

NB GLOBAL PRIVATE EQUITY ACCESS FUND

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Overview

The NB Global Private Equity Access Fund is an open-ended, evergreen private equity fund. Neuberger Berman's (NB) strategy is to invest in privately held companies in the US and Europe that are beneficiaries of long-term growth or have resilient business models and a track record of strong cash generation. They invest alongside Private Equity managers with the intention of actively improving these businesses to create value.

Process

The manager's investment strategy of partnering with Private Equity managers or General Partners (GPs) who buy and improve companies should be able to deliver success throughout a market cycle. The processes for sourcing investments, due diligence and monitoring are structured to ensure there is a high bar for investment and that the team's breadth of experience is utilised in decision-making.

The fund's model of directly investing through co-investment and GP-secondary structures gives the benefit of specialist managers' expertise, whilst being cost-effective and giving NB control and discretion over its capital deployment. The fund can access these opportunities because of NB's substantial investments in third-party private equity funds.

The Manager

NB has been managing private equity strategies for over 35 years and currently manages \$125bn in the asset class. This longevity and scale, alongside their expertise to meaningfully contribute to the due diligence process and deal structuring, has established them as a preferred source of capital for private equity fund managers. This gives them access to high quality Private Equity managers at low cost. The fund is managed by a large, experienced team and it appears that the key people that generated the firm's track record are still in-place.

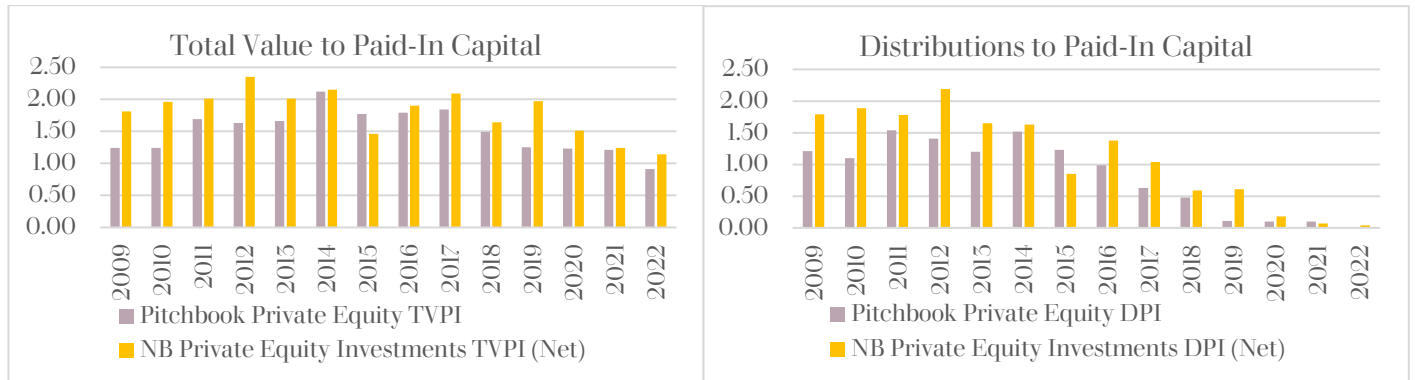
Performance

Whilst the fund's track record is too short to draw robust conclusions, the manager has a long-track record of delivering excellent returns from its PE strategy. The firm's success has been driven by exits of hundreds of companies over multiple market cycles suggesting the presence of an effective strategy and process. The stability of the team and consistency of the strategy means there is good potential for continued strong performance.

Asset Class	Private Equity
Manager	Neuberger Berman Alternatives Advisors LLC
Inception Date	28/12/2022
Domicile	Luxemburg
Dealing Frequency	Monthly Subscriptions and Redemptions
Fund Size	\$171.5m (31/10/2024)
Regions Marketed	Asia, Europe, LATAM, Canada and Australia
Fund Website	Link
Management Fees	1.00% to 2.90% (share class dependent)
Performance Fees	12.5% with an 8% hurdle.
SFDR Classification	Article 6
Legal Structure	SICAV Part II

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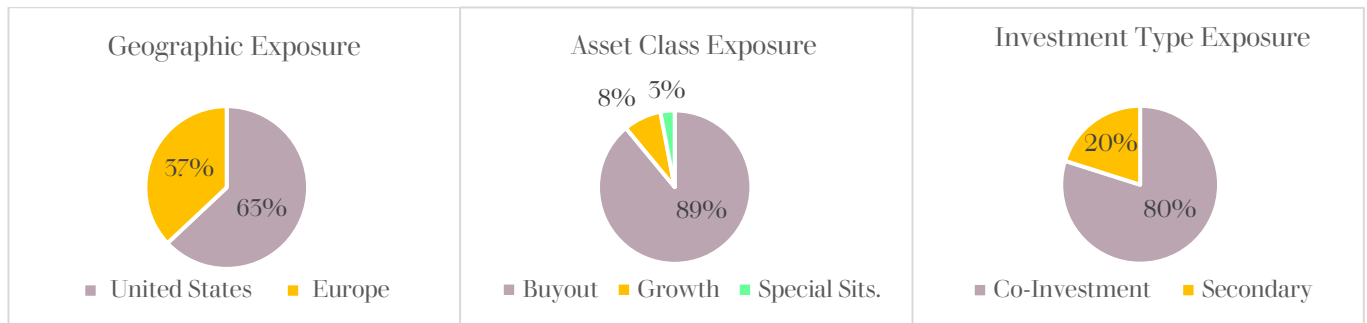
Returns for NB's PE platform and Pitchbook PE Benchmark



Source: NB, 30/06/2024. Pitchbook, Q4 2023.

Portfolio

The fund is still in its growth phase but is already spread across a broad set of companies, GPs and sectors. The fund's first investments were made in February 2023, in the knowledge of the current economic and financial environment with valuations and structures reflecting these conditions. NB has historically been conservative in its asset valuations, as evidenced by significant uplifts to book value when positions in other NB PE funds have been sold. The downside of the portfolio's young age is that there are unlikely to be material realised gains from sales in the near term, however, performance to-date has been strong and supported by some partial realisations.



NB Private Markets, 14/11/2024 for geographic exposure and asset class exposure. 31/10/2024 for investment type exposure. Exposure defined as NAV + unfunded commitments. Includes pending transactions.

Using the Fund in a Portfolio

The fund is a well-balanced strategy that brings direct exposure to US and European buyouts in sectors with low economic cyclicality. It is sufficiently diversified by company, sector and underlying manager that it could serve as a single allocation to PE within a wider portfolio.

Our Opinion

This private equity fund leverages the scale and longevity of NB's private markets platform to access opportunities with high quality private equity managers in a cost-efficient manner. The firm has an excellent long-term track record both on an absolute basis and relative to its peers. The experience and stability of the investment team combined with robust processes gives confidence that the historic success can be repeated.

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