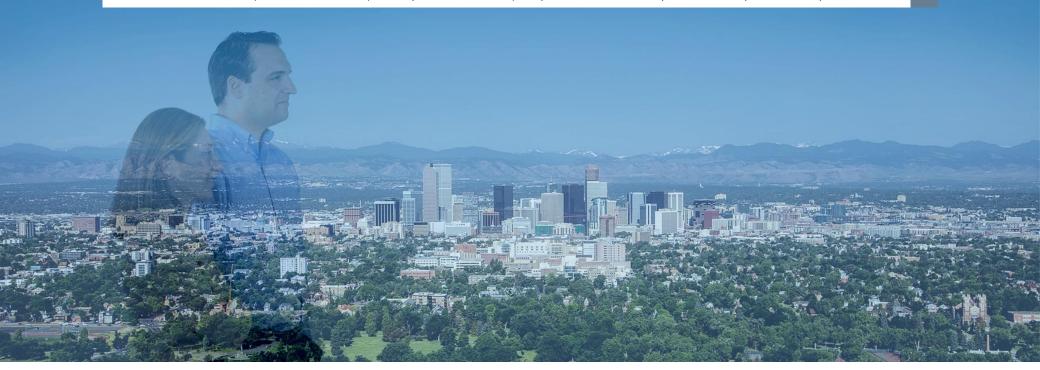


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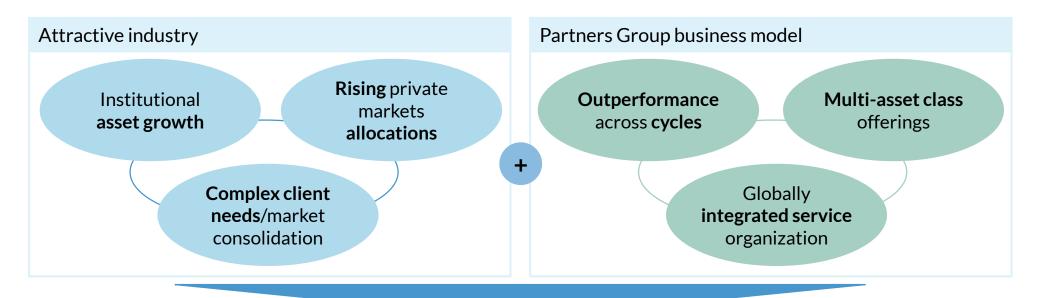
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## The Partners Group formula







# Partners Group was one of the most valuable listed private markets investment managers globally at year-end 2017

#### Market capitalization in USD billion<sup>1</sup>

Rank	Firm	Market Cap
1	The Blackstone Group	38
2	Partners Group	18
3	KKR	17
4	Apollo Global Management	14
5	3i Group	12
6	Carlyle Group	8
7	Onex Corporation	8
8	Eurazeo SA	7
9	Oaktree Capital Group	7
10	Ares Management	4

Key figures 2017<sup>2</sup>

1'245

CHF million revenue

825

CHF million EBITDA

>1'000

professionals globally



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## Entrepreneurial governance enables a long-term approach to value creation

#### Rotation in Board responsibilities proposed

Private market governance practices enable long-term value creation.

The Board of Partners Group strives to uphold such practices in order to create long-term value for our shareholders.

- The Board will propose Steffen Meister as its next Chairman<sup>1</sup>
- Steffen Meister will succeed Dr. Peter
   Wuffli, who has been Chairman since 2014
- The Board will propose Dr. Peter Wuffli as its Vice Chairman

Transitioning leadership while ensuring continuity in strategy and focus



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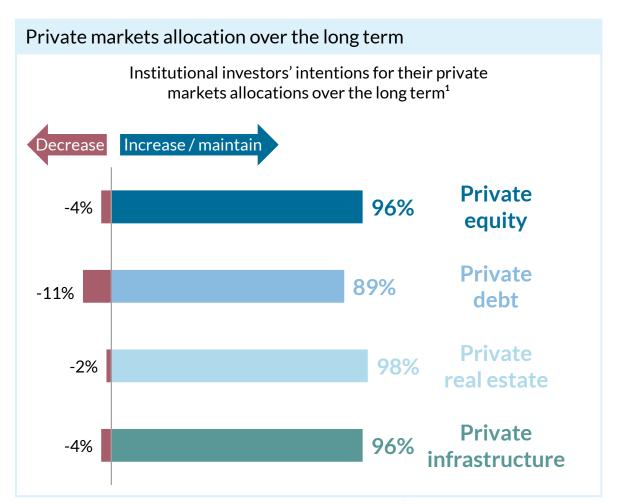
## 2018 Annual General Meeting for clients





