VANTAGE PRIVATE EQUITY SECONDARIES OPPORTUNITIES FUND

QUARTERLY INVESTOR REPORT
31 MARCH 2025

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Welcome to the Vantage Private Equity Secondaries Opportunities (VPESO) Fund quarterly investor report for the quarter ending 31 March 2025.

During the March 2025 quarter, VPESO continued the build-out its secondary private equity and co-investment portfolio, completing additional secondary acquisitions totalling $1.5m in investment commitments. In addition, VPESO received Investment Committee approval to invest $1.0m in a co-investment, further adding to the Fund's underlying portfolio holdings across the period.

PORTFOLIO HIGHLIGHTS

During the quarter, **VPEG3** investee **Allegro Fund III** announced the sale of **Questas Group** to **Five V Capital** for a media reported **c.$400m valuation**. The sale process concluded in late April 2025, with VPEG3, and ultimately VPESO expected to receive its share of the realised proceeds in May 2025. As a result of this sale, the total number of exits from VPESO underlying portfolio increased to 23 at period end.

Additionally, VPESO continued the build out its co-investment program with the Fund receiving Investment Committee approval to make a **$1.0m co-investment** in **ASF Audits**, alongside **Fortitude Investment Partners**. The investment was completed in April 2025, following the completion of a small number of conditions precedent. This commitment brings the total number of co-investments to 4 and the total number of unique company investments completed in VPESO's underlying portfolio to 114, with 24 exits completed, leaving 89 companies in the portfolio unrealised at period end.

Underlying managers continued to advance their strategic initiatives to position each remaining portfolio company for exit. As part of this Storypark, an underlying portfolio company of VPEG4 investee Potentia Capital Fund II completed the bolt-on acquisition of Kinder M8, a leading childcare management software provider.

US TARIFF IMPACT

In response to recent US tariff developments, Vantage has reviewed the portfolio's exposure to the US to assess potential impacts to valuation or performance. The impact on VPESO is considered immaterial, with less than 1% of total portfolio revenue attributable to goods or services exported to the US from these holdings.

A key strength and mitigant risk of VPESO and Vantage's Secondary Fund strategy lies in its underlying diversification across multiple sectors, financing stage, fund vintage and private equity manager, which inherently reduces exposure to any single macroeconomic event.

VPESO FUND ACTIVITY

During the quarter, **distributions** totalling **$9,554,144** were received from **Advent Partners 2 Fund, VPEG3, Catalyst Buyout Fund 2 and Genesis Capital Fund I.** The distributions received were predominately as a result of the sale proceeds of previously announced exits **Compass Education**, **Medtech** and **Flintfox** by **Advent Partners 2.** In addition, as VPESO maintains indirect exposure to these portfolio companies through its holding in VPEG3, VPESO received a **20% distribution from its share in VPEG3**, alongside other dividends received from VPEG3's other underlying portfolio holdings.

With these realised proceeds received by the Fund during the period, VPESO conducted an **interim distribution** to Unitholders equating to **$0.23 per Unit**, which was paid in cash, or in additional Units to investors who elected Distribution Reinvestment, on 5th March 2025. Upon the payment of this distribution, VPESO's cumulative distributions paid to all investors since inception, increased to **$0.442 per Unit.**

Also, during the quarter drawdowns totalling **$1,546,197** were paid to acquire secondary positions in **VPEG3** and **VPEG4.** This brings the total commitments in VPEG3 to $11.45m and VPEG4 to $4.5m. In addition, capital was also called by **Fortitude Investment Partners** for VPESO's co-investment into **ASF Audits,** which was completed in April 2025.

VPESO PERFORMANCE

As the Fund matures, VPESO's performance continues to progress in line with the Fund's investment objective of delivering investors strong risk adjusted returns across the medium to long-term. As such, VPESO's **NAV** was **$1.153** per Unit as at 31st March 2025, generating a net annualised return of **14.3% p.a.** since the Fund's inception in July 2021.

VANTAGE UPDATE

VPEG6's SECOND PORTFOLIO COMPANY INVESTMENT COMPLETED

During the March 2025 quarter, VPEG6 continued the build of its underlying portfolio with Genesis Capital Fund II completing an investment in Ochre Health, an Australian healthcare services company specialising in delivering primary healthcare to outer-urban, regional, and remote communities across Australia. The investment by Genesis Capital represents VPEG6's second underlying portfolio company investment.

