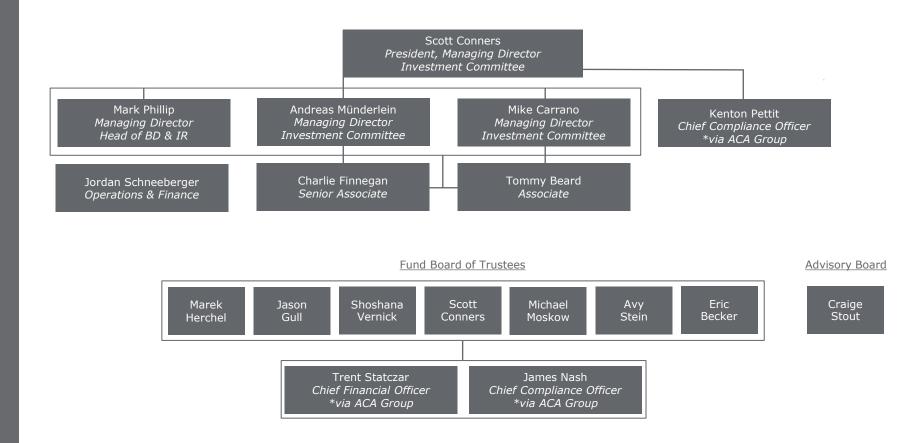


**Education** 

Dedicated Investor Relations resources enable FlowStone to act in partnership with its investors as a resource and extension of their investment capabilities



## Organizational Chart



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## FlowStone Team



Scott Conners, CFA Managing Director and President

- Partner, Landmark Partners 22 years
- Co-lead of Private Equity Secondary team
- Involved in the raising and investment of nearly \$10 billion of private equity secondary capital



Michael Carrano **Managing Director** 

- Managing Director, Landmark Partners 14 years
- Senior member of Private Equity Secondary team
- 19 years of secondary and direct private equity experience, including involvement in fundraising or investment of \$4.0 billion of capital



Mark Phillip

Managing Director, Investor Relations & Business Development

- Principal, Matlin Patterson Asset Management 9 years
- Vice President, Morgan Stanley 8 years
- 19 years of private market and business development experience



Andreas Münderlein

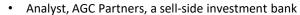
**Managing Director** 

- Investment Manager/SVP, Partners Group 12 years
- Lead of Private Equity Integrated Investments and Member of Global Secondary Investment Committee
- Involved in the fundraising and investment of \$4.1 billion of private equity secondary and primary capital



**Charlie Finnegan** Senior Associate

Senior Analyst, Aberdeen Standard Investments – 2 years. Involved in all aspects of the investment process including sourcing, due diligence, industry review, and portfolio management.





**Tommy Beard Associate** 

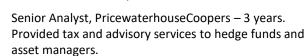
- Senior Analyst, Boston Consulting Group 3 years. Conducted a wide range of commercial due diligence, portfolio value creation, and fund strategy for institutional investors across industries.
- Analyst, Greater Sum Ventures, a middle-market private equity firm.



Jordan Schneeberger

Associate, Finance and Operations

- Senior Analyst, PricewaterhouseCoopers 3 years.
- asset managers.



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## Fund Service Providers



- Fund accounting
- Fund administration
- Custody
- Transfer Agency



- Audit
- Tax
- Registered fund expertise
- Significant private equity, fund of fund, and secondary accounting expertise



- Fund counsel
- Significant registered fund expertise



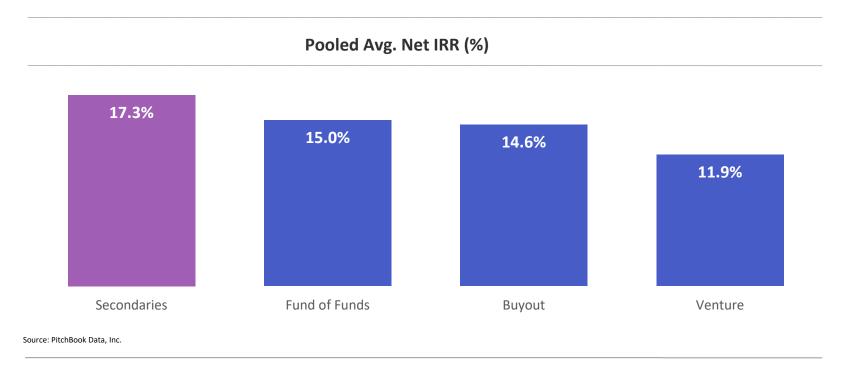
- Statutory distribution
- Fund and adviser compliance
- Broker/Dealer services

