

# Apax Global Alpha Limited Annual results for the period ended 31 December 2020

## Key highlights

- Strong full year performance delivered a Total NAV Return<sup>1</sup> of 14.8% (21.6% constant currency) despite a challenging Covid-19 backdrop
- Benefitted from sector-driven strategy and portfolio weighting towards Tech and Digital (47% of invested portfolio) which proved more resilient against the impact of Covid-19.
- Private Equity portfolio was the key driver of strong full year results, achieving 25.4% Total Return<sup>1</sup>, and AGA received distributions of €207.3m during the period. The average uplift on Private Equity exits was 40%<sup>2</sup> to previous Unaffected Valuations<sup>2</sup>.
- Continued to invest in attractive opportunities with nine new Private Equity investments in Apax X and the Apax Digital Fund, primarily in technology.
- Robust performance of Derived Debt portfolio impacted by currency headwinds (0.2% Total Return, 7.4% constant currency Total Return).
- Healthy liquidity position with €93.5m of available cash<sup>3</sup> and an unused revolving credit facility of €140.0m, and which post-period end was converted to an evergreen structure<sup>4</sup>. Derived Investments of €319.4m provide a further source of capital flexibility.
- Dividend of 5.28p per share declared for the full year 2020, in line with AGA's stated dividend policy of distributing 5% of NAV per annum.

#### Tim Breedon CBE, Chairman of Apax Global Alpha, said:

"While progress in developing and deploying a range of vaccines against Covid-19 is encouraging, the outlook remains uncertain. Five years post IPO, AGA's portfolio is now mature with Private Equity generating substantial cash distributions and the portfolio diversified across funds at all stages of the investment cycle. Against the current market backdrop, the resilience of the portfolio and AGA's sector-driven strategy means the Company should continue to provide long-term value generation opportunities and attractive income for shareholders."

## Commenting on the results, Ralf Gruss, COO of Apax Partners, said:

"AGA performed strongly in 2020, delivering double-digit total NAV returns for investors. The strength of the business model can be seen through several successful realisations with good uplifts as well as attractive new investments despite the challenging market conditions. The focus on global opportunities across four key sectors means AGA's portfolio continues to be well positioned for emerging opportunities as we come out of the crisis."

# Financial highlights

- Adjusted NAV<sup>5</sup> grew to €1.20 billion, up from €1.09 billion in 2019.
- Portfolio weighted towards Private Equity (71%) vs. Derived Investments (29%), and resilient sectors such as Tech and Digital (47%), Services (26%) and Healthcare (18%).
- AGA was 93% invested. As at 31 December 2020 the Company had outstanding commitments to
  the Apax Funds (together with recallable distributions) of €458.8m (38% of NAV). In addition to
  future Private Equity distributions, funding sources that can be accessed for future Private Equity
  calls include Derived Investments of €319.4m, an undrawn revolving credit facility of €140.0m,
  available cash³ of €93.5m.

	FY 2020	FY 2020	FY 2019	FY 2019
Adjusted NAV <sup>4</sup>	EUR 1,201m	GBP 1,074m	EUR 1,092m	GBP 924m
Adjusted NAV <sup>4</sup> per share	EUR 2.45	GBP 2.19	EUR 2.22	GBP 1.88
NAV <sup>4</sup> per share	EUR 2.45	GBP 2.19	EUR 2.24	GBP 1.89

	Exposure	FY 2020	FY 2020
			constant currency
Total NAV Return <sup>1</sup>		14.8%	21.6%
Total Return <sup>1</sup> – Private Equity	66%	25.4%	32.6%
Total Return <sup>1</sup> – Derived Debt	23%	0.2%	7.4%
Total Return <sup>1</sup> – Derived Equity	4%	(3.8%)	2.5%
Cash & Others	7%		

## Private Equity portfolio highlights

- The Private Equity portfolio performed strongly, delivering Total Return of 25.4% (32.6% constant currency) in the year.
- Exit activity was reflective of Apax Partners' investment strategy and sub-sector expertise (including in software, tech-enabled services, online marketplaces, and specialty pharmaceuticals) with average uplifts to Unaffected Valuations<sup>2</sup> of 40% achieved on exits. This is testament to the business transformation achieved under the Apax Funds' ownership.
- Aggregate Gross IRR<sup>6</sup> and Gross MOIC<sup>6</sup> on Private Equity exits<sup>7</sup> and IPO's in FY 2020 were 45.0% and 4.1x respectively.
- On a look-through basis, AGA invested c.€69.4m in nine new investments during the year, primarily in Tech.
- Continued strong operating performance from the portfolio companies: Revenue and EBITDA growth of 6.6% and 20.8% respectively across the Private Equity portfolio.