VPEG6 is in the final stages of approving the Fund's fourth primary commitment allocation into a specialist growth private equity Fund. This Fund already has a seeded portfolio of two highly defensive and attractive portfolio companies. Pending Vantage's confirmatory IC approval expected in May 2025, VPEG6's underlying portfolio will increase to four investments, establishing a solid foundation for the continued build out of VPEG6's portfolio.

VPEG6 REMAINS OPEN FOR INVESTMENT

VPEG6 will remain open for investment until either the Fund's target size of $250 million is reached, or the second anniversary of the First Closing Date. If you wish to learn more about VPEG6, please visit https://vantageasset.com/vpeg-6/ or contact Vantage's Investor Services Team via email at info@vantageasset.com or call 02 9067 3133.

An application can also be made by contacting your Wealth Adviser or through VPEG6's Online Application form by copying the following link into your web browser;
https://apply.automic.com.au/VPEG6

VANTAGE WELCOMES TWO NEW TEAM MEMBERS

Vantage continues to expand its institutional capabilities and is pleased to welcome Jennifer Herbert as Head of Client Relationships and Carmen Martin as Senior Marketing Manager.

Jennifer brings extensive experience in institutional sales roles across the investment banking and funds management industry. Jennifer is driven by a strong passion for investor education, key account management, and building long-term client relationships.

Carmen has a breadth of marketing experience across the financial services industry. Carmen's career has been focused on executing go-to-market (GTM) strategies, crafting client-focused integrated marketing campaigns, developing branding and communication programs and implementing CRM technologies.

Jennifer and Carmen bring a wealth of knowledge and specialist skills to Vantage, and we are pleased to welcome them to the team.

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	$ REPORTED IN AUD
QUARTER ENDING	**31 MARCH 2025**
INCEPTION DATE	27 JULY 2021
STRATEGY	SECONDARY PRIVATE EQUITY & CO-INVESTMENT
NO. OF UNITS ISSUED	36,488,736
NET ASSET VALUE (NAV) $ PER UNIT	$1.153
NET RETURN - 1 MONTH	0.1%
NET RETURN - 3 MONTHS	-2.5%
NET RETURN - 6 MONTHS	3.8%
NET RETURN - 1 YEAR	17.4%
NET RETURN - 2 YEARS	34.9%
ABSOLUTE NET RETURN	59.5%
NET ANNUALISED RETURN	**14.3%**
PORTFOLIO	
TOTAL SECONDARY AND CO-INVESTMENT COMMITMENTS ACQUIRED	$53.27 MILLION
NO. OF SECONDARY FUND COMMITMENTS ACQUIRED	6
NO. OF CO-INVESTMENTS	4
NO. OF PORTFOLIO COMPANIES[1.]	113
NO. OF EXITS	24
NO. OF REMAINING PORTFOLIO COMPANIES	89

1. No. of unique portfolio companies completed across all funds & co-investments excluding duplicates.

SECONDARY PRIVATE EQUITY PORTFOLIO

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VPESO PRIVATE EQUITY PORTFOLIO

PRIVATE EQUITY FUND NAME[1]	FUND / DEAL SIZE ($M)	VINTAGE	INVESTMENT FOCUS	ACQUIRED COMMITMENT ($M)	CAPITAL DRAWN ($M)	PORTFOLIO COMPANIES	EXITS[4]
ADVENT PARTNERS 2 FUND	$300	2017	EXPANSION / BUYOUT	$10.00	$9.18	7	4
ANCHORAGE CAPITAL PARTNERS FUND III	$360	2017	TURNAROUND	$5.00	$4.94	5	2
VANTAGE PRIVATE EQUITY GROWTH 3	$68	2019	FUND OF FUNDS - GROWTH / BUYOUT / TURNAROUND	$11.45	$8.92	50	16
GENESIS CAPITAL FUND I	$190	2020	EXPANSION / BUYOUT	$1.30	$1.07	9	-
THE GROWTH FUND III	$450	2017	EXPANSION / BUYOUT	$6.00	$5.39	12	4
VANTAGE PRIVATE EQUITY GROWTH 4	$180	2021	FUND OF FUNDS - GROWTH / BUYOUT / TURNAROUND	$4.50	$2.18	41	4
CO-INVEST NO. 1 (GULL NEW ZEALAND)	NZ$495	2022	BUYOUT	$2.00	$2.00	1	-
CO-INVEST NO. 2 (COMPARE CLUB)[2]	$160	2022	GROWTH CAPITAL	$2.50	$2.50	1	-
CO-INVEST NO. 3 (PAC TRADING)	$71	2023	GROWTH CAPITAL	$1.00	$1.00	1	-
CO-INVEST NO. 4 (ASF AUDITS)	$28.5	2025	GROWTH CAPITAL	$1.00	$1.00	1	-
			TOTAL	**$44.75**	**$38.17**	**113[3]**	**24**