To complement fund management, we have partnered with market leaders in '40 Act fund legal, compliance, administration, accounting, and distribution services





## Secondary Funds Returns Comparison



Benefiting from shorter holding periods, purchase discounts, and the ability to compound return multiples through the reinvestment of proceeds, secondary funds have historically outperformed an index of traditional private equity and venture capital funds

Past performance is not indicative of future results. Data Source: PitchBook, downloaded on June 3, 2022. Data is a comparison of secondary investments and private capital investments sourced from PitchBooks's database of 4,195 funds meeting certain search criteria with vintages from 2000 to 2020. This industry data reflects the fees, carried interest, and other expenses of the funds included in the data set. The fees, carried interest, and other expenses borne by investors in a FlowStone fund may be higher or lower than the fees and expenses of the funds reflected in the data set. See Glossary pages at the end of this presentation for more details. PitchBook data is typically compiled from funds that elect to self-report. Thus, this data may not be representative of all secondary funds and may be biased toward those funds that generally have higher performance. Additionally, the funds included in these measures may lack commonality. Over time, components of the data may change. Funds may begin or cease to be represented based on these factors, thereby creating a "survivorship bias" that may additionally impact the data reported.



## Secondary Funds Volatility Versus Direct Funds

Standard Deviation of Average Net IRR by Strategy - Vintages 2000 - 2019

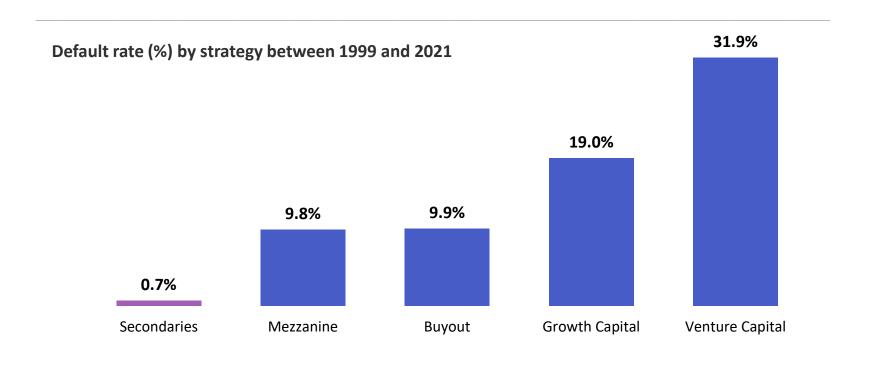


The ability to evaluate mature assets, identify risks, and price them appropriately has historically resulted in lower volatility for secondary funds relative to an index of traditional private equity and venture capital funds

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## Secondary Funds Loss Ratios Versus Direct Funds



Note: Assessed based on the proportion of funds with a TVPI multiple below 1.0x Source: PitchBook, Funds <1x TVPI vs. >1x TVPI

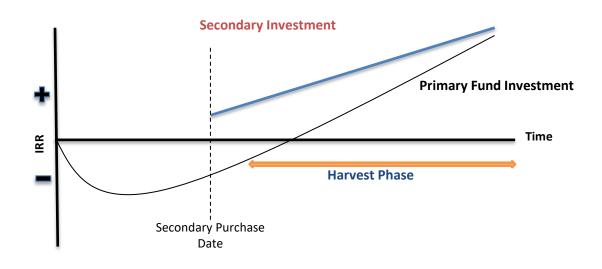
## Greater diversification, shorter holding periods, acquiring mature assets, and purchase discounts may significantly reduce the risk of a secondary fund not returning capital

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## Secondary Strategy | J-Curve Mitigation

Private Equity Funds typically experience negative returns during the first years of operation due to upfront investment costs and fees. The secondary strategy may help reduce or eliminate this J-curve effect