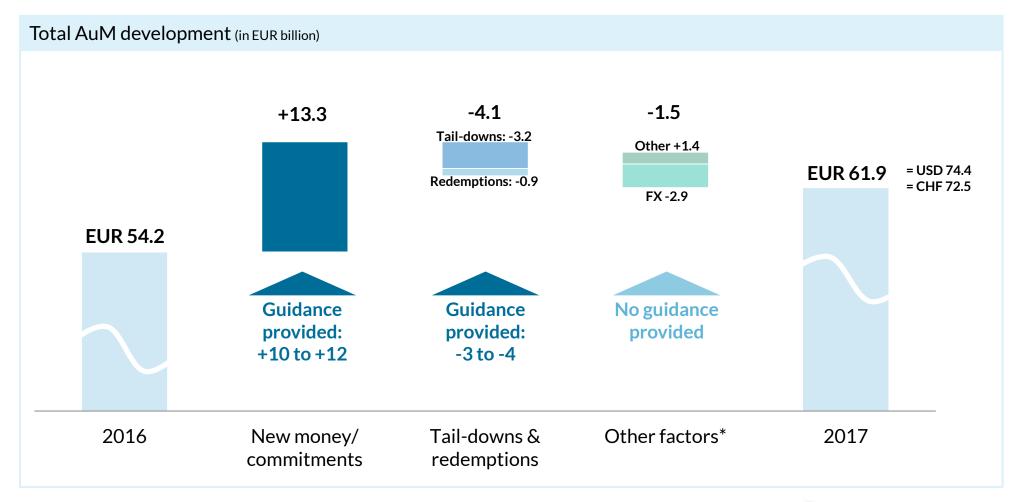
## Continued increase in institutional investors' allocation to private markets globally





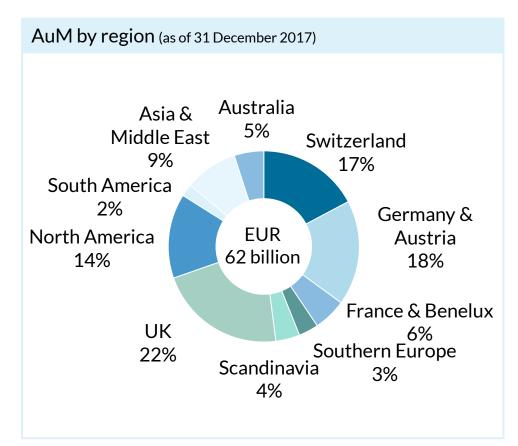


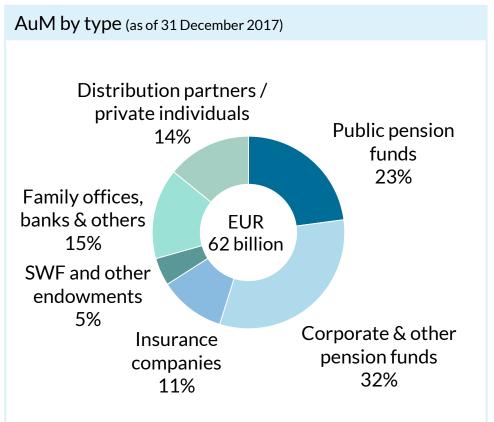
## 14% net AuM growth in 2017





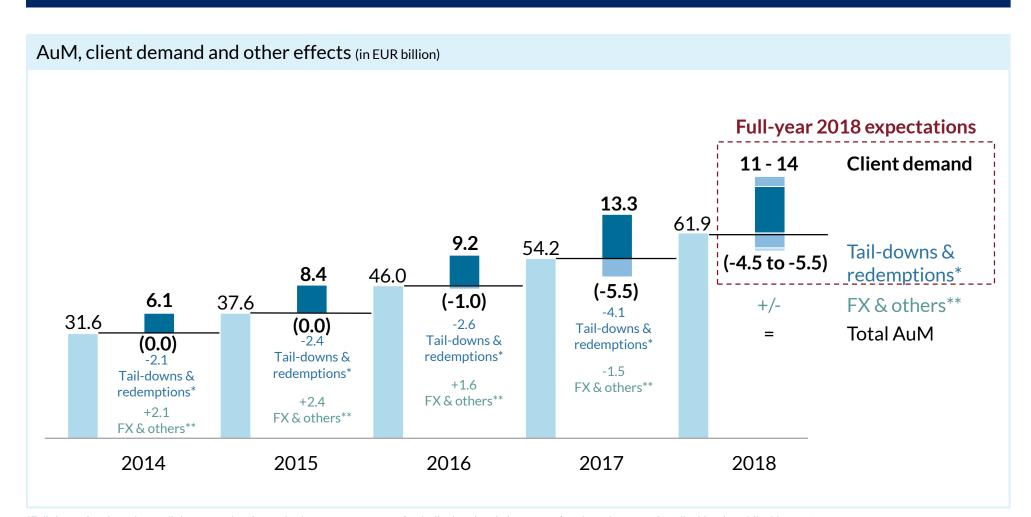
## AuM diversified across regions and types of clients







