

introduction to private equity

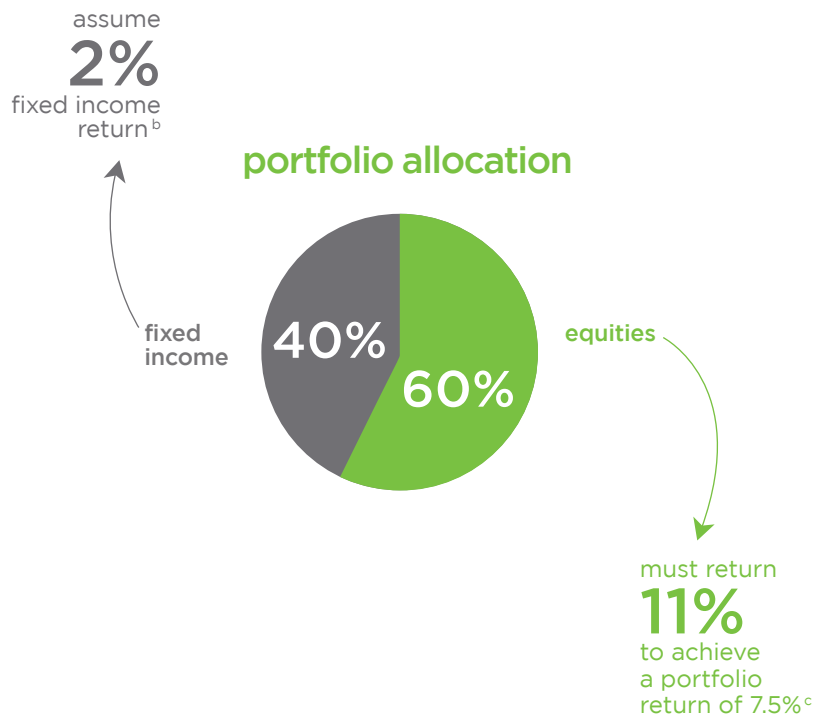
Historically, investors have looked to private equity as a potential source of attractive returns, low correlation to other asset classes, diversification from public securities & the possibility of returns greater than those otherwise available in the public markets.

For the taxable investor, an added benefit is that the majority of returns may receive favorable long-term capital gains treatment. Of course, private equity investments involve substantial risks, including, but not limited to, a loss of capital.



in a low interest-rate environment, achieving return objectives is challenging

In a traditional 60% equity / 40% fixed income portfolio, if fixed income earns just 2%, then equity allocations must earn 11% to attain a 7.5% overall portfolio return.^a

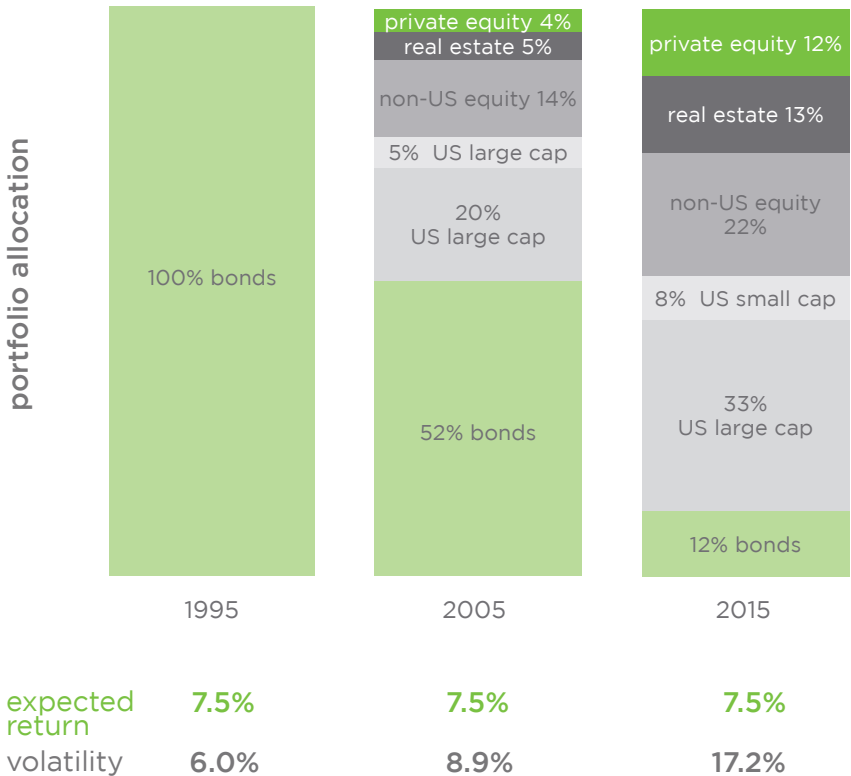


Despite recent attractive performance, an 11% return exceeds historical long-term s&p 500 returns.^d