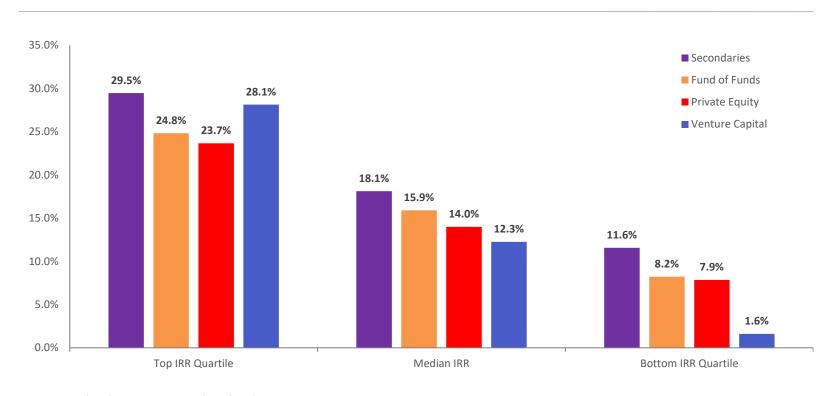
### Mitigation or elimination of the J-Curve effect

- Purchase discount to Net Asset Value and/or intrinsic value
- Assets acquired are mature and at or near the Harvest Phase
- At the time of acquisition, underperforming assets have often already been written down/off
- Avoid paying the first few years of management fees while capital is deployed



## Quartile Returns by Fund Types

### Dispersion of fund performance between vintage years 2000 - 2021

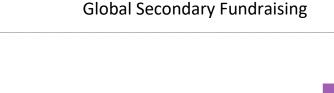


Source: PitchBook; 2021 Private Capital Benchmarks

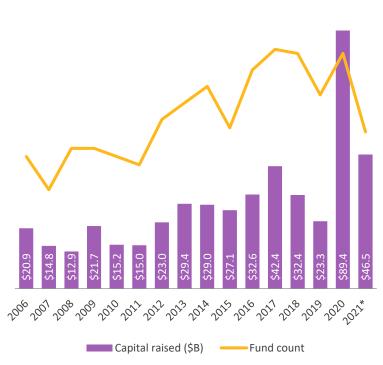
Secondaries have outperformed private equity, venture capital, and fund of funds strategies for funds raised from 2000 to 2021



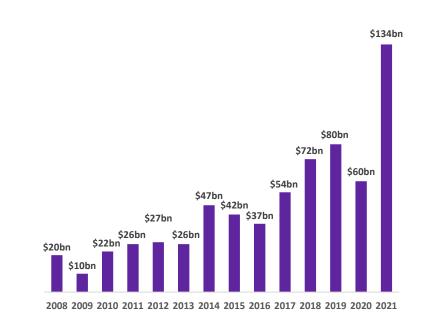
## Secondary Market Landscape







Source: PitchBook; 2021 Annual Private Fund Strategies Report \*As of December 31, 2021

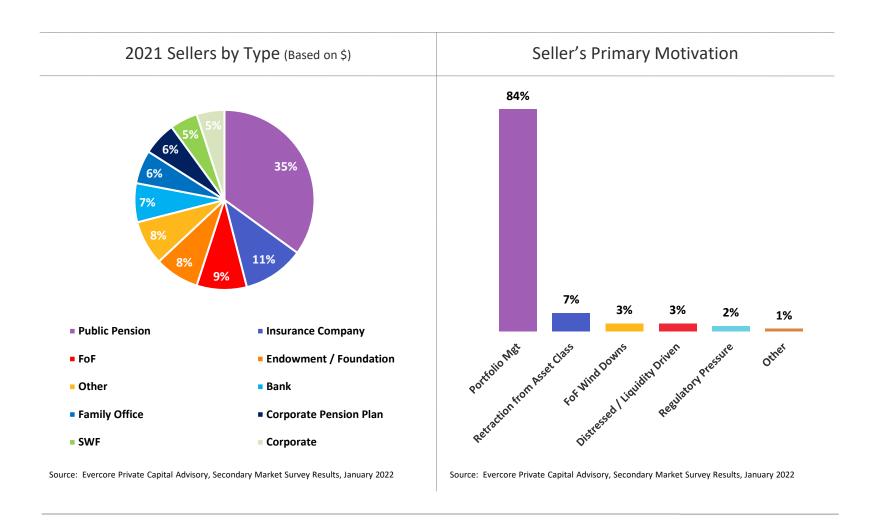


Source: Evercore Private Capital Advisory, Secondary Market Survey Results, January 2022