1. Excludes small holdings acquired for less than $0.05m each of VPEG2B and Catalyst Buyout Fund 2. Also excludes duplicates.
2. Co-Invest No.2 – Compare Club, was acquired by VPESO in two separate tranches and into two separate entities
3. Excludes duplicated investments
4. Includes both completed and announced exits at reporting period end

SECONDARY PRIVATE EQUITY PORTFOLIO

TOP 10 HOLDINGS ACROSS THE PORTFOLIO

	PORTFOLIO COMPANY[5.]	FUND	DESCRIPTION	% SHARE	CUMULATIVE
1	COMPARE CLUB	CO-INVEST NO. 2 (COMPARE CLUB)	PERSONAL FINANCE MARKETPLACE	12.0%	12.0%
2	GBST	ANCHORAGE III	FINANCIAL SERVICES TECHNOLOGY PROVIDER TO THE GLOBAL WEALTH MARKET	11.6%	23.6%
3	IMAGING ASSOCIATES	ADVENT PARTNERS 2	DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING SERVICE PROVIDER	7.9%	31.5%
4	GULL PETROLEUM	CO-INVEST NO. 1 (GULL NEW ZEALAND)	NEW ZEALAND PETROLEUM DISTRIBUTION COMPANY AND PETROL STATION CHAIN.	5.6%	37.1%
5	ASKIN PANELS	THE GROWTH FUND III	MANUFACTUCTURER AND INSTALLER OF INSULATED PANELS	4.3%	41.5%
6	ZERO LATENCY	ADVENT PARTNERS 2	VIRTUAL REALITY GAMING ATTRACTION	3.7%	45.2%
7	PAC TRADING	CO-INVEST NO. 3 (PAC TRADING)	SUPPLIER OF INNOVATIVE AND SUSTAINABLE PACKAGING SOLUTIONS	3.5%	48.7%
8	FLINTFOX	ADVENT PARTNERS 2	DEVELOPER OF TRADE REVENUE MANAGEMENT (TRM) SOFTWARE	3.5%	52.2%
9	QUESTAS GROUP	ALLEGRO III	NETWORK OF NICHE INDUSTRIAL BUSINESSES ACROSS AUSTRALIA	2.8%	55.0%
10	ROYAN GROUP	THE GROWTH FUND III	HEAVY VEHICLE REPAIRER	2.8%	57.8%

5. As the divestment of portfolio companies Flintfox and Questas Group have been had been announced but not completed at 31 March 2025, VPESO maintained exposure to the asset at period end, and thus the investment is reflected in the top 10 holding count.

