

# CAZ Strategic Opportunities Fund



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Alpha: often considered the active return on an investment, gauges the performance of an investment against a market index or benchmark that is considered to represent the market's movement as a whole.

Investing in the commodities markets through commodity-linked ETFs, ETNs and mutual funds will subject the Fund to potentially greater volatility than traditional securities.

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### Content Overview

- What does it mean when experts talk about "uncorrelated investment strategies?"
- Why is it so hard for most people to execute the strategy?
- Is there a way to overcome those obstacles?
- Who we are
- The potential solution





## The Potential Benefits of Less Correlation

#### POTENTIAL BENEFITS FROM LESS CORRELATION

"a portfolio of eight to twelve uncorrelated investments which, together, will dramatically reduce risk without sacrificing returns."

- Ray Dalio



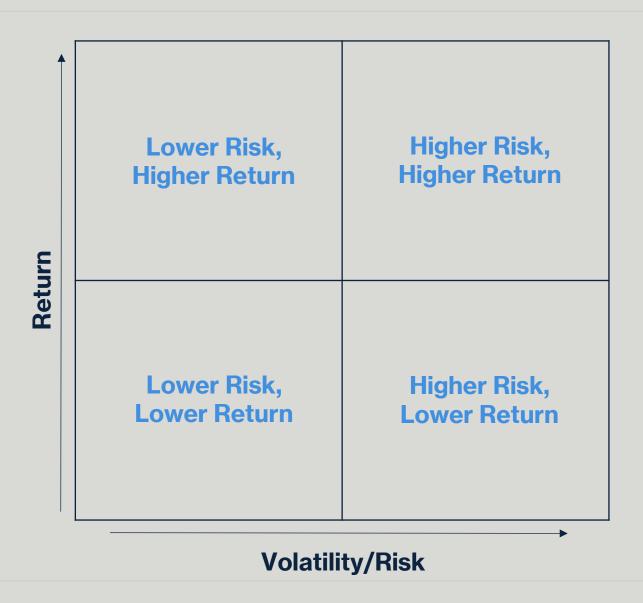
#### THE CONCEPT IS NOT NEW

- Harry Markowitz won the Nobel Prize in 1990 for developing "Modern Portfolio Theory"
- His work popularized concepts like diversification and overall portfolio risk & return
- He also demonstrated that optimal risk & return in a portfolio of assets depends on the correlations of those assets to one another



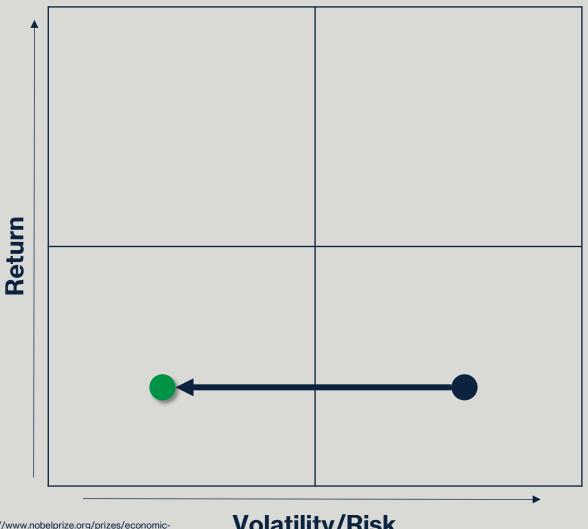
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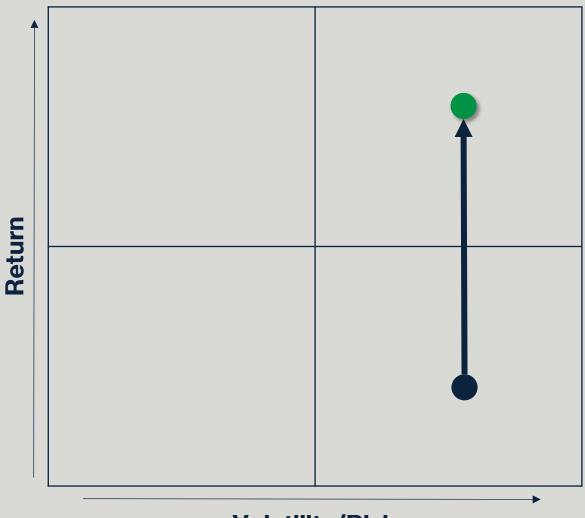
Adding noncorrelated assets to the portfolio may allow us to reduce risk without sacrificing return.

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Volatility/Risk

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Alternatively, adding noncorrelated assets may allow the portfolio to achieve a higher return without adding risk.

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Markowitz won the Nobel Prize because he proved that adding noncorrelated assets can increase the return of the portfolio, while actually reducing volatility/risk.

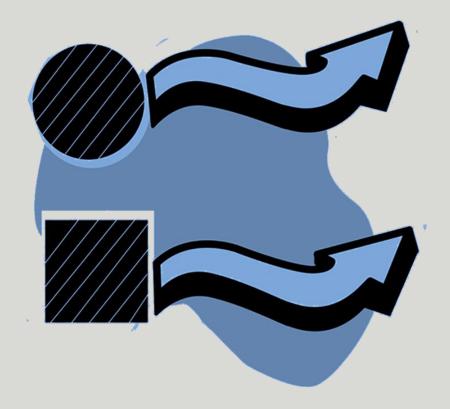
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#### WHAT IS ASSET CORRELATION?



#### Correlation

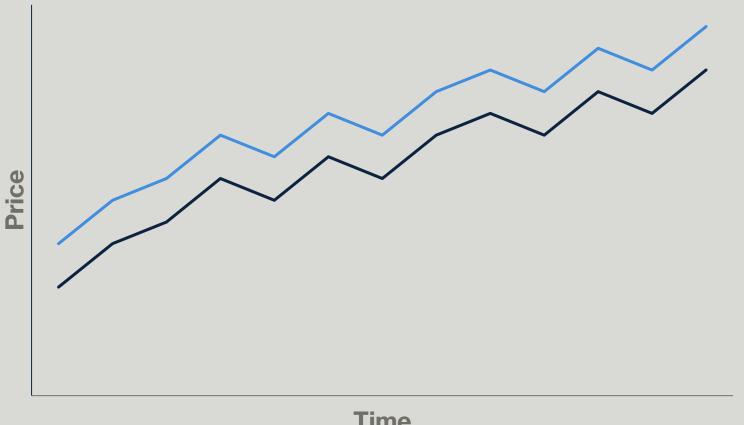
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A statistic that measures the degree to which two securities move in relation to each other.

Correlation is measured from -1.00 to +1.00.



