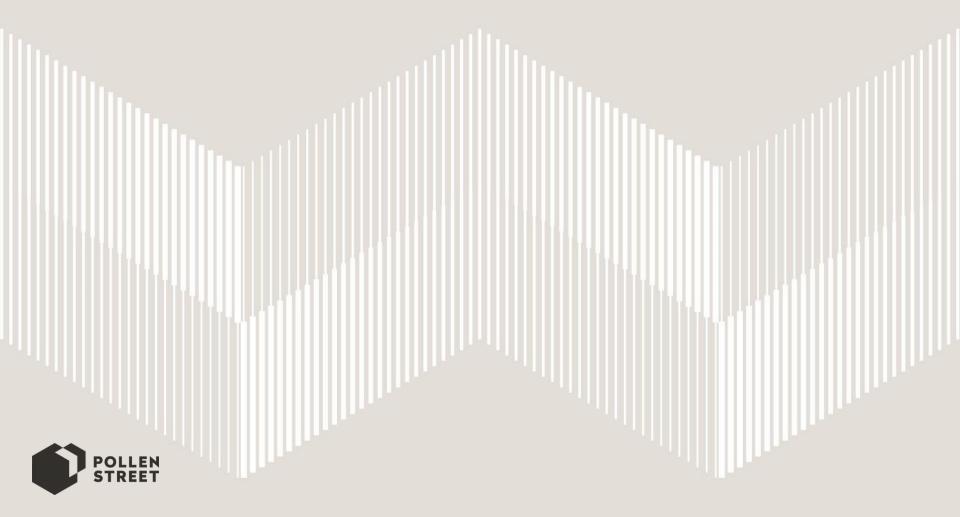


### **POLLEN STREET CAPITAL**

BUILDING NEXT GENERATION LEADERS FOR THE EUROPEAN FINANCIAL ECOSYSTEM PRESENTATION TO EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF RHODE ISLAND DATE: JULY 14, 2023



### > POLLEN STREET AT A GLANCE

We are a purpose-led, established platform seeking to build the next generation of leaders in the European financial ecosystem, bringing specialist knowledge and what we believe to be best practices in a complex and changing environment

Strategy in place for

17 years

£3.4bn

assets under management<sup>2</sup>

3.0x / 29%

total realised gross returns

4.3x / 40%

Fund III realised gross returns

£200m+

co-invest completed in 2021/22

85

team members<sup>1</sup>

Zero-loss

investment track record3

2.7x / 27%

total realised net returns

3.5x / 36%

Fund III realised net returns

0.72x

Fund III DPI

Track record as of 31 March 2023 unless stated. Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future results and there can be no assurance that PSC will achieve its objectives or will avoid substantial losses. Please also refer to the notes on investment performance at the back of the presentation and the disclaimer

<sup>1.</sup> Includes contractors

<sup>2.</sup> As at 31 March 2023. AuM calculated as investor commitments for active PE funds, invested cost for other PE funds, total assets for Honeycomb and deployed / committed capital on investments for private credit

### WHY POLLEN STREET TODAY?

COMPELLING OPPORTUNITY IN A GROWING, UNDER-SERVED AND TARGET RICH MARKET

Significant whitespace in a sector which serves as critical infrastructure to the economy

**Megatrends driving structural** and technological disruption

Digital transformation

\* Unbundling of services

Green transition

Tech-enabled, leading mid-market innovators capturing market share from large incumbents



**Thematic origination targeting** fast-growing, tech-enabled businesses at competitive prices

Distinctive Entry **Dynamics** 

Time-tested operational Accelerating framework and low leverage

Revenue Growth

Strong track record across multiple market cycles with nil losses3 and realised returns of 3.0x gross and 2.7x net1

Market Resilient Strategy

An Institutional Platform encompassing Leading Expertise and Experience

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<sup>3.</sup> No realised losses and no assets held below cost as of 31 March 2023