SECONDARY PRIVATE EQUITY PORTFOLIO

INDUSTRY DIVERSIFICATION OF PORTFOLIO

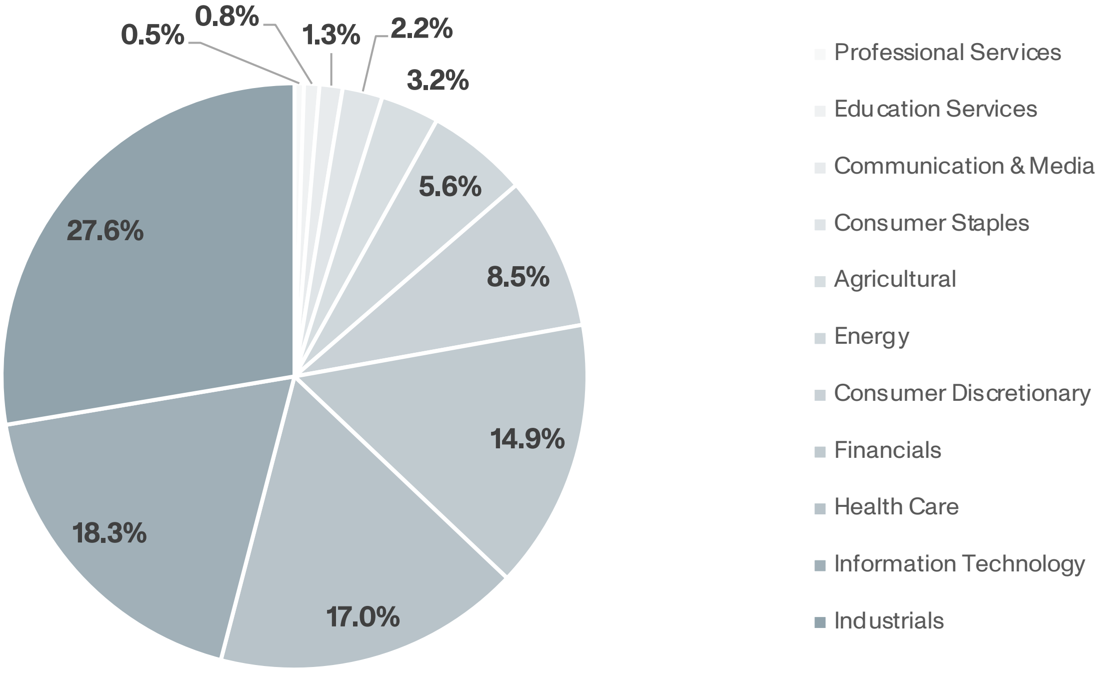

Image: Industry diversification of VPESO's portfolio at period end 31 March 2025. Key is in ascending order.

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Activity remained elevated across the lower to mid-market segment in Australia and New Zealand, notwithstanding the broader macro economic headwinds.

This resulted in the announced exit of Questas Group by Allegro Fund III during the period. Additional information on the exit is outlined below.

ANNOUNCED EXIT – QUESTAS GROUP – VPEG3 INVESTEE ALLEGRO FUND III

During March 2025, VPEG3 investee Allegro Fund III announced the sale of Questas Group, a provider of Hydraulic and flow control services, products and solutions to Five V Capital for a media reported c.$400m valuation.

Allegro made an investment into Questas Group alongside the founder in May 2019, which at the time operated in the highly fragmented agriculture infrastructure services industry.

Across Allegro's investment, management achieved a strategic program of earnings accretive M&A, which saw Questas complete 10 bolt-on acquisitions. These acquisitions focused on building out its hydraulic capabilities, delivering market leading service for its tier one customers and further diversifying its revenue into the resources, infrastructure, manufacturing, defence and emerging technology industries.

As a result, management have successfully grown Questas to become Australia's largest independent pure play hydraulics company, providing essential aftermarket hydraulic services and distribution to more than 3,000 customers across its national network of 35 sites.

Upon completion of the sale, which is expected in Q2 CY25, the exit will deliver Allegro Fund III and its investors, including VPESO a significant return on investment across a 5.8-year hold period.

Over the period, VPESO continued to actively assess a robust pipeline of co-investment opportunities. This resulted in the completion of one new co-investment, further advancing the build-out of the Fund's co-investment program. The co-investment, alongside Fortitude Investment Partners, was into ASF Audits. Additional details are outlined in the adjacent section.

NEW CO-INVESTMENT – ASF AUDITS - FORTITUDE

During March 2025, VPESO received IC approval to make the Fund's fourth co-investment, alongside Fortitude Investment Partners, for $1.0m into ASF Audits, Australia's preeminent independent auditor of Self Managed Super Funds (SMSF).

Founded in 1994, ASF is a tech enabled SMSF auditor. ASF provides SMSF audit services to clients throughout Australia and is the clear leader in a highly fragmented, regulated and growing market. The group employs over 110 staff, with offices in Adelaide and Melbourne, supported by an offshore team of 43. ASF has a 7% market share conducting over 52,000 audits expected in the 2025 financial year, twice the size of the second largest player.

Fortitude Investment Partners is a Brisbane-based private equity investor that invests $10m to $50m into Australian and New Zealand companies, generally with an Enterprise Value of up to $150m. Fortitude have a strong track record since 2016 of adding value to portfolio companies through their expertise in strategy, people, networks, genuine partnership and capital solutions.

As a result of the addition of this co-investment, VPESO's total number of unrealized, unique, portfolio company investments, increased to 89 at quarter end.

