# Nigeria Private Equity Roundtable

Building an optimal Private Equity Portfolio

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# **Objectives**

- 1. What are some considerations for African pension funds in building an Optimal private equity portfolio?
- 2. What are the key risks?
- 3. How can they be managed?

1. PE as an asset class is here to stay. Strategic portfolio constituent since 1997; impact continues to be accretive to all stakeholders.

2. PE as an industry in Africa is growing but polarized

 South Africa
 80%

 Nigeria
 10%

 Rest \*
 10%

Angola, Botswana, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Mozambique, Senegal, etc

Source: Africa Report Sep 2010

- 5. African PE activity participants
  - ✓ International Financial Institutions (IFIs)
  - ✓ AfDB
  - ✓ DBSA
  - ✓ CDC
  - ✓ Dutch FMO
  - ✓ French PROPARCO
  - ✓ Norfund
  - ✓ Etc
- 6. Notable absence African Pension Funds

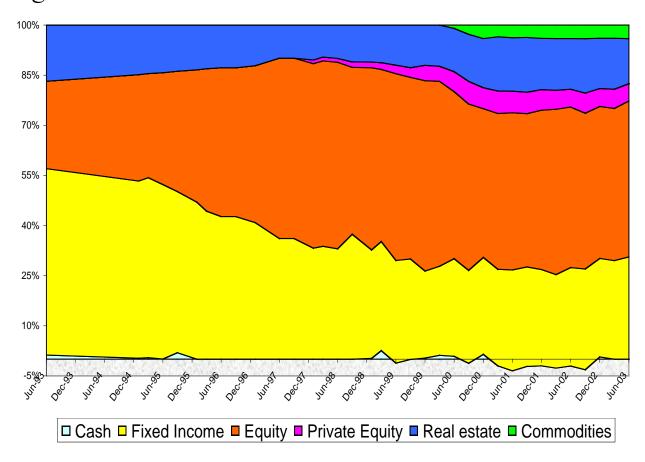
- 7. More room at the "party" for African Pension Funds
  - ✓ DFIs won't be permanent fixtures essentially risk testers ahead of more risk-averse institutional investors
  - ✓ DFIs may reduce role or exit the industry as growth rates and economic climates improve

Norfund won't invest where per capita GDP > \$6,500. (Botswana, RSA??)

8. Entry of African Pension Funds could ease up the reliance on DFIs and also improve the breadth and depth of the asset class on the Continent

- 9. Most African nations, rely on healthy International (and intra-African) Trade and a robust Capital market to support and hasten development goals in the areas of:
  - ✓ Infrastructure (and Telecommunication),
  - ✓ Supportive financial services sector,
  - ✓ Competitive manufacturing companies,
  - ✓ A pool of talented and skilled managers and workers, etc.

