#### **UNITED STATES**

#### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

#### FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

June 6, 2023

Date of Report (date of earliest event reported)

#### **STEPSTONE GROUP INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

001-39510

(Commission File Number) New York,

84-3868757 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.) 10017 (Zip Code)

(212) 351-6100

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

NY

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

 $\hfill\square$  Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

450 Lexington Avenue, 31<sup>st</sup> Floor

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

□ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

□ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered	
Class A common stock, par value \$0.001 per share	STEP	The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC	

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company  $\Box$ 

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.  $\Box$ 

#### Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

As previously announced, on June 6, 2023, StepStone Group Inc. (the "Company") will host an Investor Day. Members of the Company's senior management team, including the heads of each asset class, will present on the Company's progress, strategy, and outlook. A live webcast of the management presentation will be accessible on the Company's website at https://shareholders.stepstonegroup.com. A replay will be available on the Shareholders section of the Company's website following the conclusion of the event. A copy of the Investor Day presentation is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

The information included in, or furnished with, this report shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing. The filing of this Current Report on Form 8-K (including the exhibit hereto or any information included herein or therein) shall not be deemed an admission as to the materiality of any information herein that is required to be disclosed solely by reason of Regulation FD.

#### Forward-Looking Statements

Some of the statements in this Current Report on Form 8-K may constitute "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. All statements other than statements of historical fact are forward-looking. Words such as "anticipate," "believe," "continue," "estimate," "expect," "future," "intend," "may," "plan" and "will" and similar expressions identify forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements reflect management's current plane, estimates and expectations and are inherently uncertain. The inclusion of any forward-looking information in this Current Report on Form 8-K should not be regarded as a representation that the future plans, estimates or expectations contemplated will be achieved. Forward-looking statements are subject to various risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, global and domestic market and business conditions, successful execution of business and growth strategies and regulatory factors relevant to our business, as well as assumptions relating to our operations, financial cresults, financial condition, business prospects, growth strategy and liquidity and the risks and uncertainties described in greater detail under the "Risk Factors" in our annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2023, and in our subsequent reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Curreise or update any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as may be required by law.

#### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

 Exhibit No.
 Description

 99.1
 Investor Day presentation dated June 6, 2023

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#### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

#### STEPSTONE GROUP INC.

Date: June 6, 2023

By: /s/ Johnny D. Randel Johnny D. Randel Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer and Authorized Signatory)



## StepStone Investor Day

JUNE 6, 2023



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The non-GAAP financial measures contained in this presentation (including, without limitation, adjusted net income (on both a pre-tax and after-tax basis), adjusted net income per share, fee-related earnings and fee-related earnings margin, and adjusted FRE margin, and adjusted FRE per share) are not GAAP measures of the Company's financial performance or liquidity and should not be considered as alternatives to net income (loss) as a measure of financial performance or cash flows from operations as measures of liquidity, or any other performance derived in accordance with GAAP. A reconciliation of such non-GAAP measures to their most directly comparable GAAP measures is included in the appendix of this presentation. You are encouraged to evaluate each adjustment to non-GAAP financial measures and the reasons management considers it appropriate for supplemental analysis. Our presentation of these measures should not be construed as an inference that our future results will be unaffected by unusual or non-receuring items. In addition, these measures may not be comparable to similarly titled measures used by other companies in our industry or across different industries.

## INTRODUCTION

#### Today's Presenters

### **OSTEPSTONE**



Scott Hart Chief Executive Officer



Marcel Schindler Head of Private Debt



Jason Ment President and Co-Chief Operating Officer



Jeff Giller Head of Real Estate



Mike McCal Head of Strategy



James O'Leary Head of Infrastructure



Johnny Randel Chief Financial Officer



Tom Keck Head of Research



Seth Weiss Corporate Investor Relations



Tom Sittema Executive Chairman, StepStone Private Wealth



#### Agenda

Introduction – Seth Weiss

StepStone and the Private Markets Ecosystem - Scott Hart

StepStone's Performance and Growth Drivers - Mike McCabe

Asset Class Overviews

- Private Equity / Venture Capital Scott Hart
- Private Debt Marcel Schindler
- Real Estate Jeff Giller
- Infrastructure James O'Leary

- Break -

Data and Technology – Tom Keck Private Wealth – Tom Sittema Concluding Remarks – Scott Hart

<u>Q&A</u>

## STEPSTONE AND THE PRIVATE MARKETS ECOSYSTEM







# Our mission is to be the trusted partner of choice for private markets solutions globally

#### Empowered Experts

95 Partners with an average of 20 years of private market experience, empowered to act swiftly and decisively to create the best possible strategies and solutions

#### Superior Selectivity

Over 3,600 private market opportunities reviewed annually across sectors, strategies and structures, creating a rich pipeline that allows us to pursue opportunities selectively

#### Global Strength, Local Focus

On-the-ground teams with valuable, regional nsights, backed by the formidable resources of a lobal organization, with offices in 25 cities acros .5 countries

#### Preferred Access

As one of the world's largest private market allocators, we are a trusted partner to limited partners (LPs) and general partners (GPs) and enjoy preferred access to investment opportunities that few can achieve

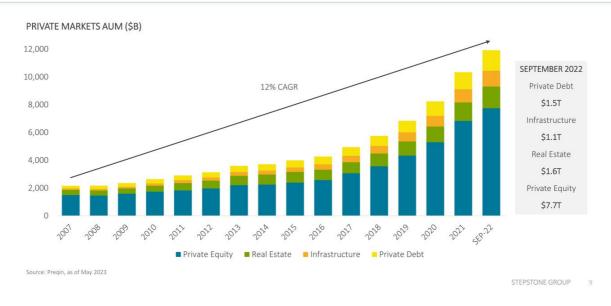
#### Tailored Portfolios

279 bespoke managed accounts and focused commingled funds carefully calibrated to each client's needs offer exposure to quality assets across a range of strategies

#### Deeper Dimensions of Data

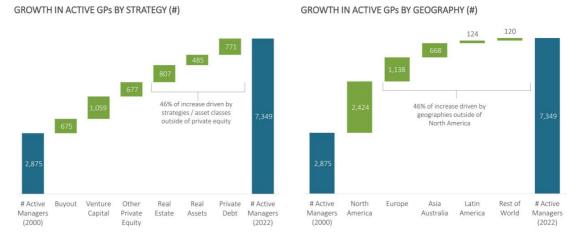
Proprietary data and technology platform provides unparalleled insights, drawn and delivered from all parts of the business, with integrated portfolio monitoring and analytics





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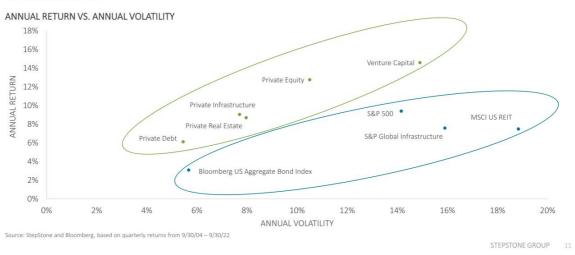




Source: StepStone Private Markets Intelligence (SPI), as of May 2023



Over nearly the last 20 years, private markets have outperformed public market equivalents, delivering higher returns at lower levels of risk across asset classes



#### Private Markets Outperformance Driven by Asymmetric Risk Capture





Source: CapIQ, Burgiss, StepStone Portfolio Analytics & Reporting (SPAR), as of May 2023 Public equity performance represents the average of StepStone's SPAR database and Burgiss. Total drawdown is defined as the max drawdown between the peak and trough during a crisis. Annualized recovery is the annualized return between the trough of the previous crisis and the peak of the next crisis.







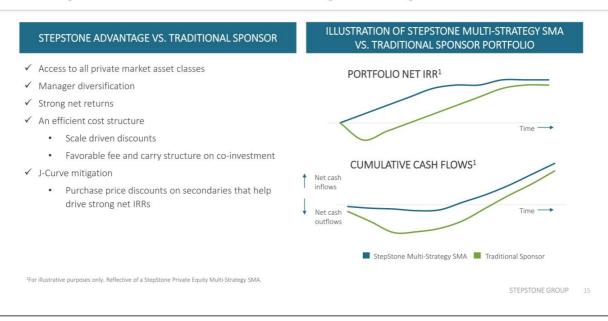
#### The Private Market Ecosystem has Evolved Significantly

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### Utilizing all Our Tools to Deliver Diversified and High Performing Portfolios







We believe StepStone's flexible business model helps clients access opportunities across all asset classes

ASSET MANAGEMENT		ADVISORY	RESEARCH
SEPARATELY MANAGED ACCOUNTS	FOCUSED COMMINGLED FUNDS	ADVISORY & DATA SERVICES	PORTFOLIO ANALYTICS & REPORTING
<ul> <li>Owned by one client and managed according to their specific preferences</li> <li>Address client's specific portfolio risk / return, diversification, and liquidity objectives</li> <li>Integrates a combination of investment strategies across one or more asset classes</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Owned by multiple clients</li> <li>Deploy capital in specific asset classes with defined investment strategies</li> <li>Seeks to leverage StepStone's multi-asset class expertise</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Recurring support of portfolio construction and design</li> <li>Discrete or project-based due diligence</li> <li>Detailed review of existing private markets investments</li> <li>Consulting services</li> <li>Licensed access to SPI<sup>1</sup></li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Provide clients with tailored reporting packages</li> <li>Mandates typically include access to Omni</li> </ul>
\$82B AUM	\$43B AUM	\$482B AUA / \$13B AUM	Over <b>\$630B</b> of client commitments

AUM/AUA as of March 31, 2023. Reflects final data for the prior period (December 31, 2022), adjusted for net new client account activity through March 31, 2023. Does not include post-period investment valuation or cash activity. Amounts may not sum to total due to rounding.
<sup>1</sup> StepStone Private Markets Intelligence.

StepStone has strategically grown across 25 offices in 15 countries to build enduring relationships with our clients and GPs





We believe our deep platform allows investors to design single or multi-asset class private market exposures to fit their portfolio needs



#### StepStone has Successfully Utilized M&A to Strengthen the Platform







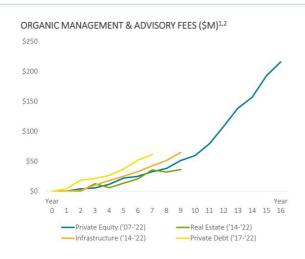


Note: Fiscal 2017-2022 reflect total capital responsibility as of March 31 of each fiscal year then ended. Prior year amounts are reported on a calendar year basis. Strategic acquisitions contributed approximately 55.6 billion, 51.8 billion, 50.9 billion, 50.2 billion and 50.0 billion, 50.0 bill









StepStone's approach to the private markets is proving successful

- Large, senior, experienced teams
- Teams have equity ownership in the businesses they are helping to build

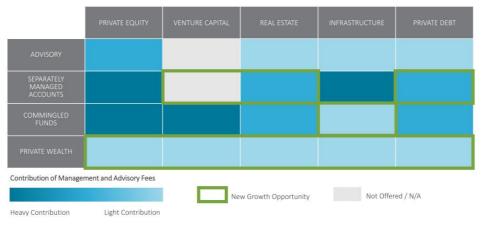
Although helped by market tailwind, private equity growth accelerated after year 10 since StepStone's inception

- More established track record
- Reups contribute to SMA growth, in addition to new business development
- More recent generation of commingled funds raised at larger sizes

Real estate, infrastructure, and private debt have been on a similar trajectory to private equity in their first 10 years

1. Excludes the acquisition of Greenspring, which contributed \$43.4M and \$97.7M of management and advisory fees for fiscal 2022 and fiscal 2023, respectively. 2. Excludes fund reimbursement revenues.





