

ASX: PE1

PENGANA PRIVATE EQUITY TRUST

A diversified portfolio of global private market investments, managed by one of the largest and most diversified independent asset managers in the world - Grosvenor Capital Management.

March 2025

MARKET UPDATE: CURRENCY ENHANCES RESILIENCE

NAV PER UNIT¹ 1 MONTH PERFORMANCE² SINCE INCEPTION PERFORMANCE (P.A.)^{2,3}

TARGET DISTRIBUTION YIELD4

\$1.7129

0.5%

9.9%

4%

COMMENTARY

The Trust returned +0.5% over March. Many of the December 2024 quarter valuation upgrades were already incorporated into the February NAV per unit which increased by 3%, so the movement in the March NAV per unit was primarily driven by the depreciation in the AUD:USD exchange rate.

There was turmoil in markets over the last week due to concerns about tariffs and potential economic slowdown. All sectors of the economy can be impacted by this situation, and we are still evaluating the potential impacts across our portfolio. However, we believe that in general the types of companies that we hold in the PE1 portfolio should be relatively well placed to cope with such an environment due to their resilient business models, which should help to buffer them in a tough environment. We are also comforted by our very capable and aligned management teams, most of whom have experience investing across market cycles. It is also important to remember that that almost 80% of the portfolio is invested in the US and concentrated in mid-market companies which are the intended beneficiaries of the Trump trade policy.

The portfolio has been structured to be unhedged against movements in foreign currencies which provides downside protection for the portfolio in the event of a fall in the AUD:USD. That is, the AUD value of the portfolio rises in value as the AUD:USD falls, which is historically what has occurred in sharp and sudden equity market declines and also what actually occurred on Friday in the US.

Investment activity during the month included:

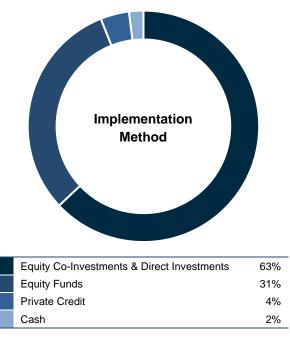
- The completion of a secondary transaction containing three existing funds purchased at an aggregate estimated pro forma discount of 25.4% and with a diversified book of 20 portfolio companies,
- BlueTriton, PE1's third largest holding, distributing 159% of invested capital to investors, with significant remaining value expected to be realised throughout 2025, and
- A first-lien term loan opportunity in Handgards, a leading distributor of disposable gloves and tabletop items, to help finance an acquisition of InnoPak, a manufacturer and distributor of packaging for prepared food.

NAV PER UNIT PERFORMANCE AS AT 31 MARCH 2025 2, 3

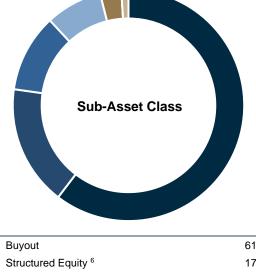


	1 month	1 year	3 years p.a.	Since inception p.a. ³
NAV per Unit	0.5%	11.6%	6.4%	9.9%

PORTFOLIO DIVERSIFICATION

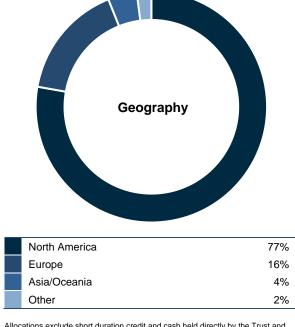


Cash includes short duration credit which may be used as a cash management tool. The Trust has utilised a line of credit equal to 6% of the NAV.

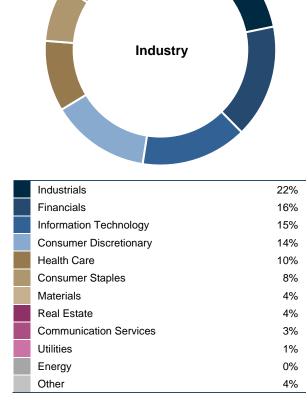


Buyout	61%
Structured Equity ⁶	17%
Special Situations (Including Credit)	11%
Growth Equity	8%
Real Estate	3%
Venture Capital	0%
Other	1%

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INVESTMENT ACTIVITY – SELECTED HIGHLIGHTS 7

EQUITY FUNDS

We recently completed a secondary transaction involving the purchase of limited partner interests in three existing middle market buyout funds and an investment in a new primary fund (a "stapled" primary) managed by two US-based private equity firms. We were selected as approved buyers in a competitive process of a larger portfolio sale to purchase these funds due to our existing relationship with both managers. The first manager is a generalist, and the transaction consisted of 47% exposure to their 2018 vintage year fund, 8% exposure to their 2012 vintage year and 8% exposure to a stapled primary investment in their 2025 vintage year flagship fund expected to close later this year. The transaction also consisted of 37% exposure to a 2014 vintage year fund from the second manager who is focused on investing in healthcare services.

The funds were purchased at an aggregate estimated pro forma discount of 25.4% and collectively have exposure to 20 different portfolio companies that are diversified by remaining value, industry exposure and investment date. The transaction consists of older funds (with an average vintage of 2015) and the managers are actively looking to sell assets and generate liquidity with potential near-term distributions that will de-risk the overall transaction early. We consider both managers to be high quality sponsors that have consistently generated strong returns. As an existing investor with the managers, we were able to leverage our relationships with the managers during due diligence to help us understand the recent performance of the underlying assets, and discuss exit projections and exit timing for a number of the remaining positions.



PE1's third largest holding, **BlueTriton** (formerly known as Nestlé Waters North America and now operating as Primo Brands (NYSE: PRMB)), recently distributed another 159% of invested capital to investors, bringing total distributions to date to 304% of invested capital. This was largely related to proceeds from a secondary share offering and partially from loan proceeds. While this co-investment has already created substantial value for PE1, there is still significant remaining value that we expect to realise throughout 2025.

PRIVATE CREDIT



We recently invested in a first-lien term loan opportunity in **Handgards**, a leading distributor of disposable gloves and tabletop items. The company is using the loan to help finance the acquisition of InnoPak, a manufacturer and distributor of packaging for prepared food sold in supermarkets, convenience stores, and foodservice/restaurants. This acquisition will enhance scale, diversify the product portfolio, and reduce the company's reliance on its largest customer. Handgards benefits from a broad supplier base and long-standing relationships with key customers, maintaining 10+ year partnerships with the majority of its top customers and suppliers. Its end markets are projected to grow at 4-5% annually through 2028, and the company has grown volumes in all but two years since 2007. Additionally, the investment is supported by substantial enterprise value coverage. Coupled with strong levered free cash flow generation, we believe the loan represents a compelling investment opportunity.

- 1. The NAV is unaudited
- 2. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance, the value of investments can go up and down. The net return has been determined with reference to the increase in the Net Asset Value per Unit, as well as of the reinvestment of a Unit's distribution back into the Trust pursuant to the Trust's distribution reinvestment plan ("DRP"). Pengana has established a DRP in respect of distributions made by the Trust. Under the DRP, Unitholders may elect to have all or part of their distribution reinvested in additional Units.
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