## Expected gross client demand in 2018



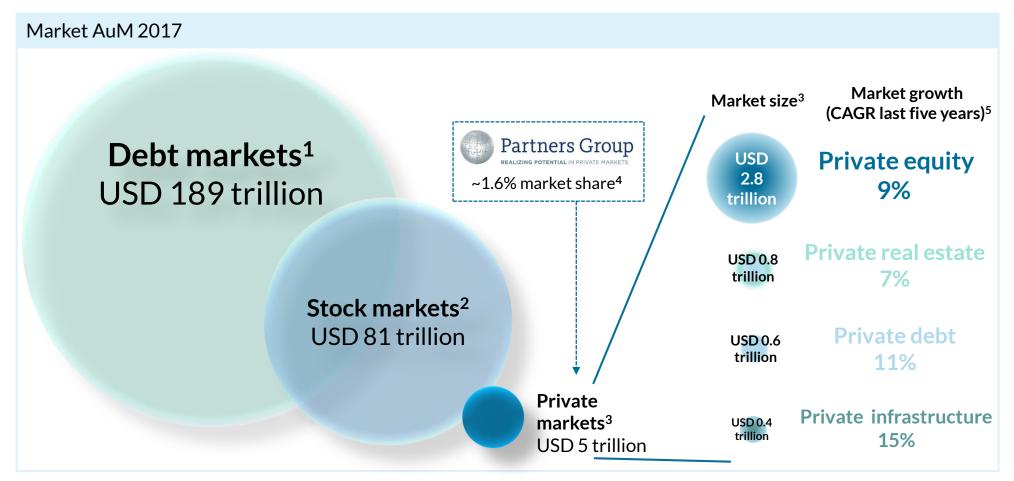
<sup>\*</sup>Tail-downs & redemptions: tail-downs consist of maturing investment programs (typically closed-ended structures); redemptions stem from liquid and semi-liquid programs (~20% of AuM).

<sup>\*\*</sup>Others: consist of performance from select programs and other effects.





### The private markets industry put into perspective



Source: IIF Q3 2017 report (January 2018), Bloomberg, Preqin global private debt report (2018). 1 Includes USD 63 trillion government, USD 58 trillion financial sector and USD 68 trillion in non-financial corporate debt. Estimates as of Q3 2017. The definition of the IIF also included USD 48 trillion household debt, which has not been considered for the purpose of this analysis. 2 Bloomberg World Exchange Market Capitalization (WCAUWRLD Index) as of 31 December 2017.

3 AuM as of June 2017. Includes USD 2.8 trillion private equity, USD 0.6 trillion private debt, USD 0.8 trillion private real estate and USD 0.4 trillion private infrastructure. The definition of Preqin also included USD 0.2 trillion natural resources AuM, which has not been considered for the purpose of this analysis.

4 Market share calculated based on Partners Group's AuM as of 31 December 2017, EUR 61.9 billion (USD 74.4 billion). 5 Compound annual growth rate 2012-2017.



#### Private markets have evolved

#### Transformative growth in private markets

## "Scaling private markets" (1995-2010)

- From private equity to real assets
- From financial engineering to financial value creation
- From traditional sector specialists to multi-asset coverage

## "Moment of truth" (2010-2025)

- 1 Institutionalization of business
- New challenges/ opportunities

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- Commoditization of certain private market segments
- 3 Transformation of valuations framework

### Specialization & scale



## Scale and specialization are pre-requisites for success in private markets today

Institutionalization

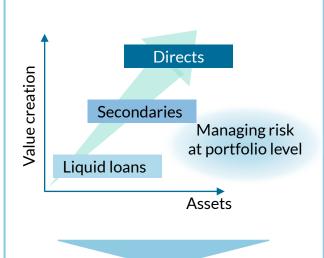
Driving intermediation and execution speed

Private equity surge spurs
faster auctions - strong
demand for prized assets
leads to express deals as
valuations near 10-year
high [Financial Times, 2017]

Develop investment hypothesis and value creation strategy today for tomorrow's investments

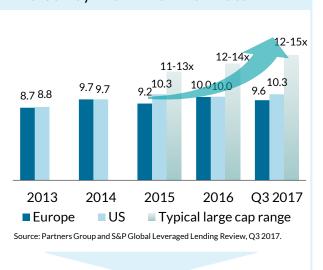
2 Commoditization
Growing beta characteristics in liquid

loan and parts of secondary markets



Enhance returns at asset level; manage liquidity, investment level and diversification at portfolio level

3 Transformation of valuations
Structurally elevated valuation levels
that may not reverse in the future



Value creation at asset level needs to be a top priority across all asset classes



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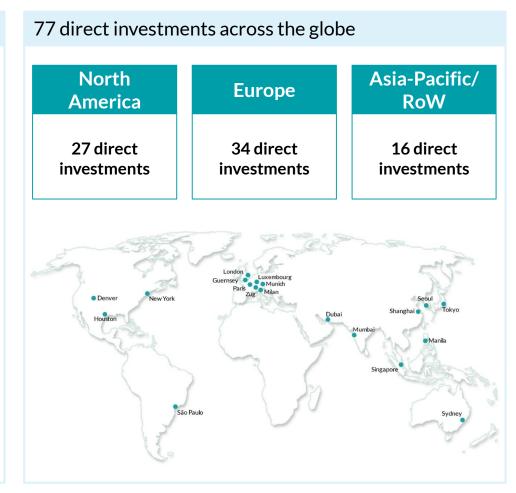
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## Partners Group 2017 investment platform overview

#### Investment platform update

- Over 1'000 professionals
- USD 13.3 billion invested in private markets opportunities on behalf of our clients
  - USD 8.3 billion direct investments based on 3'843 direct opportunities screened
    - USD 4.1 billion invested in 30 assets
    - USD 4.2 billion invested in 47 credits
  - USD 2.2 billion secondary investments; USD 137
     billion screened across all asset classes
  - USD 2.8 billion invested with select best-in-class managers in the private markets industry
- USD 11.8 billion underlying portfolio distributions





## Continued significant deal flow

#### First screenings in 2017

include liquid loans in the syndicated debt market.