historical s&p returns	15 yrs
annualized return	9.0%
annualized volatility	13.8%

^a. Hypothetical example assumes 2% annualized return for fixed income allocation. “Equities must return” indicates annualized return that must be achieved by the 60% of the portfolio allocated to equities to achieve the total return objectives indicated. These hypothetical illustrations are based on mathematical principles and are not meant as a forecast of future events or as a statement that prior markets may be duplicated. For illustrative purposes only. Not a recommended allocation. No assurance can be given that portfolio return objectives will be achieved. ^b. Traditional fixed income investments. Does not include investments such as REITs or high yield. ^c. Public pension return objective. Source: NASRA Issue Brief: Public Pension Plan Investment Return Assumptions, 2/17. ^d. As of 12/31/19. S&P 500 is a capitalization-weighted unmanaged index of 500 common stocks. Index included to show general trend in markets. Past performance is not indicative of future results.

**as compared to earlier periods,
investors today must assume
significant volatility to achieve
a 7.5% portfolio return**

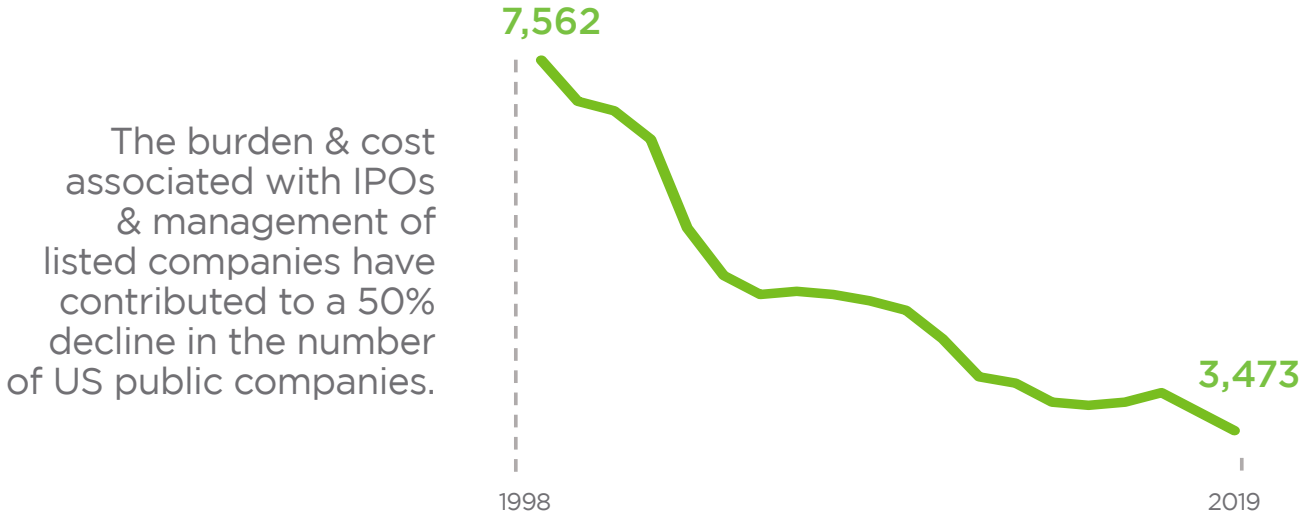


To earn the same returns once possible by investing in bonds alone, today's investor must add riskier asset classes, including equities, real estate & private equity to their portfolios.^a

a. Source: The Wall Street Journal, "Pensions Pile on Risky Investments," 6/1/16 by Timothy Martin. For illustrative purposes only. Not a recommended allocation. Other or more recent media coverage may hold different opinions or draw different conclusions than the article. Callan Associates Inc. used proprietary capital market projections and a proprietary asset modelling program to arrive at the risk/return figures shown above. Callan's capital market projections are created by Callan's Capital Markets Research Group for 10-year time horizons. Callan uses this period because it is long enough to cover most market cycles. Callan integrates information on past capital market performance, key economic indicators and market insights of Callan professionals to develop projections that it believes are sound, defensible and consistent with financial theory for each asset class. **Past performance is not indicative of future results.**