#### **POSITIVE CORRELATION**

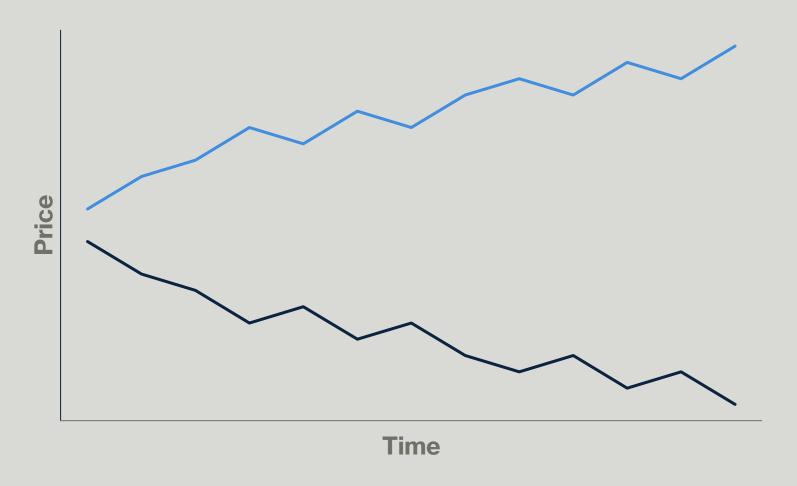


Assets that typically move in the same direction are said to have positive correlation, up to a maximum of +1.00, or perfect positive correlation.





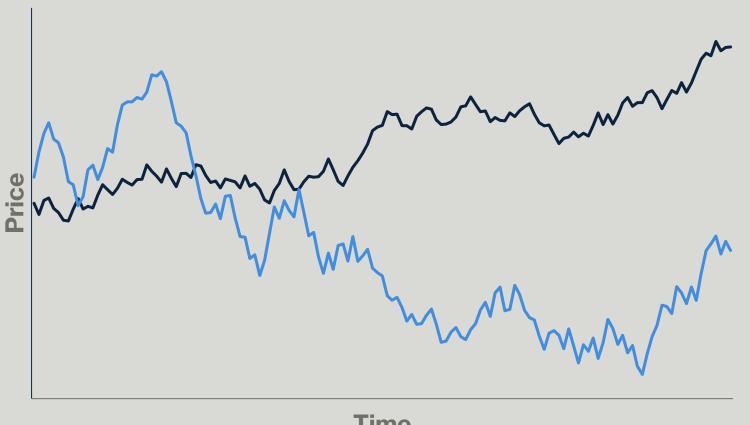
#### **NEGATIVE CORRELATION**



Assets that typically move in opposite directions are said to have negative correlation, down to a minimum of -1.00, or perfect negative correlation.



#### **NON-CORRELATION**

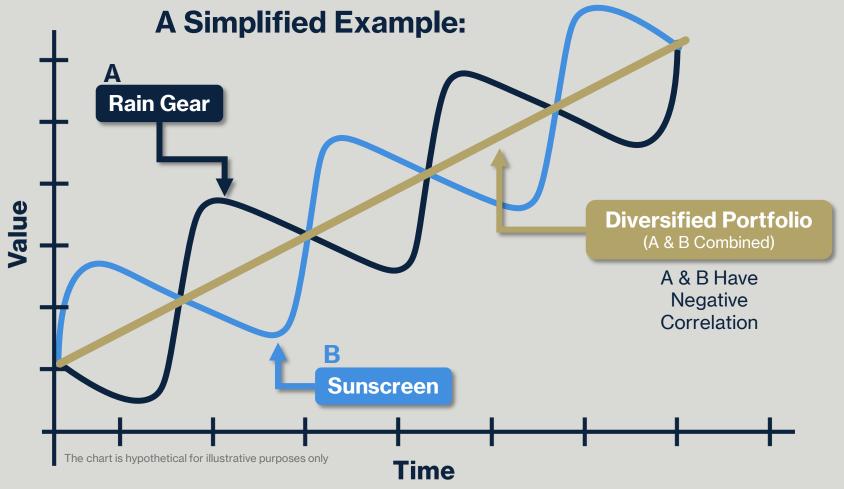


Non-correlated assets have no discernible relationship and tend to move independently of one another.





#### LESS CORRELATION CAN REDUCE VOLATILITY



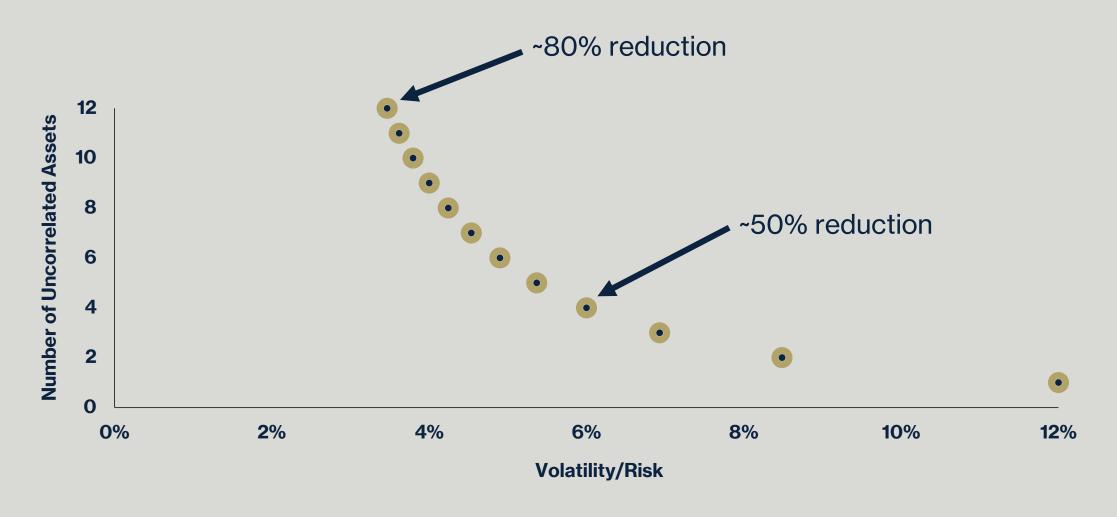
By owning assets with different correlations, investors can potentially reduce volatility while targeting better returns.

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#### **NONCORRELATED ASSETS CAN REDUCE RISK**



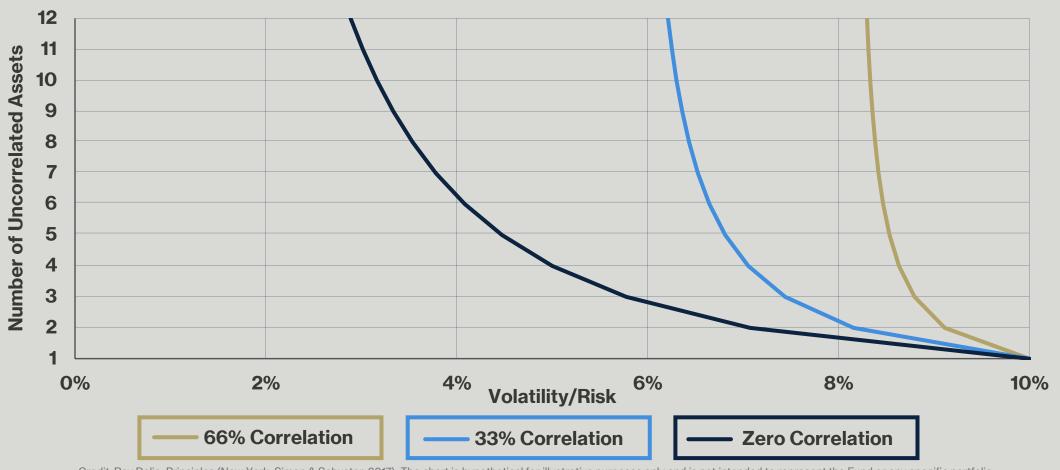
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#### **UNDERSTANDING THE MATH**