	Directs	Secondaries	Primaries
Private equity	1'482	USD 88 billion	193
Private debt	424	n/a	n/a
Private real estate	1'084	USD 39 billion	204
Private infrastructure	853	USD 10 billion	77
Total screened	3'843	USD 137 billion	474
Executed	USD 8.3 billion 30 assets & 47 credits*	USD 2.2 billion 26 transactions	USD 2.8 billion 34 commitments

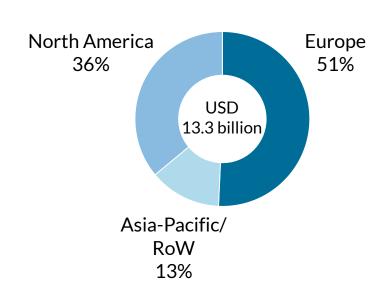
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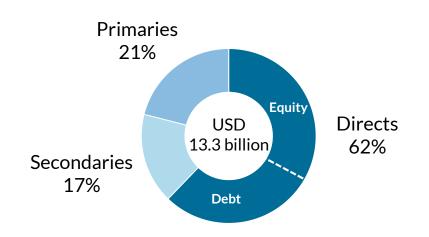
Note: figures exclude investments executed for short-term loans, cash management purposes and syndication partner investments. The number of credits does not



## Private markets investment activities in 2017 across the globe and all asset classes

#### Private markets investments during 2017







## Private equity

#### Investment strategies

Active management is the only road to growth

- Platform companies
- 2 Category winners
- 3 Defensive leaders

#### Transformative trends & select focus areas







#### Europe

Business process outsourcing



Leading provider of specialist software, digital solutions and outsourcing services in the UK.

#### US

Specialization & digitalization

**USIC** 



A leading provider of underground utility locating services in the US.

#### Asia & EMs

International education platforms



A market leader in English language training services in Vietnam.



#### Private real estate

#### Investment strategies

Unlocking hidden potential

- Buy below replacement cost
- Buy, fix and sell
- 3 Develop core

#### Transformative trends & select focus areas







#### Europe

Urbanization & affordable housing



Development of 1'700 residential apartments

Location: Stockholm, Sweden Size: >57'000 square meters

#### US

Substantially leased assets

Office



Acquisition of a portfolio of two Class A office buildings

Location: Tampa, US Size: >46'000 square meters

#### Asia-Pacific

XXL warehouses

Logistics



Acquisition of an infill site in the industrial precinct of Southport

Location: Southport, Australia Size: 21 hectares



#### Private infrastructure

#### Investment strategies

Investing in construction-stage assets

- **Platform** opportunities
- Build core
- **Operational** value creation

#### Transformative trends & select focus areas









#### Offshore wind



731.5MW construction-ready offshore wind farm, comprising 77 Vestas 9.5 MW turbines

Country: Netherlands

#### Europe

#### Fiber networks



Add-on to Covage, the European arm of our existing fiber platform Axia

Country: France

US

#### Natural gas

#### Sentinel Energy Center



Peaking power plant with a 10year availability-based power purchasing tolling agreement

Country: US



#### Private debt

#### Investment strategies

Recession resilience, stable revenues, high cash conversion

- Creative structures
- Attractive subsectors
- Buy-and-build strategies

#### Focus on attractive assets across debt markets







Global company providing computer security software solutions

HQ: Tampa, FL, USA

US

Europe





World's largest outsourcing and technology services specialist for governments

HQ: Zurich, Switzerland

Asia-Pacific



Leading provider of noninvasive aesthetic treatments in Australia

HQ: Syndey, Australia



## Key drivers of private markets performance

#### Value creation approach

Sector growth

Exposure

#### Value creation

Equity control / Long-term / Governance / Full insight

Economic growth



- Monetary policy
- GDP growth
- Market sentiment
- Industry trends
- Regional trends

Financial development



- Capital structure
- Improve capital efficiency
- Optimize capex
- Reduce finance costs

Corporate development



- Market positioning
- Institutionalized setup
- Leadership development
- Multiple expansion

Business

development



- Top line gains (e.g. market entry, acquisitions)
- Bottom line gains (e.g. optimize cost of sales, reduce overheads)

2017 results<sup>1</sup>



- >200 ongoing value creation initiatives
- ✓ >70 initiatives realized
- ✓ >200 board meetings held
- ✓ Over 100 business introductions throughout the portfolio
- ✓ Active exit management; USD 11.8 billion gross portfolio distributions²

20% Revenue growth

18% EBITDA growth

>13k Jobs created

1 Value creation in 2017 across all active, non listed, Partners Group Direct Investments 2012 (EUR), L.P. Inc. and Partners Group Direct Investments 2016 (EUR), L.P. Inc. portfolio companies acquired before 31 December 2016. Data for the financial year ended 31 December 2017 and as of 31 December 2017.