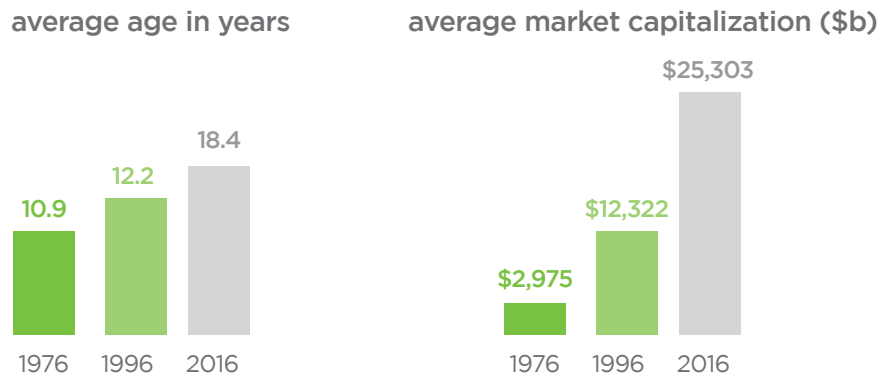
the case for private equity

number of companies in the wilshire 5000 total market index ^a



public companies ^b

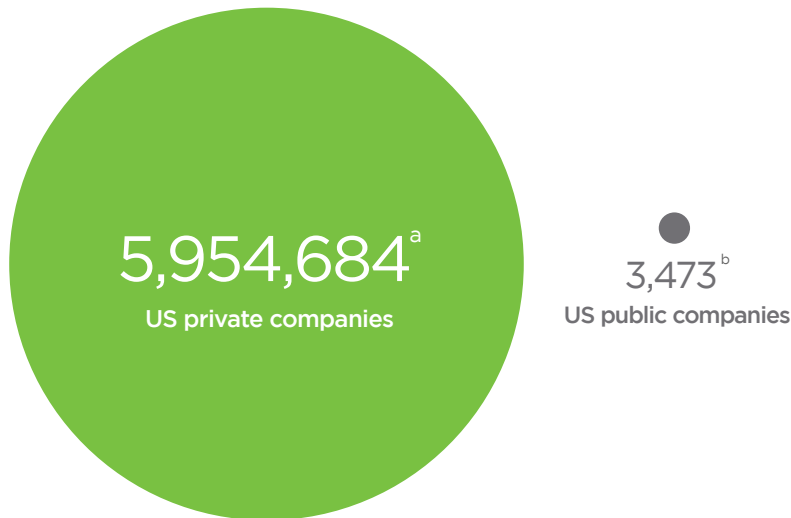
The average age & size of US public companies has also increased.



it is more difficult for investors to access growth & value creation through public markets

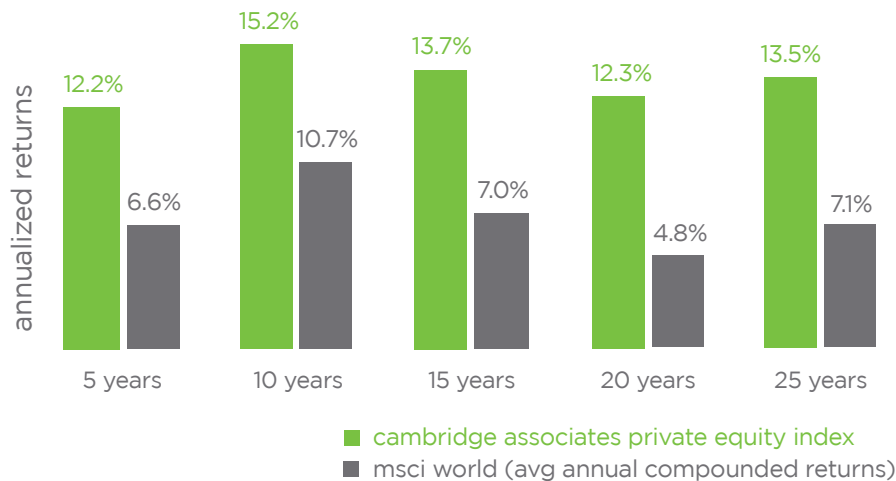
^a. Source: Wilshire 5000 Total Market Index as of 12/31/19. Index contained 7,562 companies on July 31, 1998. ^b. Source: Michael J. Mauboussin, Dan Callahan, Marius Majd, "The Incredible Shrinking Universe of Stocks, The Causes & Consequences of Fewer U.S. Equities," Credit Suisse Global Financial Strategies Report, March 22, 2017. Past performance is not indicative of future results.

