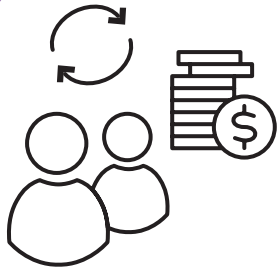


PRIVATE EQUITY
ALPS | Red Rocks Listed Private Equity Portfolio

What is Private Equity (PE)?

Private Equity is an investment approach and business model:

Buy



PE firms use investor capital to buy controlling interests in companies. If the company is public, the company is taken private.

Improve



PE firms provide financing and expertise to improve the operations of the company and enable new growth.

Sell

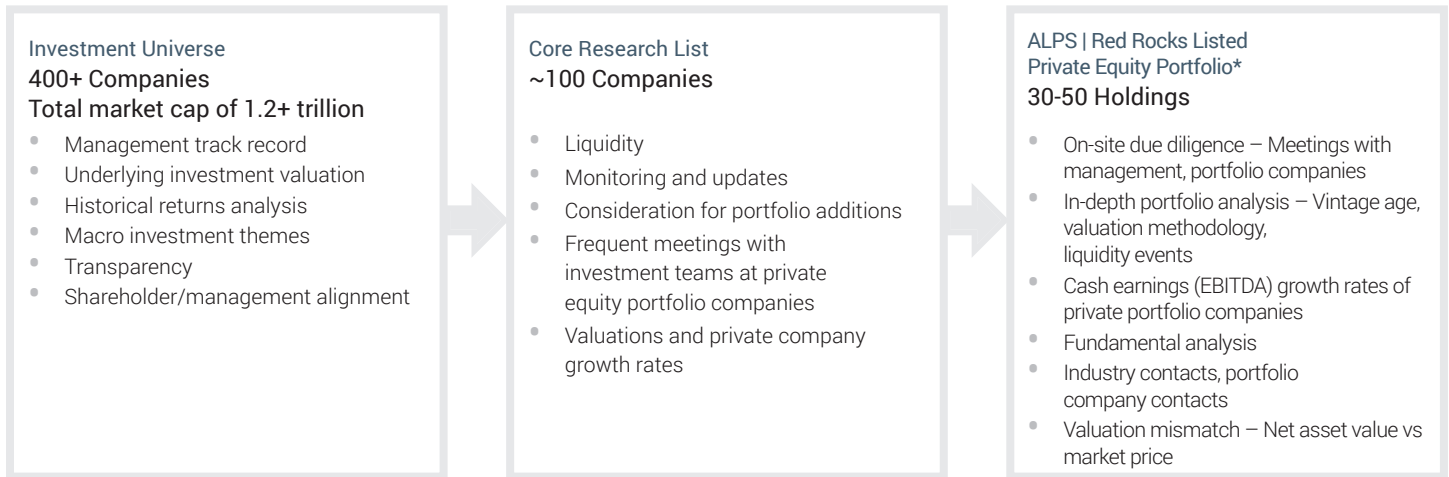


After 7-10 years of improvements and enhancements, PE firms sell the company. Proceeds are distributed to investors and/or reinvested in new deals.

What is Listed Private Equity (LPE)?

LPE companies employ the same business model (buy, improve, sell) as traditional private equity firms that raise capital from institutions and wealthy individuals. But unlike private deals, LPE companies attract capital from public market investors, providing investors with daily liquidity through shares of a listed vehicle.

Investment Process - a high conviction, fundamental research-driven approach



* The term "portfolio" refers to the variable insurance version of the open-end fund (ticker: LPEIX). The underlying holdings of the open-end fund are identical to the portfolio version.

