

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Investment Committee, CalPERS

FROM: Meketa Investment Group

DATE: March 18, 2024

RE: Semi-Annual Private Equity Performance Review as of December 31, 2023

In our role as the Board Private Equity Consultant, Meketa Investment Group ("Meketa") conducted a semi-annual performance review of the Private Equity Portfolio ("the Portfolio") for the period ended December 31, 2023¹ based on data provided by State Street and selected reports from Staff. This memorandum provides the Portfolio performance data and information on key policy parameters, along with observations on staff activities during the time period.

Performance

Private Equity showed muted returns for the one-year period as of year-end 2023 but stronger returns over longer time periods. The performance of the Portfolio significantly trailed the Policy Benchmark over the prior one-year period as private market valuations lag public markets performance. We note that the Portfolio's performance continues to outpace the Policy Benchmark for each of the longer time horizons as shown below.

Private Equity Performance as of December 31, 20231

	1 Year (%)	3 Y ear (%)	5 Year (%)	10 Y ear (%)
CalPERS PE Portfolio ²	8.8	14.0	11.4	11.4
Policy Benchmark ³	22.8	9.1	8.3	10.7
FTSE Global All Cap + 150 bp⁴	22.8	9.1	8.3	9.6
Excess vs. Policy Benchmark	- -14.0	1 4.9	3 .1	1 0.7
Excess vs. FTSE Global All Cap + 150 bps	- -14.0	4 .9	3 .1	1.8

¹ State Street's CalPERS Private Equity performance analysis for the period ended December 31, 2023, reported with a 1-quarter lag.

² Source: State Street. CalPERS returns are reported as time-weighted.

³ The current Policy Benchmark is a Custom FTSE Global All Cap ex-Tobacco Net of Tax Index + 150 basis points, lagged by one quarter. Previous benchmark was blend FTSE US + FTSE AW ex US + 3% lagged 1 quarter from September 2011 to June 2018.

⁴ Figures are one quarter lagged, time weighted. FTSE Global All Cap returns are based on the FTSE Global All Cap Net of Tax (US RIC) Index + 150 basis points through March 2015, and thereafter on the FTSE Global All Cap ex-Tobacco Net of Tax Index + 150 basis points.



As we have noted in prior reports, private equity performance is reported with a significant delay compared to publicly traded assets. As such, the Portfolio and the Policy Benchmark performance as of December 31, 2023 are each reported with a one-quarter lag (i.e., values through September 30, 2023). Additionally, private equity asset values tend to be less volatile, both in up as well as down markets, compared to publicly traded asset values. In other words, private equity assets tend to fall less in declining public equity markets and increase more slowly in rapidly rising public equity markets.

Over the trailing one-year period ending September 30, 2023, public equities experienced a robust rally, gaining more than 20%. As expected, the Portfolio lagged meaningfully over this recent period partly due to the relatively limited volatility among private equity assets.

The Portfolio's NAV as of December 31, 2023 was \$67.9 billion, an increase of \$5.1 billion (net of cash flows) compared to the December 31, 2022 NAV of \$50.3 billion. The current NAV represents 14.0% of the Total Fund, compared to the 13% target. As we noted above, the Portfolio's NAV is calculated based upon September 30, 2023 values, while the overall CalPERS portfolio includes publicly traded assets valued as of December 31, 2023.

Performance by Strategy¹

	NAV (\$M)	1 Year (%)	3 Year (%)	5 Year (%)	10 Year (%)
Buyouts	47,270	10.3	15.8	12.1	12.7
Credit	1,072	11.4	10.0	4.3	4.0
Growth/Expansion	13,470	3.4	9.0	10.9	11.0
Opportunistic	5,410	11.1	15.6	12.9	13.8
Venture	606	-5.4	8.0	11.8	5.9
Other ²	55	NA	NA	NA	NA
CalPERS PE Portfolio	67,883	8.8	14.0	11.4	11.4

The total Portfolio's one-year performance was significantly higher than at the same time last year (8.8% vs. -2.3% previously), despite the Portfolio performing below the public benchmarks. However, across longer time periods the Portfolio's performance has outpaced the public benchmarks. The table above highlights that Buyout strategies are a key return driver for the Portfolio, representing approximately 70% of the NAV and providing attractive returns overall, both recently and over longer time periods. Growth/Expansion, Opportunistic, and Credit strategies each generated positive returns over the trailing one-year period last year. Venture continued to produce negative returns over the trailing one-year period. However, we note that Venture is a small portion of the Portfolio at less than 1.0% of NAV.

