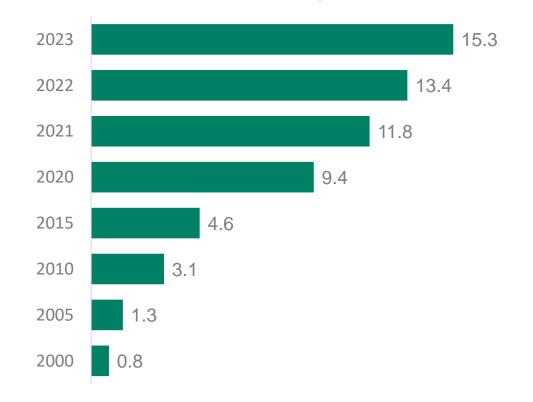
# Diversifying with Private Markets



## Private Markets Are Seeing Tremendous Growth

Three main drivers of growth.

- 1. Demand: Investors looking to improve their portfolios
- 2. Product innovation: Regulatory changes creating opportunities
- 3. Supply: Alts managers offering more and better investment structures and solutions



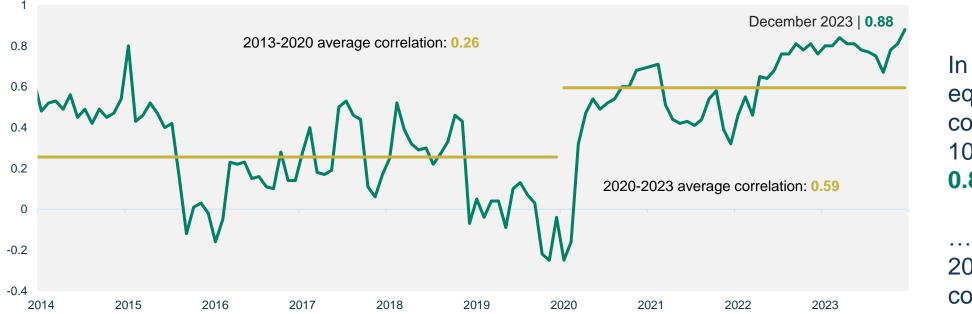
#### Assets Under Management (\$T)

Source: CAIS, December 31, 2023.

## Investors Are Looking for Solutions to Diversify Their Portfolio

Correlations between global stocks and bonds have risen sharply in the past decade

Rolling 12-month global stock/bond correlations (January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2023)



In 2023, global equity and bond correlations hit a 10-year peak of **0.88** ...

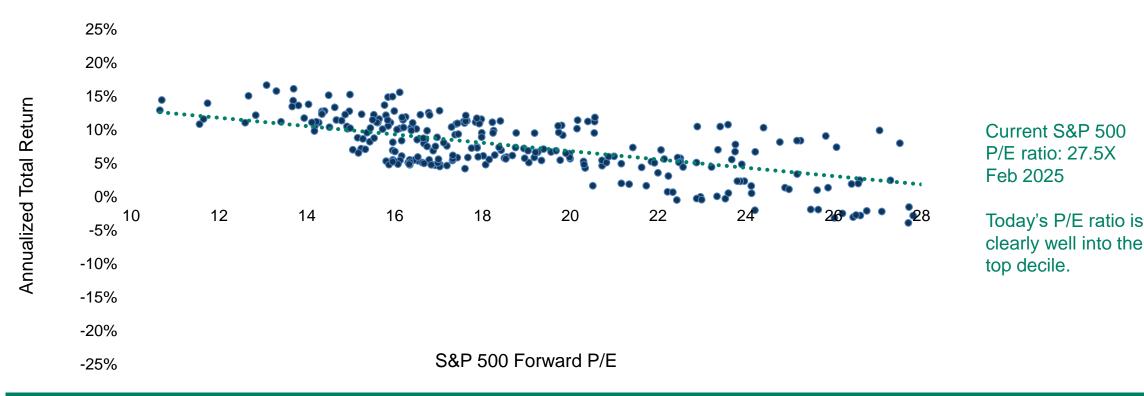
... while for 2013-2020 that correlation was **0.26** 

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### Historically, Higher Starting Valuations Led to Lower Returns, and Vice Versa

S&P 500 forward price-to-earnings ratios and subsequent 10-year returns



#### Today, consider investments with low correlation to public market.

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**Historical analysis does not guarantee future results**. The forward price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio is a valuation metric that estimates a stock's value by dividing its current price by its projected earnings per share (EPS). One dot for each month from 1988 through late 2014, 324 monthly observations (27 years x 12). Each square shows the forward P/E ratio on the S&P 500 at the time and the annualized return over the subsequent 10 years. Source: Bloomberg. As of December 31, 2024.