Key Portfolio Considerations

- Quality and backgrounds of management teams, tenure, growth management, and succession planning
- Track record in growing cash (earnings (EBITDA) of private portfolio companies
- Consistency of returns
- Investment strategy and capabilities
- Areas of focus and specialization – i.e., industry, deal size, type of deal, market/geography
- Other investors on shareholder register and size of position
- Consistency of investment strategy
- Treatment of shareholders vs. LPs
- Appropriate use of debt

Examples of Private Equity-Backed Companies



Retail

Sprouts
Lord & Taylor
Nieman Marcus
Hugo Boss
Petco

ACTION
Dollar General
Office Depot
Europe



Entertainment

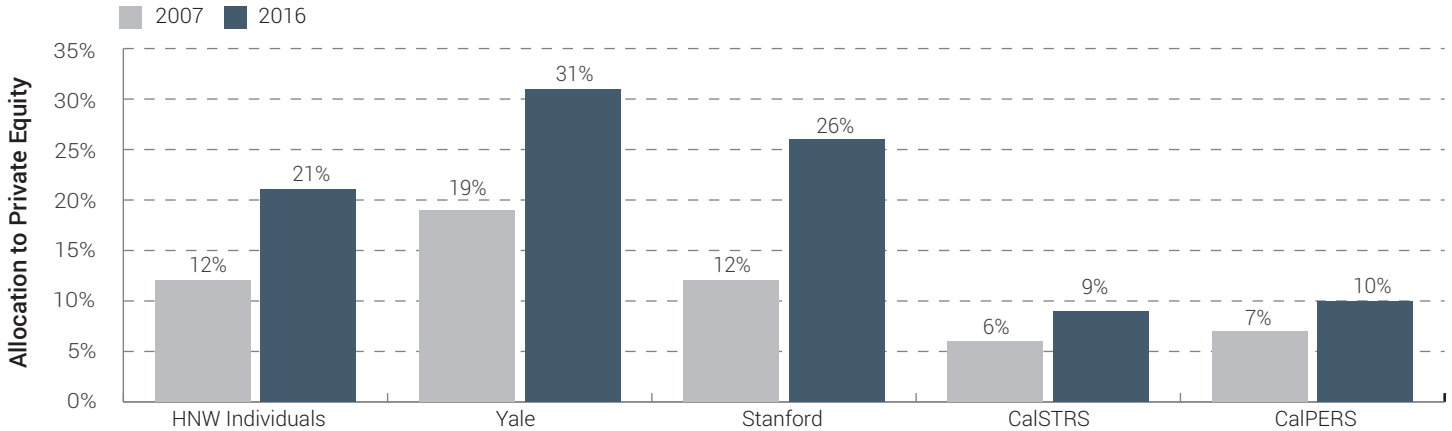
Clear Channel
Metro Goldwyn
Mayer

Univision
BMG
Formula 1

Why Invest in Private Equity?

A Cornerstone Investment for Institutional Investors

Allocations to Private Equity - % of Total Asset Allocation



Sources: TIGER 21 (The Investment Group for Enhanced Results in the 21st Century) Member Survey; TIGER 21 has over 500 members with minimum investable assets of \$10 million; Yale Corporation Annual Reports 2007, 2016; Stanford Management Company Annual Reports 2007, 2016; CalSTRS Annual Reports 2007, 2016; CalPERS Annual Reports 2007, 2016

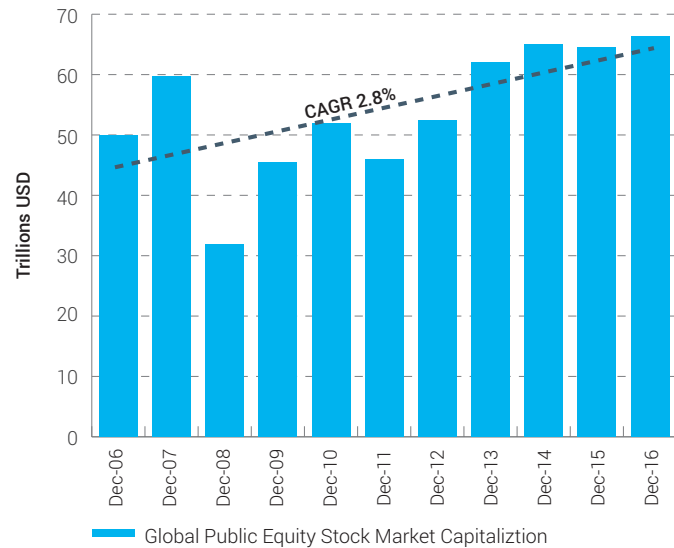
With \$4.5 trillion in global AUM*, private equity is a cornerstone investment for institutional investors