¹ Source: State Street. All trailing returns included in this report are time-weighted.

² Includes currency and stock holdings.



One Year Relative Performance ¹	Relatively Stronger	Relatively Weaker
Strategy	Credit, Opportunistic, Buyout	Venture Capital, Growth
Structure	Co-Invest/Direct, CIA ²	Fund of Funds/Secondaries
Geography	Developed Asia, Europe	Emerging Markets
Vintages	2011, 2017-2022	2006 - 2010, 2012, 2015

The table above outlines areas of stronger or weaker relative performance of the Portfolio during the trailing one-year time-period. Areas where performance was near the average or not meaningful are not included in the table above.

Performance by Structure³

	NAV (\$M)	1 Year (%)	3 Year (%)	5 Year (%)	10 Year (%)
Customized Investment Accounts	21,392	9.5	13.9	12.4	10.5
Co-Investments / Direct	6,298	12.2	15.7	9.7	9.5
Fund of Funds / Secondaries	1,534	3.3	10.4	7.0	9.1
Funds	38,603	8.3	14.0	11.6	11.7
Other ⁴	55	NA	NA	NA	NA
CalPERS PE Portfolio	67,883	8.8	14.0	11.4	11.4

The Portfolio's performance over the last year has been driven primarily by Funds, the largest exposure by structure, while CIAs and Co-Investments/Direct Investments generated the highest returns for the trailing one-year period and adding to overall performance. The Fund of Funds portfolio has underperformed across all time periods, in part due to their higher fee loads.

Performance by Geography⁵

	NAV (\$M)	1 Year (%)	3 Year (%)	5 Year (%)	10 Year (%)
United States	51,724	8.9	14.8	11.6	11.1
Developed International	14,517	10.1	14.7	14.3	15.2
Emerging Markets	1,587	0.8	0.9	0.7	6.0
Other ⁶	55	NA	NA	NA	NA
CalPERS PE Portfolio	67,883	8.8	14.0	11.4	11.4

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² Customized Investment Account.

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⁴ Includes currency and stock holdings.

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While the Portfolio has been primarily driven by the US investments, Developed International investments (primarily in Europe) have been a strong contributor to returns over time and represented the highest returns of any geography over the trailing one-year period. Emerging Markets performance still significantly trails other geographies, but returns for the trailing one-year period are positive for the first time since June 30, 2022. The longer-term underperformance in Emerging Markets is partially impacted by the prior use of fund of funds (with comparatively high fees) initially used to gain exposure to the region.

Implementation

For the trailing 12 months ending December 31, 2023, Staff completed an aggregate of \$20.3 billion of new commitments, which included \$7.6 billion of investments under previously approved CIAs.¹ During this time, Staff completed 60 new fund commitments, two fund-like CIAs, and nine discretionary co-investments. In addition to the \$20.3 billion of new commitments above, Staff completed \$9.5 billion of new CIAs that are expected to draw capital over a multi-year time frame. Overall, during the 12 months ending December 31, 2023, Staff deployed approximately 47% of capital in no-, or low-fee investment vehicles. From a strategy perspective, Staff has continued to add exposure to Growth/Expansion and Venture to complement the existing exposure in Large and Mega Buyouts.

As part of a comprehensive update, the Board approved several policy changes that provided Staff with additional flexibility to meet the private equity allocation target. These included: increasing delegated authority limits; expanding the range of co-investment sources; modifying the use of PPOs in co-investments; raising the limits on the percent ownership stake CalPERS can take in certain vehicles; and adjusting the private equity strategy ranges and long-term targets. These changes are being utilized to expand the investment opportunity set for CalPERS.

Since Board approval, we have been monitoring of the impact of these policy changes and we note that some investments were executed in compliance of the updated policy that represented expansion of authority from the prior policy. We do not have material concerns about any of the investments or the expansion of policy limits that were utilized to consummate these investments.

¹ Note that CIAs are typically drawn over multi-year periods. Also, CIAs may not be fully invested as CaIPERS maintains opt out rights or otherwise not fully deployed.



Key Policy Parameters

The Portfolio is compliant with key parameters related to strategy diversification, as demonstrated in the table below. The Portfolio is now slightly above the asset allocation target of 13% but remains within the range (+/- 5%).

