# Review of Private Equity Co-Investments

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# Agenda

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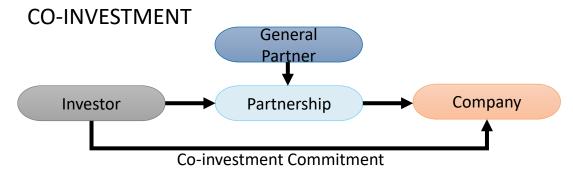
- Review of Investment Structures
- Co-Investment Execution Framework
- Benefits & Risks
- Current Co-Investment Market Conditions



#### **Investment Structures**

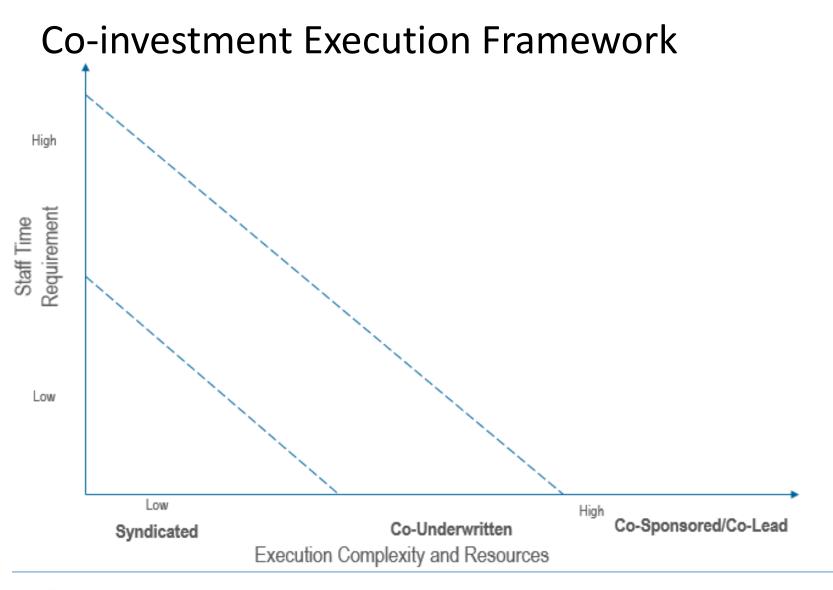


Investor commits capital alongside other institutional investors and acts as a limited partner in a limited partnership.



Investor makes an additional investment into a company alongside the partnership as a co-investment. Usually with no fee and no carry.







## Co-Investments Benefits to LPs

- Lower overall fees
- Increase capital deployment
- Greater control over capital deployment and portfolio construction
- Strengthen relationships with core managers



## Co-Investments Risks to LPs

- Resource intensive
- Quick turn-around for approval
- Uneven/inconsistent investment approach can lead to suboptimal portfolio construction
- Concentrated portfolio
- Concerns of possible adverse selection
  - Recent studies dispute this see later slides
- Headline risk



### Co-Investments: What GPs are Looking For

- Existing LP relationship
- Significant co-investment capabilities
- Speed of decision making
- Value Add



#### Current Co-Investment Market

- Demand from LPs outstrips supply
- Increased demand has reduced the number of club deals
- Estimated 2017 market size of \$60 billion<sup>1</sup>
- According to a 2018 survey, 72% of Large Investors<sup>2</sup> have an active co-investment program

– Up from 60% in the previous survey

<sup>1</sup> Source: Cambridge Associates

<sup>2</sup> Defined as investors planning to commit over \$500 million in survey by Probitas Partners



# Current Co-Investment Market (Continued)

- Approximately 60% of GPs surveyed by Preqin offer co-investments
- Estimated to be offered on 6% of completed transactions<sup>1</sup>
- Syndicated co-investments are the most common

<sup>1</sup> Cambridge Associates



#### **Co-Investment Adverse Selection Potential**

- Do investments that are offered for co-investment underperform relative to those that are not?
- Two well known scholarly articles with opposing views (Fang 2015 and Braun 2018)
- Key differences between the articles are source, data, sample size and methodology
- Industry experts support the Braun conclusion; there are no significant differences

