



# THE DANISH IPO MARKET

CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES



## FROM ROBUST GROWTH TO SLOWDOWN

 THE DANISH IPO MARKET, AFTER A ROBUST 2020-2021, IS NOW SHOWING SIGNS OF SLOWING DOWN WITH LIMITED LISTINGS. THE OVERALL DANISH LISTED MARKET FACES CHALLENGES WITH NUMEROUS DELISTINGS AND LOWER ACTIVITY RELATIVE TO THE OTHER NORDIC COUNTRIES.

### APPEALING TO CONVENTIONAL INVESTMENTS

• TO ATTRACT TRADITIONAL CAPITAL AND REMAIN ATTRACTIVE FOR LISTINGS,

DANISH COMPANIES NEED PROFESSIONALIZATION, EXPANSION, AND ACCESS TO

RISK-WILLING CAPITAL

### PREPARING FOR LISTING

COMPANIES TARGETING PUBLIC MARKETS FOR CAPITAL MUST MATURE
 SIGNIFICANTLY BEFORE REACHING THE STOCK EXCHANGE



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> FORENINGEN AF BØRSNOTEREDE VÆKSTVIRKSOMHEDER (FBV), JANUARY 2023.

# COMPETITIVE EDGE



HCA INVEST

## MARKET UPSIDE

- LOW VALUATION ENVIRONMENT OF SMES IN DENMARK & HIGH DEMAND FOR FUNDING<sup>1</sup>
- A WEALTH OF SMES ACROSS VARIOUS SECTORS ARE SEEKING FUNDING, PROVIDING DIVERSIFIED INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES
- THE LONG-TERM OUTLOOK FOR SMES WITH STRONG FUNDAMENTALS REMAINS POSITIVE, OFFERING A STABLE INVESTMENT PLATFORM
- GROWTH & PROFESSIONALIZATION IN SMES CAN ENHANCE ACCESS TO TRADITIONAL CAPITAL AND THE POTENTIAL FOR FUTURE VALUATION GROWTH

### **HCA INVEST: EXPERTISE & VALUE PROPOSITION**

- ACCESS TO HIGH-QUALITY DEAL FLOW AND POTENTIAL CO-INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES WITH INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERS
- HCA CAPITAL BRINGS INVALUABLE EXPERTISE IN DIGITALIZING INVESTOR COMMUNICATION, CONDUCTING RESEARCH, VALUATIONS, ESG, AND IR ADVISORY
- HCA INVEST LEVERAGES THESE COMPETENCIES TO PROFESSIONALIZE PRE-IPO COMPANIES, PREPARING THEM FOR IPOS WHILE ENHANCING POTENTIAL VALUATIONS
- ALL MANAGEMENT MEMBERS AND BOARD HAVE INVESTED IN FUND 1

# INVESTMENT PROCESS

NAVIGATING THE STAGES FROM SOURCING TO EXIT



SOURCING AND SCREENING

DUE DILIGENCE AND INVESTMENT

POST-INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

EXIT IN AN IPO OR TRADE SALE

- PARTNERING UP WITH INSTITUTIONAL INVESTORS ENSURES ACCESS TO THE BEST PRE-IPO CASES
- AN ANALYSIS, BACKGROUND CHECK, AND VALIDATION FROM CO-INVESTORS ARE MADE BEFORE AN INVESTMENT
- HCA COMPETENCIES ENSURE IPO READINESS & PROFESSIONALIZATION OF THE COMPANY
- AIM TO EXIT THE INVESTMENT WITHIN 2-4 YEARS WHEN THE COMPANY GOES PUBLIC OR IS SOLD IN A TRADE SALE

- REFERRALS FROM OUR EXTENSIVE NETWORK OF HCA PEOPLE AND FRIENDS PROVIDE INVESTMENT IDEAS AND OPPORTUNITIES
- PARTNERSHIPS WITH LEADING INSTITUTIONAL INVESTORS ENSURE ACCESS TO THEIR DEAL FLOW & CO-INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES
- ANALYSIS OF FINANCIALS, KPIS, BUSINESS MODEL, TECHNOLOGY, MARKET STRATEGY, AND RISKS, INCLUDING BENCHMARKING WITH OTHER SIMILAR COMPANIES ON KEY KPIS ARE CONDUCTED TO VALIDATE VALUATION
- REFERENCE CHECKS TO VALIDATE CLAIMS

- A BOARD SEAT WILL INCREASE THE OVERALL HCA INVEST INVOLVEMENT AFTER THE INVESTMENT
- THE HCA NETWORK CAN OPEN NEW BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES
- THE TIMING OF THE EXIT IS DEPENDENT ON THE MARKET CLIMATE AND THE IPO WINDOW
- HCA WORK WILL INCREASE THE PROFESSIONALIZATION OF THE COMPANY, RESULTING IN BETTER PREREQUISITES OF A HIGHER VALUATION WHEN EXITING IPO OR NOT (IN CASE OF TRADE SALE)