* Source: Preqin, as of 6/30/2017, includes buyout, venture, infrastructure, private debt, natural resources, private real estate

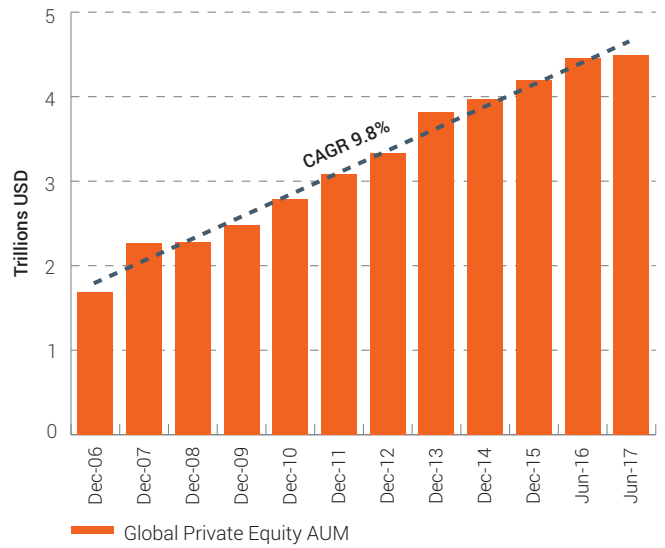
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Global PE Assets are Growing at 3.5X vs. Public Equities

Global Public Equity Stock Market Capitalization



Global Private Equity AUM



Sources: Bloomberg, as of 12/31/2016; Preqin, as of 6/30/2017, includes buyout, venture, infrastructure, private debt, natural resources, private real estate
Excludes private real estate, private debt, publicly listed debt
CAGR: Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR): annual growth rate of an investment over a specified period of time longer than one year.

Private Equity as % of total public and private has almost doubled, growing from 3.4% in 2006 to 6.3% in 2017



Restaurant/ Hospitality

- Burger King
- Dunkin' Donuts
- Dominos Pizza
- Dave & Busters
- Hilton Hotels
- La Quinta Inns
- Arby's
- Buffalo Wild Wings



Industrials

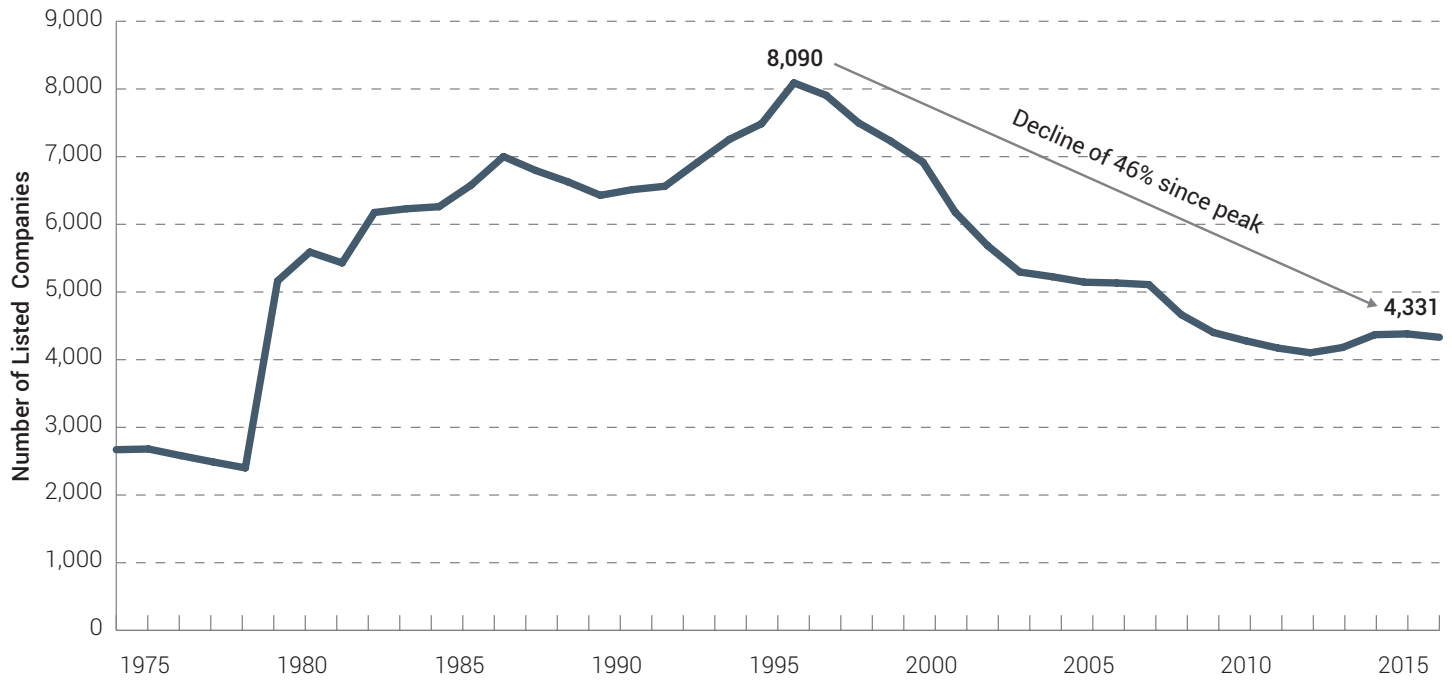
- Gates Rubber/ Tompkins
- Spirit Aerosystems
- Blaupunkt
- Jeld-Wen
- Allison Transmissions
- Carestream Health
- Ericsson
- Biomar