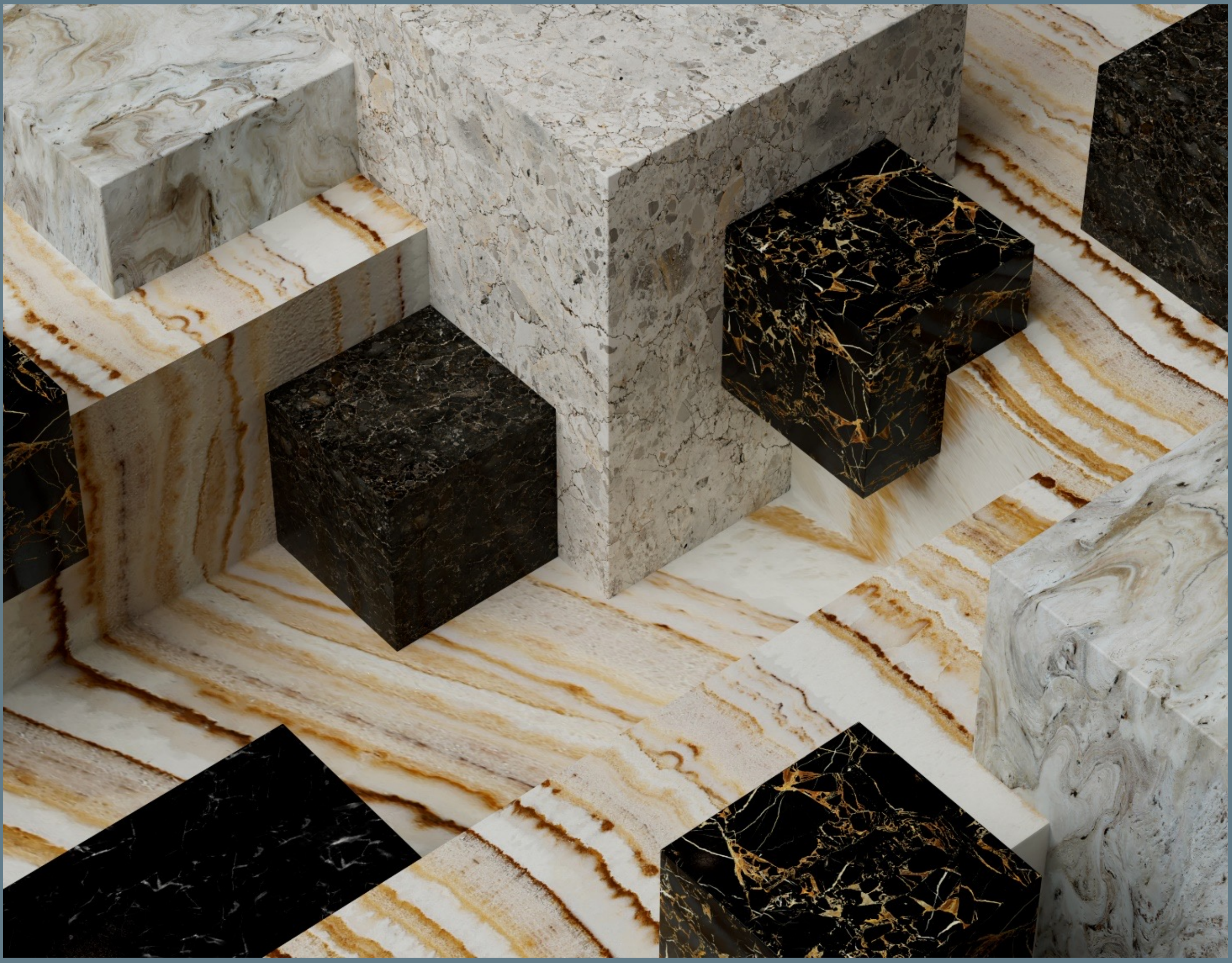
OTHER PORTFOLIO ACTIVITY

Underlying managers continued to advance their strategic initiatives to position each remaining portfolio company for exit. As part of this, one significant bolt-on was completed across VPESO's underlying portfolio.

VPEG4 investee Potentia Capital Fund II portfolio company **Storypark** completed the acquisition **Kinder M8. Kinder M8** is an Australian headquartered childcare management software provider servicing ~600 childcare centres. The product suite is highly complementary to Storypark's communication tools with multiple synergies unlocked, thus increasing Stroypark's operating capabilities as it enters adjacent verticals.

As VPESO matures, it is expected that the number of underlying portfolio exits will increase over the next six to twelve months as private equity managers engage sell side advisors and commence sale processes, further delivering strong returns to VPESO and its investors.

MARKET INSIGHTS



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The secondary market saw significant transaction volume in Q3 FY2025, estimated at ~$45 billion globally during the quarter, representing a 50% increase year-over-year.

Heightened macroeconomic volatility, along with uncertainty around tariffs and global trade dynamics, has complicated exit strategies for sponsor-backed companies, with both LPs and GPs increasingly seeking out alternative solutions to deliver liquidity through the secondary market. Vantage is confident that the market will continue to present attractive opportunities, particularly within our core focus area of the lower to mid-market private equity segment in Australia and New Zealand.