## Private Market Exposure Diversifies Beyond Stocks and Bonds

### Correlation analysis

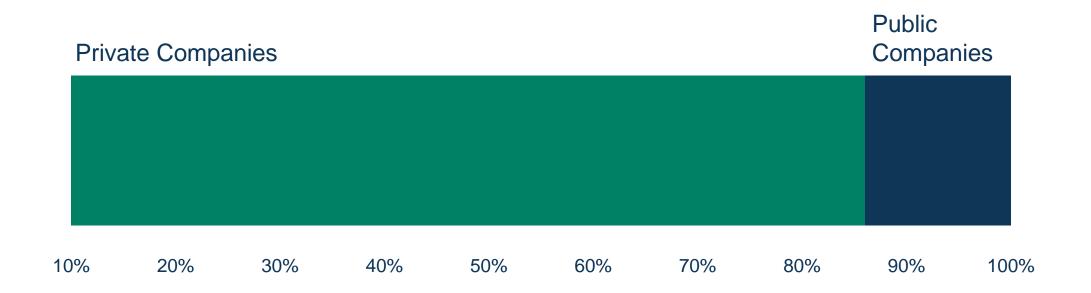
	Global Equities	Global Bonds	Listed Real Estate	Listed Infrastructure	Private Equity	Private Credit	Real Estate	Private Infrastructure
Global Equities	1							
Global Bonds	0.35	1						
Listed Real Estate	0.88	0.41	1					
Listed Infrastructure	0.86	0.41	0.89	1				
Private Equity	0.78	0.13	0.70	0.69	1			
Private Credit	0.70	-0.02	0.66	0.69	0.79	1		
Private Real Estate	0.38	-0.15	0.37	0.40	0.70	0.60	1	
Private Infrastructure	0.04	-0.09	0.08	0.11	0.26	0.12	0.39	1

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## 87% of Companies with Revenues Over \$100 Million Are Private

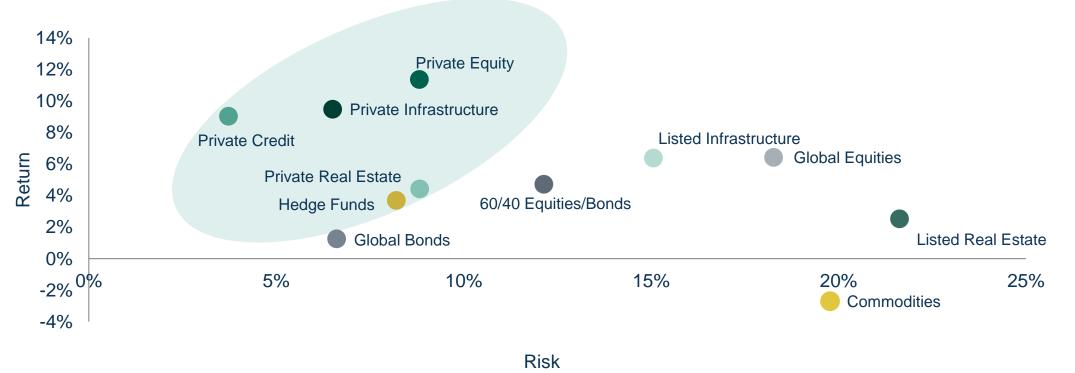
Investing in private companies alongside public companies enhances portfolio diversification.



Source: Capital IQ. As of December 31, 2023.

## Private Market Exposure Has Historically Improved Portfolios

Risk-return analysis



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## Private Market Investments Expand Investor Possibilities

Like public markets, private investments offer diverse opportunities—but with distinct advantages.