The secondary market has experienced steady transaction and fundraising growth since its inception, becoming a key component of the private equity landscape



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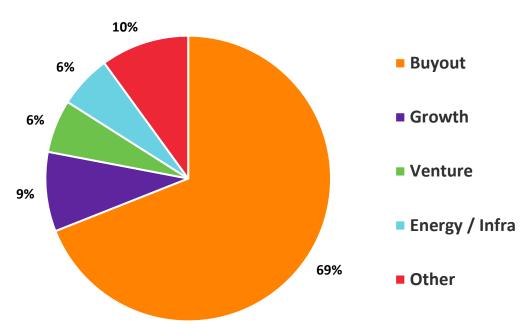


Various investor types sell assets, and while motivations vary, active portfolio management has become the primary catalyst



## Secondary Market Landscape

### Private Equity Sold by Type – 2021 (Based on \$)



Source: Evercore Private Capital Advisory, Secondary Market Survey Results, January 2022

Buyout funds represent the majority of asset sales due to their large share of overall primary commitments and the relative lack of volatility and ease of pricing



## FlowStone Opportunity Fund | Terms and Conditions

Structure	1940 Act Registered Closed-End Fund Units are registered under the 1933 Act Continually offered closed-end fund	
Permitted Investors	Qualified Clients and Qualified Purchasers	
Investment Minimums and Timing	Quarterly investment window	
	Initial investment: \$100,000	
	Follow-on investment: \$10,000	
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Fee Structure	<b>Annual Management Fee</b> <sup>(1)</sup> : 1.25% of Fund assets and unfunded commitments, net of cash, paid quarterly subject to a 1.75% cap	
	Pass-through of Fund expenses, subject to a 0.7% cap as a percentage of Fund assets <sup>(2)</sup>	
	Performance fee <sup>(3)</sup> : 10% of Fund gains (assessed quarterly, subject to a high-water mark)	
	Total Annual Fund Operating <sup>(4)</sup> : 4.33% (net)	
Valuation	Advisor values the Fund assets quarterly and reports a Net Asset Value ("NAV") per unit quarterly Net Asset Value is subject to approval by the Fund's Board of Trustees	
Distributions	Evergreen Fund Structure <sup>(6)</sup> – portfolio proceeds are reinvested inside the fund, thereby increasing the potential for long-term capital appreciation	
	Dividends are paid in Fund units unless otherwise specified by the investor	
Redemption	Investors may redeem their units at NAV, quarterly (subject to a one year lock-up period and 2.00%	
Option	Maximum Early Repurchase Fee (as a percentage of the repurchased amount), 5% of fund-level AUM cap, and Board approval) <sup>(7)</sup>	
Тах	Form 1099	

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## FlowStone Opportunity Fund | Expense Summary

