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# The European Private Debt Market: Tips and Guidance

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# CAPZA: Leading European private investment house dedicated to small and mid-caps

2004

Establishment of CAPZA Group

90

**Professionals** within the Group

€5.6bn

**Assets managed or** advised for a broad range of investors (1)

€3.4bn

**Assets** in Private Debt

256

Investments since creation (2)

UNIQUE EXPERTISE IN PROVIDING
TAILOR MADE FINANCING TO SMALL AND MID-CAP COMPANIES
AT EVERY STAGE OF THEIR DEVELOPMENT

REGIONAL FOOTPRINT WITH A FOCUS ON CONTINENTAL EUROPE



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### No matter the pandemic: stay disciplined

# Crisis is not over and more is to come

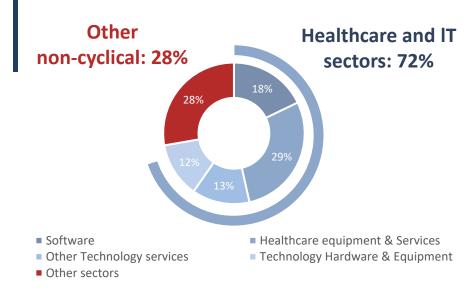
Most fragile companies should take a further toll in 2021 and 2022.

Further defaults are expected especially in Private Debt portfolios

#### Be disciplined: sector allocation is key

Non cyclical sectors such as **Healthcare and IT** have been at the heart of CAPZA' strategy, representing today in aggregate **72%** of our existing portfolios (3)

Breakdown of transactions by industry(4)



Source: CAPZA; (3) In Capzanine 4 Private Debt and Capza 5 Private Debt as at 30/06/2021 (4) There is no guarantee that past allocation would reflect future allocation;

## ESG at the heart of the investment strategy

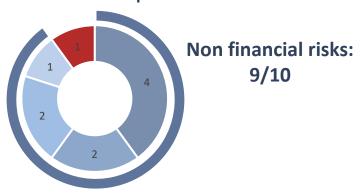
# Non financial risks are more important than ever

Covid crisis has highlighted the importance of non financial risks

World Economic Forum, 2021 Global Risk Report: Out of the 10 short term major risks (societal, environmental etc...) there is only 1 economic risk

Climate, health, social cohesion etc... are a growing challenge for companies

#### World Economic Forum top 10 short term risks (5)

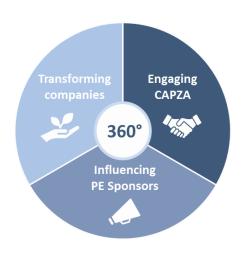


#### ESG at the heart of the strategy

CAPZA has developed a robust and innovative 360 approach to integrate ESG in its investment process

CAPZA is an early mover in ESG margin ratchets mechanism

#### **CAPZA 360 approach**



■ Societal ■ Environmental ■ Technological ■ Geopolitical ■ Economic (Prolonged Stagnation)





### Proprietary deal flow is essential

# Competition is intensive: lots of money to be deployed

#### Historical European Private Debt & PE dry powder (6)



- Global private debt dry powder as % of AUM<sup>(6)</sup> (left axis)
- Europe private debt dry powder (\$bn)Europe private equity dry powder (\$bn)

#### Importance of proprietary deal flow

In a competitive environment, proprietary / repeat deal flow is essential :

At CAPZA, more than **1 out of 2** Private Debt transaction is proprietary (7)

Focus on mid-market companies with EBITDA ideally between €12m and €75m



A sweet spot that is less crowded of both private debt players and banks



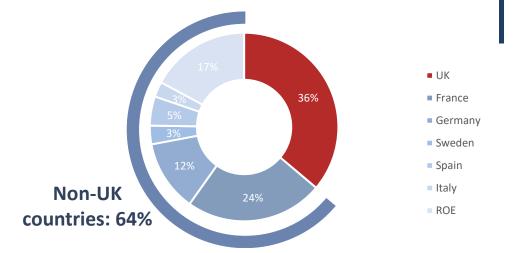
### Focus on continental Europe

# UK market is growing at slower pace than continental Europe

**OUR VIEW** 

UK market is highly competitive and intermediated compared to continental Europe

#### **Europe direct lending deal geographies (8)**



#### **Local presence in continental Europe**

Important to have local teams on the ground in continental Europe in order to create value

CAPZA has regional presence in France, Germany, Spain and Italy with deep and senior local connections

(8) Source: Deloitte; number of geographies over the last months



#### Conclusion



ESG at the heart of the investment strategy

Proprietary deal flow

Focus on continental Europe

#### **Appendix**

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