Strategy	NAV¹ (\$M)	Percent of Total NAV (%)	CalPERS Target (%)	Target Range (%)
Buyout	47,270	69.6	65	55-80
Credit	1,072	1.6	0	0-10
Growth/Expansion	13,470	19.8	25	5-30
Opportunistic	5,410	8.0	4	0-10
Venture	606	0.9	6	0-12
Other ²	55	<0.1	NA	NA
Total Portfolio	67,883	14.0³	13 ⁴	+/- 5

Conclusion

The Portfolio continues to show strong recent performance despite trailing the Policy Benchmark over the last twelve months. The Portfolio's performance continues to outpace the Policy Benchmark for each of the longer time horizons. Additionally, the Portfolio, as a percent of CalPERS' total portfolio, has remained steady since the last report and sits slightly above CalPERS' target of 13%. The recent increase in values corresponds with the broader market recovery, and the Portfolio's long-term asset growth continues to be driven by both strong underlying performance and Staff's activities to enhance the Portfolio by sourcing attractive investments with high conviction managers. Staff has focused on increasing allocation to co-investments and adding portfolio diversification through identification of high-quality managers in mid-market buyout, growth equity, and venture strategies.

We note that the Staff has been executing on the Private Equity Strategic Plan, specifically:

- → Increasing capital deployment Staff has been committing over \$15 billion per year over the last two years, which is in line with investment targets communicated by Staff. This recent commitment pace compares to \$3 billion to \$5 billion per year in 2016 to 2018 timeframe.
- → Increasing cost efficiency No/low fee co-investments and Customized Investment Accounts are an important and growing portion of the Portfolio. In the last 12 months, 47% of investment capital has been deployed through no-/low-fee direct co-investments and co-investments executed under CIAs.

¹ Source: State Street.

² Includes currency and stock holdings.

³ PE portfolio NAV as a percent of total CalPERS portfolio as of December 31, 2023.

⁴ In November 2021, the Board approved a 13% target allocation (effective July 2022) for the Portfolio.



- → Adding diversification to the Portfolio Staff has been adding more Venture, Growth Equity and Mid-Market Buyout strategies to complement the Portfolio's Large- and Mega-Buyout exposure.
- → Maintaining and enhancing relationships with high quality managers Staff has been able to invest meaningful capital with highly sought out managers.

CalPERS has made substantial progress in building the Portfolio and is now slightly above the asset class target allocation of 13%. Staff's continued focus on deploying capital through lower cost investment structures will continue to help mitigate overall fees.

The Appendix includes some data and commentary on the private equity asset class for the third quarter of 2023.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions or require additional information.

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Attachments

CalPERS Private Equity Completed Investments – H2 2023

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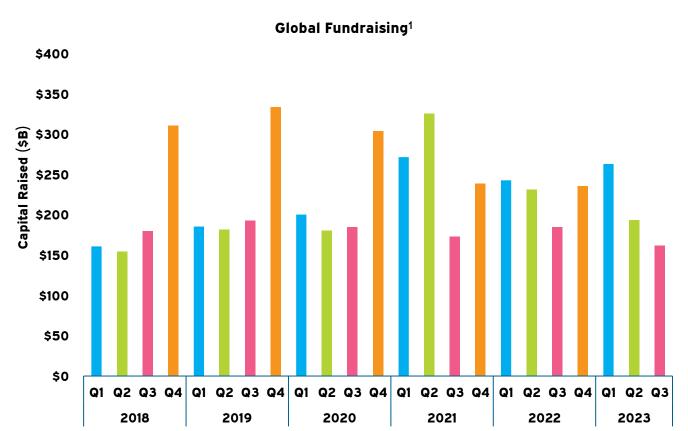
Investment	Date Signed	Geography	Strategy	Commitment (\$M)
Coalesce (Co-Investment)	August 2023	United States	Buyout	30
Project High Stick (Co-Investment)	August 2023	United States	Buyout	230
TowerBrook VI	September 2023	Global	Buyout	100
Project Skylark (Co-Investment)	September 2023	Europe	Buyout	172
General Catalyst (Co-Investment)	September 2023	Europe	Venture	57
Project Iguana (Co-Investment)	September 2023	United States	Venture	17
Patient Square (Co-Investment)	September 2023	Global	Buyout	40
Project AT (Co-Investment)	September 2023	United States	Venture	10
Project AP (Co-Investment)	September 2023	United States	Venture	5
Vitruvian Partners (Co-Investment)	September 2023	Europe	Growth Equity	24
SignalFire (Co-Investment)	September 2023	United States	Venture	5
Bain Capital Asia V	September 2023	Developed Asia	Buyout	300
Thrive Capital VIII Growth	September 2023	Global	Growth Equity	300
Project Redshift (Co-Investment)	September 2023	United States	Growth Equity	23
Pantheon Global Secondary Fund VII	September 2023	Global	Buyout	200
Project Praetorian (Co-Investment)	September 2023	Europe	Buyout	20
Project Stanley (Co-Investment)	September 2023	United States	Buyout	250
SignalFire (Co-Investment)	September 2023	United States	Venture	3
EQT (Co-Investment)	September 2023	Global	Growth Equity	25
Project MV (Co-Investment)	September 2023	Europe	Venture	3
Project Falcon (Co-Investment)	September 2023	United States	Buyout	135
Blackstone Capital Partners IX	September 2023	Global	Buyout	200
Bain Capital Europe VI	September 2023	Europe	Buyout	158
General Atlantic (CIA)	September 2023	Global	Growth Equity	300
TPG Capital IX	September 2023	Global	Buyout	300
General Catalyst Partners (Co-Investment)	October 2023	United States	Venture	30
Forbion (Co-Investment)	October 2023	United States	Venture	13
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Project Misfits (Co-Investment)	October 2023	United States	Growth Equity	25
Project Contractual (Co-Investment)	October 2023	United States	Growth Equity	25
Project Deacon (Co-Investment)	October 2023	Global	Growth Equity	80
B- Capital Ascent Global Fund III	October 2023	Global	Venture	175
B-Capital Ascent SSEA Fund I	October 2023	Developed Asia	Venture	35
Project Conference (Co-Investment)	October 2023	United States	Buyout	125
Project E (Co-Investment)	October 2023	Europe	Venture	5
Project O (Co-Investment)	October 2023	United States	Venture	22
Zepto (Co-Investment)	October 2023	Emerging Markets	Venture	20
Grain IV	October 2023	United States	Buyout	200