- (1) The Investment Management Fee is equal to 1.25% on an annualized basis of the greater of (i) the Fund's net asset value and (ii) the Fund's net asset value less cash and cash equivalents plus the total of all commitments made by the Fund that have not yet been drawn for investment. In no event will the Investment Management Fee payable by the Fund exceed 1.75% as a percentage of the Fund's net asset value. For purposes of determining the Investment Management Fee payable to the Adviser for any month, the net asset value will be calculated prior to any reduction for any fees and expenses of the Fund for that month, including, without limitation, the Investment Management Fee payable to the Adviser for that month.
- (2) Other Expenses are estimated for the Fund's current fiscal year.
- (3) At the end of each calendar quarter of the Fund (and at certain other times), the Adviser (or, to the extent permitted by applicable law, an affiliate of the Adviser) will be entitled to receive an Incentive Fee equal to 10% of the excess, if any, of (i) the net profits of the Fund for the relevant period over (ii) the then balance, if any, of the Loss Recovery Account. For the purposes of the Incentive Fee, the term "net profits" shall mean the amount by which the net asset value of the Fund on the last day of the relevant period exceeds the net asset value of the Fund as of the commencement of the same period, including any net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation of investments and realized income and gains or losses and expenses (including offering and organizational expenses). Because the Fund has not commenced operations the Incentive Fee has yet to be charged.
- (4) Shareholders also indirectly bear a portion of the asset-based fees, performance or incentive fees or allocations and other expenses incurred by the Fund as an investor in the Portfolio Funds. Generally, asset-based fees payable in connection with Portfolio Fund investments will range from 1% to 2.5% (annualized) of the commitment amount of the Fund's investment, and performance or incentive fees or allocations are typically 20% of a Portfolio Fund's net profits annually, although it is possible that such amounts may be exceeded for certain Portfolio Fund Managers. Historically, a substantial majority of the direct investments made by the Adviser and its affiliates on behalf of their clients have been made without any "acquired fees" (i.e., free of the management fees and performance/incentive fees or allocations that are typically charged by Portfolio Fund Managers). The "Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses" disclosed above, however, do not reflect any performance-based fees or allocations paid by the Portfolio Funds that are calculated solely on the realization and/or distribution of gains, or on the sum of such gains and unrealized appreciation of assets distributed in kind, as such fees and allocations for a particular period may be unrelated to the cost of investing in the Portfolio Funds.
- (5) For the definition of Evergreen Fund Structure, please refer to the glossary
- (6) A 2.00% early repurchase fee payable to the Fund will be charged with respect to the repurchase of a Shareholder's Shares at any time prior to the day immediately preceding the one-year anniversary of a Shareholder's purchase of the Shares (on a "first in-first out" basis). An early repurchase fee payable by a Shareholder may be waived by the Fund, in circumstances where the Board determines that doing so is in the best interests of the Fund and in a manner as will not discriminate unfairly against any Shareholder. In addition, under certain circumstances the Board may offer to repurchase Shares at a discount to their prevailing net asset value. The Fund is not a liquid investment. No Shareholder will have the right to require the Fund to redeem its Shares. The Fund from time to time may offer to repurchase Shares pursuant to written tenders by the Shareholders



### Scott Conners, CFA

#### **Managing Director**

Scott Conners is a Managing Director, President and Investment Committee Member with FlowStone Partners. Scott is responsible for product development, fundraising, transaction origination, due diligence, structuring, and closing. Since 1993, he has sourced or been directly involved with the investment of nearly \$7 billion. Prior to joining FlowStone Partners, Scott spent 22 years at Landmark Partners, one of the oldest and one of the leading private equity and real estate secondary purchasers. He joined Landmark in 1993 in the very early days of the private equity secondary market's development. Scott participated in the market's growth from less than \$500 million per year in transaction volume to over \$40 billion a year. He specialized in developing unique transaction structures and was an early-mover in asset lift-outs and fund restructurings. Scott retired in 2015 as a Partner with responsibility for co-managing Landmark's private equity secondary activities, with over \$11 billion in committed capital. Scott is the recently retired Board Chair of Hartford Youth Scholars, a non-profit focused on educational enhancement and access for the underserved youth of Hartford, CT. He also serves on the Board of Visitors of the University of Maine at Farmington.

Scott received his B.A. in Business Economics from the University of Maine at Farmington and his M.B.A. from The Pennsylvania State University. He has been a Chartered Financial Analyst since 1996 and is a member of the Hartford Society of Financial Analysts. He holds the FINRA Series 7 and Series 63 licenses.



## Michael Carrano Managing Director

Mike Carrano is a Managing Director and Investment Committee Member with FlowStone Partners. Mike has 19 years of secondary and direct private equity investment experience. Mike is responsible for portfolio management, transaction origination, due diligence, structuring, and closing of secondary and primary transactions. Prior to joining FlowStone, he was a Managing Director at Landmark Partners. Mike was active in all facets of Landmark's secondary private equity activities including transaction origination, negotiation, due diligence, legal closing and capital raising. He had a leadership role in investing over \$3.5 billion across various transaction types including portfolio acquisitions, fund recapitalizations, structured joint venture transactions and primary commitments. Mike served on various fund advisory boards and committees for investment vehicles managed by Providence Equity Partners, Ridgemont Equity Partners, Primus Capital, Caltius Capital Management and Updata Partners, among others.

Prior to Landmark, Mike was an Analyst at Conning Capital Partners, where he focused on direct investments in private companies in the healthcare and financial services sectors. He began his career as an Investment Analyst within GE Capital's Commercial Finance business unit.