STEPSTONE'S PERFORMANCE AND GROWTH DRIVERS





#### EQUITY CULTURE

- The September 2020 IPO yielded a public float of 31% of the company and extended ownership to over 500 employees
- The public float has since expanded to 56% of the company, as of March 31, 2023, with employees owning roughly a quarter of outstanding shares

#### INCREASE BRAND AWARENESS AND TRANSPARENCY

StepStone's higher profile as a public company has enhanced our brand awareness and fundraising, particularly in international
markets and in the private wealth channel

#### UTILIZE THE CAPITAL MARKETS TO PURSUE GROWTH

- StepStone's 2021 acquisition of Greenspring utilized a combination of equity, including STEP common stock, plus cash from our
  - revolver

    Seeded capital for new funds, such as SPRIM and SPRING

#### ATTRACT AND RETAIN TALENT

- Key hires include Head of Human Resources, Head of Business Development, Head of Corporate Investor Relations, and the build
   out of Enterprise Services
- Implemented stock-based compensation including a long-term incentive plan

#### INVEST IN DATA AND TECHNOLOGY

- StepStone has built fully integrated tools for investment selection, portfolio planning and reporting, and strategic asset allocation
- and continues to invest in data, science and engineering

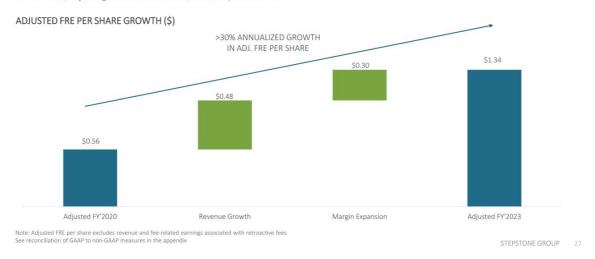
## StepStone Has Achieved 20%+ Organic Growth Across Key Measures Since the IPO

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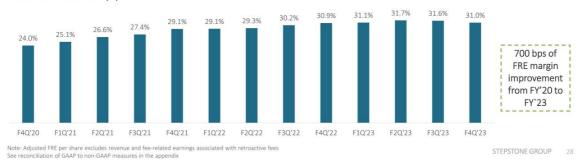
Driven by strong revenue growth and by operating margin expansion, fee-related earnings per share has grown by an annualized rate of over 30%, adjusting for retroactive fees, since StepStone's IPO



## Consistent Record of Margin Improvement with Pathway for Further Expansion



- Core FRE margins have expanded by 700 basis points since fiscal 2020, despite layering on of public company expenses
- Expect to achieve FRE margins in the mid-30s over the medium-to-long term
  - Continued maturation of the asset classes expected to drive further operating leverage
  - Investments in StepStone Private Wealth expected to bear fruit as that business moves from break-even to a material contributor to margin improvement
  - Implementation of strategic cost savings opportunities to achieve incremental improvement in FRE margin, without sacrificing levers for growth



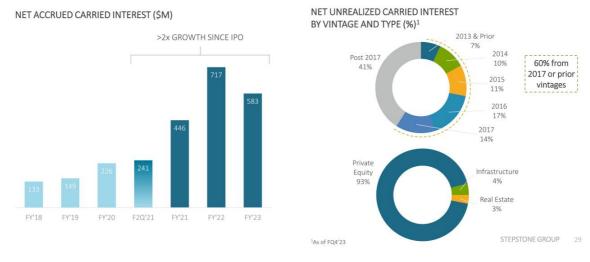
#### ADJUSTED FRE MARGIN (%)

## Appreciation in Carried Interest Drives Further Growth in Adjusted Net Income



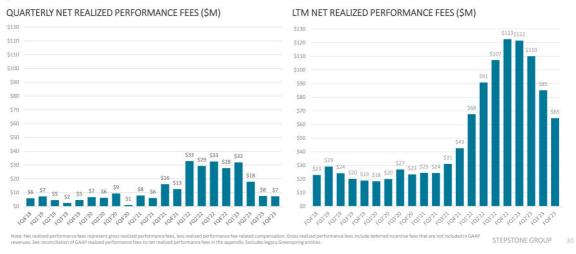
Accrued carried interest represents a backlog of revenue that may convert to cash over time as portfolios mature and investments are exited

Over \$63 billion in performance fee-eligible capital as of March 31, 2023





While net realized performance fees will not be linear, the appreciation in accrued carried interest drives growth in performance fees over time









SEPARATELY MANAGED ACCOUNT MANAGEMENT FEES (\$M)



Evolution of a Client Relationship

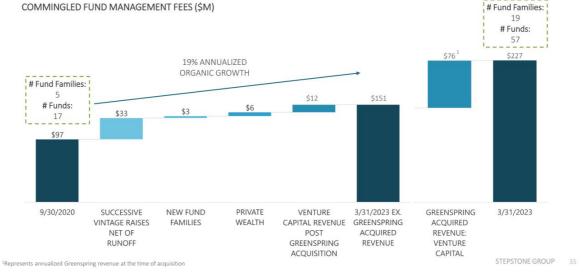








#### COMMINGLED FUND MANAGEMENT FEES (\$M)



# StepStone's Commingled Fund Product Details



FUND FAMILY	DESCRIPTION		FUND SIZE	(\$M)1		
PRIVATE EQUITY	Private Equity	<ul> <li>SCP III (2015)</li> <li>SCP IV (2018)</li> </ul>	\$604	\$1,302		\$2.364
StepStone Capital Partners Funds ("SCP")	Co-Investments	SCP V (2021)				92,50
StepStone Secondaries Opportunities Funds ("SSOF")	Private Equity	<ul> <li>SSOF II (2012)</li> <li>SSOF III (2016)</li> </ul>	\$460	\$950		
Stepstone Secondaries Opportanities Failes ( 5501 )	Secondaries	SSOF IV (2019)		2930		\$2,09
StepStone Tactical Growth Funds ("STGF")	Multi-Strategy	STGF I (2013)				
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PRIVATE DEBT	Corporate	SCL   (2017 / 2018)	\$795			
StepStone Corporate Lending Funds ("SCL")	Direct Lending	SCL II (2021)	\$795	\$1,275		
	Corporate /					
StepStone Credit Opportunities Fund ("SCOF")	Opportunistic Lending	SCOF I (2021)	\$632			
REAL ESTATE	Special Situations	SREP III (2015)		\$950		
StepStone Real Estate Partners Funds ("SREP")	Real Estate Secondaries	SREP IV (2019)		5550	\$1,404	
INFRASTRUCTURE	Infrastructure					
Inaugural Infrastructure Co-Investment Fund	Co-Investments				STEPSTONE GROUP	
Reflects closed funds for each category of investment strategy, since 2012					STEPSTONE GROUP	

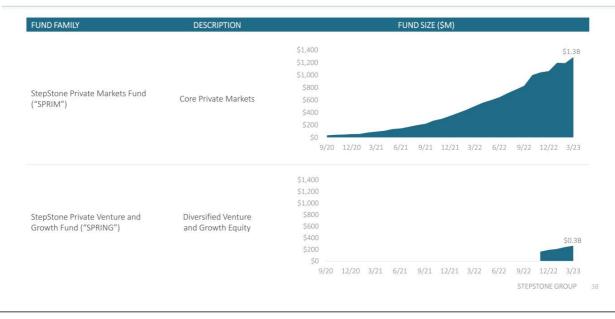


# StepStone's Commingled Fund Product Details

FUND FAMILY	DESCRIPTION		FUND SIZE (\$M) <sup>1</sup>		
		Eund VI (2014)	\$399		
		Fund VII (2015)	\$430		
StepStone VC Global Partners	Multi-Strategy Global Venture Capital	Fund VIII (2017)	\$595		
	maid offaceby ofobal feritare oupliar	Fund IX (2019)		\$1,000	
		Fund X (2020)		\$1,480	
		<ul> <li>Fund III (2014)</li> </ul>	\$179		
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StepStone VC Opportunities	Expansion Stage Venture Capital Directs	Fund V (2018)	\$480		
		Fund VI (2020)	\$653		
		Fund I (2014)	\$87		
		<ul> <li>Fund II (2016)</li> </ul>	\$200		
StepStone VC Secondaries	Venture Capital Secondaries	<ul> <li>Fund III (2018)</li> </ul>	\$330		
		Fund IV (2020)	\$800		-
		<ul> <li>Fund V (2021)</li> </ul>			\$2,6
		<ul> <li>Fund I (2018)</li> </ul>	\$203		
StepStone VC Early Stage	Early Stage Venture Capital Directs	<ul> <li>Fund II (2021)</li> </ul>	\$352		
		<ul> <li>Fund I (2016)</li> </ul>	\$73		
Star Star a MC Miran	Minne Masterie Casital Daimanias	Fund II (2018)	\$151		
itepStone VC Micro	Micro Venture Capital Primaries	Fund III (2020)	\$198		
		Fund IV (2022)	\$234		
Reflects closed funds for each category of investmen	t strategy, since 2012	10000000000000000000000000000000000000		STEPSTONE GRO	UP



### StepStone's Commingled Fund Product Details: Private Wealth / Evergreen



#### Greenspring Acquisition Augmented VC Capabilities; Accretive to EPS

- StepStone acquired Greenspring, a dedicated venture and growth equity platform, in September 2021, materially increasing StepStone's venture and growth equity capabilities, while adding more than 2,000 distinct LP relationships to the platform
- Greenspring has added \$0.30 per share to fee-related revenue and has been positively accretive to fee-related earnings per share and adjusted net income per share

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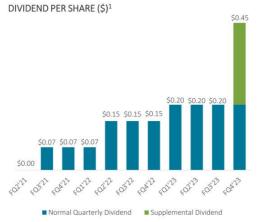
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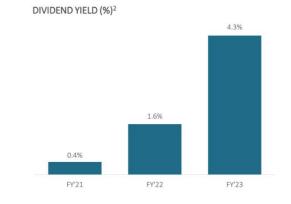


<sup>1</sup> Pro-forma fee-related revenue per share ex Greenspring excludes \$98M of revenue, tied to \$12.9B of VC FEAUM, and excludes 15.8M shares used to finance the transaction. <sup>2</sup> VC / Growth Equity includes StepStone's multi-strategy growth equity funds as well as StepStone's venture capital commingled fund fee-earning assets under management