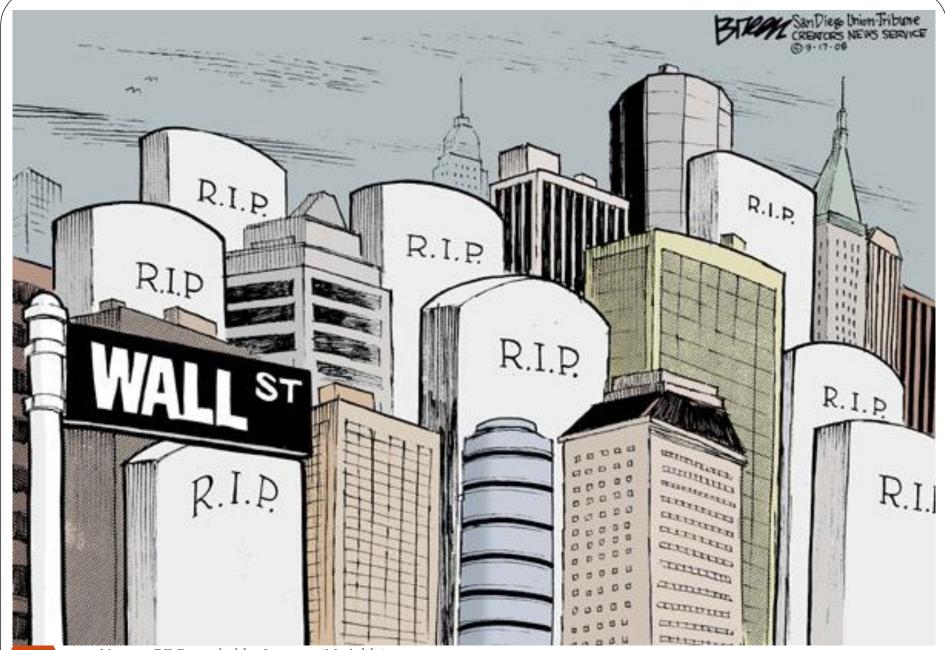
#### Strategic Portfolio











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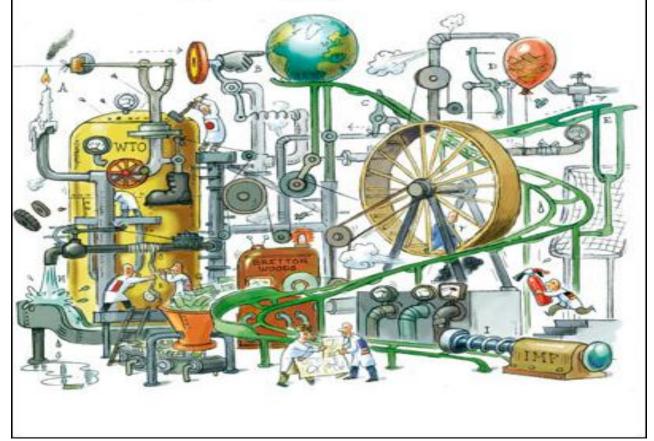
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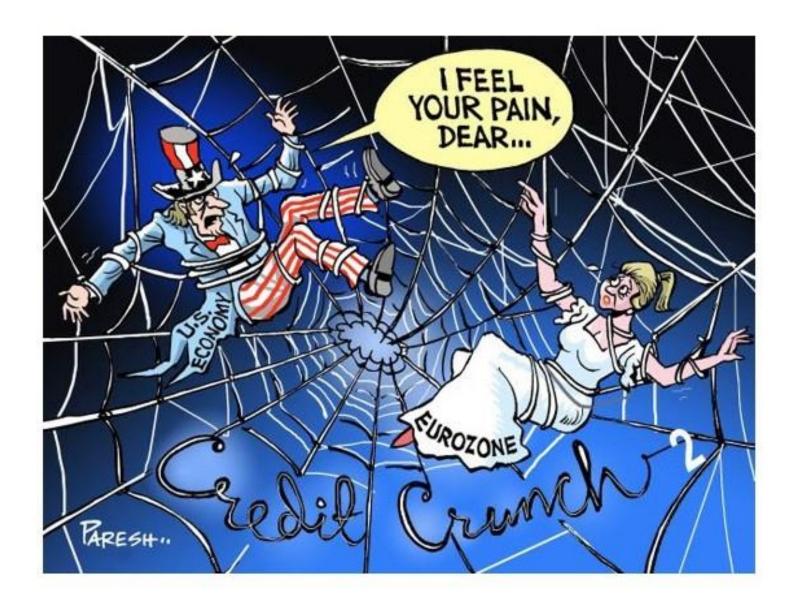
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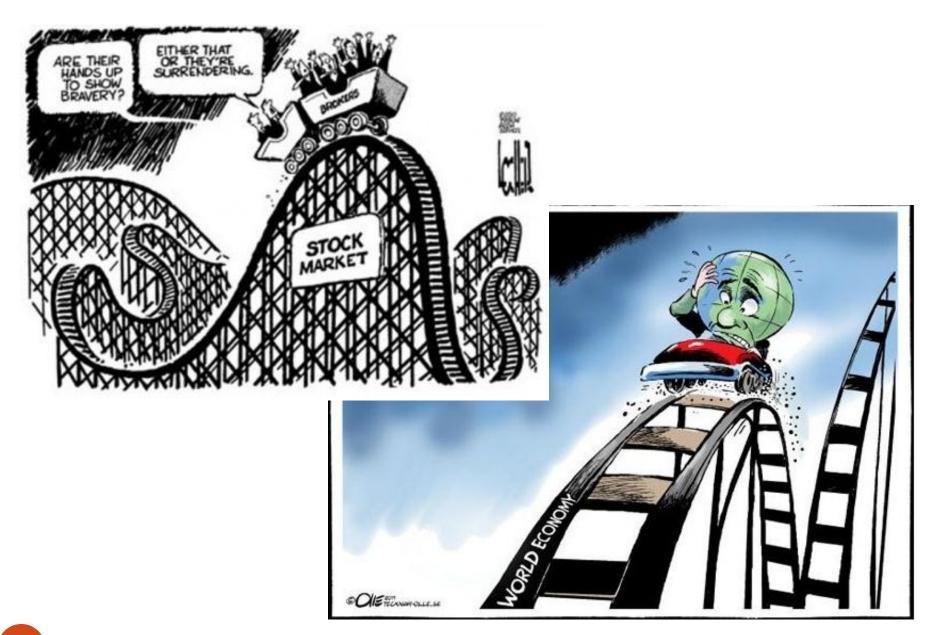
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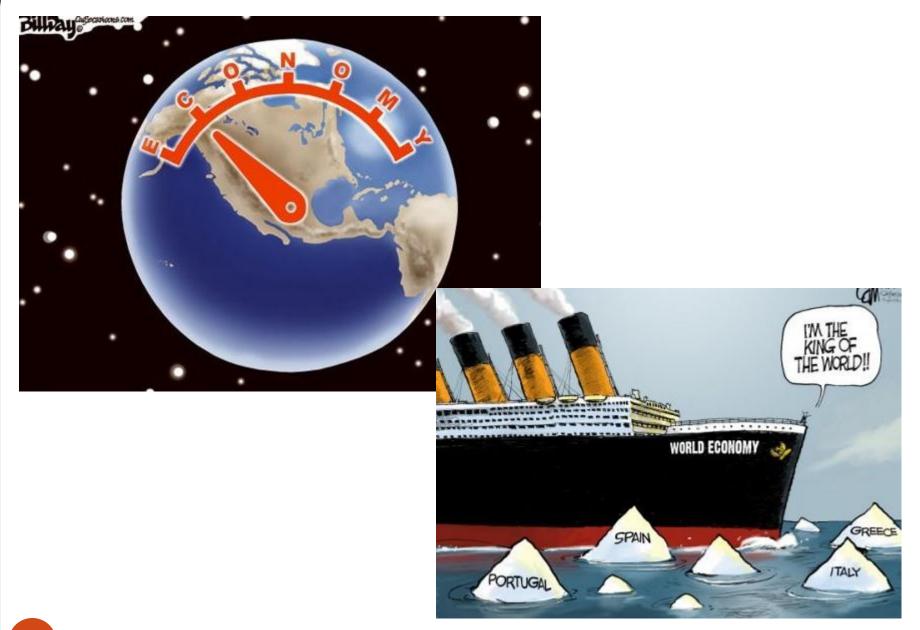
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#### Redesigning global finance