Mike graduated from the University of Connecticut and received his M.B.A. from the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth. He holds the FINRA Series 7 and Series 63 licenses.



#### **Andreas Münderlein**

#### **Managing Director**

Andreas Münderlein is a Managing Director and Investment Committee Member with FlowStone Partners. Andreas has over 16 years of private equity secondary, primary and co-investing experience. Andreas is responsible for portfolio management, transaction origination, due diligence, structuring, and closing of secondary and primary transactions. Prior to joining FlowStone, he was an Investment Manager at Partners Group. As investment manager in Partners Group's New York office and member of the Global Private Equity Secondaries Investment Committee, Andreas closed over 25 transactions representing over \$4.0 billion of invested capital. His responsibilities included the sourcing of investment opportunities, due diligence, transaction structuring, negotiations, and commercial execution.

Prior to Partners Group, Andreas worked at smac Partners GmbH, a private equity secondary direct firm, and Siemens Venture Capital in Munich, Germany.

Andreas earned his Master's Degree in Economics from the Ludwig-Maximilian University in Munich, Germany. He holds the FINRA Series 7 and Series 63 licenses.



#### **Mark Phillip**

**Managing Director, Head of Business Development & Investor Relations** 

Mark Phillip is a Managing Director with FlowStone Partners, leading business development and investor relations. Mark has nearly two decades of experience in commercializing and investing in liquid and illiquid alternative investment strategies. Prior to FlowStone, Phillip was a Principal at MatlinPatterson Asset Management, a multi-billion-dollar credit platform. In that role, he led the launch and distribution of new fund vehicles, sub-advisory relationships, and separate managed accounts for institutional investors and wealth management platforms. Mark was particularly instrumental in the growth of MP Securitized Credit Partners, an opportunistic investor in structured finance markets.

Prior to MatlinPatterson, Mark was a Vice President at Morgan Stanley within the Alternative Investment Group. In that role, he was responsible for sourcing, conducting due diligence and covering investments in hedge funds.

Mark graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Finance degree from DePaul University and received his Master in Finance from the Mendoza College of Business at the University of Notre Dame. He holds the FINRA Series 7 and Series 63 licenses.



#### **Charles Finnegan**

#### **Senior Associate**

Charlie is a Senior Associate with FlowStone Partners. Prior to FlowStone Partners, he worked with Aberdeen Standard Investments as a Private Equity Senior Analyst, focused on secondary transactions, primary commitments, and direct co-investments. He was involved in all aspects of the investment process including sourcing, due diligence, industry review, and portfolio management.

Prior to Aberdeen Standard Investments, Charlie worked at AGC Partners, a sell-side investment bank focused on mergers & acquisitions and private placements in the technology sector. His primary responsibilities included performing valuation and transaction analysis and assisting with the all aspects of the closing process.

Charlie holds a BA in Economics from Trinity College and was a member of the Trinity varsity lacrosse team. He holds the FINRA Series 7 and Series 63 licenses.



#### **Tommy Beard**

#### **Associate**

Tommy is an Associate with FlowStone Partners. Prior to FlowStone Partners, he worked with Boston Consulting Group ("BCG") as a Senior Analyst in their Principal Investors & Private Equity practice area. At BCG, he conducted a wide range of commercial due diligence, portfolio value creation, and fund strategy for institutional investors across industries.

Prior to BCG, Tommy worked at Greater Sum Ventures ("GSV"), a middle-market private equity firm in Knoxville, TN. At GSV, he assisted in evaluating and sourcing investment opportunities in various SaaS and tech-enabled business services markets. Previously, he interned at Wells Fargo, Priam Capital and the United States Senate.

Tommy holds a B.A. in Political Science from the University of Tennessee where he was an appointed member of the Academic Review Board, Student Disciplinary Board and Tennessee Capital Markets Society.



#### **Jordan Schneeberger**

#### **Associate, Finance and Operations**

Jordan Schneeberger is an Associate in Operations and Finance with FlowStone Partners, providing support for the onboarding and ongoing administration of client accounts. In addition, Jordan provides operational support to the investment team and works on special projects.