# TARGET COMPANY CRITERIA



FROM SOURCING TO DECISION: NAVIGATING SOURCING & INITIAL SCREENING

**FINANCIALS** 

SECTOR/GEOGRAPHY

**EXPERIENCED MANAGEMENT** 

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**SCALABILITY & INNOVATION** 

SUSTAINABILITY

IPO OR TRADE SALE OPPORTUNITY

- SMES WITH MINIMUM DKK10M IN REVENUE
- STRONG GROWTH POTENTIAL & CLEAR PATH TO PROFITABILITY
- NO BIOTECH<sup>1</sup>
- FOCUS ON SMES IN DENMARK WITH AT LEAST SOME INTERNATIONAL MARKET PRESENCE
- LEADERSHIP HAVING CLEAR TRACK RECORD AND EXPERIENCE WITHIN THE SECTOR AS WELL
- KEY EMPLOYEES AND LEADERSHIP, HAVE A VESTED INTEREST IN THE ORGANIZATION AS STAKEHOLDERS
- HIGHLY SCALABLE PRODUCT OR SOLUTION, WITH LARGE MARKET POTENTIAL
- COMPETITIVE EDGE AND EMPLOYING AN INNOVATIVE, COMPETITIVE STRATEGY WITH PROVEN SUCCESS
- CONCRETE SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES IN PLACE OR A WILLINGNESS TO ADJUST
- WILLINGNESS TO UNDERGO PROFESSIONALISATION & ENGAGING THE SERVICES OF HCA CAPITAL
- VIABLE FOR IPO OR TRADE SALE WITHIN THE RANGE OF FUND TERM OF 3-5 YEARS

# SUSTAINABILITY

OUR COMMITMENT TO RESPONSIBLE GROWTH



### **ESG INTEGRATION**

CRITERIA

ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

**SOCIAL IMPACT** 

**ETHICAL GOVERNANCE** 

**ASSESSMENT** 

ENERGY EFFICIENCY, WASTE REDUCTION, SUSTAINABLE SOURCING, AND CARBON FOOTPRINT REDUCTION FAIR LABOUR PRACTICES, EMPLOYEE WELL-BEING, COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT, AND DIVERSITY INITIATIVES

TRANSPARENCY AND ADHERENCE TO ETHICAL BUSINESS PRACTICES

**IMPLEMENTATION** 

CONDUCTING ENERGY AUDITS,
PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE
SOURCING, AND TRACKING
EMISSIONS FOR PORTFOLIO-WIDE
ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

INTEGRATING FAIR LABOUR
PRACTISES, EMPLOYEE WELL-BEING,
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, AND
DIVERSITY INTO PORTFOLIO
COMPANY CULTURE

MAINTAINING THE HIGHEST ETHICAL STANDARDS, ENSURING TRANSPARENT GOVERNANCE, AND UPHOLDING ETHICAL BUSINESS CONDUCT IN ALL DEALINGS

# DUE DILIGENCE (DD)



FROM SOURCING TO DECISION: NAVIGATING THE STAGES OF DUE DILIGENCE

**GATE 1** 

#### **INITIAL SCREENING & ASSESSMENT**

BASED ON FULFILMENT OF TARGET COMPANY CRITERIA

GATE 2

#### IC EVALUATION & GREENLIGHT OF FURTHER DD

- EVALUATING THE INITIAL SCREENING
- CHECKING WHETHER IT FITS IN THE SCOPE OF IC & MANAGEMENT'S COMPETENCES

GATE 3

#### **ANALYSIS, DD & NEGOTIATION OF TERMS**

- IN DEPTH ANALYSIS AND DUE DILIGENCE OF PROSPECTIVE PORTFOLIO COMPANY
- NEGOTIATION WITH FOUNDERS & SHAREHOLDERS ON TERM SHEET

GATE 4

#### INVESTMENT DECISION MADE BY IC

- COMMITMENTS TO BE DRAWN
- HCA PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT WORK BEGINS

# PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT



MAXIMIZING RETURNS, MINIMIZING RISK

COMPLIANCE WITH INVESTMENT AGREEMENT & TERMS

**ESG & SUSTAINABILITY FOCUS** 

MONTHLY OPERATIONAL AND FINANCIAL UPDATES

COMMUNICATION WITH LEADERSHIP

& OWNERS

IPO PREPARATION PLAN & ACTIONABLE GOALS

- ADHERENCE TO KEY REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING DEBT MANAGEMENT, CAPEX ALLOCATION, AND KEY PERSONNEL OVERSIGHT
- MAKING USE OF HCA CAPITAL'S SERVICES
- IMPLEMENTING SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES THAT ALIGN WITH BUSINESS OBJECTIVES
- ENSURING ALIGNMENT WITH AGREED-UPON MILESTONES AND ACTION PLANS TO ENSURE SMOOTH PROGRESS
- IDENTIFICATION AND MITIGATION OF RISKS AND CHALLENGES THROUGH CONTINUOUS MONITORING
- COMMUNICATION WITH KEY EXECUTIVES TO DISCUSS PERFORMANCE, CHALLENGES, AND STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT
- INVOLVED AT PORTFOLIO COMPANY BOARD MEETINGS AND GOVERNANCE TO INFLUENCE STRATEGIC DECISIONS
- SETTING UP IPO PREPARATION PLAN WITH LEADERSHIP & STAKEHOLDERS
- CONTINUALLY REVIEWING PROGRESS IN LINE WITH ACTIONABLE GOALS SET FORTH IN THE PLAN

# BOARD & INVESTMENT COMMITTEE (IC)



**HCA INVEST FUND 1** 



## LUTZ KÖNNECKER (CHAIRMAN OF HCA INVEST BOARD & IC MEMBER)

- MANAGING PARTNER OF LUXINVEST (INVESTED DKK1.3B IN REAL ESTATE IN DENMARK & GERMANY)
- INVESTOR IN DIVERSE IT AND SERVICE COMPANIES IN DENMARK & GERMANY
- CO-FOUNDER OF PROPERTY GROUP EXITED IN 2008 TO PENSION FUND WITH IRR OF +800%
- CO-FOUNDER OF FIRSTCLIENTS EXITED TO REGUS PLC WITH IRR OF +25%







### TORBEN HARRING (MEMBER OF HCA INVEST BOARD & IC)

- CFO OF RELYON NUTEC
- +20 YEARS OF MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE IN LARGE CORPORATES
- EXTENSIVE GLOBAL TRANSACTION EXPERIENCE
- PRIVATE EQUITY OWNERSHIP EXPERTISE













### KASPER LIHN (MEMBER OF HCA INVEST BOARD & IC)

- HEAD OF RESEARCH, GROWTH AT HCA CAPITAL
- CO-FOUNDER OF BOARD TALENT
- FOUNDER OF SHAREMATE (SOLD IN 2021)









#### TUE ØSTERGAARD (CEO OF HCA INVEST & BOARD & IC MEMBER)

- FOUNDER & CEO OF HC ANDERSEN CAPITAL
- CHAIRMAN OF GREENMOBILITY A/S AND SOLITWORK A/S
- INVESTOR IN CURO CAPITAL & HOMEY MEDIA











# INVESTOR BOARD (IB)

FOR INVESTORS SEEKING DEEPER INVOLVEMENT

**PURPOSE** 

DEEPER INVESTOR INVOLVEMENT.

ADD VALUE TO MANAGEMENT COMPANY INITIATIVES.

ROLE

ADVISE ON RISKS, OPPORTUNITIES, AND INSIGHTS.

UTILIZE IB'S NETWORK FOR BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT.

**BENEFITS** 

RECEIVE MONTHLY PORTFOLIO UPDATES.

OPPORTUNITY TO INFLUENCE DIRECTION.

JOINING STEPS OPEN TO ALL INVESTORS, REGARDLESS OF TICKET SIZE.

NOTIFY UPON COMMITMENT TO JOIN.



## **INVESTOR BOARD**

LEVERAGES EXPERTISE AND KNOWLEDGE, WHICH IS THEN RELAYED TO THE MANAGEMENT COMPANY'S IC/BOARD.

## MANAGEMENT COMPANY

THE IC/BOARD EVALUATES INPUT FROM THE ADVISORY BOARD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THEIR OWN EXPERTISE.

### PORTFOLIO COMPANY

ENGAGES WITH LEADERSHIP TO DISCUSS AND EXECUTE INITIATIVES OUTLINED BY THE MANAGEMENT COMPANY'S BOARD.

# INTEGRATION WITH HEA CAPITAL



**HCA INVEST FUND 1** 

RELATIONSHIP

**ROLE IN ACTIVITY** 

**FEES** 

MANAGEMENT FEE & CARRIED

**HCA INVEST** 

HCA CAPITAL

- FUND 1 STRATEGICALLY UTILIZES
   HCA CAPITAL'S EXPERTISE AND
   RESOURCES
- ALL WHILE MAINTAINING INDEPENDENT LEGAL STANDING OF FUND 1

 MANAGEMENT COMPANY OF FUND 1

INTEREST<sup>1</sup>

 OFFERS EXPERTISE IN AREAS SUCH AS INVESTOR RELATIONS, ESG, & PROFESSIONALIZATION  COMPENSATION FROM THE PORTFOLIO COMPANY FOR CONTINUOUS SERVICES<sup>2</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> IF HIGH WATERMARK OF 8% IS EXCEEDED.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> SUBJECT TO MUTUAL AGREEMENT ON THE SELECTION OF SERVICES TO BE UTILIZED.

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