Investment	Date Signed	Geography	Strategy	Commitment (\$M)
TPG Rise III	November 2023	United States	Growth Equity	100
Project Newark (Co-Investment)	November 2023	United States	Buyout	125
Project Newark (Co-Investment)	November 2023	United States	Buyout	125
Bridgepoint (Co-Investment)	November 2023	Europe	Buyout	12
B- Capital Opportunities Fund II	November 2023	Global	Growth Equity	240
B- Capital Global Growth III (Secondary Transaction)	November 2023	Global	Opportunistic	75
Project Fortress (Co-Investment)	November 2023	United States	Buyout	75
Project Eternal (Co-Investment)	November 2023	Developed Asia	Buyout	126
Project Flare (Co-Investment)	November 2023	United States	Growth Equity	50
MBK Partners VI	November 2023	Developed Asia	Buyout	250
Coefficient Capital (Co-Investment)	November 2023	United States	Growth Equity	16
Project Star (Co-Investment)	November 2023	United States	Buyout	25
EQT Partners (Co-Investment)	November 2023	Global	Venture	1
Project Replicator (Co-Investment)	November 2023	United States	Growth Equity	14
Butterfly Equity (Co-Investment)	November 2023	Emerging Markets	Buyout	65
Great Point Ventures IV	December 2023	United States	Venture	50
TPG Capital (Co-Investment)	December 2023	Global	Growth Equity	3
Cerberus Supply Chain Fund I	December 2023	United States	Buyout	200
Project Alpha (Co-Investment)	December 2023	United States	Buyout	150
Project Mercury (Co-Investment)	December 2023	United States	Buyout	150
SignalFire (Co-Investment)	December 2023	United States	Venture	3
Project Oasis (Co-Investment)	December 2023	Europe	Growth Equity	150
TPG Capital (Co-Investment)	December 2023	Global	Growth Equity	5
Insight Capital (Co-Investment)	December 2023	United States	Venture	25
Project Interface (Co-Investment)	December 2023	United States	Growth Equity	125
Project Calico (Co-Investment)	December 2023	Developed Asia	Growth Equity	39
Pantheon Ventures (Co-Investment)	December 2023	Europe	Buyout	24
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Acrew Capital (Co-Investment)	December 2023	Global	Growth Equity	17
Project Jumper (Co-Investment)	December 2023	United States	Buyout	15
General Catalyst Partners (Co-Investment)	December 2023	United States	Venture	7
Forbion (Co-Investment)	December 2023	Europe	Venture	32
Forbion (Co-Investment)	December 2023	Europe	Venture	25
Project Tamarack (Co-Investment)	December 2023	United States	Buyout	2
EQT Partners (Co-Investment)	December 2023	Europe	Venture	5
Project Ace (Co-Investment)	December 2023	United States	Growth Equity	150
Project Tillie (Co-Investment)	December 2023	United States	Growth Equity	45



