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STATE STREET PRIVATE EQUITY INDEX TRENDS - May 2024

Private Equity Performances Rebound in Q4 2023

The State Street® Private Equity Index (SSPEI) recorded an overall gain of 2.87% in Q4 2023, bringing the annual return to 7.1%. Buyout funds rebounded significantly this quarter, achieving a 3.39% gain compared to 0.35% in Q3, and posted 9.12% return for the year. Venture capital (VC) returns turned positive to 0.95% in Q4, making the first positive and highest return since Q1 2022. Private debt funds maintained stable performance, with returns of 2.96% in Q4 and 10.66% for the year. (see Exhibit 1A). By contrast, the US public equity market, represented by the S&P500, outperformed the private market by a substantial 11.7% total return in the last quarter and 26.3% for the year (see Exhibit 1B).

Exhibit 1: Private Equity Performance A. Quarterly return by strategy



Source: State Street Global Markets, as of Q4 2023.

B. Private Equity Performance vs SP500



Source: State Street Global Markets, DataStream, as of Q4 2023.

In Q4 2023, funds with an industrial and financial focus were the best performers, posting quarterly returns of 3.26% and 3.70% respectively. The energy sector, however, underperformed with a gain of 0.91%.



Exhibit 2: Performance of Sector-Focused Funds

Source: State Street Global Markets, as of Q4 2023.

Over a one year horizon, industrials and financials sector specialists delivered annual returns of 9.04% and 10.24%, respectively, outperforming generalist funds, which returned 7.55% (see Exhibit 2).

Leveraging the timely and accurate daily cash flow data from State Street custody services, we have observed early signs of recovery in exit activities in recent quarters (see Exhibit 3). The quarterly distribution to committed capital (DCC) has been rising since Q2 2023 and is approaching 2.6% in Q1 2024, nearing its 10-year average of 2.7%. Additionally, net cash flow turned positive for the first time since Q4 2021.

Exhibit 3: Private Equity Quarterly Cash Flows



Source: State Street Global Markets, as of Q1 2024.

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- Currently comprises more than 3,900 funds representing more than \$5.0 trillion in capital commitments as of Q4 2023.
- Global daily cash-flow data back to 1980.
- The Index has generated quarterly results since Q3 2004.
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