2 Figures calculated net of underlying fees, gross of Partners Group fees. For illustrative purposes only. There is no assurance that such distributions will be achieved. There is no assurance that similar investments will be made. Source: Partners Group.

## Partners Group retains high scores from UN PRI for responsible investment

#### Partners Group's 2017 UN PRI report for responsible investment



- Strategy & Governance A+
- Private equity
  A+
- Private real estate
- Private debt
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Results highlight strong ESG program and leadership in responsible investment



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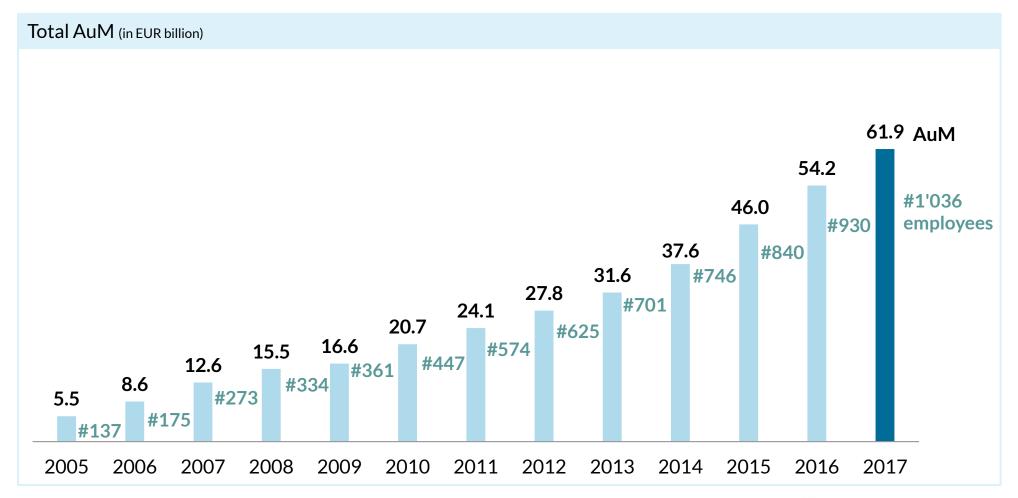
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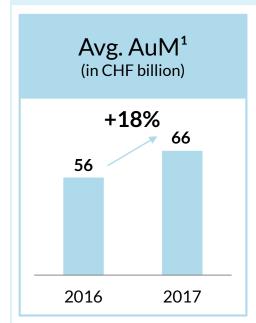
## Sustained growth in AuM and number of employees over the last decade



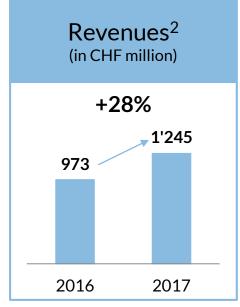


## Strong results across the board

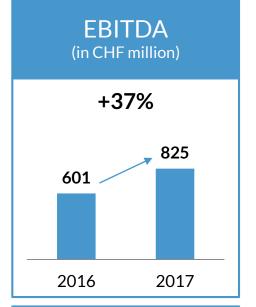
#### Financial highlights 2017



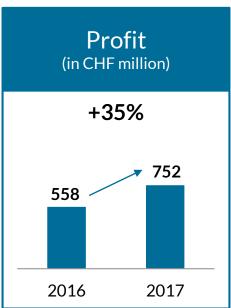
Driven by fundraising for flagship programs



Supported by high late management fees & other income



Revenue growth temporarily outpaces hiring activities



Broadly in line with EBITDA development



## Revenues increase more than costs, driving EBITDA and IFRS profit

## Key financials (in CHF million)

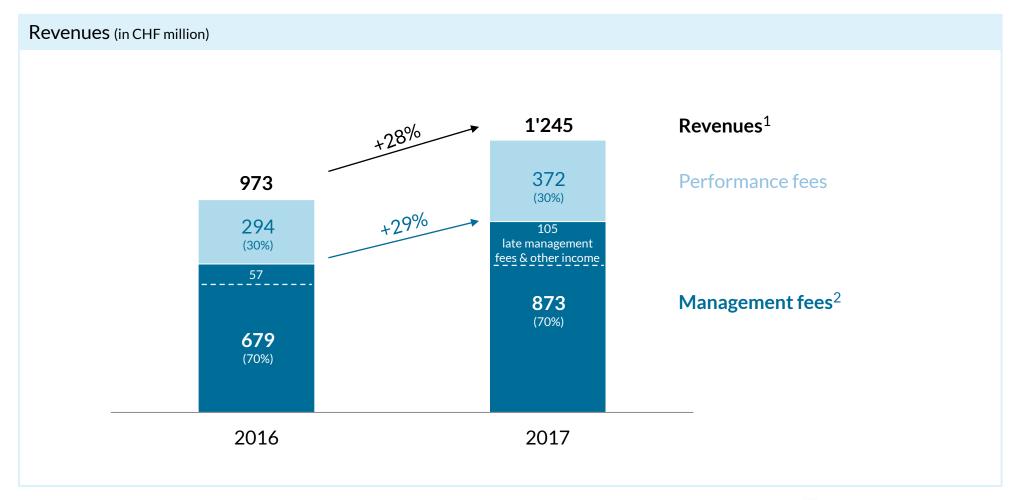
	2016		2017
Revenues, of which Management fees 2 Performance fees	<b>97</b> 3 679 294	+28% +29% +26%	1'245 873 372
EBITDA margin	601 62%	+37%	825 66%
Financial result	38		36
Income tax expenses	-68		-95
Tax rate	11%		11%
IFRS profit	558	+35%	752
Diluted EPS	20.92		28.09



<sup>1</sup> Revenues include management fees and performance fees.