#### **Low Correlation Factors Greatly in Risk Reduction**

Comparing Correlation and number of instruments in three hypothetical portfolios



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## Challenges in Execution

#### **CHALLENGE #1 - TOO MANY CHOICES**

Large-cap US	Mid-cap US	Small-cap US	Large-cap International	Mid-cap International	Small-cap International	Growth stocks	Value stocks	Emerging market stocks	Dividend-paying stocks	Penny stocks
US Treasury bonds	Corporate bonds	Municipal bonds	High-yield bonds	Emerging market bonds	Zero-coupon bonds	Convertible bonds	Mortgage- backed securities (MBS)	Asset-backed securities (ABS)	Certificates of deposit (CDs)	Money market funds
Bond ETFs	Sector-specific bond funds	Savings accounts	Money market accounts	Treasury bills	Residential real estate	Commercial real estate	Industrial real estate	Healthcare real estate	Hospitality real estate	Real estate investment trusts (REITs)
Real estate crowdfunding platforms	Real estate development projects	Precious metals	Energy commodities	Agricultural commodities	Environmental commodities	Commodity ETFs	Long/short hedge funds	Event-driven hedge funds	Activist hedge funds	Macro hedge funds
Fixed income hedge funds	Distressed debt hedge funds	Market-neutral hedge funds	Quantitative hedge funds	Emerging market hedge funds	Buyout funds	Venture capital funds	Growth equity funds	Mezzanine debt funds	Real estate private equity funds	Infrastructure private equity funds
Energy private equity funds	Healthcare private equity funds	Private debt funds	Bitcoin	Ethereum	Utility tokens	Security tokens	NFT marketplaces	Decentralized finance (DeFi) protocols	Peer-to-peer lending	Water rights
Intellectual property	Renewable energy projects	Esports teams and leagues	Fine art funds	Insurance-linked securities (ILS)	Pre-IPO financing	Angel investing	Venture debt	Microfinance loans	Farmland investments	Impact investing funds
Socially responsible investing (SRI) funds	Sustainable forestry funds	Carbon capture and storage projects	Water treatment companies	Cybersecurity companies	Robotics and automation companies	Artificial intelligence companies	Space exploration companies	Medical research companies	Rare earth metals	Historical documents

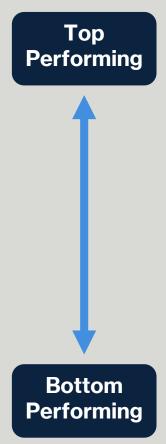
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#### CHALLENGE #2 – IT IS DIFFICULT TO DETERMINE PERFORMANCE

Even among just a few asset classes, annual returns are nearly impossible to forecast:

2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Emerging	Real	Emerging	Real	Emerging	U.S.	Emerging	Small Cap	U.S.	Real	Small Cap	Real	Large	Small Cap	Emerging	Cash	Large	Small Cap	Large	Cash
Market	Estate	Market	Estate		Fixed	Market	Equity	Fixed	Estate	Equity	Estate	Сар	Equity		Equivalent	Сар	Equity	Сар	Equivalent
Equity		Equity			Income	Equity		Income				Equity				Equity		Equity	
55.82%	37.96%	34.00%	42.12%	39.38%	5.24%	78.51%	26.85%	7.84%	27.73%	38.82%	15.02%	1.38%	21.31%	37.28%	1.87%	31.49%	19.96%	28.71%	1.46%
Small Cap	Emerging	Real	Emerging	Dev ex-	Glbl ex-	High Yield	Real	High Yield		Large	Large	U.S.	High Yield	Dev ex-	U.S.	Small Cap	Large	Real	High Yield
Equity	Market	Estate	Market	U.S.	U.S.		Estate			Сар	Сар	Fixed		U.S.	Fixed	Equity	Сар	Estate	
	Equity		Equity	Equity	Fixed					Equity	Equity	Income		Equity	Income		Equity		
47.25%	25.55%	15.35%	32.17%	12.44%	4.39%	58.21%	19.63%	4.98%	18.23%	32.39%	13.69%	0.55%	17.13%	24.21%	0.01%	25.52%	18.40%	26.09%	-11.19%
Real	Dev ex-	Dev ex-	Dev ex-	Glbl ex-	Cash	Real		Glbl ex-	Dev ex-	Dev ex-	U.S.	Cash	Large	Large	High Yield	Dev ex-	Emerging	Small Cap	U.S.
Estate	U.S.	U.S.	U.S.	U.S.	Equivalent	Estate	Market	U.S.	U.S.	U.S.	Fixed	Equivalent	Сар	Сар		U.S.	Market	Equity	Fixed
40.69%	Equity <b>20.38%</b>	Equity <b>14.47%</b>	Equity <b>25.71%</b>	Fixed 11.03%	2.06%	37.13%	Equity 18.88%	Fixed <b>4.36%</b>	Equity <b>16.41%</b>	Equity 21.02%	Income 5.97%	0.05%	Equity <b>11.96%</b>	Equity <b>21.83%</b>	-2.08%	Equity <b>22.49%</b>	Equity 18.31%	14.82%	Income -13.01%
Dev ex-	Small Cap	Large	Small Cap	U.S.	High Yield	Dev ex- U.S.		Large	Small Cap	High Yield	Small Cap	Real	Emerging	Small Cap	Glbl ex-	Real	Glbl ex-	Dev ex-	Dev ex-
U.S. Equity	Equity	Cap Equity	Equity	Fixed		U.S. Equity		Cap Equity	Equity		Equity	Estate	Market Equity	Equity	U.S. Fixed	Estate	U.S. Fixed	U.S. Equity	U.S.
39.42%	18.33%	4.91%	18.37%	Income <b>6.97%</b>	-26.16%	33.67%	15.12%	2.11%	16.35%	7.44%	4.89%	-0.79%	11.19%	14.65%	-2.15%	21.91%	10.11%	12.62%	Equity -14.29%
High Yield	Glbl ex-	Small Cap	Large	Large	Small Cap		Large	Cash	Large	Real	High Yield	Dev ex-	Real	Glbl ex-	Large		Dev ex-	High Yield	Large
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	Fixed	Lquity	Equity	Equity	Lquity	Lquity	Equity	Lquivalent	Equity	Lotate		Equity	Lotate	Fixed	Equity	Equity	Equity		Equity
28.97%	12.54%	4.55%	15.79%	5.49%	-33.79%	27.17%	15.06%	0.10%	16.00%	3.67%	2.45%	-3.04%	4.06%	10.51%	-4.38%	18.44%	7.59%	5.28%	-18.11%
Large	High Yield	Cash	High Yield	Cash	Large	Large	Dev ex-	Small Cap	High Yield	Cash	Cash	Small Cap	Dev ex-	Real	Real	High Yield	U.S.	Cash	Glbl ex-
Cap		Equivalent		Equivalent	Cap	Cap	U.S.	Equity		Equivalent	Equivalent	Equity	U.S.	Estate	Estate		Fixed	Equivalent	U.S.
Equity					Equity	Equity	Equity						Equity				Income		Fixed
28.68%	11.13%	3.07%	11.85%	5.00%	-37.00%	26.47%	8.95%	-4.18%	15.81%	0.07%	0.03%	-4.41%	2.75%	10.36%	-5.63%	14.32%	7.51%	0.05%	-18.70%
Glbl ex-	Large	High Yield	Glbl ex-	High Yield	Dev ex-	Glbl ex-	U.S.	Real	U.S.	U.S.	Emerging	High Yield	U.S.	High Yield	Small Cap	U.S.	High Yield	U.S.	Emerging
U.S.	Сар		U.S.		U.S.	U.S.	Fixed	Estate	Fixed	Fixed	Market		Fixed		Equity	Fixed		Fixed	Market
Fixed	Equity		Fixed		Equity	Fixed	Income		Income	Income	Equity		Income			Income		Income	Equity
19.36%	10.88%	2.74%	8.16%	1.87%	-43.56%	7.53%	6.54%	-6.46%	4.21%	-2.02%	-2.19%	-4.47%	2.65%	7.50%	-11.01%	8.72%	7.11%	-1.54%	-20.09%
U.S.	U.S.	U.S.	Cash	Small Cap	Real	U.S.	Glbl ex-	Dev ex-	Glbl ex-	Emerging	Glbl ex-	Glbl ex-	Glbl ex-	U.S.	Dev ex-	Glbl ex-	Cash	Emerging	Small Cap
Fixed	Fixed	Fixed	Equivalent	Equity	Estate	Fixed	U.S.	U.S.	U.S.	Market	U.S.	U.S.	U.S.	Fixed	U.S.	U.S.	Equivalent		Equity
Income	Income	Income				Income	Fixed	Equity	Fixed	Equity	Fixed	Fixed	Fixed	Income	Equity	Fixed			
4.10%	4.34%	2.43%	4.85%	-1.57%	-48.21%	5.93%	4.95%	-12.21%	4.09%	-2.60%	-3.09%	-6.02%	1.49%	3.54%	-14.09%	5.09%	0.67%	-2.54%	-20.44%
Cash	Cash	Glbl ex-	U.S.	Real	Emerging	Cash	Cash		Cash	Glbl ex-	Dev ex-	Emerging	Cash	Cash	Emerging	Cash	Real	Glbl ex-	Real
Equivalent	Equivalent	U.S.	Fixed	Estate	Market	Equivalent	Equivalent	Market	Equivalent	U.S.	U.S.	Market	Equivalent	Equivalent	Market	Equivalent	Estate	U.S.	Estate
		Fixed	Income		Equity	2.2101		Equity		Fixed	Equity	Equity		2 222	Equity	2 222/		Fixed	
1.15%	1.33%	-8.65%	4.33%	-7.39%	-53.33%	0.21%	0.13%	-18.42%	0.11%	-3.08%	-4.32%	-14.92%	0.33%	0.86%	-14.57%	2.28%	-9.04%	-7.05%	-25.10%



