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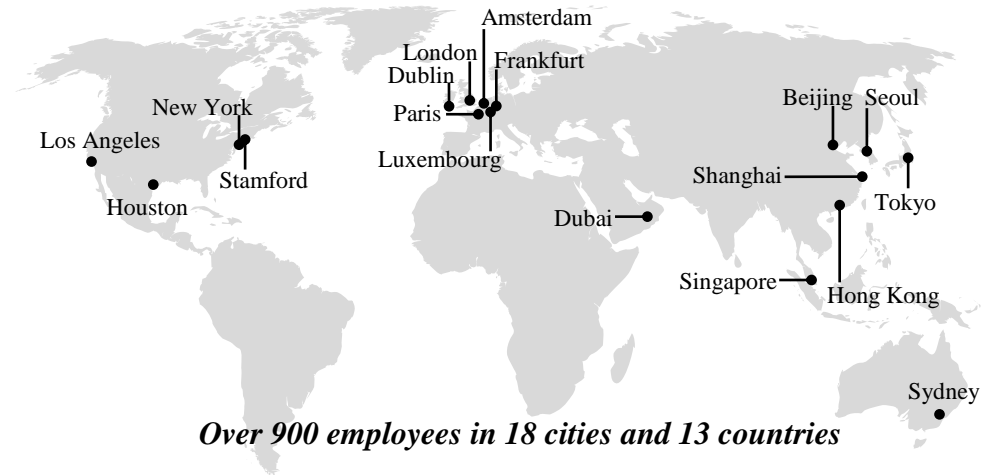
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Oaktree: A Leading Global Alternative Asset Manager

OVERVIEW

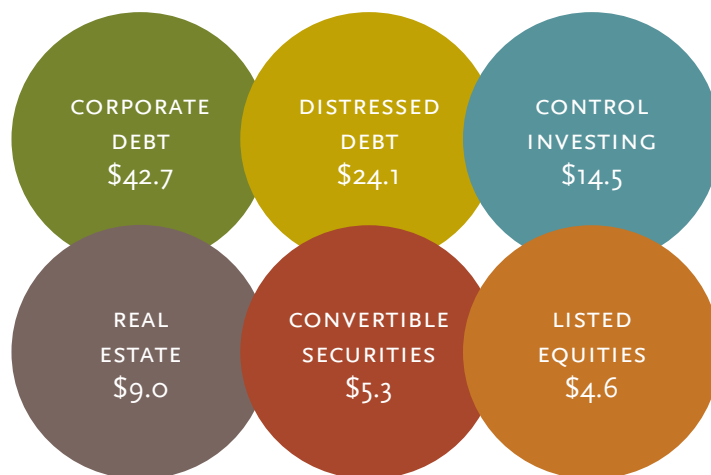
- A leader and pioneer in alternative asset management with \$100 billion of AUM
- Diversified mix of pro- and counter-cyclical strategies
- Strong, risk-adjusted investment performance
- A loyal, blue-chip institutional client base
- Attractive growth prospects for new and established strategies

GLOBAL FOOTPRINT ¹



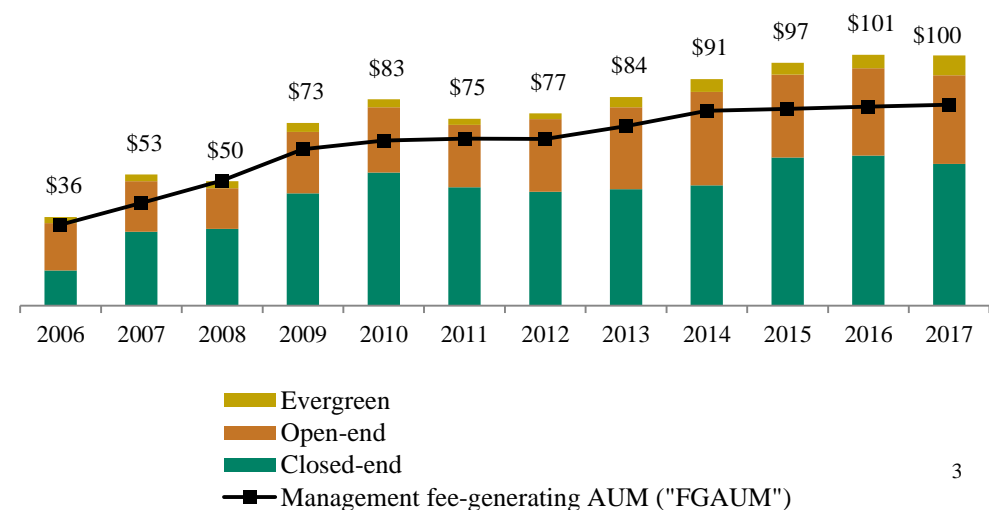
INVESTMENT AREAS ²

Assets Under Management (\$ in billions)



HISTORICAL ASSETS UNDER MANAGEMENT

As of December 31 (\$ in billions)



¹ Includes offices of affiliates of Oaktree-managed funds. Oaktree headquarters is based in Los Angeles.

² Assets under management presented above exclude \$65 million of assets in the Japan Opportunities strategy.

Foundation of Oaktree

INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY

- Primacy of risk control
- Emphasis on consistency
- Importance of market inefficiency
- Benefits of specialization
- Macro-forecasting not critical to investing
- Disavowal of market timing

BUSINESS PRINCIPLES

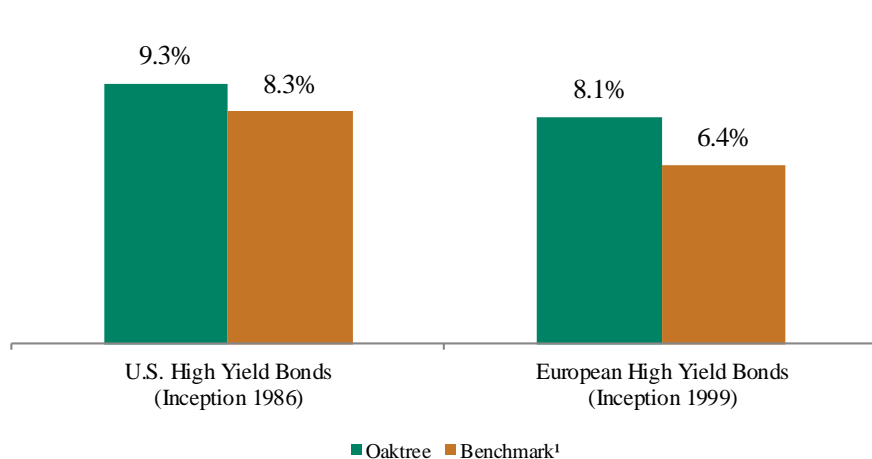
- Excellence in investing
- Proprietary, in-depth research
- Commonality of interests with clients
- Transparent client communications
- Fair, explicit management fee arrangements
- Harmonious, cooperative workplace
- New products are usually “step-outs”
- Profit should stem from performance

Oaktree’s mission is to deliver superior investment results with risk under control and to conduct our business with the highest integrity

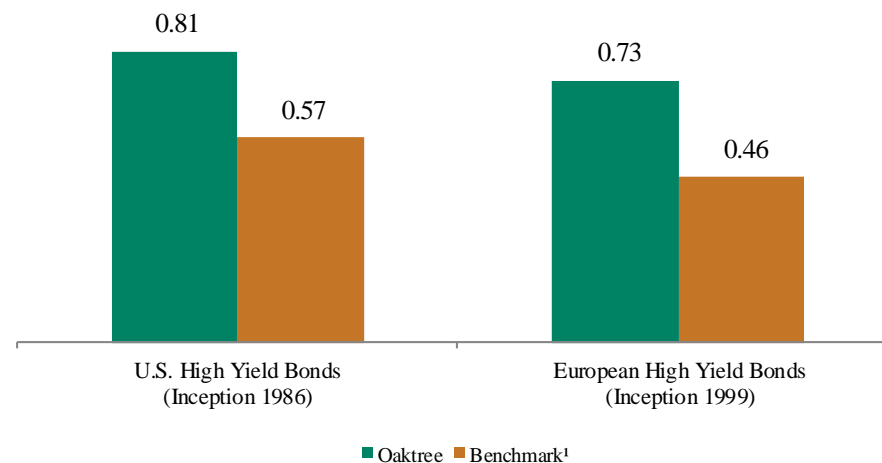
History of Exceptional Investment Performance

SUPERIOR RETURNS, BOTH GROSS AND RISK-ADJUSTED, IN OUR OPEN-END FUNDS

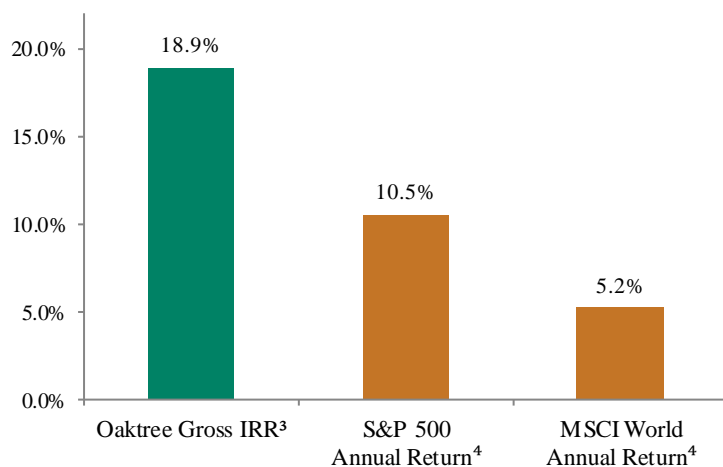
Annualized gross return since inception



Sharpe ratio since inception²



OUTSTANDING TRACK RECORD IN OUR CLOSED-END FUNDS



Aggregate closed-end gross IRR 18.9%³

Drawn capital \$78 billion³

% of funds more than 18 months old with positive gross and net IRRs 98%

¹ Detail on benchmarks is presented in the Appendix.