<sup>2</sup> Management fees include recurring management fees and other revenues, net, other operating income and share of results of associates.

## Management fee growth outpaces AuM growth due to higher late management fees & other income and higher-margin management fees

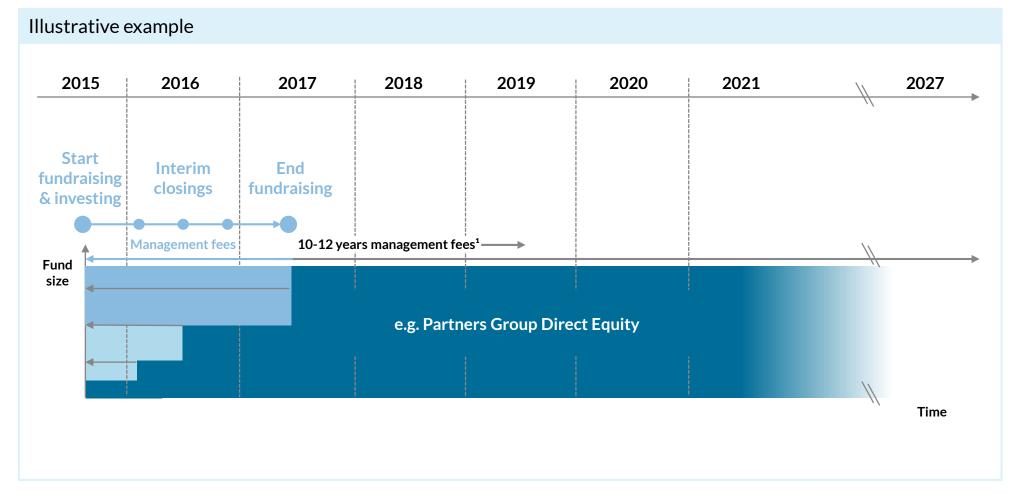


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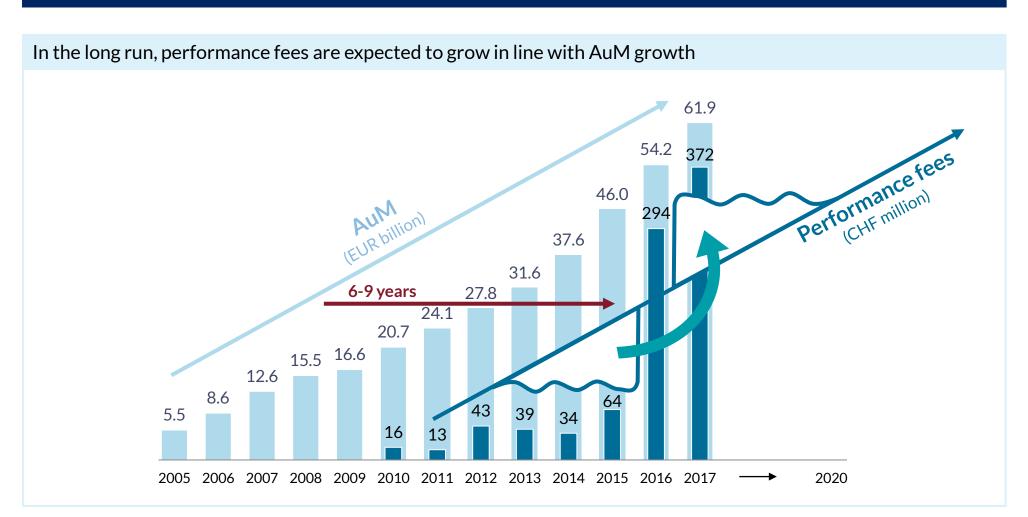
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## Management fees may vary between calendar years during fundraising