Source: The Callan Institute. PAST PERFORMANCE IS NOT A GUARANTEE OF CURRENT OR FUTURE RESULTS. Investors cannot invest directly in an index, and unmanaged index returns do not reflect any fees, expenses or sales charges. Large Cap Equity = S&P 500. Small Cap Equity = Russell 2000. Developed ex-U.S. Equity = MSCI World ex USA. Emerging Market Equity = MSCI Emerging Markets. U.S. Fixed Income = Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index. High Yield = Bloomberg High Yield Bond Index. Global ex-U.S. Fixed Income = Bloomberg Global Aggregate ex US Bond Index. Real Estate = FTSE EPRA Nareit Developed REIT Index. Cash Equivalent = 90-day T-bill.



#### CHALLENGE #3 – THINGS ARE MORE CORRELATED THAN WE THINK

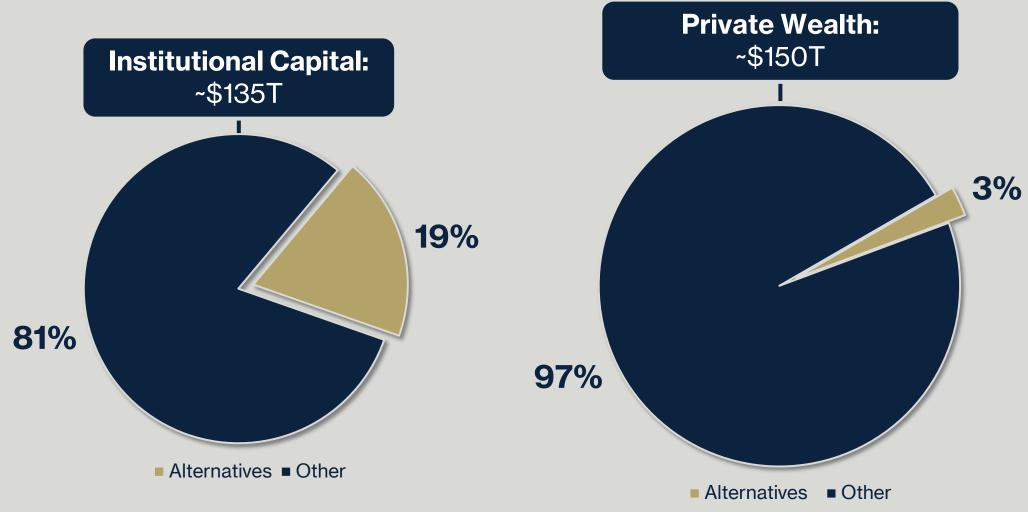
The publicly traded stocks of various types of companies tend to be **much more correlated** than most investors believe:

	Large Companies	Mid-Size Companies	Small Companies	International Companies	Emerging Market Companies
Large Companies	1.00		_		
Mid-Size Companies	0.92	1.00		Average Cross-C	Correlation: 0.83!
Small Companies	0.90	0.96	1.00		
International Companies	0.87	0.84	0.84	1.00	
Emerging Market Companies	0.70 Still Corr	High elation 0.72	0.73	0.80	1.00

Source: Bloomberg. 30-Year Correlations using quarterly returns, as of 3Q 2023. Large Companies = S&P 500 Index. Mid-Size Companies = S&P Midcap 400 Index. Small Companies = Russell 2000 Index. International Companies = MSCI World Ex-US Index. Emerging Market Companies = MSCI Emerging Markets Index.



#### CHALLENGE #4 - HARD TO ACCESS LESS CORRELATED ASSETS

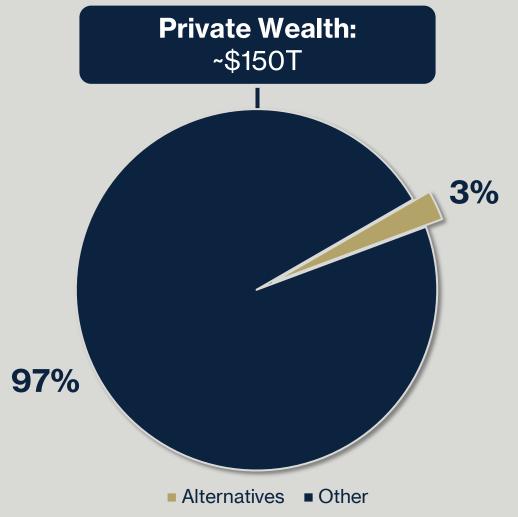


Sources: Preqin, GlobalData, Bain Analysis.

Total capital figures used for institutional and private wealth are rounded.