² The Sharpe Ratio is a metric used to calculate risk-adjusted return. It is the ratio of excess return to volatility, with excess return defined as the return above that of a riskless asset (three-month T-bill) divided by the standard deviation of such returns. The higher the Sharpe Ratio, the greater the return for a given level of risk compared to the risk-free rate.

³ Since oldest strategy inception in October 1988. Excludes closed-end Senior Loan funds, CLOs, Oaktree Asia Special Situations Fund, Asia Principal Opportunities Fund, certain separate accounts and co-investments.

⁴ Represents annualized time-weighted return since October 1988.

A Diverse and Growing Base of Clients

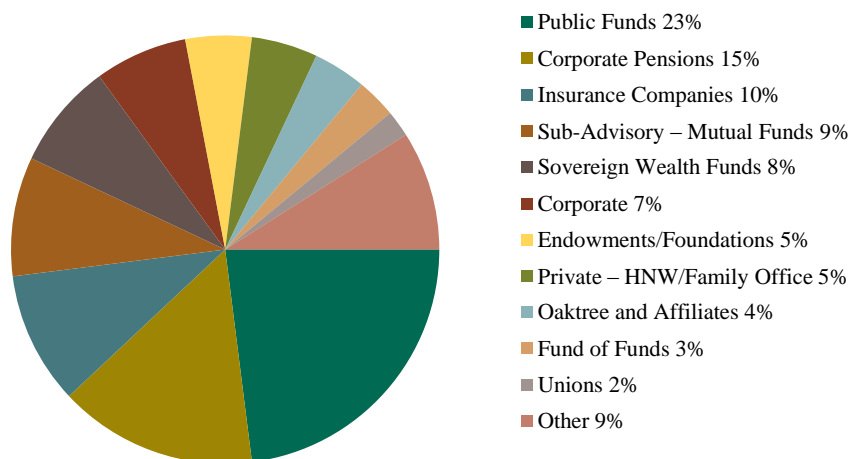
SIGNIFICANT BASE OF BLUE-CHIP CLIENTELE

100 largest U.S. pension funds	75
States	38
Corporations	418
Colleges, Universities, Endowments & Foundations	369
Sovereign wealth funds	16

SUCCESS IN CROSS SELLING

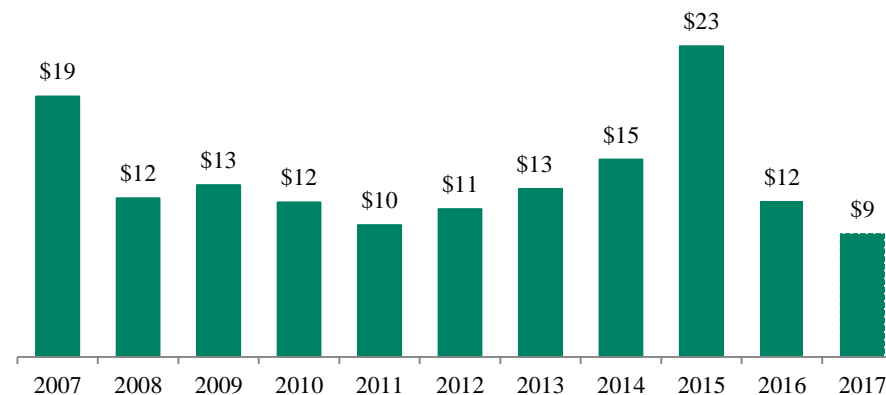
	% AUM
Clients in 4 or more strategies	37%
Clients in 2–3 strategies	36%
Total in multiple strategies	73%

DIVERSE CLIENTELE



GROSS CAPITAL RAISED

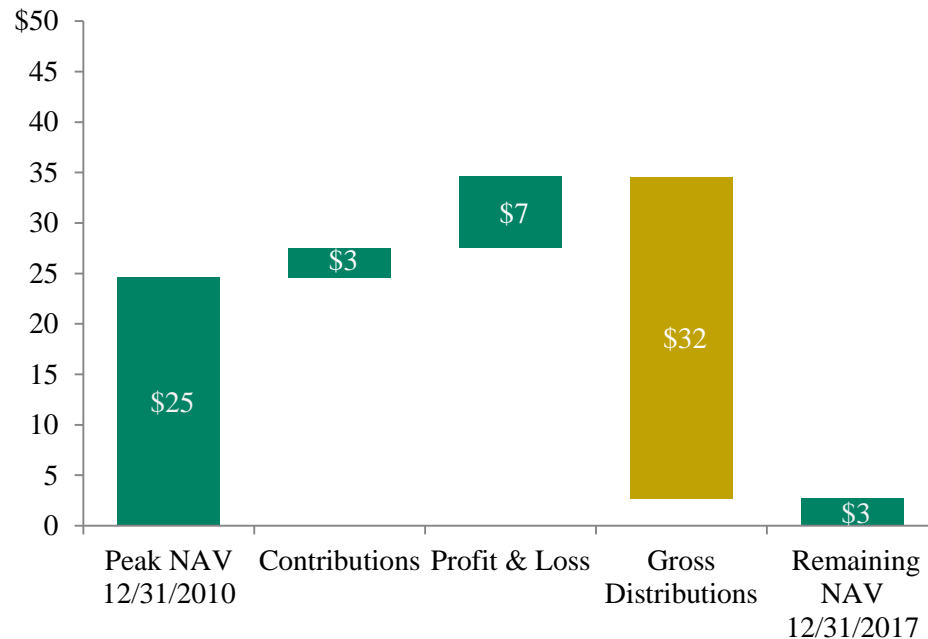
For the year ended December 31 (\$ in billions)



Excellence in Distressed Debt Investing

SUBSTANTIAL HARVESTING SINCE PEAK NAV¹

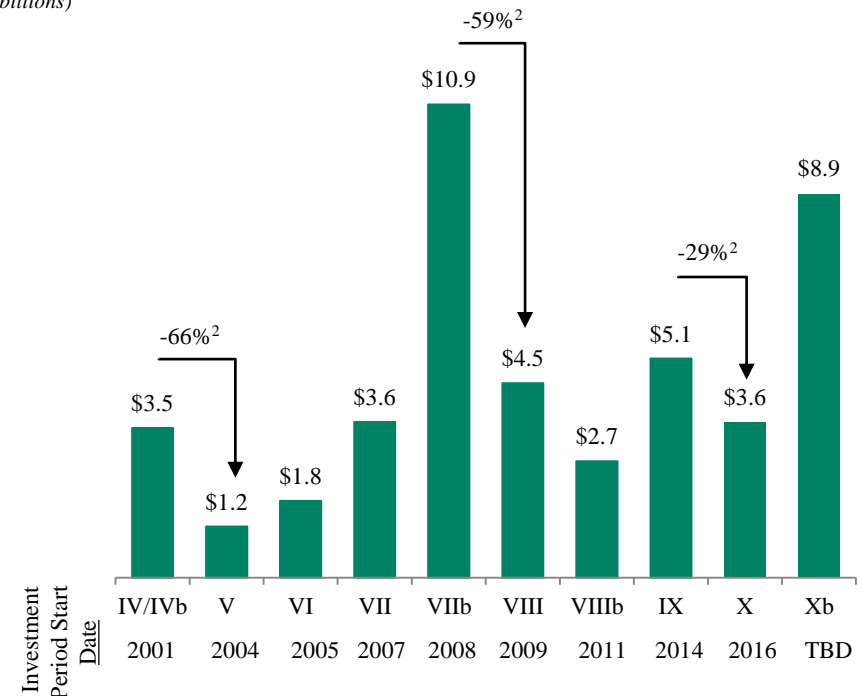
(\$ in billions)