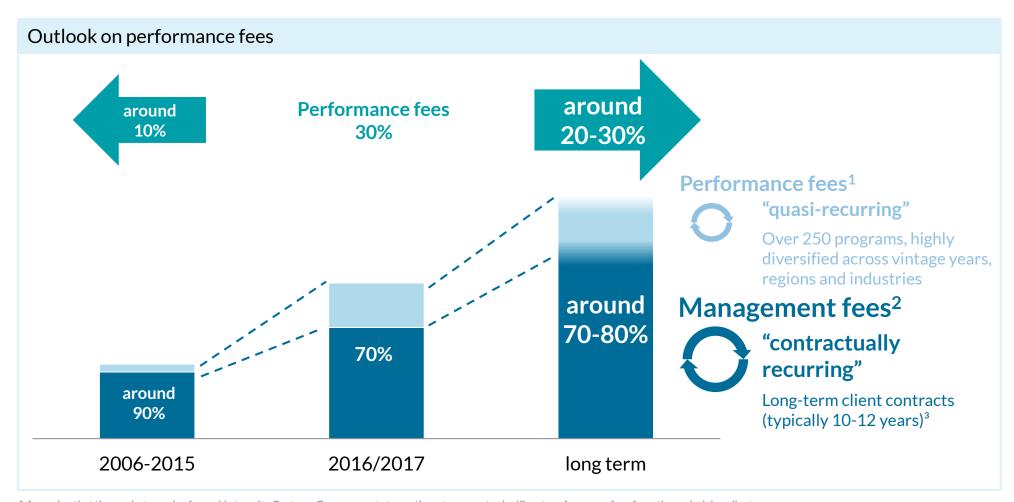


## Continued solid performance fee development





## Management fees will continue to be the main source of revenues



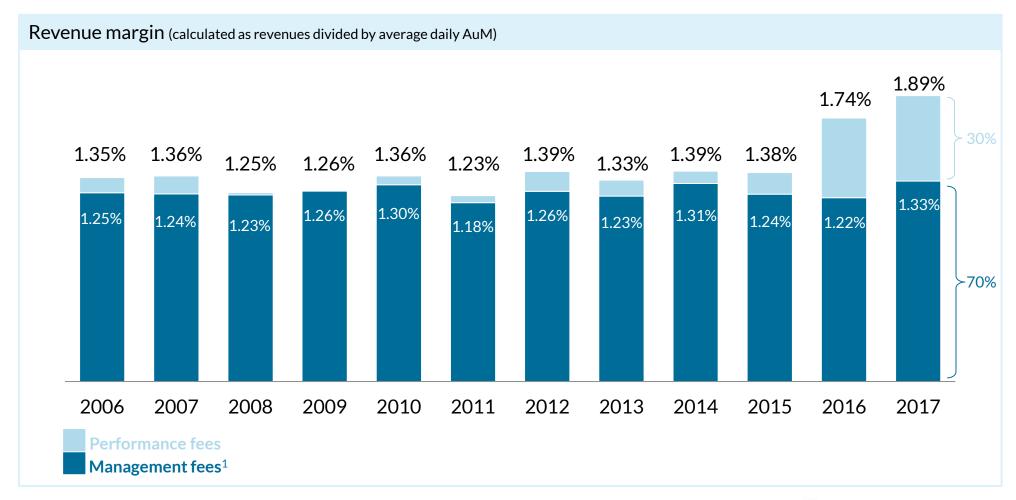
<sup>1</sup> Assuming that the market remains favorable to exits, Partners Group expects to continue to generate significant performance fees from the underlying client portfolios due to the visibility that it has on the life cycles of its programs.

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# Stable revenue margin on management fees; higher margins due to higher level of performance fees





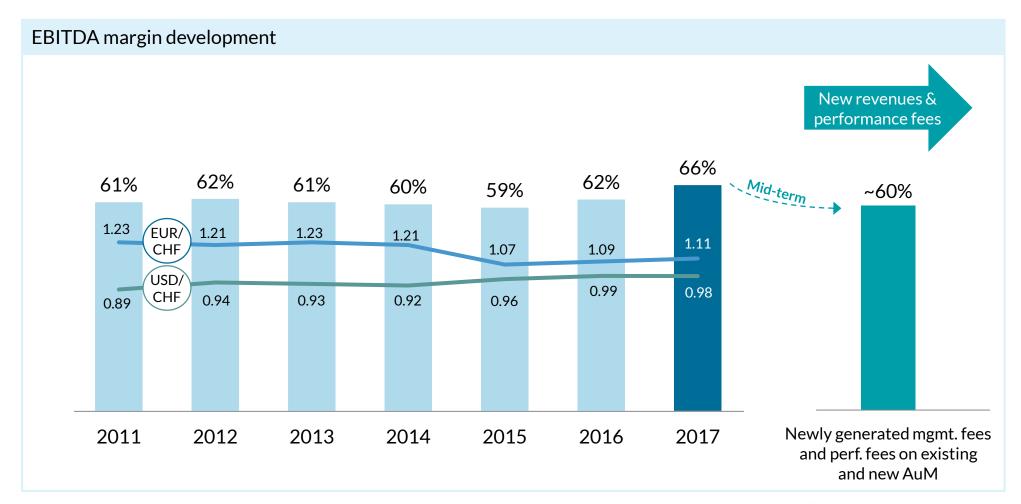
## Revenues grew more than costs

#### Revenues, costs and EBITDA development (in CHF million)

	2016		2017
Revenues <sup>1</sup>	973	+28%	1'245
Revenues	770	1 2070	1243
Total costs, of which	-372	+13%	-420
Personnel expenses	-318	+13%	-359
Operating expenses	-55	+10%	-60
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EBITDA	601	+37%	825
EBITDA margin	62%	+4%-points	66%