Examples provided are of sample holdings and are for educational purposes only.

Why Invest in Private Equity?

A Shrinking Pool of Public Companies

Number of Listed Companies on US Exchanges

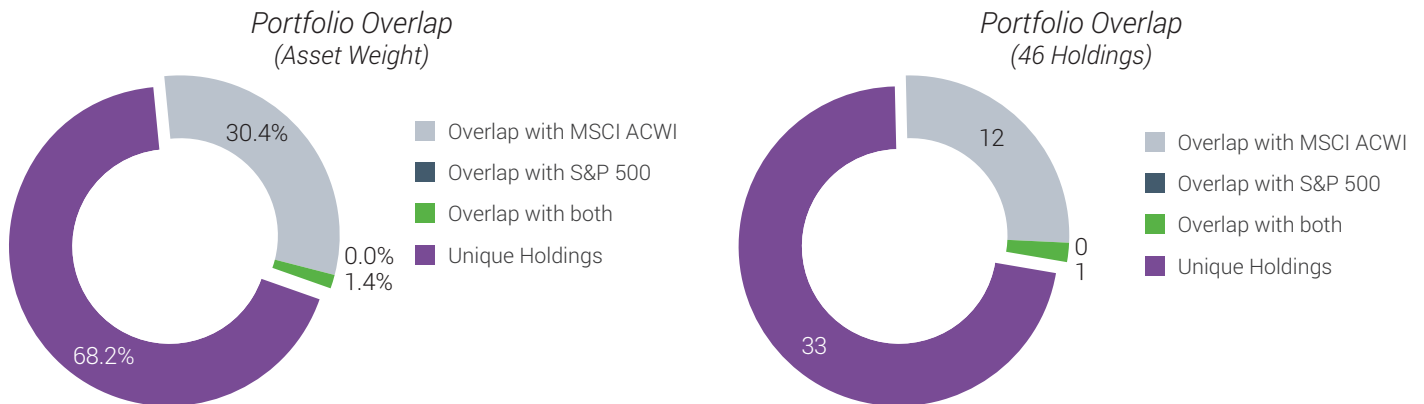


The "Wilshire 5000" Index currently consists of about 3,700 companies - 2002 was last time the "Wilshire 5000" had 5,000 constituents

Sources: World Federation of Exchanges, World Bank's World Development Indicators, Wilshire Associates, as of 12/31/2016.