- Invest opportunistically in mostly senior or secured debt of financially distressed companies with hard asset values, dependable cash flows and durable business franchises
- Seek to combine protection against loss, which comes from buying claims on assets at bargain prices, with substantial gains to be achieved by returning companies to financial viability through restructuring
- Take advantage of a broad charter within a closed-end structure to identify the best opportunities resulting from market inefficiencies and cyclical downturns

FUNDS SIZED TO THE OPPORTUNITY SET

(\$ in billions)

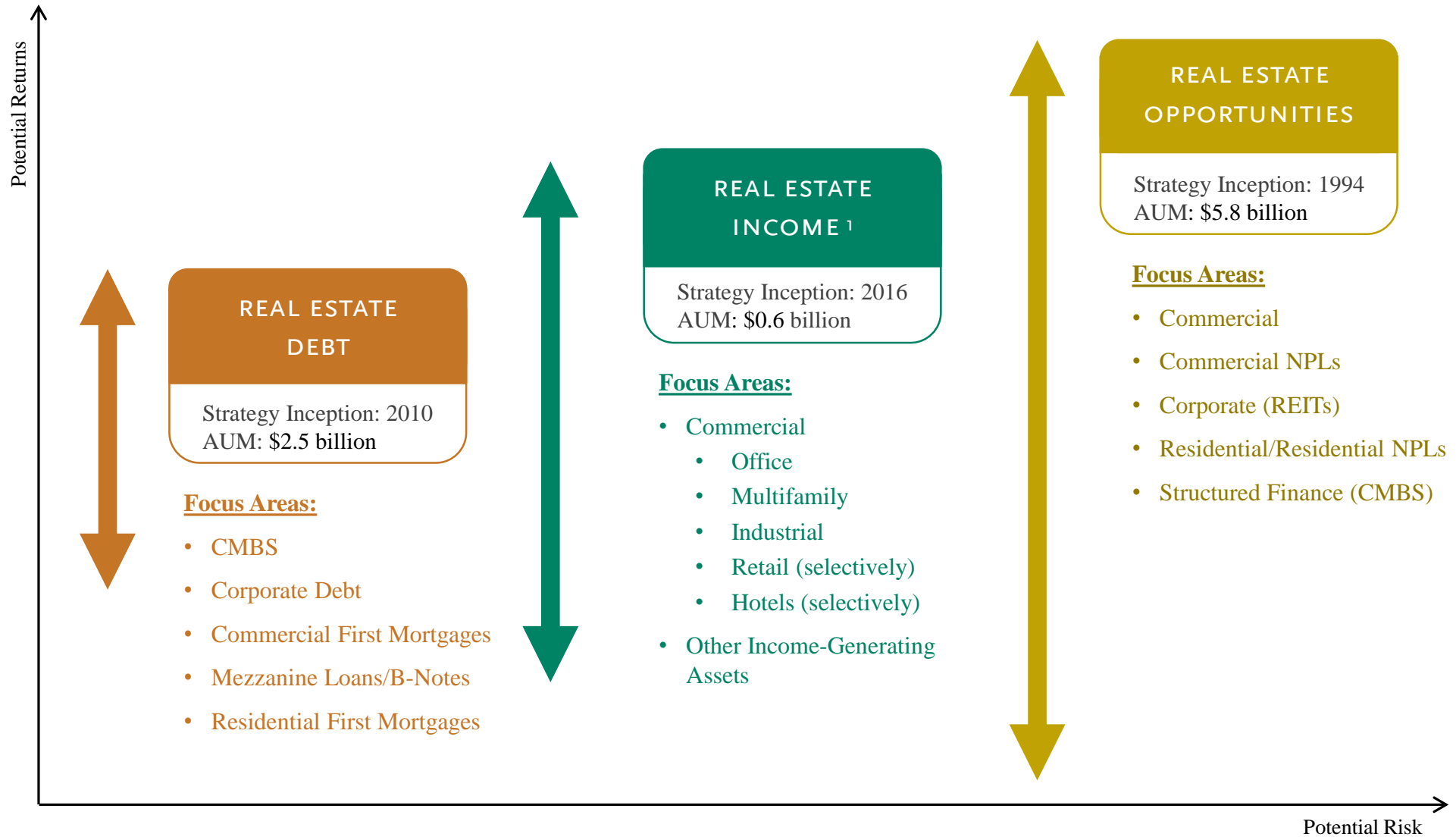


- Increase fund size ahead of potential market dislocation
- Scale back funds when opportunity set shrinks
- Dramatic downsizing of funds enables team to remain highly selective
- Largest funds are among our best performers
- Currently well positioned with \$11 billion of undrawn capital

¹ From December 31, 2010 through December 31, 2017. Represents High-water mark NAV, Contributions, Profit & Loss, Gross Distributions and Current NAV of the Opportunities Funds (TCW Funds managed by Oaktree Principals; Opportunities Funds I, II, III, IV, IVb, V, VI, VII, VIIIb, VIII, Huntington; and all related trusts and separate accounts).

² Percentage represents the decrease in capital commitment from predecessor fund.

Diverse Real Estate Platform



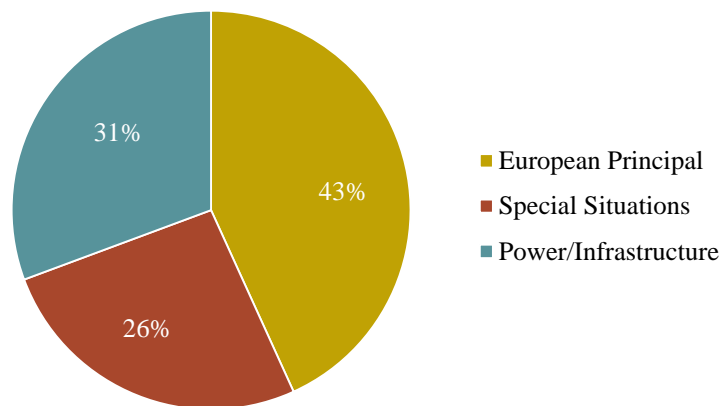
Real Estate AUM of \$9.0 billion with a 24% CAGR since 2008

As of December 31, 2017

¹Effective August 2017, the Real Estate Value-Add strategy was renamed Real Estate Income.

Targeted Strategies in Control Investing

\$15 BILLION OF CONTROL INVESTING AUM



INDUSTRY / DEAL SPECIALIZATION

POWER/ INFRASTRUCTURE

- **Power Opportunities:** Seeks to make controlling equity investments in successful companies that provide products and services used in the marketing, distribution, transmission, generation, trading or consumption of energy
- **Infrastructure:** Seeks to make controlling equity investments in core infrastructure assets exhibiting sustainable downside protection where experience and ability to add value to the assets provide significant upside potential
 - Primarily targets investments in the energy, transportation and environmental services sectors in North America

EUROPEAN PRINCIPAL

- Targets control investments in sectors and regions (primarily in Europe) where dislocation or distress results in an attractive purchase price or creation value
- Primary investing activities include:
 - **Special Situation PE:** Buying assets and companies at a discount from forced or distressed sellers or as a result of a broken auction
 - **Platforms:** Acquiring or creating a de novo operating company in industries that are “out-of-favor” or undergoing structural change
 - **Opportunistic Acquisitions:** Proprietary transactions, typically involving elements of complexity that enable the team to craft a creative investment solution

SPECIAL SITUATIONS¹

- Focuses on special situations and distressed private equity investing in the U.S. and Australia
- Seeks to make investments that result in control of or significant influence in companies experiencing some element of distress, dislocation or dysfunction, and then actively manage those businesses
- Flexibility to invest across capital structures, including:
 - **Secondary purchases of debt** (distress-for-control)
 - **Direct investments** in distressed businesses
- Target companies with total enterprise values of less than \$2 billion

Leveraging our focus on risk control and specialization for opportunities in middle market private equity