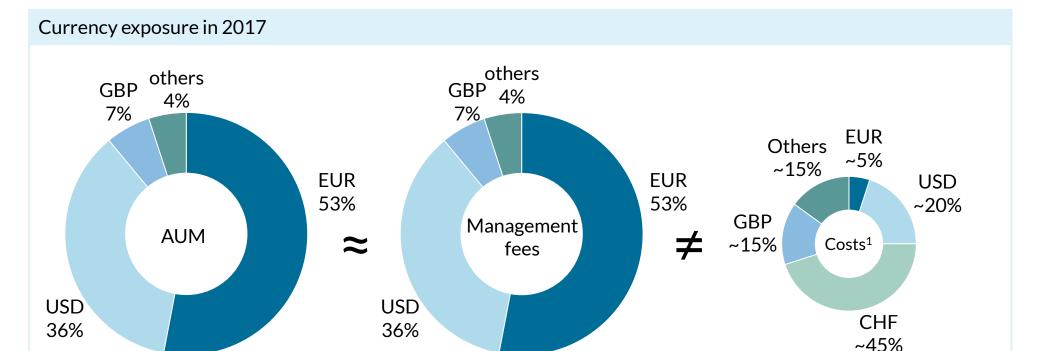


# EBITDA margin target of ~60% confirmed as the firm is committed to further invest in its platform





## Foreign exchange rates and their impact on the EBITDA margin

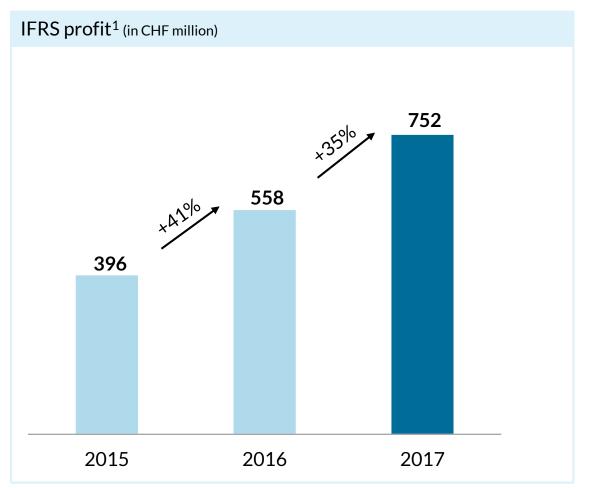


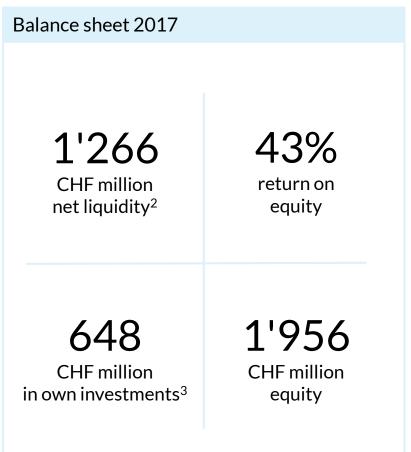
EUR/USD foreign exchange fluctuations have a greater impact on CHF management fees than on CHF costs, while their impact on performance fees and their corresponding costs is equal

Note: all figures are based on estimates and the currency denomination of underlying programs; revenues include revenues from management services, net, other operating income and share of results of associates.



## Solid profit contribution and balance sheet





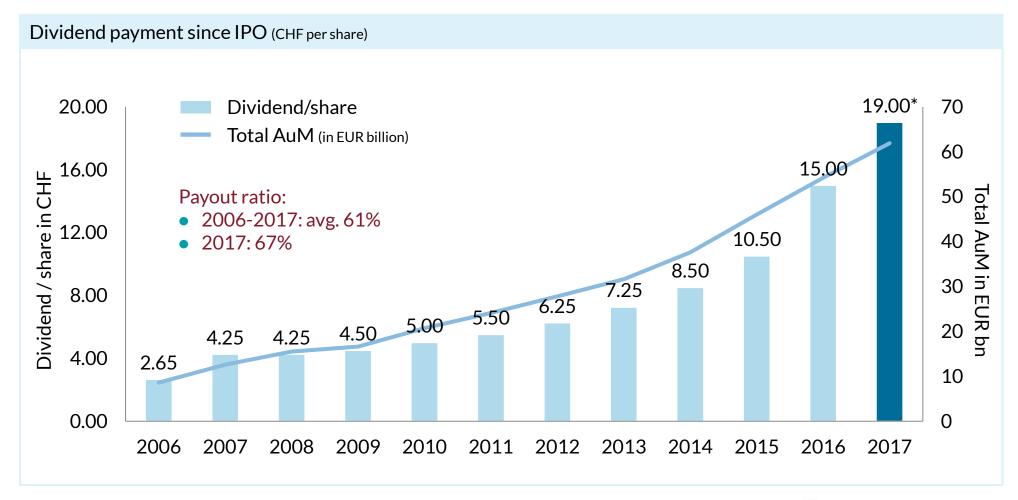


<sup>1</sup> For the financial year ended 31 December 2017.

<sup>2</sup> Comprises cash and cash equivalents and short-term working capital facilities for investment programs provided by the firm, net of long-term debt.

3 Net of assets/liabilities held for sale, investments in associates and financials investments.

## Proposed dividend of CHF 19.00 per share based on solid operating results and confidence in the future potential of the business



<sup>\*</sup> The Board of Directors proposes that a dividend of CHF 19.00 per share be paid for the financial year 2017 at the Annual General Meeting of shareholders to be held on 9 May 2018.



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