# The Age of Private Markets

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## The mutual fund industry boomed as the public market expanded



Source: Investment Company Institute, 2016 Investment Company Fact Book (May 2016); The World Bank Group (September 2017)

# Since 1996, the number of public companies has steadily declined



## Being public is increasingly less attractive due to burden and scrutiny

- Increasing regulatory and reporting burden
- Market focus on short-term results
- Increasing scrutiny by shareholder service firms on management compensation
- Rising power of activists, even with small shares
- Market focus on bigger companies, leaving mid-sized companies as orphans
- Increasingly flexible private capital alternatives through both equity and debt

## As public companies have aged, overall growth profile has slowed



Source: Pantheon, The Shrinking Public Market and Why It Matters (June 2017)

## Companies are delaying their IPOs, driving an aging market



Source: Credit Suisse, The Incredible Shrinking Universe of Stocks (March 2017); Capital IQ (September 2017)

## Companies are staying private for longer

#### 260 Unicorns at \$839B cumulative valuation today



Source: Sutherland Global; CB Insights

## Companies are staying private for longer

260 Unicorns at \$839B cumulative valuation today Why are private companies choosing to stay private?

Increasingly more capital and alternatives for private capital throughout the life of a company

Flexibility to pursue growth strategy with a long-term focus,
including heavy investments and losses if part of the strategy

Less burdened by quarterly reporting focus of the market

Less burdened by public disclosure and regulatory requirements

More flexibility in management and employee compensation plans

More flexibility to concentrate control as desired

Source: Sutherland Global; CB Insight

# Active managers have rarely achieved long-term outperformance

#### Heroes of Active Management



Peter Lynch



Sir John Templeton

#### Outperformance is Incredibly Difficult

#### Active Managers Outperforming the S&P

Illustrative Sample | March 2000 – September 2016





Benjamin Graham



John Neff

Note: Illustrative calculation based on CNBC reporting found that 31% of large-cap active fund managers outperform the S&P 500 for three straight years, and just 4% outperformed the S&P 500 for five straight years Source: CNBC; Active managers rarely beat their benchmarks year after year (February 2017)

## Markets are increasingly skewed towards passive investing

Funds and Actively Managed Domestic Mutual Funds

Cumulative Fund Flows / \$ Billions



Stocks have benefitted from forced buying on the part of passive vehicles, which don't have the option to refrain from buying a stock just because it's overpriced.

— Howard Marks

## Over last 25 years, private equity has boomed



Source: Preqin

# Over \$4T of assets are controlled by PE firms, with \$1T+ of dry powder



Source: Hamilton Lane

# Private equity is expected to roughly double in market share by 2030

**Global Private Equity Market Share** 



Note: Assumes market growth of 6% annually between 2018-2030E; Estimates are inherently uncertain and subject to change. Actual results may vary.

Source: Hamilton Lane, Investment Database (October 2015); NYSE, NYX Data (September 2018); World Federation of Exchanges, 2017 Full Year Market Highlights (February 2018); TPG Analysis (October 2018)

#### Investors have increasingly shifted their allocation to private equity



■ 2011 ■ 2017



## Private equity outperforms other asset classes on a risk-adjusted basis



Note: Pension Fund Required Return is the average targeted return of CalPERS, Washington State Investment Board, Pennsylvania State ERS and New York City Retirement Systems Source: Hamilton Lane, Form S-1 (February 2017)

#### Private markets offer a greater breadth of investable opportunities



Source: PitchBook (September 2017); World Bank (September 2017)

# Sponsors are increasingly buying and selling within the private markets



Source: S&P Global, Leveraged Buyout Review (2Q 2017)

## The rise of the secondary market has provided liquidity for PE LPs



Source: Pregin, Global Private Equity & Venture Capital Report (January 2018); lender estimates; TPG research (October 2018)

# While public markets are based on outside-in public information...

Public Market

"Buy" decision
Public Information



Hedge strategies

Activism

"Sell" decision
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## ... private markets offer a greater toolkit to drive returns

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#### **Private Equity**

- "Buy" decision
  - Full inside due diligence
- Control
  - Choose CEO, COO, CFO
- Financial leverage
- Management change
- Strategic redirection
- Operational involvement
  - Lean 6 Sigma
  - Cash Management
  - Supply Chain
  - Procurement, etc.
- "Sell" decision

# Private equity has matured, with a full range of investable opportunities

1994	Today
1 Limited GP universe	1 Diverse GP universe
2 Mysterious with limited reliable data	2 Significant increase in available data
3 Short track records	3 Long track records across full economic cycles
4 No liquidity	4 Liquid secondary market
5 Private markets for a period	5 Perpetually private
6 Small investment universe	6 More diverse universe than the public markets

## LP allocations have shifted over time in response



Source: Annual Reports of the President and the Treasurer of Harvard College 1900-01 (1902); The Ford Foundation, Annual Report (1972); Yale Endowment Report (2016)

The Age of the Private Markets

#### In the new world, investors turn to private markets to seek alpha



## Potential long-term implications for large investment managers

#### Context

- Composition of public markets is fundamentally shifting as companies age and growth profile slows
- Companies are staying private for longer sponsor-to-sponsor transactions have become the dominant form of private transactions
- The private equity asset class is driving superior returns, even on a liquidity-adjusted basis – particularly top quartile funds
- Increasing investing optionality in private markets – the number of private companies now exceeds the number of public companies – with flexibility to drive change and value creation
- Secondaries as a rising established market to provide liquidity to private equity investors

#### Implications

- Manage public and private equities as a cohesive pool to evaluate risk/reward, sector exposure, beta, and alpha across both types
- Market, geography, FX, and sector hedging across combined exposures
- Private equities geared to alpha and public equities geared towards beta
- Significant opportunity for outperformance in choosing top quartile managers in PE
- Reduce JCurve fee structure elements of PE with new fee approaches and longer fund horizons for best managers
- Actively use secondary markets to manage PE exposure at key points in cycle