Attractive Growth Opportunities

Product

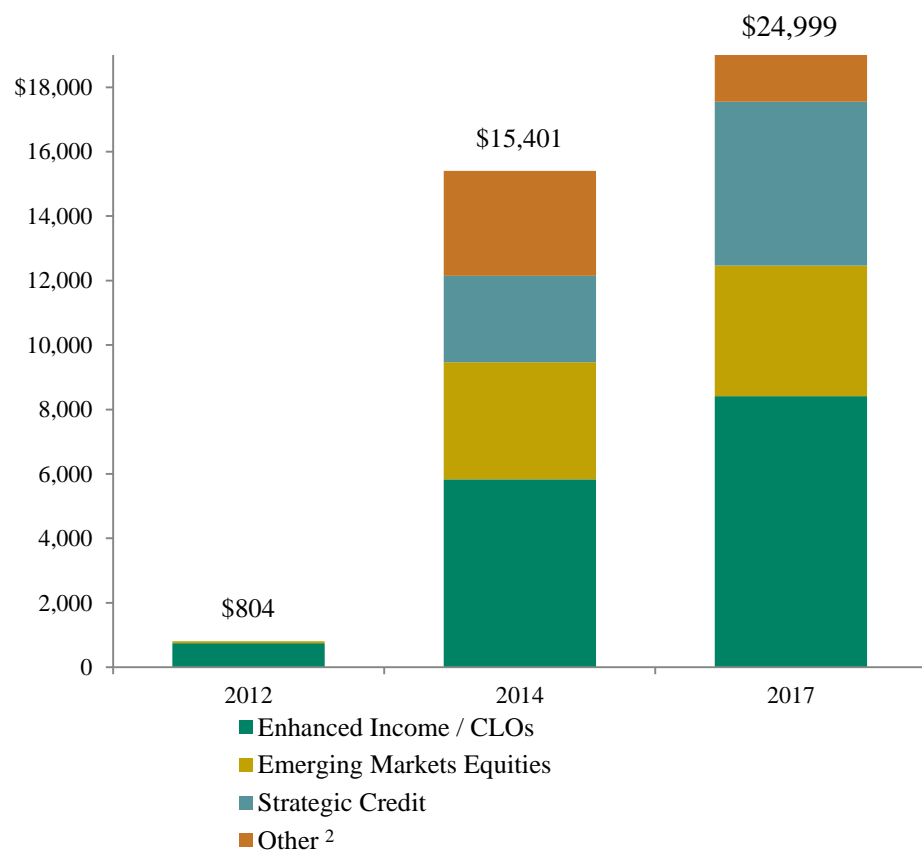
Distribution

Opportunities	Description	Examples
Established Strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offering investors a diverse range of products across large addressable markets including distressed debt, control investing, real estate and credit strategies Executing our existing closed-end fundraising pipeline and deploying that capital judiciously 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Real Estate Debt Fund II Special Situations Power Opportunities Open-end and Evergreen vehicles such as Value Equities
Step-Out Products	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addressing investors' demand for yield with risk under control in a low return world 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Global Credit Fund Middle Market Direct Lending Real Estate Debt / Real Estate Income Structured Credit Infrastructure – Transportation and Energy Funds
Emerging Markets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fast growing, inefficient asset classes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EM Equities EM Distressed Debt EM Performing Debt
Existing Channels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Substantial opportunities to penetrate existing channels by increasing cross-selling and enhancing geographic footprint 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 73% of investors by AUM invested in 2 or more strategies and 37% in 4 or more strategies 34% of our AUM is managed for clients outside the U.S. 56% of gross funds raised in 2017 were from clients outside the U.S.
New Channels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accessing increasing global retail demand for alternatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> High net worth Sub-advisory relationships 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SICAV product offerings Intermediary distribution for closed-end funds Global Credit Fund BDCs (NASDAQ: OCSL and NASDAQ: OCSI)

Step-Out Strategies, A Natural Evolution

\$25 BILLION OF AUM IN ADJACENT PRODUCTS ¹

As of December 31 (\$ in millions)



ORGANIC GROWTH A RESULT OF “STEP-OUT” STRATEGIES

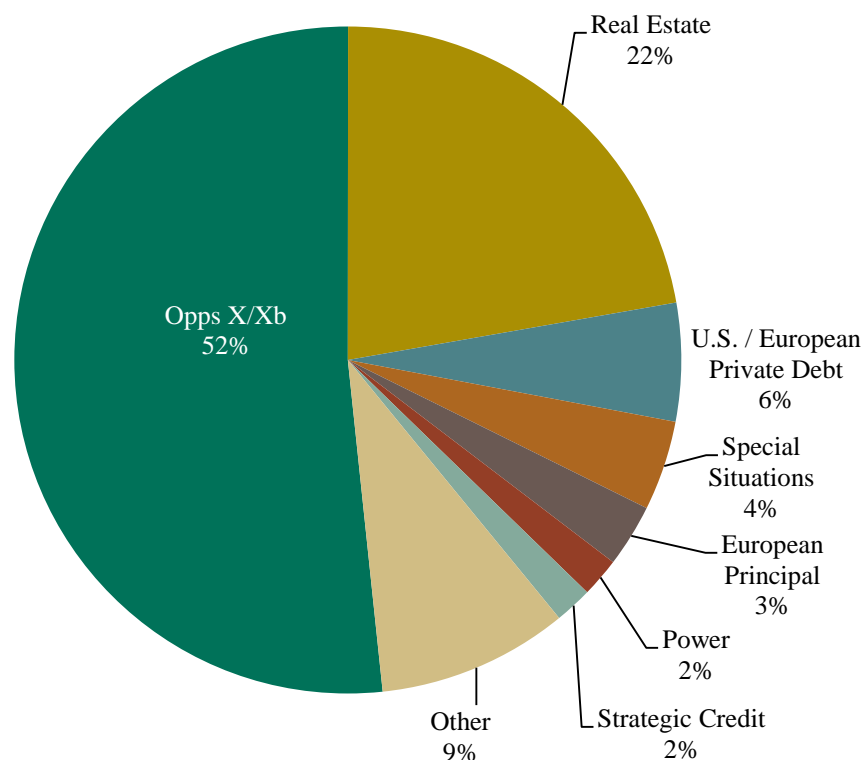


¹ Includes strategies launched since January 2011.

² "Other" includes Real Estate Debt, Emerging Markets Opportunities, Emerging Markets Debt Total Return, European High Yield Bonds and Senior Loans, Value Equities, Infrastructure, European Private Debt, Real Estate Income, and Global Credit Fund.

Well Positioned for Future Investment Opportunity

NEAR-RECORD DRY POWDER OF \$20 BILLION



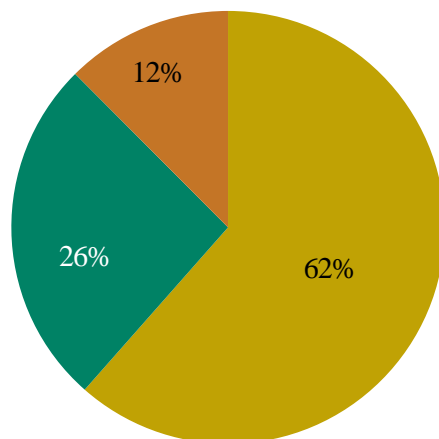
CONTINUED STRENGTH IN FUNDRAISING

- Continued fundraising in established strategies, including Real Estate Debt Fund II (“REDF II”) – successor to the first Real Estate Debt Fund, a \$1 billion fund
- New product development in 2017 has included:
 - **Real Estate Income** – primarily focused on value add and some core plus investments
 - **Middle-Market Direct Lending** – step-out product from our U.S. Private Debt team
 - **Global Credit Fund** – multi-strategy product combining the full breadth of Oaktree’s more liquid credit strategies
 - **Infrastructure** – launched fundraising for two separate fund vehicles focused on transportation and energy
- \$13 billion of shadow AUM with a blended fee rate of 1.40% positions us well for future FRE growth

While maintaining our focus on risk control and discipline in deploying dry powder

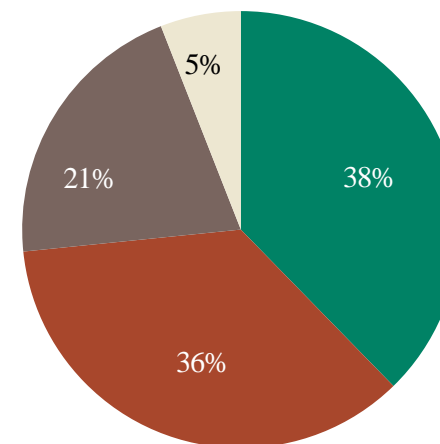
Diverse Incentive Income Pipeline

TOTAL NET ACCRUED INCENTIVES \$921 MILLION



- Liquidating Funds (Not Yet Paying)
- Liquidating Funds (Paying) ¹
- Investing Funds

NET ACCRUED INCENTIVES ARE DIVERSIFIED AMONG OUR INVESTMENT STRATEGIES



- Distressed Debt
- Control Investing
- Real Estate
- Other

Net accrued incentives balance is a healthy \$921 million (\$5.89 per unit³), driven by our funds' robust investment performance

¹ Funds paying include all incentive-creating evergreen funds and closed-end funds that have reached the stage of their distribution waterfall where the drawn capital and preferred return have been distributed to investors and, therefore, incremental distributions thereafter generate incentive income for the Company. Funds paying does not reflect funds that may pay incentive income related to tax distributions only.