Prior to FlowStone, Jordan was a Senior Associate at PricewaterhouseCoopers where he provided tax and advisory services to hedge funds and asset managers.

Jordan holds a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Illinois State University.



# **Kenton Pettit Chief Compliance Officer**

Kenton Pettit provides chief compliance services to FlowStone Partners, LLC via ACA Group. Prior to joining ACA Group - utilizing his background in accounting, audit, law and management information systems - Kenton served in senior roles in the financial services industry, including as General Counsel and CCO. He has more than 25 years experience in developing effective compliance programs and solving complex regulatory issues.

Kenton holds a Bachelor of Business Administration from University of Wisconsin-Madison, Masters of the Arts in Public Policy from Duke University and Juris Doctor from Duke University



## **Professional Bios**

# Trent Statczar Chief Financial Officer, FlowStone Opportunity Fund LLC

Trent Statczar provides treasurer and principal financial officer solutions to the FlowStone Opportunity Fund via ACA Group. Prior to joining ACA Group, Trent worked at Citi Fund Services as a Senior Vice President and served as the Treasurer for various mutual funds.

Trent graduated with a Bachelors of Science from Miami University



## **Professional Bios**

# James Nash Chief Compliance Officer, FlowStone Opportunity Fund LLC

James Nash provides chief compliance services to the FlowStone Opportunity Fund via ACA Group. Prior to joining ACA Group, he was a Regulatory Administration Advisor with JPMorgan, providing comprehensive regulatory and compliance support services to fund clients. His previous experience also includes supervisory roles with State Street and Pioneer Investments, where he gained operational experience in fund accounting and administration.

James graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Boston University and a Juris Doctorate from Suffolk University Law School.



### Fund Board of Trustees

#### **Independent Board Members**

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Shoshana Vernick – Co-founder and Managing Director of Avathon Capital; Managing Director of Sterling Partners; previously an Associate at One Equity Partners LLC and an Investment Banking Analyst at Merrill Lynch

#### **Advisory Board Member**

Craige Stout – CEO, Stout Risius Ross, LLC, a global investment bank and advisory firm specializing in corporate finance, valuation, financial disputes, and investigations.



## Glossary

Blind Pool Investment Fund – A limited partnership that does not announce its intentions with specificity as to what investments will be made.

**Buyout** - Control investments in established, cash flow positive companies are generally classified as buyouts. Buyout investments may focus on small-, mid-or large-capitalization companies, and such investments collectively represent a majority of the capital deployed in the overall private equity market. The use of debt financings, or leverage, is prevalent in buyout transactions — particularly in the large-cap segment.

Capital Calls - Unfunded capital drawn down from investors periodically to finance investment activity and fund operations

**Co-Investments** – Co-investments generally involve taking an interest in securities issued by an operating company, whether equity or debt, in parallel with a sponsoring fund manager acting as the lead investor. Direct equity investments generally involve new owners taking a material stake in the target company and may involve exercising influence on the growth and development of the company through work with the company's management and board of directors. Direct debt investments typically represent financing for buyout or growth investments and may have various features and covenants designed to protect the lender's interests.

Direct Funds – Individual private equity funds or a portfolio of individual private equity funds.

Dry Powder – A private equity investment term referring to uninvested capital subject to call by an investment fund.

**E&F** – Endowments and Foundations

**Evergreen Fund** – Evergreen Funds reinvest investment proceeds into new investments within the fund, as opposed to distributing investment proceeds to the fund's investors.

Family Office – An investment company established by a high net worth individual or family to invest and manage that investor's assets

Global Private Equity/VC Funds – Those U.S. and non-U.S. private equity and venture capital funds included in a combination of the Cambridge Associates Global Private Equity Fund and Global Venture Capital Fund Index data sets as of the dates indicated in the relevant chart footnotes. As of the March 31, 2017; and December 31, 2005, reports, these data sets are comprised of five asset classes: Buyouts, Growth Equity, Private Equity Energy, Subordinated Capital, and Venture Capital.

**Global Secondary Funds** – Those U.S. and non-U.S. secondary funds included in the Cambridge Associates Global Secondary Fund Index data sets as of the dates indicated in the relevant chart footnotes.