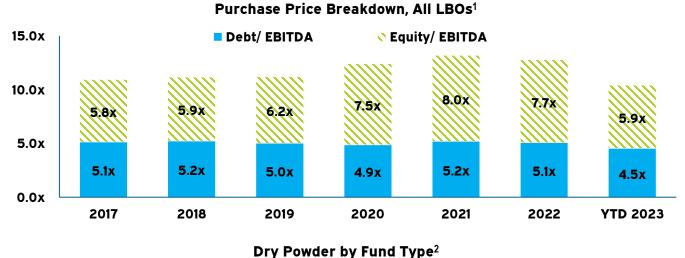
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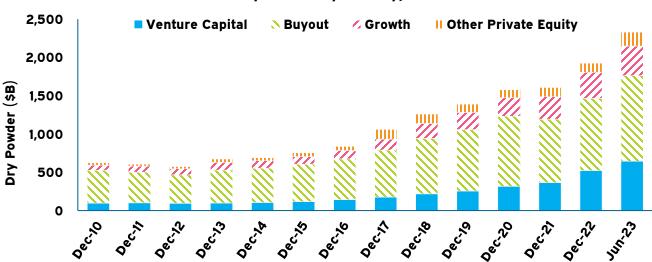


Fundraising activity for private equity funds in the third quarter of 2023 decreased by 16% compared to the previous quarter, with \$161.8 billion raised, and represents the lowest amount of capital raised for a quarter in over five years. The third quarter showed continued signs of moderation in the private equity fundraising market as allocators continued to digest market expectations of "higher-for-longer" environment as it relates to interest rates. According to Pregin, the fact that fewer funds closed larger amounts of capital points to a continuation of the recent trend for consolidation. Along with the denominator effect, a slowdown in private equity exit volumes has weighted on the amount of capital that some LPs have available to deploy. This comes despite most investors intending either to increase the pace of their deployment (34%) or maintain the current pace (50%) suggesting that market conditions are affecting their ability, but less so their willingness, to invest. According to Pregin data, there were over 10,000 funds raising in the market as of October 2023, with aggregate capital targeted of over \$1.7 trillion. Both metrics are pushing record highs, and therefore, paint a continued picture of highly competitive fundraising. As a result, funds have been spending more time on the road than ever, with 62% of private equity funds (and 61% of venture capital funds) closed through Q3 in 2023 having been in market for more than 18 months compared to an average of 42% (and 38% for venture capital) from 2018-2022.

¹ Source: Pregin.





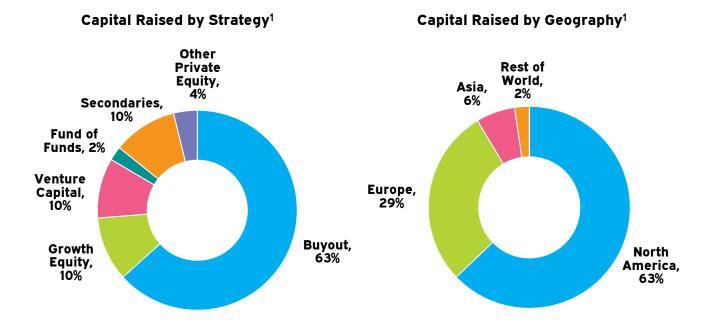


Relative to 2022, the median private equity buyout purchase price multiple has decreased from 12.8x EBITDA to 10.4x EBITDA year-to-date in 2023. This represents an 18% decrease from 2022 relative to the 3% decrease observed in 2022 from 2021. The decrease in purchase price multiples on the year to date shows signs of downward pressure on private equity valuations resulting from rising interest rates and an imbalance between expectations of buyers and sellers. Furthermore, global buyout deal flow slowed further in the third quarter, representing a 19% slowdown compared with the same period last year and is the slowest quarter for deal flow since Q2 2020. Exit activity continues to show signs of gradual recovery as public market pressures begin to ease. Private equity exit value increased to \$91 billion, or by 13%, in the third quarter relative to the same period last year. Dry powder levels as of Q2 2023, have increased by approximately 21% from Q4 2022 and remain at all-time highs. Despite macroeconomic worries, GPs still have ample dry powder to deploy, which helps support deal flow even if debt financing becomes more expensive and more restrictive.