private equity offers an expanded opportunity set & the potential to outperform public equities



Private equity investing may provide access to innovative companies with significant growth potential. While not all private companies are available for investment, private equity may offer substantial opportunities unavailable in the listed equity markets.

cambridge associates private equity index historical net returns ^c



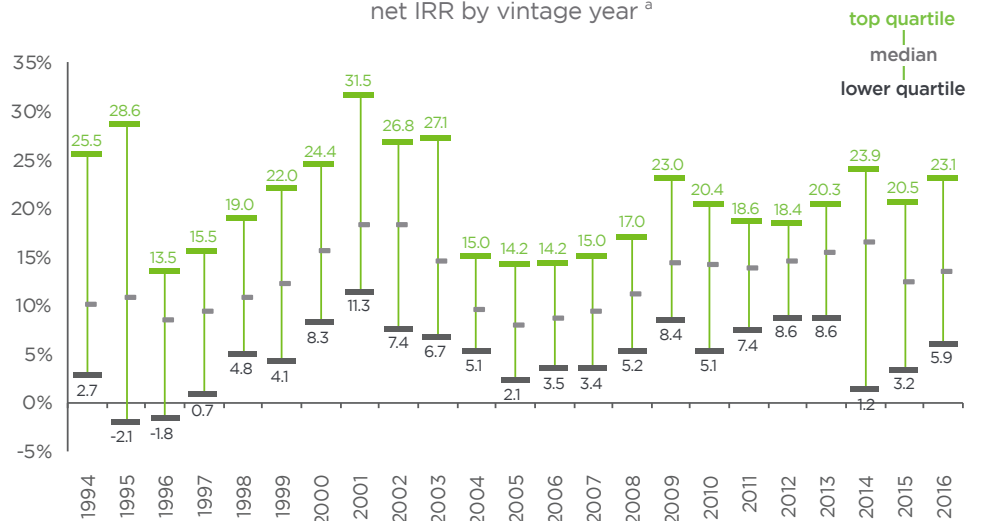
The cambridge associates private equity index, a common private equity benchmark, has outperformed the msci world over 5, 10, 15, 20, & 25 years.

a. Source: U.S. Census Bureau 2016 Statistics of U.S. Business Employment Annual Data, released 12/31/18 (most recent). Not drawn to scale. **b.** Source: Wilshire 5000 Total Market Index as of 12/31/19. **c.** Source: Cambridge Associates Private Equity Index as of 6/30/19, the most current information available. Cambridge Private Equity Index is a horizon calculation based on data compiled from 2,193 private equity funds, including fully liquidated partnerships, formed between 1986 & 2019. Pooled horizon internal rate of return calculation is net of fees, expenses & carried interest. See Commonly Used Terms. MSCI World is a free-float weighted global equity index, without emerging markets exposure. It represents large & mid-cap performance across 23 developed markets countries, covering approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each country. Total returns for the MSCI World Index is net of dividend taxes. Central Park Group believes that comparisons to public market indices provides useful information to investors. However, investors should be aware of limitation of the comparisons which provide only one approach to comparison of returns. Prospective investors should consider comparisons to other indices & benchmarks. Indices shown are for illustrative purposes only & returns do not represent performance of any fund. Investors cannot invest directly in an index. Cambridge Associates also publishes other private equity benchmark comparisons. Visit www.cambridgeassociates.com for additional information. **Funds report unaudited quarterly data to Cambridge Associates when creating the Cambridge Associates Private Equity Index. The Index is not transparent and cannot be independently verified because Cambridge Associates does not identify the funds included in the index, and because Cambridge Associates recalculates the index each time a new fund is added, the historical performance of the index is not fixed, cannot be replicated and will differ over time from the data presented in this communication. Past performance is not indicative of future results.**

Access to top funds is critical to building a successful private equity portfolio.