Robust and predictable payout of fee-related earnings through normal quarterly dividends augmented through supplemental payouts driven by performance-related earnings provides strong and consistent payout to StepStone's shareholders





<sup>1</sup>Reflects dividends declared tied to earnings of the fiscal period in which earned <sup>2</sup>Dividend yield calculated as dividends tied to fiscal year-end earnings divided by fiscal year-end stock price

ed by fiscal year-end stock price



- StepStone's corporate structure reflects our equity culture, which continues to be highly effective
- Our existing equity structure aligns the incentive of our teams to the growth of our non-PE asset classes
- We expect to buy-in the non-controlling interests over time in an accretive manner







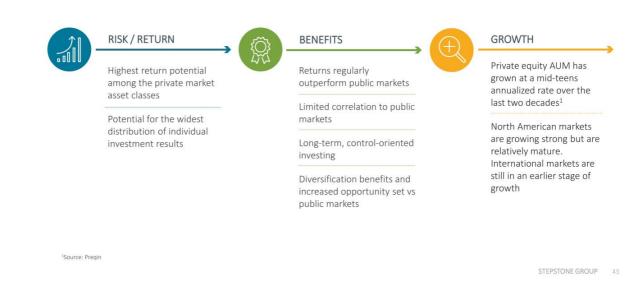
### Key Takeaways



market for institutional and private wealth investors	<ul> <li>StepStone was purpose-built to take full advantage of the market opportunity</li> <li>Scale</li> <li>Diversity across asset classes</li> <li>Product breadth</li> <li>Geographic reach</li> <li>Data and technology advantage</li> <li>Customized solutions</li> </ul>	Capabilities across asset classes, strategies, and commercial structure enables growth with existing and new clients Global and local approach allows for market penetration in the fastest growing geographies Investment in private wealth enables growth in the most underserved client base
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# PRIVATE EQUITY / VENTURE CAPITAL





StepStone Private Equity at a Glance

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- There is significant performance variability between high performing and low performing private equity managers
- StepStone aims to identify the best managers within the top quartile and avoid exposure to the bottom quartile

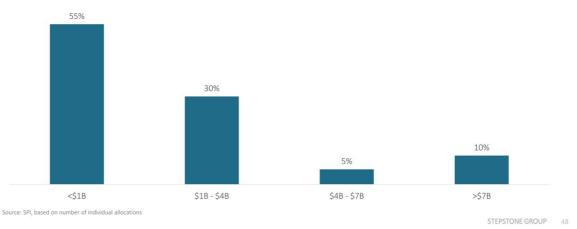


Source: Burgiss as of June 30, 2022 for North America Funds with vintages from 1998 – 2017. More recent fund vintages are not included above, as they are not in the mature stage of their investment cycle, and their returns would not be meaningful for this analysis.



StepStone directs most allocations to small and mid-size funds which have higher dispersion of returns than other segments

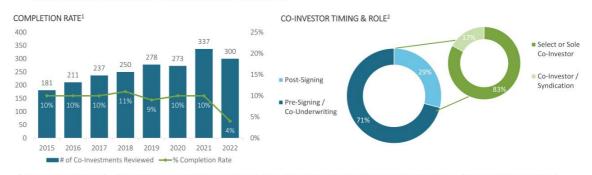




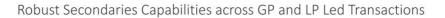
#### Proactive and Highly Selective Co-investment Process

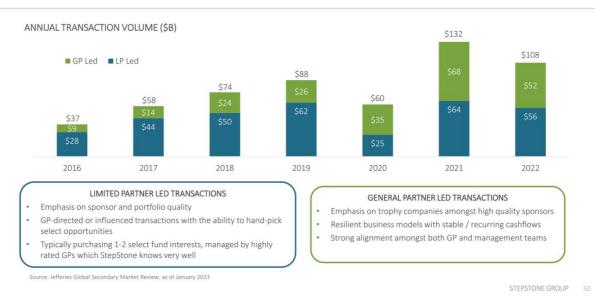


- StepStone is one of the most active private markets investors globally
- Our primary, secondary, and co-investment platforms result in a large opportunity set, allowing us to maintain selectivity with a completion rate of 10% or less, consistently
- Over 70% of transactions completed / signed in the last 36 months have been prior to the sponsor signing the deal. Our proven ability to execute early and swiftly makes us a preferred partner with the GPs



<sup>15</sup>Source: StepStone. Transaction flow for the twelve months ended December 31, 2022. Excludes transactions categorized as venture capital, tactical growth, real estate, infrastructure or mezzanine, which are strategies not generally expected to be pursued by this co-investment program. Historical figures are subject to change. <sup>2</sup>Based on capital committed for transactions completed in the last 36 months ended December 31, 2022. (Strategies not generally expected to be pursued by this co-investment program. Historical figures are subject to change. <sup>4</sup>Based on capital committed for transactions completed in the last 36 months ended December 31, 2022. (Strategies not generally expected to be pursued by the strategies not generally expected to be pursued by this co-investment program. Historical figures are subject to change. <sup>4</sup>9





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Since inception, StepStone has achieved an aggregate weighted-average discount to NAV of 18% on LP interests transactions

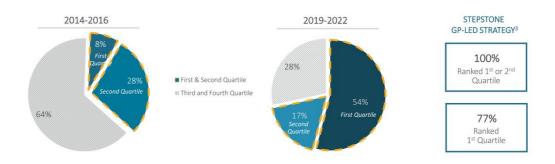


<sup>1</sup>Source: Jefferies Global Secondary Market Review (January 2023). Average secondary pricing represents the average pricing of buyouts tracked by Jefferies, as a % of NAV to record date as of each period end <sup>2</sup>Discounts through September 30, 2022. For LP stake deals only <sup>3</sup>Represents purchase of fund interests from 2019 to the present SEPSTONE GROUP 51



#### GP-LED VOLUME BY QUARTILE<sup>1,2</sup>

- · First and second quartile GPs are increasingly leveraging the secondary market
- \* Single asset transactions are particularly attractive to top quality GPs who seek to further accrue value from "trophy" assets
- Pre-2018, GP-led market was primarily a solution for GPs searching to restructure zombie funds



Manager references are for illustrative purposes only and do not constitute investment recommendations. <sup>1</sup>Source of GP-Led transactions is based on data from SPI and Preqin for the periods prescribed in the graphs; (2014-2016) and (2019-2021); quartile ranking was assessed using a comparison of the latest available performance for the investments transacted relative to the Private IQ benchmarks for investments of the same vintage. Analysis was completed using transaction data available as of September 2022. <sup>3</sup>Neighting based on GP quality adjusted for transaction volume. Deals up to Q4 2022 includes all deals closed and pending. <sup>3</sup>Represents SSOF IV Program GP-Led deployment adjusted for team spinouts, which do not have prior performance track records. <sup>3</sup>STEPSTONE GROUP STEPSTONE GROUP 52

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Venture capital funds exhibit the widest performance disparity of any asset class, stressing the need for access and meaningful allocation to promising managers



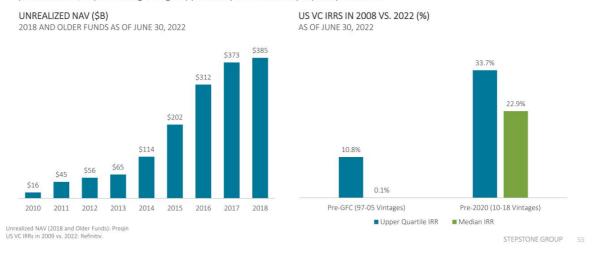


Great Companies are Created in All Market Cycles



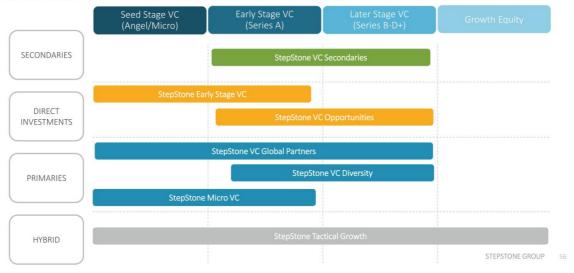
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There is over \$1.5 trillion of unrealized net asset value in venture funds that are 2018 or older as a result of strong performance, representing a large opportunity for secondary liquidity solutions



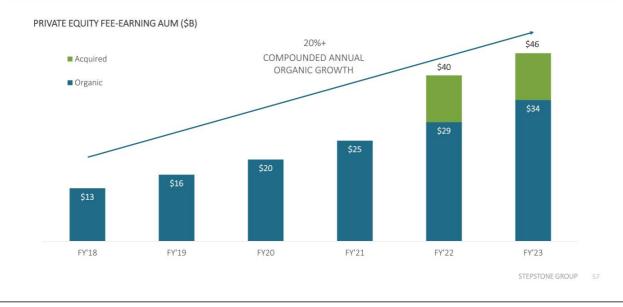


StepStone's platform offers a comprehensive suite of venture capital and growth equity solutions





Private Equity and Venture Capital Fee-Earning AUM Growth











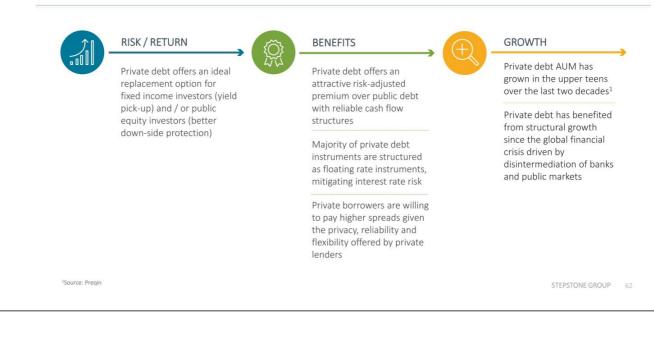
### Key Takeaways: Private Equity and Venture Capital

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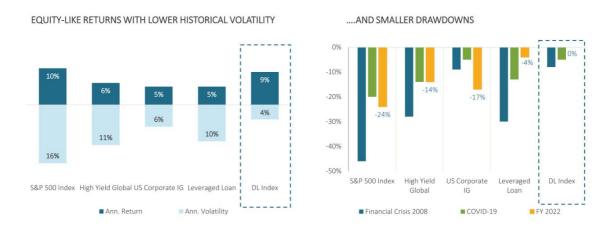
MARKET OPPORTUNITY	THE STEPSTONE ADVANTAGE	GROWTH DRIVERS
Largest private markets asset class	StepStone is among the top global independent allocators to private	Continued robust demand for co- investments and secondaries
Private equity and venture capital typically generate the highest returns	equity	Synergies with our expanded venture
in the public or private markets	Experience, information, and access provide StepStone superior	capital team should allow growth in both separately managed accounts
LPs are looking for assistance navigating a wide array of GPs that	advantages in sourcing and executing compelling co-investments, LP-led	and commingled funds
offer significant variability of returns, particularly among venture capital	secondaries, and GP-led secondaries	Private wealth represents a major growth opportunity in private equity
managers and small-to-mid market private equity buyout managers	StepStone has a market leading venture and growth equity platform with the ability to invest across	and venture capital
LPs seeking cost effective solutions	strategy and lifecycle	
have limited options to reduce the		
fee burden across their portfolio		STEPSTONE GROUP 60

PRIVATE DEBT









Time period 1/1/05 – 12/31/22 Source: S&P 500 Index, Credit Suisse High Yield Index, Barclays Global IG (January 2015 – December 2021) and S&P US Investment Grade Corporate Bond Index (January 2022 – December 2022), Barclays US Treasury 1-3y & 3-5y average, and Credit Suisse Leverage Loans Index as of December 2022. Cliffwater DL Index (Based on broad Cliffwater Direct Lending Index, which includes 30-50% Junior Debt. Senior Debt is expected to have lower drawdowns) based on estimate data as of December 2022.

