# NB Private Equity Partners Limited

NEUBERGER BERMAN

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## FUND OBJECTIVE

NB Private Equity Partners Limited ("NBPE" or the "Company") is a closed-end investment company registered under the laws of Guernsey managed by NB Alternatives Advisers LLC (the "Investment Manager"), an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Neuberger Berman Group LLC.

Our investment objective is to produce attractive returns on capital by investing directly into Private Equity backed companies with a focus on capital efficient strategies while managing risk through portfolio diversification. NBPE pursues diversification across capital structure, asset class, vintage year, geography, industry and sponsor.

## FUND MANAGER: NB ALTERNATIVES

- 29 years private equity investing experience
- Over $35 billion of commitments managed
- Stable team with ~100 investment professionals with global presence
- Investments with over 200 private equity firms

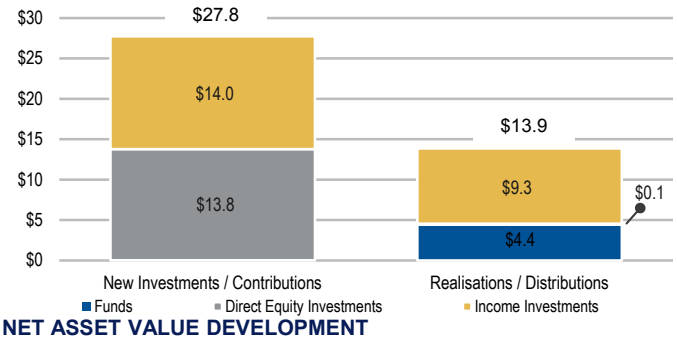
## MANAGER COMMENTARY

During March, NBPE completed one new equity co-investment and two new income investments. NBPE participated in an equity co-investment in LGC, a life sciences measurement and testing company. With respect to income investments, NBPE invested $13.0 million in the second lien debt of GCA Services, a national provider of janitorial and custodial services, and the second lien debt of Asurion, a provider of mobile insurance protection, which was purchased in the secondary market. An additional $1.0 million was invested in follow-ons to the existing small business loan programs.

In terms of distributions, NBPE received $9.3 million from income investments, consisting of principal and interest payments and $2.6 million as a result of the exit of PhysioTherapy debt. Fund investments distributed $4.4 million during March, driven primarily by proceeds received from mid-cap buyout and growth funds. NBPE also received $0.1 million from equity co-investments.

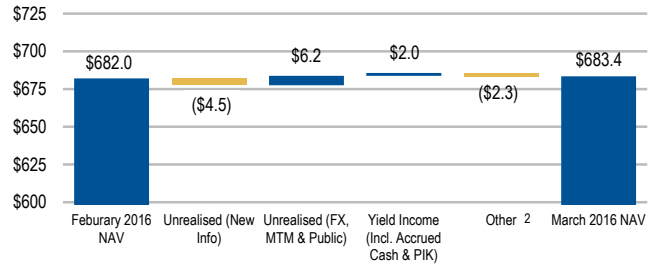
## PORTFOLIO ACTIVITY [5]

*$ in millions*




## BALANCE SHEET DEVELOPMENT

*$ in millions*




## NET ASSET VALUE DEVELOPMENT

*($ in millions, except per share data)*

| Summary of NAV of Ordinary Shares | 31 March 2016 (Unaudited) | 29 February 2016 (Unaudited) |
|---|---|---|
| Direct Investments | | |
| Direct Equity Investments | $335.9 | $324.1 |
| Income Investments | $292.9 | $286.0 |
| Total Direct Investments | $628.9 | $610.1 |
| Fund Investments | $171.0 | $171.8 |
| **Total Private Equity Investments** | **$799.8** | **$781.8** |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents | $34.0 | $35.7 |
| Credit Facility Outstanding | ($62.5) | ($47.5) |
| ZDP Share Liability, incl. Forward Currency Contract | ($81.2) | ($80.2) |
| Net Other Assets (Liabilities), incl. Minority Interest | ($6.7) | ($7.8) |
| **Net Asset Value** | **$683.4** | **$682.0** |
| **Net Asset Value per Share *** | **$14.00** | **$13.98** |
| **Net Asset Value per Share Including Dividends *** | **$15.59** | **$15.57** |
| **Closing Share Price (Euronext Amsterdam)** | **$10.50** | **$10.06** |
| **Premium (Discount)** | **(25.0%)** | **(28.0%)** |
| **Summary of Private Equity Exposure** | | |
| Estimated Fair Value of Private Equity Investments | $799.8 | $781.8 |
| Adjusted Unfunded Private Equity Commitments** | $61.2 | $62.3 |
| **Adjusted Total Private Equity Exposure** | **$861.0** | **$844.1** |
| Private Equity Investment Level | 117% | 115% |
| Cash + Undrawn Committed Credit Facility | $171.5 | $188.2 |
| Adjusted Commitment Cover Ratio** | 280% | 302% |
| *(In £)* | | |
| **Summary of the ZDP Shares** | | |
| **ZDP Net Asset Value per Share ***** | **156.32p** | **155.39p** |
| **Closing ZDP Share Price (LSE)** | **161.50p** | **161.75p** |
| **Premium (Discount)** | **3.3%** | **4.1%** |