#### **Derived Investments portfolio highlights**

- Derived Investments leverage the insights and expertise of Apax Partners. The portfolio is weighted towards Tech and Digital and is predominantly invested in Derived Debt (86% of Derived Investments).
- The Derived Investment portfolio was adversely impacted by the weakness of the US Dollar. On a constant currency basis, the portfolio was up 6.5%, translating to a Total Return of (0.6)% in euro terms.
- AGA deployed €87.4m in ten new investments in Derived Debt during the year, reflecting AGA's strategy to invest capital as it becomes available following exits in the Private Equity portfolio. There were no new investments in Derived Equity.
- Aggregate Gross IRR<sup>8</sup> and Gross MOIC<sup>8</sup> on Derived Debt realisations were 12.2% and 1.2x respectively whilst Derived Equity realisations generated an aggregate Gross IRR<sup>8</sup> and Gross MOIC<sup>8</sup> of 25.5% and 1.7x

For further information regarding the announcement of AGA's 2020 Annual Results, including the annual report and Company's results presentation and details for today's analyst and investor webcast at 9.30am (UK time), please visit www.apaxglobalalpha.com.

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## **APPENDIX**

## **Movements in NAV**

Adjusted NAV <sup>5</sup> movements (€m)	Private Equity	Derived Investm ents	Cash	Treasury Shares	Facility drawn	Other <sup>9</sup>	Total
Adjusted NAV at 31.12.19	759.4	342.2	3.3	-	-	(12.8)	1,092.1
+ Investments	55.7	87.4	(124.8)	-	-	(18.3)	-
- Distributions/ divestments	(207.3)	(90.0)	296.7	-	-	0.6	-
+ Interest and dividend income	-	-	18.8	-	-	(0.4)	18.4
+/- Gains/(losses)	225.1	1.4	-	-	-	-	226.8
+/- FX gains/(losses) <sup>10</sup>	(51.5)	(21.9)	(2.4)	-	-	-	(75.8)
+/- Costs and other movements	-	-	(7.2)	-	-	(0.2)	(7.4)
- Dividends paid	-	-	(52.9)	-	-	-	(52.9)
+/- Performance fee reserve <sup>11</sup>	6.9	-	-	(6.9)	-	-	-
+/- Shares purchased	-	-	(6.9)	6.9	-	-	-
+/- Revolving credit facility drawn/repaid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Adjusted NAV at 31.12.20	788.3	319.4	124.6	-	-	(31.1)	1,201.2

# Private Equity – operational metrics

Private Equity – operational metrics	31 December 2020	31 December 2019
Portfolio year-over-year LTM revenue growth <sup>12</sup>	6.6%	20.9%
Portfolio year-over-year LTM EBITDA growth <sup>12</sup>	20.8%	15.9%
Enterprise Value / EBITDA valuation multiple12	16.9x*	17.2x
Net debt / EBITDA multiple <sup>12</sup>	3.9x*	3.7x

<sup>\*</sup>Excluding Cole Haan which faced significant challenges throughout the year due to lockdown measures and distorts the numbers. Including Cole Haan, the weighted average valuation multiple was 22.4x and portfolio net debt was 5.2x LTM EBITDA.

# **Derived Investments – operational metrics**

Derived Investments – operational metrics	31 December 2020	31 December 2019
Debt year-over-year LTM EBITDA growth <sup>13</sup>	26.2%	14.6%
Debt average income yield to maturity <sup>13</sup>	8.1%	9.3%
Debt average years to maturity	5.7	6.0
Debt average income yield <sup>14</sup>	7.3%	8.8%
Equity price-to-earnings ratio <sup>15</sup>	7.1x	20.7x

# Other Invested Portfolio highlights

Invested Portfolio analysis <sup>16</sup>	€m	€m	%	%
Private Equity		788.3		71%
- AMI	25.1		2%	
- AEVI	5.3		0%	
- AEVII	29.2		3%	
- AVIII	180.7		16%	
- AIX	500.7		45%	
- ADF	34.3		3%	
- AX	13.0		1%	
Derived Investments		319.4		29%
- Derived Debt	275.7		25%	
- Derived Equity	43.7		4%	
Total		1,107.7		100%