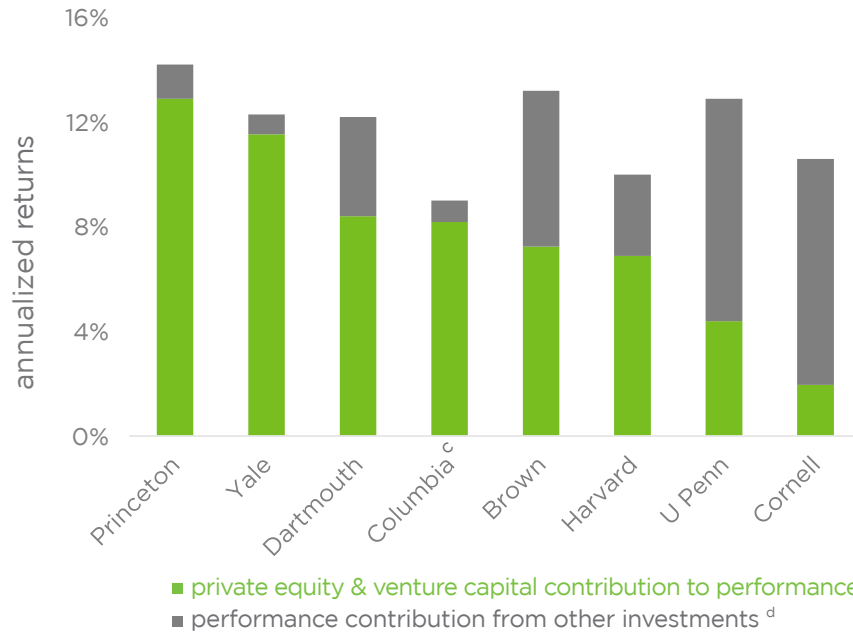
Historically, the performance spread between top & bottom quartile funds has been substantial.

cambridge associates private equity index
net IRR by vintage year ^a



private equity investments drive top endowment returns ^b

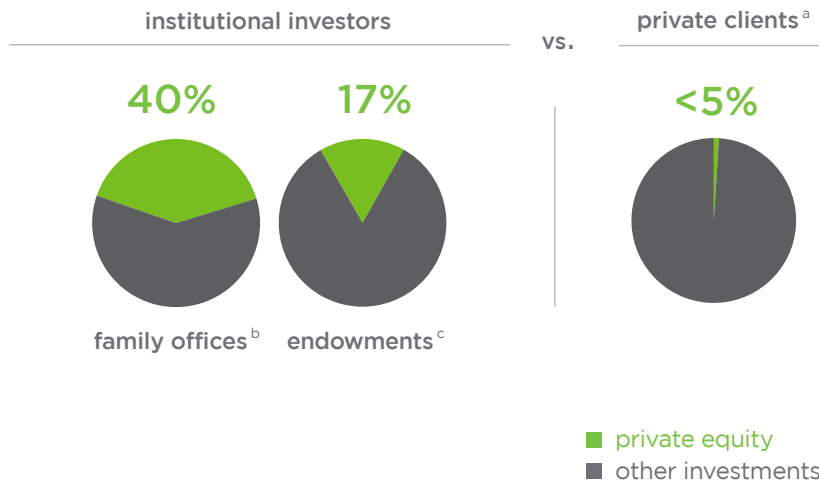
Private equity is an allocation of choice for many institutional investors, including family offices, endowments & foundations.



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investors have long incorporated private equity into their portfolios seeking to enhance returns

portfolio allocations



High minimums & lack of resources to evaluate managers, strategies & risks have contributed to limited access for private clients.

in recent years, fund structures have enabled private client investments

access funds

“Access fund” structures enable high net worth individuals and smaller institutions to invest in private equity.

These funds purchase interests in an institutional private equity fund with capital aggregated from many investors and provide due diligence, capacity, education, client service and operational support. They enable individual investors to access private equity funds with a reduced minimum commitment.

Generally, investors must be qualified purchasers (\$5 million in qualified investments for an individual; \$25 million for an entity) and be able to commit capital to a long-term illiquid investment.

registered funds-of-funds

More recently, investors have been able to access private equity through registered private equity funds-of-funds.

This structure enables investors with \$1 million net worth (generally, for individuals excluding residence; \$5 million for an entity) to invest in a portfolio of private equity funds with substantially reduced minimums.

These funds-of-funds typically offer active portfolio management and may focus on particular private equity managers, strategies or vintage years. Some may offer additional benefits, including limited liquidity, enhanced tax reporting and reduced J-curve.

Historically, high net worth investors have had limited access to private equity.

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investor considerations

While the benefits of investing in private equity may be considerable, this asset class is not for everyone. Of course, private equity investments involve significant risks, including a total loss of capital. The risks associated with private equity arise from several factors, including limited diversification, the use of leverage, limited liquidity and capital calls made on short notice (failure to meet capital call obligations may result in consequences including a total loss of investment).

Qualified investors who appreciate the risks and potential rewards of private equity may wish to consider an appropriate allocation to the strategy.

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risk considerations

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- Do not provide periodic pricing or valuation information to investors
- May delay distribution of important tax information
- May charge high fees

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