## ORDINARY SHARE INFORMATION

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|---|---|
| Trading Symbol: | NBPE |
| Exchanges: | Euronext & LSE |
| Euronext Admission Date: | 25 July 2007 |
| LSE Admission Date: | 30 June 2009 |
| Base Currency: | USD |
| Bloomberg Ticker: | NBPE NA, NBPE LN |
| Reuters Ticker: | NBPE.AS, NBPE.L |
| ISIN: | GG00B1ZBD492 |
| Common: | 030991001 |
| Semi-annual Dividends:[3] | $0.25 per share |
| Annualized Dividend Yield:[3] | 4.8% on share price, 3.6% on NAV |

## ZDP SHARE INFORMATION

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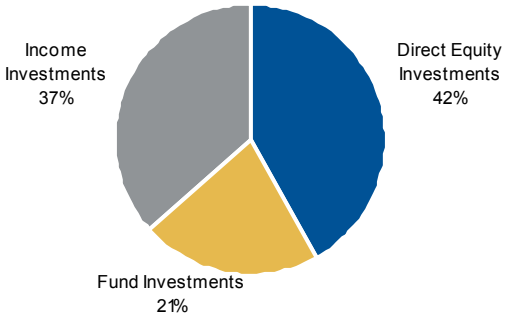
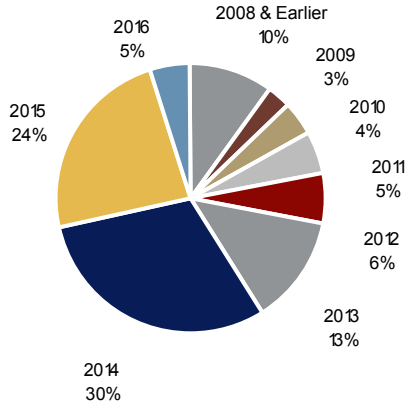
|---|---|
| Trading Symbol: | NBPZ |
| Exchanges: | LSE & CISE |
| Admission Date: | 1 December 2009 |
| Base Currency: | GBP |
| Bloomberg Ticker: | NBPEGBP LN |
| Reuters: | NBPEO.L |
| ISIN: | GG00B4ZXGJ22 |
| SEDOL: | B4ZXGJ2 |
| GRY at Issuance: | 7.3% |
| Share Life: | 7.5 years to 31 May 2017 |
| Capital Entitlement: | 169.73 pence |

**As of 31 March and 29 February 2016, there were 48,790,564 class A ordinary shares and 10,000 class B ordinary shares outstanding, with 3,150,408 class A ordinary shares held in treasury.*
*** Unfunded commitments are adjusted for amounts the Manager believes are unlikely to be called. As of 31 March (29 February 2016 ), unadjusted unfunded commitments are $246.9 million ($257.4 million), total private equity exposure is $1.0 billion ($1.0 billion) and the unadjusted commitment coverage ratio is 69.5% (73.1%).*
**** As of 31 March and 29 February 2016, there were 32,999,999 ZDP shares outstanding.*
*Note: Numbers may not sum due to rounding.*

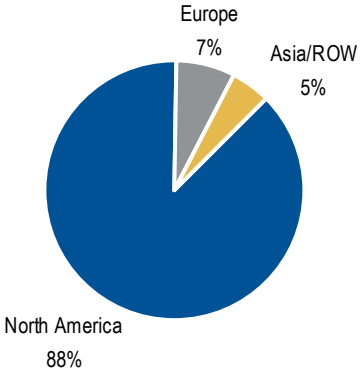
## ASSET CLASS AND INVESTMENT TYPE BY FAIR VALUE