GP or General Partner – The investment manager of a private equity fund

Harvest Phase - The stage in a private equity fund's life cycle when the fund's manager begins to liquidate the fund's assets through the public and/or private capital markets. This stage typically begins in years 4-6 of a fund's life, as the investments have matured, and the investment manager has built value above cost in the individual company investments.

Intermediated – Transactions where a broker is involved and acts as an intermediary between the buy and sell side



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LOI or Letter of Intent - A non-binding agreement issued by a buyer to a seller summarizing the key terms of a purchase offer

LP or Limited Partner - An investor in a private equity fund

**J-Curve** – The value development pattern in which the net asset value of a private-equity fund typically declines moderately during the early years of the private-equity fund's life as investment related fees and expenses are incurred before investment gains have been realized. As the fund matures and portfolio companies are sold, the pattern typically reverses with increasing net asset value and distributions.

**Mezzanine** - Mezzanine is a private equity industry term referring to subordinated debt investments made directly in operating companies. Investee companies are often private-equity backed. Mezzanine debt is junior to most forms of debt and liabilities in the capital structure but is senior to all forms of equity. In compensation for the risk profile, mezzanine debt generally requires a higher level of interest payment to the investor, typically in some combination of cash and in-kind payments. Often, the mezzanine investor will also require equity warrants to be associated with the debt security.

Other - Infrastructure - Infrastructure is a private equity industry term that refers to investments made directly in infrastructure projects, such as energy production plans, dams, pipelines, bridges, or other income producing facilities. These investments may be made in the form of equity, debt, revenue or profit-sharing participations, or in some combination.

Other - Natural resources - Natural resources is a private equity industry term that refers to investments made directly in assets such as oil and gas exploration and production, oil and gas distribution, or timber. These investments may be made in the form of equity, debt, revenue or profit-sharing participations, or some combination.

**Primary Investments** - Primary investments (primaries) are interests or investments in newly established private equity funds. Primary investors subscribe for interests during an initial fundraising period, and their capital commitments are then used to fund investments in several individual operating companies (typically ten to thirty) during a defined investment period. The investments of the fund are usually unknown at the time of commitment, and investors typically have little or no ability to influence the investments that are made during the fund's life.

Proprietary – Transactions originated via the FlowStone Opportunity Fund platform where a broker is not involved

**Seasoned Primary** – Similar to a Primary Investment; however, when the investor commits to the fund during the initial fundraising period, the newly established fund has already completed a number of transactions. Importantly, there is still a relatively high amount of unfunded capital that will be drawn down to make new platform investments



## Glossary

#### Secondary Fund Size Classification

Vintage Year	Small-Cap	Mid-Cap	Large-Cap
2000-2004	<\$50MM	\$50-\$250MM	>\$250MM
2005-2009	<\$300MM	\$300-\$1,500MM	>\$1,500MM
2010-2011	<\$500MM	\$500-\$2,500MM	>\$2,500MM

**Secondary Investments** - Secondary Investments are interests in existing private equity funds that are acquired in privately negotiated transactions, typically after the end of the private equity fund's fundraising period. The investments of the acquired fund are usually known at the time of acquisition, and the majority of the fund's capital is typically drawn down and invested by the time of the fund's acquisition.

SWF - Sovereign Wealth Fund

Syndicate – A group of buyers who combine to purchase a specific interest

**Synthetic** – Secondary investors acquire an interest in a new limited partnership that is formed specifically to hold a portfolio of investments. Typically, the manager of the new fund had historically managed the assets as a captive portfolio

Total Value to Paid-In Capital ("TVPI") - The ratio of Total Value (Net Asset Value plus distributions received) to Paid-In Capital (total invested capital)

**Transaction(s)** - Transactions are defined as the number of individual investment transactions closed by the Fund during the measurement period. For example, a primary commitment is counted as one transaction. A completed secondary acquisition of assets is counted as one transaction, irrespective of the number assets acquired in that transaction. "Transactions" does not provide a measure of diversification but is intended to summarize the Fund's new investment activity during the measurement period.

**Venture** - Investments in new and emerging companies are usually classified as venture capital. Such investments are often in technology and healthcare related industries. Companies financed by venture capital are generally not cash flow positive at the time of investment and may require several rounds of financing before the company can be sold privately or taken public. Venture capital investors may finance companies along the full path of development or focus on certain sub-stages in partnership with other investors.