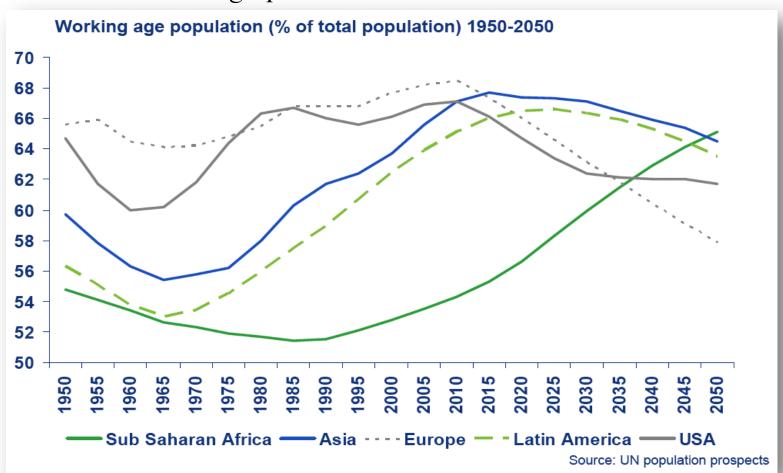


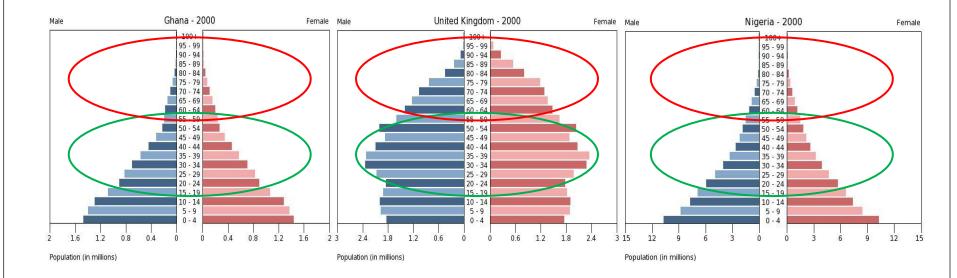


- 10. The post global financial contagion era (decade) will be one of austerity, de-leveraging, economic restructuring and reconfiguration.
- 11. Increasing social challenges on various home fronts will compel Development Grants and some Aids from developed / wealthy nations to undergo intense (and hostile) scrutiny and re-alignment

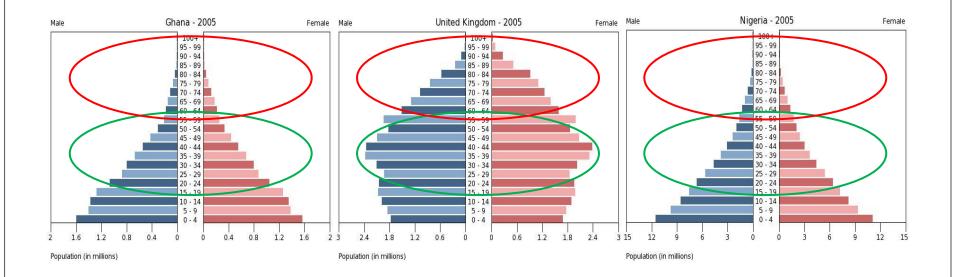
- 12. Frontier economies fast becoming investment destination of choice political stability gaining foothold, democratic dispensation developing tap root.
- 13. Advantage of a rising population that is moving into the consumption mainstream not middle income as known in the West, but rather home-grown "affordable consumption" class
- 14. Small but rising affordable consumtion class comprises of home-growns and returnees