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RISK-ADJUSTED DIRECT LENDING YIELDS HAVE REMAINED ATTRACTIVE THROUGH THE CYCLE (BPS)



For illustrative purposes only. Source: StepStone, Internal Database, US First Lien Deals (more than 13,000 transactions and \$400bn of invested capital). Risk free presents the weighted average of max (LIBOR, LIBOR Floor) of the deals originated within the respective vintages, where the 3-month LIBOR is used as reference rate. Yield includes the cash coupon as well as OID and Arrangement Fees and assumes 3-year expected life. Loss Rates present the annualized vintage loss rates and takes into account any principal loss as well as any interest foregone. One large loss in 2018 was excluded from the analysis since it distorts the analysis. \*\* Data in 2023 reflect current gross spread direct lending first lien. Direct lending first lien based on Refinitiv LPC Sponsored Middle Market Private Deals Analysis \*\* Data in 2023 reflect current gross spread direct lending first lien. Direct lending first lien based on Refinitiv LPC Sponsored Middle Market Private Deals Analysis \*\* Data in 2023 reflect current gross spread direct lending first lien. Direct lending first lien based on Refinitiv LPC Sponsored Middle Market Private Deals Analysis STEPSTONE GROUP 64





1. Total Market Size estimate for Private Debt covers mainly Direct Lending and is based on SSG's observations and calculations, as of Q3 2022. Note: This differs from the Total Addressable Market size as represented by many GPs in the space. 2. Source: Credit Suisse, Data for Europe only includes Western Europe, as of September 2022. 3. Source: Bloomberg Asia High Yield Bond Index, as of September 2022. 4. Source: SSG estimates, as of September 2022. 5. Source: SSG's observations and Preqin market size for Asia Direct Lending, as of September 2022.



StepStone's private debt practice is among the top global independent allocators of primary capital<sup>1</sup>



1. StepStone metrics as of 3/31/23

### StepStone Private Debt Platform's Broad Sourcing Capabilities





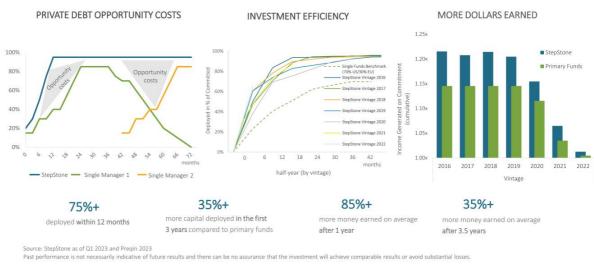
#### StepStone's Flexible Structure Allows for More Efficient Deployment



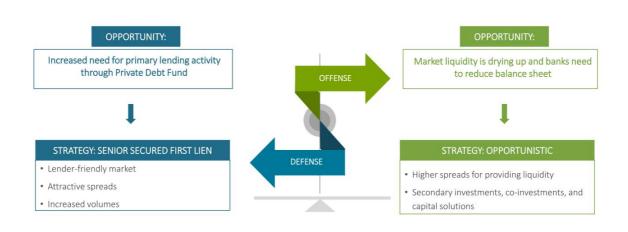


#### Leading to Stronger Investment Performance



















MARKET OPPORTUNITY	THE STEPSTONE ADVANTAGE	GROWTH DRIVERS
Private debt offers an ideal replacement option for fixed income investors (yield pick-up with no duration risk) and / or public equity investors (better down-side	StepStone is one of the largest allocators in private debt and has one of the largest and most experienced teams in the market	StepStone's differentiated offering in an expanding asset class should contribute to robust firm-wide earnings growth
protection) The addressable market is large, and private debt is capturing share from the public bond market and from banks	StepStone's broad sourcing capabilities and flexible structure enable efficient and diversified capital deployment leading to superior multiples on committed capital and strong risk adjusted performance	
	StepStone provides LPs access through both commingled funds and highly customized solutions	
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REAL ESTATE

### Real Estate Key Attributes



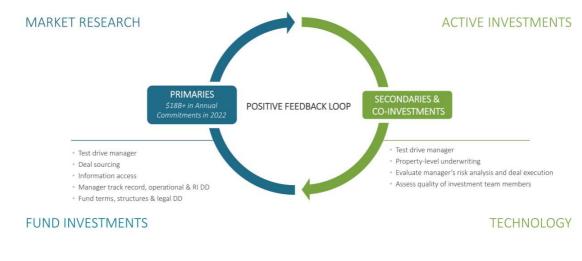






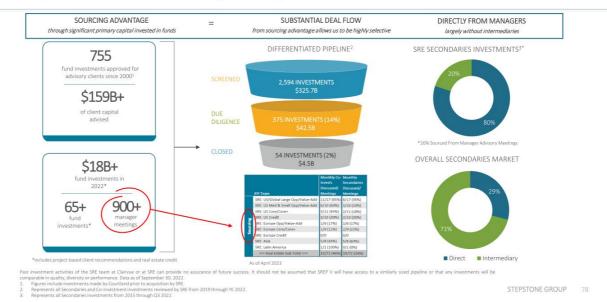


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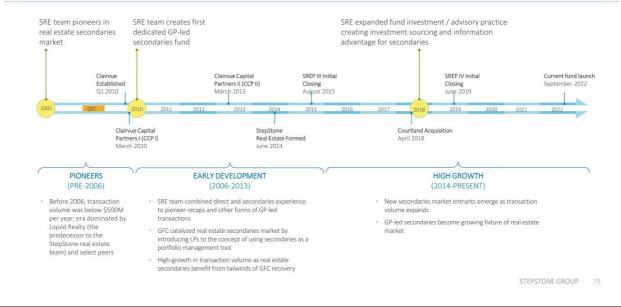






### SRE's Role in the Evolution of Secondaries









1. MSCI; Prudential views this figure as the invested universe and calculates an investible universe at \$31 trillion using top-down methods. 2. As of Q4 2021. Data for closed-ended funds is sourced from Preqin Pro. As of Q4 2021. Data for copen-ended funds is aggregated from NFI-Open-End Index, Europe INREV and Asia ANREV Index and SSG database. RE fund capitalization is comprised of \$0.71 nof open-ended funds and \$1.4tn of closed-ended funds. 3. Preqin. 4. Secondaries transactions volume refers to amount traded in 2021. 5 Isferies as of April 2023. 6 Isferies Global Secondary Market Review, as of January 2023

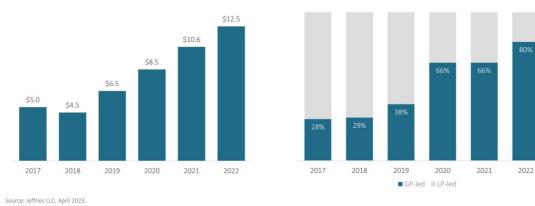




LP secondaries help with denominator effect; GP secondaries address funding gap

### GLOBAL REAL ESTATE SECONDARIES VOLUME (\$B)





## Higher Rates Drive Opportunities for Recapitalizations



Source: PGIM data as of November 2022; March 2023.

Sources: StepStone data, Federal Reserve, Bloomberg, March 2023. Figures reflect hypothetical stabilized multifamily asset with 10-year fixed rate debt.

Equity

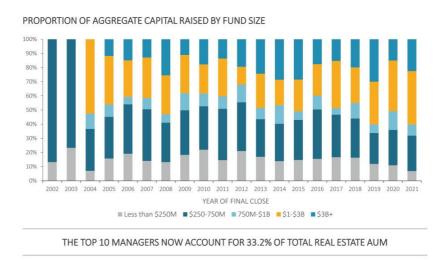
Debt

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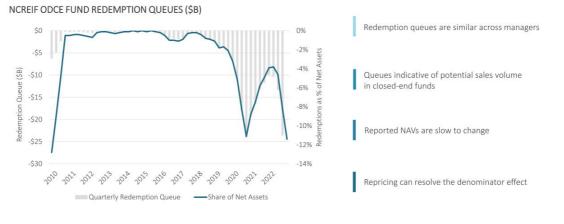




Source: Preqin data as of March 2022 and StepStone analysis; IREI 2021. "GFC" refers to the global financial crisis of 2008-2010.



Until the denominator effect resolves, investors seek liquidity from open-ended funds



Source: StepStone Real Estate Manager survey data as of Q4 2022, March 2023.









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MARKET OPPORTUNITY	THE STEPSTONE ADVANTAGE	GROWTH DRIVERS
Real estate is a large asset class offering compelling return, yield, and diversification benefits	StepStone is a pioneer in real estate GP-led secondaries and recapitalizations	StepStone's breadth of solutions across real estate products, markets, capital structures, and strategies allows for growth across
Rising interest rates are spurring market dislocations leading to	StepStone's experience and scale in real estate drives differentiated	economic cycles
compelling investment opportunities	investment opportunities across strategies	Rising interest rates coupled with significant volume of debt maturities provides unique
We are entering an attractive point in the economic cycle for secondary volumes driven by LP and GP liquidity needs	StepStone's significant real estate fund investment practice makes us the partner of choice for GPs and drives substantial deal flow and information access for our	opportunities for recapitalizations. StepStone's flagship GP led secondaries fund, is well positioned to benefit from this trend.
	secondaries and co-investment practices	STEPSTONE GROI

INFRASTRUCTURE

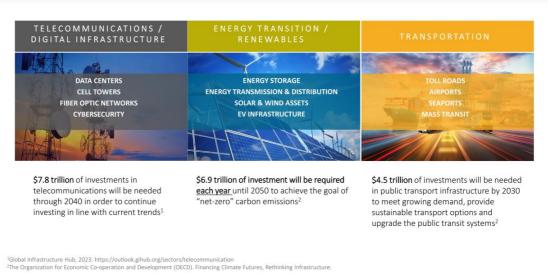
### Infrastructure Key Attributes





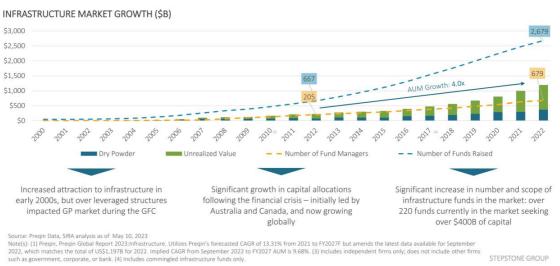
### Significant Investment Need Driven by Major Global Themes