LPE Provides Differentiated Source of Returns

Portfolio Holdings Overlap with S&P 500 and MSCI ACWI



As of 9/30/2017, 46 holdings

S&P 500 Index: Index based on the market capitalizations of 500 large companies listed on the NYSE or NASDAQ.

MSCI ACWI: Index designed to captures large, mid and small cap representation across 23 Developed Markets (DM) and 23 Emerging Markets (EM) countries, 2,504 companies as of 9/30/2017

Wilshire 5000 Total Market Index: named for the nearly 5,000 stocks it contained at launch, measures performance of all U.S. equity securities with readily available price data.

Potential Role in Portfolios

1) Access to Private Equity

A) Substitute for Traditional PE

- Access and/or investment restrictions
- Liquidity needs

B) Complement to Traditional PE

- Access and diversification
- Portfolio management
- Maintain strategic asset allocation

2) Global Small/Mid Cap Allocations

- Complement or replace global small/mid cap allocation
- Hundreds of private underlying small/mid cap companies
- Better risk/return profile than traditional global small/mid cap indices*

3) Opportunistic

- Periods of dislocation when public market prices have significantly diverged from underlying private valuations
- Requires longer term perspective and value investor mindset

* Sources: S&P, Morningstar, as of 9/30/2017

The ALPS | Red Rocks Listed Private Equity Portfolio

Investment Objective: To seek the maximize total return, which consists of appreciation on its investments and a variable income stream.

Description: The ALPS | Red Rocks Listed Private Equity Portfolio provides investors with exposure to private businesses by investing in publicly-traded private equity companies that trade on global exchanges. These listed private equity companies have direct ownership, control and influence over the privately held businesses in their portfolios. The Portfolio assembles approximately 30-60 holdings and is diversified by stage of investment, geography, industry, and capital structure. Investors enjoy daily liquidity and valuation, and the primary mission of the Portfolio is to maximize total return.

Top 10 Holdings[^]

HarbourVest Global Private Equity Ltd.	4.85%	Onex Corp.	3.71%
Aurelius Equity Opportunities SE & Co. KGaA	4.83%	Ares Capital Corp.	3.58%
IAC/InterActiveCorp	4.65%	Ackermans & van Haaren N.V.	3.28%
3i Group PLC	4.36%	Top Ten Holdings	41.23%
Brookfield Asset Management Inc.	4.18%	Total Number of Holdings	46
The Blackstone Group LP	4.00%		
Schouw & Co. AB	3.79%		

[^] As of 10/31/2017. Future holdings are subject to change.

Important Disclosures & Definitions

An investor should consider investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses carefully before investing. To obtain a prospectus, which contains this and other information, please contact your investment professional. Read the prospectus carefully before investing.

Certain of the Portfolio's investments may be exposed to liquidity risk due to low trading volume, lack of a market maker or legal restrictions limiting the ability of the Portfolio to sell particular securities at an advantageous price and/or time. As a result these securities may be more difficult to value. Foreign investing involves special risks such as currency fluctuations and political uncertainty. The Portfolio invests in derivatives and is subject to the risk that the value of those derivative investments will fall because of pricing difficulties or lack of correlation with the underlying investment.

There are inherent risks in investing in private equity companies, which encompass financial institutions or vehicles whose principal business is to invest in and lend capital to privately – held companies. Generally, little public information exists for private and thinly traded companies, and there is a risk that investors may not be able to make a fully informed investment decision.

Listed Private Equity Companies may have relatively concentrated investment portfolios, consisting of a relatively small number of holdings. A consequence of this limited number of investments is that the aggregate returns realized may be adversely impacted by the poor performance of a small number of investments, or even a single investment, particularly if a company experiences the need to write down the value of an investment.

Standard Deviation: An annual statistical measure of the historical volatility measure of the extent to which returns are spread around their average. A high standard deviation implies greater volatility.

Sharpe Ratio: the average return earned in excess of risk-free rate per unit of volatility or total risk.

Market Neutral Allocation: An investment strategy that aims to produce almost the same profit regardless of market circumstances.

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