#### Footnotes

- "Total NAV Return" means the movement in the Adjusted NAV per share over the quarter plus any dividends paid. "Total Return" reflects the sub-portfolio performance on a stand-alone basis. It excludes items at the overall AGA level such as cash, management fees, and costs
- Valuation uplifts on exits are calculated based on the total actual or estimated sales proceeds and income as appropriate since the last Unaffected Valuation. Unaffected Valuation is determined as the fair value in the last quarter before exit, when valuation is not affected by the exit process (i.e. because an exit was signed, or an exit was sufficiently close to being signed that the Apax Funds incorporated the expected exit multiple into the quarter end valuation). Average uplift of partial exits and IPO's includes proceeds received and the closing fair value at 31 December 2020
- 3. Available cash consists of €124.6m of cash less net current liabilities of €31.1m
- 4. Either party is required to give 2 years notice to terminate the agreement
- 5. Adjusted NAV and NAV were the same at €1,201.2m as the performance fee reserve was nil at year end
- 6. Private Equity Aggregate Gross IRR and Gross MOIC calculated based on the expected aggregate cash flows in euro across all funds for the deals signed and IPO'd in the year. Gross IRR represents concurrent Gross IRR.
- 7. The Apax funds made seven full exits, three significant partial exits and two IPOs.
- Derived Debt and Equity Gross MOIC and Gross IRR calculated based on aggregate concurrent euro cash flows since inception for deals fully exited during the year.
- 9. Other reflects net current liabilities at 31 December 2020 of which €31.0m due was related to debt investments that were purchased but had yet to settle at year end.
- 10. FX on cash includes the revaluation of cash balances and net losses arising from the differences in exchange rates between transaction dates and settlement dates, and unrealised net losses arising from the translation into euro of assets and liabilities (other than investments) which are not denominated in euro
- 11. Movement in the Private Equity performance fee reserve of €6.9m reflects the settlement of the performance fee reserve by the Company's purchase of shares in the market and subsequent issuance of those shares to the Investment Manager for performance fee accrued in the prior year. This does not represent the underlying Private Equity portfolio's carried interest. There was no performance fee accrued during FY 2020.
- 12. Gross Asset Value weighted average of the respective metric across the portfolio. LTM Revenue growth and LTM EBITDA growth rates exclude companies where EBITDA is not meaningful such as financial services or high growth business with fluctuations in EBITDA. Huayue Education and TietoEVRY are also excluded due to the unavailability of reported data. Net debt/EBITDA multiple and EV/EBITDA valuation multiple excluded companies where EBITDA is not meaningful such as financial services or high growth business valued on a revenue basis. MATCHESFASHION.COM is excluded due to low EBITDA from opex investments and short-term fluctuations in EBITDA. Cole Haan has been excluded at December 2020 with the Net Debt/EBITDA and EV/EBITDA multiples as 5.2x and 22.4x respectively when included.
- 13. Gross Asset Value weighted average of the respective metric across the Derived Debt portfolio. (No exclusions)
- 14. Gross Asset Value weighted average of the current full year income (annual coupon/clean price as at the respective date) for each debt position in the Derived Debt portfolio as at the respective date
- 15 Gross Asset Value weighted average of the respective metric across the Derived Equity portfolio (Answers, FullBeauty, Just Group and Cengage were excluded from LTM earnings growth and Answers, FullBeauty and Cengage were excluded from P/E ratio)
- Invested Portfolio excludes cash and cash equivalents, revolving credit facility drawn and net current assets, including these the NAV is €1,201.2m and Adjusted NAV was the same as there was no performance fee reserve at 31 December 2020

#### Notes

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AGA is a Guernsey registered closed-ended collective investment scheme incorporated as a non-cellular company that listed on the London Stock Exchange on 15 June 2015. It is regulated by the Guernsey Financial Services Commission.

AGA's objective is to provide shareholders with capital appreciation from its investment portfolio and regular dividends. The Company is targeting an annualised Total Return, across economic cycles, of 12-15% (net of fees and expenses) including a dividend yield of 5% of Net Asset Value.

The investment policy of the Company is to make Private Equity investments in Apax Funds, and Derived Investments which are investments in equities and debt derived from the insights gained via Apax Partners' Private Equity activities.

Further information regarding the Company and its publications are available on the Company's website at www.apaxglobalalpha.com.

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