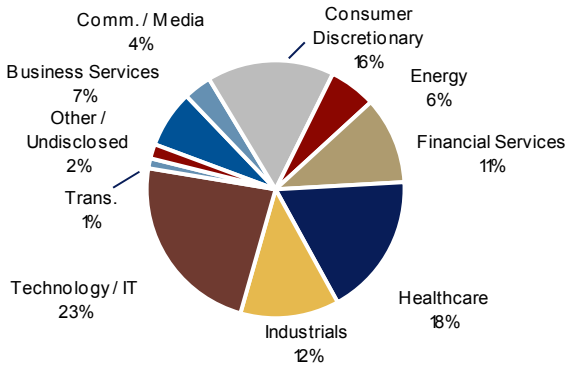

## YEAR OF INVESTMENT BY FAIR VALUE



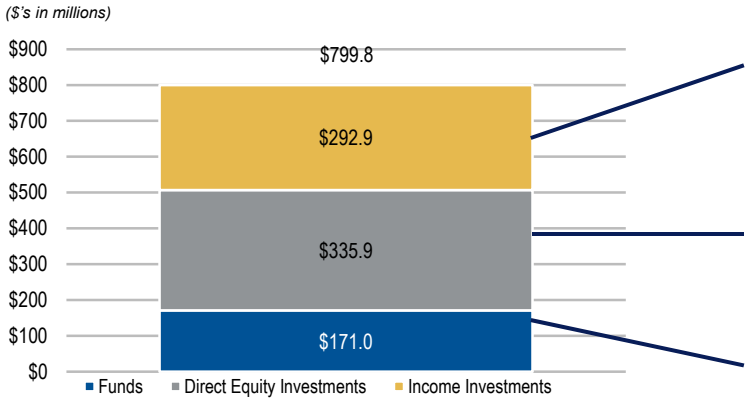

## GEOGRAPHY BY FAIR VALUE




## INDUSTRY BY FAIR VALUE




## DIVERSIFICATION BY INVESTMENT TYPE

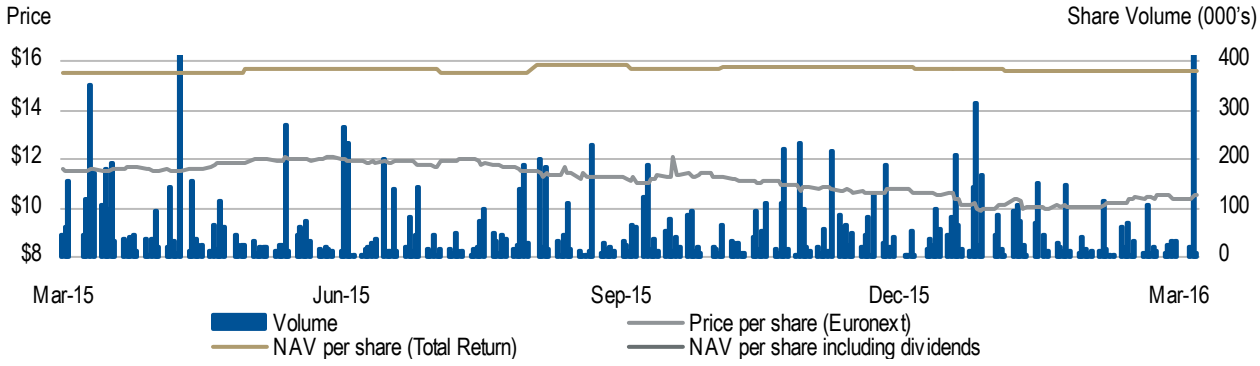



Top 3 Income Investments by NBPE NAV
- Heartland Dental 2nd Lien: $20.9 million
- Converge One 2nd Lien: $19.9 million
- K&N Engineering: $18.1 million

Top 3 Direct Equity Investments by NBPE NAV
- Oil & Gas Company: $16.0 million
- Patheon: $15.1 million
- The Warranty Group: $14.6 million

Top 3 Fund Investments by NBPE NAV
- Catalyst Fund III: $15.8 million
- NB Crossroads Fund XVIII Mid-cap Buyout: $15.6 million
- NB Crossroads Fund XVII: $14.1 million

## LTM ORDINARY SHARE PRICE AND NAV PERFORMANCE (TOTAL RETURN) AND TRADING VOLUME



## VALUATION METHODOLOGY

The Company carries its private direct equity investments on its books at fair value using the best information it has reasonably available to determine or estimate fair value. Publicly traded securities are valued based on quoted prices as of the last day of the relevant period less discounts to reflect legal restrictions, if any, that affect marketability. The Company determines such values for publicly traded securities held directly as well as known public positions held in the underlying private direct equity investments on a look-through basis. The Company estimates fair value for private interests based on a methodology that begins with the most recent information available from the general partner of the underlying fund or the lead investor of a direct equity investment, and considers subsequent transactions, such as drawdowns or distributions, as well as other information judged to be reliable that reports or indicates valuation changes, including realizations and other portfolio company events. The Company proactively re-values its investments before it has received updated information from the fund manager or lead investor if it becomes aware of material events that justify a change in valuation. If the Company concludes that it is probable an investment will be sold, the Company will adjust the fair value to the amount the Company expects to realize from the sale, net of transaction costs.