#### CHALLENGE #4 – HARD TO ACCESS LESS CORRELATED ASSETS



 Individuals have historically been underexposed to alternatives, compared to institutional investors, for these reasons and more:

- Lack of access
- High minimums
- Difficult investment structures
- Complicated tax reporting
- Lack of liquidity

Sources: Preqin, GlobalData, Bain Analysis.

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#### ADDITIONAL MISTAKES INVESTORS OFTEN MAKE

- Jumping between asset classes to try to time the market
- Overconcentrating in a single asset class
- Not diversifying across geographies, sectors, vintages, asset life cycles, etc.
- Making investments because you can, not because they are the right investment
- Under-allocating to private asset classes



## Find a Different Path

#### LESS CORRELATED ASSETS EXIST - OFTEN IN ALTERNATIVES

	Large Company Stocks	Government Bonds	Commodities	Market Neutral	Venture Capital	Private Real Estate	Private Infrastructure
Large Company Stocks	1.00						
Government Bonds	-0.07	1.00			Average	Cross-Corre	elation: 0.19!
Commodities	0.28	-0.16	1.00				
Market Neutral	0.43	0.07	0.38	1.00			
Venture Capital	0.45	-0.12	0.17	0.34	1.00		
Private Real Estate	0.34	-0.08	0.32	0.45	0.23	1.00	
Private Infrastructure	0.22	-0.09	0.20	0.18	0.15	0.31	1.00

Sources: Bloomberg, Burgiss, HFRI, Credit Suisse. 30-Year Correlations using quarterly returns, as of 3Q 2023. Large Companies = S&P 500 Index. Government Bonds = Bloomberg US Aggregate – Government-Related Index. Commodities = Bloomberg Commodity Index. Market Neutral = HFRI EH Equity Market Neutral Index. Venture Capital = Burgiss Global Venture Capital Funds Index. Private Real Estate = Burgiss Global Infrastructure = Burgiss Global Infrastructure Funds Index.



#### CRITERIA FOR OPTIMAL DIVERSIFICATION

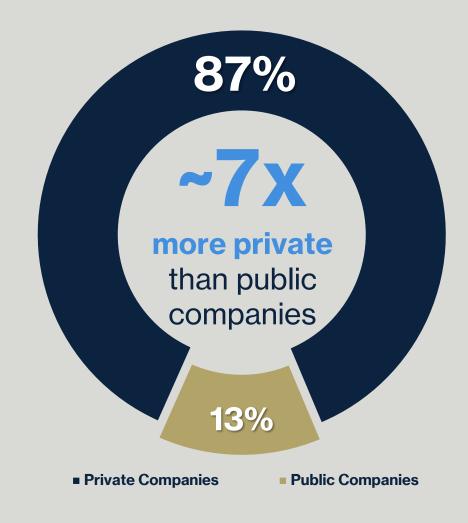
There are many types of diversification that investors **must** consider when doing diligence to determine portfolio fit:

Asset Class Geography
Sector Capitalization
Vintage Asset Life Cycle



#### MANY MORE CHOICES IN THE PRIVATE MARKET

87% of US
Companies with
>\$100mm in Revenue
are Private

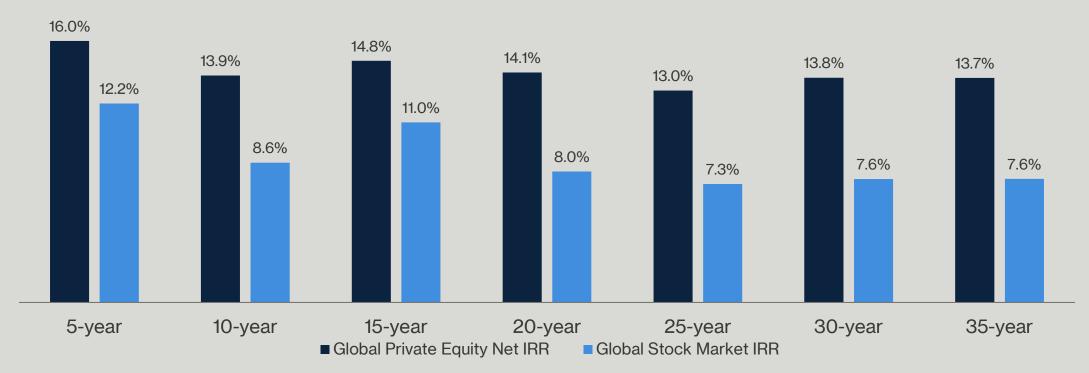


Source: Capital IQ (January 2022)



#### PRIVATE EQUITY HAS OUTPERFORMED HISTORICALLY

#### Global Private Equity vs. Global Stock Market Analysis<sup>1</sup>



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Sources: Cambridge Associates LLC, MSCI.

The index is a horizon calculation based on data compiled from 2,745 funds, including fully liquidated partnerships, formed between 1986 and 2022.

Data as of December 31, 2023

Constructed Index: MSCI World/MSCI All Country World Index: Data from 1/1/1986 to 12/31/1987 represented by MSCI index gross total return. Data from 1/1/1988 to present represented by MSCI ACWI gross total return.

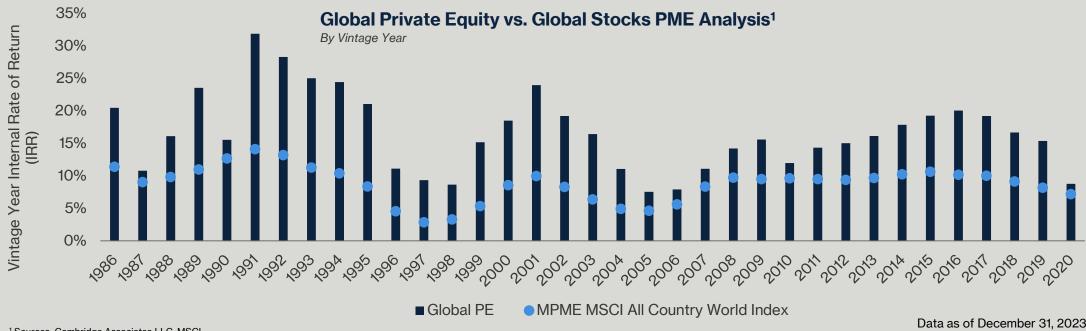
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#### PRIVATE EQUITY HAS OUTPERFORMED CONSISTENTLY

In fact, global private equity has outperformed global public equity in 35 of the last 35 years.



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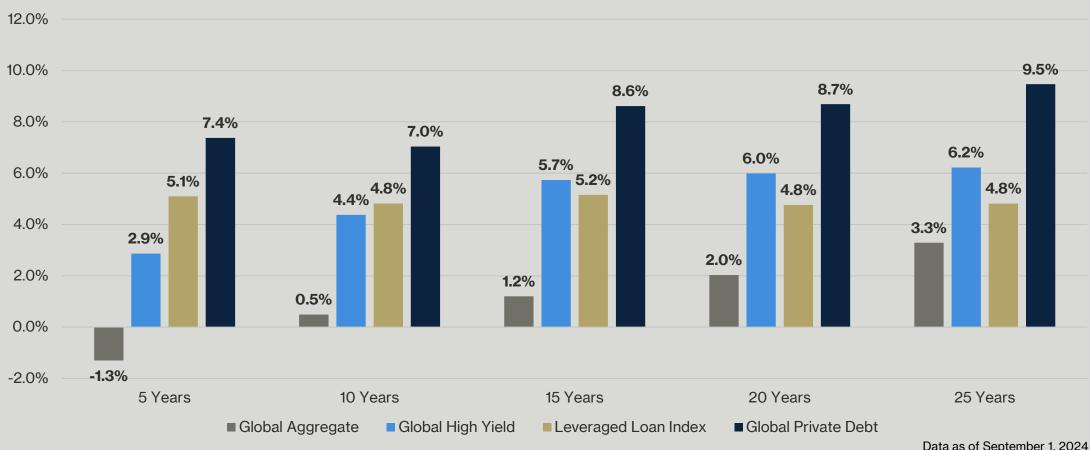
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#### PRIVATE DEBT HAS ALSO OUTPERFORMED HISTORICALLY

#### Global Private Debt vs Traditional Fixed Income



Sources: Burgiss, Bloomberg, ICE BofA, Credit Suisse.