### **TEAM OVERVIEW**

#### LEADERSHIP TEAM - FOUNDING PARTNER GROUP TOGETHER FOR 17 YEARS<sup>1</sup>



LINDSEY MCMURRAY Managing Partner



MICHAEL ENGLAND Partner



GASCOIGNE Partner



**MATTHEW POTTER** Partner



**JAMES** SCOTT Partner



MAGNUS **CHRISTENSSON** Partner



JULIAN DALE CFO



DAVID **DAWSON** Partner



HOWARD **GARLAND** Partner



CHARLES **HOLMES** Partner



MICHAEL **KATRAMADOS** Partner



DANIEL KHOURI Partner



**ADRIAN** KING CTO



**CHRIS PALMER** General Counsel





**CREDIT** 

BILL TICE Partner

**ETHAN** 

SAGGU

Director

Investment



**CHRIS** 

**GRAHAM** 

Investment

Director

**ALEXIA YANNOPOULOS** Partner

#### **INVESTMENT TEAM PRIVATE EQUITY**



**GERARD** Investment Director

MARVIN

Investment

Director

THIEL



PATRICK CAREY Investment

Director

**JAMES** 

BAILEY

Investment

Director



**JONATHAN** 

Investment

Director

MEGAN

Senior

**THOMAS** 

Associate

**GUEST** 





THE HUB<sup>2</sup>











**JAMES BEVANS** Investment Director



















DAVID

**JONES** 

Technology



**MICHIEL** de JONG B2B Sales







**JAMES** 

Portfolio

Director

**SCOTCHER** 











**POLINA** SHISHKOVA Associate





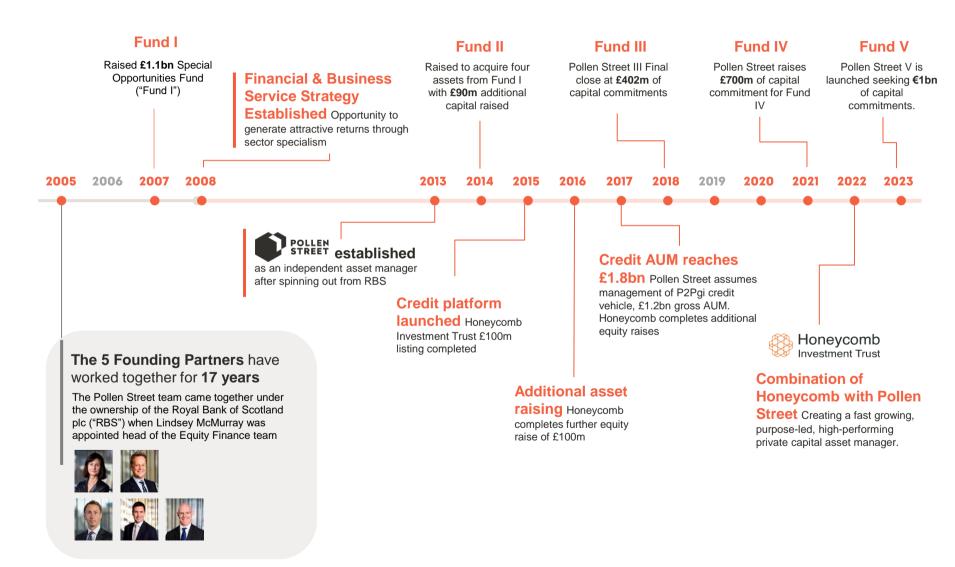




- 1. Team founded in November 2005 under the leadership of Lindsey McMurray
- 2. Danuta Gray, Lucyna Stanczak-Wuczynska, Michiel de Jong are contracted to provide senior advisory services

### OUR HISTORY

#### FAST GROWING. PURPOSE LED PRIVATE CAPITAL MANAGER



# STRONG STRONG GROWTH AND PROVEN CAPITAL PRESERVATION

		INVESTED	REALISED	TOTAL VALUE	RETURNS <sup>1</sup>
FUND IV	<b>&gt;</b>	£503m 10 Companies	£63m	£669m	Gross 1.3x / 32%  Net 1.2x / 21%
FUND III	<b>&gt;</b>	£391m 10 Companies	£297m	£923m	Gross 2.4 x/ 23% Net 2.0% / 18%
FUND I/II	>	£534m 10 Companies	£1,508m	£1,508m	Gross 2.8x / 28% Net 2.4x / 23%

### DRIVING A POSITIVE IMPACT IN A TANGIBLE WAY FOR THE REAL ECONOMY

#### **Environmental**

#### Social

#### Governance



Actions

Target

Outcome

Creating A Lasting **Environmental Impact** 



**Promote Diversity** 



Regional **Economic** Growth



Reducing the Impact of Financial Crime

- Transition to less environmentally damaging products, requires financing on an end customer basis
- Financing to consumer. SMEs and other counterparties to deliver transformational change
- Loans and other financial products made available to a broader audience
- Promoting diversity at Board and company levels
- Enable SMEs to promote growth and job creation throughout Pollen Street's markets
- Effective AML & Cyber procedures and governance
- Engagement with portfolio companies on Governance, helping identify gaps and providing support
- Responsible lending best practice amongst our credit partners