¹ Source: Preqin. Data pulled on January 8, 2024.

² Source: Global Private Equity Dry Powder Split by Strategy. Provided by Preqin on January 15, 2024. There is a six-month lag in Preqin's dry powder data with June 30, 2023, representing the latest figures, which were released in January 2024.





Buyout (63% of all private equity capital raised), Growth Equity (10%), Venture Capital (10%), and Secondaries (10%) represented the most popular private equity sub-strategies during the third quarter of 2023. Buyout funds increased from 59% of capital raised in Q2 2023 to 63% in the third quarter of 2023. Growth Equity and Venture Capital both decreased from 15% to 10% of capital raised. Secondaries, as a percentage of total capital raised, increased the most of any strategy over Q3 2023 from 3% of capital raised in Q2 to 10% in Q3 2023 as the denominator effect and subdued private equity exit environment has increased the number of LPs looking to trim allocations in the secondaries market. As of the third quarter of 2023, some investors anticipate higher returns for secondaries given the heightened demand for liquidity and 28% of investors were planning to target secondaries strategies over the next 12-month period, a 5% increase since the same quarter last year. However, secondaries funds in market still make up a relatively small percentage of the overall offering at 3% of all funds in market (but tend to be among the largest by capital). Fund of Funds and Other Private Equity, which includes co-investment and hybrid vehicles, remained relatively consistent as a percentage of total capital raised through the third quarter compared to the previous quarter.

North America-focused vehicles continued to represent the majority of funds raised during the third quarter, representing 63% of total capital. This remains in line with the 67% of aggregate capital raised in the prior quarter. As a percentage of total capital raised, commitments to Europe increased slightly from 25% to 29%. However, Europe only represents 18% of the total number of funds closed in Q3 2023. Asia-focused funds remained low, only representing 6% of total capital raised. As China-focused funds had made up the lion's share of funds raised in the region in recent years, the limited capital raised by Asia-focused funds recently highlights investors' risk aversion toward China among geopolitical and economic challenges. Investor appetite for Rest of World remained low with \$3.8 billion of aggregate capital raised across 21 funds during the quarter.

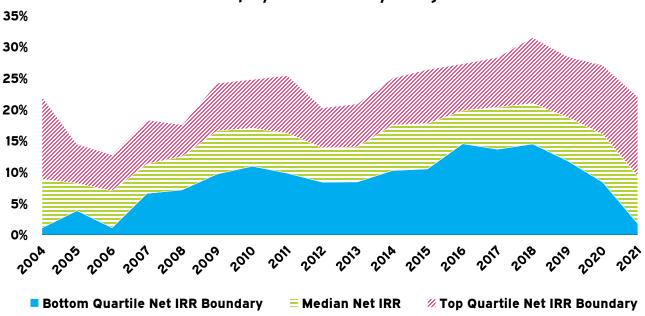
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Private Equity Performance by Horizon¹

Horizon	Private Equity (%)	Buyout (%)	Venture Capital (%)	Growth Equity (%)
1 Year to 6/2023	4.6	6.2	(9.5)	0.7
3 Years to 6/2023	22.7	24.1	13.0	13.3
5 Years to 6/2023	17.9	19.1	13.0	12.1
10 Years to 6/2023	16.7	17.7	13.4	15.7

Private Equity Performance by Vintage Year²



As of June 30, 2023, private equity returns increased from the prior quarter, generating a 4.6% IRR over the trailing 12 months through Q2 2023. This compares to the trailing 12-month return of -4.7% as of Q1 2023 and a one-year return of 14.4% at Q2 2022. Overall, private equity returns have rebounded but still remain far below the highs of recent years. One-year returns remain negative for Venture funds at a -9.5% IRR but have turned back positive for Buyout and Growth Equity strategies. In general, however, performance has been strong in each vintage year since the Global Financial Crisis. Buyout, Venture, and Growth funds have all generally performed well over the various time horizons on an absolute basis, with Buyout outperforming both Growth Equity and Venture funds across longer time periods as of Q2 2023. Lastly, the spread between first and third quartile performance in private equity has increased since the Global Financial Crisis; 2007 vintage funds reported a 11.7% spread while 2021 vintage funds reported a 20.3% spread.

¹ Source: Preqin Horizon IRRs as of 6/30/2023. Data as of 9/30/2023 is not yet available.

² Source: Preqin, Private Equity – All, Quartile Returns as of 9/30/2023. Data pulled on January 4, 2024.