Data as of September 1, 2024

Global Private Debt = Burgiss Global Private Debt Funds Index. Global Aggregate = Bloomberg Global-Aggregate Index. Global High Yield = ICE BofA Global High Yield Index. Leveraged Loan Index = Credit Suisse Leveraged Loan Index.

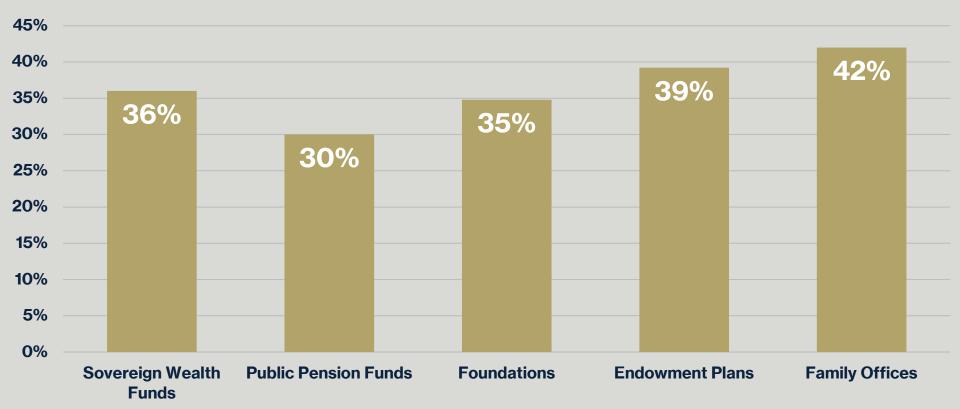
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#### WISDOM DICTATES EXPOSURE TO PRIVATE MARKETS

#### Institutional investors maintain significant private market allocations

#### **Current Allocation to Private Markets**



For illustrative purposes only. Please note, the investment horizon of these types of institutional investors may be in perpetuity, which tends to be longer than for individual investors.

Preqin" "US Pension Plans: a Pillar of Fundraising", Invesco "Global Sovereign Asset Management Study 2024," UBS: "2024 Global Family Office Report," Preqin: "Institutional Allocation Study 2024"



#### **EVEN WITHIN PRIVATE MARKETS, DIVERSIFICATION MATTERS**

#### Ranking of median Net Returns by asset type and geography, by vintage year:

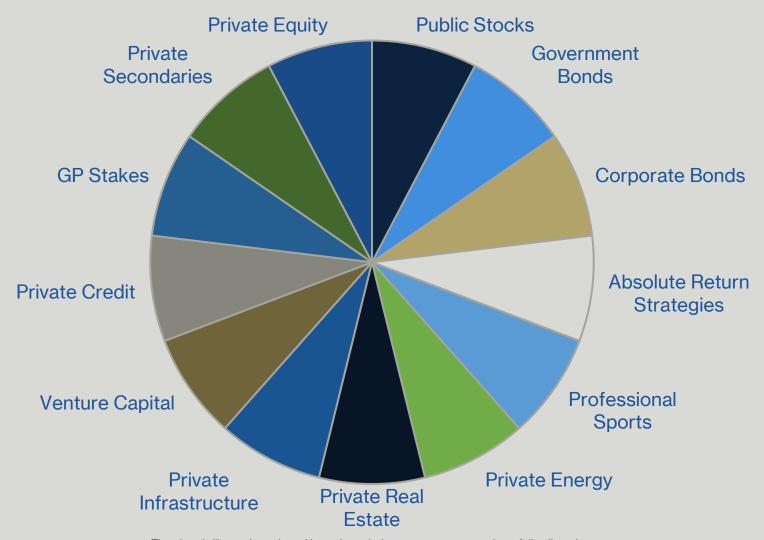
N.A. = North America RoW = Rest of World															
2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
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Source: Pregin as of 9/30/23. Diversification does not assure a profit or protect against loss in a declining market. Each category represents a set of funds defined by asset type and geographic focus, broken down further by vintage year. For each category and vintage year, the median net internal rate of return (IRR is calculated by Pregin by taking the middle ranked value of the net IRRs for the funds in that group. The net IRR, or the money weighted return, uses the present sum of cash contributed, the sum of distributions, and the current value of unrealized investments and applies a discount and is net of any carry/performance fees earned by the General Partner.





#### **CONSTRUCTING A LESS CORRELATED PORTFOLIO**



The chart is illustrative only and is not intended to represent an actual portfolio allocation.



#### HOW YOU CAN IMPLEMENT THE SOLUTION

Diversify your exposure across less correlated return streams

Find a partner with significant alternative asset experience

Gain access to private markets through creative investment structures

Reduce your concentration to public markets

Target improved risk/return asymmetry to enhance portfolio performance

Build a plan and stick with it without letting emotion get in the way Find a single solution that provides exposure to a diverse array of alternative assets

Invest in a vehicle that offers liquidity, regardless of asset class



Our Approach

#### A DISCIPLINED PROCESS

CAZ identifies major Themes that we expect to prevail in the investable markets over the next few years

Due diligence is performed to identify investments that we expect will maximize the risk/reward from such Themes

Investors are given access to attractive solutions through vehicles created to benefit from these Themes

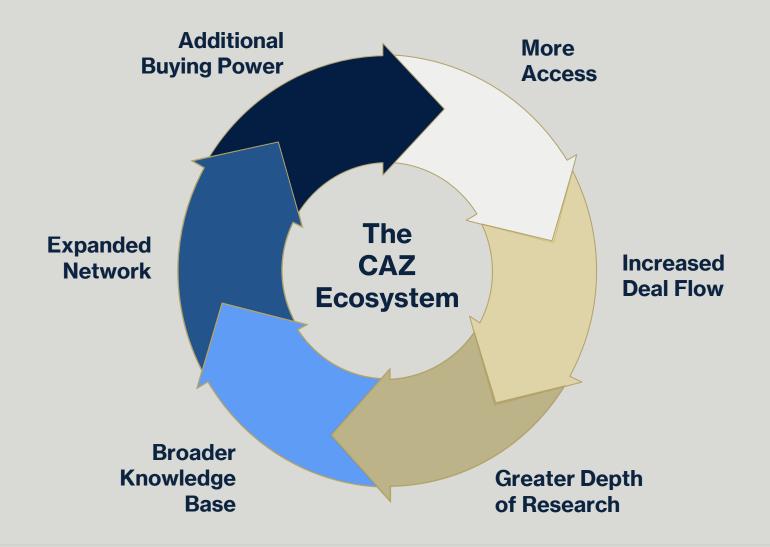


# A DEMONSTRATED TRACK RECORD OF THEMATIC INVESTING





# THE POWER OF THE NETWORK...IS THE NETWORK





#### **WHO WE ARE**



Our global network consists of ~4,500 co-investors spread across 50 states and 36 countries

\*Source: Pregin



#### **OUR OVERRIDING PRINCIPLES**

WE INVEST OUR OWN CAPITAL

We always invest our personal capital alongside you. We have approximately \$650 million of our own capital committed to our investment vehicles.