- Pollen Street as a firm to be carbon neutral from 2022
- Portfolio companies to set net zero commitments within 5 years of Pollen Street investment
- 25% women on Portfolio Boards / Executive Leadership by 2025
- Decrease gender pay gap meaningfully over the life of the investment
- Improve financial health through responsible financial products and access to finance
- Strong governance across PE portfolio companies and credit partners
- 100% of companies with ESG matters on the Board agenda

#### **Portfolio** Company 13

Committed to be carbon neutral since the end of 2021

#### **Portfolio** Company 19

Became Carbon Neutral from 2019

#### **Portfolio** Company 16

Financing one of the largest commercial solar installations in the UK

#### **Portfolio** Company 6

The Good Green Bank (home improvement financing products)

#### **Portfolio** Company 14

41% female FTEs and narrowed the gender pay gap by 70% across the organisation

#### **Portfolio** Company 17

c.68% of SME customers based outside of capital cities Over 78% of Capitalflow's Asset Finance customers in 2021 are based in rural and smaller city regions

#### **Portfolio** Company 14

Robust governance and tech investment reducing fraud chargeback rates to 0.07% in 2021 YTD

#### Portfolio Companies 21 & 26 Effective AML & Cyber procedures

and governance





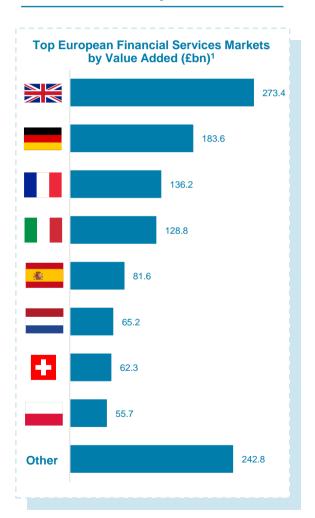


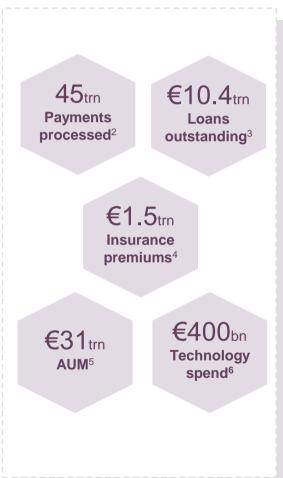
### > EUROPEAN FINANCIAL SERVICES IS A VAST MARKET WITH UNDER-PENETRATED PRIVATE EQUITY

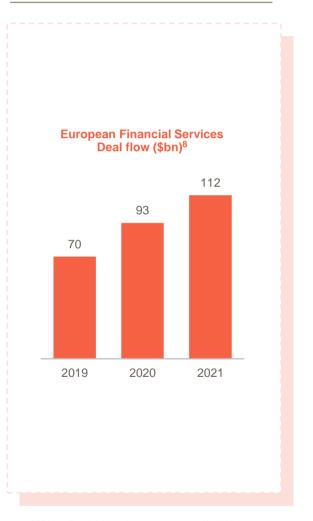
European Financial Services is a **vast marketplace**...

...with diverse subsectors and...

... significant deal flow with under-penetrated PE







### > CLEAR INVESTMENT STRATEGY

## BUILDING TECH ENABLED, CUSTOMER CENTRIC DATA-DRIVEN ORGANISATIONS TO CREATE FAST GROWING MARKET LEADERS

#### **THEMES**

### Structural changes driving share gain for mid-market innovators...

#### **SECTORS**

### In a rich opportunity set across diverse subsectors...

#### **VALUE CREATION**

Established plans to drive growth in all macro-economic conditions...