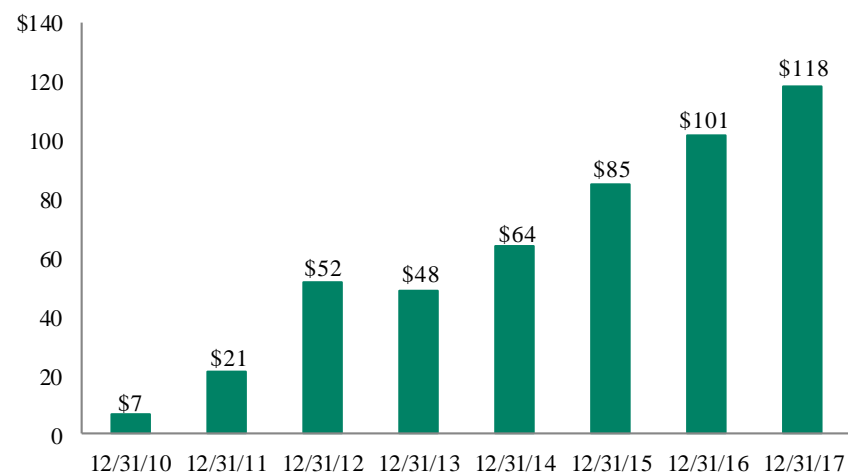
² Other primarily includes U.S. Private Debt, European Private Debt and evergreen funds or accounts in our Strategic Credit and Emerging Markets Opportunities strategies. As of 12/31/2017, net accrued incentives in evergreen funds were \$9 million. The majority of evergreen funds are entitled to recognize incentives on an annual basis in the fourth quarter.

³ Per Operating Group unit (not per Class A unit). Net accrued incentives (fund level) is presented before income taxes.

Continued Growth for DoubleLine

ASSETS UNDER MANAGEMENT

(\$ in billions)

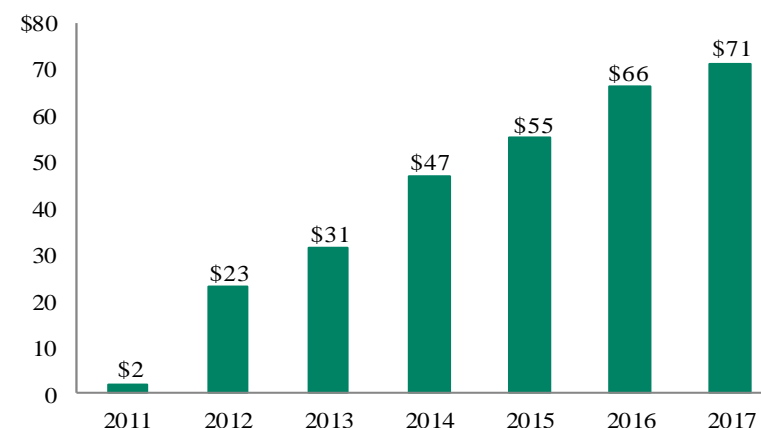


Returns:

- Total Return Bond Fund (\$53.1bn) – Top 1% in the Morningstar Intermediate Term Bond Category Since Inception (4/6/10-12/31/17)
- Core Fixed Income Fund (\$10.1bn) – Top 1% in the Morningstar Intermediate Term Bond Category Since Inception (6/1/10-12/31/17)
- Shiller Enhanced CAPE (\$4.8bn) – Top 1% in the Morningstar Large Value Category Since Inception (10/31/13-12/31/17)
- As of December 2017, DoubleLine Funds had eight mutual funds in the top quartile since inception in the Funds' respective Morningstar Categories.

CONTRIBUTION TO OAKTREE'S INVESTMENT INCOME

(\$ in millions)



AUM and Flows:

- DoubleLine Core Fixed Income Fund managed \$10.1 billion as of 12/31/17, up 31% year-over-year
- DoubleLine Shiller Enhanced CAPE fund had \$4.8 billion in assets as of the end of 4Q2017, up 143% year-over-year
- DoubleLine Emerging Markets Fixed Income Fund managed \$1.2 billion as of 12/31/17, up 34% year-over-year
- DoubleLine Flexible Income Fund managed \$1.1 billion as of 12/31/17, up 123% year-over-year
- DoubleLine Low Duration Bond Fund managed \$5.5 billion as of 12/31/17, up 62% year-over-year

Distributable Earnings: Strength through Diversification

FEE-RELATED EARNINGS

A significant contributor to distributable earnings in 2017 and over the last 3 years (31% and 41% respectively, of total distributable earnings)

+

DOUBLELINE

\$68 million of distributable earnings in 2017 as DoubleLine grew AUM 17% over this period

+

INVESTMENT INCOME PROCEEDS FROM FUNDS

A steady source, with unrealized investment income proceeds on corporate investments of \$421 million, of which \$176 million was in closed-end funds in their liquidation period

+

INCENTIVE INCOME

56 straight quarters of incentive income

Our strong financial profile enables us to maintain a high payout ratio, while investing in growth and product development

Substantial Asset Value with Significant Upside

BOOK VALUE	\$12.73 ¹	Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1.7 billion Investments • \$(0.1) billion Net Cash
+	+	
NET ACCRUED INCENTIVES (FUND LEVEL)	\$5.89 ¹	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ~87% in liquidating or evergreen funds
TOTAL	\$18.62 ¹ + DOUBLELINE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DoubleLine carrying value of \$39 million is significantly below FMV

The key tenets of our capital management strategy have been and remain:

- 1) Grow a strong, highly rated balance sheet with ample liquidity that allows us to fund growth for our current investment strategies along with strategic or opportunistic corporate development initiatives
- 2) Distribute to unitholders any cash that isn't needed to achieve #1, subject to our cash distribution policy
- 3) Consider opportunistic, not formulaic, purchases of our units, in the context of a long-term goal of enhancing the public float of our units

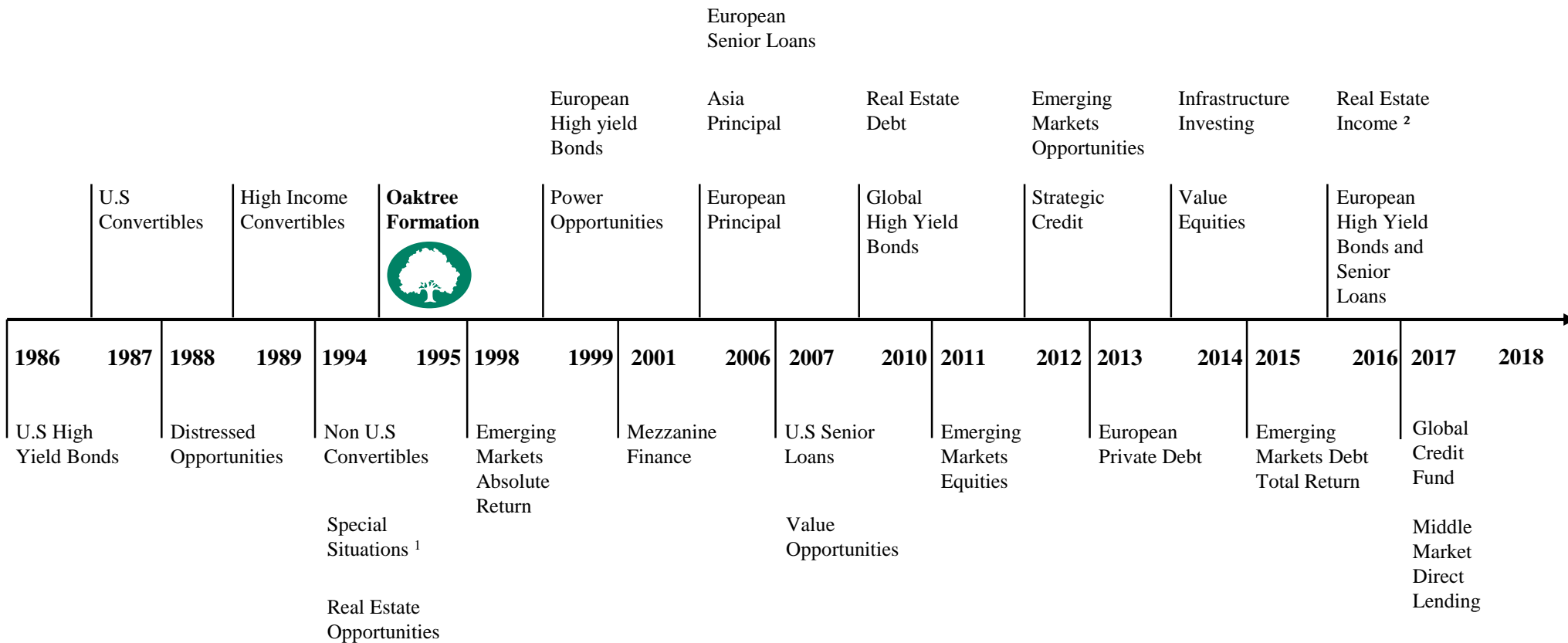
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Strategy Initiation



¹ Effective November 2016, the Global Principal strategy was renamed Special Situations.

² Effective August 2017, the Real Estate Value-Add strategy was renamed Real Estate Income.