#### 15. Africa's Demographic Dividend

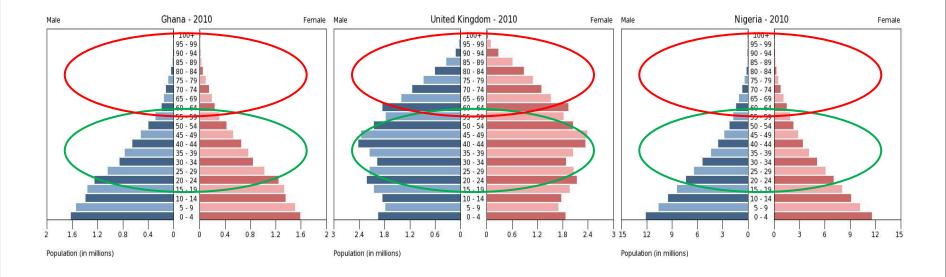




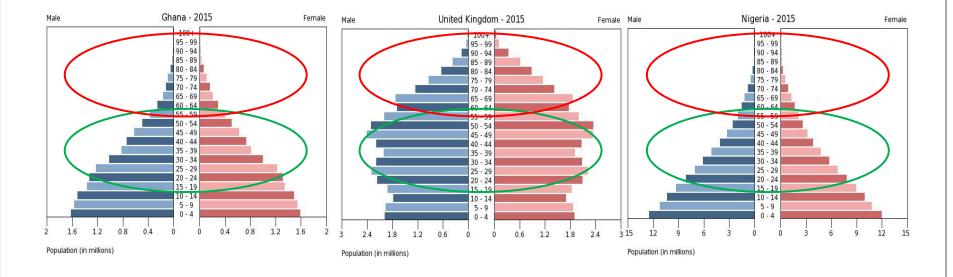
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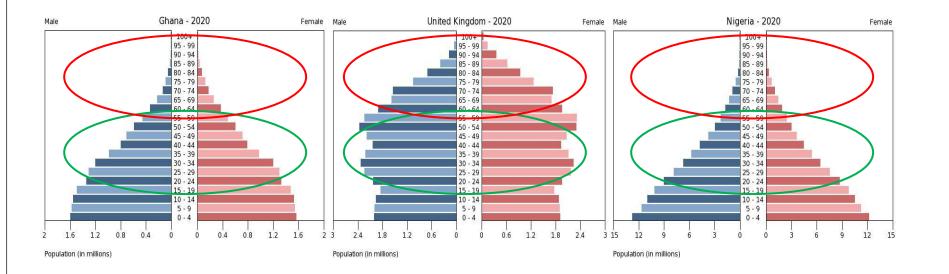
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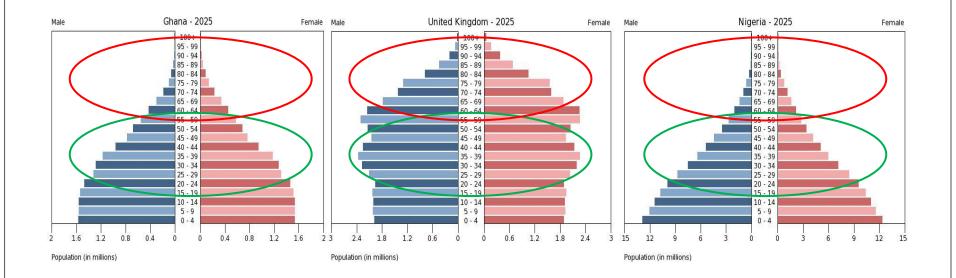
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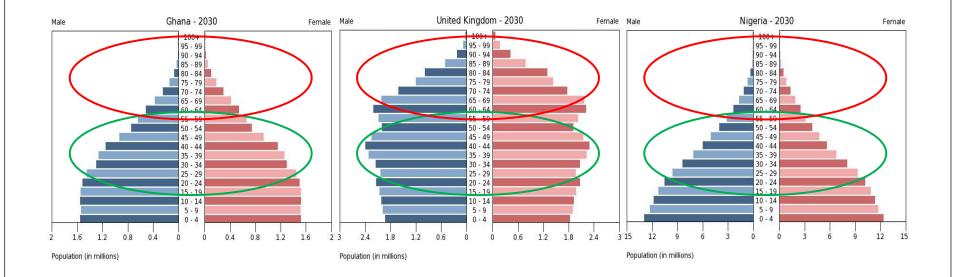
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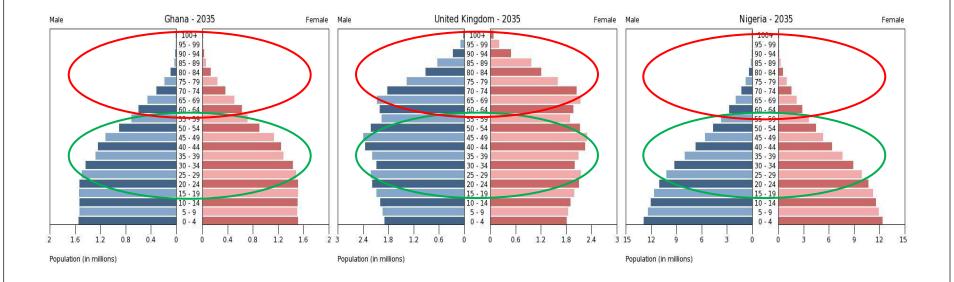
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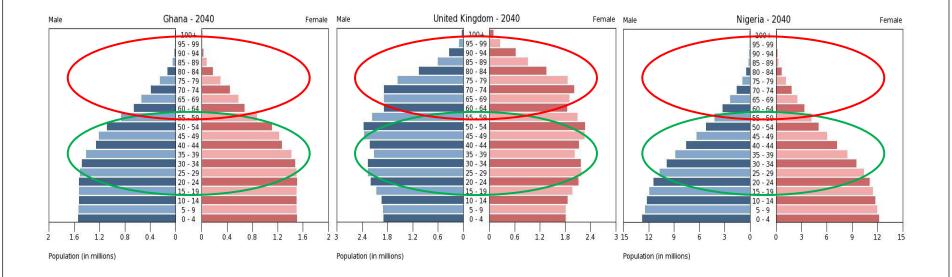
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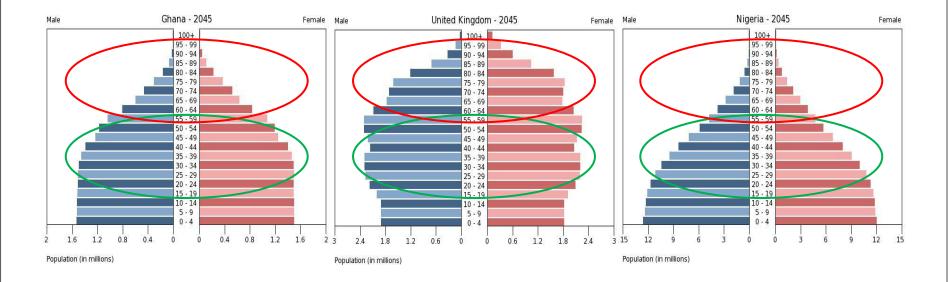
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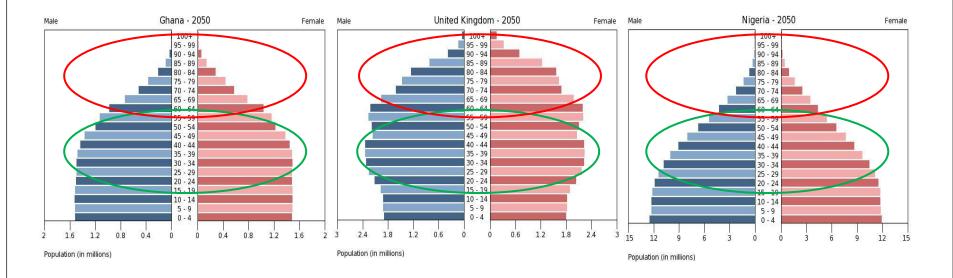
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- 16. Pension Funds penultimate goals
  - Collect contributions
  - Invest for appreciable returns, and
  - Pay benefits when due

