# NB Private Equity Partners Limited

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## **ORDINARY SHARE INFORMATION**

Trading Symbol: NBPE
Exchanges: Euronext Amsterdam &
London Stock Exchange
Euronext Admission Date: 25 July 2007
LSE Admission Date: 30 June 2009
Base Currency: USD
Bloomberg: NBPE NA, NBPE LN
Reuters: NBPE.AS, NBPE.L
ISIN: GG00B1ZBD492
COMMON: 030991001

## **ZDP SHARE INFORMATION**

Trading Symbol: NBPZ
Exchanges: London Stock Exchange &
Channel Islands Stock Exchange
Admission Date: 1 December 2009
Base Currency: GBP
Bloomberg: NBPEGBP LN
Reuters: NBPEO.L
ISIN: GG00B4ZXGJ22
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GRY at Issuance: 7.30%
Share Life: 7.5 Years to 31 May 2017
Final Capital Entitlement: 169.73 pence

As of 31 January 2011, the private equity portfolio included exposure to 63 investments and over 2,500 underlying portfolio companies.

\* Includes both equity and debt investments. \*\* Includes a receivable for the Dresser sale proceeds, which were received in February. As of 31 January 2011, there were 50,456,814 class A ordinary shares and 10,000 class B ordinary shares outstanding, with 3,150,408 class A ordinary shares held in treasury. In January, 276,011 Class A ordinary shares were repurchased and cancelled. As of 31 December 2010, there were 50,732,825 class A ordinary shares and 10,000 class B ordinary shares outstanding, with 3,150,408 class A ordinary shares held in treasury. \*\*\*\* As of 31 January 2011 and 31 December 2010, there were 32,999,999 ZDP shares outstanding.

31 January 2011<sup>1</sup>

#### **COMPANY OVERVIEW**

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. NBPE invests in private equity funds managed by leading sponsors, including fund of funds managed by the Investment Manager, and makes direct private equity investments alongside leading sponsors ("co-investments"). NBPE's investment objective is to produce attractive returns on its capital from its private equity investments while managing investment risk through portfolio diversification across asset class, vintage year, geography, industry and sponsor.

#### **INVESTMENT MANAGER COMMENTARY**

During January, NBPE completed its previously announced Strategic Asset Sale and received aggregate proceeds of \$64.2 million from the sale of the remaining five interests in the sale portfolio. In total, NBPE received \$101.8 million of proceeds in December and January from the sale of its interest in eight large-cap buyout funds.

In the past month, NBPE completed one new direct investment in royalty notes backed by the global sales of a leading neuropathic pain medication that is marketed globally by a premier pharmaceutical company. In addition, the Company committed to another direct investment in royalty-backed notes which is expected to fund in the upcoming months.

Including the new direct investment described above, NBPE invested \$6.6 million into private equity investments and received \$32.3 million of distributions during January (in addition to the Strategic Asset Sale proceeds described above). As a result of this investment activity, the Company's private equity investment level was 96% of NAV at 31 January 2011. Approximately 53% of the contributions were invested in special situations funds and direct investments, 27% were invested in growth equity / venture funds and 20% were invested in buyout funds.

The distributions included an aggregate \$18.7 million from NBPE's direct / co-investment portfolio – \$16.7 million of up-front proceeds from the sale of Dresser and \$2.0 million from a partial realization of the investment in Suddenlink Communications preferred stock – and an aggregate \$13.6 million from NBPE's fund portfolio, including significant investment proceeds from OCM Opportunities Fund VIIb, First Reserve Fund XI, Carlyle Europe Partners II and Wayzata Opportunities Fund II. Following the receipt of these distributions and sale proceeds in January, the Company paid down all outstanding loans under its credit facility.

As of 31 January 2011, the unaudited NAV per share was \$10.18, which represents an increase of 2.1% compared to the unaudited NAV per share of \$9.97 at 31 December 2010. During January, NBPE's portfolio value increased due to \$3.5 million of unrealized gains on credit-related fund investments, \$0.6 million of unrealized gains on public equity securities and \$0.2 million of positive foreign exchange adjustments. In addition, \$7.7 million of net unrealized gains were attributable to the receipt of Q4 2010 valuation information for certain fund investments and private direct / co-investments. Share repurchases during the month were accretive to NAV by approximately \$0.02 per share.

### **NET ASSET VALUE DEVELOPMENT**

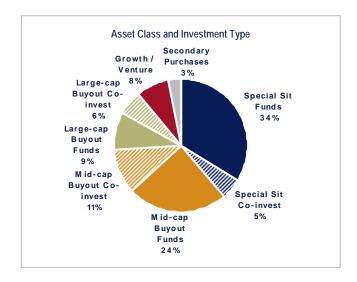
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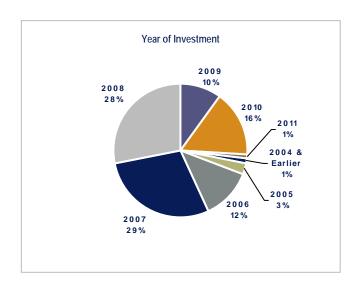
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	31 January 2011	31 December 2010
Summary of NAV of Ordinary Shares	(Unaudited)	Pro Forma (Unaudited)
Fund Investments and Fund of Funds Investments	\$393.2	\$392.7
Direct / Co-investments *	\$99.5	\$94.8
Total Private Equity Investments	\$492.7	\$487.5
Cash and Sale Proceeds Receivable **	\$84.6	\$81.3
Credit Facility Outstanding	-	-
ZDP Share Liability, incl. Forward Currency Contract	(\$59.7)	(\$58.3)
Net Other Assets (Liabilities), incl. M ino rity Interest	(\$3.8)	(\$4.7)
Net Asset Value	\$513.8	\$505.8
Net Asset Value per Share ***	\$ 10.18	\$9.97
Closing Share Price (Euronext Amsterdam)	\$7.00	\$6.97
Premium (Discount)	(31.2%)	(30.1%)
Summary of Private Equity Exposure		
Estimated Fair Value of Private Equity Investments	\$492.7	\$487.5
Unfunded Private Equity Commitments	\$110.0	\$103.8
Total Private Equity Exposure	\$602.7	\$ 5 9 1.2
Private Equity Investment Level	96%	96%
Cash + Undrawn Committed Credit Facility	\$334.6	\$331.3
Commitment Cover Ratio	304%	319%
(ln £)		
Summary of the ZDP Shares		
ZDP Net Asset Value per Share ****	108.60p	107.95p
Closing ZDP Share Price (LSE)	115.88p	116.25p
Premium (Discount)	6.7%	7.7%