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StepStone Infrastructure at a Glance

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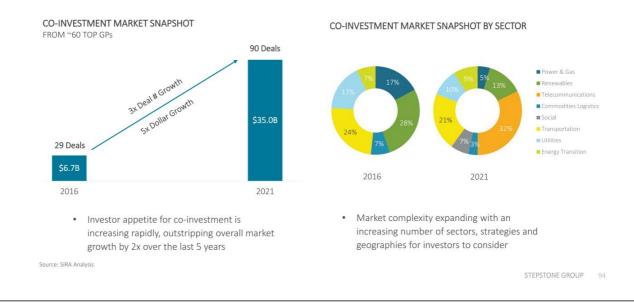




## StepStone Holds Strong Market Position in Infrastructure Solutions

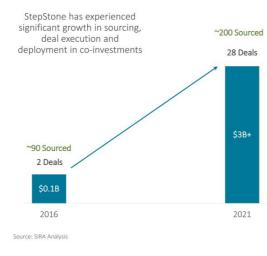








#### STEPSTONE INFRASTRUCTURE CO-INVESTMENT ACTIVITY



- Highly active GP engagement model (950+ meetings per year) and substantial annual primary deployment allows SIRA to capture significant co-investment deal flow from GPs
- Large pool of opportunities combined with proprietary market intelligence creates a highly selective model (selecting only 10-15% of deals reviewed)
- Large scale, global team with significant direct investment experience enables high quality underwriting driven strong investment performance for investors

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### Secular Trends Support Growth in Infrastructure Secondaries



<sup>1</sup>Source: Pregin, GSAM



INFRASTRUCTURE FEE-EARNING AUM (\$B)







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Global themes focused on transportation, renewables, and telecommunications are driving trillions of dollars of infrastructure investments over the coming decades As the infrastructure market matures, there is growing need for infrastructure solutions to address	StepStone has an experienced global team, and we believe we have a dominant market position StepStone's global platform, widespread coverage, and leading access to quality investment opportunities position us to help investors navigate the evolving infrastructure landscape	StepStone's strong existing advisory and separately managed account model is being complemented by commingled fund offerings across both institutional and private wealth to meet clients' growing demands
significant investment complexity and added choice for investors	innasti ucture fantiscape	

DATA AND TECHNOLOGY

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## Digitizing the Investment Process through Technology

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Note: Number of professionals as of March 31, 2023



SPI is differentiated and offers several advantages that help investors manage private markets portfolios

#### Leading Research

Industry white papers, general partner profiles, fund reviews, investment memos and company profiles

#### Access & Transparency

First-hand accounts and perspectives provided by StepStone's research team from meetings held with General Partners

#### Sophisticated Analytical Tools

StepStone tracks detailed investment performance data at the fund level and deal level, and operational performance data at the asset level to provide more intelligent analytical tools in choosing managers and underwriting coinvestment and secondary transactions





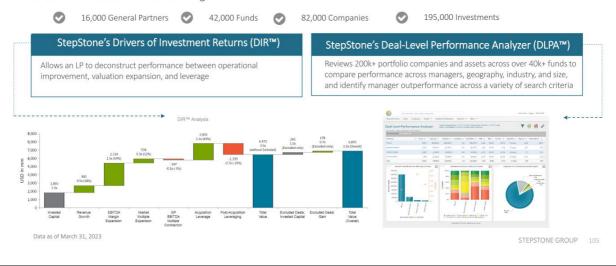
SPI provides greater access and transparency into StepStone's investment process than is usually provided from traditional private markets asset managers







StepStone leverages proprietary data sets and has a clear information advantage with market-leading sample sizes. SPI tracks data on the following:





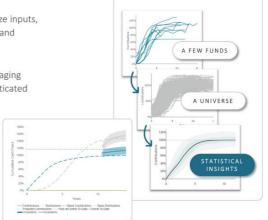
Omni's powerful analytics capabilities and interactive dashboards provide sophisticated investors valuable insights into portfolio performance and exposures





Pacing is StepStone's web-based portfolio forecasting and planning tool

- Pacing helps LPs forecast future cash flows and NAVs, customize inputs, generate commitment schedule to achieve target allocations, and anticipate liquidity needs
- StepStone utilizes hundreds of thousands of data points, leveraging internal databases as well as external fees to produce a sophisticated and informed approach to estimating cash flow
- Users may fine-tune projections by creating their own strategy classifications or underwriting funds on an individual basis





The Daily Valuation Engine (DVE) is a model to **65,000+** Quarterly 2,600+ \$2T+ provide quarterly valuations for private assets Funds NAV leveraging StepStone's data tracking capabilities Valuations PRIVATE MARKETS CHALLENGE APPLICATIONS Quarter-end valuations for private Pension plans that require mark-tomarket assets are typically reported with a 60-to-120-day lag market valuations at year-end Clients' portfolio construction analysis and investment pacing decisions using the updated valuations STEPSTONE SOLUTIONS • 401K plans that require daily valuation DVE leverages StepStone's proprietary data and technology with public market • Liquid Private Market products with monthly valuations returns to produce valuation estimates with an error rate under 2%



StepStone utilizes data and technology to deliver superior risk-adjusted net returns and to overcome risk and liquidity hurdles to enable unique private market solutions while providing greater transparency to our clients



PRIVATE WEALTH



"Individual" assets recently surpassed "Institutional" and "Defined Contribution" assets. This trend is expected to continue into 2030, resulting in growing demand for products and distribution teams customized for the individual investor



Source: Indefi GROM, Indefi Analysis, Simfund & BCG Annual Private Equity Report "Institutional" represents defined benefit insurance, endowments, foundations, so advisors, family offices, as well as direct. ons, sovereign wealth, and corporate treasury. The Individual channel is comprised of assets from retail and private banks, financial





CURRENT TARGET ALLOCATION TO PRIVATE MARKETS ALTERNATIVES



Pregin Global Report 2022, Hodes Weill & Associates: Institutional Real Estate Allocations Monitor and UBS Global Family Office Report 2022, Oliver Wyman, Morgan Stanley.





StepStone Private Wealth ("SPW") was formed to convert the advantages of private markets enjoyed by institutional investors to opportunities for high-net-worth investors and smaller institutions



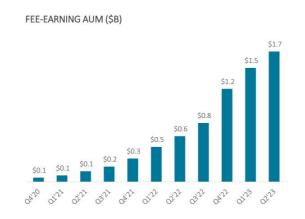
### StepStone has Invested in Robust Distribution



- StepStone continues to expand its offerings and maintains a more than 50 person dedicated private wealth team
- · Distribution networks extend across RIAs, Independent Broker Dealers, Wirehouses, and International platforms
- StepStone leverages the extensive, global relationships of our institutional business development team









Quarters are represented as calendar quarter, and includes subscriptions through quarter-end Q2 2023 AUM as of May 30, 2023, and includes June 1 subscriptions



SPRIM is a single ticket, core private market solution to give accredited investors fully diversified exposure to private markets across asset class, strategy, and manager via a convenient, efficient, and transparent product





- SPRING is a broadly diversified venture and growth strategy, predominantly
  emphasizing shorter duration, higher IRR opportunities via secondaries, later stage
  direct investments and seasoned primary fund investments
- Leverages an open architecture approach emphasizing best-in-class managers across all sectors of the innovation economy and across all investment stages



#### Investment Friendly Features

- Eligible for qualified client
- Monthly subscription
- Quarterly redemption of up to 2.5% per quarter at NAV
- 1099 tax reporting
- 1.5% management fee on NAV
- 15% incentive fee, accrued monthly and paid annually, subject to a life-to-date high-watermark

#### Fund Performance

- Launched November 2022
- NAV of \$0.3B as of June 1, 2023
- 20% total return since inception

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MARKET OPPORTUNITY	THE STEPSTONE ADVANTAGE	GROWTH DRIVERS
Individual investible assets are growing faster than institutional assets Private wealth is among the fastest growing client bases within alternative investments The individual investor remains significantly under allocated to the private markets	StepStone's open architecture, multi-manager platform is the most logical solution for individual investors StepStone brings institutional expertise and a focus on customized solutions to the individual investor by leveraging the breadth of our strategies and asset classes, a purpose-built product structure, and leading technology Our global platform supports global investment opportunities	StepStone Private Wealth should benefit from the robust distribution network we have built over the last two and a half years, and we continue to expand with new distribution partners Our strong track record provides a compelling value proposition Expansion into new products and asset classes should accelerate the strong growth we are already achieving
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# CONCLUDING REMARKS

# APPENDIX



#### PRIMARY FUND INVESTMENT

- · Investments into a general partnership private market fund.
- StepStone navigates a complex network of over 40,000 funds, helping our clients deploy capital across asset classes and geographies.
- \* StepStone leverages our scale to negotiate fee discounts, thereby mitigating any additional layers of fees while assisting our clients in investing in a targeted and diversified manner.

#### CO-INVESTMENT

- \* Investments into a single company, property, security, or asset that occur outside of a sponsor's fund, but at the same time, and price as the general partner.
- \* A general partner will partner with co-investors in order to source additional capital to fund a transaction, or to limit the concentration of any single asset in its fund. Co-investment is an efficient means to build a targeted, lower cost, private market portfolio.
- \* StepStone has the scale, relationship, and data needed to swiftly identify and underwrite co-investment opportunities for our clients at a lower management and performance fee than our clients would typically pay a traditional private markets sponsor.

#### SECONDARY INVESTMENT

- · Purchase of an existing stake or asset in a primary fund.
- \* Secondary transactions can be purchased from other limited partners, where the existing LP transfers the rights and obligations to the new LP purchaser, or directly from the general partner, where one or several assets are transferred into a new continuation vehicle.
  - Secondary transactions offer multiple benefits including:
    - \* Immediate deployment of funds, rather than deployment over an extended investment period, thereby mitigating the J-curve.
    - \* Known investments, rather than a commitment to a blind pool.
    - · Instant diversification across vintage years, helping mitigate concentration to specific economic cycles.

StepStone leverages our scale, information, and underwriting to source the highest quality assets at favorable prices for our clients.