However...

17. Strong perception or belief by some that Pension Funds can be a complimentary investment vehicle for development

- 18. PE Funds can play dual roles as vehicle for
  - Diversification opportunities and options
  - Pursuing broader agenda for development
- 19. Unfortunately, most African PF Trustees and Managers know very little about PE or are very wary of the asset class and industry

What is PE facial expressions







## An Optimal PE Portfolio for PFs

- A. Understanding of PE as an asset class
- B. Board-approved Asset Allocation Policy
  - Asset class, target, {balancing range}, investment guidelines
- C. Should have  $\geq$  1 PE fund (a FoF is a plus)
  - Diversity
    - Returns
    - Length
    - Geographic footprint
    - Sector (generalist, specialist)

#### How Stuff Works: Initiation...

- General Partner (GP) approaches prospective Investors (Limited Partners LPs) with Private Placement or Information Memorandum
- Parties negotiate a common shareholder and management agreement
- LPs make initial capital commitment on a single day First Closing
- "Calls" or Draw downs are only as required
- Other investors may join in subsequent closings on 'equivalent basis' for up to a year — Final Close
- GP expected to invest <u>at least</u> 1%

#### How Stuff Works: Process...

- "Capital calls" or Draw Downs against Commitments are required for up to 5 years (Investment Period)
- 7-15 investments in individual unlisted companies typically occur during Investment Period
- Capital is mostly returned to investors via distributions on sale, or recapitalization of investee companies by year 10 (Divestment phase)
- This may be extended by up to two 1-year extensions, with approval
- The GP can raise sequential fund when current fund is about 75% invested