Preponderance of Capital in Long-Term Closed-End Funds

	% of AUM	% Management Fees¹	Lockup	Incentive Income
CLOSED-END <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distressed Debt • Control Investing • Real Estate • U.S. Private Debt 	57%	70%	10-11 year fund term	20% of LP profits after return of capital, subject to preferred return hurdle
OPEN-END <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High Yield Bonds • Convertible Securities • Senior Loans • Emerging Markets Equities • Multi-Strategy Credit 	35%	22%	mostly 30 days	
EVERGREEN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Value Opportunities • Emerging Markets • Strategic Credit • Value Equities 	8%	8%	90 days to 3 years	Up to 20% of annual LP profits, subject to high-water mark or preferred return hurdle

Note: The above represents the general characteristics of the fund structures, but specific terms may vary depending on the strategy.

¹ For the year ended 12/31/17.

Primary Earnings Measure: Adjusted Net Income

Fee-related Earnings

- Equity-based Compensation
- Interest Expense, net
- + Other Income (Expense)

Fee-related Earnings & Other

- + Investment Income from Funds
- + Doubleline & Other

Investment Income

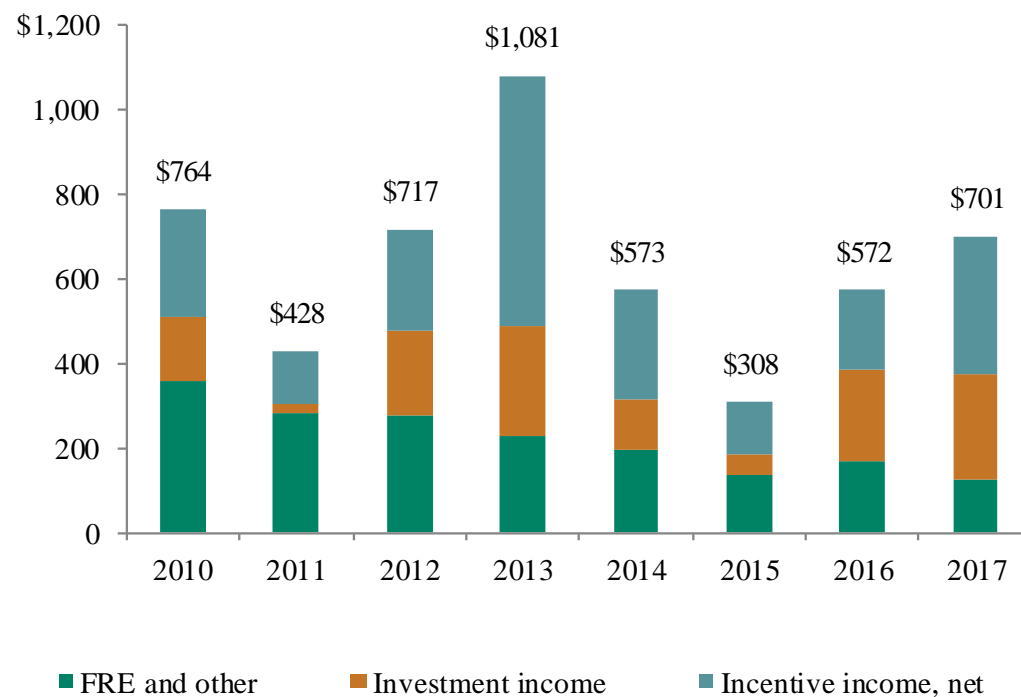
- + Incentive Income
- Incentive Income Comp

Incentive Income, net

ADJUSTED NET INCOME (ANI)

COMPONENTS OF ADJUSTED NET INCOME

For the year ended December 31 (\$ in millions)



Economic Net Income

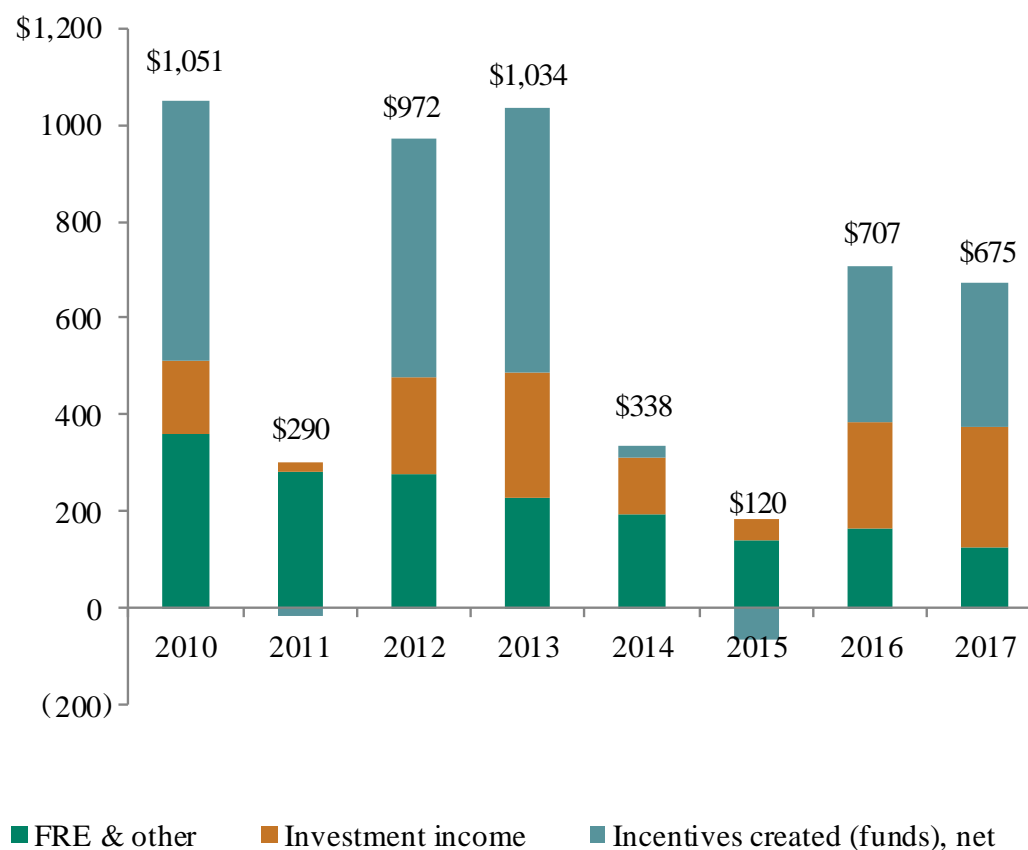
ADJUSTED NET INCOME

+ Accrued Incentives (Fund), net¹ (EOP)
 - Accrued Incentives (Fund), net¹ (BOP)
Δ in Accrued Incentives (Fund), net

ECONOMIC NET INCOME (ENI)

COMPONENTS OF ECONOMIC NET INCOME

For the year ended December 31 (\$ in millions)



¹ Net of associated incentive income compensation expense.
 Please see page 25 for a description of non-GAAP financial metrics.