#### SEPARATELY MANAGED ACCOUNTS

- Owned by one client and managed according to their specific preferences
- \* Address client's specific portfolio risk / return, diversification, and liquidity objectives
- Integrates a combination of investment strategies across one or more asset

#### FOCUSED COMMINGLED FUNDS

- Owned by multiple clients
- Deploy capital in specific asset classes with defined investment strategies
- Leverages StepStone's multi-asset class expertise

#### ADVISORY AND DATA SERVICES

- Recurring support of portfolio
- Construction and design
- Discrete or project-based due diligence
- Detailed review of existing private markets investments
- Consulting services
- Licensed access to SPI and OMNI
- · Portfolio analytics and reporting



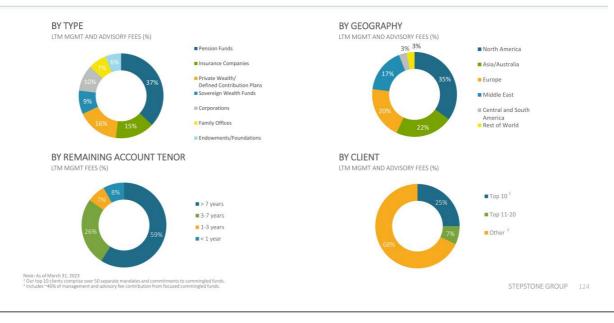
StepStone's process leverages specialized expertise across the platform leveraging sector / geographic experts, asset class resources, SPI database and legal and structuring resources

PRIVATE EQUITY	REAL ESTATE	INFRASTRU	JCTURE PRIV	ATE DEBT	G	EOGRAPHY	INVESTMENT STRATEGIES
US Small Buyout     US Mid Cap Buyout     US Large / Global     Buyout     Venture Capital &     Growth Equity     Energy     Distressed &     Restructuring	Core / Core Plus     Large Cap Value Add     / Opportunistic     Medium / Small Cap     Value Add /     Opportunistic     Credit	Clean Ener, Renewable     Power & U     Telecomm     Transport     Asset Lead     Strategies     Agriculture	s Real E tilities Infrast unications Credit	state	<ul> <li>Euro Africa</li> <li>Asia</li> </ul>	h America pe, Middle East & a & Australia America	Primary Fund Investment Secondary Investmen Co-Investment
		ENT	ERPRISE SERVI	CES			
Business Development	Data, Science & Engineering	Monitoring & Reporting	Legal, Compliance, & Tax	Marketing & G Services		Finance, Fund Accounting, & Investor Relations	Operational Due Diligence

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### StepStone's Diversified Platform Spans Private Markets Solutions



• Total AUM: \$	IM: \$36B VI: \$36B A: \$242B		REAL EST • Total AUM: \$13E - SMA AUM: - FCF AUM: \$ - Advisory AU • Advisory AUA: \$ • \$18B Approved i	\$5B 4B IM: \$4B 172B		INFRASTRU • Total AUM: \$27I - SMA AUM: - FCF AUM: \$ - Advisory AI • Advisory AUA: \$ • \$14B Approved	B \$25B \$1B UM: \$2B 51B	PRIVATE  • Total AUM: \$27  - SMA AUM: - FCF AUM: - Advisory AUA: \$ \$6B Approved i	B : \$16B \$3B UM: \$7B :17B
INVESTMENT STRATEGY <sup>1,2,4</sup>	NET IRR <sup>3</sup>	NET TVM <sup>3</sup>	INVESTMENT STRATEGY <sup>1,4,5</sup>	NET IRR <sup>3</sup>	NET TVM <sup>3</sup>	INVESTMENT STRATEGY <sup>1,4,6</sup>	NET IRR <sup>3</sup>	INVESTMENT STRATEGY <sup>1,4,8</sup>	NET IRR <sup>3</sup>
PRIMARIES	17.4%	1.6x	CORE/CORE+ FUND	8.8%	1.6x	PRIMARIES	10.7%	DIRECT LENDING	6.5%
SECONDARIES	18.0%	1.5x	INVESTMENTS VALUE-			SECONDARIES	10.5%	DISTRESSED DEBT	9.3%
	20.7%	1.7x	ADD/OPPORTUNISTIC FUND INVESTMENTS	10.1%	1.4x	CO-INVESTMENTS <sup>7</sup>	9.3%	OTHER <sup>9</sup>	6.0%
CO-INVESTMENTS <sup>7</sup>	201770								
CO-INVESTMENTS <sup>7</sup>	201770		REAL ESTATE DEBT FUND INVESTMENTS	5.9%	1.2x				

Note: Approvals are LTM as of December 31, 2022. Excludes legacy funds, feeder funds and research-only, non-advisory services: Amounts may not sum to total due to rounding. SMA—Separately marged accounts (ICF —Focused commingled funds. AlW and ALM Signars are as of Akar-hait, 1023. Bettes fund data for the prior period December 31, 2022, altered or the new client account activity through March 31, 2023. Does not include post-period investment valuation or cash activity. NAV data for underlying investments is as of December 31, 2022, a reported by underlying margers up to 114 days following December 31, 2022. When NAV data is not available 114 days following December 31, 2022, such NAVs are adjusted for cash activity following the last available reported NAV. Please see nest staffic for performance is not necessarily indicative of future results and there can be no assurance that the fund will achieve comparable results or avoid substantial losses. STEPSTONE GROUP 125



#### Track Record Disclosures

Note: Descriptions for certain terms can be found on the definitions pages in the following slides.

<sup>1</sup> investment returns reflect NAV data for underlying investments as of December 31, 2022, as reported by underlying managers up to 114 days following December 31, 2022. For investment returns where NAV data is not available 114 days following December 31, 2022, as up to 114 days following December 31, 2022. For investment returns where NAV data is not available 114 days following December 31, 2022, as up to 114 days following December 31, 2022. For investment returns where NAV data is not available 114 days following December 31, 2022, as up to 114 days following December 31, 2022. For investment returns where NAV data is not available 114 days following December 31, 2022, as up to 114 days following December 31, 2022,

<sup>2</sup> Private equity includes 2,384 investments totaling \$168.8 billion of capital commitments and excludes (i) two advisory co-investments, totaling \$100.0 million of capital commitments, (ii) all client-directed private equity investments (245 investments totaling \$27.5 billion of capital commitments), and (iii) investments for which StepStone does not provide monitoring and reporting services to the client that made the investment.

<sup>3</sup> Het IRA and Net TVM are presented solely for Illustrative purposes and do not represent actual returns received by any investor in any of the StepStone Funds represented above and are net of fees and expenses charged by both the underlying investment and hypothetical StepStone fees. The aggregate returns are not indicative of the returns an individual investor would receive from these investments. No Individual investor received the aggregate returns described herein as the investments were made across multiple mandates over multiple years. StepStone fees and expenses are based on the following assumptions (management fees and expenses represent on annual ratur).
(I) Primaries: 25 basis points of net invested capital for management fees (and on NAV to private debt), harged quarterly. In year 5, management fees step down to 90% of the previous year's fee; 65 basis points for private debt, assessed quarterly. On the net save value.
(D) Conventments: 100 basis points of the infrastructure co-investments and direct asset management investments, respectively) on net committed capital for management fees, charged quarterly. Stass value.

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<sup>4</sup> Investments of former clients are included in performance summary past the client termination date until such time as StepStone stops receiving current investment data (quarterly valuations and cash flows) for the investment. At that point, StepStone will then 'liquidate' the fund by entering a distribution amount equal to the last reported NAV, thus ending its contribution to the track record as of that date. Historical performance contribution will be maintained up until the 'liquidation' date.

<sup>5</sup> Real estate includes 466 investments totaling 573 4 billion of capital commitments and excludes (i) all client-directed real estate investments (78 investments totaling 511.7 billion of capital commitments), (ii) nine secondary/co-investment core/core+ or credit investments, for which StepStone does not provide monitoring and reporting services to the client that made the investment. Includes the discretionary track record of counted Partners, tud, which StepStone does not provide monitoring and reporting services to the client that made the investment. Includes the discretionary track record of counted Partners, tud, which StepStone acquisition?).

<sup>6</sup> Infrastructure includes 224 investments totaling 546.3 billion of capital commitments and excludes (i) 11 infrastructure investments made by the Partnership prior to the formation of the infrastructure subsidiary in 2013 or made prior to the Courtland acquisition totaling 540.1 billion of capital commitments, and (iii) investments for which StepStone does not provide monitoring and reporting services to the client that made the

<sup>7</sup> Co-investments includes venture capital and growth equity direct investments for private equity, and asset management investments for infrastructure.

<sup>9</sup> Private debt includes 766 investments totaling 543.5 billion of capital commitments and excludes (i) all client-directed debt investments (40 investments, totaling 52.9 billion of capital commitments), (ii) real estate credit investments that were recommended by Courtland Partners, Ltd. prior to the Courtland acquisition (54 investments totaling 55.2 billion of capital commitments), and (iii) investments for which StepStone does not provide monitoring and reporting services to the client that made the investment.

<sup>9</sup> Other includes mezzanine debt, collateralized loan obligations, leasing, regulatory capital, trade finance, intellectual property/royalty, real estate debt and infrastructure debt.

Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future results and there can be no assurance that the fund will achieve comparable results or avoid substantial losses.