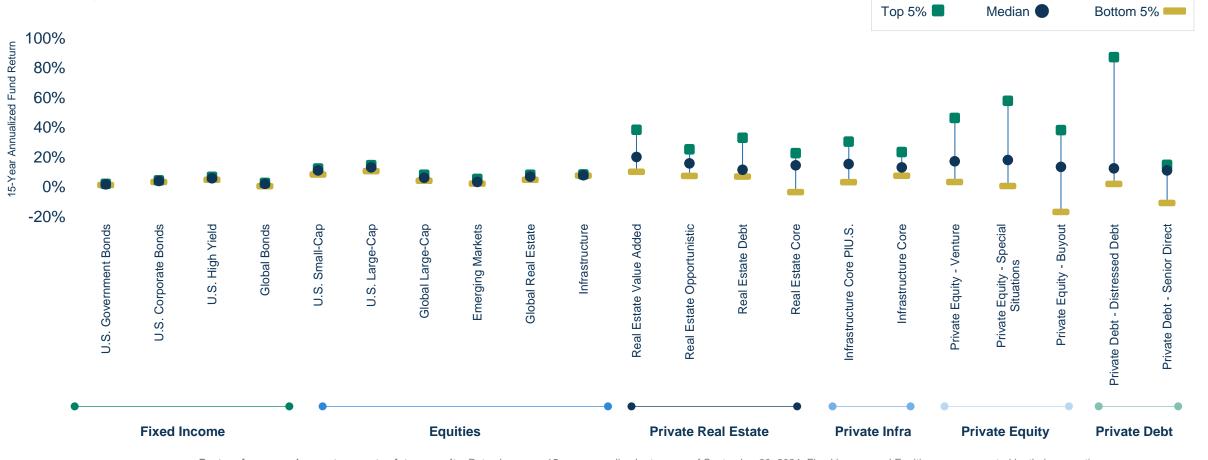
	Private Real Estate	Private Infrastructure	Private Equity	Private Credit
Diversification				
Inflation Hedge				
Risk Mitigation				
Income Generation				
Return Enhancement				
	Higher potential			Lower potential

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### Private Investments Demand More Than Allocation—They Require Expertise

Manager Dispersion Across Public and Private Asset Classes



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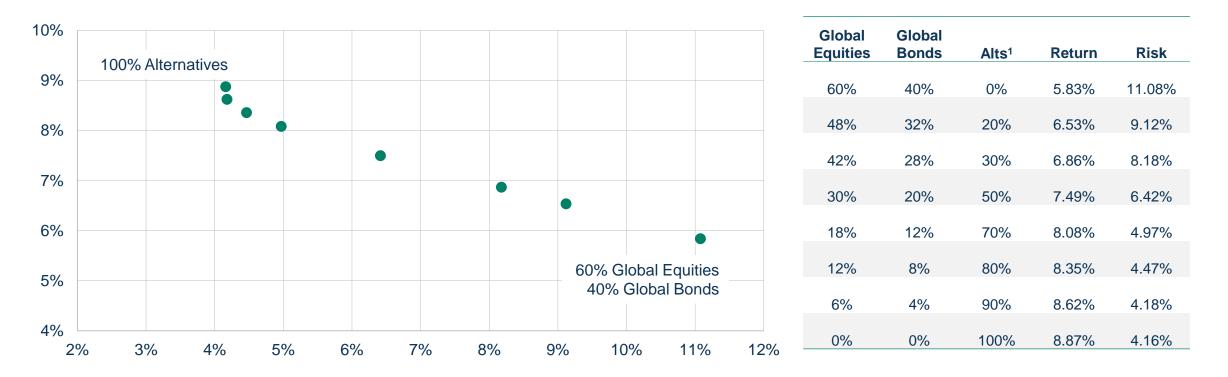
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## Diversifying with Alternatives

Enhancing the 60/40 Portfolio with Alternative Investments



1 Alternatives allocation is equally allocated to Private Credit, Private Equity, Private Infrastructure and Private Real Estate. Ten-year annualized return and risk (measured by standard deviation, a measure of the amount of variation of the values of a variable about its mean). Past performance is not indicative of future results. Diversification does not guarantee a profit or protect against loss. For illustrative purposes only. Information does not represent returns of a fund. An investor cannot invest in an index. For the period January 1, 2008 through September 30, 2023. Global Equities represented by the MSCI World Index, Global Bonds by the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond Index, Private Equity represented by the Preqin Private Equity Index, Private Credit by the Cliffwater Direct Lending Index, Private Infrastructure by the Preqin Infrastructure Index, and Private Real Estate by the Preqin Real Estate Index. Please see disclosures for additional information. Source: Bloomberg, Preqin. As of June 30, 2024.

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