For debt investments, the Company estimates the enterprise value of each portfolio company and compares such amount to the total amount of such portfolio company's debt, as well as the level of debt senior to our interest in such portfolio company. Estimates of enterprise value are based on a specific measure (such as EBITDA, free cash flow, net income, book value or NAV) believed to be most relevant for the given portfolio company and compares this metric in relation to comparable company valuations (market trading and transactions) based on the same metric. In determining the enterprise value, the Company will further consider the portfolio companies' acquisition price, credit metrics, historical and projected operational and financial performance, liquidity as well as industry trends, general economic conditions, scale and competitive advantages along with other factors deemed relevant. Valuation adjustments are made if estimated enterprise value does not support the value of the debt security in which the Company is invested and securities senior to NBPE's position.

If the principal repayment of debt and any accrued interest is supported by the enterprise value analysis described above, the Company will next consider current market conditions including pricing quotations for the same security and yields for similar investments. To the extent market quotations for the security are available, the Company will take into account current pricing and liquidity. Liquidity may be estimated by the spread between bid and offer prices and other available measures of market liquidity, including number and size of recent trades and liquidity scores. If the Company believes market yields for similar investments have changed substantially since the pricing of our security, the Company will perform a discounted cash flow analysis, based on the expected future cash flows of the debt securities and current market rates. The Company will also consider the maturity of the investment, compliance with covenants and ability to pay cash interest when estimating the fair value of our debt investment.

NBPE expects to issue its quarterly report for the three month period ended 31 March 2016 in May. The quarterly report will include unaudited financial information prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. NBPE is required to consider, and will consider, all known material information in preparing such interim financial report, including information that may become known subsequent to the issuance of this monthly report. Accordingly, amounts included in the quarterly reports may differ from this monthly report.

## TRADING VOLUME AND SHARE REPURCHASE ACTIVITY

During the month of March, NBPE's aggregate trading volume on Euronext Amsterdam, the London Stock Exchange, and over-the-counter trading platforms was 1,218,005 Class A ordinary shares, which represents an average daily trading volume of approximately 58,000 Class A ordinary shares.

On 22 October 2010, NBPE launched a new Share Buy-Back Programme in order to begin implementing the Capital Return Policy. The Share Buy-Back Programme is the subject of periodic review by the Board. Under the terms of the Share Buy-Back Programme, Jefferies International Limited has been appointed to effect on-market repurchases of Shares on behalf of NBPE on Euronext Amsterdam and/or the Specialist Fund Market of the London Stock Exchange. Shares bought back under the Share Buy-Back Programme will be cancelled.

There were no shares repurchased during the month of March. As of 31 March 2016, there were 48,790,564 class A ordinary shares and 10,000 class B ordinary shares outstanding, with 3,150,408 class A ordinary shares held in treasury.

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1. Figures provided are unaudited and subject to change. Certain numbers may not total due to rounding.
2. Other includes realised gains, investment income not classified as yield income, and expenses.
3. NBPE declared a $0.25 per Share dividend on 25 January 2016, paid on 29 February 2016. On an annualised basis, this dividend payment represents a dividend yield of 3.6% based on the estimated March 2016 NAV and 4.8% based on the Euronext closing price of $10.50 on 30 March 2016.
4. The diversification analysis by asset class and investment type is based on the fair value of underlying fund investments and direct/co-investments. The diversification analysis by year of investment, geography and industry is based on the diversification of underlying portfolio company investments at fair value as estimated by the Investment Manager. The year of investment is calculated at the portfolio company level and is defined as the date of capital deployment into a particular underlying investment. The diversification by year of investment also includes an allocation of net cash flows and valuation adjustments made since financial statements were last received from the investment sponsor. Accordingly, the actual diversification of the Company's investment portfolio and the diversification of the Company's investment portfolio on an ongoing basis may vary from the foregoing information.
5. Direct equity investment diversification includes all equity, including associated equity from income investments.

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