On the sellside, liquidity continues to be a prevailing theme for the surge in deal flow for LP-led secondaries. It has been widely reported that both the Harvard and Yale university endowment funds are exploring a partial sale of their private equity fund interests totalling $1bn and $6bn respectively. These events mark a shift from the traditional 'Yale Model' which emphasised a heavy allocation to long-term private equity investments (allowing investors to benefit from the illiquidity premium), to a flexible approach that prioritizes liquidity. The listings of these portfolios highlight the structural significance of the secondary market for providing liquidity to investors and that unforeseen circumstances will always be a catalyst for LPs to rebalance their portfolios in the future.

Many superannuation funds started the financial year with record levels of exposure to unlisted assets, with a number of superannuation funds extending their exposure beyond their standard risk parameters. This has led to the resurgence of the 'denominator effect' where sharp decreases in public market valuations have resulted in portfolios becoming overweight private assets, forcing institutional LPs to reconsider their allocation to private assets. This is particularly pervasive among institutional LPs that subscribe to 'Strategic Asset Allocation', a portfolio strategy that emphasises a strict percentage allocation to asset classes, which has led to short-term portfolio rebalancing requirements in times of public market volatility.

On the buyside, pricing for LP-led secondaries remained largely flat in Q3 FY2025 with increasing availability of capital allowing sellers to bring forward meaningful supply. The March quarter saw numerous $1bn+ portfolios purchased globally, highlighting that the preference for secondary buyers continues to be for large, highly diversified portfolios.

While the diversification is helpful, Vantage believes that single LP lines in the lower to mid-market segment of Private Equity remain highly attractive given the significantly smaller universe of buyers and attractive pricing opportunities. Here, Vantage's detailed approach around analysing a portfolio from the bottom-up has led to competitive pricing outcomes, with Vantage often becoming the buyer of choice for Australian and New Zealand private equity portfolios.

Deep Dive into Single Asset Continuation Vehicles (CVs)

The popularity of continuation vehicles has also risen dramatically in recent years, with CVs accounting for ~50% of deal volume, of which the majority of opportunities are within the lower to mid-market space. Notably, a significant proportion of CVs do not reach the broader market as they are marketed selectively to secondary investors that the GP has an existing primary relationship with. Vantage has closely monitored this segment of the market and over the last twelve months has been presented with a number of opportunities to invest in CVs. Given the rising popularity of CVs, we believe that it is fitting to explore the rationale for a well-positioned CV.

What is a single asset continuation vehicle?

A single-asset CV is a type of secondary vehicle whereby the GP transfers a single asset from a fund that is towards the end of its term into a new vehicle. The catalyst for these transactions typically involves a duration mismatch between the needs of the underlying portfolio company requiring a longer hold period vs the liquidity expectations of the fund's existing LPs.

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These companies can be referred to as ‘trophy assets’ that are exceptional compounders, making the GP reluctant to part ways with the company. Often this duration mismatch sees the GP pressured to sell to another manager, who then proceeds to make a very strong return, leaving both the previous GP and its LPs with seller’s remorse.

What are the benefits of single asset CVs and how does Vantage think about them as opportunities?

We believe single-asset CVs offer an enhanced risk-return profile, underpinned by the manager’s pre-existing knowledge of the business. These trophy assets often have a proven track record of growth under the GP’s ownership, supported by a clearly defined value creation plan that has had the benefit of time and proximity to the asset to help formulate the next stage of growth.

Any major operational or strategic challenges have likely been resolved, or at the very least identified, with strong economic alignment into the CV through the GP’s commitment and carried interest rollover helping further de-risk the opportunity.

Recent research by Morgan Stanley supports our view, finding that the performance of CVs between 2018 and 2020 have delivered median returns 2.0x MoIC and 20% net IRR, exceeding buyout funds by ~40% during the same period. Additionally, CVs have demonstrated lower loss ratios, with less than 10% delivering a loss on invested capital, compared to 19% for buyout funds.

As single asset CVs gain greater traction, Vantage is well positioned to leverage its primary and co-investment program to capitalise on these opportunities. Through Vantage’s extensive network of GP relationships, we often have an existing exposure to a CV candidate through either a primary commitment or co-investment position, with Vantage often the first point of call for GPs assessing the suitability of one. Vantage has a strong pipeline of CV opportunities and is actively monitoring the market, whilst maintaining strong discipline to invest in this growing segment of the private equity market.

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