**Digital advancement** driving efficiency in models



Disruptive business models taking share



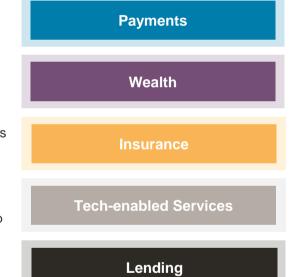
**Unbundling** of financial services



**Green transition** 



Favorable regulatory backdrop



Tech innovation and digital transformation

Buy & build and consolidation

Globalisation and product development

ESG embedding

Well established and focused growth playbook

Multiple routes to growth

Supported by seasoned Hub team

#### **INVESTMENT CRITERIA**

Building a diversified portfolio of 12-14 assets

European HQ Target 3x Gross / 2.3x Net MolC

£40-200m equity

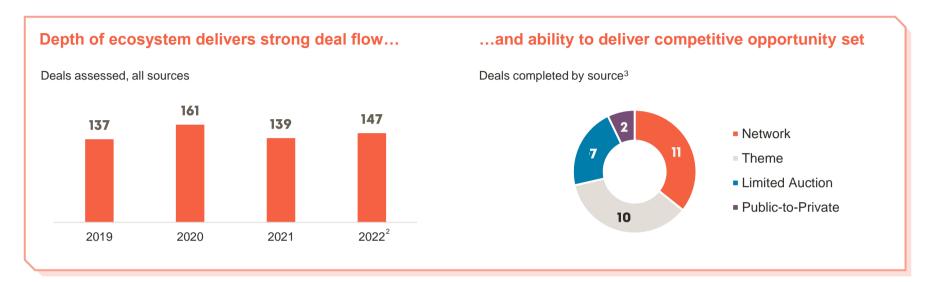
Conservative leverage levels

Control Investments

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### DEAL ORIGINATION

## DEPTH OF ECOSYSTEM DELIVERS CONSISTENTLY STRONG DEAL FLOW AND EXECUTION AT COMPETITIVE PRICING<sup>1</sup>





### Portfolio Company 3: High growth personal insurance

#### Thesis

- Fast growing scale player
- Occupying most profitable parts of value chain

#### Competition

None

#### Source

- Founder initially seeking debt via Pollen Street credit
- Converted to equity opportunity

#### Why we won

- Founder convinced of upside opportunity with more capital
- Ability to work through complex deal structure



### Portfolio Company 8: Digitally enabled collection software

#### **Thesis**

- Exposed to high growth e-commerce sector
- Advanced tech versus competition

#### Competition

Other European PE

#### Source

Adviser outreach following Pollen Street brand building in local market

#### Why we won

 Founder values historical experience in subsector and international roll-out

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<sup>3.</sup> All portfolio companies since inception owned for at least 18 months

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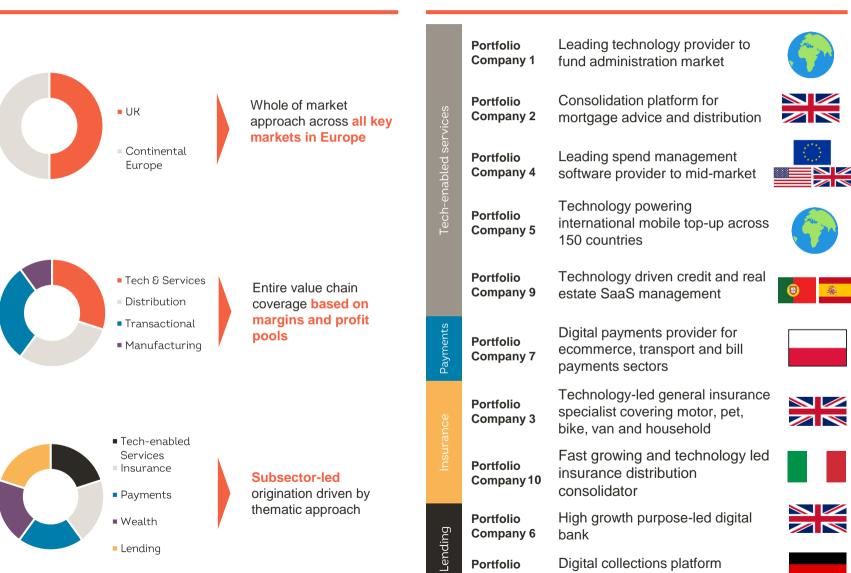
### WHOLE OF MARKET, DEEP SECTOR COVERAGE

#### **TARGET PORTFOLIO CONSTRUCTION**

#### **CURRENT FUND IV PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW**

Digital collections platform

leveraging automation and AI



Portfolio

Company 8

### > THE HUB IS A POWERFUL ECO-SYSTEM

DEDICATED TEAM RESPONSIBLE FOR DRIVING TECHNOLOGY
DEVELOPMENT, SALES PERFORMANCE AND WHAT WE BELIEVE TO BE
BEST PRACTICE SHARING ACROSS PORTFOLIO



Digital transformation



Cloud-based IT



Digital marketing



Tech scalability



Data-led products



**ESG** 

#### **CULTURE OF CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT**



Increasing long-term customer value through exposure to broader set of Pollen Street products and creation of sticky relationships



Leading edge thinking regarding new thematics e.g., distributed ledger technology, embedded finance



Business development force to help businesses punch above their weight



Thought leadership, data insight and 'helping hand' to create market leading propositions

### > POLLEN STREET FUND V - KEY TERMS

Target fund size	€1,000 million	
Term	Ten years, subject to two one-year extensions	
Currency	EUR	
Investment period	Five years from first closing, subject to one one-year extension	
Management fee	2.0% p.a.	
Preferred return	8%	
Carried interest	20% with full clawback	

### CONCLUSION

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