Distributable Earnings

ADJUSTED NET INCOME

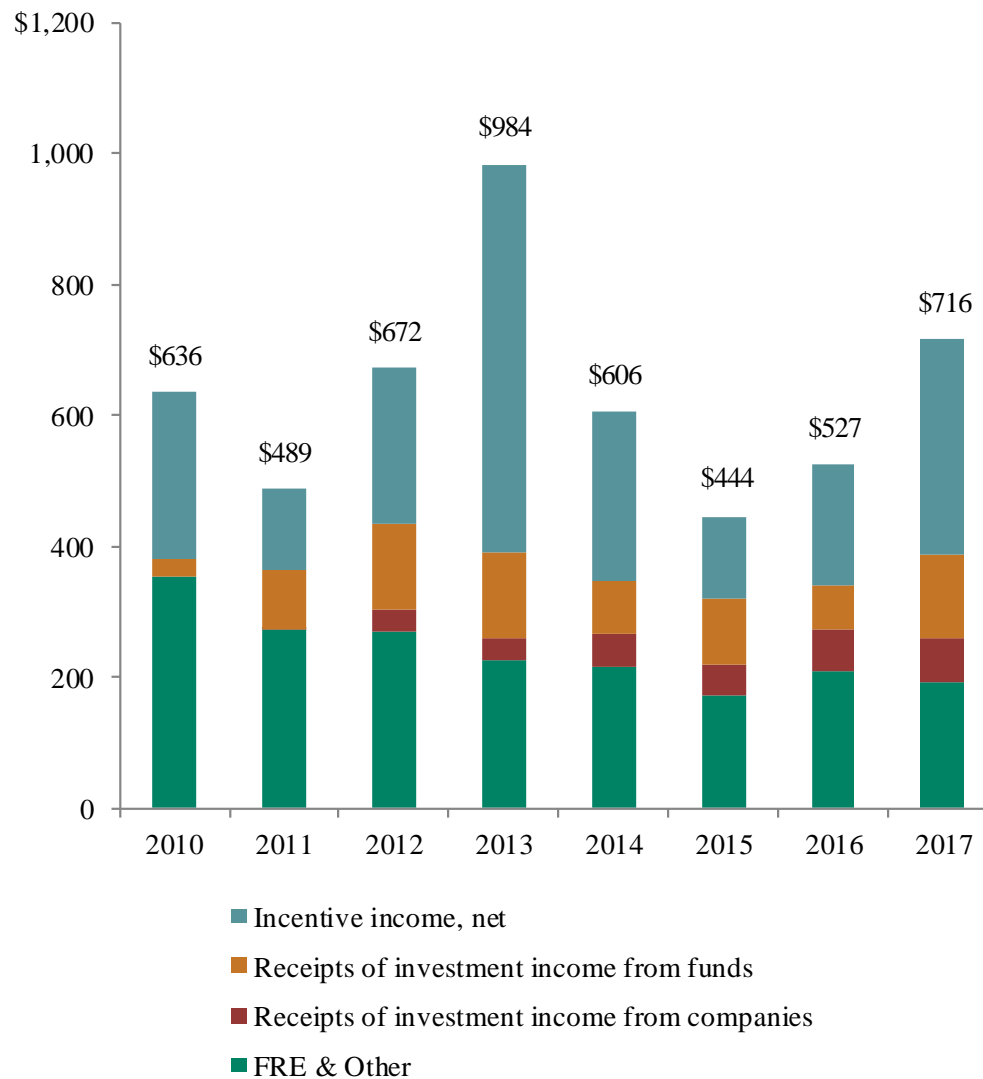
- Investment Income (MTM basis)
- + Receipts Of Investment Income – Funds
- + Receipts Of Investment Income – Companies

- + Equity-based Compensation
- Operating Group Income Taxes

DISTRIBUTABLE EARNINGS (DE)

COMPONENTS OF DISTRIBUTABLE EARNINGS

For the year ended December 31 (\$ in millions)



Disclosures: Fund Table Provides Meaningful Insights

As of December 31, 2017

Investment Period		Total Committed Capital	% Invested	% Drawn	Fund Net Income Since Inception	Distributions Since Inception	Net Asset Value	Management Fee-generating AUM	Incentive Income Recognized (Non-GAAP)	Accrued Incentives (Fund Level)	Unreturned Drawn Capital Plus Accrued Preferred Return	IRR Since Inception		Multiple of Drawn Capital	
Start Date	End Date											Gross	Net		
(in millions)															
Distressed Debt															
Oaktree Opportunities Fund Xb, L.P.	TBD	—	8,872	0%	0%	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	n/a	n/a	n/a
Oaktree Opportunities Fund X, L.P.	Jan. 2016	Jan. 2019	3,603	81%	54%	703	81	2,556	3,450	—	136	2,029	41.2%	25.3%	1.5x
Oaktree Opportunities Fund IX, L.P.	Jan. 2014	Jan. 2017	5,066	nm	100%	545	1,671	3,940	4,116	—	—	4,994	5.5%	2.9%	1.2
Oaktree Opportunities Fund VIIIb, L.P.	Aug. 2011	Aug. 2014	2,692	nm	100%	771	2,020	1,443	1,631	52	—	1,832	8.4%	5.5%	1.4
Special Account B	Nov. 2009	Nov. 2012	1,031	nm	100%	590	1,441	256	248	16	—	165	13.5%	11.1%	1.6
Oaktree Opportunities Fund VIII, L.P.	Oct. 2009	Oct. 2012	4,507	nm	100%	2,456	5,843	1,121	1,123	165	313	538	12.8%	9.0%	1.6
Special Account A	Nov. 2008	Oct. 2012	253	nm	100%	309	514	48	47	52	9	—	28.0%	22.7%	2.3
OCM Opportunities Fund VIIb, L.P.	May 2008	May 2011	10,940	nm	90%	8,973	17,844	973	828	1,554	190	—	21.9%	16.6%	2.0
OCM Opportunities Fund VII, L.P.	Mar. 2007	Mar. 2010	3,598	nm	100%	1,472	4,742	328	411	85	—	491	10.2%	7.5%	1.5
Legacy funds	Various	Various	12,495	nm	100%	10,461	22,923	33	—	1,557	7	—	23.6%	18.5%	1.9
													22.0 %	16.2 %	

Shows when management fee basis changes from committed capital to the lower of contributed capital or cost

Incentive income recognized in ANI to date

Incentive income that would be recognized if fund was liquidated at its current NAV

Reflects the amount of distributions required for fund to start recognizing incentive income¹

% invested reflects how invested the fund is and, therefore, provides an indication of when we might raise a successor fund

Indicator for generating incentives (must cross net return threshold, generally 8%, before generating incentives)

Note: There are some exceptions to the statements above (e.g. some closed-end funds charge fees on contributed capital or NAV during the investment period).
¹ Additionally, tax distributions impact the timing of incentive income recognition.

Description of Non-GAAP Metrics

Adjusted net income (“ANI”) is a measure of profitability for our investment management business. The components of revenues (“adjusted revenues”) and expenses (“adjusted expenses”) used in the determination of ANI do not give effect to the consolidation of the funds that we manage. Adjusted revenues include investment income (loss) that is classified in other income (loss) in the GAAP statements of operations. Adjusted revenues and expenses also reflect Oaktree’s proportionate economic interest in Highstar, whereby amounts received for contractually reimbursable costs are classified for ANI as expenses and under GAAP as other income. In addition, ANI excludes the effect of (a) non-cash equity-based compensation expense related to unit grants made before our initial public offering, (b) acquisition-related items, including amortization of intangibles and changes in the contingent consideration liability, (c) income taxes, (d) other income or expenses applicable to OCG or its Intermediate Holding Companies, and (e) the adjustment for non-controlling interests. Moreover, gains and losses resulting from foreign-currency transactions and hedging activities under GAAP are recognized as general and administrative expense whether realized or unrealized in the current period, but for ANI, unrealized gains and losses from foreign-currency hedging activities are deferred until realized, at which time they are included in the same revenue or expense line item as the underlying exposure that was hedged. Additionally, for ANI, foreign-currency transaction gains and losses are included in other income (expense), net. Incentive income and incentive income compensation expense are included in ANI when the underlying fund distributions are known or knowable as of the respective quarter end, which may be later than the time at which the same revenue or expense is included in the GAAP statements of operations, for which the revenue standard is fixed or determinable and the expense standard is probable and reasonably estimable. CLO investments are carried at fair value for GAAP reporting, whereas for ANI, they are carried at amortized cost, subject to any impairment charges. Investment income on CLO investments is recognized in ANI when cash distributions are received. Cash distributions are allocated between income and return of capital based on the effective yield method. ANI is calculated at the Operating Group level.

Beginning with the second quarter of 2017, the definition of ANI was modified with respect to third-party placement costs associated with closed-end funds and liability-classified EVUs to conform to the GAAP treatment. Under GAAP, placement costs are expensed as incurred and liability-classified EVUs are remeasured as of each reporting date. Previously for ANI, placement costs were capitalized and amortized in proportion to the associated management fee stream, and liability-classified EVUs were treated as equity-classified awards. All prior periods have been recast for these changes.

Economic net income (“ENI”) is a non-GAAP performance measure that we use to evaluate the financial performance of our business by applying the “Method 2,” instead of the “Method 1,” revenue recognition approach to accounting for incentive income. ANI follows Method 1, except incentive income is recognized when the underlying fund distributions are known or knowable as of the respective quarter end, as opposed to the fixed or determinable standard of Method 1. The Method 2 approach followed by ENI recognizes incentive income as if the funds were liquidated at their reported values as of the date of the financial statements. ENI is computed by adjusting ANI for the change in accrued incentives (fund level), net of associated incentive income compensation expense, during the period.

Distributable earnings is a non-GAAP performance measure derived from our non-GAAP results that we use to measure our earnings at the Operating Group level without the effects of the consolidated funds for the purpose of, among other things, assisting in the determination of equity distributions from the Operating Group. However, the declaration, payment and determination of the amount of equity distributions, if any, is at the sole discretion of our board of directors, which may change our distribution policy at any time. Distributable earnings and distributable earnings revenues differ from ANI in that they exclude investment income or loss and include the receipt of investment income or loss from distributions by our investments in funds and companies. Additionally, any impairment charges on our CLO investments included in ANI are, for distributable earnings purposes, amortized over the remaining investment period of the respective CLO, in order to align with the timing of expected cash flows. In addition, distributable earnings differs from ANI in that make-whole premium charges related to the repayment of debt included in ANI are, for distributable earnings purposes, amortized through the original maturity date of the repaid debt. Finally, distributable earnings differs from ANI in that it is net of Operating Group income taxes and excludes non-cash equity-based compensation expense.