### Reconciliation of GAAP Income (Loss) before Income Tax to ANI and FRE



							LTM						
(in thousands)	F4Q'20	F1Q'21	F2Q'21	F3Q'21	F4Q'21	F1Q'22	F2Q'22	F3Q'22	F4Q'22	F1Q'23	F2Q'23	F3Q'23	F4Q'23
Income (loss) before income tax	\$ 148,740	\$ 65,903	\$ 127,742	\$ 226,446	\$ 337,849	\$ 529,993	\$ 534,460	\$ 559,605	\$ 512,581	\$ 351,454	\$ 163,250	\$ 6,883	\$ (41,454
Net income attributable to non-controlling interests in subsidiaries <sup>(1)</sup>	(12,052)	(14,300)	(21,383)	(22,013)	(23,952)	(24,986)	(21,908)	(23,996)	(28,100)	(30,496)	(34,576)	(37,662)	(39,054
Net (income) loss attributable to non-controlling interests in legacy Greenspring entities								(17,890)	(32,586)	(23,982)	(8,625)	18,231	44,075
Unrealized carried interest allocation revenue	(161,819)	4,410	(86,854)	(252,395)	(433,827)	(742,366)	(728,712)	(710,566)	(585,851)	(295,502)	25,131	221,033	253,342
Unrealized performance fee-related compensation	82,701	(2,725)	42,014	122,636	215,508	369,755	365,428	360,167	312,903	172,778	12,446	(87,797)	(119,039
Unrealized investment (income) loss	(2,873)	523	(1,692)	(4,599)	(11,066)	(19,272)	(20,364)	(22,743)	(17,661)	(10,578)	(19)	6,731	8,012
Impact of Consolidated Funds												(4,895)	(8,897
Deferred incentive fees	799	4,345	4,700	4,700	4,700	5,196	5,811	5,811	1,438	(2,604)	(690)	(690)	3,892
Equity-based compensation <sup>(2)</sup>	1,915	1,923	2,400	5,124	7,848	11,000	13,146	13,169	13,174	12,610	12,637	16,852	21,914
Amortization of intangibles	5,028	4,520	4,012	3,504	3,339	3,124	4,159	14,282	24,497	34,748	43,748	43,660	43,481
Write-off of unamortized deferred financing costs			3,526	3,526	3,526	3,526							
Tax Receivable Agreements adjustments through earnings							1,391	1,391	(3,560)	(3,560)	(4,951)	(4,951)	(244
Non-core items <sup>(3)</sup>	4,419	6,675	5,843	5,409	6,342	5,992	15,996	16,856	26,260	26,555	19,232	27,556	17,580
Pre-tax adjusted net income	66,858	71,274	80,308	92,338	110,267	141,962	169,407	196,086	223,095	231,423	227,583	204,951	183,608
Income taxes <sup>(4)</sup>	(16,715)	(17,819)	(20,078)	(23,086)	(24,865)	(31,506)	(37,098)	(42,231)	(50,152)	(51,879)	(50,893)	(45,689)	(40,945
Adjusted net income	50,143	53,455	60,230	69,252	85,402	110,456	132,309	153,855	172,943	179,544	176,690	159,262	142,663
Income taxes <sup>(4)</sup>	16,715	17,819	20,078	23,086	24,865	31,506	37,098	42,231	50,152	51,879	50,893	45,689	40,945
Realized carried interest allocation revenue	(46,177)	(36,915)	(34,412)	(40,894)	(62,953)	(109,278)	(153,253)	(193,749)	(200,718)	(224,362)	(194,300)	(144,061)	(131,089
Realized performance fee-related compensation <sup>(5)</sup>	26,958	22,078	20,505	20,328	30,532	52,940	74,910	98,702	91,208	107,635	94,484	72,177	79,846
Realized investment income	(4,053)	(3,003)	(3,169)	(4,924)	(5,341)	(6,737)	(8,507)	(7,997)	(8,499)	(8,057)	(7,738)	(6,577)	(5,503
Incentive fees	(3,410)	(5,377)	(5,798)	(5,882)	(5,474)	(6,067)	(6,667)	(6,381)	(11,593)	(7,411)	(10,980)	(13,933)	(9,663
Deferred incentive fees	(799)	(4,345)	(4,700)	(4,700)	(4,700)	(5,196)	(5,811)	(5,811)	(1,438)	2,604	690	690	(3,892
Non-GAAP interest income <sup>(6)</sup>	(1,436)	(1,196)	(955)	(639)	(413)	(399)	(440)	(400)	(337)	(268)	(418)	(1,076)	(1,726
Interest expense	10,211	9,526	12,225	9,817	7,360	5,309	127	644	1,113	1,694	2,423	2,991	4,189
Adjusted other (income) loss <sup>(6)(7)</sup>	1,355	924	782	(264)	(220)	437	1,240	2,312	1,311	1,978	2,051	1,420	1,334
Write-off of unamortized deferred financing costs			(3,526)	(3,526)	(3,526)	(3,526)							
Net income attributable to non-controlling interests in subsidiaries <sup>(1)</sup>	12,052	14,300	21,383	22,013	23,952	24,986	21,908	23,996	28,100	30,496	34,576	37,662	39,054
Fee-related earnings	\$ 61,559	\$ 67,266	\$ 82,643	\$ 83,667	\$ 89,484	\$ 94,431	\$ 92,914	\$ 107,402	\$ 122,242	\$ 135,732	\$ 148,371	\$ 154,244	\$ 156,158

Note: See definitions of non-GAAP measures in the following slides. <sup>1</sup> Reflects the portion of pre-tax adjusted net income of our subsidiaries attributable to non-controlling interests. <sup>2</sup> Reflects equity-based compensation for awards granted prior to ad in connection with the IPO, profits interests issued by our non-wholly owned subsidiaries, and unrealized mark-to-market changes in the fair value of the profits interests issued in connection with the Private Wealth Transaction. <sup>3</sup> Includes certain other items that we believe are not indicative of our core operating performance, including charges associated with acquisitions and corporate transactions, contract terminations and employee severance. <sup>4</sup> Represents comportate income taxes at a belieded stuttory rate applied to pre-tax adjusted net income. <sup>5</sup> Excludes the impact of consolidating the Consolidated Funds. <sup>7</sup> Excludes amounts for Tax Receivable Agreements adjustments recognized as other income (loss).



							LTM						
(in thousands)	F4Q'20	F1Q'21	F2Q'21	F3Q'21	F4Q'21	F1Q'22	F2Q'22	F3Q'22	F4Q'22	F1Q'23	F2Q'23	F3Q'23	F4Q'23
Management and advisory fees, net	\$ 235,205	\$ 247,737	\$ 269,596	\$ 273,424	\$ 285,462	\$ 300,023	\$ 307,954	\$ 344,245	\$ 380,257	\$ 418,928	\$ 454,466	\$ 476,835	\$ 497,179
Consolidated Funds	5	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	5	147
Retroactive fees	(6,913	) (6,913)	(15,713)	(12,847)	(9,851)	(10,723)	(3,923)	(5,093)	(7,721)	(9,222)	(6,971)	(5,801)	(2,829)
Adjusted Fee Revenues	\$ 228,292	\$ 240,824	\$ 253,883	\$ 260,577	\$ 275,611	\$ 289,300	\$ 304,031	\$ 339,152	\$ 372,536	\$ 409,706	\$ 447,495	\$ 471,034	\$ 494,497
Fee-related earnings	\$ 61,559	\$ 67,266	\$ 82,643	\$ 83,667	\$ 89,484	\$ 94,431	\$ 92,914	\$ 107,402	\$ 122,242	\$ 135,732	\$ 148,371	\$ 154,244	\$ 156,158
Consolidated Funds	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retroactive fees	(6,846	) (6,846)	(15,146)	(12,280)	(9,316)	(10,126)	(3,721)	(4,823)	(7,054)	(8,473)	(6,327)	(5,225)	(2,683)
Adjusted fee-related earnings	\$ 54,713	\$ 60,420	\$ 67,497	\$ 71,387	\$ 80,168	\$ 84,305	\$ 89,193	\$ 102,579	\$ 115,188	\$ 127,259	\$ 142,044	\$ 149,019	\$ 153,475
Adjusted FRE margin	24.09	6 25.1%	26.6%	27.4%	29.1%	29.1%	29.3%	30.2%	30.9%	31.1%	31.7%	31.6%	31.0%

See definitions of non-GAAP measures in the following slides. Reflects the add back of management and advisory fee revenues for the Consolidated Funds, which have been eliminated in consolidation.

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			Full	Yea	r			
(in thousands, except per share amounts)	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21		FY22		FY23
Fee-related earnings	\$ 23,836	\$ 45,342	\$ 61,559	\$	89,484	\$	122,242	\$ 156,158
Adjusted FRE	-	-	54,713		80,168		115,188	153,475
FRE per share	\$ 0.24	\$ 0.46	\$ 0.63	\$	0.91	\$	1.14	\$ 1.36
Adjusted FRE per share	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.56	\$	0.81	\$	1.07	\$ 1.34
Weighted-average shares of Class A common stock outstanding - Basic	29,238	29,238	29,238		29,658		49,834	61,885
Assumed vesting of RSUs	745	745	745		1,152		1,290	670
Assumed vesting and exchange of Class B2 units	2,411	2,411	2,411		2,465		2,477	2,476
Exchange of Class B units in the Partnership	65,579	65,579	65,579		65,159		52,028	46,781
Exchange of Class C units in the Partnership	-	-	-		-	-	1,563	 2,807
Adjusted shares	97,973	97,973	97,973		98,433		107,192	114,618

Note: Our Class A common stock did not exist prior to the Reorganization and IPO in September 2020. As a result, the computation of ANI per share for fiscal 2018, 2019 and 2020 assumes the same number of adjusted shares outstanding as reported for the three months ended September 30, 2020 for comparability purposes.

# Reconciliation of GAAP Realized Performance Fees to Gross and Net Realized Performance ${\rm Fees^1}$



(S in millions)	12									Quarter											
	FQ4'18	FQ1'1	FQ2'19	FQ3'19	FQ4'19	FQ1'20	FQ,2'20	FQ3'20	FQ4'20	FQ1'21	FQ2'21	FQ3'21	FQ4'21	FQ1'22	FQ2'22	FQ3'22	FQ4'22	FQ1'23	FQ2'23	FQ3'23	FQ4'23
Realized carried interest allocations Incentive fees Deferred incentive fees	\$ 9.9 0.1 0.6	5 11 1 1	2 0.	5.4 0.1	\$ 9.9 0.1	\$ 12.9 1.6	5 11.1 0.8 0.8	\$ 19.6 0.2	\$ 2.6 0.8	\$ 3.6 3.6 3.5	\$ 8.6 1.2	\$ 26.1 0.3	\$ 24.7 0.4	\$ 50.0 4.2 4.0	\$ 52.5 1.8 1.8	\$ 66.6 0.0	\$ 31.7 5.6 (4.4)	\$ 73.6	\$ 22.5 5.4	\$ 16.3 3.0	\$ 18.7 1.3 0.3
Gross realized performance fees	10.7	13	-	5.5	10.0	14.5	12.6	19.8	3.4	10.8	10.9	26.4	25.1	58.2	56.1	66.6	32.9	73.6	31.5	19.3	20.2
Realized performance fee-related compensation	(4.8				(5.4)	(7.8)	(6.4)	(10.4)	(2.4)	(2.9)	(4.8)	(10.2)	(12.6)	(25.3)	(26.8)	(34.0)	(5.1)	(41.7)	(13.6)	(11.7)	(12.8
Net realized performance fees	\$ 5.9	\$ 7	2 \$ 4.	\$ \$ 2.5	\$ 4.6	\$ 6.7	\$ 6.2	\$ 9.4	\$ 1.0	\$ 7.9	\$ 6.1	\$ 16.1	\$ 12.5	\$ 32.9	\$ 29.3	\$ 32.6	\$ 27.8	\$ 31.9	\$ 17.9	\$ 7.6	\$ 7.5
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									Last '	Fwelve Mo	onths										
	FQ4'18	FQ1'1	FQ2'15	FQ3'19	FQ4'19	FQ1'20	FQ2'20	FQ3'20	Last ' FQ4'20	FQ1'21	FQ2'21	FQ3'21	FQ4'21	FQ1'22	FQ2'22	FQ3'22	FQ4'22	FQ1'23	FQ2'23	FQ3'23	FQ4'23
Realized carried interest allocations	FQ4'18 \$ 30.1	FQ1'1' \$ 39			FQ4'19 \$ 36.6	FQ1'20 \$ 38.3	FQ2'20 \$ 39.2	FQ3'20 \$ 53.4				FQ3'21 \$ 40.9	FQ4'21 \$ 63.0	FQ1'22 \$ 109.3	FQ2'22 \$ 153.3	FQ3'22 \$ 193.7	FQ4'22 \$ 200.7	FQ1'23 \$ 224.4	FQ2'23 \$ 194.3	\$ 144.1	FQ4'23 \$ 131.1
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Incentive fees	\$ 30.1 1.5	\$ 39 2	7 \$ 36. 7 3. 6 <u>3</u>	8 \$ 36.6 2 1.6 1.6	\$ 36.6 1.5	\$ 38.3	\$ 39.2 2.6	\$ 53.4 2.7	FQ4'20 \$ 46.2 3.4	FQ1'21 \$ 36.9 5.4	FQ2'21 \$ 34.4 5.8	\$ 40.9	\$ 63.0 5.5	\$ 109.3 6.1	\$ 153.3 6.7	\$ 193.7 6.4	\$ 200.7 11.6	\$ 224.4 7.4	\$ 194.3 11.0	\$ 144.1 13.9	\$ 131.1 9.7
Incentive fees Deferred incentive fees	\$ 30.1 1.5 2.8	\$ 39 2 3	7 \$ 36. 7 3. 6 <u>3.</u> 0 42.	8 \$ 36.6 2 1.6 1.6	\$ 36.6 1.5 1.0	\$ 38.3 1.9	\$ 39.2 2.6 0.8	\$ 53.4 2.7 0.8	FQ4'20 \$ 46.2 3.4 0.8	FQ1'21 5 36.9 5.4 4.3	FQ2'21 \$ 34.4 5.8 4.7	\$ 40.9 5.9 <u>4.7</u>	\$ 63.0 5.5 <u>4.7</u>	\$ 109.3 6.1 <u>5.2</u>	\$ 153.3 6.7 <u>5.8</u>	\$ 193.7 6.4 <u>5.8</u>	\$ 200.7 11.6 <u>1.4</u>	\$ 224.4 7.4 (2.6)	\$ 194.3 11.0 (0.7)	\$ 144.1 13.9 (0.7)	\$ 131.1 9.7 <u>3.9</u>

Note: Amounts may not sum to total due to rounding. <sup>1</sup> Excludes legacy Greenspring entities.