WE PROVIDE ACCESS TO PRIVATE INVESTING Because of the scale of the investments we make, we have access to opportunities generally only available to investors capable of committing more than \$100 million to a single investment, if at all.

WE ALIGN OUR
INTERESTS WITH
OUR
CO-INVESTORS

In most cases, we are the largest investor in our vehicles. This ultimate alignment of interests is why we focus on finding the absolute best risk/reward opportunities available.





CAZ
Strategic
Opportunities
Fund



#### A FUND DESIGNED FOR OUR PERSONAL CAPITAL

The CAZ Strategic Opportunities Fund ("SOF") will target exposure across a wide variety of public & private market assets and attempt to implement a less correlated investment strategy via:

- Access to top tier opportunities across private equity, private credit, real assets, venture capital and more
- Diversification across all major themes in which we invest our personal capital, including GP stakes, disruptive technology, healthcare, professional sports etc.
- Exposure to secondary opportunities, direct investments, and co-investments alongside major sponsors
- The ability to benefit from our scale and buying power, providing attractive economics through vastly improved terms
- A portfolio with less correlated assets that may enhance the risk/reward ratio for investors



# **INVESTMENT APPROACH**

The Fund targets a 70% allocation to private market strategies, with 30% allocated to primarily liquid investments.

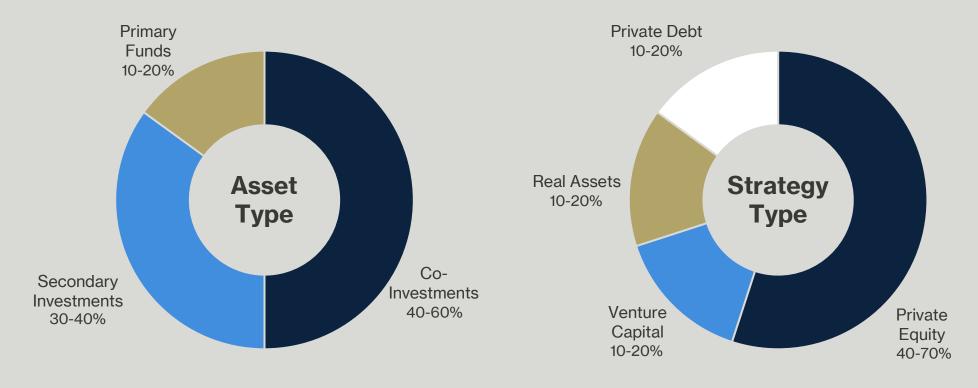
Exposure is expected to span equity and credit, with significant focus on investments that are less correlated to public equities and to one another.





### TARGET PRIVATE MARKET PORTFOLIO ALLOCATION

The Fund seeks to provide global private market exposure, with diversification across both asset type and strategy:



Target allocations represent percentages of private market holdings only. The charts are for illustrative purposes only. There is no guarantee that these allocation targets will be achieved. The Adviser at its discretion may increase or decrease target percentage allocations described above, and the charts shown illustrate the Adviser's targets for early years of the Fund's operations. Diversification does not assure a profit or protect against loss in a declining market. Please see important definitions in the Appendix.



# CORE AREAS OF FOCUS IN THE PRIVATE MARKETS

While there are numerous strategies & asset classes within private markets that may provide less correlation, we believe certain segments are particularly compelling:





# PARTIAL LIST OF POTENTIAL INVESTMENT SOURCES

Accel	Andreessen Horowitz	Arctos Partners	Blue Owl	Caffeinated Capital
Cerberus	Clearlake	EnCap Investments	Founders Fund	General Atlantic
H.I.G. Capital	HPS Investments	Insight Partners	Khosla Ventures	L. Catterton
Lightspeed	OrbiMed	Platinum Equity	Sequoia Capital	SilverLake
Starwood Capital	Trivest	Up front Ventures	Vista Equity Partners	Whitehorse Liquidity Partners
	These com	panies are not affiliated with Ultimus Fund Distribute	ors, LLC.	



#### LEVERAGING CAZ EXPERIENCE ACROSS ASSET CLASSES

With a focused research team, strong industry relationships and extensive private market experience, we have developed a market-leading position:

# Scale

• In the past 10 years alone, CAZ has committed approximately \$6 Billion to private market investments, and we are one of the top 200 largest allocators to private equity in the world<sup>1</sup>

# Breadth

 Substantial experience across GP stakes, buyout, venture capital, private credit, real estate, energy, healthcare, and many others

# **Economics**

 Deep relationships & significant buying power have empowered us to materially drive down costs

# Consistency

 CAZ has a realized/unrealized gain on 96%\* of the private investments we have made, over 20+ years of investing

<sup>1</sup> **Source:** Preqin. \*As of 3/31/24



# Strategic Approach

#### WHAT ARE PRIVATE MARKET SECONDARIES?

**Definition** 

A rapidly growing sector of the alternative investment universe where private assets trade in the secondary market, with some being Limited Partner ("LP") led and others being General Partner ("GP") led

How does it work?

LP led secondary transactions are used by limited partners who hold illiquid alternative investments and wish to sell their position

What happens next?

The buyer "steps into the shoes" of the selling LP, receiving the future economic value of the underlying assets

**Information matters!** 

Relationships are critical, as sponsors approach to valuation methodology and reporting may vary significantly



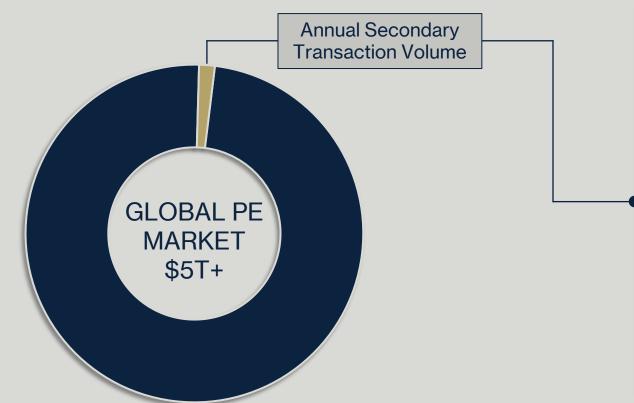
#### WHY DO SECONDARIES EXIST?

The private equity secondaries market represents over \$100B in annual transaction volume.

#### **INSTITUTIONS SEEK LIQUIDITY...**

#### ...For A VARIETY OF REASONS

Typically, 1-2% of private equity assets trade each year



#### **Portfolio Rebalancing**

"The denominator effect"

#### **Non-Core Assets**

Strategy or mandate change / New CIO

#### **Regulatory Pressure**

Impacting banks, insurers, asset managers, etc.

#### **Term Limits**

On funds of funds / pooled vehicles

#### **Liquidity Needs**

Cash required for operating expenses, etc.