Fee-related earnings (“FRE”) is a non-GAAP performance measure that we use to monitor the baseline earnings of our business. FRE is derived from our non-GAAP results and is comprised of management fees (“fee-related earnings revenues”) less operating expenses other than incentive income compensation expense and non-cash equity-based compensation expense. FRE is considered baseline because it excludes all non-management fee revenue sources (such as earnings from our minority equity interest in DoubleLine) and applies all cash compensation and benefits other than incentive income compensation expense, as well as all general and administrative expenses, to management fees, even though those expenses also support the generation of incentive and investment income. FRE is presented before income taxes.

Reconciliations of Non-GAAP Metrics

For the year ended December 31 (\$ in thousands)

Reconciliation of Net Income (Loss) Attributable to Oaktree Capital Group, LLC to ANI to DE:

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Net income (loss) attributable to Oaktree Capital Group, LLC.....	\$ (95,972)	\$ 107,810	\$ 221,998	\$ 126,283	\$ 71,349	\$ 194,705	\$ 231,494
Incentive income ¹	-	-	(64,460)	28,813	(19,002)	1,407	(13,653)
Incentive income compensation ¹	-	-	46,334	(10,677)	19,009	(1,407)	13,653
Investment income ²	-	-	-	-	-	(21,814)	(30,613)
Equity-based compensation ³	948,746	36,024	24,613	21,657	16,475	13,626	5,698
Foreign-currency hedging ⁴	-	-	-	(2,003)	2,619	1,496	1,453
Acquisition-related items ⁵	-	-	-	2,442	5,251	(924)	1,838
Income taxes ⁶	21,088	30,858	26,232	18,536	17,549	42,519	215,442
Non-Operating Group (income) expense ⁷	768	(5,707)	1,195	1,645	2,097	1,176	(144,143)
Non-controlling interests ⁷	<u>(446,246)</u>	<u>548,265</u>	<u>824,795</u>	<u>386,398</u>	<u>192,968</u>	<u>341,590</u>	<u>419,931</u>
Adjusted Net Income.....	428,384	717,250	1,080,707	573,094	308,315	572,374	701,100
Investment income ⁸	(23,763)	(202,392)	(258,654)	(117,662)	(48,253)	(221,377)	(249,225)
Receipts of investment income from funds ⁹	88,693	129,621	128,896	81,438	101,296	66,390	128,468
Receipts of investment income from companies.....	1,496	33,838	35,664	49,546	48,067	63,700	67,995
Equity-based compensation ¹⁰	-	-	3,828	19,738	37,906	50,098	53,639
Other (income) expense, net ¹¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	21,962
Operating Group income taxes.....	<u>(6,275)</u>	<u>(6,136)</u>	<u>(6,175)</u>	<u>(18)</u>	<u>(3,374)</u>	<u>(4,635)</u>	<u>(7,632)</u>
Distributable Earnings.....	<u>\$ 488,535</u>	<u>\$ 672,181</u>	<u>\$ 984,266</u>	<u>\$ 606,136</u>	<u>\$ 443,957</u>	<u>\$ 526,550</u>	<u>\$ 716,307</u>

¹ This adjustment adds back the effect of timing differences associated with the recognition of incentive income and incentive income compensation expense between adjusted net income and net income attributable to OCG.

² This adjustment adds back the effect of differences in the recognition of investment income related to corporate investments in CLOs which under GAAP are marked-to-market but for adjusted net income are accounted for at amortized cost, subject to impairment.

³ This adjustment adds back the effect of equity-based compensation expense related to unit grants made before our initial public offering, which is excluded from adjusted net income because it does not affect our financial position and from distributable earnings because it is non-cash in nature and does not impact our ability to fund operations.

⁴ This adjustment adds back the effect of timing differences associated with the recognition of unrealized gains and losses related to foreign-currency hedging between adjusted net income and net income attributable to OCG.

⁵ This adjustment adds back the effect of acquisition-related items associated with the amortization of intangibles and changes in the contingent consideration liability.

⁶ Because adjusted net income and distributable earnings are pre-tax measures, this adjustment adds back the effect of income tax expense.

⁷ Because adjusted net income and distributable earnings are calculated at the Operating Group level, this adjustment adds back the effect of items applicable to OCG, its Intermediate Holding Companies or non-controlling interests.

⁸ This adjustment eliminates investment income, which with respect to investments in funds is initially largely non-cash in nature and is thus not available to fund our operations.

⁹ This adjustment characterizes the portion of the distributions received from funds as receipts of investment income or loss. In general, the income or loss component of a distribution from a fund is calculated by multiplying the amount of the distribution by the ratio of our investment's undistributed income or loss to our remaining investment balance. In addition, if the distribution is made during the investment period, it is generally not reflected in distributable earnings until after the investment period ends.

¹⁰ This adjustment eliminates the effect of equity-based compensation charges related to unit grants made after our initial public offering, which is excluded from distributable earnings because it is non-cash in nature and does not impact our ability to fund our operations.

¹¹ For distributable earnings purposes, the \$22 million make-whole premium charge included in ANI in the fourth quarter of 2017 in connection with the early repayment of our 2019 Notes is amortized through the original maturity date of December 2019.

Reconciliations of Non-GAAP Metrics

For the year ended December 31 (\$ in thousands)

Reconciliation of Fee-Related Earnings (FRE) to ANI to ENI:

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
FRE ¹	\$ 314,968	\$ 307,617	\$ 260,115	\$ 248,260	\$ 214,943	\$ 255,863	\$ 223,857
Incentive income.....	303,963	461,116	1,030,195	491,402	263,806	355,152	731,224
Incentive income compensation.....	(179,234)	(222,594)	(436,217)	(231,871)	(141,822)	(169,683)	(402,828)
Investment income.....	23,763	202,392	258,654	117,662	48,253	221,377	249,225
Equity-based compensation ²	-	(318)	(3,828)	(19,738)	(37,906)	(50,098)	(53,639)
Interest expense, net of interest income.....	(33,867)	(31,730)	(28,621)	(30,190)	(35,032)	(31,845)	(26,375)
Other income (expense), net.....	<u>(1,209)</u>	<u>767</u>	<u>409</u>	<u>(2,431)</u>	<u>(3,927)</u>	<u>(8,392)</u>	<u>(20,364)</u>
ANI.....	428,384	717,250	1,080,707	573,094	308,315	572,374	701,100
Change in accrued incentives (fund level), net of associated incentive income compensation ³	<u>(138,872)</u>	<u>254,483</u>	<u>(46,968)</u>	<u>(235,303)</u>	<u>(188,383)</u>	<u>135,002</u>	<u>(25,690)</u>
ENI.....	<u>\$ 289,512</u>	<u>\$ 971,733</u>	<u>\$ 1,033,739</u>	<u>\$ 337,791</u>	<u>\$ 119,932</u>	<u>\$ 707,376</u>	<u>\$ 675,410</u>

Reconciliation of Consolidated Management fees to Non-GAAP

Management fees:

Management fees - Consolidated.....	\$ 140,715	\$ 134,568	\$ 192,605	\$ 192,055	\$ 195,308	\$ 774,587	\$ 726,414
Adjustments ⁴	<u>583,606</u>	<u>612,872</u>	<u>557,296</u>	<u>570,768</u>	<u>558,497</u>	<u>11,086</u>	<u>20,847</u>
Management fees - Non-GAAP.....	<u>\$ 724,321</u>	<u>\$ 747,440</u>	<u>\$ 749,901</u>	<u>\$ 762,823</u>	<u>\$ 753,805</u>	<u>\$ 785,673</u>	<u>\$ 747,261</u>

¹ Fee-related earnings is a component of adjusted net income and is comprised of management fees less operating expenses other than incentive income compensation expense and non-cash equity-based compensation expense related to unit grants made after our initial public offering.

² This adjustment adds back the effect of equity-based compensation expense related to unit grants made after our initial public offering, which is excluded from fee-related earnings because it is non-cash in nature and does not impact our ability to fund our operations.

³ The change in accrued incentives (fund level), net of associated incentive income compensation expense, represents the difference between (a) our recognition of net incentive income and (b) the incentive income generated by the funds during the period that would be due to us if the funds were liquidated at their reported values as of that date, net of associated incentive income compensation expense.

⁴ This adjustment primarily represents the elimination of amounts attributable to the Company's consolidated funds, the reclassification of net gains or losses related to foreign-currency related hedging activities to general and administrative expense, and the elimination of non-controlling interests from adjusted revenues.

Benchmark Disclosures

BENCHMARK DETAIL

U.S. High Yield Bonds:

Citigroup U.S. High Yield Cash-Pay Capped Index

European High Yield Bonds:

ICE BofAML Global Non-Financial High Yield European Issuers
excluding Russia 3% Constrained Index (USD Hedged)