- Company refers to SSG and its consolidated subsidiaries, including the Partnership, following the Reorganization and IPO and to the Partnership and its consolidated subsidiaries prior to the Reorganization and IPO
- StepStone Group Inc. or "SSG" refers solely to StepStone Group Inc., a Delaware corporation, and not to any of its subsidiaries.
- Partnership refers solely to StepStone Group LP, a Delaware limited partnership, and not to any of its subsidiaries.
- Reorganization refers to the series of transactions immediately before the Company's initial public offering ("IPO"), which was completed on September 18, 2020
- Assets under management, or "AUM", primarily reflects the assets associated with our SMAs and focused commingled funds. We classify assets as AUM if we have full discretion over the investment decisions in an account or have responsibility or custody of assets. Although management fees are based on a variety of factors and are not linearly correlated with AUM, we believe AUM is a useful metric for assessing the relative size and scope of our asset management business.

Our AUM is calculated as the sum of (i) the net asset value ("NAV") of client portfolio assets, including the StepStone Funds and (ii) the unfunded commitments of clients to the Our AUM is calculated as the sum of (i) the net asset value (NAV) of client portrolio assets, including the StepStone Funds and (ii) the unfunded commitments of clients to the underlying investments and the StepStone Funds. Our AUM reflects the investment valuations in respect of the underlying investments and accounts on a three-month lag, adjusted for new client account activity through the period end. Our AUM does not include post-period investment valuations or a state-2023 reflects final data for the prior period (December 31, 2022), adjusted for net new client account activity through March 31, 2023. NM data for underlying investments and enderlying investments as of December 31, 2022, as reported by underlying managers up to 114 days following December 31, 2022. When NAV data is not available 114 days following December 31, 2022, when NAV data is not available 114 days following December 31, 2022, when NAV data is not available 114 days following December 31, 2022. such NAVs are adjusted for cash activity following the last available reported NAV.

Assets under advisement, or "AUA", consists of client assets for which we do not have full discretion to make investment decisions but play a role in advising the client or monitoring their investments. We generally earn revenue for advisory-related services on a contractual fixed fee basis. Advisory-related services include asset allocation, strategic planning, development of investment policies and guidelines, screening and recommending investments, legal negotiations, monitoring and reporting on investment, and investment manager review and due diligence. Advisory fees are ply policies are fixed, and therefore, increases or decreases in AUA do not necessarily lead to proportionate changes in revenue.

Our AUA is calculated as the sum of (i) the NAV of client portfolio assets for which we do not have full discretion and (ii) the unfunded commitments of clients to the underlying Our AUA is calculated as the sum of (i) the NAV of client portfolio assets for which we do not have full discretion and (ii) the unfunded commitments of clients to the underlying investments. Our AUA reflects the investment valuations in respect of the underlying investments of our client accounts on a three-month lag, adjusted for new client account activity through the period end. Our AUA does not include post-period investment valuation or cash activity. AUA as of March 31, 2023 reflects final data for the prior period (December 31, 2022), adjusted for net new client account activity through March 31, 2023. NAV data for underlying investments is as of December 31, 2022, as reported by underlying managers up to 114 days following December 31, 2022. When NAV data is not available 114 days following December 31, 2022, such NAVs are adjusted for cash activity following the last available reported NAV. Beginning in the quarter ended March 31, 2021, the computation of AUA was modified to include the portion of client portfolio assets for which we do not directly provide recommendations, monitoring and/or reporting services. Prior period amounts have not been recast for this change as such historical data does not exist. The impact of the change was approximately \$70 billion in the quarter ended March 31, 2021. StepSTONE GROUP 1



- Fee-earning AUM, or "FEAUM", reflects the assets from which we earn management fee revenue (i.e., fee basis) and includes assets in our SMAs, focused commingled funds and
  assets held directly by our clients for which we have fiduciary oversight and are paid fees as the manager of the assets. Our SMAs and focused commingled funds typically pay
  management fees based on capital commitments, net invested capital and, in certain cases, NAV, depending on the fee terms. Management fees are only marginally affected by
  market appreciation or depreciation because substantially all of the StepStone Funds pay management fees based on capital commitments or net invested capital. As a result,
  management fees and FEAUM are not materially affected by changes in market value.
- Undeployed fee-earning capital represents the amount of capital commitments to StepStone Funds that has not yet been invested or considered active but will generate management fee revenue once this capital is invested or activated.
- Adjusted net income, or "ANI", is a non-GAAP performance measure that we present on a pre-tax and after-tax basis used to evaluate profitability. ANI represents the after-tax net realized income attributable to us. The components of revenues used in the determination of ANI ("adjusted revenues") comprise net management and advisory fees, incentive fees (including the deferred portion) and realized carried interest allocations. In addition, ANI excludes: (a) unrealized carried interest allocation revenues and related compensation. (b) unrealized mealized income allocation revenues and related compensation, (b) unrealized mealized mark-to-market changes in the fair value of the profits interest issued in connection with our IPO, profits interest issued by our non-wholly owned subsidiaries, and unrealized mark-to-market changes in the fair value of the profits interest issued in connection with the Private Wealth Transaction, (d) amortization of intangibles and (e) certain other items that we believe are not indicative of our core operating performance, including charges associated with acquisitions and corporate transactions, contract terminations and employee severance. ANI does not reflect legacy Greenspring carried interest allocation revenues, legacy Greenspring carried interest-related compensation and legacy Greenspring investment income as none of the economics are attributable to us. ANI is income before taxes fully taxed at our blended statutory rate. We believe ANI and adjusted revenues are useful to investors because they enable investors to evaluate the performance of our business across reporting periods.
- ANI per share measures our per-share earnings assuming all Class B units and Class C units in the Partnership were exchanged for Class A common stock in SSG, including the
  dilutive impact of outstanding equity-based awards. ANI per share is calculated as ANI divided by adjusted shares outstanding. We believe ANI per share is useful to investors
  because it enables them to better evaluate per-share operating performance across reporting periods.
- Fee-related earnings, or "FRE", is a non-GAAP performance measure used to monitor our baseline earnings from recurring management and advisory fees. FRE is a component of ANI and comprises net management and advisory fees, less adjusted expenses which are operating expenses other than (a) performance fee-related compensation, (b) equitybased compensation for awards granted prior to and in connection with our IPO, profits interests issued by our non-wholly owned subsidiaries, and unrealized mark-to-market changes in the fair value of the profits interests issued in connection with the Private Wealth Transaction, (c) amortization of intangibles, and (d) certain other items that we believe are not indicative of our core operating performance, including charges associated with acquisitions and corporate transactions, contract terminations and employee severance. FRE is presented before income taxes. We believe FRE is useful to investors because it provides additional insight into the operating profitability of our business and our ability to cover direct base compensation and operating expenses from total fee revenues.





- Fee-related earnings margin is a non-GAAP performance measure which is calculated by dividing fee-related earnings by management & advisory fees, net. We believe fee-related earnings margin is an important measure of profitability on revenues that are largely recurring by nature.
- Gross realized performance fees represents realized carried interest allocations and incentive fees, including the deferred portion and excluding legacy Greenspring entities. We
  believe gross realized performance fees is useful to investors because it presents the total performance fees realized by us.
- Net realized performance fees represents gross realized performance fees, less realized performance fee-related compensation and excluding legacy Greenspring entities. We
  believe net realized performance fees is useful to investors because it presents the performance fees attributable to us, net of amounts paid to employees as performance feerelated compensation.
- \* Invested capital refers to the total amount of all investments made by a fund, including commitment-reducing and non-commitment-reducing capital calls.
- "IRR", refers to the annualized internal rate of return for all investments within the relevant investment strategy on an inception-to-date basis as of December 31, 2022, based on contributions, distributions and unrealized value.
- "Net IRR" refers to IRR, net of fees and expenses charged by both the underlying fund managers and the Partnership.
- Net asset value, or "NAV", refers to the estimated fair value of unrealized investments plus any net assets or liabilities associated with the investment as of December 31, 2022.
- "Net TVM" refers to the total value to paid-in capital or invested capital expressed as a multiple. Net TVM is calculated as distributions plus unrealized valuations divided by invested capital (including all capitalized costs).
- Last twelve months, or "LTM," refers to the preceding twelve months as of the period end.
- \* Compound annual growth rate, or "CAGR," represents a measure of the annual growth rate over multiple periods, considering the effect of compounding.
- Legacy Greenspring entities refers to certain entities for which the Company, indirectly through its subsidiaries, became the sole and/or managing member in connection with the Greenspring acquisition.
- \* Fund size refers to total capital commitments to a StepStone Fund, including commitments from the Company as the general partner.
- "StepStone Funds" refer to focused commingled funds and separately managed accounts of the Company, including acquired Greenspring funds, for which the Partnership or one of its subsidiaries acts as both investment adviser and general partner or managing member.



- Total capital responsibility equals AUM plus AUA. AUM includes any accounts for which StepStone Group has full discretion over the investment decisions, has responsibility to
  arrange or effectuate transactions, or has custody of assets. AUA refers to accounts for which StepStone Group provides advice or consultation but for which the firm does not
  have discretionary authority, responsibility to arrange or effectuate transactions, or custody of assets.
- "Consolidated Funds" refer to the StepStone Funds that we are required to consolidate as of the applicable reporting period. We consolidate funds and other entities in which we hold a controlling financial interest.
- "Private Wealth Transaction" refers to new arrangements entered into by which certain members of the StepStone Group Private Wealth LLC ("SPW") team received a profits interest in SPW and concurrently entered into an option agreement which provides that, (i) we have the right to acquire the profits interest at the end of any fiscal quarter after June 30, 2027, in exchange for payment of a call price and (ii) the SPW management team, through an entity named CH Equity Partners, LLC (formerly known as Conversus Holdings LLC), has the right to put the profits interest to us on June 30, 2026 or at the end of any fiscal quarter thereafter, in exchange for payment of a put price.