## How Stuff Works: Expenses...

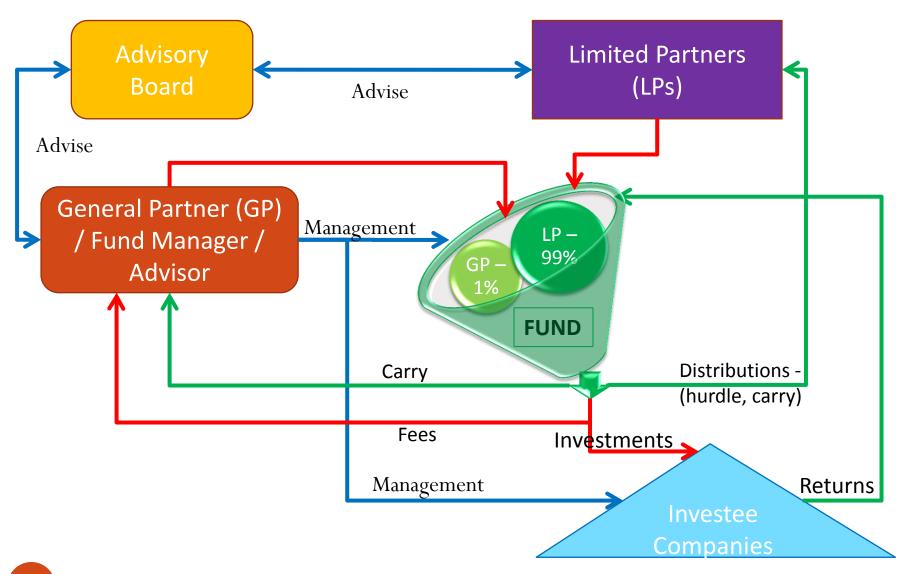
#### Expenses

- Management fees (MF) paid on Commitment (2–3% pa)
- Some pricing models lower MFs after investment period to % of invested capital instead of committed capital
- Organisational expenses of fund of up to 1% paid by fund
- GP may be able to charge investees certain fees, shared with fund
- Fund carries all other third party costs, eg legal costs, auditing etc
- GP gets a 'carried interest' (share of gain) of 20% of the returns after Investors (LPs) received 'hurdle' (6-10% pa) and 80% carried interest back
- Total expense ratio pa over life of fund (pre carried interest) typically at least 3.5-6%, depending on size of Fund

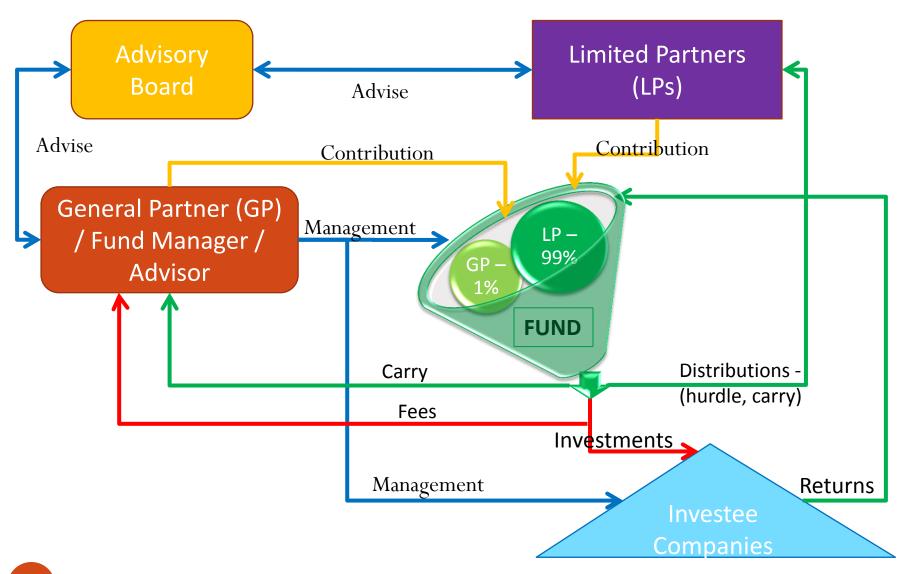
### How Stuff Works: Post investment...

- Investment Committee makes investment decisions
- Advisory Committee/Board meets up to quarterly to review conflicts/valuations
- Quarterly Reporting
- Valuations at least twice a year, now often quarterly
- Capital or income received immediately distributed to Investors (subject to minimums)
- Reinvestment of proceeds only acceptable if predefined in initial contract between GP and LPs

### Typical Fund Structure...



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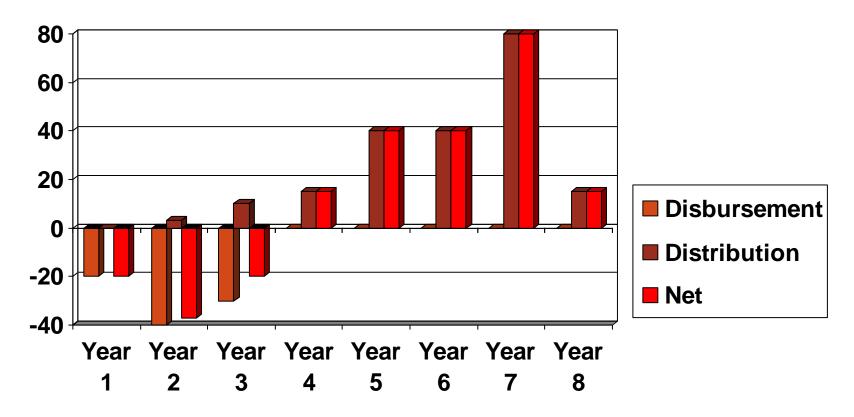