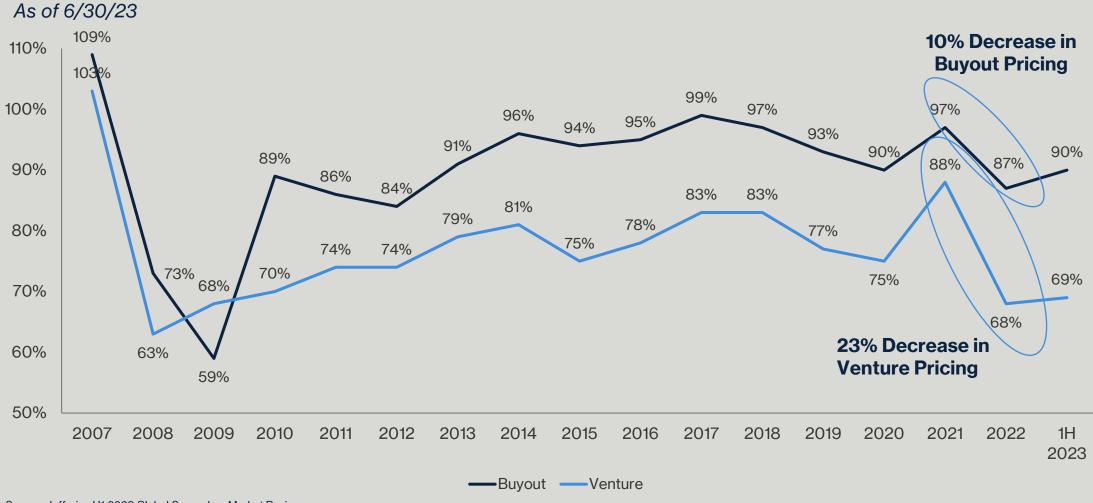
It is ideal to buy from sellers who need liquidity and have strong non-price motivations

 $Source: Preqin, Jefferies\ 2022\ Global\ Secondary\ Market\ Review.$ 



#### **PRICES HAVE ADJUSTED**

#### **Secondary Pricing Over Time (% of NAV)**



Source: Jefferies H1 2023 Global Secondary Market Review.



#### WHY DO INVESTORS LIKE INVESTING IN SECONDARIES?



Source: CAZ Investments. This chart is for illustrative purposes only and does not represent past or projected performance of an actual investment. There is no guarantee any future performance will match this illustration.



#### WHY ACCESS PRIVATE MARKETS THROUGH CO-INVESTMENTS?

What are co-investments?

Co-investments are typically structured as direct investments into single assets, often alongside a private market sponsor who is investing its own fund's capital.

How are co-investments structured?

What are the potential benefits of co-investments?



- ✓ Often immediate exposure rather than capital call process
- ✓ Reduced fees, and often no fees, rather than standard 1-2% management fee and 20% carried interest
- ✓ Opportunity for deep dive company-level due diligence and deeper relationship building with private market sponsors

There is no assurance that the Fund will meet its target co-investment allocation, or that co-investments will be profitable investments.



#### BUILT TO OVERCOME THE KEY CHALLENGES FOR INVESTORS

#### **Lack of Access**

High barriers to entry prevent many investors from participating in some of the best opportunities

#### **Option Overload**

With such a wide array of investment options, crafting an ideal portfolio can feel overwhelming

#### **Less Diversification**

Proper diversification requires investments across vintages, sectors, and life cycles (to name a few)

#### **Lack of Liquidity**

Investing in private markets in pursuit of less correlation often means a lack of liquidity options

#### The CAZ Strategic Opportunities Fund ("SOF")

#### **Differentiated Access**

SOF seeks to provide exposure to quality, hard to access, investments in both the liquid and private markets.

#### **Streamlined Solution**

SOF aims to provide a single solution for investors to leverage CAZ Investments' experience selecting themes and opportunities.

# **Extensive Diversification**

SOF targets extensive diversification across 8 – 12 noncorrelated asset classes, with a broad range of vintage, sector, correlation and risk profiles.

# Investor-Friendly Structure

The fund structure offers:

- Immediate exposure
- Quarterly liquidity<sup>1</sup>
- Monthly subscriptions
- 1099 tax reporting
- Low minimum compared to most private investments.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Adviser intends to recommend quarterly repurchases of up to 5% of the Fund's outstanding shares, subject to Board of Trustees approval; 2% early repurchase fee imposed for repurchases within one year of investment. Investors may not be able to fully liquidate investments for a long period of time and should not invest money needed in the near- to medium-term.



# **KEY TERMS**

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE <sup>1</sup>	The Fund seeks long-term capital appreciation and current income		
STRUCTURE	Closed-end, evergreen tender offer fund structure that is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 and Securities Act of 1933		
INVESTOR ELIGIBILITY <sup>2</sup>	Accredited Investors		
LIQUIDITY <sup>3</sup>	Quarterly redemptions of up to 5% of the Fund's outstanding shares, subject to Board of Trustees approval		
MANAGEMENT FEE	1.25% per year on Net Asset Value		
PERFORMANCE FEE	None		
SUBSCRIPTIONS	Monthly		
VALUATIONS	Monthly		
TAX REPORTING <sup>4</sup>	1099-DIV or 1099-B		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> There can be no assurance that the Fund will meet its objectives. <sup>2</sup> Accredited Investor has the meaning set out under the Securities Act of 1933. <sup>3</sup> The Adviser intends to recommend quarterly repurchases of up to 5% of the Fund's outstanding shares, subject to Board of Trustees approval; 2% early repurchase fee imposed for repurchases within one year of investment. Investors may not be able to fully liquidate investments for a long period of time and should not invest money needed in the near-to-medium-term. <sup>4</sup> Please consult a tax advisor for specifics on how an investment in the Fund may impact particular tax situations. CAZ Investments is not a tax advisor and does not give tax advice.



#### AN INNOVATIVE APPROACH TO INVESTING

#### **Extensive Experience**

20+ years investing across the broad alternatives market, with **over \$6 Billion committed to private market investments** in the last 10 years alone

Target Diversified Exposure<sup>1</sup>

The Fund targets **diversification** across private equity, real estate/real assets, and private debt via **primary funds**, **secondaries and co-investments**, as well as other complementary markets and strategies

Attractive Fee Structure<sup>2</sup>

The Fund has **low management fees**, with <u>no performance fee</u>, making it available to Accredited Investors, and total costs should benefit from material exposure to co-investments

**Differentiated Access** 

Targets exposure to **quality** private market opportunities alongside the full breadth of CAZ private funds

Favorable Design<sup>3</sup>

Evergreen vehicle provides **simplified tax reporting**, **immediate exposure** and **reduced complexity** vs. traditional private markets funds, with the ability to add money monthly

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> CAZ Investments does not provide tax advice. Please consult your tax advisor before making any decisions or taking any action based on this information.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Diversification does not ensure a profit or guarantee against loss. Real estate values rise and fall in response to a variety of factors, including local, regional and national economic conditions, interest rates and tax considerations. Fixed income investments are affected by a number of risks, including fluctuation in interest rates, credit risk, and prepayment risk. In general, as prevailing interest rates rise, fixed income prices will fall.

<sup>2</sup> Represents the view of CAZ Investments as of January 2024.

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