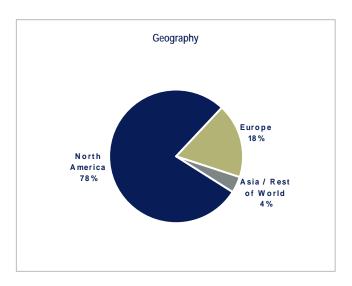
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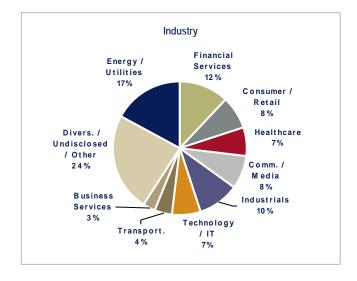
## PRIVATE EQUITY PORTFOLIO DIVERSIFICATION

Key information about NBPE's private equity portfolio based upon fair value at 31 January 2011 was as follows.<sup>2</sup>









Based on total private equity exposure, which includes unfunded commitments, the diversification of NBPE's private equity portfolio at 31 January 2011 was as follows: <sup>2</sup>

- Asset class and investment type special situations funds: 34%; special situations co-investments: 6%; mid-cap buyout funds: 24%; mid-cap buyout co-investments: 9%; large-cap buyout funds: 9%; large-cap buyout co-investments: 5%; growth / venture: 10%; secondary purchases: 3%
- Geography North America: 76%; Europe: 20%; Asia / rest of world: 4%
- Industry energy / utilities: 17%; financial services: 12%; consumer / retail: 8%; industrials: 12%; communications / media: 9%; technology / IT: 7%; healthcare: 7%; business services: 4%; transportation: 4%; diversified / undisclosed / other: 20%

The diversification of NBPE's unfunded private equity commitments at 31 January 2011 was as follows: <sup>2</sup>

- Asset class and investment type special situations funds: 31%; special situations co-investments: 8%; mid-cap buyout funds: 24%; mid-cap buyout co-investments: 3%; large-cap buyout funds: 9%; growth / venture: 20%; secondary purchases: 5%
- Vintage year of fund or co-investment 2004 & Earlier: 2%; 2005: 1%; 2006: 19%; 2007: 42%; 2008: 8%; 2009: 7%; 2010: 13%; 2011: 8%

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## **VALUATION METHODOLOGY**

The Company carries its private 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 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 co-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 revalues its investments before it has received updated information from the fund manager or lead sponsor 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 carrying value to the amount the Company expects to realize from the sale, exclusive of transaction costs.

NBPE expects to issue its annual report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2010 in March 2011. The annual report will include audited 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 financial report, including information that may become known subsequent to the issuance of this monthly report. Accordingly, amounts included in the annual report may differ from this monthly report.

## SHARE BUY-BACK PROGRAMME

On 21 October 2010, NBPE announced the launch of a share buy-back programme (the "Programme") with the objective of implementing the Capital Return Policy previously announced by the Company. The Programme commenced with effect from 22 October 2010 and, subject to extension, will end on 31 August 2011. Under the terms of the Programme, NBPE has appointed The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V. (London Branch) ("RBS") to manage the Programme and has authorised RBS to effect on-market repurchases of class A ordinary shares on behalf of the Company on Euronext Amsterdam and/or the Specialist Fund Market of the London Stock Exchange plc. Shares bought back under the Programme will be cancelled. The operation of the Company's liquidity enhancement programme on Euronext Amsterdam, which is managed by The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V. pursuant to the liquidity enhancement contract dated 29 June 2010, has been suspended for the duration of the Programme.

During January, a total of 276,011 shares were repurchased under the Programme at an aggregate net purchase price of \$1,932,487, or a weighted average price per share of approximately \$7.00. There were seven days in which transactions were conducted, with an average repurchase volume of 39,430 shares. All of the shares bought back in January were cancelled. The share repurchases during January were accretive to NBPE's NAV by approximately \$0.02 per share. As of 31 January 2011, there were 50,456,814 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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<sup>1.</sup> Figures provided are unaudited and subject to change. Certain numbers may not total due to rounding.

<sup>2.</sup> The diversification analysis by asset class and investment type is based on the fair value of underlying fund investments and co-investments (including unfunded commitments on a total private equity exposure basis). 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. For primary investments and co-investments, the vintage year is defined as the date of the first portfolio investment or the date of the secondary acquisition. 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. Determinations regarding asset class, investment type, geography and industry, as well as the allocation of unfunded commitments on a total private equity exposure basis, also represent the Investment Manager's estimates. Accordingly, the actual diversification of the Company's investment portfolio on an ongoing basis may vary from the foregoing information.