# Key Risks...

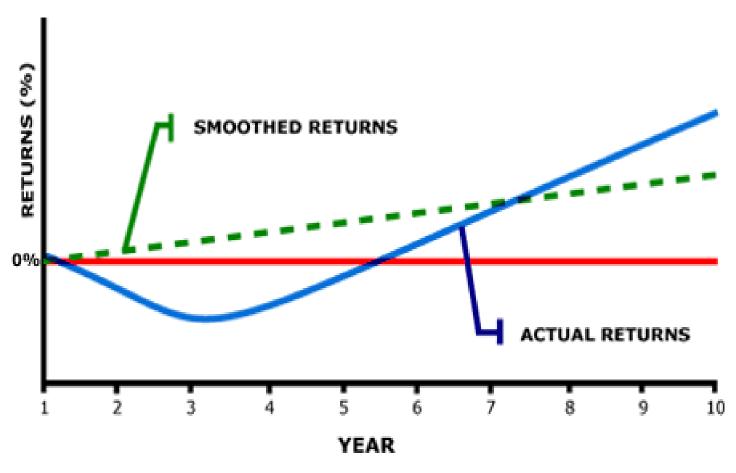
- 1. Policy
  - Lack of Understanding of PE asset class
  - Perceived excess / unacceptable risk
  - Undefined Asset Allocation / Investment Guidelines
- 2. Fund Selection
- 3. Liquidity
- 4. Currency
- 5. Cycle
- 6. Tax and Transparency
- 7. Infrastructure Support
- 8. Liability and Reputation

# Key Risks...J-curve

When a Fund's NAV per share and interim IRR of a PE Fund falls in its early years followed by a recovery in the later years.



# Key Risks...J-curve



## Key Risks...J-curve

#### Causes:

- ✓ Fees are charged on commitment from Day 1
- ✓ Organisational (1%) and other expenses carried by the Fund from Day 1
- ✓ Time taken to build a PE portfolio (minimum 3-5 years)
- ✓ Provisions taken at once if underperformance occurs

# **Broad Segment of Key Risks...**

### 1. **Operational** Risk

Management team, track record and experience, competency incentives and alignment, process, ability to execute, etc.

#### 2. Market Risk

Nature of opportunity, deal flow, pipeline, competition, network

#### 3. <u>Infrastructure Support</u> Risk

Judicial and contract strength environment, ease, speed and complexity of doing business, liquidity, physical development, political/economic maturity, exit potential

### 4. Fund Specific Risk

Investment policy, strategy, projected returns, fund terms, conflicts, structure, tax, currency

# Managing Key Risks...

Risk Category	Description	Mitigation	
Policy	Poor Board knowledge of the asset class, absence of, inadequate or unclear focus to the asset class	Board education and Board-approved AAP & Guidelines  Sector/Regional maximums  Fund investment maximums  Return/Hurdle rate minimums  ESG restrictions  Prohibited sectors	
Fund Selection	Defects in alignment and transparency with Fund Manager	Clearly defined pre/post investment due diligence and checks	
Liquidity	Non or very limited tradability of asset	Fund life structure/process, emergence of secondary market	
Currency	Foreign currency denominated draw downs and distributions	Identify currency, diversify, secure projected drawdown plan , plan accordingly	

# Managing Key Risks...

Risk Category	Description	Mitigation	
Cycle	Exposure to systemic external economic or financial cycles	Fund life and structure, and diversification	
Execution	Time-consuming investment process complexity	Superior selection of Fund, process and procedures at PE Manager level	
Tax and Transparency	Unfavourable tax regime	Focus on Funds in tax-friendly locations (Mauritius, Botswana)	
Infrastructure Support	Poor private and institutional support	Fund structure and procedures	

# Managing Key Risks...

Risk Category	Description	Mitigation
Litigation	Suppliers creditors, 3 <sup>rd</sup> parties	<ul> <li>Fund structure, strong corporate governance policies</li> <li>Fund Advisory Board oversees conflicts, valuations, audit and change to investment policy</li> <li>Delegate investment decisions to IC that has independents</li> <li>GP takes the liability but is indemnified except for negligence or fraud</li> <li>Ability to fire GP without cause subject to high vote threshold – no "fault divorce" elect a "no fault" divorce</li> </ul>
Reputation	Implications by events in Fund portfolio (environmental, social, accidents, etc)	<ul> <li>Other defaults on "key man" retention, breach of investment restrictions, etc</li> <li>GP restrictions on ability to manage competing funds, over certain types of investment (banned sectors)</li> <li>Undertaking from GP on ESG criteria to be followed</li> </ul>

### Pension Fund PE Portfolio Issues

#### **Pre-Investment Issues**

- 1. Objectives (& coverage)
- 2. Fund size & ticket size
- 3. People behind the Fund
- 4. Pipeline
- 5. Returns, Fees, tax neutrality
- 6. Usual suspects
- 7. PowerPoint Presentation

#### Post-Investment Challenges

- 1. Capital Calls
- 2. Valuation
- 3. Voice & Vote
- 4. Ongoing communication
- 5. Touring of investee companies
- 6. Link Reports to PF Contributions

## Pre-Investment Issues

#### 1. Objective of the Fund

- ✓ This has to meet the policy objective and offer a diversification benefit to the portfolio
- ✓ Has to be within the risk/return comfort of the portfolio

#### 2. <u>Size of the Fund & Ticket size.</u>

- ✓ A \$250M Fund elicits a nod quicker than a 10 million fund. Just as a \$2B Fund knits brows easier than a \$450M Fund.
- ✓ Mega Funds means fund raising could be long and closings could be extended, thus delaying commencement of investments
- ✓ Pension Funds will become an insignificant investor.
- ✓ > \$25M tickets eliminates lots of opportunities, especially for regionally focused funds.

## Pre-Investment Issues - contd.

### 3. People Behind the Fund (Managers, Directors etc.)

Very important to investment committee and Trustees. Individual history may be stellar, equally important are:

- ✓ Education
- ✓ Experience background
- ✓ More Farmers and less Hunters
- ✓ Managers ability to work as a Team for the Fund
- ✓ Managers/Fund's understanding of the investment terrain in the African theater is crucial

## Pre-Investment Issues - contd.

### 4. Pipelines are important

- ✓ Crucial; could be deal spoiler.
- ✓ The PE Fund must be willing to disclose sufficient information about pipeline for PF's comfort.
- ✓ Deeper delving if skeptical of purported pipeline content.
- ✓ Pipeline should contain prospective deals in the soliciting country.

#### 5. <u>Hurdle Rates, Returns and Fees</u>

$$✓$$
 HR = 6-8% (10%)

✓ Net IRR = 
$$20 - 25\%$$

✓ Fees = 
$$1.50\% - 2\% (2.5\%)$$

## Pre-Investment Issues - contd.

### 6. Participation of "Usual Suspects"

- ✓ Confirmed commitment of other LPs {DFIs}, a plus.
- ✓ They serve as due diligence pre-cursors for cautious LPs like Pension Funds

#### 7. Power Point Presentation

- ✓ Presentation of objectives, rates, returns, fees, team, deal pipeline and past experience are crucial.
- ✓ Such presentation should be planned for at least 2 levels Management & Analysts and Investment Committee.

## Post Investment Issues

### 1. Capital Calls

✓ The standard 10-day pay up window becomes challenging in a bureaucratic institution like a PF

### 2. <u>Valuation – 3rd party valuation preferred</u>

- ✓ Valuation illustrates the pro/regress of investments.
- ✓ Basis of valuation of investee companies at entry and at various reporting stages being debated.
- ✓ Independent 3rd party valuation may offer a comfort.

#### 3. <u>Lack of "Voice and Vote"</u>

- ✓ Millions in commitment + prolonged non-discretionary investment period = Expectation for some voice and vote in governance/advisory boards.
- ✓ Concern reverberates loudly among minority investors (e.g. Pension Funds in the early years of venturing into this Asset class of investments.
- ✓ A seat or two for minority LPs on a rotating basis could alleviate this legitimate concern.

### 4. Don't confuse face-time with bothersome handholding

- ✓ Maintain dialogue and communications with the PF Allies on a periodic basis.
- ✓ Backed up with timely quarterly and annual statements.
- ✓ Check drawdown / capital calls against Agreement (amount, purpose, timing and payment window).
- ✓ Face time goes a long way in keeping PF adequately informed, focused and strengthens capabilities.

### 5. Periodic Touring of Investee companies

- Request for a
  - ✓ tour some of their investee companies,
  - ✓ talk to their management
  - ✓ check underneath the hood and kick the tires
- Alleviates the "Black box" fear/perception
- Adds credibility to PE's verbal and documented assertions.

#### 6. Its all about the Pension Fund Contributions

If portfolio /investee companies are domestically domiciled, seek more information from GP on:

- ✓ Company realignment and Sustaining Success
- ✓ Job Creation/Stabilization
- ✓ Social Security Contributions
- ✓ Returns to the Pension Fund

# Evaluation of portfolio

IRR may be weak in first 3 or 4 years in (J curve effect), but necessary overall

- 1. Investment Rate = Paid-In Capital / Committed Capital
- 2. Realization Multiple = Distributions / Paid-In Capital
- 3. Investment Multiple = Total Portfolio Value (RV+D) / Paid-In Capital
- 4. Residual Multiple = Residual Value / Paid-In Capital
- 5. Rate of loss = written off portfolio as % of Paid-In Capital
- 6. Review of portfolio companies to assess state of business/financial health
- 7. SI-IRR (gross and net) when relevant

## Conclusion...

- 1. Key considerations
  - Staying power of PE industry and asset class
  - Immense opportunity for African PF to meet investment goals while achieving development agenda as well
- 2. Key risks
  - Policy, Fund selection, liquidity, currency, cycle, execution, tax, infrastructure, liability/reputation and J-curve
- 3. Mitigating measures
- 4. Pre/post investment issues
- 5. Evaluation of PE portfolio

# Thank you

# Questions?